

# \*\*\* UNAPPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES \*\*\* AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MINUTES

Hosted by District 19
February 12, 2023

Hesperia Unified School District
15576 Main St
Hesperia CA 92345
and ZOOM conference call

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Rich W. at 9:03 a.m. Rich welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Total participants: 154

## 10:45 A.M. ASC BEGINS

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer (Rich W.)

#### **READINGS**

Declaration of Unity read by Inaudible in English / Inaudible in Spanish.

GSR Preamble read by Jerry in English / Jose in Spanish.

The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Rory in English / Inaudible in Spanish.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Past Trustees: None

Past Delegates: Jeryl, Panel 62 Delegate; Ed L. Panel 70 Delegate. Cesar, Panel 64 Delegate

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: None New Alt DCMs & DCMs: None.

New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: New GSR Spanish Women's Group; Raul GSR; Daniel, District 18; Benecio (sp)

District 23 Im finally Here group; Leo United Latins of District 20; Liz, District 19 TGIF Meeting.

**New District Officers:** None

**Guests:** None

Officers: Don S., Registrar; Carmen, M, Treasurer AP, Bob H., Treasurer, AR; Manya W., Secretary; Rich

W., Chair; Alex W., Alt Delegate; Mitchell B., Delegate.

## Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Minutes of December 11, 2023

A motion was made by Jay, seconded by Kevin R., to accept draft minutes from the 11 December 2023 Area Service Committee. All in Favor. None opposed. Minutes approved unanimously.

#### **OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORTS**

(Submitted in Writing)

**Registrar, Don S.:** I am Don, I am an alcoholic, currently serving as the Area 09 Registrar. Since the Assembly meeting, on January 8 th, I attended the Registrar Quarterly Session on February 5 th, the Area Board meeting on January 15th, District 8 on January 18 th and the Inter-District Meeting on January 29th. My work continues on the Fellowship Connection, GSO database, and the Area database. I have started work on the report designs for the Area database. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in service, Don Smith. Registrar Area 09.

**Treasurer AP, Carmen M:** Good afternoon, my name is Carmen I'm an Alcoholic and the Treasurer AP. I'm glad to be here and so happy to be doing better. For January I was able to attend Area meeting the January 8 th, attended the e-Board meeting on January 15 th and also the Spanish Interdistrict on January 29 th I was also able to meet with Bob and reviewed our books we are still learning and we will meet again to make sure are reports are accurate. Thank you so much for continuing to send your expense forms and receipts to treasureap@msca09aa.org. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Treasurer AR, Bob. H.: My name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for trusting me to serve as your AR Treasurer. I started collecting January contributions at the ASA on 1/8/23. I collected a total of \$1,262.00 (\$720.00 food kitty). I entered those contributions into our QuickBooks account and then deposited those funds into our Bank of America account. On 1/15/23 I went to the P.O. Box in Irvine and picked up the mail. There was a total of \$3,065.47 in contributions. I entered those contributions into QuickBooks and then deposited those funds into our Bank of America account. On 1/31/23 I went and picked up the mail in Irvine. There was a total of \$2,262.61 in contributions. I entered those contributions into QuickBooks and deposited those funds into our Bank of America account. Our PayPal contributions for the month of January totaled \$2,582.53. Those contributions were entered into QuickBooks and then transferred over to the Bank of America account. Since we last met I attended the Eboard meeting on 1/15/23. I attended the District 8 meeting in Riverside on 1/18/23. On 1/21/23 I attended the MSCA 09 Archives committee in Riverside. Thank you for trusting me to serve! Bob H.

