

**Minutes of the Mid Southern California Area 9 Assembly, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005**  
Held at the Apple Valley Alano Club, 11085 Central Ave Apple Valley, CA 92308  
*These minutes were approved at the May 15, 2005 MSCA Assembly*

GSR School was held at 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM  
Delegate's Sharing Session was held at 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM  
Standing Committee Meetings were held at 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM  
11:30 AM Lunch was served before the Assembly (Hosted by District 19)

The Area Chair Bruce H., opened the Area Assembly at 12:00 noon with readings: (English & Spanish). Declaration of Unity, Bob W. & Bob O.; Tradition 1, Gorge R. & Damian M; Concept I, Randy & Arturo F.; GSR Preamble, John & Damian; Area Assembly Statement of Purpose & Membership, Bruce & Arturo F. Introductions: Past Delegates, 11 New GSRs. 1 DCM's, DCMC's. 1 Guest, and Area Officers.

**SEPTEMBER 2004 ASSEMBLY MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

**DELEGATE'S REPORT**

**(Note: The Delegate was unable to attend the Assembly due to impassable weather conditions, and some others members from the Area.)**

**AREA OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Registrar**, Linda reported a check list about the group registration. Linda thanked all the Area officers and districts for working hard on the registrations, and updates.

**Treasurer**, Joe reminded everyone to make sure and write a return address and group # on any contribution envelopes. Second, Joe talked about filling out the expense forms correctly in order to have good records. Also for anyone who is hosting an area event have only one person be in-charge of expenses to avoid any confusion. He suggested that we look at the GSO report on donations from our groups. In addition, Joe reported that starting Jan. 2005 expense reimbursement checks will no longer be issued for anyone who goes over 5% of their budget without the executive committee's approval. If anyone goes over 15% of their budget the area body will have to approve it before reimbursement is made. There were \$4,898.91 in contributions, \$6,407.59 expenses in Dec., for a balance of -\$1,508.58 in the red. Totals for 2004 were: \$55,898.21 contributions, \$66,169.35 expenses for a year end total of - \$10,271.14 in the red. For expense forms, please e-mail Joe at newrodic@aol.com.

**Secretary**, Cesar reported that he has updated the area roster and will accept any new changes or will e-mail a copy of the roster to anyone who wants it.

**Alternate Delegate**, Carlos reported that he visited Dist. 20's Christmas party and he visited Districts 10 and 24 this month. These two districts will be hosting the area Foro. Carlos said that due to bad weather the delegate was not able to make it and he had to chair the delegate's sharing session. He said he did not come prepared for this but having the (Native American) GSR from District 19 here inspired him to discuss the Northern Nevada Native American Indian Conference. There was plenty of input from different members who said they knew of at least one other Native American member who is doing service in their district. Finally, he asked for volunteers who would like to participate in putting together a future Native American outreach event.

**Area Chair**, Bruce informed that the MSCA Hosting Guidelines are available for those districts who are going to be hosting an Area event. He also reported that if someone needs a 2005 MSCA calendar schedule, he has extra copies available. Lastly, Bruce visited Districts 30, 4 and 18.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1 Proposal: 2005 Area Budget: Approved.**

**2. Proposal: Convention Liaison Committee Guidelines (New): Approved.**

**3. Proposal: On behalf of Area 09, the Area Officers Committee would like to propose to Pacific Region Delegates for MSCA 09 to host the Pacific Region Forum in 2008: Nancy J. Motion passed.**

**4. Proposal: To provide MSCA Website links to Central Offices/Intergroups: Approved.**

**5. Report: Area 93 Elections:**

Nancy B reported regarding the Area 93 officers election held in Bakersfield in October. She mentioned that it was her first area election outside of MSCA. Nancy reported that she helped in the process, as other people who came from different areas.

Jesus L also reported on his experience at the Area 93 elections in Nov. '04. He experienced the spirit of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Legacy Procedure in action. Jesus also reported that Area 93 will be hosting PRAASA in 2006.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archives:** Joseph informed that the Archivist workshop will be next Saturday.

**Cooperation with Professional Community:** Maggie informed that the committee will be attending and taking a CPC display to a professional conference in Anaheim. There were 7 people in attendance today at the CPC meeting, the discussion was about speaking in non AA events. She also informed that District 11 hosted a Cooperation with the Professional Community event on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM—2PM.

**CPC (Spanish): No report.**

**Convention Liaison (English), Not present.**

**Convention Liaison (Spanish):** Arturo informed that the committee now has new guidelines approved by the Area Assembly.

**DCM School:** Tina reported 4 in attendance today. She informed that the committee is working on district visitation, to increase GSR participation.

**Finance:** Mike informed that by recommendation of the Area 09 officers, the mileage reimbursement was reduced to \$.25 cents per mile.

**Grapevine,** not present.

**La Viña:** Raul informed to all that GSO sent him some forms about how to do the renewal on La Viña subscription. Raul also informed that he turned back to the Finance Committee the Grapevine and La Viña 2005 budget request.

**GSR School:** Jim reported 5 in attendance. Jim informed that this committee is available to visit the Districts.

**GSR School (Spanish):** Felipe reported 28 in attendance. The discussion was on PRAASA.

**Correctional Facilities:** Alex reported 2 people in attendance. He thanked all for confirming him as the new chair on this committee. Alex mentioned that he will contact the districts in order to encourage participation.

**Treatment Facilities:** Patrick reported that they had 3-5 people in attendance. He announced the 24<sup>th</sup>. H&I Conference on April 29 thru May 1<sup>st</sup>. in Orange. They also discussed “bridging the gap” providing service to alcoholics who are leaving treatment and want to find A.A meetings.

**Literature:** Craig reported 5 people in attendance. Craig also informed that the committee will be distributing the 2005 MSCA Workbook. The committee plans is to distribute English and Spanish at the same time. Lastly, Craig mentioned some districts need to update the address and meeting information for the workbook.

**Literature (Spanish), No report.**

**Newsletter,** Not present.

Newsletter (Spanish), Jesus reported that he is doing the translation.

**Public Information,** Not present

**Public Information (Spanish).** No report

**Registrar:** Bob, Alternate Chair, reported regarding the check list for the MSCA 09 Groups. He reported that Henry (the committee chair) was at the DCM School meeting. He also informed 11 in attendance in the committee meeting.

**Special Needs:** Nancy B. reported that the committee has been discussing whether GSO should have a separate Special Needs desk. The consensus was that we need to make the recommendation and Nancy will be writing a proposal for the delegate to bring to the conference. Furthermore, she said that Rich had chaired the last meeting and the main topic was the telephone technology that would allow a blind person to listen to meeting directory information. They had 3 in attendance and a letter will be drafted as an introduction to professionals.

## **COORDINATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Cooperation with the Elder Ad Hoc Committee:** Bob reported that the committee is working on some guidelines.

**Translation/Interpretation,** Oscar informed that the committee is going to have a computer in order to put this committee to work.

### **BIRTHDAYS for JANUARY**

**THE AREA ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED WITH A TOTAL 100 IN ATTENDANCE at 2:25 PM**

Respectfully Submitted Cesar F. Area 09 Secretary