

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09

OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS®

September 2024
msca09aa.org

MSCA-09
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Welcome to a Sober Autumn

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Upcoming Events 2024

Sept 8	9 am to 3 pm	Area 09 ASC
Sept. 19	6:00 - 8:15 pm	Service Manual Study
Sept. 26	7:00 - 8:30 pm	MSCA 09 Treatment Committee
Oct. 13	9 am to 3 pm	Area 09 Service Committee (ASC)
Oct. 17	6:00-8:15 pm	Service Manual Study
Oct. 24	7:00-8:30 pm	MSCA 09 Treatment Committee

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September Hosting District
District 5

AA Service Manual



MSCA Area Map





September from the Editor

As we move into the autumn months of the year, it is a time of action for the future and reflections on our beginnings of Area 09. The conference work begins with gathering topics to develop into Agenda Items. In September it is time to start work on soliciting proposed agenda items to the 75th General Service Conference next year in New York. September 15 marks the deadline for submitting potential Agenda Items to the General Service Office. The typical pathway is to discuss a potential item at the Group, District, and Area levels and to have our Delegate submit the item on our behalf. But like so many things in A.A., this is not a hard and fast rule; rather it is an approach that the General Service Conference recognizes as a pathway characterized by multiple Group Consciences at all levels.

At the regional level, Area 09 Mid-Southern California marking its 65th anniversary as an area. The origin of what we know as Area 09 begins on September 7, 1958, at Area 5's Service Assembly in Santa Ana a new Delegate Area was carved out of the "California Southern Area." The new Delegates' terms to start in even numbered years. This gave California 5 Areas (5 delegates.). The new Area officially designated "California Southern Coastal", or less precisely but more familiarly "Southern Coastal California." Nicknamed "Panel 2" because of its even-year terms. The Area 09 Archives has original and photocopied documents from the Los Angeles groups who met between August and December 1958 to form a new area from ten districts of what is now Area 05.

Just prior to the split, Southern California Area 5 was divided up into 33 districts with approximately 266 groups. 10 of these districts, Districts 20 – 29 would become the new area. These were renumbered 1- 10 and although I haven't really studied all of them, I am not sure if most still encompass the same boundaries we have today. There has been a lot of changes in the boundaries over the years. In September 1958 the first Area Roster stated that there were 90 registered groups in the new area. In less than a year we had grown to 105 registered Groups. Every registered group had a GSR and that trend would continue until the late 1960's. (continued on next page)



Art B. from Long Beach was elected and became the first Delegate. It was understood beforehand that the new Delegate would serve only one year, finishing out the term of Panel 9. Art served from September 1958 to December 1959). In October of 1959 officers were elected to serve the first full term of two years, taking office January 1, 1960 to serve on Panel 10 as a full term Delegate. The first full term delegate was Jack W. Jack W. as Area 09's second delegate and he also served the Southern California Area (Area 05) as delegate.

The new Area started meeting right away and held their first meeting in October 1958, however it officially did not exist until January 1959. The reason for meeting was to elect Art as delegate and to start forming plans for the International Convention to be held in Long Beach in 1960. - First order of business for this new area was to create a host committee for the International Convention. A lot was riding on this convention. GSO planned the first two conventions and for the first time let local AA's do most of the planning for the 1960 convention. The future of the International Convention rested on its success. It turned out to be an overwhelming success. Jack W. was in charge of the host committee and had help from members all over Southern California.

That host committee was made up of only 11 core members. Imagine just 11 members planning an International Convention today. Many of you may have heard of Flossie Lewis. She was an early Alanon member from Long Beach, and she provided free baby-sitting services during this event. (to be continued in the October issue) Mitchell B., editor



Carry The Message!

1. If you know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient: Give a Gift Subscription to a friend, a sponsee, doctor's offices, or for giveaways at anniversaries or events at your home group, district, or area level.
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THE TOP 5 LIST

What do I need to know to attend the International Convention in 2025?

Where will the 2025 International Convention be held?



Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

What are the dates of the 2025 International Convention?



July 3 - 6, 2025.

When can I register and reserve housing?



September 2024.

How much is the registration fee?



When registration opens in September of 2024, it will cost \$160.00 (USD) per person. A few months leading up to the convention, the price will increase to \$185.00 (USD), where it will remain that price for those registering on site when the convention begins.

