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

Hosted by District 22 November 12, 2023 Thousand Palms Community Center and ZOOM conference call

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Alex W. at 9:05 a.m. Alex welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Mitchell B.'s Delegate Report with Q and A at 9:10 a.m. were made by Delegate. Committee meetings began at 10:15 a.m. and commenced until 11:15. Total participants: 87.

12:06 P.M. ASC BEGINS

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

ASC READINGS

Meeting Protocols read by Alex W.

Declaration of Unity read by Eddie in English / Jaime in Spanish.

GSR Preamble read by Tara in English / Aaron in Spanish.

The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Cyndi in English / Felipe in Spanish.

Tradition 11: Ed (English) and Alex (Spanish); Concept 11: Stacey (English) and Hermino (Spanish)

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None

Past Delegates: Jeryl, Panel 62 Ed, Panel 70 Delegate.

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs (Panel 74): Angela DCMC, Dist 4; Vicky DCMC, Dist 5; Sharon, DCMC Dist 8; Arielle, Alt DCMC Dist 5; Miguel, DCMC Dist 22; Maria, Alt MCD Dist 22; Charles, Alt DCMC Dist 1 and 3; Eric, Dist 1 and DCMC; Rob A, Dist 6 DCMC; Katherine C, Dist 30 DCMC; Tara, Dist 12 DCMC; 6a Olivina Dist 8; Hipatia, Treasuer Dist 22; Lou, AP Treasuer; Hermino Alt DCMC Dist 23; Carlos Dist 22 Alt Secretary; Sandra Dist 21 Secretary; Jerry Sub Dist Mountain District 8; Salvador DCM Alt Dist 24; Felipe Dist 25 DCMC; Dist 5 Secretary Ryan; Aaron Dist 23 Secretary; Cyndi Dist 8 Secretary; Michael Dist 1 and 3 Registrar

New Alt DCMs & DCMs (Panel 74): New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Star of the Room GSR; New District Officers: None. **Guests and Visitors:** 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 August 13, 2023

A motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Jay, to accept draft minutes as amended from the 13 August 2023 Area Service Committee (ASC). All in Favor. None opposed. 13 August 2023 ASC 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. My work continues on the Fellowship Connection, GSO database, and the Area database. We were unable to establish a presence on AirTable, but I have submitted Budget requests, which reflect using an AirTable database. This should allow Panel 74 to move forward with this project. Since the September Area Assembly, I prepared lists showing Eligibility to Vote and Eligible to Serve for the Area Elections. Registration, on October 8th, went very well. The Area database was accurate and workable. I attended the Area Elections Committee meeting on October 1st, Area Board Zoom calls, on October 2nd and October 5th, Area Elections on October 8th, District 25 Elections on October 9th District 23 Elections on October 13th and District 15 Elections on November 7th. I attended the Area Registrar Ouarterly sharing on September 12th, the Area Registrar monthly meeting on November 5th, Area EBoard meetings on September 24th and October 22nd. I have started working with the Panel 74 Registrar on October 26th, November 2nd and November 12th. Panel 72 ends on this coming December

