

***** UNAPPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****
AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

Hosted by District 14
May 21, 2023
Hemet Seven-day Adventist Church
27025 Girard St. Hemet, CA 92544
and ZOOM conference call

9:00 A.M. ASA BEGINS

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Alex W. at 9:00 a.m. Alex welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Alex announced all June motions to be submitted to the chair chair@msca.org by 10:00 am on 5/28/23. Total participants: 133 in-person and online participants.

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by Joe G. in English / Inaudible in Spanish.
GSR Preamble read by Francine W. in English / Benigno in Spanish.
Area Assembly Purpose and Membership Leonard in English/ Leopoldo in Spanish

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None

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

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: None

New Alt DCMs & DCMs: Loren, Alt DCM Dist. 9;

New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Ariel CopyCats Santa Ana, Dist 5; Christian, Dist 4 Meeting; Carlos Orange Ca We are Present Today Group

New District Officers: None

New Area Committee Chairs/Officers: None

Guests: Harbor Area Central Office Chair, Jerry; Robyn from Florida (Acceptance Group); Paul J, New York; Annette, Area 1, District 23

Officers – In-person: Don S., Registrar; Bob H., Treasurer, AR; Manya W., Secretary; Rich W., Chair; Alex W., Alt Delegate; Mitchell B., Delegate. **Online:** Carmen, M, Treasurer AP,

APPROVAL of Draft Area Service Assembly (ASA) MINUTES of January 08, 2023

A motion was made by Don, seconded by Cesar, to accept draft minutes from the 8 January 2023 Area Service Assembly. 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 Area Service Committee meeting, on March 12th, I attended the Area EBoard meetings on March 19th and April 30th, the District 8 meetings on April 19th and May 17th, and the Pre-Conference Workshop on April 15th. I was unable to attend the Boot Camp, on March 25th, as their Zoom connection did not work. 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. Now that the 2023 Budget has passed, we can begin to seriously consider developing an Area09 AirTable database. Panel 72 ends on this coming December 31st. All Area, District and Group position listings, in Fellowship Connection, will end on that date. If you are continuing, past December 31st, in your current service position, please let me know. You will need to let me know when your assignment will be ending. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in service, Don Smith, Registrar Area09

Treasurer AP, Carmen M: No written report.

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 have both March and April reports to give since we last met. I started collecting March contributions at the ASC on 3-12-23 for a total of \$1,093.75. those funds were entered into our QuickBooks account and deposited into our Bank of America checking account. On 3-15-23 I went and collected the

mail in Irvine and entered all contributions into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$2,761.93 and deposited those funds into our Bank of America checking account. I went and collected the mail again on 3-31-23 and entered all contributions into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$3,106.40 and deposited those funds into our Bank of America checking account. I also entered all our PayPal contributions for March into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$3,265.29 and transferred those funds into the Bank of America checking account. On 3-15-23 I attended the District 8 meeting in Riverside and on 3-19-23 I attended the Area E-board meeting. For April Carmen collected contributions for me at the Pre-Conference workshop. Thank you Carmen! Those contributions totaled \$1,175.00 and were entered into our QuickBooks account and deposited in our Bank of America checking account. On 4-17-23 I went to Irvine and collected the mail and entered all contributions into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$2,309.37 and deposited those funds into the Bank of America checking account. On 4-30-23 I went and collected the mail again and entered the contributions into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$1,699.62 and deposited those funds into our Bank of America checking account. I also entered our April PayPal contributions into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$1,527.75 and transferred those funds into the Bank of America checking account. I also attended the District 8 meeting in Riverside on 4-19-23. I attended the IEAA convention at the Soboba Hotel and Casino in San Jacinto with Raul C. on 4-21 and 4-22 with the Archives travel display and Convention display. I attended the Area E-board meeting on 4-30-23. On 5-7-23 I attended the Archives Open House in Riverside and on 5-20-23 I took the archives Travel display out to the Inland Empire Men's BBQ at Flabob airport in Rubidoux. Thank you for allowing me serve as your MSCA 09 Treasurer AR! 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 March ASC, composed the January ASA meeting minutes, sent a RECAP of actions in mid-March, and attended Pre-Conference Workshop in April (which was amazing). I attended the executive board meeting at the end of April and sent two e-blasts for this meeting. I also attended the Districts 6/12/18 delegate shareback in Costa Mesa on May 20; what a great event!! I also worked with Ivan and our communications committee on translating the minutes, and they did an outstanding job – thank you! By the way, I am also able to view the analytics for this meeting, and out of 1182 recipients approximately 35.8% opened my email from last Friday and 31/8% opened my email from this past Friday; only 47 of those recipients clicked the links in the email, while 31 clicked the links in the reminder email. If you didn't receive my email, or need to be added to the mailing list, please email me at msca09secretary@gmail.com, so I can make sure your name is added to the area roster. I am also happy to receive your reports and announcements via email or in-person. Please see the trays and 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. However, probably the easiest way to get your report to me is through the WebServant. The Webservant portal will post your report online to our 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 (Alex): Good morning, everyone, For those who did not receive the email sent on March 27th to the entire area informing them of the recent resignation of our MSCA 09 Chairperson, I will quickly update you. I also ask if you have any questions. please use the paper on your table to submit them to the ask it basket it. On Friday March 24th, the Board and I received an unexpected email from our previous chair asking for an emergency board meeting. Then on the afternoon of Sunday Mar 26 an email was sent from our previous chair with his letter of resignation. He expressed his gratitude and thanks for being able to

