

\*\*\* UNAPPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES \*\*\*

AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

**Hosted by District 24 on 10 September 2017**

Hawaiian Gardens City Hall

21815 Pioneer Blvd.

Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

Meeting was called to order by Alternate Delegate Jesus O at 12:08 p.m.

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by Tammi in English/Martin in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Molly in English/Jaime in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Nate in English/Fernando 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 R), seconded (Beka M), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 21 May 2017 ASA as written.

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

**Delegate Joe C:** Since our last ASC I attended a conference call with our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel and the rest of the Delegates from the Pacific Region, I celebrated 23 years of sobriety on August 18<sup>th</sup>, I attended our Board meeting in Riverside, picked up the final Conference reports and distributed them all to you here today, and I attended a PRAASA planning meeting. Mid-Southern CA Area 09 is hosting the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous event in March 2019 in Irvine. We will probably see an attendance of around 2,000 people from the seven states which comprise the Pacific Region. I still have a few Conference report-backs to give. I am looking forward to our elections next month so I can welcome Panel 68. In love and service, Joe C., Panel 66 Delegate, Mid-Southern CA Area 09.

**Alternate Delegate Jesus O:** No report.

**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 in Riverside on August 27. Performed a Sub-Districting for District 09. Entered 179 Group changes. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09: 3,567 Total Entries (+6); 1,852 Active Groups (+2); 204 Merged Groups; 323 Unknown Groups (+4); 1,181 Inactive Groups; 0 Incomplete; 6 Pending Active; 1 Pending Inactive; and 0 Invalid mail contacts. The six pending groups are 3 G's Group in Mission Viejo (District 12); AA Traditions Group in Temecula (District 17); Chapter Four Discussion Group in Yorba Linda (District 150); Grupo La Luz Del Sur in Apple Valley (District 19); Pass It On Group in Costa Mesa (District 18), and Quip Pro Quote Group in San Juan Capistrano (District 12). Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

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

**Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C:** Good morning to everyone, my name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. Between August 1 and 31, 2017 we received a total of 225 contributions for a total of \$7,365.96, which is up compared to August 2016. Our available bank account is \$34,677.63. In the first 10 days of September, we received 40 contributions for a total of \$1,400.06. That is all for now. Thank you for your patience. Leandro C.

**Secretary Ed L:** Thank you for letting me serve. I attended the Board meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. I'm still keeping track of eligibility statuses to vote next month: four meeting attended since October and you are eligible to stand for an officer position and one attendance allows you to vote. As per Gilbert's request, after today's meeting I will send out Excel spread sheets that supplement the July 2017 sheets sent out in early August. I've taken 18 actions since August 14, mostly answering questions about certain issues. There are 850+ email recipients, so if you are not getting emails, see me to be sure I have the right address. At Joe's request, I eblasted the English and Spanish versions of the Final Reports for the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

**Area Chair Ramon D:** Absent due to illness.

**Old Business:**

- **Final written audit report:** The written, final Audit Report was provided by Jim B. Only three people voted no and none of them went to the microphone to express their minority opinion.

**New Business:**

- **Donut/healthy snack proposal:** Jesus O led the vote to have the Area provide \$160 to \$175 per event to purchase healthy snacks and/or donuts. The proposal was unanimously approved.
- **Increase Prudent Reserve:** Todd W led the vote to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500, which was unanimously approved.
- **Donation for Spanish-Speaking Women's Workshop:** Cesar F led the vote to provide \$1,200 in support of the Spanish-Speaking Women's Workshop in December 2017, which was, after much discussion, unanimously approved.
- **Approve Bill G as new CEC Chair:** Jesus O introduced this new nomination, which was unanimously approved.
- **2018 Area 09 events calendar:** Jesus O presented a copy of the calendar, which was unanimously approved. Thanks to Sharon K for producing the 2018 calendar.

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

**Archives Raul C:** We attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 2017 Mountain AA Conference in Big Bear Lake where we had an archival display. Mitchell B and I are going to Canada for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Archives Workshop for the United States and Canada. Don't forget that we are looking for volunteers to scan and sort archival materials. Our meeting is every third Saturday but we have volunteers who open the Archives every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M:** There were 3 in attendance. Last month there were six members but none of them were here this month. We had two new members. We discussed the mission and basics of the committee. We were helped by Beka. CPC will include "AA for the Older Alcoholic." Literature was distributed. Members agreed to put pamphlets in appropriate places where they will attract older people who may be interested in recovery. The chairperson will attend a seniors in sobriety conference.