31st. All Area, District and Group position listings, in Fellowship Connection, will end on that date. All persons elected to Area and/or District positions, for Panel 74, will need to forward their registration to me. 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.: Good afternoon, my name is Carmen I'm an Alcoholic and the Treasurer AP. I'm grateful be to sober and be of service. I would apologize for not being present last month. I would like thank Bob for covering for me. I We seem to have issue's with the email <u>treasurerap@msca09aa.org</u>. If you like you may send your email to cmerc072019@gmail.com. If you can provide your Zelle information on the expense form please do so I send you the amount right away. You may also send contributions via Zelle to Area 09 by using <u>treasurerap@msca09a.org</u>. I will read the Profit vs Loss report. I was able to attend the eBoard meeting on October 22nd, Election to district 22 on 29th and 30th for district 20. Thank you so much for continuing to send your expense forms and receipts to treasureap@msca09aa.org or cmerc072019@gmail.com. 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 MSCA 09 Treasurer AR. I'll start with my September report. I started collecting September contributions on 9-10-23 at the ASA. I collected a total of \$1,318.00. All contributions were entered into our QuickBooks account and deposited into our Bank of America checking account. On 9-15-23 I went and collected the mail in Irvine and processed all contributions into QuickBooks for a total of \$2,629.83. Those funds were deposited into our checking account. On 9-30-23 I went to the PO Box in Irvine and collected the mail. I collected contributions totaling \$1,928.72 and entered them into QuickBooks and deposited those funds into the checking account. The PayPal contributions for September totaled \$2,298.58. They were processed into Quickbooks and those funds were then transferred into the checking account. For October I started collecting contributions at our Elections on 10-9-23 for a total of \$1,646.31. They were processed into QuickBooks and those funds were deposited into the checking account. I went to the PO Box in Irvine on 10-15-23 and collected the mail. I processed all contributions totaling \$3,778.45 into QuickBooks and deposited them into the checking account. On 9-30-23 I went back to Irvine and got the mail and processed all contributions totaling \$2,380.41 into QuickBooks and deposited those funds into the checking account. PayPal contributions for Oct. were \$2,332.15. All contributions were entered into QuickBooks and those funds were transferred into our checking account. Thank you for allowing 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. First, thank you to the translation committee for the fast turnaround time in completing the Spanish translation of August ASC minutes. I ran a little behind schedule, but the team was instrumental where I was lacking. Everyone should have received the minutes yesterday in the e-blast. Please note that if you need to submit a report, try to do so by the first of the month. I also have red and green folders in the front, along with blank reports, for you to complete. If you are online, please e-mail me your report or upload them to the Webservant portal on the front page of the website. Only written reports will be included in the meeting minutes. If you haven't received my emails, or need to be added to the mailing list, please email me at msca09secretary@gmail.com. Analytics: 31.5% (382 members) of subscribers opened yesterday's email.35.5% (480) of subscribers opened up Saturday's email. Also, our board decided to try a new SMS feature in which members can receive text updates when eblasts are in their inbox or any other updates via their phone. I have included a sign up in the latests eblast. Since the Since the September ASA: I attended the October elections. Congratulations to all of the panel 74 eboard members. I am so excited to continue serving area 9 as your Alternate Delegate elect. I also attended the September and October eboard meetings, I helped with Area 08 elections in September and attended September elections for District 30 with Mitchell and Jesus. Thank you district 30 for letting speak about my experience on General Service. I also helped facilitate district 5 and 6 elections and thank you to district 5 for hosting a great "Service Fair" event. Thank you district 5 for inviting me to speak for a few minutes. I chaired the ad hoc committee on area meeting locations and we completed our report to the board on October 22. We met approximately 7 times, and the ad hoc committee provided updates on the committee findings to the board in October. The eboard will continue discussion on this report at the November e-board. I looked into a new SMS feature for the eboard and we will be trying out this feature in the next board. We completed the task list and distributed the list to new board members. I have asked Maryka to shadow me the next two meetings, and she also attended the last board meeting as an observer. She is a quick learner, absorbs everything like a sponge, nd is going to do amazing job as a secretary. I attended the monthly service study and committee/DCMC Sharing session on the third Thursday in September and October. Thank you, Alex, for allowing me to chair the September meeting and be a part of this cool event. I look forward to continuing the tradition. Also, I sent to the DCMCs and body members an AA member survey for you to complete by November 26. Takes about 3 minutes to complete. 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 WebServant on the homepage of the MSCA 09 website. 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 (located 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 during any of our breaks or 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 W.: Good Morning, thank you for allowing me to be of service. I want to congratulate our incoming chairperson Rozanne, for Panel 74. I have been doing my part in ensuring a smooth transition into the next panel. Couple of highlights from the last two months. We are currently working through a transition period with our new web servant Karen. She is still working through some of the pages, and email server. If you need anything on the website, we are channeling all items through two people: the delegate for conference related items and the chair. Until things are up and running. The webservant button does not work yet. Updates to the website are happening but please be patient. I want to thank the tech committee for ensuring today we have Spanish interpretation and we will continue to improve the process. The ad-hoc committee I appointed is working hard on resolutions for the area and I want to express a deep gratitude for the hard work they are putting in for this area. They did present their findings to the eboard and the board and I will review in greater detail next month. We will present our recommendations following the November ASC. I have been apprised by the Audit committee that 2021 and 2022 has been finalized. Thank you all for your service. I have Jodi who would like to be appointed as chair. I am looking for three members to be apart of the audit committee for 2023. We updated the insurance signed for 2024. We aim to have all documents for the area meeting by the 1st of each month sent and uploaded. The motions are on the motions page and the agenda will be there as well each month. Elections for districts have been occurring and I have attended D1&3, 6, 24, 4, 2 and 18 So far. We thank you for the invite, we are utilizing both Panel 72 and 74 to assist you all. We have been and will continue to ensure a smooth transition between panel 72 and panel 74 boards.

9 motions due by 10/22.Budget was worked on and available on the website and here in person please ensure to review. Lastly, I have attended all meetings that I am required to, have set the agenda for November ASC, October and November board.

Alt Delegate, Alex W.: Good Morning everyone here is my second hat. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I continue to do my best to serve the area as your alt delegate. I want to congratulate Manya on becoming our next Alt Delegate. This was the funniest position I have held and I look forward to seeing Manya shine as well. I attended all my monthly meetings this past month and made reports at them, NAAD - the board - and Socal H&I. I will be hosting our last committee sharing session this month. The recordings if you missed it are online on the website the password is service. 6pm is the committee sharing session and the service session is at 7pm. Servathon is this upcoming saturday Nov 18th, on the USS IOWA in San Pedro from 4-8pm we have southbay h&I attending, south bay central office and so far have commitments from 8 of our area committees and area board attending with trivia. . We have our very own Cesar who will be speaking strictly in Spanish and Carol who will be sharing in English. There will be games, prizes, raffles and fun. If you are a committee chair and have not already confirmed your attendance at this year's carnival servathon please do advise me. The MSCA09 Election went smoothly and another thank you to our neighboring areas and Paz for ensuring a smooth day. I attended SOCAL H&I, this month, and as a result of being an active member was able to get in touch with Micelle who has clearance into all the prisons and firecamps in Area 09. I am working on my clearance, helping two of the women's groups in Chino get GSRSs and get a group number. We are also seeing how they feel about agenda items and so far, the simple text big book not single member in the prison in three of the chinos are in favor, they would like all items returned to original text and additionally would like more participation on what happens in GSO. Prisons information Michelle. Last week when I went to D22 I got to speak with Leo and Maria who brought to my attention members in AA with Down syndrome. We have written in and requested the literature committee to create literature to better educate the fellow members. email to literature@aa.org. H&I: Alt delegate meeting, transion next month and pacific region al. Whats app, NAAD, England empire. Preliminary agenda items. Booked for praasa. Meetings and districts have started booking me, the Interdistrict March 31st. Planning for service meetings. Home group sent in for QR codes. I continue to learn and stay informed about the happenings in AA. The

latest and greatest is the Grapevine app which I have downloaded and purchased. Additionally there is a survey on online meetings and feedback. Lastly there is a Young people's initiative from the public information desk. To capture young people sharing in 2 minutes what their sobriety is like. We plan on doing recordings at this year's servathon. 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. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service I love AA, I love being able to serve in this position and it has continued to save my life more than I could have hoped for