serve. An hour later, the MSCA 09 board met, all members but one was present, and the quorum was met. We discussed the next steps, and I was asked if I would be able to fulfill the role of chair for the remainder of this panel. Having read and understood the bylaws and guidelines of Area 09 I accepted the ask. As a board we determined this was the best course to take for the area I give many thanks to our previous chairs service. In the last two months alone, I have done my best to serve. I am grateful to the board, previous delegates, my service sponsor, and the many members who reached out after receiving the email for their support. Since the time I was appointed chair: I appointed an audit committee and have worked closely with them. They are auditing the years 2021 and 2022. I worked with the communication committee and Manya for a process to ensure all our items for every meeting can be translated in a reasonable amount of time. I am happy to say we have done that. As a board we met and are commencing election prep. I met with District 7, per their request. I have worked alongside GAP, for the upcoming motions in June. Written motions are due on the last Sunday of the month by our board meeting, we ask that they have gone through GAP and have been translated prior to submitting to the board. The last Sunday of each month is our executive committee and we set the agenda together. You're welcome to make a motion. After but it will be considered a floor motion I have chaired the board meeting, set the agenda, and created the agendas for the May ASA, April board meeting, May Board meeting and June ASC. I have worked with my service sponsor, our tech team, and previous delegates of this area to prepare for this meeting. I ask if I am ever out of order to please call me out. I am working on updating the chair guidelines to reflect a more accurate depiction of the role. I attended and assisted with all area 93 chair meeting I have worked closely with District 4 who will be hosting next month and I am happy to say the location we have secured has additional classrooms for committees to meet per their request. We also will have two workshops hosted by past delegates next month prior to our ASC. We welcome ideas and feedback as to how you would like your ASC to function and look. I serve with my heart and feet, I hope to serve AA, this area and God well. I have faith we will finish this year out strong. We are a team, and we are here to ensure the future of AA for those yet to come. We will accept all questions during our ask it basket sessions we have 30 minutes so please write your question in advance if you're in person and if you're online please send in chat. We have a right schedule and must keep order so we have enough time to hear from our delegate.

Alt Delegate (Alex): Good morning, everyone, I continue to be active and engaged in this role serving you as your alt delegate and will continue too. We have continued to be busy after our last ASA. As I have continued to visit districts, groups and work with committees in preparation for the pre-conference assembly, I noticed the hard work and long hours of dedication from the GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, and members for participating in the Pre-Conference process and Pre-Conference Assembly. Thank you for your involvement in our AA movement and its future. Your participation is always needed in General Service to communicate what is going on in AA, we work to make things better for our fellowship and to keep it united, along with outreaching to the still suffering alcoholic in or outside of our AA rooms. I attended and worked alongside the pacific region at our NAAD meeting where we presented a workshop. I was unable to the SoCal H&I 40th Annual Conference up in La Mirada, CA., but Area 09 as represented by our treatment committee. We want to invite you all to our next area event, the annual FORO on July 9th, we will have speakers, workshops, working tables and translators for our English-speaking members, The theme is mariachi. I want to thank Adrian and Jerry who I have been working with to ensure this is an amazing event. We have areas 5,8, and 93 that will be present. So far, I have attended Districts, 4 8&11 share backs and will attend all that I can. Our Committee Sharing session and service meeting is on the third Thursday of each month, we have workshops for the rest of the year if you can't make it they are recorded and located on our website. I attended the Remote community meetings, the treatment committee, and tech committee meetings for the last two months. Worked with members to create, translate flyer to hand out. I look forward to supporting our amazing committees and the delegate. We are getting ready for another amazing servathon; it will be a circus theme. I also wanted to remind the area, General Service will continue even after the annual Conference. Let's stick together and continue to learn and grow from the work that is being done around our area and AA as a whole. I bring this up because we do need your help to make things happen in AA! If you ever have a question, get stuck on something, or need clarification on things, please reach out to us; we are here to help. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or need help from us. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service. Love and Service, Alex W. Panel 72 Alt delegate.

