

***** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MINUTES

Hosted by District 09 on 9 October 2016
ABC Recovery Center, 44374 Palm Street
Indio, CA 92201

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramon at 12:00 P.M.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Rozanne in English/Efrain in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Duffy in English/Nellie in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Dave in English/Sergio in Spanish.

Introductions: Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs, New DCMs/Alt. DCMs, New GSRs/Alt. GSRs, Guests, Past, and Current Area Officers.

Approval of minutes Motion made (Scott) and seconded (Jim) to approve draft minutes from the August 2016 ASC with one minor change (change “shard” to “shared” on page 5).

Officers/Directors Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate Joe C: No report submitted.

Alternate Delegate Jesus O: Went to the South Bay H & I meeting on September 11, I was a guest of my friend Gregory and it's good to know that AA is alive and well in Hermosa Beach & we ran into reps from District 3 & 1 there was a spiritual vibe there. I want to take a minute to thank the people who work real hard behind the scenes and I want to recognize our very own secretary Ed L. He makes sure we stay on track with motions, paperwork, copying etc. Ed and Bob from the archives committee have been working together in order to get copies made of materials for this and other Area meetings. Thank you both for your tireless work for AA and for the Area. In case you don't know or don't remember what Ed reported last month and he didn't make it sound like it was a big deal. He is now part of the GSO Grapevine team in the Editorial Advisory Board. The last non-trustee director that I know of was Bruce Henry who worked as a corrections non-trustee director. Big Kudos for Ed and he still makes everything look easy. I've been working on getting the Servathon together. I will need a lot of help as always and I don't want to wait until the last minute like I did with the Pre-Conference Workshop. That is why the Area Grapevine Chair, the Finance Chair, The La Viña chair to name a few. I will need your help moderating the round tables. There are 10 round tables total and that number more than likely will go down or not but I will come to a few of you for help. There are fliers of the Servathon and the Spanish Women's Workshop in front. See you all next month and we have confirmed Jane G. for the morning speaker and were hoping to get Lisa from area 93 for after lunch.

Registrar Ryan B: Hello everyone my name is Ryan, I'm an alcoholic and your Mid-Southern California Area 09 Registrar. Since our last Area function:

- Attended the Area Executive Board Meeting September 18th.
- I've had the opportunity to speak at the District 24 District Committee Meeting on September 27th and gave a talk on generating interest in General Service.

- I'm looking forward to helping with the Area 05 Panel 67 Elections October 23 in Pasadena, and the Area 93 Panel 67 Elections November 20 in Simi Valley.
- Also I will be at the Service and Responsibility Workshop hosted by District 2 & 4 on November 12th.

Unfortunately I have some bad news; the FNV is currently down as of 7:51 AM (PST) Friday October 7th, 2016. The earliest estimate that the IT department has given is that it will be back online October 11, which leaves us in a bit of a pickle this weekend. Please still bring any group changes / new group forms up front or send them in via e-mail, but they won't be able to be entered until the FNV is back online and the Area Registrars are re-issued login credentials/Digital Certificates. Thank you all for your patience during this down period and for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C: No report submitted.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C: Good Morning to everybody, my name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. My job is to be aware of all contributions for Area 09 mid-southern California. Diane is responsible for all the Area payments; we work together especially last month because I attended the Regional Forum and she received the last contributions of September. In September 2016, there were a total of 192 contributions, for a total of \$5,925.71. Contributions in October were a little bit higher because in the first eight days we have received 64 contributions for total of \$2,531.16. As of this morning, our account total is \$27,292.74. The total from January to September was \$57,428.61. If things keep going the way they are, we can certainly do more committee work to carry the message. That is all for now. Thank you for your patience. Leandro C.

Secretary Ed L: Since the September ASA, I attended the Board meeting in Riverside on 9/18/2016. I continue to eblast materials to the Fellowship via MailChimp, so let me know if you are not receiving any emails. I eblast the 1st Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop, Servathon flyer, Agendas, Draft Minutes, etc. Thanks, so much, to Bob H who has done a wonderful, conscientious job in getting our materials copies and here this morning, and to Jesus O for getting the Spanish translations of the August ASC out in time for copying. I print out and sign all final minutes of ASA and ASCs and give them to Mitchell B of Archives so they can be stamped and put into an official folder. Work with Rainer (who is also very responsive and helpful) to post all Approved minutes of 2015 and 2016 on the website, which are now available. On a personal note, I spoke at a Grapevine Writer's Workshop in San Diego yesterday.

Area Chair Ramon D: No report submitted.

