**MID-SOUTHERN 09 CALIFORNIA AREA**

**AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES**

***August 11, 2024***

**Hosted by: District 23**

Location: Skyview Event Center - 5257 Wineville Ave, Jurupa Valley, CA 92752

**Meeting ID:** 896 6166 6203 Passcode**:** P74service

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**8:00 - 9:00AM** REGISTRATION

**9:00 - 9:05AM** Call to order with the Serenity Prayer & Opening Meeting Announcements  
**9:05 - 9:55AM** Delegate Report

**10:00 - 11:15AM** Committee Meetings (Presentations: Manya & Ramon) Mid-Point Check-in

**11:15 - 12:00PM LUNCH**

**12:00PM ASC BEGINS**

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer

**ASC Readings:**

Declaration of Unity, Preamble, Statement of Purpose and Membership, Tradition and Concept of the month (8)

**Introductions:**

Past Delegates; JERYL, MITCHELL,

New DCMCs & Alt. DCMCs; SALVADOR #24

New DCMs & Alt. DCMs;

New GSRs and Alt.GSRs; ANTONIO #23, FERNANDO #22, SCOTT #1, CINDY #8, BOB#9, SUSIE #2

New District Officers; RIGO CPC #20

Guests and Visitors;

and Area Officers

Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Minutes of Dec 2023

Larry B motioned to accept; Angela B seconds; All in favor; none opposed

Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Minutes of June 2024

Tara motioned to accept; Brian second; All in favor; none opposed.

**12:15 - 12:50PM OFFICER REPORTS**

Area Officer’s Reports:(5 minutes each)

**Treasurer AP** – On July 1,2024 our checking account balance was $30,616.17. Ryan made deposits totaling $10,219.77. I paid bills and reimbursements totaling $11,091.53. Our balance on July 31,2024 was $29,744.41.

From January 1,2024 through August 8,2024, we had total income of $75,496.33. Total expenses are $82,036.76. Our spending deficit totals $6540.43.

I continue to review and pay all reimbursement requests that are proper, within our budget and supported by our Area 09 Guidelines. All reimbursement requests require a fully completed Statement of Expenses form and supporting receipts. The form can be found on the Area website.

**Treasurer AR** – It’s been a busy few month’s since our last meeting. I want to thank the fellowship for the generous contributions this far this year. It seems like I can’t keep up. So that’s a quality problem I have. It appears I will need to commit more time to getting all the contributions processed. So, please continue to have patience’s.

In July, I made total contributions of $ 10, 219.77. Once again thanks the fellowship for their continued support.

As always, thank you for your patience. The invoiced and receipts are coming. I haven’t forgotten anyone. And I am processing the checks and the PayPal contributions.

**Secretary** – please send report via EMAIL only.

**Registrar** – Last month I attended the regional forum, and the registrar sharing session by GSO, I’m also working on the list of incomplete groups that Alex shared with me, I’m asking the registrar o DCMs of the respective districts for help. And those groups who don’t have a district I’m looking for which district they belong. Please grab a copy of those group at the registration table. Last month we were informed that the alt. DCMC for district 9 passed away (Dave Woodard) and 2 GSRs from district 9 left the service, but 9 new GSRs were registered, the good news is that new GSRs being added to the service from different districts, for now is all. if you have an any questions or concerns regarding a group or member registered on fellowship connections, please contact me

**Chair** – I continue to work with the districts to assure our meeting venues are ready for us for the rest of the year. We are almost set through December with venues booked, contracts signed, and insurance certificates provided. We continue to work hard at making the technology work, however, with the creation of the Venue Ad Hoc Committee, I’m sure we’ll be moving forward successfully. I also attended the Forum, the Foro and the Sec/Treasurer workshop yesterday in D1/3. All these events were wonderful and in so happy I get to be a part

I want to remind you that today we’ll be discussing the current motions. We have 3 of them. 1 will be withdrawn and then we will discuss the other two and vote on whether to send them to the assembly in September for the GSRs to vote on. The GSRs that have a group conscience

will share first, then all other discussion will be heard afterward. The reason we hear the GSRs first is because it helps to hear why people think a motion should pass or not. When you hear a group conscience, it gives you an opportunity to hear something you may not have thought of previously.