Delegate (Mitchell B.): Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. On April 15 I attended the Pre-Conference in Costa Mesa on April 15 and wish to thank Alex W. for the planning and coordination for the event. I felt well informed of the group consciences of those who shared in-person, on the worksheets and emails, on the Google Forms, and telephone and personal conversations. I attended the April 15 Pre-Conference (Mini-Conference) and wish to thank Alex W. for the planning and coordination for the event. I felt well informed of the group consciences of those who shared in-person, on the worksheets and emails, on the Google Forms, and telephone and personal conversations. * Beginning April 10-20 I compiled all email correspondence, notes from telephone conversations and in-person discussions about agenda items, written worksheets and documents, and entries on the Google Forms. For 2022 I received 37 emails and telephone calls, 122 entries on English Google forms and twelve from the Spanish form. The last entry on the Google form was posted 5/4, after the conference completed. For entries through April 24, I added those to my working notes. * I traveled to New York on April 19 and attended the 73rd General Service Conference April 23-29, 2022. * On Thursday I joined a few other Pacific Regional Delegates and friends to tour Stepping Stones, the home of Bill and Lois Wilson. * On Saturday April 22 I participated in the pre-conference Remote Communities meeting, where I gave a presentation to the conference about remote communities' experience and concerts from Southern California. I served as the Conference Committee Chair for Agenda for the 73rd GSC. * On Monday May 1 I traveled back to California. * On May 3 I gave my first Delegate Reportback to District 4 on Zoom. * On May 7 I participated in the MSCA 09 Archives Open House with presentations by past Area Delegates Al P. (Area 09, Panel 50, 2000-01). * On May 13 I attended the Area 18 Idaho Delegate Report on Zoom by Candice C. and on May 20 I attended the Area 08 SDIA report by Delegate Monty C. * I gave my second sharing session to District 20 on May 8, District 14 on May 9, District 21 on May 10, District 1&3 on May 11, District 22 on May 16, District 8&11 on May 17, and District 6,12,18 on May 15. * I am scheduled to share at the following districts: D25 – 5/22; D15 – 6/6; D5 – 6/8; D9 – 6/18; D23 -6/16; D17 – 7/11; D19 – 7/16. I am available to meet with D2, D19, D25 and D30. Please contact me for a date and time to schedule a session either in-person or online. * The 2026 Pacific Regional Forum will be held in San Diego CA. * I thank all the Area 09 members who contributed to the pre-conference sharing and GSRs for carrying your group conscience about the 72nd General Service Conference agenda items. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

ASK-IT BASKET and AREA SHARING SESSION (10:45 – 11:15 PM)

Questions were asked by the body and answered by the Executive Board. Q: District recently approved 8k to send PRAASA- expense did not go to membership for discussion When should the district reach out to GSRs? A: To get any reimbursements, I (Carmen) try to respond as soon as possible (a week or so in advance), especially If you send emails and discussion reports Q: Why does the delegate have only an hour and fifteen minutes for his report back? A: He will have at least two hours today; he also visits and presents to all 24 districts, which usually has a longer period. Q: How can we people get involved in YPAA? A: if you are young/young at heart, you can join his committee. Q: How do we get access to Mitchells shareback information and worksheets? A: In preparation, Mitchell worked with webmaster (Faith) under Delegate Confidential, slides today, English (working on spanish), and other documents he will relay to and include today. The conference has a lot of reports, including financial reports, but the full report is online in Confidential Resources online. Q: I heard a vote at a meeting I attended that whether (or didn't like the idea) that the 12/12 was changed to include spouse. Is that part of the brouhaha this year at the conference? I think it has to do with the right of decision. A: "How do we want to handle changes/edit those moving forward" – this is the discussion I want the area to have. Also, the trustees do not involve themselves changing literature; the agenda items come from groups, districts, area, etc. They are assigned to committees that discuss those and vote. After all members are heard, if there is 2/3 of substantial unanimity then it is the expressed will and conference of changes made. It is not an external factor. It is the group conscience of the members at that point. Q: How would I start a conversation about aligning prudent reserve with expenses? A: Make a motion at area level; at district and group level have a discussion. Q: Many AAs are saying the 71st General Service did not have substantial unanimity due to the fact we were on lock down and didn't have GSRs, etc. before they voted on these issues, but some people said they didn't have input because no GSR A: The

challenge: explain GSR process; if groups don't have GSR they don't have a voice. Granted, 2020 and 2021 were challenging years. We attempted to the best of our abilities to reach as many GSRs as possible. Part of our responsibility to make this info available, but we couldn't meet on their terms (not our responsibility). GC is one of the votes casts to members present and voices shared. It is concerning that voices aren't being heard. The best way to combat that is raise questions again and continue to be heard now. Given that we engaged as many as possible, my response that many groups don't have GSRS and my job as delegate is to help improve that connection as always. Q: I bring up as a concern and awareness as a former Area 09 Finance Chairperson. Looking at today's balance sheet: \$59K in Checking. From an experienced AA member. This is excessively high. I hope the board looks at this and see how we can disburse this information. Used to be \$20K more doable on how we can function as an area. John R. addressed this question: We have a very long budget process for the area, which we discuss. We include beginning balance as available funds to be spent by the committees during the year. We do propose that our available funds would be spent down by current activities within our committees. It is an issue we address every year as available funds. Because activities were curbed re: COVID, we do have some excess now. Q: I know Alex stepped in as chair and also alt delegate. Why was no one else voted in as alt delegate? A: In our guidelines and bylaws, we have a provision that in the absence of the chair, the alt chair assumes responsibilities – like if there is a day the member cannot attend a function alt chair will assume responsibilities of chair. In previous panel, chair had health issues couldn't continue, so Jesus O stepped up as chair and alt delegate. There is a question of opening an election, but we are so close to the next panel, we are reconsidering how to handle in the future. But duties of alt delegate not nearly as intense in the 2nd year. Member who asked the question believes the question was not answered. Member thinks the new chair has a lot to do and an awful lot to do. Chair answered: If I am unable to serve at any time, the Executive Board will reassess, but right now I have been able to handle the threshold. Any time this body has concerns about my service, please let us know. Q: Shared asking area officers spend their budget (visit districts, for example). Q: Remind us who is able to vote or not vote today. A: The May Motions document was read with membership. Q: Are the links working on the website? People asking how to get a hold of committee chairs. A: Webservant answered questioned on who to contact) website given -) technologychair@msca09aa.org. Treasurer AR mentioned something about receiving mail, but I have physical mail. I need to have a way to give physical mail to people who are not here. Chair: We will come up with a solution

OLD BUSINESS

The chair reminded the voting membership and online voting protocols. Brought back to order with the serenity prayer. The chair explained the May motions process. Asked body if they understood.