Secretary, Manya W: Hi, my name is Manya, and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as your Area 09, Panel 72 Secretary. Since the January ASA, I attended the January e-board meetings and took notes for the meeting. I sent a RECAP of actions with the updated budget, which is an item on today's agenda. Hopefully, DCMCs and DCMS were able to distribute to GSRs. I attended the first service study of the year (third Thursday of the month), which had some amazing speakers about Concepts 1, 2, and 3. I also was invited to speak on a General Service Conference panel at the 50<sup>th</sup> ACYPAA last Saturday in Anaheim, with two other area members – it was amazing and my first YPAA event. Thank you, Alex, for the invite and allowing me be of service. I also attended the district 6 meeting this past Tuesday and have registered for PRAASA – happening in LA March 3 to 5. Furthermore, I prepared/sent the February ASC eblast 7 days before the event and a reminder Saturday morning. Along with the meeting information, the eblast included with links to the agenda, minutes, motions (if documents are provided), and important GSO/Pacific Region and area announcements. For example, this months eblast includes information on how to register for PRAASA! We will also be having an area 09 dinner (pasta on Friday night), so make sure to register for the dinner, as well. Furthermore, I included the flyer and information for the 2023 service study that happens on the third Thursday of each month, hosted by our lovely alternate delegate, Alex! There are some great speakers and discussion on the horizon, which she will be discussing in further detail! If you are a new DCMC or Committee Chair, please email me at msca09secretary@gmail.com, so I can make sure your name is added to the area roster, For any district officers or area committee chairs, I am happy to receive your reports and announcements via email or in-person. Please see red and green folders up front. if you have not been receiving the e-blasts, please let me know and I will make sure you are on our mailing list. If you are new to the area, or you are not receiving emails, you can also subscribe at the bottom of our home page at msca09aa.org, as well, and you will get a nice Welcome email in return! For anyone who knows the drill: Remember that the DCMC and Committee Reports are also fillable, which you can also complete and send to msca09secretary@gmail.com. However, probably the easiest way to get your report to me is through the WebServant. The Webservant portal will post your report online to or websites, and I will be able to retrieve it for the meeting minutes. UPLOAD your report to the Area 09 website using the Submit Files to Webservant widget on the MSCA 09 website homepage (below the link to subscribe). Please submit your reports by the first of the month, so I can make sure they are entered in the meeting minutes for the corresponding area meeting. Only written reports will be included in the meeting minutes. If you are not sure how to access the webservant portal, I am also happy to show you after the meeting. Also, one last note: I would really appreciate it if you are one who has done any of the readings, introductions, birthdays,

announcements for this meeting that you speak slowly and clearly into the microphone because I cannot catch all names via audio for my meeting minutes. If you have any other questions, I am happy to help. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Chair (Rich): no written report.

Alt Delegate (Alex): Hello my name is Alex Wheatley I am an alcoholic. My home group is the shut up and crosstalk meeting on Tuesday nights at 8pm. I have the honor and privilege of serving y'all as your MSCA 09 panel 72 alt delegate. Of course things are underway for this year and we are very excited for what's to come. This last month, I attended the following events, the all alternate delegate meeting on the first our board meeting. Acypaa workshop and main speaker meeting. I have stepped down from planning the H&I confernce as I have been given a lack of guidance. The pre confernce agenda. And guest have been confirmed. The pre conference workgroups have been assigned and books will be complete once the background is given out. This third Thursday is concepts 4-6 where we have past delegate current staff members and a current class b trustee. The hour prior to our service workshop at 6-7 is for the committees if you are a committee chair please ensure you are there as I will be answering any questions you may have in regards to the mock conference process. I have been tasked with the hybrid elections for this year. I am activity working with members of area 5 and tech 12 to achieve this Goal. I am so amazed and proud of all the committees and their hard work. I'm grateful our chair is ensuring you all will have an opportunity to tell us about what your doing. Thank you for taking care of our área, please let Mitchell or myself know if you want us to come out. Pre and post. I have read in length all the proposed items and Mitchell has appraised me of any and all information should I god forbid have to go to NY thank you Mitchell for being an amazing leader and delegate. I am ready to go as soon as background is available, Please look out for the pre conference flyer that will have access to the OR code to submit feedback. It's an honor and privilege to serve you, thank you for my life and my sobriety. I'm always reachable unless there is no service. We will see you at PRAASA conference season has commenced.

**Delegate (Mitchell B.):** Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the January ASA in Thousand Palms on January 15 I attended the Executive Board Meeting on January 15 \* On February 2 the Pacific Region Delegates held a conference call with Panel 72 and Panel 73 delegates sand the Pacific Region Trustee. \* I attended the January Trustee Meeting. Committee Chairs the weekend January 27-30 (Thursday-Monday) for discussion of Final Agenda Items and updates on status of AAWS/GVLV workplans. The Trustee Committees met to decide on final agenda topics to committees in preparation of the final Agenda Items for 73rd GSC. Final Agenda Items arrived Feb. 10 and background material in English, Spanish and French will be available this week (within days). \* I saw copies of the new printing of the English Big Book and Twelve and Twelve, with the book jacket printed to the book boards. \* On January 20 I attended the Delegate Onboarding Conference Call to invite the new Panel 73 and Panel 72 Delegates to meeting and asked questions of the conference agenda planning and conference week timeline. \* I am working on online session for February-March to encourage GSRs to gather group conscience with a combination of online and in-person sessions for English and Spanish group and District meetings. \* The Delegate Dashboard has begun posting documentation for Committee work and preparation for the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC. \* On February 6, I spoke at the Newcomer's Online Meeting out of Ireland/UK. \* Final Agenda Items for the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC were distributed on February 10. I asked Faith the Area 09 webmaster to add the Final Agenda Items to the website under the "General Service Office (GSO)-Conference Materials." \* On February 11, I participated in the Delegate Online gathering as orientation for Panel 73 and refresher for Panel 72 delegates. \* I registered for NERAASA 2023 for February 24-26, 2023, in Albany NY, for which I will attend online. The main sessions will be recorded but roundtables are not recorded. \* Thank you for letting me be of service.