Speaking about motions, I'd like to remind you that a good way to see if your motion is a good idea for the Area as a whole, is to run it by your group or district first. Have the members discuss it, give their opinions and listen to the minority. You'd be surprised what you may learn from them. Page C29 of the Service Manual in Leadership: Ever a Vital Need. It reminds us to be open to new people with ideas, because sometimes that different idea can become a solution, you never know.

Also, please remember that motions should be provided to the chair by the 15th of the month. They should then be sent to the GAP and Translation Committees, then given back to the chair who will process them. If that time line is not met, we will not be able to put it on the area mtg agenda.

In August, we will be having presentations by 4 of our committees: LaVina, Communications, Archives and Remote Communities. We're doing this in the hours of sparking more interest in our members joining Committees or even becoming the next chair of a committee do we can keep helping the still suffering alcoholic.

**Alt Delegate** – Hello Fellow Area Servants! My name is Manya, and I have the honor and privilege of serving as the Mid-Southern California Area 09 Alternate Delegate for Panel 74!!  We had an Amazing 33r FORO. Thank you to Erica and District 20 for hosting such a great event at Norma Hertzog Center in Costa Mesa! It was Hawaii tropical themed, and we had a great number of attendees (about 100) with great fun and food. Thank you to Martin for supplying the amazing signs and signup sheets, as well as Teri (our MSCA 09 Treatment Chair) for supplying most of the amazing decorations. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and break down. Thank you to Raul and Martin for speaking - great message of love and tolerance! Thank you to Areas 93 and 8 for attending. Take out your poodle skirts and oxford shoes because the Next big fun service event is the 1950s General Service Conference Themed Servathon happening in November. We will be holding it at the Norma Hertzog Center on November 17, and we will having a very fun 50s themed car show and sock hop - District 6 and i have met on Zoom since May to secure a venue and discuss other details. More to come! **June:** Attended with Alex: Districts 25 (6/10), 18 (6/11), 5 (6/13), and 9 (6/16). **Saturday, June 15: Sharing my ESH on GSRs Get a Bad Rap GSR Workshop. Third Thursday of the month (June 20):** Heard two Alternate Delegates from Areas 18 and 5 speaking on the District and its DCM and the Area Assembly and its Activities! Event information on our events page. **June 23:** Attended **Intergroup meeting will be June 23 in Santa Barbara. July 12-14. I missed the July Intergroup meeting because I was out of the country.** Also attended district 6 meetings in July and August. Will be attending the district 6 beach bash this weekend (August 17) and leading the meeting at 2 pm. **July:** In addition to co-hosting the FORO Event with District 20, I also led the service manual study and DCM/Committee Sharing session on the Third Thursday. Thank you to Deborah from Area 17 and Jeryl, Panel 62 Past Delegate, for sharing their ESH on Chapter 4 (The Area Committee0 and Chapter 5 (The Delegate) of the Service Manual. This month (Thursday, August 15), I am excited to announce the following speakers: 6:00 p.m. **Chapter 6: The Annual General Service Conference** –Mitchell B. Past **Area 09 Delegate – Panel 72;** 6:20 p.m. **Chapter 7: Conference Committees** –Rick W, Current Delegate of **Northeast Texas Area 65 and General Service Conference Chair of Grapevine and La Vina. How to find meeting info:** [**https://msca09aa.org/event/service-manual-study-8-15-2024/**](https://msca09aa.org/event/service-manual-study-8-15-2024/) If you are a committee chair and DCMC please join us at 7:15 after the service study for a sharing session - we will be discussing next month’s September ASA and the current plan of the Servathon.

**Delegate** – Thank you all for allowing me to be of service to you. My name is Alex W I serve as your Panel 74 Delegate *Please note a detailed update is available in the Bitly and on the delegate page titled April - August report.*

**Area**

So far, I have conducted share back since June for D25.D18, D9, D21, D7 D17 HMBS men’s stag and D14. In August I will conclude my share backs with D8, D2 and the south bay roundup. I attended ICYPAA with 2800 amazing members of A.A. Additionally, I am serving on the AD-Hoc committee for the area in helping find solutions so we can have a seamless process moving forward, creating a folder and I provided a map on how to set up a hybrid, contributed to the checklist, and provided a list of locations in the south bay that are viable. In addition, I am looking at a centralized location and plan on going in person to them on August 20th. I have begun to send emails to the DCMCs to ensure the meetings that come to me across fellowship connections are confirmed through the district chairs. Bitly statistics are over 1500 views and interactions since May!!