Motion 1: Revised Communication Committee Guidelines.

Motion re-introduced by chair. Discussion ensued: Since this is an important motion, can the chair request substantial unanimity? Chair mentioned since this is a procedural/housekeeping motion, it will be simple majority vote. Question: What is being revised? Ed responded and reiterated the technology committee and reiteration of how written translations are done by Communication committee members. Also redlined changes, which Chair reiterated the redlined information was sent via emails the past three months - including e-mail reminders and on the Motions page.

- Move to vote by Chair. 39 + 27 for; 2 against; None opposed in person.
- By simple majority, motion passes.

Motion 2: Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person.

The chair reintroduced motion and explained that motion is 2/3 substantial unanimity. Discussion ensued: Not a good idea because we will be shutting the door on the opportunity for people. Another member

(DCMC 25 who brought motion to area: Only thing to add is that I accomplished mission as DCMC. Now that the motion belongs to the area, in this assembly, I am just a body member– and my vote is not in favor of the motion, and I trust the body and accept the final decision of the assembly. Another member online: Concept right of participation. If someone voted yes for this motion, they are violating that concept. A member in-person mentioned that despite what people believe, COVID and other diseases isn't over. Disallowing online meetings might endanger people. If had symptoms, I would stay home, but still can participate.

Another member read their response: I am currently going through a health crisis and although I have powered through hours of work on the June ASC, I find myself depleted of much of my strength and resilience. I am meeting with my cardiologist today because despite every medication they try I am getting worse. At this point I have no idea if I can attend Sunday's event even via Zoom. In the event I am absent I would still very much like to be heard on the Zoom motion. Hence, I have prepared this brief share that I kindly ask you to read on my behalf at the microphone when the time to be heard arrives. Here it is: Dearest brothers and sisters of Area 09. My name is Maryka and I'm an alcoholic. This motion to suspend hybrid meetings touches upon the very purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill Wilson, throughout his writings implores all of us to open our arms to everyone who wishes for sobriety, to be of service and seek a richer more profound life. The birth of virtual meetings happened years ago, and the pandemic opened a new way of inclusion to alcoholics all over the world. I am very involved in online intergroup AA and have witnessed countless shares from alcoholics who say they never would have achieved sobriety if it were not for virtual meetings. GSRs today, you carry the voice of AA and have the empowerment to ensure the responsibility statement is more than just words. Hybrid meetings ensure that everyone regardless of abilities, socio economics, mental health, job responsibilities etc. can share their experience, strength and hope and be of service. Each and every of the more than 50 virtual participants of Area 09 show up willingly for hours to give freely of themselves. They are as much part of the heartbeat of Area 09 as any in person attendee is. I for one would be devastated if half the very center of our area would be excommunicated from sharing their precious gifts of hope and love. Please let us do the right thing and vote to truly embody the declaration that when anyone, anywhere reaches out - we want the hand of AA to be there - and for that WE are all responsible. Thank you for allowing me to share.

Another member expressed appreciation of third legacy. Discussed that we met in person prior to pandemic and that virtual platforms were built out of necessity. I am in favor of this motion as a chairperson in this area. Hard to chair the meeting in person; nothing wrong with tech, but nature of the rooms we sit through and when I have to do this hybrid – excluding people and give them the proper attention on how they will represent their meetings without disseminating the information. Another member online discussed inclusiveness vs. exclusiveness. Another member in person discussed the joy and energy in the room, and those on the screen diminish the energy. Maybe we can write on e-blasts: “live participation is encouraged.” Another member mentioned that she is deaf and cannot hear as well inside of the rooms, so if this motion passes, she will have to leave general service. How can you deny us participation? Another member shared not so much about covid, but what about accessibility? We are cutting them off. I am also speaking about Spanish community – barriers are breaking that if they are a GSR, and they can make it online. If we keep going, the meetings can only get better. Another online member mentioned they don't believe they suck energy out of the room; very passionate about this motion, and it shouldn't pass. Another member discussed why they are in favor of the motion and thinks meetings should resume in-person. Another online member said they shouldn't have to have another member that tells people that if they are unavailable we are not being inclusive. Another member said that transportation for some people is a challenge because of how far they live. Another member said that he is against this motion because of participation. We have 1000s of groups in the area and hardly any participation, but now that we have another way. It can provide more

opportunities for participation. Another member is in opposition because the use of tech as an exclusive part and expand participation and appropriate course of action – then closed with an excerpt from 4th tradition.

Chair closed discussion,

- Vote on the motion (Chair re-read the motion). In order for motion to pass: 2/3 or substantial unanimity because it affects the way we function as an area.
- 23 in favor; 32 + 34 = 66 opposed –89 total (Substantial unanimity is 60)
- Motion fails. The chair called for minority opinion. Motion fails and we will continue to remain a hybrid area.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirm Audit Committee Members: Cindy V, Kevin R, Jodi B, Larry B, Gregory J, Janna V.

