MID-SOUTHERN 09 CALIFORNIA AREA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)

***June 9, 2024 approved minutes***

**Hosted by: Districts 1/3**

Location: El Camino Community College Dist.

16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA

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

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12:00PM ASC BEGINS

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer - Rozanne ASC Readings:

Declaration of Unity (Erika/Gloria), Preamble (Bob, Abel), Statement of Purpose (Karyn, Ramon) membership ( Tradition6 (Damian, Annie) and Concept of the month (6) (Jeryl, Raul)

Introductions:

Past Delegates Jeryl panel 62, ed panel 70, Mitchel panel 72. New DCMCs & Alt. DCMCs; New DCMs & Alt. DCMs.

New GSRs and Alt.GSRs Guillermo district 23; Francine district 9 New District Officers; Guests and Visitors; and Area Officers

Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Minutes of March 2024 Karyn 1st and Teddy 2nd the minutes

12:15 - 12:50PM OFFICER REPORTS

Area Officer’s Reports: (5 minutes each)

Treasurer AP - On May 1,2024, our checking account balance was $38,340.46. Ryan made deposits totaling $7825.53.00. I paid bills and reimbursements totaling $7867.17. Our balance on May 31,2024 was $38,298.82.

We do have $5000.00 budgeted for Area Committee Chairs to attend the Pacific Region Forum. The

$5000.00 would be divided by the number of Committee Chairs attending the Forum.

We also have $3000.00 budgeted for Area Officers to attend the Forum. That amount is divided by the number of Area Officers who attend the Forum.

I continue to review and pay all reimbursement requests that are appropriate 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 – My name is Ryan, and I am an alcoholic. As a member of Mid-Southern California Area 09, and in good standing. I want to thank the fellowship for allowing me to be of service to our Area as the Treasurer Account Receivable.

I have been continuing to gather the contributions from our PO Box from Irvine. And I do appreciate everyone’s patience on getting their receipts. As I did have an issue with the PayPal account last month and there was a delay on getting out those receipts. Since then, I have entered those contribution and you should receive your receipts here in the last few days. Speaking about receipts. I do have a growing stack of receipts where the information was insufficient to send out via email or US Mail. Please, if you haven’t received a receipt for your contribution. Please come up to the front here and look through the stack. Or if you’re online please email me and we can track your receipt down and I can shoot it over to you. And a friendly reminder. Please always add your group number or name and email address on all contribution via PayPal, PO Box contributions for proper record keeping.

In our last meeting, I took in a total of $587 in contributions. Coffee and food kitty of $ 124 & $ 538.29 respectfully. A Post Office Box contributions of $ 1,771.02.

My continued efforts to catch up with all the contributions by the end of the month is a solid goal for me. So, thanks to everyone for their continued patience.

I have also attended the Executive Board meeting where we discussed our continued work for the fellowship of MSCA 09. A quick update on the Venmo situation. After continuing discussion on trying to reactivate the old account. With no success. I will create a new account for access to this online payment service.

I am continuing to learn more about the accounting program QuickBooks. As we all are in a constant state of learning state.

Once again thank you tour Fellowship Mid-Southern California Area 09.

Secretary – Thank you for your cooperation in submitting your reports. I have the QR code available. Just scan from your camera phone app and it will then direct you to the email where you can then type out your report and submit. Thank you.

Registrar – I have the privilege to serve as Area Registrar for this Panel #74 I have received forms to register new GSRs (18) last month, (3)

alternate GSRs and I received 3 more with incomplete information, and they are pending to register. On June 2, I attended the registrars’ zoom meeting. I have a copy of the list for each DMC or DCMC from your district's , list of members who have been registered from the last panel, the intention is to trim the list of those servers who are no longer in active service, that is why I ask for your Help each

DCM. to have an updated list in our Area.

Finally, I ask everyone who virtually attends these assemblies to

please identify yourself with your name, service position and district, and if you have not registered, you can send me your complete information to registrar@msca09aa.org, and something else Please write your information as legibly as possible, to be assigned to the corresponding group and have your information correct.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

Chair – A lot had to be done in a short period of time for this ASC, so I'd like to thank Districts 1 & 3 for their diligence in getting this venue, their hard work and follow up. Thank you to Eric, Rob, Matt,

Charles, and the whole district for making sure we were technically sound this morning. I want to also thank Alex for helping with tech this morning. And as always, thank you Area 09 members for being here, being patient and participating in the process of helping our Area grow.