**Pacific Regional**

The Pacific Region put on a PAI workshop on August 1st with over 300 people in attendance. We had ASL interpretation and Spanish interpretation. We will be hosting a hospitality suite as a region. In September I will send out a monkey survey to see who is attending, gathering speakers and volunteers. In July alongside my fellow pacific regional delegates, I attend the Pacific regional forum. If you would like a copy of my report, please in which I spoke on ““What shape is your triangle? (after the 1989 Grapevine article)”.

find it available on the delegate page. The July board weekend occurred this past week and we are awaiting the minutes to better understand what occurred. We are hopeful for a report from our regional trustee by Sept. Any updates that I have been given were reflected in the August slides.

**General Service**

We had a conference committee chairs meeting and an Ad Hoc meeting on La Vina. I met with Marita in regard to the trustee at a large nomination procedure. I met with Jake, and David in relation to giving a bid to host the regional forum.

This week we were given the financials for the end of the second quarter. Please review it at your discretion. We also received correspondence on the plain language book release date, new videos from public information, updates from corrections desk, and cpc desk.

As of June 30, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets total $12.26 million consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Members and groups contributions so far have totaled 4,935,000 up 113%. The General Service Board met in July. I will have more information on the status of advisory actions coming after the July board weekend.

\*Q1 and Q2 Financial Report was distributed and available online.

\*Pamphlets have gone up in costs

\*Plain language BB is expected to be available in the fall for $11.00

\* We are still looking for stories for the grapevine, la vina, do you think your different? The native north American pamphlet.

\*BOX 459 will no longer be printed; it will only be available online.

PAIs are due Sept 30th, The Preliminary agenda list will be available Nov. 6, 2024 , Conference Committee Background and final list on Feb. 17, 2025 and the List of PAIs not forwarded Feb. 24, 2025 ● Please use my delegate link for ALL the latest information that I put out or the delegates page.

**12:50- 1:50PM DISTRICT REPORTS (COMMITTEE REPORTS AS TIME ALLOWS)**

District/Committee Reports: 2 minutes/Spanish 4 minutes

Districts:

1 & 3 – Eric reported

2,

4, Angela reported

5, Vicki reported

6, Rob reported

7, Erika reported

8, Jerry reported

9, Larry reported

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12, Tara reported

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15, Allen reported

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17, Teddi reported

18, Brian reported

19, Bob reported

20, Erika reported

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30, Katherine reported

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| **COMMITTEE** | **English** | **Spanish** |
| Accessibility  Archives  Communications Cooperation with the Elderly Community  Cooperation with the Professional Community Convention Liaison  Corrections and Correspondence DCM School  Finance  Guidelines and Policies (GAP)  Grapevine & La Viña  GSR School  Literature  Public Information  Remote Communities  Registration  Technology  Treatment Facilities  Young People | Bob  Vicki R  Cindy B  Katherine  Angela  Erica D  Debra  Carmen  Don  Francine W  Bob M  Debra L  Rob  Charles  Eric  Terri  Lauren | Mauricio  Rolando  Hector  Adrian  Gil  Blanca |
| **OTHER:** Hispanic Women’s Workshop  4 Corners Ad Hoc Committee | Claudia and Angela  Ryan H - Chair – ask for report |  |

**1:50- 2:30PM** **OLD BUSINESS**

* Motion A - LaVina/Grapevine Event at the Area (spencer discussed with group. How much would it cost and where would it come from. Concerned about not having a smaller trial run in case it was a failure. Suggestions were to involve the area la vina committee consult other Districts. Over all a good idea but needed a little more work) chair -total 45 votes. 42 yes and 3 no. motion passes to assembly
* Motion B - Communications motion has been withdrawn by simple majority vote
* Motion C - Archives Lease (spencer has brought up that size of building was an issue. There was a motion to digitize and that hasn’t really happened. Its only open for limited time. This was a last minute decisions. Suggestions were to renegotiate lease. Collaborate with Spanish archives. Sign a one year lease. Rent is too high) (Jerry said that the building is dated and is not proper building) (Ryan it is important to have a central location to keep the material) (joseph H was to maintain asc and asa mins. The financials taxes.) (bob) (Angela) (Scott stated that they had terrific work shops and is in favor) ( Mauricio is in favor to keep the place because of legacy) (Brian d18 their groups are opposing the motion and should downsize) ( ariel is in favor because it is center in the area) (Jim stated that rent is good deal. It would cost more to move the archives) (Ivan is in favor because the archives are important)