**Communications Carlos R:** No Report

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D:** There were 10 in attendance. Today we passed out the CPC packets to the Districts. Each packet included four each – Health care/legal human resources/clergy information to take to professionals in the local community. We also held a workshop on 8/26/2017 with approximately 10 people in attendance. The event was held in Santa Ana. We will be getting report backs on the packet distribution. We will be having a booth in October for the California Association of School Psychiatrists in Long Beach.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P:** No Report

**Convention Liaison English Karen L:** There was only 1 person in attendance. No one came to the table today, which gave me time to reflect on these past four years as a co-chair and chair of this committee. I've met terrific people, heard the best speakers, and stayed at the best hotels. This is truly my favorite position in AA. Like any position, it can be daunting and have its drawbacks. It is better to share the experience with a buddy to help with the 72 hours you are away from home. Having had that experience with Marilyn, I prefer a two-person table. If you are looking for something special to do in AA, think about the Convention Liaison Committee Chair, where you will be privy to an abundance of reading AA literature and meet other recovering alcoholics. SCAAC will be at the Westin Golf Resort on 9/29 through 10/1/2017. The committee will host a panel on General Service with Area 09 Delegate Joe C and Sam S from La Jolla as the speakers.

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

**Corrections Mike K:** There were 6 in attendance. Two inmates released within Area 09 were contacted upon release. Thank you, Ellen and Molly, for creating a draft flow chart delineating Area 09 Corrections, Treatment, and H&I Committee and the services they provide. We hope to present this to the Area for approval once revisions are made. The future of the committee and direction/vision of those present was discussed. All who qualify are encouraged to stand for a chair position. "Corrections Correspondence" and "AA Corrections Pre-Release Contact Information" pamphlets were discussed. A survey of all H&I Intergroups with Area 09 is still underway. We plan to visit the Southern California H&I Committee meeting in October; compile data on all H&I Committees in Area 09 and the facilities they serve; compile a list of all state and county corrections facilities and contact information for Area 09; and distribute forms upon receipt.

**DCM School English Hiro S:** No Report

**DCM School Spanish Juan B:** The meeting was opened at 10:05 am with the Serenity prayer and member introductions. We had 6 people 6 and we talked regarding the elections of the area. We reviewed the 5th. Chapter of the Service Manual. We also talked about the meeting of the Organizing Committee of the 22nd. Anniversary of La Viña that took place in the New Hispanic Group of Riverside last Sunday. Board of interdistrict meeting of Officers in District 21 on Sunday 24 from 9am to 12pm. We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility was terminated. Thanks for letting me serve. Juan B

**Finance Todd W:** There were 5 in attendance. The Finance Committee has updated the Finance Guidelines to show that there are two treasurers instead of one (in one paragraph) to increase the voting membership from 10 to 11. The committee approved the Treasurer to go forward with opening a risk-free CD to secure some of the Area funds. We briefly went over qualifications for Finance Chair position for the next officer elections. There needs to be an announcement to have budget requests and expenses submitted.

**Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B:** There were 5 in attendance. There was nothing new to report since the last report. We feel we are being of useful service and stand ready to help you with writing your motions or to help you find preliminary information in you're thinking of presenting a motion.

**Grapevine Elizabeth S:** No Report

**GSR School English Sharon K:** There were 13 in attendance. We talked about meeting structure, service sponsors, GSR meetings, and business meetings.

**GSR School Spanish Jose A:** No Report

**La Viña Luis S:** No Report

**Literature English Scott R:** No Report

**Literature Spanish Victor R:** I suit up and shoe up every month. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Public Information English Deborah A:** There were 8 in attendance. We spoke about gaining interest in Public Information Committees. We have 24 Districts in our Area and only had four Public Information District chairs in attendance. If your District has a PI chair, please encourage them to attend Area meetings so that they can join us or contact us at the Area PI website. We are looking into placing Public Service Announcements onto the web TV in the DMVs. We will have a booth at the Serenity Club fundraiser on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would like us to come to your District meeting and present a Public Information presentation, please see one of us at the Area meetings or contact us via the PI website on MSCA09.org

**Public Information Spanish Mauricio T:** We discussed the duties and responsibilities or the P.I. committee. District 20 and 21 are very active. There is also dialogue about the 24 districts that make up this area about the committees that are active and that attend these meetings. We asked for volunteers to take this Service Commitment in the next panel. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**Registration Gilbert G:** A black form was submitted with no particular information.

