**MID-SOUTHERN 09 CALIFORNIA AREA**

**AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) approved minutes**

***December 8, 2024***

**Hosted by: District 17**

Location: Lake Community Center

310 W. Graham Ave., Lake Elsinore, CA

**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 - 9:45AM** Delegate Report

**9:45 - 10:00AM** What’s on Your Mind?

**10:05 - 11:15AM** Committee Meetings

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

**12:00PM ASC BEGINS**

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer

**ASC Readings:**

Declaration of Unity – Vicki / Pedro

Preamble – Tony / Veronica

Statement of Purpose and Membership – Allie / Ramon

Tradition 12 – Ernesto / Ersula

Concept 12 – Dawn / Alex

**Introductions:**

Past Delegates.

New DCMCs & Alt. DCMCs; New DCMs & Alt. DCMs; New GSRs and Alt. GSRs; New District Officers; Guests and Visitors; and Area Officers

Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Minutes of October 2024 – minutes not approved.

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

Area Officer’s Reports: (5 minutes each)

**Treasurer AP** - On October 1,2024 our checking account balance was $32,187.82. Ryan made deposits totaling $5460.70. I paid bills and reimbursements totaling $10,161.60. Our balance on October 31,2024 was $27,486.92.

Our Treasurer AR Ryan was severely injured and hospitalized on November 16, 2024. I obtained all of the checks and equipment from his wife on November 17, 2024.However, I have not deposited any money at this point in time. I recommend that we appoint an interim Treasurer AR to handle all of Ryan’s duties until we know whether or not Ryan will be capable of performing the Treasurer AR duties.

I continue to review and pay all reimbursement requests that are appropriate, 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** - 12/1/24 - I met with Bob H. and Area 09 Treasurer AP Lou at the archives. Lou gave me the Treasurer AR equipment, logged me into QuickBooks and the Bank Account. Bob H. and Lou filled me in on most of the responsibilities and standard operating procedures. I am working with Lou to get my own QuickBooks account setup for me to bypass multi-factor authentication challenges. I am still not able to login to PayPal and am working with the Executive Board on this. A big thank you to both for their time and efforts.

12/3/24 – Met with Roseanne. She gave me the key to the post office, the envelopes she recently picked up for me, and words of wisdom.

Overall Message - I want to thank the Board and the Area for the opportunity to serve. I am asking that you all please be patient with me and this process as we work through the transition and catch up on things. I am committed to doing this job well and expeditiously but will need some time.

**Secretary** – please submit reports via email or in person.

**Registrar** – could not open file

**Chair** -Get Insurance Certificates

Work with D17 to host today’s meeting.

Work with Webmaster to keep website updated.

Work with Communications for translations.

Work with Technology Chair

Changed our Zoom Account from shared account with SD.

Attended Servathon

Facilitated a Round Table at D25’s Foro.

Attended D12’s Traditions Day Event

It is pretty common for me, in December to review the year and see where I’ve come. I remember January’s Assembly. I was so nervous that I was going to mess up everything, including the votes on the motions we had. As it turned out, we had more issues with the hybrid part than anything else and I soon realized that my nerves were going to have to be put on hold. That day I learned that it doesn’t matter what I think, it doesn’t matter what I say, it matters what I DO! And so began my journey as the Area Chair.

I’ve taken every opportunity to learn from people who have done this position and I’ve gotten some great advice, some good advice and some advice that I felt maybe should be run through my service sponsor!

Taking everything into consideration, I’m happy to say that I am no longer nervous, I continue to look forward to seeing everyone each month and I am so honored that you chose me to do this job. I really do love it. I’ve learned a lot about myself, and I’ve also learned that I can make mistakes and not get kicked out of the meeting.

I have to thank my Parliamentarian, Jeryl (also my favorite husband) who painstakingly offered suggestions and directed me when I was so lost while facilitating a motion.

I also want to thank the board. Each and every one of you have given me help and hope that things would get easier, and they have. You’ve been there to see that our area is in good hands. I am so grateful to you.

Also, behind the scenes, Eric, our tech chair and Vicki our communications chair, Ivan our lead translator have gone out of their way many times over to make sure the work gets done. I am so grateful for them. I honestly don’t think I could have done this without you.

Our interpreters, our committee chairs, our MCDs, DCMs, DCMCs, and our RSGs, and GSRs. You are all the lifeblood of this area, and I have gotten to know you better and I am looking forward to working with you this next year. Here’s to 2025!