## 12:32 P.M. ASC continues.

Standing Committee Reports in-person (see below after "New Business" for reports submitted in writing).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Askit Basket Questions: Asked by area members and answered by Mitchell and Bob
- 2) Open Standing Committee Chair positions (Rich W).
  - Rich identified open area committee chair positions: Young People's and Hispanic Women's Workshop Liasion
    - i. Rory stood for Young People's chair and shared his service history / stood for YP Chair position. No objections. Rory is the new chair.
    - ii. Mireya stood for Hispanic Women's Workshop chair and shared her service history / stood for YP Chair position. No objections. Rory is the new chair.
- 3) 2023 MSCA09 Budget (John R.)
  - a) Kevin R. motioned to turn the ASC into an ASA for the purposes of the 2023 MSCA09 Budget
    - i) 51 to 6 (no minority opinion because it is procedural). ASA turned into an ASC passed.
  - b) Jay motioned to approve the MSCA Budget. and Kevin seconded the MSCA Budget
    - i) Discussion/Questions on motion for the budget ensued. A member asked about the Communications Committee line items. John R and Alex clarified this issue. Ed L. suggested structural changes: That we adjust line-item information about the verbal and professional translation budget for further clarification. Rozanne. had a question about incorrect information for DCMC school and does not accept the budget as-is because the information is inaccurate. Rich clarified that we are only approving budget through 2023, the actuals will be corrected. Rozanne also has question about the new copier and Bob clarified that we have a new one replaced. So we are still easing new copier. Alejandro had a question about who makes the decision about the budget? John, Finance chair asks committees to assemble their budget requests and Finance chair makes themselves available about budgeting and how it is presented. The budget requests comes from the budget themselves but there is a standing budget of \$600 a month, which has been increased this month. Alejando: What about committees that don't fulfill their services or if they don't comply with their service, are they given a budget? Rich: The budget allocation is to the committee not a person. Each committee has their own budget – "active or inactive." Jeryl asked if the 2022 "actual" are relatively accurate? Carmen mentioned that the last actual was done in November 2022. Under facilities (headquarters rent for example has a substantial difference between actual and budget (i.e. area officers like AP Treasuer and Registrar, etc.) AP Treasurer and Registrar justified increase in budget.
      - (1) For: 55 Against: 8. Minority opinion heard.
        - (a) Steve: Table this motion for a month and vote on it again the next month? Rozanne: The numbers do not feel correct. When I look at what people have spent. Is there a way why these numbers are so different from the previous year? Ed also agreed that we should see expenditures through the end of the year and to see structural changes as discussed earlier (Communication Chair line item and translations). Ruben mentioned he voted in the minority because of the numbers in the budget. Suggestion: possibly the finance committee can bring us additional information of how the budget came to be because the numbers do not coincide/seem inaccurate. Can we postpone it for another month? Possibly by then it will be fixed. Francine is opposed to the budget because the numbers are "off" when all of the numbers are accurate.
        - (b) Rich: After hearing minority opinion, would anyone like to change vote?

- (c) Entertain a motion to reconsider, Jeryl made motion and Rozanne seconded. All in favor for reconsidering the motion?
  - (i) For: 36; Against: 23 opposed
  - (ii) Motion to reconsider passes and discussion has been reopened for discussed.
- (d) Discussion ensued.
- (e) Motion to Table motion:
  - (i) For: 54; Opposed: 14
  - (ii) Motion to table the motion for the 2023 MSCA09 Budget
- (f) Motion to close the assembly and turn to an ASC
  - (i) Greg made motion to turn back into an ASC; Jay seconded.
  - (ii) For: 55; Opposed: 5

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## 4) Revised Communication Committee Guidelines (Ed L.)

a) Ed presented the motion and explained the background. Francine asked: Is Ed suggesting that all of the translation during the course of the year for free (by our members rather than a). Were guidelines committee re-written by one person? Ed is primary author but received input. I would like to see a redlined side by side comparison. My intuition was to do this but I didn't follow through, but I can show what was extracted in red and then what was in red that was changed. Greg asked if went through the guidelines or not Why is translator being answered in the first place? Board frustrated that comm committee not functional and the intent is to become functional and gets on its feet and the board has the latitude to go back to the professional translator if the area committee cannot perform its functions.

