

## **Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09**

### **Assembly Minutes**

**September 14, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jason S. at 10:00am with declaration of Unity.

#### **Readings:**

**Readings: Declaration of Unity, Destiny D10, Mynar D23 , A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership, Mary Ann D19, Tradition 9, Amando D24, Brock N. DCYDAA, Concept 9, Manuel A. D23, Grant R. D04, GSR Preamble, Reynaldo D25, Thomas D04**

#### **Approval of 2008 May Assembly minutes:**

Al F. made a motion to accept the May assembly minutes. Minutes were accepted with no changes.

#### **Delegate's Report– Joe B.**

- First of all I want to thank all of you in Mid-Southern California Area for sending me to Spokane WA to the Pacific Regional Form. I have also brought back with me a few copies of the Pacific Regional Forum preliminary reports. I only have a few and I apologize for that, but if you would like one you can have one. First come first served. Rick W. told me that the reports will be posted on the web in around 4 weeks. There where several highlights for me throughout the weekend and when you have a chance please read the Delegate from Area 72, Western Washington; Gail's panel presentation and our U.S. Trustee at Large Dorothy's presentation. Both of these presentations where very moving for me. I have to give an honorable mention to Dennis's Power point presentation (the Delegate from Arizona) it was one of the most impromptu well planed and funniest presentations I have seen in a very long time. I was privileged to moderate a roundtable workshop on Websites and the internet, I learned quite a lot from this workshop and the minutes from it will be in the final report that I mentioned earlier. I want to thank every one that called me, wrote me e-mails or pulled me aside when they saw me and shared with me their experience and opinions about this topic of the Internet and about the value of the Internet to A.A., the information that you gave me was very helpful to me. Thanks again everybody for sending me, I would not be able to do this without all of your support.
- I have with me today the Spanish conference final reports which I will distribute to all of the Spanish speaking districts later today.
- I also have set back on the literature table copies of Madeleine July's Quarterly Board Report (Well, they actually meet in August.) (Of which I wrote a little about in our MSCA September Newsletter) in English and Spanish.
- I have received a little more information that is not in her report that I will share with you now.
- (Corrections) During the Trustees Committee Meeting on Corrections on August 2nd, the committee reviewed the revised and re-titled "AA Group Workbook for Groups that meet

in Correctional Facilities" which I have a copy here to give to Alex for his committees review. The trustee's committee also discussed our request to have a CD made that will have all of the information that is in this workbook, and make a CD available to Corrections Committees. But as the Trustees Committee reviewed this consideration their consensus was; to put this information on to a CD would only limit the usefulness of this information on this type of media along with a cost issue, i.e. having to update information periodically. So it was decided to forward to AAWS Service Committee a request that an electronic copy of this workbook be posted on GSO's AA website in the section containing service material for Corrections Committee.

- (CPC) the Trustees Committee CPC reviewed the final draft of the video segments that is directed to the professionals in the legal/criminal justice and healthcare fields and that these videos will be streamed on GSO's AA website. \* CPC is also working on videos directed towards professionals in the employment human resources fields. The Trustees CPC committee is also looking for "shared experience" from the fellowship in their working with or involvement in treatment facilities.
- (PI) The 2007 Membership Survey is now available in pamphlet and display form. The 2008 PSA "I Thought" will be centrally distributed in or by mid-November to Television stations throughout the United States and Canada. This PSA will also be made available for purchase as soon as it is feasible. The PI Trustees Committee considered asking the cooperation of the taping company's who tape meetings and conventions, to not publish the last names of AA's speakers on their tapes or CD's. The committee also is encouraging Groups to discuss our 11<sup>th</sup> tradition and how it may apply to AA Speaker talks, including speaker talks posted or sold online.
- (Local Forms) In October of 2006, the concept of local forms was approved by the General Service Board. The purpose of Local Forms is to bring Forum information to AA Members in remote or sparsely populated areas, urban neighborhoods or underserved AA communities. Any AA community or service entity may request a one and a half or two day Local Forum. Unlike Regional Forums, the responsibility for Forum expenses such as meeting room rental and miscellaneous expenses are assumed by the Local Forum Committee. The General Service Office will send two participants, one from the Board and one from the General Service Office or Grapevine and display literature at Board expense. Like Regional and Additional Forums Board participation in Local Forums Require the approval of the Trustees Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums. As all Forums are intended to be sharing Sessions, no formal actions result. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Forums carry AA's message of Love and Service by improving communication at all levels of our fellowship.
- Is there a need for a Local form in MSCA? Would a local forum for Spanish speaking be beneficial? Or a local forum for the Native Americans? What other reasons can or should we have a local form for? I am putting this out there for us, our Districts and our Groups to discuss. Please bring back any and all information that we receive back and give it to me or bring it to the microphone for discussion. Deadlines for submitting a request for a Local form from 2010 and beyond will be April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.
- (Grapevine) I have also received my monthly subscription of the Grapevine and La Vina. In this month's grapevine there is one contribution from an AA member within the MSCA