**Special Needs Gene H:** There was 1 in attendance. We discussed an overview of literature and areas in which we can help AA members in need of meetings in hospitals or who are homebound. We also talked about getting rides to those meetings. The American Sign Language (ASL) meeting is failing. The person who started the meeting is losing faith that no one has come to this meeting in the past two weeks. We are keeping this meeting open for two more weeks. It's also on the website for the deaf. There is no strength or hope to be heard here; what a loss.

**Treatment Facilities Carlos I:** There were 3 in attendance. We discussed the treatment contact outreach list, H&I outreach, and contacted the Treatment Chair about a facility wanting a panel. We discussed outreach to our local treatment centers to provide education and information about AA. We made contact with Central Intergroup Office of the desert to make Area resources available to them.

#### 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 35 in attendance. In our August meeting, we introduced our GSRs to the proposed revisions of our Guidelines brought by the Ad Hoc Guideline Revision Committee. We expect to finish and approve the revised document at our next meeting. We received a report from our Sponsorship Workshop Committee and are excited to announce the workshop, to be held September 16<sup>th</sup> at 09:30 a.m. with a panel to begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiwanis Club in Hermosa Beach.

**District 2:** No Report

**District 3:** There were 18 in attendance. We identified dark meetings to see how effective we've been at getting the word out to our groups. We call and email our active GSRs to remind them of upcoming District 3 and Area 09 meetings. We take the number of dark meetings and divide them up by the number of attendees at the District 3 meetings. We're looking at the possibility of producing a workshop but have not decided on a topic.

**District 4:** There were more than 41 in attendance. There is a workshop on AA Perception on October 14, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a free lunch. The main speaker is Barbara D with Hiro S as the emcee. We had Maxx C take over as DCM to the LGBT Group. Laine took over as the Accessibility Chair. There were three at GSR School from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. We had eight at the 9<sup>th</sup> Concept Study from 08:45 to 9:30 a.m. District 4 will be hosting a booth at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> H&I Chili Cook-off.

**District 5:** No Report

**District 6:** There were 60 in attendance. Scott discussed the importance of GSRs with 100% committee participation. Ryan W shared feedback regarding the Spanish-Speaking Women's Workshop. Scott R informed us about October Area elections and GSR voting eligibility. He also talked about the District inventory coming in October, which he announced in an email. Ryan will distribute the District inventory questions for consideration. There was final discussion about the September 12 District share-back. District 6 will be conducting District officer elections in November.

**District 7:** No Report

**District 8:** There were 18 in attendance. There was one new GSR – Melanie – from the Saturday Night Fellowship in Riverside. We created an ad hoc committee to put on a District pen house. We reviewed voting and eligibility statuses for the Area 09 officer elections. District Guidelines will be handed out to help everyone understand our District's purpose, goals, and responsibilities. The Inland Empire Convention will be November 10-12 in San Bernardino. The next District meeting is 9-20-2017.

**District 9:** No Report

**District 10:** No Report

**District 11:** No Report

**District 12:** There were 85 GSRs. Thank you, trusted servants, District 12! We promoted elections with a new panel at the next meeting on 10/5/2017. Job descriptions are available on the District website. Max H was elected as Bridging the Gap Chair for District 12. The Treatment Committee is very active. GSRs voted to host the March 11, 2018 ASC for Area 09. Catherine will secure a location. Jim S will attend the Archives Workshop in Canada and record alcoholic old-timer's/elder's stories and submit the recordings to Area 09 Archives Chair,

Mitchell B as soon as possible. The Traditions Day will be 11/5/2017 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Canyon Club, 20456 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. A subcommittee was formed to assist District Registrar Lindsay to identify group numbers, GSRs for meetings in District 12/dark meetings, with the committee meeting on 9/23/2017.

**District 14:** There were 5 in attendance. District 14 is looking forward to hosting a Secretary's Workshop on Sunday, September 17 from 2 to 4:00 p.m. at the Arid Club in Hemet. At the next District meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> we will have Delegate Joe C's Conference report. And then next month on October 8<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting District elections. We will be discussing Movie Night and our Traditions Play in November.