**Alt Delegate** - **MSCA 09 Alternate Delegate December ASC REPORT - December 8, 2024**

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 our Servathon this past November, and the theme was the 1951 General Service Conference Car Show and Sock Hop. LOTS OF GREAT PEOPLE TO THANK! We had 150+ people.

* THANK YOU! District 6 and Rob, DCMC, for holding this awesome event at the Norma Hertzog Center in Costa Mesa on November 17 from 1 to 6 p.m. held a 1950s costume contest, and a 51/49 raffle! Approx $1600 was contributed, and we had a huge $800 raffle winner, dividing costume contest winners.
* THANK YOU to the committee chair/area committees! You were a very important part of this event! Your committee will have its own booth, theme, and game related to the 1951 general service conference (trivia questions).
* THANK YOU to our two great speakers: 1. Triona O. - Past MSCA 09 District 6 GSR, DCM, and Literature Chair and Dyanne G, Past MSCA 09 Panel 32 Delegate (when she was 32 years old!)
* THANK YOU to Sean from District 5 and Save B from District 6 for running a great car show. We had about 15 cars and a fun contest with fun trophies, one including.
* Area committees will have their own booths, games, and prizes.
* THANK YOU to our band, Snakebit (from one of our own District 6 music meetings)!
* CONGRATS TO WINNER, CLAUDIA! She visited all of the booths and earned her way to winning an International Convention ticket!
* THANK YOU!! Lastly, we will have a special Archives display room of nostalgic material from the 1951 General Service Conference (and beyond), AA trivia, literature giveaways, as well as a special surprise (a Bill and Bob cut out) from the Archives committee!

Be ready for NEXT Year! I’ve already met with some of district 18 members and discussed our next fun big theme: RODELA-themed (World Services) and the anniversary of the 1960 Long Beach International Convention! Just on the heels of the Canadian International Convention, we will have a current General Service Trustee from Canada, Carolyn W., as our main speaker! STAY TUNED for a very fun and exciting event! District 18 and

Also, Pre-Conference is coming in April. Stay tuned because before the March ASC, I will be providing the committee chairs with their assignments for our annual Pre-Conference Mock Conference in Yorba Linda (Yorba Linda Community Center).

**Where I was in November:** I attended the NAAD meeting on November 1 and December 1, as well as the special Pacific Region Alternate Delegate meeting on November 6. We discussed panel 73 rotation for next panel. And I will serve as co-host for our Pacific Regional Delegate WhatsApp Group.

I also hosted the (October 17) Area monthly service meeting: Billy N. (Billy N, Past General Service Conference Trustee) on Chapter 9: The Board’s Operating Corporations; and Chapter 10: The General Service Conference – and Reilly K. Pacific Region Trustee on Chapter 11: A.A. World Services, Inc. Reilly K. Pacific Region Trustee. We also had on November 14 on **General Service Trustee/AA Grapevine Director re: Chapter 12: A.A. Grapevine, Inc.**

January, you will see a brand-new flyer for next years’ Service Study Workshop: Concepts! We will have Adrian O from Area 8 (Panel 74 Alt Delegate) speaking on Concept 1 and our very own Stacey J speaking on Concept 2 on January 16!

**How to find meeting info:** [**https://msca09aa.org/event/service-manual-study-8**](https://msca09aa.org/event/service-manual-study-8-15-2024/) WHERE: “Virtual Only” Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505; Passcode: Area09p74: **6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m..**

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 THE SERVATHON.

 I attended the last two Servathon planning meetings with District 6 (via Zoom) and attended District 6 (my home district) meeting on the first Tuesday of each month since September. This January, I will be conducting the district 6 annual board inventory and hosting a board Traditions and Concepts study.

**I will attend** the Area 05 elections on October 20 in Downey and the H and I Intergroup meeting on October 29**.** attended the So call Convention in the City of Industry on November 8 to 10 and supported Alex and other 4-area delegates who shared their experience, strength, and hope on the General Service panel. Next Year Area 09 is hosting, and Alex and I will be co-chairs of the General Service meeting. I hope it to be an amazing event. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Where I am going,** I will attend the last Pacific Region Trustee meeting of the year; PRAASA in Anchorage, International in July.