## 5) Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person only.

a) Motion presented by Adrian in District 25. Don asked: how do you reconcile this motion with AA being inclusive and never exclusive? This motion is trying to be more inclusive; if you are virtual you can join us in person. How do you conclude that people join virtually are not as committed as those are in person? Answer: Point of view of that district. Maryka: Socioeconomic, sick, etc. How do you justify excluding those people yet have service positions and want to be part of? Another general question: How many attendees on Zoom: 60? Seems like a massive number cutting, isn't it? What about online meetings with new GSRs? Vick R: Has your district encouraged in person attendance? Did District 25 benefit from Zoom during the pandemic? And how do you know the pandemic will not happen again? I don't have the answer, but the motion is that the area members be present in person and to promote more in-person participation. Question to District 25: When the message is given to the new person. How do we give the message? The motion is focused on ASA and ASCs. How do you perceive that this motion will be beneficial to our area? The benefit I see is live participation. Alex: Can District 25 can come back and answer questions on exclusivity and other questions unable to respond? Second question: We put in hard earned money; what are we going to do with all of the equipment that we spent to make this motion work? Adrian mentioned that this motion is asking for more human contact. We are not talking about separate, but we are talking about unity. We are talking about unity. Regarding equipment: Tech committee can do what they will. Another question: Why does it matter to District 25 how someone what members and attend the meeting? When online members who are district chairs are very active? If you want to practice your third and fourth concept it will be better. Can you create a pros and cons list and distribute to the body before the next meeting?

#### **NOTHING FROM THE FLOOR**

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/Louis—Date & Time: Sunday, February 12,2023. Place: Zoom. Number of Committee Members present: 1. Committee Highlights: I am currently recruiting members for the committee. So far I have one other committee member. My goal is to conduct an Area 9 Accessibilities Workshop. I would like to coordinate with Grant T. (Cooperation with the Elderly Community) and Ariel R. (Remote Communities) to determine if they are interested in participating in the workshop. I have registered for PRAASA 2023 and look forward to learning more about Accessibilities. Upcoming/future Committee events: Area 9 Service Committee Meeting March 12,2023.

Accessibility Spanish/OPEN—no written report.

Archives/Kevin R. - no written report.

Communications English/ Ed L.— Having served as the interim chair since November 2022, I was voted in as the official Communications Committee Chair at the December Area Service Assembly. On 1/9/2023, we received 10 documents from Brian W, Area 09 Treatment Chair, asking us to translate a series of Bridging the Gap documents on behalf of his committee. Ivan G performed the translations, four of which were delivered on 1/14/2023 and the remaining documents were delivered on 1/17/2023. A subsequent request came to us on 1/20/2023. We have decided that Word Translate does a better job than Google Translate, so I will begin initial translations using that software. On 1/15/2023, I met with the Executive Board and Guidelines and Policy (GAP) chair, Maryka de O, to discuss suggested edits to the draft Communications Committee Guidelines produced in October for English and November for Spanish. I immediately revised the English version of the guidelines to address the Board's concerns, and provided them to Ivan for translation and to Maryka for GAP review and input. On 1/16/2023, I receive a few comments from MSCA chair, Rich W, on the revised Guidelines, which are addressed, and then receive Maryka's GAP approval. Thanks to the work of Raul C, the Spanish Guidelines were revised and submitted as the current version on 1/5/2023. I'd like to thank Ryan H for his article on GSR School and Rozanne P for her article on DCM School, which are featured in the February newsletter. Although it may premature, pending adoption of the Guidelines at the May Assembly, on 1/17/2023, I asked Ivan G if he'd be willing to serve as the Lead Translator (who accepted the invitation on 1/22/2023) and Vicki R to serve as secretary (who accepted the invitation on 2/12/2023). On 1/29/2023, I attended the interdistrict meeting of the six Hispanic Districts in San Bernardino to share the Spanish newsletter, ask members if they wanted hard copies or would electronic versions work, and to solicit support for the Communications Committee. (Note: As past delegate, I am anxious to turn both the Communications chair and newsletter editor positions over to another Area 09 member. I am assuming these positions only as a means to ensure they resume their functionality, as they have been dysfunctional for a while now. If you are interested in either position, please contact me at <a href="msca09delegate70@yahoo.com">msca09delegate70@yahoo.com</a>). Ed L., Communications Committee Chair.

