

## Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes

**November 20, 2011  
101 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach CA**

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

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity Jamie/Ignacio 11th Tradition Patrick/Jorge A.S.C.  
**Statement of Purpose and Membership:** Eric/Mauricio **Concept 11:** Debbie/Martin GSR  
**Preamble** Gloria/Filomeno

**Approval of 2011 August Area Service Committee minutes** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> – Rich W.  
/ Joseph H.

**Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):**  
**Delegate Linda C.**

Since the September Assembly, she has attended The Spanish Orange County Convention on September 17<sup>th</sup> (where she gave a short opening talk); gave conference reports to Districts 11 and 19 on September 18<sup>th</sup>; attended the National AA Archives workshop in Helena, Montana on September 22 through the 25<sup>th</sup>; attended the Southern California Convention in Palm Desert on September 30 through October 2<sup>nd</sup> where she chaired a panel of past delegates and past trustees on the topic of *"Anonymity in the Digital Age: Our Spiritual Responsibility"* (thanks to Al P., Jim C., Pete B., Nick M., Marita H., and Paul C. for their great presentations!); she attended the election Assembly in Riverside on October 9<sup>th</sup>; attended the Area Board meetings on September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>; attended the Area Budget Proposal-setting meeting as an invited guest on November 5<sup>th</sup>; attended the Servathon in Lomita and gave a presentation on the Concepts at a speaker meeting in Corona on November 6<sup>th</sup>; attended the Area 08 elections on November 12<sup>th</sup>; and accompanied Cesar to give a presentation on the Service Manual to a group in Riverside on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

She continues to send welcome letters to the new groups as she receives the final information from GSO as well as letters to the Districts asking for their help in visiting new groups that are in the 30-day delay period.

She also continues to send all group registration information to Area Registrar, Michael, pick up and mail contributions from the PO Box in Irvine each Thursday to Area Treasurer, Joseph, and write a monthly article for the MSCA newsletter.

She received a letter from Mary C., GSO staff member, thanking us for our participation in the Membership survey process. She reported that 23 of our area groups were randomly selected and 20 of them participated in the survey. There were, according to

Mary, over 10,000 individual responses, which will be compiled and the new membership pamphlet will be ready for the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference approval.

She suggested an item that may be of interest to area groups is the possible agenda item for the conference to institute the process to recommend a change in one of the Traditions. She pointed out that it is not an easy matter to actually make changes in our Steps or Traditions. The process is as follows: GSO must contact every group known to exist in the world, asking for their approval or disapproval of the proposed change. The groups are then given at least six months to respond. At the end of the six-month period, the responses are tallied. If ¾ of the groups responding agree with the proposed change, then the change may be brought to the next General Service Conference for discussion and consideration. She commented that this process has never been tried out, so it unclear how well it would work.

The possible proposed Tradition change has to do with the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition, which now reads, in the Short (and official) Form: *"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films."* She noted that the fact that some people add words to the end such as "TV" or "the Internet" does not mean that the tradition has been changed.

She reported that there are two or three proposals being considered by the Trustees and, although there are different suggested changes, the general spirit of each of the changes is to rewrite the last phrase to read something like: *'...we need always maintain personal anonymity that the level of all public media.'*

She asked for feedback from the districts and group members. Do they think it's needed in order to remove the implied limitations of the phrase "press, radio and films"?

She reported that although we authorized \$300 for our Pacific Regional Trustee to attend our election assembly, the total cost for his visit including travel and lodging was about \$200.

She reported that several delegates around the U.S. and Canada have independently (and voluntarily) decided to launch a **Grapevine Subscription Challenge**. She said that if each of the 93 delegate areas met the goal of either 65 print magazine subscriptions @ \$28.97 OR 48 Digital magazine subscriptions @ \$21.97, the Grapevine would be self-supporting. She explained that the reason that there is a lower number of digital subscriptions is that it costs so much less to deliver the digital magazine. Therefore she has personally launched this campaign here in Area 09 and has created a flyer for the challenge. The previous challenges have not been effective because the

Grapevine subscription office is not set up to tally the subscriptions from areas, therefore it has not been possible to keep track. She also asked that when anyone subscribes to the Grapevine in our area, he or she will contact her and let her know so that she can tally the results of our efforts. In the Grapevine survey we took last year, there was a peculiar result: *over 90% of the responders think that the Grapevine is an important tool for A.A. and only 4% are subscribers.* Her email address is on the flyer and also on our website and in the roster.

