

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

**Hosted by District 19 on 12 February 2017**  
Hesperia Unified School District Business Services  
15576 Main Street  
Hesperia, CA 92345

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

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by Carla in English/Leopoldo in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Nancy in English/Juan Carlos in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by William in English/Patricia 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 (Terry), seconded (Refugio), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 11 December 2016 ASC as written.

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

**Delegate Joe C:** First I would like to say a very special welcome to all of the new G.S.R.'s here today. I'd like to welcome you if you are new to General Service, or if you are not new to General Service and this is your first Area meeting...welcome to you too. Please be patient. Magic happens here. I also want to welcome all of the visitors here today as well. I hope that you enjoy what you see here today. I'm not going to repeat everything that I spoke about this morning, but I will give you an update on what I have been up to. Since our last Assembly, I attended a PDAB conference call. PDAB stands for PRAASA Delegate Advisory Board. I don't know exactly what that means. We have been trying to figure out what our actual purpose is. The Delegates of the Pacific Region are ultimately responsible for PRAASA. An advisory board was established so that the host committee and other Delegates can provide input or advice. But the advisory board does not have any actual power. So, anyway, I attended that call. I went to New York for the Winter Trustee Board Weekend. As I explained this morning, it was an incredibly spiritual experience. I attended another PDAB call. I went to the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session in Encinitas. I had dinner with our immediate past Delegate, Cesar. That was nice, as we got to catch up. I attended a conference call with the Pacific Regional Delegates. I am anticipating that the Agenda items will be released any day now. They are due to be released on February 15<sup>th</sup>, but they are often released early. This will be the start of the busy season. So, be on the lookout for material from your D.C.M.C.'s. That is all I have for now. In love service, Joe C

**Alternate Delegate Jesus O:** Happy Valentine's Day on Tuesday. Since the last time we met, I've been to the Spanish General Service event in Area 08 to speak about Concept 9. We had another visit to San Diego on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> for the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session, which was powerful. There are lots of past Delegates in Area 08. If you ever get a chance to go to their elections, the people running the elections are usually past Trustees and past Delegates from Area 08. Our Pacific Regional Trustee Joel is from Area 08 and he gave a Trustee report about the January

Board Meeting that our own Delegate, Joe, attended. I'm not sure if anything will come of this topic that he shared; namely, that a few Regions have way too many Areas for their regional Trustees to cover, so they are looking into adding Trustees to the regions with the most Areas. He mentioned one region with 18 Areas and our own Pacific Region has 15 Areas. I enjoyed sharing experience, strength, and hope with all the DCMs and hearing about the challenges they face in their own Districts and Areas. It was a great event, well organized and attended. Thank you Leandro and Ryan for inviting me to help with interpreting; I got a lot out of it. Our next big event is PRAASA; hope you all have registered. I had volunteered to be of service at PRAASA when I registered and I will be a greeter in one of the doors there. If anyone is looking to carpool to Sacramento let me know, maybe we can get together before then.

**Registrar Ryan B:** Hello everyone, my name is Ryan, I'm an Alcoholic and your Area 09 Registrar. Here are some of the things that have occurred since our last meeting. Attended the Area 09 Executive Board Meeting January 22, 2017, held at 7111 Arlington Avenue in Riverside. Participated at the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session in Encinitas, California on February 4, 2017. Thank you to all the volunteers that were in attendance. I am looking forward to participating in the Concept 1 / Registration Workshop that will be held on February 25, 2017 at the Area Archives, 7111 Arlington Ave. Suite B., Riverside, CA. The event will be held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09 follows: Total Entries = 3,526; Active Groups = 1,822; Merged Groups = 204; Unknown Groups = 317; Inactive = 1,178; Incomplete = 0; Pending Active = 2; Pending Inactive = 3; and Invalid Mail Contacts = 0. The two pending Active Groups are: Beyond Believing Group in Sun City and the Black Print Only Group in San Juan Capistrano. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

**Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C:** No report.

**Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C:** Good morning, my name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. I would like to congratulate you for attending the Area meeting today. I'm in charge of receiving your contributions and Diane and I are doing the best we can to keep informed of what happens with the Area money. In the month of January, there were a total of 223 contributions, for a total of \$7,270.23. For the month of February 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, until yesterday, we have received a total of 54 contributions for an amount of \$1,833.09. It promises to be a good month of contributions and add the remaining days of February. 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 and I hope to see you all very soon. Leandro C.