**Delegate** - **December Delegate Report**

MSCA – Mid- Southern California Area Service Committee Meeting

Area 09 Delegate Report

Personal:

Greetings to all. I want to commence with supreme gratitude to this area for allowing me to be their panel 74 delegate. As November reflects gratitude, it's a beautiful opportunity for me to pause and reflect on the gifts God has given me through my sobriety. In exchange for the bottle, I have been given this amazing unpredictable life. I encourage you all to reflect on just how much there is to be thankful for. During the last two months areas across the U.S and Canada have been conducting elections. This past Thursday our region welcomed the Panel 75 delegates and said goodbye to our Panel 73 delegates. As a panel 74 my fellow servants are now up to bat. I will be attending board weekend in Jan with my fellow committee chairs. This week I am grateful to share my story every night, online and in San Francisco. While I wish I can be there in person I am grateful like the big book states, modem to modem or face to face the only difference is one of format. We had a general service conference meeting where we discussed many items. Two items were repeated as items of concern for the conference. One the PAIS full list will not be available as of today until Feb and the error the GSB made in regard to the Plain language big book not adhering to the advisory action to not include Addiction.  A memo was sent out advising of this error. Please note that the minutes following the GSB weekend were sent to me about a week ago and were 126 pages. So, after reading I am able to create a presentation and report. Then it goes to translation. At our Dec ASC will be part one and in Jan Part 2. I will do my best to answer all questions, comments and concerns.

Area

When there are updates, I send them to all the DCMCs, giving them the autonomy to share that information with their GSRS. My hope is since they are in direct contact with them monthly and all districts are so vastly different, they will know how to disseminate information to them best. I encourage all DCMCs during this upcoming year to host Pre-conference workshops, educate their GSRs on how to get feedback and also understand the process. Please ensure to book your share back for 2025 ahead of time and work together if it’s possible. I have invited Carlone W - to host our 2025 elections and will work with the board to finalize the details as we get closer. For many members who are active and paying attention to the agenda items, please pay attention as the final list and background will not be released until Feb 2025. As ALWAYS, once I have it so will you. This upcoming year we have conference inventory so feedback from your area will be imperative. Last year after a hideous day we did our own summaries. Since it was so engaging and successful I would like to invite those who volunteered back and those who are able to join us again. We will have a planning meeting in late January, please stay tuned. Signup sheet is with Manya, or you can reach out to me directly. Please note anyone regardless of what position they hold can be of service! There have been 5 meetings sent in since Nov, and I have feed them to the appropriate districts.

Pacific Region

Our hospitality suite will be located in the Fairmont hotel. I am submitting 10 names to speak at the international Convention. This will be the last opportunity for you to recommend anyone. Our region is also hosting a special forum following the international convention to be hosted in Jan or 2026. As a region we will put on another workshop and ask you all to submit topics for us to review. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, and this is often when we get updates from our trustee Reily on what is going on within the GSB and GB. PRAASA is the first weekend of March in Alaska, and the hotel room is open. If you are planning on going, please book your room.   
  
 GSO Updates.

\*Conference Committee chairs met in November and will have an orientation on Dec.18 ahead of the board weekend. Following this meeting I will share any updates.

\*\* I am on the La Vina Ad Hoc committee. We are working on the 5-year plan that was passed as an advisory action. As a committee we are awaiting the finances from David to better understand the impact, however at this time we reviewed and approved, possibly creating carry the message options for books to be sent to inmates. Customer service new rep being hired to help in Spanish, better delivery services for Puerto Rico, all subscriptions sent to the old warehouse will be feed to the new warehouse or the grapevine staff to be fulfilled, books are a major profit for the grapevine board so they are planning on creating two new books a year and raising subscription prices .25 cents a year. Since I serve on this committee, if there are any recommendations for La vina, issues problems or ways we can improve please do share this with me so I can properly serve you all.

\*Q3 Financial Report was distributed and available online.

AAWS - For the 9 months that ended on Sept 30th, 2024, we had a total operating rev of $14,591,894 which is 3% more than YTD budget. We have spent $13,417,466 in operating funds, $13,417,466 which is 3% less than the budget. Literature AR is $673,202.00 The reserve fund is 6.41. Total 7th tradition contributions is $8.1M , Gross literature is $10.8M and net is $5.9M. Reforecast budget is on page 5 of 25, there were increases in International by 14K ( World service meeting attendees increased), employee payment decreased due to vacant positions (149K) Travel and meeting increased by 69K due to A/V at regional forum and board inventory.