She thanked the Service Committee for the privilege of serving and wished everyone a happy and grateful Thanksgiving.

**Alternate Delegate Cesar F.** have been attending many District elections and have the privilege to be elected as your new Chair. Attended the Servathon last month. Had 45 in attendance.

**Treasurer Joseph M.: -**

Cash in checking	10-31-11	6,483.49
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	10-31-11	<u>5,000.04</u>
Total	10-31-11	11,483.53

Bank as of 11-20-11	5,773.24
Plus: Prudent Reserve (Savings)	<u>5,000.04</u>
Total	10,773.28

Panel 60 contributing entities:

Registered Groups	774
Districts	4
Unregistered Groups	<u>160</u>
Total	938

Year to date contributing entities:

Registered Groups	620
Districts	4
Unregistered Groups	<u>90</u>
Total	714

**Registrar Michael M.** – Participated in District 9 elections, attended North Orange County Elections meeting and will attend elections in Dec. Will bring the annual packet next month of all the meetings so you will have three months to gather this information. Will be attending January 14<sup>th</sup> Registration Workshop.

**Secretary Sharon K.** – It is a privilege to serve as your Secretary. Since the last time we gave reports, I have attended the elections for Districts 8, 9, 20, 21, 22, and 23. I attended Ocsoberfest in Placentia. I attended the last board meeting and Servathon hosted by District 3. I attended the last “Think Tank” meeting at the Archives. I helped out with Area 8’s elections in La Jolla. Attended Tustin Tiller Days. I want to thank all who helped with the Election Assembly. Everything went very well and I’m looking forward to serving as the Alternate Delegate for Panel 62. I met with Jesus to help transition the Secretary duties. I am getting ready to do the Roster for 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.

**Chair Jeryl T –** At the end of the day today, I will have put over 700 miles on my car visiting Districts to run their elections, or just doing Area work not including Think Tank meetings or the Servathon a couple weeks ago, or the elctions last week in Area 8, San Diego, which Sharon, Jim, Linda and I participated in. And I can only imagine it will increase over the next two years as I rotate into another position of Service to this Area, the greatest Area in all of Area 9.

I visited Districts, 9, 20, 21, 6, 18, and later today will be in District 19 to facilitate their election as well. And since our last meeting, I have responded to at least 75 congratulatory emails, 47 million phone calls, and 600 requests for meeting participation. I wish I could have been this busy when I was a rock star. I love service, and live to serve God, AA and the people around me.

We have had some incredible gatherings of the Think Tank, and will again come together next weekend, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Archives, and all are welcome to participate. I have learned so much about our history, the Conference history, and the ups and downs of the historic separation between Area 5 and 93, which we may or may not soon be emulating. But most of all, I have been given insight from all of you who have been returning the questionnaires for the Think Tank. I have learned that there are many of you who really do care about the wellbeing of our Area and who want desperately to participate in any strengthening necessary to help Area 09 become a better vehicle for carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. And since that is the primary purpose of all AA service entities, I am blessed to be a part of this campaign.

We have much work to do over the next month or so, to make sure we hand over a healthy Service Entity to the next Panel, Panel 62. I am excited to be able to be a part of that Panel, and excited to continue my Service to you and to our Groups here in Area 09.

Please fill out the questionnaires for the Think Tank, ask the questions in your Districts, and contemplate your future with regard to a committee you are excited about serving

on. We have so much to do, and I feel there is so much to be excited about right now. So hold onto your hats, this is going to be a wild ride.

### **Old Business**

- Propose an MSCA sponsored workshop in 2012 with the theme "Anonymity: Our Spiritual responsibility in the Digital Age". Withdrawn by the board.
- District 22 (Luis S.) to use sound equipment for Old Timer's / Veterans Day on December 3. Motion carries
  - Rich motion to suspend the rules so we can vote / Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carries. Discussion.

### **New Business**

- Board Proposal of Safety Pamphlet (Michael M.)
- 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.

