

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes**

**December 11, 2011**  
**6501 Elk Trail Drive 29 Palms CA**

Meeting was called to order by Jeryl T. at 12:27pm with the Serenity Prayer

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity Phil/Ramon 12th Tradition Tony/Juan A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Linda/Julio Concept 12: Lauren/Gildardo GSR Preamble Patrick/Esperansa

**Approval of 2011 November Area Service Committee minutes** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> –

***Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):***

**Delegate Linda C.** Since the November Area Service Committee meeting, she attended the event sponsored jointly by the Cooperation with the Professional Committee and the Public Information Committee in District 20 on November 26<sup>th</sup>; attended the Area Board meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>; visited a Spanish-speaking group in Santa Ana with Cesar, Jeryl and Sharon; and gave my final conference report to the All Orange County Young People's Committee meeting in Laguna Beach on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

She thanked everyone for their support during the past two years.

She intends to remain in service as the MSCA newsletter editor, editor of the new MSCA Group History book, and serving on the Finance Committee.

She thanked our webmaster, Rainer, and newsletter layout editor, Nancy, for their remarkable service, although we seldom see them in person. She also thanked her husband (past delegate and past trustee), Jim for his unfailing support and advice.

She added the following message: "I know now, more than ever, that the process of getting things changed or initiated in A.A. can be time-consuming, sometimes frustrating, and often exhausting. It sometimes takes several years to get wording in a pamphlet or other literature changed; procedures improved; or modifications of policies hammered out. This is, I believe, not a bad thing, annoying and wearisome as it often is. We, as alcoholics, have been conditioned to want what we want when we want it. Going through the challenge of working through differences of opinions, following procedures, and coming to consensus is often not only difficult for us, but actually painful.

"It's hard for us to work together...and it takes practice to learn to support one another, to become part of the team, to discover a group conscience.

"This is a place where we can, if we choose, learn to truly be patient and tolerant with each other."

She concluded by saying that she looks forward to another 30 years of practicing love and tolerance with everyone.

**Alternate Delegate Cesar F.** last report as Alternate Delegate. Thank you for keeping me on. I look forward to working with you as your Chair. I'm going to make myself available to the new DCMC. I have the address for the next Area Assembly. Elks Club Santa Ana – 212 S. Elk Lane Santa Ana, CA 92701. I have the address for February ASC – Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District 4810 Pedley Road Riverside CA 92509.

**Treasurer Joseph M.**:-

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| Cash in checking          | 11-30-11 | 5,773.76        |
| Prudent Reserve (Savings) | 11-30-11 | <u>5,000.04</u> |
| Total                     | 11-30-11 | 10,773.80       |

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| Bank as of 12-10-11             | 4,252.67        |
| Plus: Deposits in transit       | <u>1,227.10</u> |
| Total Checking                  | 5,479.77        |
| Plus: Prudent Reserve (Savings) | <u>5,000.04</u> |
| Total                           | 10,479.81       |

Panel 60 contributing entities:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Registered Groups   | 843        |
| Districts           | 4          |
| Unregistered Groups | <u>162</u> |
| Total               | 1,009      |

Year to date contributing entities:

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Registered Groups   | 636       |
| Districts           | 4         |
| Unregistered Groups | <u>95</u> |
| Total               | 735       |

**Registrar Michael M.** – I am terribly grateful for the opportunity you and my HP have given me. When my name was pulled out of the hat two years ago, I was amazed and scared and wished that my dear friend Raoul's name had been pulled out of the hat instead of mine. I've learned much about myself during these last two years. Some things I liked, other things not so much. But I am grateful for all of the challenges and lessons. And I hope I continue to grow and learn and remain teachable. You have been the very best group of people to work with, to laugh with and to grow with. I have grown to love all of you with all my heart and will miss you very much. And I have always felt your love for me, even when you weren't getting what you needed from me.

I am looking forward very much to assisting Raoul as he becomes more and more familiar with the responsibilities of being an Area Registrar. And I hope to be of service to him whenever he needs help. He will do a wonderful job, because he always does a wonderful job, no matter what service he is performing.

I am already an Intergroup Rep for my Woman's meeting and am enjoying that very much. Not quite as labor intensive as the Registrar's position is....I may become an Intergroup Liaison to the Area. But whether I do or not, I know that I will always be trudging the road of happy destiny with all of you and that I will never forget you and will always love all of you. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be of service to you these last two years.

**Secretary Sharon K.** – It is a privilege to serve as your Secretary. Since the last time we met, I have attended the elections for District 11 and attended the PI/CPC Workshop in Santa Ana. I have been gathering information for the Roster so that we will have a near complete one in the beginning of next year. Jesus continues to help with the Registration as I prepare him through Secretary boot camp. The Panel 62 orientation is going to be on Saturday Feb. 4. We will have a morning session for the DCM/DCMC and an afternoon session for the new committee chairs. I am preparing the Panel 62 and would appreciate if the Districts could give me a list of your elected officials. I will need names, addresses, phone numbers, and email. Thank you for letting me be of service. It has been a pleasure serving as your Panel 60 Secretary and I look forward to serving as your Alternate Delegate.