Grapevine/La Vina - Total income for Grapevine is $1,485,000 and is 2% behind budget. Net loss is $612,000) 10% behind budget and total circulation is 5% behind budget at 59,263.

La vina - expenses and shortfall is at budget. Total circulation is 6,986. And income is $230,000.

\*\* grapevine app will be available internationally which will hopefully increase app subscriptions.   
\*\* La Vina subscriptions are up 9.1% from last year. Year to date cost is also lower than last year. So far, the board will be contributing $133,000 less than last year.

\*\* The reserve fund totals are $11.82M

* Updates per committee is featured below.

Coming up:

Delegate Share backs - [HERE](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FBSLZSZXJ9xY5c177iWZljAEt0x_WaDf72n8pdbQer0/edit?usp=sharing)

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Area 09

For the most recent and accurate information visit the Area 09 Delegates Web Page.

<https://msca09aa.org/delegate/>    Members Only Section Password is Panel74.

PRASSA:

PRASSA 2025 Alaska Feb 28 - March 2

Pacific Regional Forum 2028

We are putting a bid to be considered at the 2025 GSC. If you have time and availability to assist, please do reach out.

Fellowship Connection:

As of Sept 22nd, 2024 we have 3936 regular Active 1949open\_inactive -1181 Virtual 46 - inactive 1 open\_in\_new Pending Active 8  Unknown 503 Incomplete 20

 I have sent an email to the district chairs with Pending Active and unknown status, as well as incomplete.

Please find full report[HERE](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17A555YzubhX8D_LOAd5BlJYPSzrr8rdq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102648054162218908284&rtpof=true&sd=true)   
Announcements to make at your home group.

* Registration is open for the international Convention.
* Submit your name to be considered to speak.
* Download Meeting guide App to find meetings!
* Update information in fellowship connection for your meetings.
* Utilize new videos from GSO to help you carry the message.
* Make an online contribution!!
* New Service Manual is available online and for order.
* Plain Language big book a tool for accessing Alcoholics anonymous is now available for $11.00.
* Stay tuned for new pamphlets, videos and updates!!

Opportunities to be of service:

1. Please look at the AAWS LinkedIn page and advise of any suggestions to better improve the presence we have.
2. If you are on the CPC committee within your district past or present, please advise me of any content and format of C.P.C. KIT necessary to change this and or the Workbook.
3. Submit your name to speak at the international convention.
4. Sign up to help with summaries for 2025.

Looking for more:

Check out Box 4-5-9: https://www.aa.org/pages/en\_US/subscribe-to-box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso

Quarterly Report from G.S.O Available Now

 https://www.aa.org/quarterly-reports-from-gso

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I am available to attend Meetings, Groups, Districts, and Committee meetings.

My email is: [delegate@msca09aa.org](mailto:delegate@msca09aa.org) or the Alternate Delegate Manya W and invite us. We welcome the opportunity to meet with Area 09 Members.   
*It is an honor to be the voice of Area 09 Mid Southern California Area 09 A.A. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.*

In Love and Service

Alex Wheatley

A09/P74 Delegate to GSC

CPC Conference Committee Member

Delegate@msca09aa.org

**12:50- 2:00PM DISTRICT REPORTS (Committee Reports if time allows)**

**2:00 - 3:00PM** **OLD BUSINESS**

* 2028 Regional Forum Bid for Area09 – Alex w. did presentation
* 2025 Budget – Louis did presentation – members asked questions about budget. There is a concern with the Hispanic women’s workshop budget. The LA-VINA budget was explained.
* 2025 Calendar – Rozanne explained the 2025 calendar.
* Motion A: Literature Budget Increase – motion passes to Jan ASA
* Motion B: Letter of support for LACYPAA – motion passes to Jan ASA

**3:00PM**  **NEW BUSINESS - None**

**3:00 - 3:15PM** **FINAL THOUGHTS/QUESTIONS**

Announcements - November and December Birthdays

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

**Upcoming Area Events:** (Check [msca09aa.org](http://msca09aa.org) for details)

December 7 @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm [9th Hispanic Women’s Workshop](https://www.area05aa.org/event/9th-hispanic-womens-workshop/), San Jose, CA

December 14 @ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm [Hispanic H&I Conference of Southern California](https://msca09aa.org/event/hispanic-hi-conference-of-southern-california/), Santa Monica Hall 1622 W 6th, Santa Ana, CA, United States

January 12th: Area Service Assembly, Yorba Linda

**Closing with the Responsibility Statement**

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**COMMITTEE / DISTRICT REPORTS**

* **Communications:**

**Submitted By:  Vicki R., Chair**

My name is Vicki R., your Area 09 Alcoholic Communications Committee Chair.

