

Draft
Mid-Southern California Area 9 Area Assembly Minutes
September 12, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Cesar at 12:05pm

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Jorge/Darryl Tradition 9: Moses/Victor Concept 9: Manuel/Sharon GSR
Preamble: Pedro/Ron Statement of Purpose and Membership: Reynaldo/Alex

Introductions

Approval of May 2010 Assembly minutes. Motion/2nd – Rich W./Steve S. Motion carries unanimously.

Officers Reports:

Delegate Linda C. –

August 9 – September 11. She said the conference reports were distributed as fairly as she knew how, but that readjustments might need to be made. She assured everyone that they would get as many as they needed and to please be patient. She said she has ordered 300 more English reports and can order more, if necessary.

She spoke about the Conference to the North Orange County and Orange County Intergroup Committees, Districts 5 and 7 and to the Corona del Mar Rebels and Huntington Beach Step Sisters Groups. She will visit District 3 this month.

She attended the area Board meeting, participated in the Southern California Area 05's Area Inventory in Simi Valley, gave a presentation entitled **Women and Young People in AA** at the local Spanish-Speaking Forum in San Diego; hosted a Pacific Region Delegate's Brunch at her house; attended and made a presentation entitled **Anonymity in the Digital Age** at the Pacific Regional Forum in Torrance (which is in our current newsletter as *the Delegate's Corner*); attended the Dog on the Roof Group's Annual Long timer's Celebration; participated in an Archives Workbook Study with the area Archives Committee, and spoke at the Visiting Speakers meeting in Tustin.

She prepared her 9th memo called *"From the Delegate's Desk"* which she distributed at the sharing, and is available on the Delegate's page on the area website: www.msca09aa.org. She continues to empty the post office box each week and send the contribution envelopes to the treasurer, and forward the new group forms to the Registrar as they come in from GSO.

She asked everyone to fill out the various surveys and copy and distributed them to their groups.

She said that the Area wall map is still in progress.

She reviewed some of the items covered in the Delegate's Sharing session prior to the Assembly: A written version of her idea of the history of the general service conference; a reminder that the new Pacific Regional Trustee, Rod B. from Utah will attend our Heritage Day in Temecula on October 24th; the importance of each group having a general service representative; a review of the presentations from the Pacific Regional Forum; request for suggestions for the theme, presentations and workshops for the 61st General Service Conference; the electronic delivery questionnaire about literature in electronic format; the Grapevine and La Vina surveys; PRAASA registration; Box 459; the Trustee's report of the Board Weekend in August; some reminders of things you can find on the aa.org website (including streaming videos of Public Service Announcements, young peoples' videos, and videos for professionals), and a reminder about the Public Information and CPC workshop on September 25th.

She said that she wants to be of any help she can be to everyone in the area and that her address, phone number and email address are in the roster and she can be reached by email through the area website. She thanked everyone for making her service a joy.

Alt. Delegate: Cesar – Will be attending the elections for Area 93 on November 20 and the elections for Area 5 on Oct. 23. The next Area meeting is at the American Legion Post 496. 5938 Parkcrest Street Long Beach, CA 90808.

Treasurer: Joseph \$7227.90 is the balance prior to checks. 683 total meetings

Secretary: Sharon – 160 present today. I attended District 11's meeting and the ACC committee meeting. Trying to get the minutes up as draft or otherwise on the Area website.

Registrar: Michael not present

Chair: Jeryl T. not present

Bruce H. gave a report back regarding the Pacific Regional Forum. 580 people attended. Largest amount of first time attendees at a regional forum ever and we blew Texas away by over 200 people.

- Denise M., Willy W., Joseph H., Erin S., Suzanne C., Moses, Joe S., Rich W., Don B., and Owen F. shared about their experience at the Pacific Regional Forum.

Linda C. brought up Bruce and Linda H. to thank them for their service to Area 9 as they are moving to another area.

New Business

- Assembly Confirmation of Tony M. as GSR School Chair. Motion carries.
- Acceptance of proposed 2011 Event Schedule as presented by Chair.
 - Victor - Why is May 22 Assembly the 4th Sunday?
 - Linda C. I need time to prepare the conference report back?
 - Annie DCMC District 17 - motion to amend the July 10 date and was wondering if they can put it back a week later on July 17. Half of their district has another commitment that day. District 25 (co-host of Foro is in favor of changing) Motion carries.
 - Pete asked what the procedure is to add to the schedule.
 - Jim C. - Committee events can be added any time.
- MSCA 09 Archives Committee and the MSCA 09 Assembly recommend that the General Service Conference Archives Secondary Committee become a Conference Standing Committee. Motion Carries.
 - Sue – Where is the list of standing committees so I can compare it?
 - Cesar – in the service manual or the final conference report.
 - Bill D. – based on the 10 year survey I endorse and support it.
 - Pete B. – Question you may be asking is why is it important that we do this? The Archives committee is now reviewing the Archives workbook and is going to recommend extensive revisions. Since the committee only meets for a couple of hours they don't have the time to review.
 - Jim B. – We were discussing on financial impact to our Area. This may require additional expenses to the Area.
 - Linda C. – if this were to happen it will not incur any expense to the Area, the GSO pays for this.
 - Marcelo – I would like to know if all the Areas have committee for the Archives. If that is so then there is a need.
 - Linda C. – not all of the areas have an Archives committee, most of the Areas do have committees and some have repositories but many would like to have an Archives committee.