#### **Communications Spanish/OPEN**

Cooperation with the Elderly Community/Grant T. — Date & Time: Sunday February 12,2023 @ 9:00 am ASC. Place: Hesperia, 15576 Main St. Number of Committee Members present: 3 Committee Highlights: Reviewed Senior Outreach Letter and Packet Sent to 20 Senior Centers, 2 have responded. Accessibility Checklist SMF-208. Get checklist and forward accessible locations to Inland Empire Central Office. Upcoming/future Committee events: Ready to sent outreach packets to another 20 senior centers. Pursue technology to assist seniors.

Cooperation with the Professional Community English/Andrea C.— no written report.

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish/OPEN

**Convention Liaison English/Tim A.** — Good morning. I am pleased to report that our committee continues to be actively engaged in performing its intended area service work. Our committee's purpose is to staff an information table at AA conventions in and around Area 09. In essence, we remind AA group members how important it is to have a GSR, so they are able to participate in AA as a whole, to

answer general questions about GSO, and to make free AA literature available for distribution. With the holidays behind us, we are now entering convention and conference season. Since my last report, our committee has been making plans for our participation in the upcoming Inland Empire, Orange County, Desert Roundup, and Southern California Conventions. We are developing our shift schedule and reaching out to potential volunteers to staff our information table. Join us for meetings, panels sporting events and more. Also, I was asked to, and did, attend the September District 12 meeting where I discussed with other attendees the purpose of the convention liaison committee. Finally, we have ordered several more of our distinctive "We Are Not from Earth/We Are From Area 09" tee shirts so that they will be available to new committee participants at upcoming events. For more information about our committee, please text 949/677-0100. In love and service, Tim A.

Convention Liaison Spanish/Hector R. — no written report.

Corrections and Correspondence/Jennifer  $\mathbf{L}$  — no written report.

**DCM School English/Rozanne T.** — Standing Committee Name: DCM School. Date & Time: Sunday 02/02/2023; Place: Hesperia, CA. Number of Committee Members present 12; Committee Highlights: DISSCUSSED PRAASA, scholarships available; PRAASA, encourage GSRs + members to attend Timeline for conference season: 2/15- (background material available), 3/25 – bootcamp @ Walter Intermediate School – 12 agenda topics to be summarized 9 am – 1 pm; Tips to do group conscience + getting info to districts (pick a few topics that interest your group, help GSRs learn how to vote, email to GSRs, September zoom meetings. What to do when a group has 1 GSR for several groups; Mock conference – Alex made announcement Upcoming/future Committee events: Deciding on daytime for 1 on site. 3/25 Bootcamp. Meeting/month.

**DCM School Spanish/Melequiades V.**— Date and Time: 02/12/2023 Time: 10-11 am. Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 7 members and 3 visitors. Total -10. Districts: 20, 21, 22, 23, 25. **Committee Highlights:** We started with 10 members in total "6 members and 3 visitors" with the serenity prayer; we continued with the presentation of members continuing with our service table; we asked the question about any concern or new issue for which we gave priority related to the preconference, for this we read the concept two on the authority or world services, and how they take the power of the groups based on this concept, the DCM's and visitors present sharing their different points of visitation present sharing their different points of view as well as the letter exposed from the board of trustees of general service from the resignation of class A trustee Linda Chezem. That is all for the time being Att. DCM Committee Chair.

Finance/John R. — no written report.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP)/ Maryka O.— no written report.

Grapevine/ Debra L. — no written report.

GSR School English/Ryan H. — Date & Time: Feb 2023 ASC. Place: Hesperia

Number of Committee Members present: (9) 6 in person 3 on Zoom. Committee Highlights: we had nine members in attendance, six in person and three on zoom. We had great discussions on items and topics that effect the duties of GSRS. Great discussion about how and why the conference agenda items are so important. Algo about the process that GSRs need to go through to get and report their group's opinion to our delegate. We went around the table and introduced ourselves and our groups we represent or the position they hold. Upcoming/future Committee events: Next Area Service Committee Meeting in Garden Grove.

GSR School Spanish/ Ruben H. — 02-12-2023: GSRs School Meeting Agenda # "2" - 2023

1). Opening with the Serenity Prayer; 2). Presentation of GSRs. Alt. GSRs and guests; 3). Reading of previous minutes; 4). Concerns or questions regarding the GSR service or groups; 5). Study of the common agreement among those present; 6 Report (end of the session) Ruben H.. With 20 members present, including the coordinator, we reviewed the 1st concept and studied the 2nd concept, with very

good participation from all representatives and the experience of members with time in A.A. and in service. Thank you for letting me be of service. Happy 24 hours Ruben H.

Hispanic Women's Workshop Planning Meeting (2022). — no written report.