Our committee consists of myself as Chair, Ivan G. as Lead Translator, and Mitchell B., as Newsletter Editor.

Since my last report given during October 13th ASC our committee has translated the following:

* **Translations requested from Oct. 1st through Nov. 30th:**
* 11 documents
* **Translations completed from Oct. 1st through Nov. 30th:**
  + 8 documents (4,397 Words) – Saving the Area approximately $264.00 of professional translation fees.
* **Total Translated from Jan. 1st thru Nov. 30th**:
* 158 documents (208,436 Words) – Saving the Area an approximate total of $12,386.00 of professional translation fees.
* Breakdown of Translations:
* English to Spanish: 125 / Spanish to English:  33

In addition, in October we translated a 4-page document (2172 Words) for Area 18’s Delegate, Kade.  Saving their area approximately $130.00 in professional translation fees.

Our committee participated in last month’s Area 09 Servathon and provided various committee related literature in both English and Spanish.  We also had “Mexican” candy to pass out, which Ivan G. provided.  Big smile!  Along with that, all those who stopped at our table and had their map stamped were given a scratch-off ticket.  If they had a “Winner” ticket, they then got to choose one of the old A.A. related books or DVDs, which the Archives gave us to use as prizes.  Non-winners were given a braided ‘friendship’ bracelet.  As District 5’s DCMC, I must admit I was happy that two of my district’s members were winners.  A big thank you to District 6 and our Alternate Delegate, Manya, for putting on such a fun and great event!

Our committee met during today’s ASC.  We had a total of   3 in attendance:

* In-Person: Vicki R., Chair / Ivan G., Lead Translator / Mitchell B., Newsletter Editor /
* Zoom: / / / / /

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**Old Business:** Translation totals, discussion on the outcome of the committee’s Servathon participation, review of “2024” expenses / budget through November 30th, Spanish community newsletter submissions, and upcoming newsletters.

**New Business:**  Discussion on 75th GSC translation requests, Delegate’s request for volunteers for the 75th GSC agenda item summaries, and ‘2-week timeframe’ memo reminder.

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

* **Grapevine:** We had an excellent co-hosted hybrid workshop on Saturday December 7th from 1030 AM – 1215PM We had over 46 people in attendance, and most were online. It was a walkthrough of our amazing and highly informative [www.grapevine.org](http://www.grapevine.org) website. This was done in collaboration with district 9.
* **LA VINA (Spanish):**

AREA 09 MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AREA 09 LA VINA COMMITTEE. DATE 12-08-24

Good morning friends and friends of the MSC Area 09. I am Héctor and I am an alcoholic. I hope you are enjoying a good 24 hours of sobriety. I want to inform you of my activities. In the month of November, I was present with the display on the anniversary of the group ‘Only for Today’ of District 22. I was also present at the interdistrict meeting that on this occasion was held in District 23 on the 24th of November, I was also present at the Coachella conference on November 16 with the display. Thanks to the organizing committee for the invitation. I was also present at the Servathon organized by area 09 on November 17 in which I had the display, and it was a nice experience. I was also invited from District 21 to put on the display on the anniversary of the group, ‘The Last Miracle’, on December 14, 2024. I was also present at the digital workshop organized by the District 23 on La Vina committee on December 7. Without further ado for the moment. Héctor, Chair of the La Viña of Area 09. Happy return to your homes. Thank you for letting me serve.

* **District 22:** Is working in its role of visits which are on Mondays and Thursdays, as well as holding its work meetings every Tuesday and a study meeting.

In our district we continue to inform our GSRs with each of the latest news from our General Service Office. We also worked on the programming of our event to study “traditions and concepts” on December 22 in the group ‘Only for Today’ from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

We continue with our study boards where we are working on the inventory of our district.

We attended the Servathon on November 17.

The La Vina workshop was held in which 12 stories were collected. Thanks to those who supported us.

In our district, we are trying to support our GSRs with each of their doubts and with each of their concerns, to which the utmost importance is placed for the common well-being of all of them.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.