Delegate (Mitchell B.): Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the September 10 Area Service Committee Meeting in Jurupa Valley, I attended the September 24 Area 09 Executive Board meeting on Zoom. Earlier on the same day I attended the District 30 Yucca Valley meeting where the Panel 74 officers were elected. * On September 23, Area 09 members Carmen M., Alex W., Manya W., Jeryl T., Rozanne P. and I helped with Area 08's Panel 74 election in San Diego. * On September 30, I was a speaker on the General Service Panel on "Spirituality and General Service" at the 71st Southern California A.A. Convention in City of Industry. On the Panel was Nikki U (District 5 – Alt. Delegate Panel 73), Richard O., and Thomas S. (past Delegate Area 05. * Later that same day I drove to Riverside and helped fold and staple the Third Legacy Election pamphlets for the Area 09 Election, to help Bob H., Manya W. and Scott. * I attended the October 8 Area 09 Area Elections for the Panel 74 elections. Congratulations to Alex (Delegate), Manya (Alternate Delegate), Maryka (Secretary), Louis (Treasurer-AP), Ryan (Treasurer-AR), and Martin (Registrar). * I attended the September 24 Area 09 Executive Board meeting In Riverside, joined by members of the Panel 74 area officers. After the Board meeting we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Registrar Don S.'s wife. * I attended and helped with District 25 on Oct. 9, District 8 on Oct.18, District 10 on Nov. 1, District 7 election on Nov. 7, and District 5 on Nov. 9. * On November 11 I spoke at District 20 Archives Presentation in Tustin on the history of Area 09 Spanish linguistic districts. * I met with Pacific Regional Delegates on our monthly meeting October 1 where we discussed ICYPAA in San Francisco August 30-September 1 at the hotel where PRAASA 2024 will be held March 1-3, 2024. The PRAASA 2024 website (https://praasa.org/) is up but you will be able to book hotel rooms or register now in November 2023. * On November 2, 2023, the Pacific Region Delegates were joined by Reilly K., the Pacific Region Trustee, to ask questions about the minutes of the October Trustees Meeting. The Trustee Report will be posted to the MSCA09 website (English and Spanish) and the Quarter 3 Financial Report (September 30, 2023). * I met on November 5 with the PRAASA ad hoc committee as the PRAASA Archives Advisor. We are working on documentation on how to develop a potential website structure for future PRAASA. what archival material to include and records management. * I purchased and upgraded a laptop for the Alternate Delegate for Panel 74. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS-

Alex explained the ASC-1 process: Questions only at the 1^{st} ASC in November. Discussion will be at the 2^{nd} ASC in December. Alex referred to the November Motions document.

- 1. Open Standing Committee Chair positions (Alex W). Chair identified open area committee chair positions:
 - a) Spanish Committees: Accessibilities, Communications, CEC, CPC, Corrections, Remote Communities. No one stood for these positions.
- 2. Revised Literature Committee Guidelines (Motion was tabled from the August ASC)
 - a) Francine Motion to withdraw Revised Committee Guidelines submitted in August ASC; Jay second.
 - b) Simple majority: 21; none opposed; abstain: none
 - c) Motion passes: Revised Literature Committee Guidelines submitted in August ASC has been withdrawn

NEW BUSINESS-

Presentation of Panel 74, Initial Revision of 2024 BUDGET (First Draft),

a. Question: This is the first draft but not the budget you are presenting, correct? Is this just for information, or will there be a discussion? John: This is being presented in accordance with guidelines, so we do not go into 2024 delayed. Question: Interpreters is a category, and a subcategory is translation. Are interpreters something unique and distinct from translation, or are they the same people doing same type of work or should translation be its own separate category? John: Definitely the area that needs clarification, especially

between what are considered in-person interpreters and written translation, Manya mentioned that we used professional translators for written documents, should the Communications Committee no longer serve in this capacity. Question about newsletter line items and that should be corrected. Wanted to confirm that DCM School's proposed budget will be \$810.PRAASa total is \$10,000 and delegate and alternate delegate is broken out. Is this specific information that is broken out, or is this going to be a general Don S addressed PRAASA question? The purpose of this request is to get the district committee chairs an opportunity to attend PRAASA, and 5k is divided amongst those who are willing, and able to attend. What we would do is take those interested and give a max of \$500 available to each committee. Don continued to explain the division. Question: Is it worth looking at them because of the changes that will be made? Why does net revenue show a negative? Answer: A working document. Everyone had an opportunity for their wish list, which has been reviewed by the finance committee, and all requests have been accounted for. Some items based on our actual will be corrected (i.e. group contributions).

b. Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

Motion A: Be so moved that MSCA 09 created a LGBTQIA+ Standing Committee.

- a) Introduced by motion maker, Maryka O. Seconded: Sharon. Background read by the motion maker.
- b) Questions asked: Did you figure out how much this potential standing committee costs per year to the area? Did you put together a proposed budget? Answer: Not done yet; it is up to the committee chair if it is voted to create a committee and decide what they need and submit a budget request. All new committees start out at \$600 and submit what they need. Question: Was there a district group conscience and what was the outcome? Answer: There has been total support; District 4 has a current LGBTQIA+ standing committee. Encouraged community members to attend the area meetings. Question: Given the preliminary findings of the survey? What do you mean? A: Prelim findings: still white, male, etc. Question: What does IA mean? I: Intrersex and A: Asexual: Question: Would this be presented in the community or be for area 09 to represent the community? A: The community. Q: Will this need be fulfilled by current standing committees like accessibilities and remote communities? A: When we created remote communities and included LGBTQI+ but we are hoping by this motion that they will no longer be "Remote" but their own autonomy, free will, etc. Q: If the committee gets approved, in order to be a chair, they have to be part of this community? A: In another committee I serve that is similar you do not need to be a part of the community to be on the committee or chair. Q: What was the reasoning it becoming a remote community? What is the conflict not being regular AA? A: Great difficulty with transexual women attending AA meetings; exhibited need being unmet so we decided to include them in Remote Communities (barriers to receiving the messaging are there), There are barriers to this community.
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

Motion B: I: I move to have the funds missing from the June Area ASC in the amount of \$1450 to be paid to the chair of La Vina by MSCA 09. Submitted by Carmen M. Treasure AP for the Area 09 Panel 72.