**Secretary Ed L:** I attended the Board meeting following the January ASA. We currently have 953 active and past members on the MailChimp, eblast list. People can unsubscribe as they want, so I don't remove names for inactive members. Materials that I eblasted in the past month include the 2017 events calendar and the approved 2017 budget. I also worked with webmaster Rainer to put the 2017 calendar on the website and to add the March ASC location in Long Beach back on the website (accidentally removed). Thanks to Jesus for helping with translations and Robert H for making copies at Archives.

**Area Chair Ramon D:** Thank you for my sobriety and for letting me be of service. Since we last met, I was blessed with several opportunities to participate in the negotiations for the

securing venues to host our ASC. One of those negotiations involved District #19, our hosting District for today. I want to thank Beka their DCMC for her patience, tolerance, and great work. There were two more ongoing negotiations for upcoming Area gatherings. Today I would like to ask all DCMs present to please meet with me to exchange ideas on how we could improve upon this subject. I also participated as Table Facilitator at the 4Area DCM Sharing Session in San Diego, CA. I'm invited to speak at a group in San Clemente tomorrow and next month will be at the 50th anniversary of PRAASA. I will be participating at the annual conference of H&I as the conference's Spanish translator. I was present at our Officer's Board Meeting. Thank you for letting me of service.

### **Old Business:**

- **Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee update:** Diane reported that meeting times of this ad hoc committee will be published and meetings are open to all members.

### **New Business:**

- **Increasing Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$8,000:** This issue was tabled until the next ASC, with Diane C to provide additional information at the June ASC.
- **Providing a donut fund for each Area event:** Jesus indicated he wanted to table this issue until the June ASC.
- **Proposal by Literature Committee as follows: "...and with Area adoption of the GAP Guideline, Article VIIG.1. will be omitted."** This proposal was discussed a bit and will be brought to the March ASC.
- **General Service Board defined benefit plan:** The motion was made (Joe C) and seconded (Gilbert G) to bring the following motion to the next ASC: that Area 09 explore the feasibility of forwarding a proposed agenda item to the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference as follows: "That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous implement a plan to fully fund the partially frozen defined benefit plan and in doing so move the pension plan assets from investments into a newly created fund used exclusively for the purpose of funding the plan." He will refine the wording and provide background information.

### **Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)**

**Archives Raul C:** There were 12 in attendance. The Registration Committee Workshop is scheduled for February 25, 2017 from 11:00 am to 2 pm. March 18, 2017 is the Corrections Pre-release and Correspondence Workshop from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The Open House is on March 25, 2017 with H&I as the topic. We meet every third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We also put a movie night flyer on the back table.

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M:** I was alone today.

**Communications Carlos R:** No Report

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D:** No Report

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P:** We had five members and reviewed the workbook. Information was given on how the committee works with two newcomers. Information packets will soon be delivered to Hispanic Districts. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Luciano.

**Convention Liaison English Karen L:** There were 3 in attendance. We are as a group to update the display table. The theme of the San Fernando Valley 2017 AA Convention was "Acceptance

Was the Answer.” Our Convention Liaison Committee was warmly welcomed and given a prime spot (table) next to the table in front of the main ballroom doors. We were able to carry the message of AA General Service to a wide audience of attendees. We are planning for PRAASA on March 5, 6, and 7, 2017. The Orange County Convention is April 15, 2017, although we have not received a flyer. We are available to H&I on 7, 8, 9 April 2017.

**Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O:** No Report

**Corrections Mike K:** There were 6 in attendance. We finalized organizing details for our workshop. We have volunteers for literature, food, set-up, audio-visuals, clean-up, and registration. The Area 09 Corrections Correspondence and Pre-Release Workshop is scheduled for March 18, 2017 at the Archives Repository at 7111 Arlington Ave, Suite B, Riverside, CA.

**DCM School English Hiro S:** There were 6 in attendance. Group visitation was discussed today; how to schedule, what to say, who to talk to, what to listen for, and how to document our visits. The DCM School is not a one-time event. It is an ongoing seminar that each month covers a different aspect of the DCM position, and how to use various techniques to accomplish the duties of the DCM.

**DCM School Spanish Juan B:** We began the meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions and attendance of 10 members. We reviewed Concept II and we all shared on this concept. The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. Grace for letting me serve. Juan B.

**Finance Todd W:** No Report

**Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B:** No Report

**Grapevine Elizabeth S:** There were five in attendance today. Districts 6, 12, and 20 were represented. We discussed how to sign up for the Daily Quote and where to sign up to be a Grapevine Representative. We shared ideas of giving GVR reports, including finding an old joke from the online version. We are working on a workshop for April or May.

**GSR School English Sharon K:** There were 7 in attendance. We talked about bringing Group Consciences back to the Delegate and what their Group business meetings consist of. Joe C and Ramon D visited our group and gave us insights into their respective roles. Joe gave an overview of the committee process. One GSR offered to help other Groups set up Group business meetings and steering committee meetings.

**GSR School Spanish Jose A:** The meeting began at 10:20 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by the reading of the GSR Preamble and introductions. There was an attendance of 21 people. I get a new GSR. There was a question about the LGBTQ brochure and information was given to those present. Then the Concept II of the service manual was studied and the meeting was terminated at 12:15 pm with the declaration of responsibility.

**La Viña Luis S:** On January 20th, we were present in Van Nuys, CA for the election of the motto and emblem for the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of La Viña in Area 93. We had Areas 03, 05, 06, 09, 58, and 93 in attendance. Rafa Grupo Despertar Feliz of Area 06 won the logo contest. We also attended District 23 on January 27th to bring information on how to hold a workshop on article writing. On February 9, The Hope 23 District Living Group invited the coordinator of Districts 23 and 25, two members of District 20, and the Area to bring them information of La Viña. Thanks to the members that attended since I could not attend. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, we attended the ASC and met with the La Viña Committee. We talked about how we can take advantage of our meetings in Hispanic Districts and how we can support the organizing committee of La Viña’s 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Thank you for letting me serve. Luis S.

**Literature English Scott R:** No Report

**Literature Spanish Victor R:** Everything is still the same with this committee and we continue to attend Area 09 meetings. Thank you, Victor R.

**Public Information English Deborah A:** There were 7 in attendance today. We are working on organizing a Spanish PI workshop with Area 09 participation and discussed planning for this event today.

**Public Information Spanish Mauricio T:** We are working on a plan for a possible Public Information meeting in which the collaboration of all of you is going to be needed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Mauricio T.

**Registration Gilbert G:** Opened with the Serenity Prayer: Gilbert G. Dave D. District 19 is new Registration Chair and had several meeting updates to make, with some questions. Also would like to be notified of updates as they are input into FNV Database. Maritza brought up a question regarding her District's Registrar's duties and responsibility for completing the group update form as accurately as possible with signature. Gilbert Committee Chair distributed & discussed the workshop flyer for Saturday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Gilbert also requested confirmation of attendance at this workshop. Maritza requested assistance with transportation to this workshop. Food items: Hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, water and sodas. Program & Topics for Workshop, (Included but not limited to): 1. Relationship between Registrars and their respective DCM's to visit meetings. 2. Forms and how to fill them out (e.g., New group versus Group Update & Dist DCM Update Form. 3. Strategy for Canvassing a District. 4. Building a relationship. 5. At the District level, there is no form for Standing Committee Chair changes. 6. Developing an effective "Collective Conscience" by getting groups to the table.