(Chair). Ross moves to approve the Audit Committee; Marcy seconded. Questions: Who or what is the audit committee? Janna responded that anything that happened financially in area and were commissioned to do 2 years because one was not done year before. Call to Vote. Simple majority: 33; 1 opposed. Audit committee confirmed.

Delegate Shareback begins.

Delegate Shareback paused. An Area 09 approached the microphone and challenged vote count regarding Motion 2: **Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person.** Member mentioned he counted 20 in person to vote. We have 55 people. I don't know how many are attending online. For the second motion, I voted in favor. I counted 23 in this room here but don't know about online. They say total 89 people online in person, so if I count 23 favor here and 2 online total than that is 25. For this motion to pass.

- Motion was made to recount the motion from the Chair CPC of District 20. (Name: “Motion to revote and reconsider.”) Leopoldo seconded. Motion to revote on Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person Francine read/explained the motion and showed the motion via Zoom. Discussion: For online voting, please make it clear that if they cannot vote and raise hand and on poll. Does it matter that some voting members left? That might change the count. Will not bring this to substantial unanimity would not change the vote. I ask the chair the chair to consider this vote to consider. Chair reiterated that if this motion to recount does not pass, the original motion continues to fail. Another member iterated that there were 55 people online. Chair closed discussion. Motion on the floor: Vote to reconsider previous motion:
 - a. Vote: 22 +1 (for) 23; against: 27 + 29 = 56 = 79.
 - b. 79 total; 53 for substantial unanimity. Motion to revote and reconsider the recount fails. Original motion continues to fail.

DELEGATE’S REPORT FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

RESUMES - 1:15 – 2:45 PM.

Click this link: [Confidential Resources - Mid-Southern California Area 09 \(msca09aa.org\)](https://www.msca09aa.org) for complete Spanish and English reports on the May 21, 2023 Delegate Shareback,

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/Louis—Met on May 21, 2023at Hemet ASA. One in attendance.
Upcoming/Future Committee Events: I received and reviewed the Accessibilities Kit from GSO. It contains pamphlets and information that is helpful for setting up an Accessibilities Committee. Currently, I have only one member on the Accessibilities Committee; therefore, my focus is to recruit members to join the Accessibilities Committee. Our mission is to find solutions to help ensure that every alcoholic can participate in AA meetings, 12th step worth, and AA service. To join, please contact me at (818) 585-

5701 or louistrygar@att.net . Upcoming/future committee events: June 11, 2023 Area 09 Service Committee at 9:00 a.m.: 4901 East Carson St.; Long Beach, CA 90808.
Accessibility Spanish/OPEN —no written report.
Archives/Kevin R. – no written report.
21/22 Audit Committee, Janna R.: Audit Committee confirmed at the May ASA. Confirmed Audit Committee Members: Cindy V, Kevin R, Jodi B, Larry B, Gregory J, Ross, and Janna V. (Chair).
Communications English/ Ed L. — The primary members of the Communications Committee include Ed L as Chair, Ivan G as Lead Translator, and Vicki R as Secretary. Revised, proposed Guidelines have been discussed at two Area Service Committee meetings and are due to be discussed at today’s Area Service Assembly to be adopted, or not, with or without revisions. Once the Guidelines are finalized, Alex W has asked the committee to update the website’s outdated information, which we will do asap. Since 1/9/2023 when the committee became revitalized, we have received 42 requests with about 50 documents to be translated. Ivan G’s computer keys must be melting, as he often responds on the first day, never more than a few days, and we have yet to miss a deadline thanks to his persistence. I am particularly appreciative of the Board’s faith in our revitalized committee, having recently asked us for the first time to translate the May 2023 Assembly Agenda (which was completed within 24 hours) and the most recent, January 2023 Area Service Committee meeting minutes (which were completed within 48 hours). I trust that our timely, in-house translations by Ivan have saved many dollars that can be spent towards helping the alcoholic who still suffers rather than enlisting professional translators. (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 msca09delegate70@yahoo.com).Ed L., Communications Committee Chair
Communications Spanish/OPEN — no written report.
Cooperation with the Elderly Community/Grant T. — no written report.
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. Since my last report, our committee staffed our Area 09 Table at the Inland Empire AA Convention April 20 through April23, 2023. We are now making plans for our participation in the upcoming Desert Roundup, South Bay Roundup, and Southern California Conventions. We are developing our shift schedule for the Desert Roundup - June 8 through June 11,2023 - 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 L: no written report.
4-area DCM Sharing Committee: no written report.
DCM School English/Rozanne T. — Standing Committee Name: DCM School. Date & Time: Sunday 5/21/23; Place: Hemet, CA. Number of Committee Members in Attendance: N/A; Committee Highlights: We have been working on updating the DCM School Guidelines at the outside meeting that occurs online (Tuesday, 5/2/23). 6 members of the committee discussed and revised the guidelines. DCM Chair will send them to the smaller committee (mentioned previously) first for final edits; then will share it with the whole committee in June. A motion will be made at the June ASC to have the area approve the

new guidelines. Other projects to be completed in this panel: Create a DCM School Workbook, using the San Diego workbook as a template. It was decided that the Quick Reference Guide could be used as the DCM School Workbook, which will be discussed at the next outside meeting, as well as the upcoming ASC. **Upcoming/Future Committee Events:** Possibly create a workshop on Concepts, Traditions, etc. that we can do all around the area (take it on the road), so people will not have to travel far distances and it can still be an in-person workshop. Alex will forward a presentation from Rick, Area 62, on “How do do a Workshop.”