#### **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
- 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). Recommended terms of the lease will be 4 years 9 months with less than 3% annual increase. The exact terms will be available at the December 2011 Area Service Committee Meeting

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

Archives Joseph H. Attended the Finance Committee Budget meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> with Pete B. to inform the committee of the last negotiations on a new lease agreement; attended the Area "Think Tank" meeting; New 2012 "Movies at the Archives" will be updated and posted on the Area 09 website; cut-off dates for submitting Group Histories is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012; Pete B. Area 09 Archivist report that a 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 1<sup>st</sup> printing AA Big Book that was raffled off at the 1<sup>st</sup> Oldtimers meeting held at the Biltmore Hotel in either 1976 or 1977 and signed by the Oldtimers in attendance at that meeting was donated to the MSCA Archives; Archives Committee Elections were held on

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Archives Chair – Matt W.; Archives Co-Chair Patti B.; Spanish Archives Liaison – Paco G.; Events Upcoming: 2012 Victorville Convention – March 13 – 15, 2012; 2012 AOCYPAA Conference and Convention March 20 – 22, 2012. 2012 H & I Conference in April 2012.

**Convention Liaison Bob –** Inland Empire San Bernardino, English/Spanish Convention in October. Attended Spanish speaking convention in Victorville. Getting all literature – English/Spanish – together for passing onto new Chair. Will need both English and Spanish speaking chairs. Committee is under budget! List of conventions "09" English/Spanish = 16 – 18. 2012 new budget \$1000 English & Spanish! 6 meetings English/Spanish x 150 = \$900. Mileage - \$100, Supplies - \$50.

**Communications – Jesus –** The report is that the equipment inventory is a work in progress. WE are looking to implement online contributions for the Area through the website. Discussed and approved the budget. Discussed the possibility of digitizing the area tapes for the Archives. We are also looking at the possibility of posting soundbites of the concepts, traditions, special needs, and general service on the website. WE encourage the DCMC's and standing committee chairs to submit information about their Districts or Committees that they want to post on their website pages. You can send them to [communications@msca09aa.org](mailto:communications@msca09aa.org).

**Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information Martin –**  
written

**Corrections Alex** has forms available to fill out to  
**GSR School English Steve** - 19 GSR's. Discussed duties and responsibilities, GSR history, GSR reports, General Service structure, and relevant literature.

**GSR School Spanish Ignacio** – the GSR School was held without Reynaldos presence and we went over the General Service Manual and the Concepts.

**DCM School Terry** – Welcomed 7 new DCM/DCMC's. Reviewed general information regarding duties / goals for DCM's. Exchanged experience from past DCM's. Discussed ways to get and keep GSR's interested. Thank you to Linda and Jeryl for visiting our meetings.

**Finance Jim** Budget overrides in amount of \$113 for Chair, \$480 for Treasurer, and \$110.00 for Public Information were approved withing the scope of what we are permitted to do. Developed a plan of action to track transfer of Area Equipment from Panel 60 to Panel 62 servants.

**La Viña** – -Good afternoon everyone. I am pleased to announce that we are starting to plan the 16th. Anniversary of La Vina which will take place July 28th. and 29th., 2012. It will be held in the city of Tri-Cities, Washington. We hope to have support us with voluntary contributions. The purpose of this event is to increase magazine subscriptions and member participation.

**Literature** Ernesto not present

**Registration Committee** – Michael - 9 people, mostly new District Registrars. Having a Registration Workshop on January 14 at the Archives. Discussed Umbrella Group's

having only one representative. Explained the new group change forms. Using PDFs which are compatible to new PC's and MACs. Current Chair has an ongoing dialogue with GSO regarding reporting. One of the Central Offices is now submitting group change forms to GSO directly. Will meet with DCM school twice in 2012.

*Coordinate Committee Reports:*

**TRICYPAA** – Kyle – TRICYPAA is hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> annual ACYPAA convention. We have been fundraising with events this year and meeting bi-weekly at the Valley Alano Club from 1-5pm in Rancho Cucamonga. We encourage participation from the Area and are here to be of service. Upcoming event: ACYPAA XL Ontario Convention Center March 15-18, 2012.