This month I'm going to continue discussing how motions are handled in our area. We have several new motions to be addressed this month.

Any items that come up that need to be voted on, we'll do so with substantial unanimity, meaning the motion has to pass by ⅔’s of the voting members. Realistically, the things we would vote on today are amendments to the motions.

If you come to the mic to ask a question, please be clear and concise. If it's already been said, don't repeat it.

And most importantly, remember that love and tolerance is a priority. Mind your manners and be kind. We're all on the same side.

Here's the process:

1. The motion will be read by the motion maker.
2. A second is required to open discussion on it.
3. If no second is made, the motion will not be discussed.
4. Motions that come from a committee do not need a second.
5. This ASC is the first time these motions are being heard so we will only ask questions.

Please remember that you should read the motion completely and if you have a question, be brief and to the point.

Note: Any motions your group or committee want to bring to the Area must be given to the Chair by the 15th of the month. Any motions after that cannot be added to the agenda. If there is a motion that appears time sensitive, please contact the chair directly to discuss it @ msca09chair@gmail.com

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!! Here is what I did this past month since the MAY ASA.An area member has requested a possible roundtable for district secretaries at the area meetings. Starting in August, Ramon and I will be available for any district secretaries who have questions about their positions. We will either be at a round table or up here to help. MAIN THING I WISH TO TALK ABOUT TODAY: District 20 is hosting the FORO! At the Norma Hertzog center in Costa Mesa on Sunday, July 7. “Love and Tolerance” Theme is Tropical. See Ed, our past delegate and coffee connoisseur as he is wearing the perfect outfit for the theme. *Flyer and Agenda in the back. Great speakers and topics! Working with District 20 on centerpiece and decoration details.* Attended last board meeting May 29) and the delegate share back in Jurupa - great event and well attended. Started Servathon Planning Meeting at the end of this May with District 6, which takes place the last Thursday of each month until October. Exciting theme is the 1951 General Service Conference: Car Show + 1950s Sock Hop. Location in District 6 TBD. Date: Saturday, November 9. June 1: Attended 4-Area DCM Sharing Session in Pala - a great event, roundtables, and food. Thank you to Area 08 (San Diego/Imperial County) for hosting and thank you to our liaison, Tara, from District 12. June 1: 1st of each month I attend the North American Alternate Delegates meeting and the meeting after the meeting with the Pacific Regional Alt Delegates. We presented on How our Delegates Develop an Area Conscience to bring to the General Service Conference! All 15

alts divided the presentation into 3s and 4s- My part of the presentation is to demonstrate how our delegate obtains and reviews the background material, which has probably been the most transparent and involved process I have seen in this area! Attended District 6 Share back last Tuesday, 6/5. This week: Will attend 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): Next speakers on the third Thursday in June will be 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: Part of my role is to liaise between H and I and Area 09. I attend monthly H and I Intergroup meetings and provide all the happenings of Area 09. Next H&I Intergroup meeting will be June 23 in Santa Barbara. July 12-14: I am attending Regional Forum in Las Vegas. July 21 to August 2: I will be taking a short break overseas in Vietnam. November and October: Area 93 and Area 5 elections.

Delegate – Personal:

Greetings, thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I have appreciated attending events, receiving phone calls, texts, and emails from the members of Area 09. I want to especially thank all the generosity, love, flowers, gifts as I have been attending throughout the month at the share backs, I have done. Truly it has been the highlight for me attending and meeting the GSRS. More than that, playing trivia and interacting with the districts have been invited back to be a parliamentarian and do a workshop on Roberts Rules of Order in July.

I continue to attend my homegroup, speaking engagements throughout the area and speak on concepts for various areas in our region.

Area

So far, I have conducted share backs for D20. D22, D23, D24, D12, D6, D10, D6, D15, the sunshine of the spirit conference for D19, tomorrow will be 25. I want to thank Martin for coming with me and translating. I am sure he knows my report better than I. I attended the Hispanic Convention and spoke on La Vina. I resolved some La Vina subscription issues for our area members with Chris S, from publishing. Additionally, I have asked for a report on how to mirror La Vine from the board more in July, due to my lovely emails to the grapevine board I have been asked to serve on the trustee grapevine board La Vina Ad Hoc Committee.