DCM School Spanish/Melequiades V.— Date and Time: 5/21/23 Time: 10 am Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 9 to 13 (members and visitors) **Committee Highlights:** I have been making myself present at these Area 09 service meetings, and I attended the Pre-conference of our Area 09 last month April 2023 where I shared at the table that I was assigned to and I was glad do the unity, there was very good participation from those present at this table on the points for the next conference #73; As a member I enjoyed this workshop and it was a wonderful experience. This is all for the moment. Thanks to God and each of you for allowing me to serve. Sincerely: MCD's School 6 Districts coordinator, Melquiades V.

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: May 21, 2023 ASA. Place: Hemet, CA
Number of Committee Members present: 15. **Committee Highlights:** At our last ASC on March 12, 2023 we had our biggest sharing session; there were 12 in attendance and 3 virtually. We talked about GSR duties: “As a GSR...” I did my best to explain my experiences as a GSR for my Home Group. As we know, our experience varies from person-to-person as we strive to do our best for our groups. As always, please come by and sit in on the GSR School. I have some literature—and of course some buttons. **Upcoming/future Committee events:** Next Area Service Committee Meeting on June 11th.

GSR School Spanish/ Ruben H. —**Date:** 5/21/23; **Place:** Hemet; **Committee Highlights:** Grateful to have the privilege of service as coordinator on the GSR committee. I'm enjoying it and learning it together with my fellow alcoholics. I have been lucky with attendance in these months with approximately 20 to 25 members on each meeting of concept studies for service. Thank you for letting me serve. Ruben Z.

Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Meeting (2023) — **Committee Highlights:** Hello! I am Hypatia, District # 22 link to the 8 Hispanic Women workshop, The 8 workshop committee continues to work on our board every third Sunday of the month, the month of April was choosing the motto and emblem for this 8 workshop that will be in Pasadena, soon we will bring the corresponding posters, the address will be: Westminster Presbyterian Church; 1757 N. Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104. The event will be Hybrid. ID: 891-3842-5577; Passcode: Area 05. At the meeting on April 30 the comrades gave us the budget of the event so letting them know that the contribution for this year will be \$865 and it is only a motion to keep them informed. Thank you for letting me Serve.

La Viña/Erika R. — **Date:** 5/21/23. **Place:** Hemet; **Committee Highlights:** My name is Erika, and on this panel I am serving as Coordinator of the La Viña committee in the area. I am attending all area meetings and inter-district meetings of the 6 Hispanic districts. I am visiting the districts that do not have a coordinator of the La Viña to motivate there to be one, also the group “My New Sunset” invited me to give information about La Viña and I will be visiting the group “Start of the Desert”. Both groups are from District 25 and I am also receiving the information of the 27th anniversary of La Viña and we continue to motivate support for this event through subscriptions, the sale of t-shirts, mugs and the banquets that will take place on June 21, 2023. This is all for the moment. Thank you.

Literature English/Francine W. —May 13 2023 via Zoom at 11 am. In Attendance: Francine W., 415-225-5783, info@fward.biz, Palm Desert, District 09 PI Chair and GSR (No Matter What Women’s Group); Janna V., (310) 486-2807, jannavt.aa@gmail.com, HollyGlen, District 1&3 Literature Committee Chair; Rebecca E., (310) 403-4532, graciousmonkey@icloud.com, Palm Desert, District 09 Intergroup Liaison, GSR (Stay Connected