Area, from Palms Springs. There is also a story in la Vina from an AA member from Fullerton one whose name seems very familiar to me. Very cool stuff. \* Now available in English and Spanish the recently released Audio CD's from the AA Grapevine, Spiritual Awakenings – Journeys of the Spirit, Volumes 1 and 2. Bill W. said that “the greatest gift that can come to anybody is a spiritual awakening.” So listen to these Grapevine Stories from AA's relating the different spiritual awakenings they've experienced in the course of their recovery – paths that have led them from the darkness into a new kind of light. \* Some more wonderful news from the grapevine, Language of the hart celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This publication first published in 1988 brought together for the first time virtually every article written for the AA Grapevine by Bill W. This volume of work was written over a span of 26 years, where Bill documented the painstaking process of trial and error that resulted in AA's spiritual principles of Recovery, Unity and Service, and articulated his vision of what our fellowship could become. Bill W.'s insights are timeless reminders of what it used to be like, what happened and what it is like now, illuminating the present with the wisdom of AA's experience in its first 30 years. If you want to know more about the Grape vine or La Vina, please see our Area's Committee Chairs – Kimberli for the Grapevine and Angela for La Vina. They will be more than happy to help you with finding a way to participate in this Committee or help you with subscriptions information. Thank you all for your loving support; It is truly an Honor to serve you.

### **Officers Report :**

#### **Alt. Delegate: Mike M.**

One of the joys of being Alternate Delegate is attending events in other areas. Last month I was privileged to attend the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane. A great talk was given by Gail H on how we seem to be concentrating more on the process rather than the goal. She said that sometimes we spend more time on “legislating” then communicating to the alcoholic. This really struck a cord with me! I enjoyed spending time with those from other areas and the General Service Office that trudge the same road. While I learned a lot from the presentations, the best part was talking one on one with fellow servants. It is always a thrill to attend meetings in a strange city. Any lengths to those that traveled up on a bus from Riverside met 32 hours with 54 other people! I'm sure we'll be hearing quite a lot about that trip! Yesterday I along with my fellow officers, traveled to Area 8 where we were greeted warmly as we helped our neighbors to the south conduct there inventory. It is amazing to see how smoothly and lovingly other areas operate. Not that there aren't diverse opinions or discussions, just respect for each other based on principles rather than personalities. I hope all of you have a chance to witness this for yourselves someday.

I've been working with District 3 on the Servathon to be held November 8<sup>th</sup> and I hope it will be an informative event for all attendees. As was announced last month the Area's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be next year and the Officers have discussed some options. Either a 2 or 3 day event that combines the Servathon, Heritage day, Anniversary celebrations and Election along with some type of formal dinner with a speaker at the same facility. The other option is having separate events at separate locations. The first two options will take a lot of help to pull off, but I believe

this is a wonderful opportunity to get lots of people involved in the celebration. As a special event it comes under my duties but this task will require lots of hearts, hands and minds to truly represent the spirit and history of 50 years of service. What do you think we should do? Once again I must remember that none of us does this alone and hope my gratitude is shown thru my actions. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and the groups of Mid-Southern California. Mike M.