**Special Needs Gene H:** There were 4 in attendance. Of the four attending, two were from District 12. We discussed getting volunteers from colleges and integrating hearing impaired individuals into meetings via videophone, phone, California Relay, as well as other opportunities. Catherine mentioned getting volunteers to sign for meetings. There is an American Sign Language meeting starting in Garden Grove.

**Treatment Facilities Carlos I:** There were 3 in attendance. Delegate Joe C joined us to answer questions. We discussed cooperation with local H&I Committees. The changes to the website treatment page were approved. We discussed further outreach to homeless shelters and treatment centers. We continue to push the treatment contact list.

#### **Coordinate Committee Reports:**

**HASBYPAA - No Report**

**Inland Empire H&I - No Report**

**Harbor Area Central Office – No Report**

#### **District Reports (submitted in writing):**

**District 1:** There were 39 in attendance. We welcomed four new GSRs to our February 2017 District meeting. Our new business was to realign our Sub-Districts by eliminating the Southwest Alano Club DCM position. We are in the advanced stages of planning our Traditions Workshop in June, and have asked the GSRs to bring suggestions from their Groups for a second workshop later in the year. Our guidelines revisions ad hoc committee is finishing its work and we are one step away from having the documents we need to finalize the location of the MSCA 09 Pre-Conference Workshop. The Traditions Workshop is in June. We will host the Area 09 Pre-Conference Workshop on April 9, 2017.

**District 2:** No Report

**District 3: No Report**

**District 4:** Questions were posed regarding the Feb 2017 ASC, also not being posted on line. (No-Address/District) Some much loving discussion arose concerning a problem with our Area web site. I shared that I was under the impression there was not going to be a meeting at all in District 19 and that the DCM Sharing Session in San Diego was supposedly replacing it. (I was wrong, my apologies). Request was made to host another workshop later this year by (Drew) who also volunteered to Chair that Workshop Committee. (This was tentatively approved without necessity of vote with caution to keep total or overall cost down by Rich W.) PRAASA District 4 DCMC will be in attendance and volunteering at the Conference Location.

Announcement was made with invitation for ride sharing as well as an AirBnb House Share.

**District 5:** There were 25 in attendance. Motion was passed to utilize funds (\$3,000) in excess of our Prudent Reserve for four items that will be voted on at the next District meeting on March 9, 2017.

**District 6: No Report**

**District 7:** We enjoyed hosting the Area Assembly. We are currently planning a workshop at the Garden Grove Alano Club.

**District 8:** There were 25 in attendance. Bill B stood for Archives Committee Chair. New GSRs are Jill from Norco, Maribeth M from Corona, Bree D from Redlands, Jimmie H from Riverside. DCMC Bob H distributed Guidelines and Bylaws to all GSRs and officers. They were reviewed and ask for input at the next meeting. Ray G, CPC Chair, will host a booth at the upcoming American Society of Addiction Medicine on April 6 to 10, 2017 in New Orleans. We are co-hosting FORO with District 25 in July. The Inland Empire Central Office is having a picnic at a time to be determined. Our next meeting is February 15.

**District 9: No Report**

**District 10:** We are still in the process of finding a location for the March Assembly and will communicate the location as soon as possible.

**District 11: No Report**

**District 12:** There were 75 to 80 in attendance with 55 GSRs. The Treatment Committee event is reaching out to facilities liaison with AAs and Groups. District 12 supports H&I chili cook-off. GSRs voted to not have a Fourth of July BBQ. Park deposit for Memorial Day BBQ has reserved the park in San Clemente. GRSs approved 2017 budget and plan to create a separate bank account for our Prudent Reserve, which is three months operating budget per District 12 Guidelines. GSR approved updated District 12 Guidelines. Two District representatives plan on attending PRAASA in Sacramento. Many GSRs plan on attending the event in March 2017.