I have a criminal history, is it possible to get across the Canadian Border?



Yes, but each member must do the footwork to understand your individual circumstances. You can find resources to help at:
AA.org/international-convention-2025-faqs

AA.org/international-convention

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AA CONVENTION
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION



From Bridge to Shore
in 2024

November 7-10th, 2024

The Pacific Palms Resort
City of Industry, California
1 Industry Hills Pkwy, City of Industry, CA 91744

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OUR ELDERS NEED YOUR HELP

Look around when you go to your meetings

In Person - Is the building accessible to our members who are physically challenged?

Online - Are your "virtual" meetings offering closed captioning? Do they have volunteers to help elders call into A.A. meetings from a landline? Can your volunteers help elders navigate through the techno babble?

**Some Elders are set in their ways and have a hard time with new technology but respond well when you take the time to walk them through the process of getting online. It may take several times before the get comfortable being "virtually" social.*

Suggest a Group Inventory

If your group hasn't done a group inventory lately - maybe this is the time - don't leave out some of our Elder members!

DID YOU KNOW?

In March 2018 A.A. World Services published (SMF-208) "Accessibilities Checklist for Meetings and Groups" - A suggested guide for a fearless and searching group inventory.

Get involved! Go to your Intergroup meetings!

Report what you find to your local intergroup or Central Office. Help them update their meeting directories. Meeting directories should make it clear where can locate an accessible meeting. Accessible meetings should be labeled and easy to find!

**Remember a lot of Elders have poor vision problems and aren't familiar with navigating through webpage layouts. Elder members need accessible meetings listed up front and center!*

~ I want the hand of AA to always be there ~
Questions? Comments? Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee
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12 Ways Grapevine Helps with our daily 12th step work

- 1. AA PREAMBLE** Used for meetings all over the world, it was written by an editor of the Grapevine and first appeared in the June 1947 issue.
- 2. THE SERENITY PRAYER** Began appearing in early Grapevines as it moved into general AA use.
- 3. THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION** Written by another Grapevine editor for the 1965 convention in Toronto, it went on to become a staple expression of AA purpose.
- 4. FIVE SLOGANS** Used by AA meetings everywhere, they first appeared in their well-known graphic form in five issues of the Grapevine in 1956 and 1957.
- 5. THE TWELVE TRADITIONS** In the early 1950s, our co-founder Bill W. hammered out our Twelve Traditions in the pages of the Grapevine.
- 6. A PLACE TO TELL YOUR STORY** Send us your story! Take a look at the magazine to get some ideas. It's easy! Go to www.aagrapevine.org/share. We want to hear from you!
- 7. SOURCE OF AA HISTORY** For decades, Grapevine has published a variety of articles which reflect the early history of AA, including the writings of our cofounder Bill W. for Grapevine which can be found in their entirety in *The Language of the Heart*. Our Story Archive holds hundreds of articles by our earliest members back to 1944.
- 8. A LINK WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE** If your group, district, area or country needs help or wants to know how groups operate, there are others who may have found solutions and have shared their experience in the Grapevine. See how others do it!
- 9. A MONTHLY 12TH STEP TOOL** Does your group bring meetings into jails and institutions? Grapevines that reach members behind walls are greatly appreciated. You can also bring a magazine to professionals (lawyers, doctors, judges, etc) to help them better understand our program.
- 10. A PLACE TO SHARE YOUR OPINION** Do you have an idea you would like to share? Is there something you would like to get off your chest? Grapevine offers you a "podium" to communicate your thoughts to a wide audience within AA.
- 11. IT'S OUR MEETING IN PRINT** Grapevine is an ideal solution for those on the road or in the air or who cannot attend regular meetings. The magazine can be read like a meeting, starting with the Preamble, then reading the different stories and ending with the Serenity Prayer. There's even a monthly discussion question!
- 12. A PERFECT GIFT** Give Grapevine to a newcomer, a friend or a fellow in AA. A subscription to the Grapevine, whether it be for a year or two, is a great way to get to know AA better. It is also a great sober anniversary gift!

In 1986, The General Service Conference recognized AA Grapevine as the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Visit us at: aagrapevine.org



Use our QR Code to access MSCA 09 Newsletters and Website

Thanks to the work of the Communications Committee and our past webservant, Faith B, we now have a QR Code that will allow people to connect to this newsletter and the website. We will begin making the codes available at Area meetings, targeting members who do not have ready access to computers but can access these materials using their cell phones.