**Chair Jeryl T –** It has been my pleasure serving as chair for the past two years. Thank you. I am an alcoholic, first and foremost. I love AA and I love God. I have grown to love Service as well. I don't always like the people involved, nor their aura

that they emit, but I love General Service, and it happens to include all those people as well. So I love them too!

Picture a planet full of love, life, joy and festive living. Happiness permeates all who inhabit this heavenly body. Life is good, people are kind, loving and helpful to one another. Everybody has a place on this planet. Everyone is heard and is cared for if they have need. No one goes without, and no one is alone. Picture an asteroid, aimlessly traveling through space. Uninhabited, in fact uninhabitable. Void of any signs of life. No atmosphere. Unable to sustain recognizable life. Moving quickly through space with no direction, no purpose, aimlessly plodding through space on a collision course with your beautiful planet. What would you do? My question is which one will reflect our Area in the future? Where are we going, and how do we see ourselves getting there?

I was always warned that General Service was the politics of AA, and that all they did in General Service was to argue and scheme. So it took forever for me to decide to participate in this arm of service. When I did, I thought I had found something different than that which I had been warned. I found people who love AA like I do, serving, leading, helping, loving.

I went to PRAASA in Anchorage, Alaska a few years ago and was moved to tears by the story of the Russian woman who lived 200 miles from Anchorage, but had to travel to Moscow, Atlanta, Seattle then to Anchorage just to represent her Group at PRAASA. I realized that sacrifice of time, comfort, money and opinion was paramount in true service. I was in a room with 750 other alcoholics who were all there just to learn and discuss how to better serve AA. I found my calling.

Then I looked behind the curtain and saw the potential ugliness of Service work. Plots, plans, manipulation, coercion, and the like, and didn't like what I saw. Fear of the potential darkness overcoming me, and those I found I love to serve with. And just at that moment, the light shined again like it has shown on me for all of my sobriety. That light was God, and that light is still God.

Next month, when we welcome all the new GSR's, DCM's, elect new committee chairs and the like, let's welcome them with a new sense of purpose. A new desire, or a rekindled Spirit to serve the groups and members we set out to serve, and not only our own opinions, our agenda, and desires, but with love, open mindedness, compassion, and honesty. Let's allow the light to shine on them as God sees fit, and not service, the joy of service, the recovery in service that we are blessed to be gifted with. Let us tend to an incredible planet full of love, life, joy, and festive living, where happiness permeates all who inhabit this heavenly body. Life is good, people are kind, loving and helpful to one another. Everybody has a place on this planet. Everyone is heard and is cared for if they have need. No one goes without, and no one is alone.

## **Old Business**

- Board Proposal of Safety Pamphlet. Patrick B. / Patrick S. motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to table to February ASC. Motion passed.
- The Area Officers propose that an "Audit Committee" be created and added to the MSCA Bylaws and the MSCA Guidelines under the heading of "Special Committees", and that the proposed Purpose and Procedures for that committee be adopted by the MSCA Assembly. Motion passes to the assembly. Ron spoke to minority opinion.

### **Proposed Audit Committee Changes to MSCA Bylaws**

- Re-number Section 6.3 (Article 6) entitled Meetings and Actions of Committees, to 6.4, and insert the words "special committee" in the first sentence between the words "standing committees" and "ad hoc committees". The new sentence will read "Meetings and actions of standing committees, special committees, and ad hoc committees shall be governed.....
- Entitle the new Section 6.3 "Special Committees".
  - 6.3 (a) Audit Committee. At each January Assembly, an Audit Committee of three members and two alternates, none of whom are officers of the corporation, shall be appointed by the Area Chair with approval of the Assembly. It shall be the duty of the committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts as of the close of the last calendar year and to present the audit report at the May Assembly for approval. The audit shall be conducted according to the Mid-Southern California Area Assembly Audit Procedure approved by the Finance Committee October 9, 2011. Upon acceptance of the audit report by the assembly, the Audit Committee will be disbanded.
  - Under Article 7 Officers in Section 7.6 Chair. Insert a new (c) At each January Assembly appoint, with approval of the assembly, an Audit Committee, which will consist of three members and two alternates who are not officers of the corporation.
  - Re-number the existing wording in (c); (d); and (e), to (d); (e); and (f) respectively.

### **Proposed Audit Committee changes to MSCA Guidelines**

- In Article I, E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES insert "& SPECIAL" between permanent and committees.