Old Business:

- Nomination and election of Area 09 candidate for Class B Trustee At Large: Motion was made (Scott), seconded (Hiro), and unanimously approved to change the ASC into an ASA for the purpose of nominating and electing our candidate for this position. Those eligible Past Delegates who indicated an interest to serve in this position included Jeryl T and Cesar F, who each gave two-minute introductions. Ballots were then distributed and, with 76 votes, the first count was

Jeryl T – 43 and Cesar F – 33, so the two-thirds majority of votes needed to elect the candidate (i.e., 50) was not received. The second ballot with 74 votes had the following results: Jeryl T – 40 and Cesar F – 34, so the 49 votes needed was not obtained. The third ballot with 75 votes (50 needed for election) had the following results: Jeryl T – 42 and Cesar F – 33. The fourth ballot with 76 votes (50 needed for election) had the following results: Jeryl T – 43 and Cesar F – 33. Motion made (Barbaradee), seconded (Ethan), and with a simple majority, a fifth vote was conducted. The fifth ballot with 76 votes (50 needed for election) had the following results: Jeryl T – 42 and Cesar F – 34. Given that this was the fifth non-two-thirds vote, names of the two candidates were put into a hat, and Jeryl T was drawn as the formal candidate. There was a motion (Scott), seconded (Ethan), and unanimously approved to return to the ASC for remaining business.

- Presentation of the 2015 Audit Committee report: The Audit Committee report was provided by Mitchell B, who served as the Chair of this committee, along with two other members absent today. Mitchell read the summary of the Audit Committee report distributed to all in attendance. Among other items, 2015 contributions were \$80,228.88 and income was \$91,337.06.
- Guidelines and Policy (GAP) Committee Guidelines: In Judy's absence, Bob L presented this information. The motion had been tabled at the August ASC to allow for additional discussion.
- Special Needs Committee Spanish co-chair vacancy: This position has been open for the entire panel, and was also not filled today.

New Business:

- MSCA 09 corporate commercial lease renewal for facility at 7111 Arlington Ave, Riverside, CA 92503: Members were invited to ask questions about renewing the lease for the building. Except for someone pointing out that the increase should be \$30 instead of \$20, there were no comments or questions about lease renewal. The December 2016 ASC will need to be changed to an ASA for a vote to renew the lease, which has to be renewed by January 2017.
- MSCA 09 needs new coffee person: Ramon asked if anyone would be willing to take over the coffee commitment. In a phone call, Rigo told Ramon that he will return as the coffee maker if no one volunteers, so we are still looking for a volunteer.
- Motion to change the Area 09 Communications Committee Guidelines: In the absence of Don S, Rose presented the recommended changes in English and Jesus O read the changes in Spanish, which were distributed to those in attendance. No comments from those in attendance.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: We attended from District 21 the 20th National AA Archives Workshop, attended by Rudy, Zenon, and Raul from District 20 and Doug and Charley as past Archivists from Concord, CA, Area 06. The theme was "Road to Happy Destiny." The event was very informative with good topics on Thursday, with a limousine tour to the Area 06 Archives where they showed all the accomplished work. On Friday, they presented how AA came to California and women in the Big Book. On Saturday there were many good topics including AA through

the General Service Conference Report, a history of La Viña, and a timeline of our three legacies. Sunday was most incredible; discussing what is on your mind. Pacific Regional Trustee Joel C spoke about "I Am Responsible." The next NAAAW 21st annual event is scheduled for September 28 through October 1, 2017 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Raul attended the September 25th Inter-district meeting round table with the topic of what Archives do. He attended Area 05 15th anniversary archives celebration yesterday and is working on a Heritage Day celebration.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: There were 6 in attendance today. Lois is making information available during the sharing session attendance in Hawaii at the Pacific Regional Forum from 9/30 to 10/2/2016. A new meeting is to be determined at HOW Hall in Huntington Beach. Literature placement at libraries has been suggested.

Communications Don S: No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D: No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P: No Report

Convention Liaison English Karen L: The committee represented general service at the Southern California Convention. We were welcomed with open arms and we talked with many interested AA members. We carried the message of service to our fellows. One of our Third Legacies is Service! SOCALYPAA is scheduled for October 13-16 at the Ontario Convention Center at the Radisson Hotel.

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: No Report

Corrections Mike K: 4 were in attendance. Discussed workshop, which is scheduled for 1/22/2017 at a location to be determined. There will be panels on former inmates, professionals, and correspondence and visitation. Corrections correspondence forms handed out to meet needs of 150 men waiting at corrections desk for members outside to write. Budget figures discussed and submitted.