- a) Introduced by motion maker and background read. Seconded by Finance committee.
- **b**) Questions asked: Why was this not addressed when it happened? A: It was the chair of the area who brought this forward in August and shared about what happened and the finance meeting discussed and had the time to bring up the motion. Question: clarification - I do not take money off someone making contributions? Why did that committee chair have that kind of money in her purse? A: I am not the committee chair, but she was collecting funds from the different districts, and they brought the funds to her at the area meeting. They bring these funds to her for LaVina's anniversary. Does she have a receipt? These are registration and registrations and individuals who attended the anniversary – over 500 submitted funds. Q: Would the most correct thing would be for the chair to be here so we can clarify some things? Is this the first time? O: Was it \$400 or \$1450? I thought the amount changed originally. The other question is how do we know the money was stolen here when she initially mentioned she was not sure it was here? A: She shared at the August assembly. Was there a police report? What happens if the motion is not approved? A: She was able to come up with the money to reimburse the committee, but on our part, we decided to bring the motion. Q: Were there other things missing at this meeting? Like IT equipment? A: Those are two different items. Q: Why is she not here to present this motion and answer questions? A: This board is from the finance committee. Q: This motion came from the finance committee - what is the precedence behind the finance

committee making a motion? What were the parameters that the finance committee could make a motion like this. A: A comment was made at the finance committee, and I created a motion at the board. The chair ceased the question and answer period after 10 minutes.

c). Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

Motion C: The DCM School Committee motions that the 2023 Revised DCM School Guidelines be approved by the MSCA09 Members. - Submitted by DCM School Committee

- a) Introduced by motion maker and background read. No second because submitted by a committee.,
- **b**) Questions asked: Just for English DCM School English. DCM Guidelines online are currently online.
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

Motion D: Be it so moved that Area 09 create an Area 09 Hispanic Women's Standing Committee.- - Respectfully yours, Ximena R.

- a) Introduced by motion maker and seconded by Stacey A. Background read.
- b) Questions asked: If there are not enough Hispanic women to be chair for the committee, can anyone be chair for the committee? A: I would assume so, but I am not entirely sure. Q: Has the male Hispanic community violated traditions by the way they treated Hispanic women? Suffered repercussions? A negative response to stop them from being disrespectful? What have they done to cause alienation? Chair reminded: This motion is about creating the committee; not about if the community has been violated. Question: Yes, but it was part of the motion. A: Back and forth opening women's meetings and whether meetings should be co-ed or not. Question: What is your district, and do you have a service commitment in Area 09? A: I am part of District 6. Q: Do you know how the Hispanic committee feels about non-Hispanic taking chair and do you think it is is important that they speak Spanish? A: I think they should at least speak Spanish but cannot answer entire question. The chair ceased question and answer period after 10 minutes.
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

MOTION RESCINEDED Motion E: Going forward, area 9 will not plan, in the same calendar month, a Foro, ASC, assembly, or Servathon. Submitted by Michael White - DCMC

- a) Introduced by motion maker.
- **b**) Questions asked:
 - i) Member said...
- c) Voting ensued: For: Against: (vote by simple majority)
- d) Motion forwarded/not forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

Motion F: Be it resolved that MSCA 09 accepts the Literature Committee Guidelines as presented. - Submitted by Francine W. MSCA09 Literature Committee Chair

- a) Introduced by motion maker.
- b) No questions asked. Additional questions can be asked at the December ASC.
- c) Motion forwarded/not forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

Motion G: "I make the motion for Area 09 to adopt an official logo to be displayed on future Area documents, such as minutes, logos, flyers, etc. Any member in good standing with the Area (i.e., those who regularly participate in Area 09 meetings) may submit a graphic representation of an official logo for consideration. All such submissions will be received by the Area 09 Secretary between May and September 2024. All submissions will be shared with the Area at the October and December 2024 Area Service Committees, and if forwarded from these meetings, be voted on for adoption at the first

Area Service Assembly in 2025. If a simple majority vote fails to identify a preferred logo, something like our Third Legacy voting procedure may be employed." Motion made by Ed L, Panel 70 past Delegate, Panel 72 Communications Committee Chair and Newsletter Editor.

a). Introduced by motion maker. Seconded by Dave B.

b). Questions asked: Why is this such a very long motion? Ed: Last half is complicated because it is just for clarification. The second part is about how we go about doing it. Q: Is this reversible? Do we have to keep it? Are you concerned about "a logo" so this is what AA is all about? In other words, it is something that might cause

someone to have the impression of what AA is? A: Great question, by the design of it is a circle and triangle. There is no design limit. Q: Two-fold question – motion it is very lengthy. 1: Should it not be established that first if the the area wants logo? Question: AA does not have official logos and neither does General Service. What benefit would it give our area and diminish the delegate's opportunity to create their own logo? A: there is a Grapevine logo that is official. I don't think it is confusing but it will be a trademark to help new people. Another question: Are you going to let people know (we lost copyright etc). Is any form of any of the AA logos going to be accepted through this? Ed answered: why it is so lengthy because it is intended to give everyone the opportunity to decide. Q: Can the body borrow the logos? Ed clarified that there was a logo used. Q: How can the logo be used in other ways besides websites and emails? Q: Jesus (the past delegate) and Mitchell used a logo and Alex will use a logo. If we approve of one logo will they stop making their delegate logos? Q: Reason why the logo request was used at the end of the panel? Is this about AA as a whole? Making a logo might create a division. A: This is intended to be copywritten. Q: In your research are there other areas that have logos? I have seen there is. A: I have not done the research if they are regularly used. Q: How does having a designated Area 09 logo benefit the GSR? A: The logo had our three legacies: unity, service, and recovery. Chair ceased question and answer period after 10 minutes.

c). Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

FROM THE FLOOR

Motion H: The Archives Committee hereby requests a budget override of \$400.00 to host its annual Heritage Day. By Kevin R Chair Archives Committee Area 9

- a) Introduced by motion maker and seconded by committee.
- **b)** Questions asked: Is this an annual event? A: Yes, back of motion discusses it (Heritage Day). Why not in the budget? A: spent a little more than anticipated and then proceeded to answer. Q: Did you confirm with finance that it is with overall budget? A: No, I did not. I consulted with the delegate and the chair
 - i) Motion to move into an Assembly for the purposes of voting because the motion is time-sensitive
 - (1) Maryka made motion and Lou seconded. All in favor. By simple majority motion to turn into an assembly passed.
- c) Vote: 32 for; 5 opposed (simple majority)
- d) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.
- e) Motion to change back to ASC
 - i) Rob: motion
 - ii) Maryka: Seconded
 - iii) Simple majority back to ASC.

<u>Chair Recommendations for Panel 74 Audit Committee and</u> 4-Area DCM Sharing Session

Alex made recommendations for Panel 74 audit committee and 4-area DCM Sharing session. Alex confirmed her recommendation for audit committee panel 74: Jody, Debra, Francine. Alex confirmed her recommendation for the 4-area DCM Sharing Session: Erica and Tara.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/Louis T.—. Two committee members were present. I am rotating out of the Accessibilities Chair position and am searching for a replacement. So far, I have on person interested in the position. I will provide the Panel 74 Chair with the Accessibilities Kit and 10 Accessibilities Workbooks. I will be attending the Area 09 Servathon on November 18. 2023.

Accessibility Spanish/OPEN-no written report.

Archives/Kevin R. -

Communications English/ Ed L.— This report covers August 13 through November 12, 2023, skipping September as committees did not meet and October when we elected new officers. The primary members of the Communications Committee include Ed L as Chair, Ivan G as Lead Translator, and Vicki R as Secretary. Following the August Area Service Committee meeting, Ed submitted the final Communications Committee Guidelines and a short blurb to

replace the outdated information on the website. Faith B informed us that this new information was put on the website on August 17, 2023. On August 19, 2023 Faith provided the committee with a QR Code that will take the user directly to our current and past newsletters. These flyers, mostly in Spanish, have been made available at the registration table since September and will continue to be distributed. This follows up on Ivan's idea that a flyer with this code be developed so that Spanish-speaking members who are not able to use electronic devices to access the newsletter will now be able to access them using their phones. On 8/29/2023, we provided a copy of the Communications Committee Report for June-August to Faith to be posted on the website. The September, October, and November newsletters were completed and shared with Manya for eblasting and Faith for posting on the website. In the reporting period since August 13, our committee (mostly Vicki and Ivan) translated 26 documents in August, 15 in September, 7 in October, and 4 so far in November from English to Spanish, so there is still little work translating from Spanish to English. On September 12, we paid \$150 to renew the subscription to Canva, which is the newsletter software. Pending January election results, Vicki has expressed interest in serving as the Communications Committee chair, Ivan as the Lead Translator, and the committee will need a secretary, newsletter editor (unless Mitchell elects to serve), and other committee members. Ed L., Communications Committee Chair

Communications Spanish/OPEN

Cooperation with the Elderly Community/David B. — David and Cynthia were in attendance. We researched getting a web password. We discussed business cards. We are presently trying a location. We also discussed getting a Zoom account. Upcoming: We plan to attend PRAASA March 1-3 in San Francisco. The Inland Empire Convention is in San Jacinto. More discussion on Zoom, business cards, presentation of districts, and groups visited.

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish/OPEN

Convention Liaison English/Tim A. – no written report.

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

Corrections and Correspondence/Jennifer L — no written report.

DCM School English/Rozanne T. — 9 People were in attendance. Chair thanked all participants of the area and outside meeting of DCM School Committee. Panel 72/Yr 2 Accomplishments: Update Guidelines; Created DCM Workbook, and it was placed on the Area 09 website. Created Tri-Fold for DCM School. Roberts Rules Workshop. Reviewed/encouraged DCMCs how to work with their GSRs, etc. Updated DCM School Glide App. Ideas for the incoming chair to work on: Update Quick Reference Guide; Match "What it's all About" pamphlet to match current DCM practices. Servathon: Discussed details; what items are needed; help required, etc. (The rest is coming for the Servathon – it is a secret.)

DCM School Spanish/Melequiades V.— We started our meeting of DCMs in Spanish with 9+1=10 present, at the beginning of the meeting a motion was proposed by the DCM of district #25 and was seconded by the DCM of District #20 the motion was to review and discuss the new points to have a better vision and inform well to the GSRs of their respective districts. In another matter, the question was asked to the DCMs present, as stated in Article 5 of the election of Officers of our guides of these committees: What if in the present DCMs there was a volunteer to be a candidate for the coordinator of this committee for the next panel #74 and if there is a volunteer which will be presented in January 2024 to be approved by the assembly of area 09 and in this way give the opportunity to some other volunteer of the community, giving life to the principle of rotation. It's all for the moment thanks to God and to you for leaving me a service. Kind regards: Melquiadez V. 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. —There were 4 people in attendance. We had great discussion on the duties of a GSR. We all shared what was going on with our meetings and our sobriety. We made sure we all had the survey code and access to our Area 09 website. We discussed the importance of service and how to make the duties of a GSR to be fun. (Making our experience in General Service to be enjoyable. Because no one will ever be successful in AA if you are always struggling. Looking forward to the Servathon and sharing a booth with Debra from Grapevine.