Motion moves the ASA

* Motion D – increase mileage reimbursement to 37 cents a mile (will move to asa) total vote 64
* Bob archives committee create motion to update guidelines

**2:30-2:50PM** **NEW BUSINESS**

* Trustee at Large- Nomination – presentation, qualifications, and how they are chosen – Jeryl, Francine, Mitchell, Lou
* Regional Forum Bid for Area09 – looking for sense of room and majority of members are interested.
* Servathon date change to November 16th (SoCal Convention is that weekend) – Rob said that the date needs to change because other events. (hector asked how long will the event take place and why Sunday) Rob stated that Sunday is the only time.

Manya asked if Friday night would be good. 49 votes and it passes.

* Motion to turn asc into asa to vote on changing the date (Cindy said that it is difficult to find venue) (Mauricio said we use to have these meetings on Saturdays why is this being changed) Manya said it is a service meeting not a business meeting. Passes.

**2:50PM WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND**

Announcements – Angela needs volunteers. Rob district 6 beach party Erika sept 26 bridging the gap Eric announced the south bay round up Labor Day weekend.

August Birthdays – Raul 46 years, Vicki 15 years, Manya 15 years

Motion to close – 3PM

**COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT REPORTS**

**Corrections** – Corrections meets on the 3rd Monday of the month on Zoom. We did not meet in July. We received three requests, one for contact on release from an inmate coming to Orange County in August. I wrote a letter responding to the request and provided my contact email. The second request was from an inmate at Corcoran prison. This was sent to Jeff L. in Northern California for follow-up. The third request was from an inmate in federal prison inmate asking for AA member support. I contacted the High Desert H&I chair and wrote to the inmate that I was looking for the H&I members going into the prison. I later learned that Victorville H&I may not be providing panels, so I sent information about inmate correspondence to the inmate and notifying the GSO corrections desk of the same requesting matching with an AA member willing to write letters.

**Communications Committee** – My name is Vicki R., your Area 09 Alcoholic Communications Committee Chair. To start off, I’d once again like to take this opportunity to let the Area members know that our Panel 74 committee is still in need of a secretary, whose basic duty is to: (1) Take attendance at committee meetings. (2) Keep a roster, record and archive the minutes of committee meetings. (3) Record and archive minutes of email or conference call-based meetings, particularly where votes are taken. Perhaps one of you would like to volunteer or know of another fellowship member who would. If so, let me know. Also, for those who may not have a way to submit your handwritten report online, or who may not feel comfortable in doing so, please feel free to give it to the Communications Committee and we will make sure the Area’s Secretary, Ramon, receives the online version both in English and Spanish once the needed translation has been completed.” And now I’m pleased to report the following: **Total number of documents ‘requested’ for translation from June 1st through July 31st:** Eleven (11) **Total number of documents and words translated during the same June 1st through July 31st timeframe:** Documents: Nine (9) / Words: 10,156 / Saving the Area (at $0.06 per word) approximately $609.00 during this timeframe of professional written translation company fees. **Total number of translations from Jan. 1st thru July 31st**: Documents: 129 / Words: 174,269 / Saving the Area (at $0.06 per word) approximately $10,456.00 during this timeframe of professional written translation company fees. **Breakdown of linguistic translations:** English to Spanish: 104 / Spanish to English: 25

Our committee met during today’s ASC. In addition to myself, there were 4 other in-person attendees (Ivan G., Mitchell B., Alan, and Raul C.). The following is a recap of today’s meeting: **Old Business:** Committee’s open Secretary position, withdrawal of committee’s $600 Budget increase motion, newsletter submission from Spanish community member, purchase of recorder, newsletter issues, and current Canva subscription. **New Business:** Committee’s “2024” expenses to date, and preliminary “2025” budget increase request based on known to date “2025” expenses. That’s all for now. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to update you as to what’s been happening in the Communications Committee’s “being of Area 09 service” world. Grateful to be of service, Vicki R., Chair MSCA09 Communications Committee – Panel 74

**GSR school (Spanish)** – 24 members attended our committee meeting. We study the following from the Service Manual: Concept 9, We also review from the 12 illustrated concepts 1 to 9. I attended the Regional FORUM and our Area 09 FORO, I was also present at the lnterdistrict Hispanic meetings in June and July. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving for Area 09 on this committee.