DCM School English Hiro S: There were 12 in attendance. On September 20, Hiro spoke on the six Warranties at District 24 and on September 25 spoke on Tradition 11 at District 5's Traditions Workshop. We focused on spreading enthusiasm for service; AA history with charter, resolution, and by-laws; how to visit meetings with brief announcements; and the Traditions and Warranties, especially Warranty 6. There will be a Third Legacy Workshop on November 12 in Long Beach from 2 to 5:00 p.m. This will be presented by Districts 2 and 4, featuring Delegate Joe C, Past Delegate Jeryl T, and a special guest to be determined. Hiro will be speaking in Lucerne Valley on November 11 and chair a Concept 3 Round table in Victorville at their November Servathon

DCM School Spanish Juan B. There were 5 in attendance. We reviewed the Committee Guidelines and approved them with a show of hands. We discussed something about La Viña subscriptions the fact that they do not reach members' homes. We also talk about the possibility of a special program for planned meetings and inviting the groups to participate with traditions topics for their district anniversary, etc. and whether it would be something outside the traditions. That is all for now thank you for allowing me to serve. Juan B

Finance Todd W: Set date and time for annual MSCA 2017 budget to be at the AA Archives in Riverside on November 6, 2016.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: No Report

Grapevine Elizabeth S: We talked about the new issue. We talked about being a Grapevine Representative (GVR) and about the new 12th Tradition book. We discussed questions regarding

La Viña and looked at resources on the Grapevine website and the store. We will be making display boards at the next standing committee.

GSR School English Sharon K: We went over the agenda, discussing the differences between ASCs and ASAs, GSR reports, service sponsors, trustee at large, and obtaining a group conscience.

GSR School Spanish Jose Alfredo – We met 22 other people and we had a new GSR and one guest. We discussed Chapter Two of the Service Manual, The GSR and its Group. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

La Viña Luis S: No Report

Literature English Scott R: Too young do not discontinue update maybe make it more adult. Question and answers on sponsorship. Should stay in the two bullet points; concerning compiling a list, only suggested, should put it by the groups. Should create a pamphlet for the deaf if feasible, which would be placed with accessibility. Why spend more money on a pamphlet where they can read the ones that already exist.

Literature Spanish Victor R: I would like to report that I ordered 43 brochures, five each with a cost of \$53.08

Public Information English Deborah A: No Report

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: 6 members in attendance - The PI committee attended the Orange County Convention where we provided information to convention attendees. Furthermore, the IP Committees of Districts 20, 21 and 24 are active in their local districts. The PI Committee of District 24 would like to extend an invitation to its first PI Workshop on October 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 1 pm at 330 N. South State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Mauricio T

Registration Gilbert G: 7 were in attendance today. We discussed how to engage and motivate groups to fill out registration and date forms. Utilization of the District's DCM training the group's GSRs. Posting of update form on Area and Intergroup web site and new shelter. There will be a February 2017 workshop on the FNV database at Fellowship New Vision.

Special Needs Gene H: Discussed various methods available for reaching out to the hearing impaired including California Relay TDD machines. We joined the Cooperation with the Elderly Community group to discuss how to reach out to the community.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: We discussed restoring the work done by the last panel on the Area 09 website; outreach to Area treatment facilities; stepping up our temporary contact member drive; reaching out to intergroup and H&I Committees; and reporting back regarding committee contact with a local treatment center at District 4.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – They are actively bidding for ACYPAA, working on a calendar of events, and waiting to receive tax exempt status. Game to Believe scheduled for November 19th at Southwest Alano Club. December 17th Doctor Bob's Nightmare Before Christmas is scheduled at the Imperial Alano Club.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: Ethan C reported that DCMC Jim B attended the Pacific Regional Forum and will report back to District 01 at the regularly scheduled meeting on October 13th. Site selection for the Pre-Conference Workshop (April 17 to be hosted by District 01) is underway. Finance

Committee to present the 2017 budget at the next District meeting. Our Traditions Workshop is in the planning stages.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: Gilbert G reported GSR School 7 from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., DCM School 3 from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., and Concepts study 10 at 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. District 4 GSR meeting discussed and updated our District Guidelines and Bylaws. Vested in one new DCM to the southwest. Carlos Area 09 Chair of Bridging the Gap was a guest speaker presentation. There will be a workshop on service and participation as a Third Legacy Workshop. November 12 from 2 to 5:00 p.m. at Memorial West Alumni, Signal Hill, CA.