GSR School Spanish/ Ruben H. — 6 members attended including the Chair. We gave life to Concept Eleven with very good participation of all those present who have shown a real interest in learning to continue improving their service. Thank you for letting me serve. Happy 24 hours of blessed sobriety.

La Viña/Erika R. — Day & Time: Highlights of the Committee:

Literature English/Francine W — November 12, 2023 at ASC. Started at 10:05 and ended at 10:50 am. In Attendance: 1. Francine W., 415-225-5783, info@fward.biz, Palm Desert, District 09 PI Chair and GSR (No Matter What Women's Group). 2. Two non-committee visitors interested in knowing more about the committee and general service. Today's Agenda: The entire time was spent answering thoughtful questions about general service. It was a wonderful reminder that service reveals itself in myriad ways. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Agendas: December 10, 2023 at Area meeting. Complete the review of What's It All About. Identify next three literature flyers.<u>Zoom access</u> information for non-ASC/ASA Literature Committee meetings: Meeting ID: 810 5976 9570 | PW: 068055. Respectfully submitted by Francine W, Committee Chair.

Literature Spanish/Benigno M. — no written report.

Public Information English/Stacey A.— I'm Stacey, Alcoholic. Our committee met today, and we were combined with the Spanish-speaking committee. We had (6) attendees and the PI committee will meet again on the 2nd tuesday of the month at 6pm on Zoom. That's coming up on this tuesday, NOV 14th at 6pm.

I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at the District 5 service event last week in Orange. Thanks, to Ryan & Isaac at District 5 for the invitation, and thank you to Manya, Rozanne & Jeryl for attending and carrying their an amazing service message! I attended and helped out with the D6 elections this month with Alex and Manya. We are asking that all Area 09 Districts please encourage your Public Information chair to sign up online. There's a QR code on the Area website under public information committee, and you can email me at theemail address listed on Area website. OC intergroup PI Committee meets the last Wednesday of every month at OC central office at 5:30pm. They are planning JR and senior high panels so of you are interested please come to central office the lastWednesday of the month, 5:30pm. You can text or call me at (714) 727-8935. The Spanish committee wanted to encourage our members to come to their inter-district meeting on the lastSunday of the month, 8am-12 in Santa Ana. This event is where all 6 spanish speaking districts cometogether every month. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

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

Registration/Martin J. — no written report.

Remote Communities Committee/Ariel R.— Greetings Area 09! We at the Area 09 Remote Communities Committee would like to give you a summary of our wonderful work this past term. The first year all our \$3000.00 budget went to reaching out to mental health patients, the unhoused and the LGBTQ +/Transgender communities. Among many things we created 20 Love & Service bags filled with all the AA books, pamphlets, gratitude journals, hi lighters and sharpie pens, pencil cases, masks and much more. Everything one needs to start the journey to achieving and maintaining long term sobriety was included! Other areas heard about our work and followed suit! We were so proud to have hopefully helped many marginalized communities. Year two we focused solely on the Hispanic Women of Area 09. Our entire budget was used to fulfill their recovery wishlist and to disseminate 20 more complete Love & Service bags!! Our work these past two years has been diligent, heartfelt, and focused. It has culminated in a motion to be presented at November's ASC to make an Area Standing Committee for Area 09 so they will have their own budget, autonomy, standing in the Hispanic community and most importantly no longer be a remote community!!!! We thank you for the opportunity to serve and wish the new Remote Communities Committee of Panel 74 the best of luck and much success. Best, Ariel R. (Chair) Maryka d. (Alternate Chair).

Treatment Facilities English/Brian – no written report.

Treatment Facilities Spanish/Mauricio T. – Good afternoon, the term of this committee "Treatment Center" is about to end. Knowing this, we would like to encourage all those present to follow the continuity of this service that is part of our recovery. All it takes is the desire and the Willingness to Serve. Sincerely, Mauricio.

Hispanic Women's Workshop/Mireya: Fellow alcoholics, receive a warm hug from the Women's Workshop. On October 22nd was the last zoom meeting, Esthela – Secretary, Olga – Chair; Gala – Alternate chair; Elva – Treasurer; Esther – As godmother of the Women's Workshop; Claudia – Volunteer. Current Balance is \$6,869.35 after \$1000 meal deposit. On Friday, December 8th, more information will be given with the topics for the Round tables. There are only a few days left until December 9th, day of the event that will be in Pasadena, 1757 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena CA, 91104. The next meeting will be on November 12 at 4 PM. Sincerely, Mireya – Hytapia. **Young People/Lauren** – no written report.