**La Viña/Erika R.** — **Committee Highlights:** Good morning my name is Erika and I am an alcoholic. I am visiting the Spanish-speaking districts to bring you the latest information on the La Vina, as well as its 27th anniversary, which will be held July 21, 22, and 23 in Wilsonville Oregon. I visited district 22 on January 10 and district 23 on February 10 and have felt the support for the Grapevine and will be visiting the other districts. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Literature English/Francine W. –Committee Highlights:** 8 people were present at the ASC via Zoom: In Attendance: Francine W./English Literature Chair, Kris C./English Literature Secretary, Janna V., Melissa H., Mel, John S., Debra L., Jessica P. The main agenda for the committee which met Saturday 4 February 2023 and again Sunday 12 February 2023 in the Literature Breakout room was to discuss needed updates for the English Literature Committee Guidelines and the formation of a printable flyer to be distributed via email which highlights three AA newsletters (Box 4-5-9, About AA, and Sharing From Behind the Walls). Roundtable discussion from attendees: Kris: Read over last week's meeting notes which included attendee comments about the upcoming revisions to the English Literature Committee Guidelines, and the newsletter flyer mockup (share screen was disabled) which was emailed to Janna last week to be adapted into Canva. Mel: Does Area 09 have a newsletter? Yes, Ed L. is Chair of the Communications Committee which controls the newsletter. Janna: Discussed plans to create the new flyer for the AA Newsletters in Canva. John: What is the cost increase date? April 30th? Initiated discussion about group's policies of putting non-conference approved literature on display in meetings. Initiated discussion about which meetings display literature. Mel: Read through the guidelines and found some grammatical issues she noted. This committee is the best place to be because of so many upcoming changes: price increases, 5th edition, etc. Debra L.(Grapevine): Dropped in real quick, answered some questions: Grapevine price increases will be due to shipping costs. The cost increase of materials is minimal, it's the shipping costs that will be most expensive. She has the Grapevine link active at MSCA Area 09 website for free materials and QR code for more information. Francine: The Guidelines revisions are the agenda for our February 28th meeting and a first draft will be made available before the meeting via email. Let's get the flyer for the newsletters out this week before the next meeting so we can focus on updating the Guidelines at our next meeting; please include links in the email flyer so readers can link directly to the website. Janna said she will be able to get that out this week. Visitors/New Members provided their emails for future English Literature Committee communications. Submitted in loving service by Kris C., English Literature Secretary (with assistance from Janna V.) Upcoming/future events: Release of first AA Newsletter Flyer. • Next committee meeting is via Zoom, Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 4pm.

Literature Spanish/Benigno M. — no written report.

Public Information English/Stacey A.— no written report.

Public Information Spanish/Rolando T.— no written report.

Registration/Martin J. — Committee Highlights: My name is Martin, we met 5 members, by Zoom and in person, we talked about active and inactive meetings to update the database of the districts and shared with some groups that are in a certain geographical area and on the map belong to a certain district and as a group they can do it. Discussed the importance of keeping group lists up to date so that all information about what is happening in AA can be shared. To all of you thank you very much for your help and allowing me to serve. Thank you Don for your support and I look forward to seeing you all every morning at our upcoming area meetings. Happy 24 hrs.

**Remote Communities Committee/Ariel R.**— Committee meets the last Monday of the month at 6 pm. In attendance: Maryka, Tlalli, Ariel. **Committee Highlights:** PRAASA - Maryka will be chairing the round table Remote Communities round table. HISPANIC WOMEN - Women in district 20 are unrepresented and need our support! ASAP! What the women need: Flyers (with QR code-Justin

Technology Chair can help with); Postcards; Love and service bags; Literature What RC needs: Meeting name, location, and group information. Maryka and Ariel will look on AA.org for various Spanish literature. Check on Spanish gratitude journal List of Literature find translated: Came to Believe; Living Sober; Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous; A Program for You; Daily Reflections. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Treatment Facilities English/Brian** –Date & Time: 02/12/23; Place: Hesperia, CA. Number of Committee Members present: 12. **Committee Highlights:** Overview of TFC. Bridging the gap program. Need volunteers to take newcomers getting out of treatment to AA meetings in their community reaching out to all districts to have a treatment committee, BTG, chairperson. We will train all volunteers, chairs, and have all the resources and support needed to carry out this vital 12<sup>th</sup> step work. Had **Q** & A period. Went to ACYPAA convention in Anaheim Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. **Upcoming/future Committee events:** TFC Monthly Business Online Meeting – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be attending PRAASA.