- Rich W. – I know our Area is blessed to have a repository and even if other Areas don't that they would benefit from having their history maintained. If we vote yes this doesn't automatically make it a committee just that our Area thinks it is important.
- Terry – Besides financial impact, where are we going to get our resistance and why?
 - Jim C. – I was member of Trustees Archives Committee. One of the resistance is that we don't need a full committee is because there is already a 2nd committee. It's been before the conference in 1993 and we just didn't deal with it because they thought the Trustees committee was enough. If they created a new committee, the only main change would be a change in number of delegates on the committees.

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- Bill – this action would somehow involve a bunch of lawyers. Can we get an idea of how much lawyer stuff is involved?
 - Linda C. – We won't have to get lawyers involved
- Moses – are we referring to Area 9 as a corporation? So any delegate that moves here would have voting rights?
 - Jim C. – yes we are incorporated as a non-profit corporation
- Mike M. – I find it ironic that new GSRs are not able to vote yet you want to take people that don't represent anyone and give them a vote
- Dave T. – Is this a common practice in other areas.
 - Jim C. – I don't know, I do know that Area 5 and Area 93 past delegates have a vote. Many areas don't give past delegates a vote.
- Nancy – I know other areas extend it to past delegates that choose to become active. Just so we have some clarity, we have done this for years, it is just a formality we need to have for our legal corporation
- Alex N. – Point of Information. Area 9 is a corporation. These past delegates need to be at one ASC/Assembly prior to vote.
- Rich W. – there's nothing different. Read the concept of the right of participation and we have the benefit of another delegate from another Area that is willing to share their experience. You just can't show up, it is for people who are participating.
- Suzanne C. – Have gone to groups and their concerns and maybe we need to clarify a little bit more.
- Martin – You can share experience without a vote. There is also the spirit of rotation. I would be more interested in groups getting GSRs to participate.
- Mauricio – Reminds me of when I arrived to AA. Today it is nine years that I have been participating. I ask myself what is the rush that prior delegates can exercise their vote. I was told since the beginning, every one that arrives needs to be in line. The right to participate prevails, and to participate actively with us, we should give them the right to vote.
- Jose – I agree with what Mike said, in fact I hadn't seen him in awhile. It's true I was wondering, why if we are active as representatives of general service, why some delegates who don't know how the area functions here, if they would allow me to go to their home and govern their home if I know nothing about this.
- Jesus – GSRs will have a vote in the Assembly. In order to make it attractive for people that move to our area.
- Bartolo – What I'm thinking if another person comes from another Area and has so much knowledge. I would think they have enough knowledge to be involved prior to voting.
- Bill – This is something that is part of the picture.
- Paco – I think it is a privilege to have someone with so much experience to come to our Area.

- Santiago – Our 6th Guaranty is very clear we cannot deny anyone that wants to participate. If people that join us from other areas, why not welcome them.
 - Bruce H. – I believe the conference has spoke that the job of a past delegate is to be a Grapevine Rep. I think this is great this discussion.
 - Joe called for question – motion carries. Question is called.
- Finance Committee's recommended override on Treasurer's 2010 Budget. Motion carries
 - Rich W. – Is this applied to a certain category.
 - Jim B. – yes it is mainly for postage.
 - Keith - \$600 postage am I right to say that we underestimated contributions. Can we take from one to give to the other?
 - Jim B. – we are above last year and the year before and are above our projections. Offer online receipts. Joseph – We are ahead of last year by 5% which doesn't mean we are ahead of projections. As of today I can't buy stamps. No we can't take from one to the other since Area approved.
 - Alex – If the Treasurer is out of funds then I'm concerned about mileage to get to the next meetings.
 - Joseph – explained breakdown of projected expenses until the end of the year.
- Present a proposal from Area Communications Committee / Newsletter Subcommittee is requesting a budget override of \$900 to print newsletters through the end of the year. Motion Passes
 - Linda H. – could you not cut back on some of the districts?
 - Joe B. – yes.
 - Alex N. – The bottom line is it is hard to get a group conscience when we vote on the spot.
 - Jose – How are they going to motivate the groups to give contributions and the first person that goes to the microphone gets their budget approved.
 - Jim B. this doesn't come up at the last minute. We track throughout the year. The reason it appears as last minute because we don't grant overrides until it is needed.
 - Keith – We presented PI budget but right now we are a little tight and we are working within CPC. I would love to ask for more money but maybe I should have asked for more.
 - Jesus O. – Today we submitted our budget request for next year. Last year we submitted for \$3600 this year it is \$4000. We have to keep in mind we projected so many expenses.
 - Jim B. – when the Finance Committee gets the budget request. We increased it by \$5,000 this year and we do have to cut budgets.