<p>Group); Lori L., (310) 529-3417, Lalersch@gmail.com, Manhattan Beach, GSR (Women’s Drive Thru Group) Today’s Agenda: Approval of Literature Committee (the “Committee”) Minutes from April 1, 2023 (the “Minutes”). Rebecca approved and Janna seconded the Minutes. Initial discussion about revising the Area 09 Workbook (the “Workbook”). On April 1, 2023, I sent out the current version of the Workbook for review and initial comments. It was again sent on May 10, 2023, in preparation for the Committee’s May 13th meeting. Attendees shared initial thoughts. The Committee has been asked to review the current workbook—in more detail—and come prepared to share suggested changes. The goal is to get the Workbook on the July ASC agenda. Ideas for next literature flyer. In thinking about subsequent literature flyers, it was suggested that we create themes for each flyer. The Committee has been asked to come prepared with ideas and specific AA items to be included in whatever theme they propose. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Agendas: Saturday, June 3rd at 11amPT. Approval of May 13th minutes. The Workbook. Sunday, June 11th at ASC. Committee Guidelines – on the ASC agenda for initial discussion. Literature flyers. Saturday, June 17h at 11am PT. Zoom access information for non-ASC/ASA meetings: Meeting ID: 810 5976 9570 PW: 068055. Respectfully submitted by Francine W, Committee Chair.</p>
<p>Literature Spanish/Benigno M. — no written report.</p>
<p>Public Information English/Stacey A.— no written report.</p>
<p>Public Information Spanish/Rolando T.— Day & Time: 5-21-23; Place: 27025 Girard St, Hemet, CA; Number of Committee Members present: 1; Committee Highlights: Good morning to all. I am Rolando and I am an alcoholic. For this occasion, I have no report. But I have a request for Mid-Southern California Area 09, the District 20 Coordinator contacted me to see if the sound and translations equipment could be used for the day June 17 from 8:30am to 12:00pm to be carried out at 12181 Buaro St, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Thank you for letting me serve.</p>
<p>Registration/Martin J. — Day and time: 5-21-23; Place: Hemet. Good morning, everyone, my name is Martin and I have the privilege of serving at the registration desk. I try to arrive as early as possible to be at the registration table along with Don, the registrar. Please stop upon arrival to register and verify that all your information is correct. That's all and thank you for allowing me to serve. Happy 24 hours. On this day 55 members registered in person.</p>
<p>Remote Communities Committee/Ariel R.— no written report.</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities English/Brian – May ASA, Hemet. 15 members present. Committee Highlights: What have I done? Went to the So Cal H&I Conference and participated on panel with 4 other members to give presentations on BTG and Contact on Release. We’ve filled all districts with a Treatment Chair and committee except 10, 15, 19, 30. Contact has been made with each of these districts. Many district Treatment Committees are starting to reach out to local Treatment Centers to give presentation on BTG and provide information on BTG to administrators. I had discussion with Liaison for Intergroup Orange County, we are scheduling a presentation for them at a future Intergroup monthly meeting. This past month we’ve had 7 BTG Contact Requests. 5 of which were successfully bridged, 1 no contact was made, 1 was directed to outside Area. Created Google Form for Workshop ideas. Upcoming/future events: Workshop - Theme and date TBD 5/25 7pm - Committee Monthly online meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85437550762 Meeting ID: 854 3755 0762 Passcode: 244472 H</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities Spanish/Mauricio T. – Day and time: 5-21-23; Place: Hemet, CA; Number of Committee Members present: 1; Committee Highlights: Good morning – my name is Mauricio - today I report that I have with me the Guidelines and other material for this service in Spanish. I inform you that I am available for any invitation from any district requesting this information. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Attn: Mauricio T.</p>
<p>Young People/ open— no written report.</p>

COMMITTEE COORDINATE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

AOCYPAA-- no report.
OCYPAA — no report.

HASBYPAA —no report.
DCYPAA — no report.
SOCALYPAA —no report.
INTERGROUPS —no report.
CENTRAL OFFICES —no report.
H&I COMMITTEES —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 — no written report.
District 6 — no written report.
District 7 — no written report.
District 8 — Date: May 17, 2023 Call to Order—Bob H. @ 7:02PM GSR Preamble—Deborah A. We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole. Welcome and Introduction of New GSR’s—None Visitors—Mitchell B., Delegate Area 09 Alex W., Alternate Delegate/Chair, Area 09 Total Attendance: 30 Birthdays—Phil L. celebrated 14 years on May 1st Don S. celebrated 24 years on May 7th . District 8 has invited our Area 09 Delegate to do a share back at this meeting, from his trip to NY for the General Service Conference. Therefore, our business meeting will be brief. We know Mitchell could utilize the entire meeting time slot so we have narrowed the agenda down considerably in anxious anticipation of his report and will resume all business next month—except where noted in the Agenda. Old Business: 1. Ron W. reported that he has made an appointment with a lawyer at Legal for Good, an organization that works with nonprofits on legal and tax matters. It will not be until the end of May, as they are very busy. He will make a report on this meeting, at our June meeting. New Business: 1. District 8 shares the hosting of FORO with District 25. It will be held on Sunday, July 9th at 15576 Main Street, Hesperia, CA. It will be held from 8:00am until 2:00pm. We will need volunteers. 2. Delegate Share Back For complete details on the Delegate’s Share Back, please go to the Area website, MSCA09aa.org. Meeting Closed—Bob H. @ 9:08 PM with the Responsibility Statement. Next Meeting: June 21, 2023 @ 7:00PM Hybrid Meeting on Zoom and In-Person.
District 9 — no written report.
District 10 — no written report.
District 12, Bob M., DCMC. Meetings are the 1 st Thursday of each month at the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. 100+ are registered and 55 attended the district meeting this month. District Highlights: Last district meeting was held on 5/4 with 55 GSRs. We finalized plans for the sponsorship workshop held 5/13 and approved plan for beach party on 7/9. The Sponsorship Workshop was held 5/13 with 75+ AAs present. We also co-hosted the dinner/shareback event with districts 6 and 18. Upcoming/future District events: Next district meeting is 6/1 Beach party at Doheny State Beach on 7/9. Labor Day Picnic on 9/5 at Jim Johnson Park in San Clemente. Secretary Workshop planned for October –date and location TBD. Traditions Day is on 11/4.
District 14 — no written report.
District 15 — no written report.
District 17 — no written report.