NEW!!

“QR CODES”

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 WEBSITE
<https://msca09aa.org/>





PLEASE NOTE: At this time, the QR Code will direct you to MSCA09's English version of their website. For the Spanish translation, click on the green "Translate" button located at the bottom of the webpage on the lefthand side.

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 NEWSLETTERS
<https://msca09aa.org/news/>

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New (and Older) Resources in A.A. and M.S.C.A

- [Box 4-5-9 Summer 2024 Edition](#)
- Announcing: the Quebec Sign Language (LSQ) video translation of the pamphlet “[Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers](#)” (Item P-83) is available on aa.org.
- [2025 General Service Board Class A Resume Submission Deadline](#). The deadline to submit a resume is August 31, 2024
- Two new videos from the Young People’s Video project – now available on aa.org
- “[Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life](#)”
- “[Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist](#)”
- [Highlights from AAWS - June 2024](#)
- [Box 4-5-9 Spring 2024 Edition](#)
- [2025 Trustee-at-Large/U.S. Vacancy](#)
- [Class A Trustee Vacancies – April 2025](#)
- Announcing: “[Last Chance to Stock Up](#)” Clearance Sale from July 1-
[September 30, 2024](#).



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SAVE THE DATES

- **2025: Mar. 7-9** [PRAASA, Anchorage CA](#)
- **2025: Jul. 3-6** [2025 International Convention, Vancouver, BC, Canada](#)
Registration opened online on September 10, 2024
Hotel reservations will be open only to registered members



Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 – 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium.

[**Click here for more information**](#)



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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

August 9, 2024

Dear A.A. Friends,

This is an exciting time in the planning of our 2025 International Convention. The **Registration and Housing Processes** will open on September 10, 2024, at Noon, Eastern Time. This memo includes information on the two ways to register and obtain housing, if needed.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND HOUSING PROCESS

Attendees planning to register and book housing online through our vendor, Showcare, **should use the Online Registration and Housing Process**. In the online portal, attendees can register, as well as add on our exciting product offerings. Once the online registration is complete, attendees seeking housing will be guided to book an option.

Attendees can access the Online Registration and Housing Process via a link on our website at <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>. Additionally, the attached Registration Brochure is filled with information about the 2025 International Convention you want to review.

PRINT FORM REGISTRATION PROCESS

Due to security and privacy guidelines, we no longer allow attendees to provide their credit or debit card information on our Print Registration Form. The **Print Form Registration Process** will allow attendees to pay for the registration fee and our additional product offerings by **check or money order only**. If your print registration form arrives by mail to Showcare before registration opens, it will not be processed until September 10, 2024.

HOW TO REQUEST HOUSING USING THE PRINT REGISTRATION FORM

In the *housing section* of the print registration form, attendees can indicate they want to “reserve housing.” Individual members will be able to indicate a preferred housing dollar range and book up to two (2) rooms. We require attendees to provide a *valid email address* to complete the booking of a housing reservation. *You must have a credit card to reserve a hotel room.*

NOTE: YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SHOULD INCLUDE THE TOTAL OF THE REGISTRATION FEE AND ALL SELECTED PRODUCT OFFERINGS. PLEASE DO NOT ADD IN A HOUSING DEPOSIT WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

We will do our best to match you to your requested housing range, but if not available, we will search for a housing option at the closest available rate. A link to the housing system will be emailed to you with your confirmation so you may provide your *credit card information* to complete the reservation. Please read the entire *Print Registration Form* for all details regarding the process.

UNABLE TO ATTEND THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PERSON? WE HAVE NEW OPTIONS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

You can use the Online Registration or Print Registration Form to:

- Register for a *Virtual Session Program Track*. This is a two-day 8 session virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and will not be available for purchase after the Convention. Cost is \$35 (USD).
- Purchase the *2025 International Convention Three Big Meetings Video Product*. It will be an anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing after the Convention is over. Cost is \$60 (USD)

Registration and housing questions? Call (514) 380-9375. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: 2025IC@showcare.com.

Warm regards,

Patrick C.
2025 International Convention Coordinator
2025ic@aa.org

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2025 International Convention Registration Brochure:



[IC2025 registration form comm-en.pdf](#)