Standing Committee Reports (submitted in writing. No verbal reports were given)

Archives – Archives committee minutes approved; Archives workbook workshop; Discussion on Area Archives Committee Guidelines to be revised; submit equipment inventory that is at the Archives to Area Treasurer, Finance, and Communications Committee at the Sep. 12 ASC. Submitted the 2011 Archives budget request to the Finance Committee and Area Treasurer at the Sept. 12th ASC; at the 12 Sept. ASC Archives Committee meeting there were 8 in attendance. Upcoming events: Sept 14 – District 18 Archives presentation. Sept. 18 – Archives Committee Meeting and Movie Night "When a Man Loves a Woman" 23 – 26 Sept – Annual National AA Archives Workshop; 25 Sept – PI/CPC workshop at MSCA 09 Archives Repository; Next Archive committee meeting on Oct. 9th. Oct 16 – District 15 Archives Presentation; Oct 15 – 16 Archives presentation at IEAA Convention; Oct 24 – Heritage Day **Corrections** – Write inmate response to PO Box or your home. Discussed HIV-AIDS general population Bands or AA Christian Bible. No Big Book recidivism. Need help writing inmates. More panels. NA is heavy into prison panels. Enthusiasm – commitment. Only reason for missing panel is if you died en route. **Convention Liaison** –

Prepared budget for 2011 to Jim B. Itemized equipment inventory to Jim B. Discussed Inland Convention 10/2010 with Ray Hernandez District 11.

DCM School – We had an interactive session with the DCMCs reviewing the agendas from their different District meetings. Exchanged ideas about what works best for them, especially keeping their meetings timely, focused, interesting. DCMCs will make effort to get to visit each other's District meetings.

Finance – Went over year to date expenses. Heard motion from newsletter committee for override of 2010 budget. Recommend this go onto Assembly. Discussed 2011 budget request process. Upcoming events – 2011 budget preparation meeting on 10-3-10 at the Archives. Invitation only attendance.

Grapevine Rep – Committee of two. Talked about possibility of making bigger print by enlarging Grapevine magazine. Discussed the sales statistics of the Grapevine and La Vina in contrast to USA, Canada and Area 9.

Registration – Confirmed Registrar Workshop on November 7, 9am – 1pm at Area Archives. Working on flyer development. All present agreed lack of feedback from Area GSO regarding group data impedes keeping group updates meaningful at the District level.

District Reports (submitted in writing only. No verbal reports were given)

District 2 Keith S. and Marcelo C. of the Public Information Committee visited our District's meeting and gave a thorough and comprehensible presentation. It was very enlightening and highly motivating. Upcoming events for October's District meeting Jesus O. will be our guest. To continue with our effort to promote the understanding of the different activities the committee's covered.

District 6 – New DCMC Willy W. New Alt. DCMC – Debbie M and new DCM Brad S. Lively roundtable discussions re: topic from Pacific Forum. "Is your Group Ready to Make Face to Face 12 step calls". Upcoming events: Hosting pre-conference workshop in April 2011. Proposed Location: Laguna Wood. November meeting to be postponed to 2nd Tuesday due to elections on November 2. **District 10** – We invited 4 Area standing committee chairs to hold workshops in October. P.I., CPC, Grapevine, Finance. The workshops were well attended and about evenly attended. We are having a potluck and group sharing in October where members are invited to share about their home groups. In November we will have a debate on Tradition 5 – change it, leave it alone. In December we will have a potluck and past-delegate, Dyanne G., will be the guest speaker.

District 12 – Upcoming events include Servathon – November 14. **District 15** – We worked on planning the fall District 15 give back event. OC soberfest to be held 10/23 in Placentia. Discussed another Area Archives field trip to be held in the fall before the holidays. Will have a PI presentation next month.

Upcoming event is OC Soberfest give back event 10/23/10.

District 17 – August District meeting had 12 members present. Ongoing guidelines updating. Ongoing preparation for Heritage Day. No new business.

Recap of Actions

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Announcements

- Nancy J. Service Manual meeting from 2 – 4pm on Saturday afternoon. Call me for information.
- District 4 – “I am Responsible workshop keeping our Home Group alive in the future– Sat. Dec. 4 at 507 Pacific Long Beach at Methodist Church.
- District 30 – October 23. High Desert Round Up
- Registration Workshop – November 7
- Need budgets from Literature Committee, Registration Committee
- TRICYPAA – We are hosting the ACYPAA summit in Ontario at the Doubletree for \$59 a night. Oct. 1 – 3.
- Erin – District 12 hosting Servathon Nov. 14 at Leisure World and hosting a Nov. 7 Traditions Play.
- Area 9 PI and CPC are holding Sept. 24 in Riverside
- La Vina committee District 20 is organizing a workshop October 30 you are all invited.
- 1st Wednesday October District 10 is debating Tradition 5.

Birthdays

Owen – 17, Bruce – 25, Linda – 25, Dave – 13, Pete – 23, Tina – 20, Nancy – 37, Lois – 49, Alex – 14, Ron – 20

THE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED with the Responsibility Pledge: “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.”

Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.