**Treatment Facilities Spanish/Mauricio T.** – **Committee Highlights:** Good Afternoon, there was an 8-member meeting on zoom and 5 fellow members in person, for a total of 13. We shared about the committees of various English-speaking Districts. We also shared highlights of the current committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Att. Mauricio.

Young People/ Rory— no written report.

## **COMMITTEE COORDINATE REPORTS**

(Submitted in Writing)

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AOCYPAA no report.
OCYPAA — no report.
HASBYPAA—no report.
DCYPAA — no report.
SOCALYPAA—no report.
INTERGROUPS—no report.
CENTRAL OFFICES—no report.
<b>H&amp;I COMMITTEES</b> —no report.

#### DISTRICT REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

**Districts 1 and 3** — no written report.

District 2— no written report.

**District 4** – no written report.

**District 5, Isaac M., DCMC** — no written report.

**District 6, Kevin R., DCMC.** District 6 Committee Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm. Place: 6652 Heil, Huntington Beach, CA. Number Present at District Meeting 60. **District Highlights:** District 6 meets at 7 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6pm. At 6:20 we have a pre meeting at the district committee chairs and DCMs at the sub-districts, we also do a service manual study group. This month we had speakers share their experience in general services and committee work which became the roundtables discussion. Our Grapevine literature and treatment chair are "on fire" for carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers!! **Upcoming/future Committee events:** PRAASA participation; June will be our 1<sup>st</sup> annual beach party! March 25, 2023 will be bootcamp at Walton intermediate school from 9 am to 1 pm.

**District 7**— no written report.

Districts 8 and 11 — no written report.

**District 9**— no written report.

**District 10** — no written report.

District 12— no written report.

**District 14** — **John Farocharson, DCMC.** Date and Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7 PM. Place: Arrid Club 120 S. Harvard St. Hemet, CA. District Highlights

**Upcoming/Future District Events:** Secretary Workshop 2/19/23.

**District 15** — no report.

**District 17— Julie F., DCMC.** Date & Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Place: Spring community church, Temecula CA. Number Registered in District: 134 meetings. Number Present at District Meeting: 36. District Highlights: Preconference workshop on march 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at serenity circle hall, Temecula CA. Pancake smackdown fundraiser for Temecula Valley Central Office, Sunday march 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Temecula Valley H-I expanding to multiple venues and is seeking many volunteers for panels. Co-hosting the DCM sharing session with Districts 1 and 3. In planning, dates and location to follow. Upcoming/future Committee events: Bingo night and service event to come after conference season.

**District 18** — **Jay R., DCMC.** District 18 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the St John the Divine Church in Costa Mesa. 20 were present during the meeting. District Highlights: District 18 will be co-hosting the preconference bootcamp on March 25<sup>th</sup>, along with district 12, 6. We booked Mitchell B for a delegate share back on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be a large dinner and presentation and may include additional entertainment. We also booked a venue for the April 15<sup>th</sup> preconference workshop, and will host the event

District 19 — no written report.

**District 20, Erika R. Alt. DCMC,** Place: Church 12741 Main St, Garden Grove. **Committee Highlights:** I would like to inform that District 20 continues to meet every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. On Sunday, February 5, the Grapevine committee held a writing workshop with an attendance of 20 AA officers and 20 were made, in addition 20 writings were made for the Grapevine committee and on the other hand the D-20 continues to motivate the groups to send their representative of general servants to participate in the topics of the groups. Thank you for letting us be of service. Alejandro DCM/Erica DCM alterne. **Upcoming/Future Committee Events:** On February 26th, District 20 will host the Interdistrict Meeting to be held in the city of Costa Meza, in the direction: 240 W Wilson St, Costa Meza C.A. 92627, where everyone is invited. The meeting will start from 8 am to 9 am (breakfast) and from 9 am to 12 pm (round tables and salient points). Thank you.

**District 21**— Mireya A. A. Date and Time: Sunday at 10:30 am. Number of Attendees at the District Meeting: 21 Area 09. **District Highlights:** My name is Mireya, Alcoholic, I am a liaison to the workshop of women in Spanish (Latinas); we were in 3 Districts (21, 25, and 22). Our plan is to meet on 02-14-23 in District 22 to make ourselves known to all districts. Hesperia from District 22, Angelica from District 25 and me Mireya from District 21. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Sincerely Mireya

**District 22— Date and Time**: Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm. **Place**: 3416. Date. Palm.Dr Suite 17. Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 10. **Committee Highlights:** District 22 has its activities on Tuesdays, with business meetings and a study meeting. Groups are visited on Mondays and Thursdays, motivating the services and the district. They are preparing to be present at the Prasa Story, which will be held March 3-5. Our Grapevine committee is busy with group visits, raffle registrations, and monitoring the 7 volunteers to support the grapevine's 27th-anniversary storytelling committee to be held in Oregon.