I have put together some topics to focus on for my delegate hour. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. August. - \*July Board weekend highlights (Let’s see where we are at since the conference)

October - Robert's Rules of Order at our area, and the GSC.

December - Gearing up for Panel 75 (What can we do better this upcoming year) Pacific Region -

We will be putting on a PAI workshop on August 1st. The flier information is online and has been on the e-blast. We will have ASL interpretation and Spanish interpretation. This is zoom only and will have a 1000-person Max.

Additionally, we will be hosting a hospitality suite as a region. In august I will send out a monkey survey to see who is attending, gathering speakers and volunteers. I will be putting together some fun things to give away some subscriptions.

The Pacific Regional Forum will be held the second week of July. Don't worry you won't have to miss the FORO. I will be presenting on “What shape is your triangle? (after the 1989 Grapevine article)”.

GSO Updates.

A more detailed report will be available, for April - June.

\*Conference Committee chairs will meet in July; I will have more information on the status of advisory actions coming after the July board weekend.

\*Q1 Financial Report was distributed and available online.

At its January 2024 meeting, the General Service Board Authorized the withdrawal of $1,064,652 from the Reserve Fund, to be allocated as follows: $500,000 to the General Service Board to ensure suﬃcient cash on hand to meet liquidity requirements in the second quarter of 2024, which includes $1.1 million of Conference expenses. This draw plus expected positive cash ﬂow in the ﬁrst quarter of 2024 will fully fund the expenses expected to be paid in the second quarter of 2024. $564,652 to Grapevine to fund year three of the Grapevine 5-year plan covering the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026. These withdrawal transactions were completed during late January/early February 2024.

As of March 31, 2024, the Reserve Fund Assets total $12.2 million consisting of cash and certiﬁcates of deposit. The Reserve Fund Balance is $11.6 million. Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and La Viña (total $22.212 million) the reserve fund balance is equal to 6.29 months of operating expenses versus

\*There is an opening for a non-trustee director for AAWS, resumes are due July 1st, 2024

\*Pamphlets have gone up

\*Plain language BB is expected to be available in the fall.

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

There has been a letter for a motion to appeal the plain language big book by various conference members.

\*BOX 459 will no longer be printed; it will only be available online. PAIs are due Sept 15, next year the deadline will be Sept 30th.

* Please use my delegate link for ALL the latest information that I put out or the delegate’s page.

Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Minutes of March 2024

A motion was made and seconded, to accept draft minutes of March 2024 Area Service Committee (ASC). All in Favor. None opposed. March 2024 ASC Minutes approved unanimously.

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

District/Committee Reports: 2 minutes/Spanish 4 minutes

Districts: 1 & 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/11, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30

1:50- 1:55PM OLD BUSINESS

* Continue electing/confirming committee chairs.

1:55 - 2:55PM NEW BUSINESS (I will provide the details of the motion)

* Presentation of MSCA09 Financial Audit - Jodi and Debra (attach the presentation) Erika 1st Larry 2nd accepted with the contingency that Lou sends her saving account statement.
* Motion A - District 23 (attach motion) Jeryl asked when event will be held and financial impact. – Ruben answered the objective of this motion is to unite all districts we would like to work to gather to not spend too much money. The motivation would be to increase subscriptions. Jody asked if this event could be worked into next year budget. – Ruben answered yes this would be for next year budget. Bob asked if this motion is to make this an area event. Ruben answered yes. Manya asked who would chair the event? Would you

be open to having another month? Ruben answered that the chair would be appointed later. Yes, we are looking into not affecting other events. Hector asked if the whole area would help. Rob asked would it be possible to put together a plan and present at next ASC? Answered we are not there yet. Alex asked if you consider or read to understand whether, if possible, without a motion? is Lavina chair to increase budget? Answered the reason was brought by a gsr. Lou asked are you asking area 09 to pay for this. Answered Yes. Are you aware that there is not enough money – answered been looking for up to 3000 monies. Jeryl asked if they have approached the grapevine committee to do this event? Answered NO they have not. Francine asked if the DCM is open to meeting.

Answered yes, they are willing.