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 – Greetings Area 09! What a busy year Panel 72 has been for District 04. As our term is ending we'd like to share some of our work with you. From assisting remote communities in Long Beach to completely re designing our website, updating our guidelines, creating computer comprehensive programs for our many sub districts and their DCMs we have not ceased moving forward. All through Panel 72 we gratefully hosted speakers from other districts, Areas, Trustees such as Marita R., Trustee at large to experienced servants who came well equipped to share their knowledge on committee work, DCMCs mission and purpose, and much more. We'd like to take a moment to thank District 02 for partnering with us for two annual D04 & D02 Heritage Day events that were both huge successes! We, the District Officers hope the incoming panel will continue our archival work with a third annual D02 & D04 Heritage Day event. Many thanks to all our speakers and to every district 04 member for always showing up and being of such heartfelt service. Our final meeting on the first Wednesday of December from 7-8:30pm will be a candlelight one with AA trustee Sister Judith Ann Karam speaking on the importance of gratitude in our AA program. We are so lucky to host Sister Judith and spend our final moments of Panel 72 counting our blessings. We wish you, our new district officers and all a joyous, sober and safe holiday season. For the duration of Panel 72, District 04 has remained virtual. This has literally allowed us to have guests from around the globe! Should any of you wish to join us for our candlelight final meeting and listen to Sister Judith Ann Karam-please do not hesitate to contact me and I'll send you our virtual link. With gratitude, love and service, Maryka d. DCMC D04 Area 09

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

District 6, Kevin R., DCMC. – no written report.

District 7— no written report.

Districts 8 and 11 — no written report.

District 9, Michael W.— no written report.

District 10 — no written report.

District 12— Bob M, DCMC. – We met on the first Thursday at 7:15 p.m. at the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. 100+ are registered in the District and 55 attend the meeting. We had our election on October 5. Tara F was elected DCMC and was formerly Alt DCMC, so continuity is assured. We had a successful secretary commitment workshop on October 14, and our annual traditions day event on November 4. It has been an honor to be allowed to serve District 12 as DCMC and to represent District 12 at Area 09. Our Christmas Party is on December 2.

District 14 — John F., DCMC— no written report.

District 15— no written report.

District 17— Julie F., DCMC. - no written report.

District 18, Jay F. — no written report.

District 19 — Lesilee A. -- no written report.

District 20—District Committee Meeting Day and Time: 11/06/23; **Location:** 1117 W. 17th St., Santa Ana, CA 92677; **District Highlights**: Through this report we inform you that District 20 continues to meet every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and visiting 2 groups per week and attending the invitations from the group's meetings for

the occasion of the group's anniversaries. On October 23rd we had the elections of district 20 board, this is the new Service Board of district 20: Erika D.C.M. / Juan D.C.M. alternate / Héctor Secretary / Ivan Alternate Secretary / Jaime Treasurer / Jesus Alternate Treasurer / Registrar Alejandro G / Archivist Jose. **Upcoming District Events/Upcoming Events:** On December 11th we will have the elections for the committees of District 20 CCP / PI / La Viña / Social Networks / and in the District to the Intergroup Office. Thank you for letting us serve. Alejandro DCM, Erika DCM alternate.

District 21— no written report.

District 22— **District Highlights**: District 22 continues with its activities such as visits to the groups on Mondays and Thursdays, we also continue to attend the invitations made by the groups with topics, We continue to meet every Tuesday with three study meetings and one work meeting. The district was present on October 8 in our area elections, and on October 9 we attended the change of the board of District #25 as an alternate to coordinate its elections. On October 29th, the district 22 hosted the interdistrict meeting and also had its elections for the change of the board Of District 20. On November 4th, our local forum event was held in Coachella Valley, we want to thank the Fellowship for keeping the unity active.

District 23, Jose G. MCD— **District Highlights:** The district continues to work 4 Fridays out of the month, and we visit 2 groups per week with motivation to serve on Mondays and Wednesdays. We attend the planned meetings of the groups that invite the district. The district election of its new board was held on October 13. Thank you to the officers of Area 09 for coordinating the meeting, Bob, Carmen, Don and Martin, also thanks to district 25 for making the unity. The new servers for panel 74 were as follows: Luis J - D.C.M. / Group: Dawn, Herminio – Alt. D.C.M. / Group: Alert Mind, Demetrius - Treasurer / Group: At Last I Arrived, Lico – Alt. Treasurer / Group: New Life. Aron - Secretary / Group: Serenity of Corona. Jesus F. – Alt. Secretary / Group: Alert Mind, Dario - District Registrar / Hispanic Group E-Riverside, Alt. Registrar - Margarito / Group: Serenity of Corona. The 33rd Anniversary of the District was held on October 22nd. Thank you to everyone who joined us. On November 26, the Interdistrict meeting will be held, everyone is invited, for the moment that is all. M.C.D Jose G, M.C.D Alternate Luis J. Announcements: On November 19, Hispanic Heritage will be held at the Archives Premises: 7111 Arlington Av, Riverside CA. Don't miss, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

District 24, Teresa F., MCD—District Committee Meeting Day and Time: 8 to 9:30pm. **Location:** 12019 Garden Grove Blvd., Suite 206, Garden Grove, CA 92806. **REPORT OF THE D.C.M.**: Comrades, on this occasion I inform you that this is our third meeting of GSRs of this your District #24 at the new address that is located at the top of this report, we continue with the same schedule from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. We continue to visit the groups on Mondays and Thursdays, especially those who do not have their General Service representative in the District to bring them information about the activities of this their District and to the groups that, on the occasion of their plans, make us an invitation with a special theme. On Tuesday, November 7th, we were invited by Comrade, Former Delegate Cesar, with the theme, The Importance of District Committees.

Comrades, on Sunday, October 8th, the elections of Area 09 were held and the whole month has been an exciting tour of the changes of General Service; on October 9th we were in the 25th district coordinating their elections. Also, on October 17th in our District #24 the election meeting for New District Trusted Servants Panel 74 was held, with the Comrades: Congratulations to all! DCM - Victor / Group: A Star on My Way; Alternate DCM - Salvador / Group: Southern California; Secretary - Martin / Group: 21 de Julio; Alternate Secretary – Fernando / Group: New Beginning; Treasurer - Luis / Group: My New Life ; Alternate Treasurer - Enrique / Group: Just for today; Registrar - Camilo / Group: Southern California Alternate; Registrar - Elvia / Group: One and Next; **UPCOMING EVENTS: *On Sunday, November 19th**, the Interdistrict Elections of the 6 Spanish speaking districts will be held. District #25 is the host. ***On Sunday, November 26**, Interdistrict Meeting in Riverside. District #23 is the host. Thank you for allowing us to serve. District #24.