**Treasurer: Linda H.**

**Registrar: Cesar F.**

The Registrar would like to thank MSCA 09 for the honor and privilege to serve as the Panel 58 Area Registrar. I attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane WA, on a bus the attendees were from districts 4, 6, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 25. There was 1 standing committee chair and 9 people from area 08, San Diego. There was a total of 55 people and about a 62 hour round trip which started in Riverside. It was a great experience. Not even a flat tire could deter us from our destination. The event itself was very informative with all the presentations, meeting people from other areas, attending some workshops, and meeting with GSO staff members.

Western United States AA Directory:

Estimates of Groups and members as of May 31, 2008

	Group	Members
United States	50,448	1,062,272
Canada	4,680	82,750
Sub-total	<u>55,128</u>	<u>1,145,022</u>
Corrections	2,093	53,429
Loner, homes, International		255
Total	<u>57,221</u>	<u>1,198,706</u>
Outside U.S. & Canada	52,469	669,057
Grand Total	<u>109,690</u>	<u>1,867,763</u>

International AA Directory:

The format of this Directory has been separate into 6 sections;

- General Service Office
- World Service Meeting Delegates
- Central Offices/Intergroups/Answering Services
- AA Groups
- Foreign Contacts
- Loners

**Secretary: Ruth D.**

**Area Chair: Jason S.**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Proposal: MSCA 2009 Meeting Schedule Jason S.  
 Correction to September 13<sup>th</sup> from September 6<sup>th</sup>. **Carries with a substantial unanimity**  
 Nancy objected to insufficient copies available.

2. Proposal: MSCA Candidate for U.S. Trustee at Large Larry S.  
 Larry S. talked about the qualifications of a U.S. Trustee at Large and his experience serving as a Trustee at Large.  
 Candidates are, Nick M. Bruce H. Pete B.

3. Proposal: GSR Preamble Reynaldo District  
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 GSR preamble to be placed in the Service Manuel on page 24 under "The General Service Representative (GSR) heading before the title Financial Support. **Carries with a substantial unanimity**

4. Proposal: Budget Over-ride for Convention Liaison Committee Michael Mc K.  
 In the amount of 600.00 **Carries with a substantial unanimity.**

5. Proposal: Budget Over-ride for Finance Committee Joseph M.  
 In the amount of 500.00 **Carried with substantial unanimity**

6. Proposal: Budget Over-ride for Newsletter Publishing Costs Linda C.  
 Of 400.00 for printing purposes. **Carried with substantial unanimity.**

7. Proposal: Budget Over-ride for Finance Committee Joseph M.  
 In the amount of 1400.00 for area meetings. **Carried with substantial unanimity**

8. Proposal: Budget Over-ride for Finance Committee Joseph M.  
 In the amount 900.00 for translation funds. **Carried with substantial unanimity**

#### **Old Business**

1. Proposal: Finance Committee Membership Bruce H.  
**Withdrawn by maker of proposal 09-07-08**

### ***Standing Committee Reports***

#### **Archives – Joseph**

Archives and sub-collection committee minutes for Jul, 08 were approved. New rental lease will be presented to land lord and presented to finance committee at Oct. 08 ASSC. 2009 Archives budget presented to finance committee on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> '08. Sept. 8, 2008 archives presentation at district 7 by Pete b. disaster preparedness plan being drafted up for recovery of MSCA 09 archives. On-going cataloging project still proceeding.

Upcoming/future committee events:

1. Area Archivist attending National AA Archives workshop from Sept. 11-14 '08 in buffalo NY.
2. CPC/PI workshop on Sept. 27, 08.
3. Oct. 4, '08 inland Empire Central Office Open House (new location).
4. heritage Day Oct. 11, '08 (flyer on website)
5. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> movie night-days of wine and roses (1962)

#### **Communication Committee—Linda C.**

**Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee – Rick H.**

**Cooperation with the Professional Community –Michael M.**

#### **Convention Liaison—Michael Mc.**

The Spanish chair attended an event this month on behalf of MSCA 09 Convention Liaison Committee, Jose can provide further details. We are planning on attending the Inland Empire convention that will be our last event for the year. We thank the area for approving our budget

override today so that we can continue to be of service to the area. We hope to make a more accurate recommendation for our budget next year.