**District 23, Jose G. MCD**— Date and Time: 4 Fridays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at 10838 Hole Av. Riverside CA. 19 registered in the district and 24 people in attendance. District **Highlights**. We continue to work on the 4th Friday of each month, visiting 2 groups per week, with service motivation and bringing the latest A.A. information to the groups. We are already motivated to attend Praasa. On February 10, we were visited by the Grapevine coordinator, who brought us information regarding the 27th anniversary of the Grapevine, which will be held in Oregon. We have been present at the interdistrict meetings. There will also be a writing workshop on February 19 in the group, spiritual

strengthening, everyone is invited. The room has been reserved for our area meeting on September 10th. That's all for now, DCM Jose G., Alternate Luis J.

**District 24, Teresa F., MCD—Meeting:** 330 N. State College Blvd. Suite 206; Anaheim CA. 92806. Phone 714 956 7243. **Committee Highlights**: Fellow members, please be advised that we continue with the GSR meetings every Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the district office 330 N. State College Blvd. Anaheim, CA. 92806.. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Teresa F.

District 25, Adrian G, MCD - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023. Hoping that you are enjoying these 24 hours of sobriety, I gladly present the following report: 54 Minutes held from January 3, 2022, to February 6, 2023 thanks to the GSRs and mainly to a Higher Power that has manifested itself during our meetings. The district reports 24 active and registered Groups with 16 GSRs also active and registered. In the district meetings we are present between 12 to 14 members and during the visits to the groups between 6 to 8. We continue to meet from 7pm-9pm, 4 Mondays a month: Reports, Sharing, Points and Study, 5th Monday if there is one, the district does not meet. District 25 has complied with all its commitments to this day: from Wednesday, January 4 to Friday, February 6, 2023, we visited the 12 groups corresponding to the calendar 2023. Our Delegate will visit us next Monday, February 27 in our District. Election Day District 25 Panel 74: Monday, October 9, 2023. Hosts of FORO 2023 on Sunday July 9 and of the Inter-District same month but on Sunday 30th. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving, it is a true privilege to have you as colleagues, thank you for your support, God keep us United and in Action for many more 24 hours. Atte. CDM Adrian G. / Alt. Felipe O. Upcoming/future Committee events: Area 9 Service Committee Meeting March 12,2023.

**District 30** — no written report.

#### **RECAP OF ACTIONS**

## 1). ACTION: Kevin R. motioned to turn the ASC into an ASA for the purposes of the 2023 MSCA09 Budget.

- a). For: 51; Against: 6 (no minority opinion because it is procedural).
- b). ASA turned into an ASC passed.

#### Jay motioned to approve the 2023 MSCA09 Budget. Kevin seconded the motion.

- a). For: 55; Against: 8. Minority opinion heard.
  - (1) Rich entertained a motion to reconsider. Jeryl made motion to reconsider and Rozanne seconded. All in favor for reconsidering the motion?
    - (i) For: 36; Against: 23 opposed
    - (ii) Motion to reconsider passes and discussion for original motion has been reopened for discussion.
- b). Discussion on 2023 MSCA09 Budget ensued.

#### Steve A. motioned to table the 2023 MSCA09 Budget motion until next month.

- a). For: 54; Opposed: 14
- b). Motion to table the motion for the 2023 MSCA09 Budget passed.

#### Gregory motioned to close the Assembly and turn back to an ASC; Jay seconded.

a). For: 55; Opposed: 5

#### 2) ACTION: Revised Communication Committee Guidelines (Ed L.)

- a) Ed L. presented the Revised Communication Committee Guidelines.
- b) Ouestions asked by the body.
- c) Motion forwarded to March ASC-2 for discussion.

- 3) ACTION: Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person only.
  - a) Adrian G. presented the motion to the body.
  - b) Questions asked by the body.
  - c) Motion forwarded to March ASC-2 for discussion.

## **ANNOUCEMENTS**

#### **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jeryl: 30 years on Feb 28; Lesliee: 31 years, inaudible February 4; February 14 5 tears; Leopoldo Feb 12, 8 years; Isaac Feb 27, 8 years; Mel Feb 23, 37 years

#### **CLOSING**

Motion to close by Rob; seconded by Kevin.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

#### **UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS**

March ASC - Mar 12, 2023, Walton Intermediate School; Garden Grove, CA 92276 - Hosted by District 7

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Manya W., Area 09 Secretary / finalized by Rich W. MSCA 09 Chair.