Under E. PERMANENT & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### 5. Special Committees:

##### Audit Committee

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## Under D. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### 3. Area Chair

- c. At each January Assembly appoint, with approval of the assembly, an Audit Committee, which will consist of three members and two alternates who are not officers of the corporation.
- 2012 Budget Presentation
  - Cesar – Motion to amend budget to fully fund the Alternate Delegate. Sharon amended to include the Board to go to PRAASA. Ashley 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion. Motion did not carry as amended to fund the Board.
  - Cesar – Motion to amend budget to fully fund the Alternate Delegate to go to PRAASA. Discussion. Ashley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.
  - Phil/Joseph – Motion to forward budget to assembly as amended. Alex spoke to minority.
- The Archives Standing Committee recommends that the MSCA enter into a lease agreement with INVESTCAL Realty Corporation for property located at 7111 Arlington Avenue, #B, Riverside CA 92503 (aka Archives Repository) be included on the January 2012 MSCA Assembly Agenda. Terms of the lease will be: the monthly rent will remain at the current rate of \$996.00 2) length of the lease will be 2 years 9 months starting March 16, 2012; 3) there will be no annual increase, and 4) starting in 2013 the term of the lease will be January 01 through December 31. Motion carries to Assembly unanimously.

## New Business

- AOCYPA requesting a letter of support from AREA 09 for ACYPA. Motion passes.

## ***Standing Committee Reports (Submitted in writing)***

Archives Joseph H. 1) Nov. 19, 2011 – Archives Committee elections was held and the following positions were filled (a) Archives Chair – Matt W. (b) Archives Co-Chair – Patti B. (c) Secretary – Doug B. (d) Spanish Archives Liaison (6 Spanish Districts) – Paco G. 2) Discussion on updating the "timeline"; 3) Oct 2011 Archives minutes approved 4) A request from Area 2 (Alaska) came into the MSCA 09 Archives inquiring about extra copies of early Grapevines from late 1960's and 1970's 5) Cut-Date for submitting

Group Histories is Jan. 31, 2012; 6) New Archives movie schedule will be submitted to the Area webmaster to be posted for "Night at the Movies" beginning in January 2012. Next Archives Committee meeting is December 17, 2011 starting at 11:00am; 7) Thank you for serving as your Panel 60 (2010-2011) Archives Chair it's been a wonderful experience being in General Service for Archives and AA History.

**Convention Liaison Bob** – Found TV/Tapes! Get back into service 2012. Inland Empire attended October 2011. For 2012 – 2013, New Committee Chair identified. Good job Victor H. – Spanish Speaking Conventions. Upcoming events: Spanish speaking co-chair needed 2012 – 2013. Replenish literature – new budget 2012.

**Communications – Jesus** –

**Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information** Rozanne. –

We all shared how grateful and blessed we have been to be a part of the committees. We (CPC) participated in a community forum in Santa Ana and helped at a PI booth as well. Thanks were given to the committee chairs & co-chairs for all their work and support. We all plan to continue our relationships as we have worked so closely these past two years, especially, we have gotten stronger since our two committees have merged. Every one of the committee members has done a great job and we are grateful. We hope the incoming committee chairs have the same enthusiasm and joy and continue our work. We've had a great start and we'd like to see the excitement continue.

**GSR School English** – 5 present. Talked about todays agenda – went over GSR report. Talked about website and having access to what it offers. Upcoming events: Elections

**GSR School Spanish** Ignacio –

**DCM School** Terry – 16 present. Discussed one of the most important duties of DCM – Group visitations. Final report 2011 – 4 Area DCM Sharing Session – topic "Visitations – Traditions, Participation, Contributions". The upside – down triangle and importance of GSR in service structure. Description of GSR's qualifications and duites. Upcoming event 4 Area DCM Sharing Session 2012 – will be Feb. 11, 2012 in Tarzana, CA

**Finance Jim** Elected Tina B as new Finance Committee Chair for Panel 62. Julio I. as new Alternate Chair for Panel 62. Kristen as new Secretary for Panel 62. Approved new document for Area equipment and property transfer from Panel 60 servants to Panel 62 servants.

**Grapevine** – We are having free shipping until Monday Dec. 12, 2011

**GSR School Spanish**-The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer, Reading of the Legacy of Service, GSR Preamble and reviewed Concepto12 in the Service Manual. We closed the meeting at 11:30 am. Thank you all for letting me serve. Sincerely Reynaldo A. Chair

**La Vina**-Good afternoon everyone. Today we had a great meeting. I talked about my duties and responsibilities as the area La Vina committee chair. I also told them that on December 18, 2011, we will choose the theme and logo for the La Vina 16th. Anniversary in the state Washington. We also received voluntary contribution coupons from area 92 where they will be hosting the event. As I receive more information I will

pass it on to you. Thank you very much for allowing me to serve Mauricio T. Committee Chair

**Literature** Ernesto report given by Sharon: please email any changes to the calendar.

**Registration Committee** – Michael -

***Coordinate Committee Reports:***

**BIDYPAA/SOCALYPAA** – BIDYPAA was awarded on 12-26-11 the SOCALYPAA convention. Moving forward we will be known as SOCALYPAA.