**District 14: No Report**

**District 15: No Report**

**District 17: No Report**

**District 18:** There were 30 in attendance. We will have 6 to 8 people going to PRAASA and are looking forward to it. We still have several open committee positions, as well as a DCM position. We will host a Conference Topics Workshop at our District meeting location on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

**District 19: No Report**

**District 20:** The most outstanding thing is that we continue with our meetings every Monday and visit two groups per week. District 20 is already preparing for its next anniversary #32. We will have more information by next month. We are also motivating members to go to PRAASA

and there are already 20 registered members and five reserved hotel rooms. We continue to support the PI and CPC committees. Thanks for letting me serve Jose F.

**District 21:** We continue working visiting two groups per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month with reports on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, business on the second Wednesday, a board meeting on the third Wednesday, and book study on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. We are ready to go to Sacramento to the PRAASA event with about 8 to 12 members of the District. Today we are seven companions present. Grace for letting me serve.

**District 22:** We continue to meet every Tuesday with a board meeting and a business meeting alternating. We visit groups that do not have GSRs every Monday to encourage them to send a GSR. We have two active committees: La Viña and the Local Forum. We are sending monthly contributions to Area 09 and GSO of \$15. Thank you for letting me serve you. Gerardo.

**District 23:** We continue to work with the group visits every Wednesday to bring information about the latest happenings in the Area meetings. We are encouraging members to attend PRAASA. We also invite Spanish-speaking committees to the District and group meetings. The La Viña committee was present in a group on February 9th. We attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session on February 4 in San Diego. Our 26th Anniversary is on October 4, 2017. Thanks for letting me serve. Dario.

**District 24:** We are making amendments to our guidelines in order to be more effective in our purpose. We have a temporary committee to plan our trip to PRAASA as we are some of the attendees. Our Groups are grateful for the way we inform you of what our Delegate is doing in the Area. The GSRs approved our quarterly agenda and our quarterly newsletter where we can better inform the general services groups. Our groups are contributing individually and in groups to the different service centers and sending their anniversary contributions. Several packages of AAWS books were purchased. We also invite inter-group representatives to engage in general services in the future. We will have an orientation for PRAASA attendees and future general service servers before the event. Thank you for letting me serve. Paco.

**District 25:** We had the inter-district meeting that was a great success. Also we attended all the Districts of Spanish language with an attendance of 64 members. We continue to visit two groups per week in our visitations. We are getting new GSRs who are still coming to our District. On January 30th, we had a board meeting and the minutes were not read to the GSRs. We visited District 8 on January 6 for the joint planning of the Area Forum. We will meet again with them on February 27 to continue planning the Forum event. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Pedro M.

**District 30:** No Report

### **Recap of Actions:**

- Approval of Minutes from 11 December 2016 passed as presented, without modifications.
- Joe C made a floor motion “That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous implement a plan to fully fund the partially frozen defined benefit plan and in doing so move the pension plan assets from investments into a newly created fund used exclusively for the purpose of funding the plan.” The motion was made (Joe C) and seconded (Gilbert G) to bring this motion to the next ASC.
- Diane reported that meeting times for the Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee will soon be available and meetings are open to all members.
- This intent to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$8,000 was tabled until the June ASC, with Diane C to provide additional information at the next ASC.

- This proposal by the Literature Committee was discussed a bit and will be brought to the next ASC.
- Jesus indicated he wanted to table the discussion to provide a donut fund to Area event hosts until the June ASC.

**Announcements:**

- The 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of La Viña will be hosted by Area 93 in July 2017.

**Birthdays:**

February birthdays included Lesliee with 25 years, Bill W with 44 years, Virginia with 34 years, and Revo with 35 years, Alice with 23 years, Luis with 10 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:07 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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