District 25, Adrian G, MCD / Alt Felipe O.: Hoping that you are enjoying these 24 hours of sobriety, I gladly present the following report: Within Panel 72 we currently have 91 Minutes from January 3rd, 2022 to November the 6th, 2023. The District reports 24 active and registered Groups with 20 active and registered GSRs and 2 new GSRs: Angela from "Grupo Latino De Victor Valley" and Jose Z. From "Grupo Amor y Libertad". 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, 5th Monday if there is one, the District does not open. The election results for out District: MCD Felipe O. MCD, Alt Modesto R., Treasurer Adrian G., Alt Efrain, Secretary Rudy A., Registrar Dalila S., Alt

Luciano. Hispanic Inter-District Meeting Elections: Sunday, November the 19th. Time: 8AM TO 12PM, Location: District 25 222 Highland Ave Suite 7, San Bernardino CA. Event Chair Coordinator: Incoming Panel 74 Area 09 Board.Our 16th Anniversary is next month Saturday, December the 16th, 2023. Location: 1979 SPRING MOUNTAIN TRL, SAN BERNARDINO CA 92410, from 12PM to 8PM. I report that in our district there is great participation for all the members, to date all the District's business has been carried out, Area meetings, Inter-District meetings, visits to the groups, planned meetings and the FORO. Thank you for giving me the privilege to do my Service, God keep us United and in Action for many more 24 hours of Sobriety.

District 30— no written report.

November 12, 2023 ASC-1 RECAP OF ACTIONS

ACTION - Revised Literature Committee Guidelines (*Motion was tabled from the August ASC*)

- a. Francine Motion to withdraw Revised Committee Guidelines submitted in August ASC; Jay second.
- b. Simple majority: 21; none opposed; abstain: none
- c. Motion passes: Revised Literature Committee Guidelines submitted in August ASC has been withdrawn.

ACTION - Presentation of Panel 74, Initial Revision of 2024 BUDGET (First Draft),

- **a**) Introduced by finance chair.
- **b**) Questions asked:
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

ACTION: Motion A: Be so moved that MSCA 09 created an LGBTQIA+ Standing Committee.

- **a.** Introduced by motion maker, Maryka O. Seconded: Sharon. Background read by the motion maker.
- **b.** Questions asked:
- c. Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

ACTION - Motion B: I move to have the funds missing from the June Area ASC in the amount of \$1450 to be paid to the chair of La Vina by MSCA 09. Submitted by Carmen M. Treasure AP for the Area 09 Panel 72.

- a) Introduced by motion maker and background read. Seconded by Finance committee.
- **b**) Questions asked:
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

ACTION - Motion C: The DCM School Committee motions that the 2023 Revised DCM School Guidelines be approved by the MSCA09 Members. - Submitted by DCM School Committee

- a) Introduced by motion maker and background read. No second because submitted by a committee.
- **b**) Questions asked:
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

ACTION - Motion D: Be it so moved that Area 09 create an Area 09 Hispanic Women's Standing Committee. Respectfully yours, Ximena R.

- **a**) Introduced by motion maker and seconded by:
- **b**) Questions asked:
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

MOTION RESCINEDED Motion E: Going forward, area 9 will not plan, in the same calendar month, a Foro, ASC, assembly, or Servathon. Submitted by Michael White - DCMC

ACTION - **Motion F**: Be it resolved that MSCA 09 accepts the Literature Committee Guidelines as presented. - Submitted by Francine W. MSCA09 Literature Committee Chair

- a) Introduced by motion maker and seconded by the committee.
- **b**) No questions asked (can be asked next month).
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for additional questions, discussion, and vote.

ACTION - Motion G: "I make the motion for Area 09 to adopt an official logo to be displayed on future Area documents, such as minutes, logos, flyers, etc. Any member in good standing with the Area (i.e., those who regularly participate in Area 09 meetings) may submit a graphic representation of an official logo for consideration. All such submissions will be received by the Area 09 Secretary between May and September 2024. All submissions will be shared with the Area at the October and December 2024 Area Service Committees, and if forwarded from these meetings, be voted on for adoption at the first Area Service Assembly in 2025. If a simple majority vote fails to identify a preferred logo, something like our Third Legacy voting procedure may be employed." Motion made by Ed L, Panel 70 past Delegate, Panel 72 Communications Committee Chair and Newsletter Editor.

- a) Introduced by motion maker. Seconded by: Dave B.
- **b**) Questions aske.
- c) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.

ACTION - Motion H: The Archives Committee hereby requests a budget override of \$400.00 to host its annual Heritage Day. By Kevin R Chair Archives Committee Area 9

- a) Introduced by motion maker and seconded by committee.
- **b**) Questions asked.
 - i) Motion to move into an Assembly for the purposes of voting because the motion is time sensitive
 (1) Maryka made motion and Lou seconded. All in favor. By simple majority motion to turn into an assembly passed.
- c) Vote on original motion: Vote: 32 for; 5 opposed (simple majority)
- d) Motion forwarded to the December ASC for discussion and vote.
- e) Motion to change back to ASC
 - i) Rob motion; Maryka: Seconded
 - ii) Simple majority back to ASC.

ANNOUCEMENTS

None.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John R, 24 years; and Kevin, 38 years.

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn by Rozanne; seconded by Charles. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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