**District 15:** No Report

**District 17:** There were approximately 12 GSRs. District 17 will be hosting the Servathon on Saturday November 18. Please come to beautiful Temecula to attend and support us and Area 09. District 17 election for officers will be held November 12 for 2018 officers. We welcomed two new GSRs to our District. We are speaking with our groups about the importance of autonomy and group conscience; i.e., communication with our service entities and the importance of group consciences in deciding matters within the group. We are discussing the possibility of holding a safety workshop in early 2018. The November 18 Servathon will be at the Ronald Reagan Sports Park, 30875 Rancho Vista Road, Temecula, CA 92592.

**District 18:** About 130 are registered for the District. This month, we will be having our joint Delegate's share-back along with District 6 and 7, which will be at the Huntington Beach Senior Center at 18041 Golden West St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The potluck starts at 6:00 p.m., with Joe's share-back starting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. On November 14, 2017 we will have District elections.

**District 19:** There were 10 in attendance. We are currently fine tuning our District Guidelines. We are planning for our annual Traditions Play and elections in November.

**District 20:** There were 26 present at the last District meeting. We continue to work with the groups that make up the District. We make two visits per week and we discuss the elections to be held in October, 2017. The District formed an ad hoc committee of five members to review the District's guidelines. The planning committee is already working on the preparation of the format for our elections that will take place on October 23, 2017. Jose F. DCMC and Alt. DCMC Gilberto.

**District 21:** We want to let you know that the District continues to work by visiting two groups per week and we hold our meetings four Wednesdays of each month. We also made some modifications to our guidelines and are working on a prudent reserve for our District. For the time being that's all and thank you for letting me be of service. Juan Carlos DCM.

**District 22:** No Report

**District 23:** My name is Dario and I am an Alcoholic. We want to report that we continue to work with groups to form their service committees and thus receive service sponsorship. Panel 68 is already being finalized and we are encouraging members to stand for both the District officers position and for District committee chairs. That is all for today. Thank you for letting me be of service. DCMC Dario

**District 24:** First of all, I want to thank the District 24 committee members for their enthusiasm and dedication to service and their commitments in our District. Thank you for giving us the privilege of serving in this Panel 66 our deepest gratitude: DCMC, Alt. DCMC, Secretary, Acting Treasurer, GSR of the January 11, Love and Faith, South Ca. A New Vision, Recovery, One and the Next, What We Are Today, California, Peace and Strength, July 21, New Dawn and

New Modena Groups. In our frequent contact with our groups we continue to emphasize the importance of everything related to General Services and the fact that everything begins in the home group. The importance of sponsorship in the Twelve Steps of recovery and the importance of giving life to the organizational chart to give life to the CCP, P.I., Archives, Literature, Grapevine / La Viña, Committees. Our goal is to inform our community and later have well-established committees in the District and Area and to participate in our conference through a well-informed Delegate. Lastly, on October 17, 2017 we will have our election of new trusted servants for Panel 68; we've asked District 20 to chair our elections. In the month of November we will be hosting Heritage Day and in December the inter-district meeting for the elections also of the new Panel 68 of the Hispanic Districts.

**District 25:** We continue to keep the doors open at the usual time awaiting for the newcomer to service who might want to join us. All groups remain the same with few members but all are welcome. Also the Pro Anniversary Committee has everything ready for our 10th Anniversary, which will take place on November 19, 2017. We will have flyers at the October meeting. For the moment that is all. Thank you for allowing me to serve DCMC Pedro M.

**District 30:** No Report

#### **Recap of Actions:**

- Approval of Minutes from 21 May 2017 passed.
- The vote for the Area to provide between \$160 and \$175 to purchase donuts and healthy snacks was unanimously approved.
- The vote to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500 was unanimously approved.
- The vote to provide \$1,200 in support of the Spanish-Speaking Women's Workshop was unanimously approved.
- The vote to approve Bill G as the new CEC Chair was unanimous.
- The vote to approve the Final written Audit Report prepared by Jim B was unanimous.
- The vote to approve the 2018 events calendar was unanimous.

#### **Announcements:**

- The Area 09 officer elections will be on 8 October 2017.

#### **Birthdays:**

September birthdays included Jose A with 42 years, Jose M with 8 years, Mitchell B with 8 years, Mauricio with 18 years, Gilbert with 6 years, and Ron with 13 years, .

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:25, with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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