District 18 — no written report.
District 19 — no written report.
District 20, Erika R. Alt. DCMC – Day and time: Every Monday 7:30 pm; Location: 205 W. First St, #206 Tustin, CA, 92780; Groups: 26; Number registered in the district: 24; Number of attendees at the district meeting: 17. District Highlights: Good morning my name is Erika and I am an alcoholic. I am alternate to DCM. Well, we continue to meet every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and our visit roll is on Tuesdays and Fridays, we are present at the inter-district meeting. Thanks to our delegate Mitchell who has come to our district on May 8 to give us the report. The committee of the IP and CCP are working for a workshop that will be held on June 17 to be held in Garden Grove. La Viña continues to hold workshops in the groups and are present at the anniversaries that invite them. That's all for the moment. Thank you for letting me serve. Alex: MCD; Erika: MCD Alternate.
District 21 — no written report.
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: 11. District Highlights: Groups have been visited 2 days a week Monday and Thursday, and we meet on Tuesdays. The district celebrated its #33rd anniversary on April 30 and hosted the inter-district meeting the same day. On May 7 the district was present at the archives, on May 16 we had the visit of our delegate with information from the #73 conference of 2023 and the La Viña committee of our district continues to work with registration raffles to the 27th anniversary event. Next/Future Committee Events: On May 28 we will be present in district #23 at their inter-district meeting and on July 9 we will attend in district 25 our Area FORO that will be held in Hesperia.
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. registered in the district: 19 and people in attendance: 18 District Highlights: The District continues to visit 2 groups per week Monday and Wednesday with motivation to serve. In this month 10 Groups were visited "My awakening, Alert Mind, New Horizons, New 24, New Life, Transmit it, Serenity of Corona, Beginning to live, Take my Hand and Rise, Sobriety and Salvation" The committees continue to work. IP, La Viña and projections. Thanks to the GSRs and coordinators who continue to accompany the service Board. Next/ Future District Events: On May 28, the inter-district meeting will be held at 6132 Harold Ave, Riverside, CA. At the moment it's all nothing more. MCD: José G.
District 24, Teresa F., MCD—Meeting: 330 N. State College Blvd. Suite 206; Anaheim CA. 92806. Phone 714 956 7243. Registered groups in the district: 27; District Highlights: We are visiting the groups, with special attention to those groups that do not have their general service representatives go to the district, to bring them information about the activities of their district. We attended the area committee assembly on February 12 in Hesperia. On February 19, we had 3 members hear our delegate share the topic of the 73rd conference, answer questions, and talk about the points of the agenda items of the conference. We were in PRAASA as well. We already have a date for the #28 anniversary of our district, which will take place on June 4th. We are sharing the points of the conference. Next/Future District Events: Also, on May 9 our area delegate will be sharing with the district about the conference #73 report. Thank you for letting me service.
District 25, Adrian G, MCD - Upcoming/future Committee events: Hoping that you are enjoying these 24 hours of sobriety, I gladly present the following report: Within Panel 72 we currently have 68 Minutes from January 3rd, 2022 to May 15th, 2023. The District reports 24 active and registered Groups with 16 active and registered GSRs. We have a new RSG Lorena from group "10 de JUNIO" a new secretary in the District: Modesto R. In the District meetings we are present between 12 and 14 members and during the visits to the groups between 6 and 8 members of the District. We continue to meet from 7pm-9pm, 4 Mondays a month: Reports, Sharing, Old and New Businesses and Study, 5 th Monday if there is one, the District does not open. Our Delegate Mitchell is gonna be in our District 25 tomorrow Monday May 22, 2023. We have been working together with Alex Delegate Alternate and Jerry DCMC District 8&11 regarding our FORO 2023, we have everything ready: Round Tables, Speakers, Location, Food, Posters and Invitations, everything is ready for next Sunday July 9th 2023, we'll see you there

soon. In addition to the cafeteria committee, we will bring Tamales!!! Our election day for Panel 74: Monday, October 9th, 2023, the day after the Area elections. We will be the hosts for the Hispanic Inter-District on Sunday July 30th, 2023. One more thing: We already have a date for the 16th anniversary of our District: Saturday, December 16, 2023. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving, it is a true privilege to have you as colleagues, God keep us United and in Action for many more 24 hours.

District 30 — no written report.

RECAP OF ACTIONS

ACTION: Motion for Revised Communication Committee Guidelines reintroduced

- 1) Discussion ensued.
- 2) The vote is a simple majority because the motion is procedural.
 - a) In favor: 66
 - b) In opposition: 2
- 3) Motion passes.

ACTION: Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person

- 1). Discussion ensued.
- 2). Vote: need 2/3 or substantial unanimity because this motion affects the way we function as an area.
 - a). 89 total votes: Vote in favor: 23; Vote in opposition: 66
 - 4). Substantial unanimity is 60.
- 3). Motion fails. The chair called for minority opinion. Motion fails and we will continue to remain a hybrid area.

ACTION: Confirm Audit Committee Members: *Cindy V, Kevin R, Jodi B, Larry B, Gregory J, Ross, and Janna V. (Chair).*

- 1) Moved to approve; motion seconded.
- 2) Vote: Simple majority because it is a procedural confirmation.
 - a. In favor: 33; In opposition: 1
- 3) Audit committee confirmed.

ACTION: Motion to recount and reconsider Motion to hold Area Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings in person.

- 1). Discussion ensued.
- 2), 79 total votes. In favor: 23; In opposition: 56
 - a) 79 total; need 53 for substantial unanimity.
- 3). Motion vote to recount and reconsider motion fails. Original motion continues to fail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell: I have AA Grapevine and other literature to offer. I have a table full of material (gifts given to me). Please come up and review what you like, if you like anything, take one home!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gil, 17 years; Ed, 18 years; Inaudible 5 years; Jose, 35 years

CLOSING

Reminder that all motions for June ASC are due on May 28 by 10 am.

Motion to close by Janna; seconded by all.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS

ASC - June 11 2023, Hosted by District 4

FORO - July - Hosted by District 25 & District 8

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