* Motion B - Communications Committee – does GSO provide translator, YES, THEY DO. Why does communications need to put more money into there budget. Answered that it was recommended. Francine asked to have you spoken with tech people at GSO? Answered for not tech translator. It is for the translator to bring back to Hispanic community. Sharon asked would this have to be an assembly in order to approve this – Vicki answered. Lou asked why you are requesting six hundred dollars for chair – approx. for myself would be close to 600 would also be reimbursement by district. There is not budget line for the lead translator to attend any of these events. Alex asked point of information.
* BOB lease proposal from area archives committee (attach proposal) Sharon 2nd the motion and now moved to Aug ASC 2024
* Jody wants to discuss eliminate the need for break out rooms at ASC.
* Discussion topic that area standing committee to meet outside of ASC and ASA
* Lou T made motion on behalf of finance committee to increase mileage from thirty cents to 37 cents – Francine asked why we do not raise to federal? Lou looked at IRS website and said that we are not a business. Annie asked if this would be asked in 2025 or would it go into effect? Lou said it would go into effect when approved. Rob asked how this would affect the budget. Lou answered we do have the money to increase. Lou also said that the increase rate would take affect after the vote gets approved. Vicki asked when the last time mileage increased. Lou said no he does not know. Rob asked if he would be willing adjust the budget to 2025. Lou said NO. – move to AUG asc.

2:55 WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND

Announcements June Birthdays DEBRA 19 years, DEBRA L 38 years, Erika -32 years, Charles 11 years, Jaime 31 years, Teri 5 years, Julie 12 years

Motion to close 300PM

Closing with the Responsibility Statement

Reports submitted via email.

Public Information Spanish - I am pleased to present my Report for May 2024,

I visited District # 22 in the Coachella CA area,

The purpose of my visit was to engage. And address inquiries regarding operational procedures and effective service of public information committee provision within their area.

We had great conversations, and we exchange ideas, and I answered their questions. Share my experience serving on the committee.

We talk about all the materials available to include, literature, guides, and videos etc...

During my visit. I observed an interest from the district members in understanding the workings of the public information committee. While District # 22 already has a new Public Information committee within their intergroup there is a notable need for additional literature resources and service guidance.

I provided a package for information publica to be delivered to the committee. In light of this, I intent to revisit the committee in the near future,

Offering myself for any inquiries or support they may require within the scope of my service. Currently I am scheduling visits to District 25 and District # 21.

Thank you for your attention and for allowing me to be at your service. Finance Committee report – The committee consistent of the following:

Spencer, GSR

Erin, District 1 Treasure, Ryan H., AR treasurer, Lou T., AP Treasurer, Bob H.

Carmen M., Chair

We discuss the following:

1. Reviewed the Profit and Loss report and discuss the Uncategorized Income with Treasurer AR.
2. We reviewed the Budget vs Actual with Treasurer AP, and it appears the committees are in good standing. You may find the report on the Website.
3. We discussed the mileage and voted to increase the mileage from thirty cents to 37 cents. The finance committee will be making a motion in a bit.
4. We assigned the members in the Finance Committee to assist the Area chair committees with any questions especially since we will be starting to accept the budgets requests for 2025 that will be due in September.

Louis - Accessibility

Archives Communications

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Cooperation with the Professional Community

Ryan - Convention Liaisons Corrections and Correspondence DCM School

Finance

Guidelines and Policies

Bob - GSR School

Literature

Public Information Remote Communities Registration

Carmen - Technology

Treatment Facility Young People

Hispanic Women's Workshop 4 Area DCM Sharing Session

Hispanics Women committees – Report of the Hispanic women's workshop in the month of May we had two meetings where the motto and emblem of the 9th workshop to be held in area 6 was selected, the date was also decided, it would be December 7, 2024, in Lincoln Glen 2700 bookings Ave. San Jose c.a. 95125

This Wednesday, June 12, area committee six will have its internal meeting where they can send us the flyer and more information on budgets and expenses.

Moreover, in area nine with file support

We will have our first Hispanic women's heritage event, thanks for her support and letting me serve. Claudia m.

Archives committee - My name is Bob, and I am an alcoholic. Thank you for trusting me to serve as your MSCA09 Archives Committee Chair. Since we last met at the ASA in May our committee met on 5-18-24 in Riverside at the Area headquarters/archives repository. We discussed updating our guidelines which we will present at the October ASC. We talked about our upcoming events and also the Lease renewal for the Headquarters which is up December 31st, 2024. We will submit a motion to the Area to renew our lease.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Registration – met with 5 people in attendance discussed updating Meeting information and correcting and updating information