**Convention Liaison Spanish – Open**

**Corrections -**

**DCM School – Scott R.**

WE has talked about open and closed meetings our singleness of purpose and how the DCM goes into a meeting to get representation and why that is important to the group. Also what the difference is between a meeting and group open and closed meetings.

**Finance - Joseph M.**

**Grapevine – Kimberli A.**

We discussed ways to encourage and introduce the Grapevine to groups and at the district level. It was discussed that district grapevine reps. Could make and present display boards similar to the ones we have at the Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies. Materials such as past issues and display cards were handed out to get those interested started. Also discussed that district GVR's could start a grapevine lending library at their districts and groups asking members to contribute their past issues. Grapevine presentation to District 8 on Wed. 9-17-09 participation and display requested for the PI/CPC workshop on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.

**La Viña –Angela R.**

**GSR School – John H.**

**GSR School SPANISH – Paco G.**

**Literature - Ernesto**

**Literature Spanish –**

**Newsletter –**

**Newsletter Spanish**

**Public Information – Kay M.**

I have received requests from A.A.W.S. to supply P.S.A.'s for radio to an internet radio station in new York. I ordered the P.S.A. 's from N.Y. and I am in the process of getting them to the radio manager. Two districts in the area have requested P.I. presentation but the requests have not yet been met. The P.I. chair is asking for members to join the P.I. Committee in order to meet these requests. The CPC/PI workshop is going to be held at the Evangelical free Church in Fullerton on 9-27-08. Several professionals will be there to present. Please see newsletter announcement. As P.I. chair I am asking for those who want to serve the area in P.I. please contact me or sign up today.

**Public Information Spanish – Francisco D..**

**Registration – David T.**

Submitted budget request for 2009 in the amount of 490.80

Discussed changes to group change forms and new group forms.

**Special Needs - Open**

**Treatment Facilities – Al F.**

**Districts Call**

**District 1 –**

There were 4 GSR's that attended the GSR school. 4 DCM's were able to attend the finance committee. 3 DCM's attended the delegates report.

**District 2 -**

**District 3 -**

**District 4 -**

**District 5 –**

**District 6 –**

An encouraged attendance at Heritage Day Oct 11. is expected. Looking for a meeting place for Jan. Assembly. We celebrated 186 years of combined sobriety at the meeting.

Traditions workshop Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Newport club. Mick M. will make his spaghetti dinner.

Also presenting traditions play on Nov. 11.

**District 7 -**

**District 8 -..**

**District 9 -**

**District 10 -.**

**District 11 –**

There were 15 in attendance 3 of those were from district 25. All are encouraged to come to area to vote and because it is part of the commitment for GSR. Motion passed to move money from treatments budget to copying office supply budget. New young peoples meeting will be starting in Crestline. Request make for summarized “robbers rules of order”. Presentation from district 25 on how they get high percentage of GSR representation at district mtgs.

**District 12 –**

We had a presentation by Michael M. CPC chair. Hope to have a GSR presentation next month. We might do a group conscience. A few chair people have been MIA for the last couple of meetings. We are getting ready for our annual traditions day play and lunch Nov. 2, 2008. All are welcome.

**District 14 –**

**District 15**

**District 17**

**District 18 –**

**District 19 –**

All is primarily going well. Upcoming annual traditions event scheduled for November. D-19 is scheduled to host the Feb ASC. The Apple Valley Alano Club had burned down this past Tuesday. This may change our ability to host these two events.

**District 20 –**

**District 21 –**

**District 22 –**

**District 23 –**

**District 24 -**

**District 30 –**

**Recap of actions.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dave 3yrs, Lois 47, Nancy 35, Pete 21, Mary Ann 26, Linda 23, Heather 12, Alex 12, Bruce 23, Al 11, ? 9, and Dave 3yrs.

Years of Sobriety Celebrated

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THE ASC ADJOURNED at 1:20pm

“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, And for that, I am responsible.”

Panel 58 Secretary –Ruth Dean