**AOCYPAA** – Trent – Successfully hosted Halloween event at Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove with TRICYPAA, the ACYPAA host committee with roughly 1200 attendees. Upcoming events – New Years Dance, also hosted with ACYPAA, venue TBD.

**Hospitals and Institutions** – preparing for upcoming conference in San Diego.

*District Reports submitted in writing*

**District 6:** Held our elections: DCMC – Kim A., Alternate DCMC – Rozanne T., Secretary Ashley W., Registrar Meg S., Treasurer Julie S.

**District 8:** Six in attendance at ASC today. We held elections for District officers with the help of Sharon K., Annie D., Shep B., and Patrick B. New officers are DCMC – Mike F., Alt. DCMC – Marabeth M., Secretary Aran B., Treasurer – Matt W., and Registrar Adrian A. DCMs and Committee Chairs will be elected in December.

**District 9:** One present at ASC. Held elections on October 16. All positions were filled. Thank you to Jeryl, Sharon, and Michael for assisting with our election. District 22 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress was last week – had a great time and we are looking forward to District 22 12<sup>th</sup> Annual longtimers meeting on December 3 with English speaking participation for the first time. District meeting is Third Sunday of the month at Fellowship Hall in Palm Desert at 4pm.

**District 12:** Elections were held and we had our annual Traditions Day on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – November 6. DCMC – Joe S., Treasurer – Mary O., Secretary – Stephanie, Registrar – Laurie, and Alt. DCMC – Greg. Upcoming event is Area meeting on October 2012.

**District 14:** 15 present at last meeting. We held our Elections last month with Nick M holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy ballot. We have a new DCMC Kelly and Secretary Suzie. We are trying to send a strong contingent to PRAASA. Holding an ice cream social and traditions play on Sunday 28 in San Jacinto. The CD GSO was viewed by almost all in attendance and will be shown at our ice cream social.

**District 17:** Guests Dave & Mike from District 8 officiated Officer elections. DCMC: Julio I., Alternate DCMC – Vacant, Secretary – Gina C., Treasurer – Mary W., Registrar – Vacant, DCM – Moses, DCM – Brian, 2 DCM positions vacant. Upcoming events: January Committee Elections, December 2012 budget proposal for approval.

**District 18 –** Had Elections – DCMC: Jake, Alt. DCMC: Pat, Secretary: Sasha, Treasurer: Michael, Registrar: Carrie, Orientator: Tru

**District 20**- We meet every Monday from 7:30-9:30 pm. and visit 2 groups per week to encourage the practice of the traditions and report on AA events. We attended the area elections and it was a really nice experience. We try to give a good introduction to service to new and alternate gsrs. Thanks for letting me be of service. Osvaldo DCMC and Alternate Melquiades

**District 21**-New district officers for Panel 62; DCMC Jose C., Secretary Jose A., Alternate Secretary Raymundo O., Rigoberto Treasurer, Miguel P. Alt. Treasurer. Today we have 9 members attending and 6 of us went to the Servathon. We continue with the normal activities of the district such as visiting 2 meetings per week to encourage service and self-support.

**District 24**-Good afternoon, everyone we want you to know know that we mourn the passing of our friend Ezekiel past DCMC of our district and recently active in H&I work. He died last Wednesday and yesterday we said good by to him for the last time. We are working with our groups keeping them informed of upcoming events such as PRAASA the in March. Everything else is going on as usual. Thanks for allowing me to serve. DCMC Santiago R. and Alt. DCMC Martin G.

**District 25**-We are working with the normal activities of the district; we meet the first 4 Mondays of the month and visit 2 meetings per week. We just had our district elections for the new panel and the officers are as follows; DCMC Juan B., Secretary Ruben Z., and Treasurer Hugo V. Thanks for letting me be of service. Peter L. DCMC and Thomas B. Alternate DCMC

#### **Coordinate Committees:**

#### **AOCYPAA –**

##### **Announcements:**

- November 26 – 1:30pm Think Tank meeting
- December 18 - Coachella Valley – we will be having our 9<sup>th</sup> local Forum. 8am–1pm. 87-375 Market Street Indio CA 92201.

##### **Birthdays:**

Pedro – 7, Matt – 21, Jennifer – 4, Alicia - 27

THE ASC ADJOURNED at approximately 3:07pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.