District 5: Evan J reported the Traditions Workshop that was co-hosted with North Orange County Central Office and the Orange Friendship Club was a success. Hiro S spoke on Tradition 12. Looking to do the Traditions Workshop quarterly.

District 6: Dave E reported we welcomed new GSRs. District 6 continued discussion on reaching unrepresented groups. DCMs led round tables to brainstorm ways to reach unrepresented groups in our District as well as share experiences from such visits. We welcomed back two GSRs from the Pacific Regional Forum and look forward to their share-back next month. Committee round tables were then held. District 6 continues to maintain 100% participation in District committees. There is a tentative date to visit the Area 09 Archives. As a District we look forward to the opportunity to visit and possibly be of service to the Archives.

District 7: Cheryl M reported that currently, we are very excited to be having our secretary's workshop later this month. The District is hosting the Area 09 Assembly in January 2017. We are presently selecting our venue, menu, and assigning opportunities for our GSR members to serve. We are also updating our group's information – do they exist, are they represented? We continue encouraging participation at the District and Area committee levels. There is a secretary's workshop at GGAC on 10/22/2-16 from 1:00 to 4:0 p.m., and we will be hosting Area 09 ASA on 1/8/2017.

District 8: Total Attendees: 27. Birthdays: Chuck 23 years, Wyl 30 years. Treasurer: Peggy brought two pages, one the check register. We spent about \$1,200, and collected a little over \$400. Our current balance is \$7,685.67. Next, she offered the previous 2015 and proposed budget for 2017. She made recommendations regarding line items, and offered rarely does the budgeted money get spent. Matt Y asked about PRASSA reimbursement specifics. Bob H offered it depends on the needs of the individual attendees. An amount is decided on, and the attendee can get reimbursed up to that amount. Barbardee offered her experience, that if there's money left over after reimbursements and people aren't fully reimbursed, they could split the rest among those who need further reimbursement. Peggy discussed Steve's passion about sending everyone who wanted to go. Dominic asked what specific expenses such as preregistration etc. Bob brought out the latest registration form with expenses. Register online at www.PRAASA.org. Matt thought \$4,000 was too much. Matt moved we change PRAASA budget to \$2,500 with a cap of \$250 per person. Bill seconded. The motion was defeated. Dominic F moved to reduce the PRAASA budget to \$2,500. Matt seconded. Motion was defeated. Mark C moved we keep budget at \$4,000 for PRAASA, Linda seconded. Motion passed. Dominic asked about numbers of GSRs in our district; how many identified, and how many potential for all meetings. Also is there money available to reimburse GSRs for mileage. We don't have an accurate number for either, and no there is not money to reimburse GSRs for mileage from the district budget. Matt Y asked about the Corrections line item, which

Barbaradee addressed. Jenny moved we accept the budget as presented. Ray S seconded. Motion passed. Peggy called for receipts for reimbursable expenses. Registrar: Barbaradee offered she'd like to step down as Registrar as she's done job 4+ years. She described job, offered to train new volunteer; training would take about an hour. Reported Area 9 registrar is phenomenal; has pared down list in our area for GSO. Makes sure New York has accurate info. Sub District A DCM: Phil reported attending ASC meeting in Indio. Discussed corrections correspondence, info to take to our groups. Discussed Box 459, AA in Fiji & Ethiopia, and importance of donations.

District 9: No Report

District 10: No Report

District 11: Joseph H. – Attended Big Bear Conference, and will be attending a Panel for the VA in Long Beach Medical Center visit 3 Highland meetings are doing well, 2 Loma Linda VA meetings are well. Tamera – Etiwanda Sacred Heart Church meeting, the church secretary locked all the AA meetings out and changed the locks. Tamera was given a key and will make sure the room is open for their morning meetings. She is working out a solution with the church secretary. Mitzy – Loma Linda Sunday Candlelight stated that the group will not do as she instructs. She suggested the group form a steering committee and the members didn't agree. She expressed her opinion regarding how the archives are handled and how they do chips, group Secretary does not agree with Mitzy. They are not interested in buying Big Books from District 11. They are going to send a donation to GSO in New York but are not interested in donations to any other AA committees. We recommended Mitzy find an Area 09 Committee commitment that she may be of better service to as she seems to be unhappy in her GSO service commitment. We also gave council to Mitzy that our 12 traditions are suggestions only, they are not rules and we are not the AA police, each AA Group has the autonomous right to be wrong by any of our opinions. Neisha – Fontana Attitude Adjustment group Randall and Mango had no new issues to report for her group. Rose – MUG 708-691 Crestline did not have a business meeting in August so nothing new to report. Don was Absent, Rose, Andrew and Tamera did attend the Yorba Linda ASC with Don and the motion for a co-chair was tabled to the September 11th Meeting of Area for discussion and vote. Veronica M will be nominated at that time as the Spanish co-chair of the committee. Rose volunteered to serve on the Area Communications Committee. The webmaster has returned for the Area 09 website and things are being updated. All info must come to Don S in a pdf format, ready to post. The webmaster will upload the pdf. Contact Don S with any further questions. Archives Committee – Joseph – The Archives are going to Long Beach to a panel for the VA. They attended the Big Bear Conference.