BIDYPAA will continue to operate to bid on other YPAA conventions (WACYPAA, ICYPAA).

We will have open elections for all positions on 12-17-11 12pm – 3pm at St. Georges Church 223802 Avenida de la Carlota , Laguna Hills CA 92653-3148. Upcoming events New Years Eve Event: Westminster Rose Center 14140 All American Way, Westminster CA

**TRICYPAA** – Kyle – We are collecting registration for ACYPAA 2012 which is March 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Ontario Convention Center. Budget for the conference has been passed. Speakers slated. Upcoming event: New Years Eve co-hosted with AOCYPAA.

**AOCYPAA** – Trent – New Years Eve event 8pm – 2am at Westminster Rose Center 14140 All American Way, Westminster, CA. Thank you to our incoming Past Delegate Linda C. for coming to our last business meeting and giving her report on Dec. 4. Committee business meeting 12/18 & 1/1/2012.

**Hospitals and Institutions** –

***District Reports submitted in writing***

**District 8:** We had three members in attendance. At our next District meeting we will be electing our DCMs (4) and the committee chairs. We are looking forward to the next two years with Panel 62 (one day at a time). Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**District 9:** It's been my honor and a privilege to have been DCMC for the greatest District in Area 09 – District 9!! We have four members from our District here today. Our District meeting is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Fellowship Hall in Palm Desert at 4pm. Last month Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> we had 22 members at our District meeting. We are discussing a prudent reserve for our District also whether or not to have a designated Think Tank Rep. for the Area split. We had one member from the English speaking community attend the 12<sup>th</sup> annual longtimers meeting hosted by District 22. He had a great time and is grateful the event had a translator and the translation equipment. Thank you Area 9 for making this possible. I would like to thank the Area 9, Panel 60 officers, committee chairs, and especially our soon to be Past Delegate Linda for their dedicated service and ever presence. You all have inspired me to keep coming

back. Just another friendly reminder there are only two meetings left until PRAASA hope to see you there and as always thank you for letting me be of service. Don B.

**District 11:** 10 present at last District meeting. Elections for District officers were held and all positions will be filled as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December. Veronica will be our new Secretary; Phil L. – DCMC; Ron E. – Registrar; Suzanne C. – Treasurer; David – Alternate DCMC; Joseph H. – DCM; Esperansa – DCM. District 11 will sponsor New Years Eve Alcathon at the Arid Club – 24 hours from 6:30pm Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to 6:30pm January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**District 12:** 60+ in attendance at last meeting. Traditions/concept workshop 6:30 – 7pm. New board positions filled term starts Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. Groups expressed interest in District developing workshop/presentation on "Traditions" and "Sponsorship" Teams development underway. Upcoming events: Area meeting Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Day picnic in May. Traditions Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November.

**District 22**-We visit the groups on Thursday to encourage service in a loving way. We have new GSRs coming in for the new Panel and we are doing everything we can to make them feel welcome. There are 9 of us here today. We are planning a traditional Local Forum where we invite all groups to share on different topics. It is going to take place on December 18 in one of the groups within the district in Indio, Ca.. For more information call Victor DCMC

**District 23**-Season's Greetings from District 23. Please note the most recent activities in the district. We continue to meet four Fridays of every month. On the First Friday we have gsr's reports, Second Friday we have personal sharing, the Third Friday we have a business meeting and on the Fourth Friday we have a book Study on General Service. On Wednesdays we usually attend special invitations with specific topic at different meetings.

We keep the groups informed about the General Service events and AA events as a whole. We try to encourage 7th Tradition contributions and local events. The district election took place on September 30., 2011. Our new DCMC-Victor R., Alt. DCMC-Victor Hugo R., Secretary-Juan R., Alt. Secretary-Rosendo A., Treasurer-Rafael S., Alt Treasurer-Angel G. Congratulations to the new board and may God bless us as we trudge the road happy destiny, Love, Service and Responsibility. We look forward to electing the district committee chairs. Thank you for your attention and God bless you all. DCMC Manuel M.

#### **Coordinate Committees:**

##### **AOCYPAA –**

##### **Announcements:**

- Would like group history returned to the Archives. You have until January 2012 to get them in.
- District 11 hosting Alcathon

**Birthdays:**

- Patrick B. – 1, Robert - 6, Joseph H. – 15, Jim – 18, Marcelo – 15, John – 13, Ramon – 7

THE ASC ADJOURNED at approximately 3:07pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.