**Public Information (Spanish)** – I have been actively working with the district #20 Public Information Committee, attending their monthly meetings. Currently, I serve as the Treasurer for this committee. I ordered 5 kits in Spanish for Public Information, and I started to distribute to the district to have available to the chair on their Districts. I visited District #25 to deliver the Kit and to answer any questions they had about the service. Still have to visit districts 21 y 23. Attended area meeting in August. This week I will be at District # 21 to motivate the formation of their committee. I am motivated and grateful to be at service.

**Registration** – Met to discuss the correcting the information in fellowship connections and adding groups.

**Hispanic Women’s Workshop** – At the Hispanic women's workshop, we had a meeting with the area links on July 21 at 4 pm via zoom. Where we talked about how to continue collaborating and pass on the message of the Hispanic women's workshop through groups, offices and Districts. This year, each participating area will have to contribute $800. If the area does not approve it. Our next meeting will be on the 4th Sunday of August at 4pm and working in area 9 we will have our first Hispanic Women's Heritage Day on October 6th from 1-4pm at the Archives Office in Riverside. Thank you for your support in this journey of service and recovery.

**District 22** – Good morning my fellow alcoholics. District 22 continues to meet on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. We continue with our schedule and visit the groups in our District on Mondays and Thursdays. The district has completed bringing the information of the results of the 74th Conference back to the groups. In our meeting on July 23, the GSRs brought a motion of removing our fellow alcoholic Carlos from the service of secretary. Thus, this service is free on the board of the district. The district attended our Interdistrict meeting where some very important issues were discussed. The district has been motivating the groups so it can get a volunteer to help with this service of secretary. At our meeting on July 6, we had a new GSR from the Group “New Faith”. His name is Alejo. Our committees – the 21 local forum is working on holding its event and it has been working on the schedules and the letters to the districts, groups, and Area 09 Board who were selected to coordinate a table in said event that will take place on November 2nd starting at 2:00pm. And they have also been holding raffles in the groups in order to raise funds for the expenses of this event. The Archives Committee is working on getting groups together with us to collect missing stories and has been working on the project “The Tree of Sobriety” of groups so we have a direct line of how they have opened in our valley. We appreciate the attention provided and hope you have an excellent return to your homes. Atte. District #22

**Interdistrict** – Interdistrict Meeting of the month of June 30, 2024 Host District 24

The meeting began at 9:00 AM with the prayer of service and then we went to the round tables until 10:30 AM and moved on to the presentation of the board and presentation of new GSRs and present of visitors. GSRs Maria of D21 and Iris of D25, and Salvador D24 as the new DCM of D24. The minutes were read and were approved. There was no correspondence. Then the reports of districts 20-21-22-23-24-25 began. Then the reports of the committees of the districts, La Viña D20, I.P D20, Archives D21, Forum 22, and Archives D22. Then we moved onto the pro anniversary D25. We collected the Seventh Tradition amount of $206, of which $181 was given to the Hosting district. The treasurer reported that he has an amount of $1425.00. The La Viña pro-anniversary basket of $149.00 was also passed. We moved onto the conclusions of service tables 1-2-3-4-5. Then we moved onto the pending points, but there were no pending points. Then we moved onto the new points. One, how to motivate the anniversary of the Viña motion brought by District 21. It was discussed and approved by a majority vote for a charter to be made. The point was passed onto remove the officers of the area from the guidelines, and the point was pending for the next meeting at District 25. The meeting ended at 12:06 with the I Am Responsible statement. Thank you for letting me serve. Sound Coordinator Carlos D22, Alternate Treasurer Roberto D21, Treasurer Hector, Alternate Chair Luis D24, Chair Leopoldo District 22, Secretary Jaime District 20.