District 12: Catherine E reported District 12 is synergistically cohesive and actively pursuing 12 Step work. We love AA! Newly formed Treatment Committee is 14 representatives strong, developing goals, with a budget of \$300. Great feedback reports from Jason B. Archives conference and Bob who attended the Pacific Regional Forum. New Registrar is sunny. District Guidelines under review and update. Upcoming is Traditions Day on 11/6/2016 and Heritage Day on 12/4/2016. Thank you.

District 14: Todd W reported that Treasurer Rick was in charge of the District meeting as the DCMC was out of town. District officers Mike and Rick went to San Diego AA Convention September 23 to 25th to be of service to Area 09 and Karen, our Convention Liaison, while she fulfilled family commitments. This is a fine example of our Third Legacy. The next District meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

District 15: There was a report back on the Regional Forum event. We are recruiting GSRs by attending District meetings and asking for new GSRs.

District 17: No Report

District 18: James P reported that the new District meeting address is 3107 Killybrooke Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, effective Tuesday, October 11, 2016. We are grateful to our higher power Our District has 12 months of expenses as a prudent reserve and is in sound fiscal health. We added four underrepresented groups – now with GSRs – and one group at CMAC that has never had a GSR. We have a possible location for our District hosting ASC for December 11. Any questions, please contact Pat S, DCMC for more information. We have service meetings every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. with Pat as a contact for more information.

District 19: No Report

District 20 Gilberto: There were 22 in attendance. We still meet every Monday and we have a few new groups. We visit 2 groups per week and attend the invitations of the groups in the month of unity. The district board supports the PI committee and we continue to provide information to the groups on upcoming A.A. events. The Archives committee chair is very active in his service position. That's all for today. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 21: No Report

District 22 Gerardo: There were 6 in attendance. We attended the local Forum on October 2nd in the group Solo Por Hoy/Only for Today. We visit the groups to promote service and we also attend when they invite us to speak. We have a business meeting and a book study every Tuesday. Business cards have already been made for the PI Committee with the telephone number, etc. We also sent one GSR to the Regional Forum in Hawaii, on October 30th. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Inter-district meeting to be held in the Avanico group; 17380 Indian Ave

District 23: No Report

District 24: No Report

District 25 Pedro: We usually have 15 to 18 people attend district meetings. We continue to meet each Monday of the month. We visit 2 groups per week on Wednesday and Friday. Our committees and the district board support one another in their service positions. We are planning a La Viña workshop for Nov. 20th. We are still working with District 25 Anniversary for December 4th. You are all welcome. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 30: Priscilla S reported that two new meetings just started, including ACYPAA meeting Sundays at 3:30 p.m. at the Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall. They will be under Living Sober Group until they form their own actual group instead of a meeting. The second meeting is As Bill Sees It, which is scheduled for Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall. Meeting attendance starting to increase now that summer is over. Hopefully, donations will increase as well. The 2nd Sizzling Outdoor Speaker Meeting and Campout is planned for April 2017.

Recap of Actions:

- Minutes of the August 2016 ASC were formally approved with minor changes.
- The ASC was formally changed to an ASA, and after five votes with no two-thirds vote, Jeryl T was drawn from the hat and identified as our Area 09 candidate for Class B Trustee At Large.
- Mitchell presented the Audit Committee Report and there was one comment about missing expense reports.
- Bob L indicated that the motion had been tabled and asked if there were any questions regarding the GAP Committee Guidelines, which there were not.
- No one was identified for the Special Needs Committee Spanish co-chair or for the coffee person (although Rigo indicated he would serve in the absence of a volunteer).

- There were several questions concerning renewal of the lease for the MSCA 09 building at 7111 Arlington Ave, Riverside, which will be formally voted on at the December ASC, which will need to be changed to an ASA.
- Several changes were introduced regarding the Communications Committee Guidelines with no comments.

Announcements:

- 1st Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop will be in December 2016.

Birthdays:

Bob L celebrated 23 years and Gilberto P celebrated 16 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 3:00 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #66 Secretary, Ed L.