

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, June 12, 2005

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These minutes were approved at the Aug. 14, 2005 MSC ASC meeting.

GSR School was held at 9:30 – 10:15 AM

Delegate's Sharing Session 9:30 – 10:15 AM

English and Spanish Standing Committee meetings were held at 10:15 –11:30 AM.

Lunch was served at 11:30 AM.

MSCA Chair, Bruce H. opened the meeting at 12 noon with the Serenity Prayer. Declaration of Unity, Shane & Damian, Tradition 6, Bill & Salvador, Concept 6, Annie & Abraham. GSR Preamble, Yolanda & Arturo, Committee Statement of Purpose & Membership: Chairman, Bruce & Carlos, Alternate Delegate.

Introductions: Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Past Delegates, New GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs Guests and Area Officers.

March 2005 ASC Minutes were approved as written.

DELEGATE'S REPORT - Nancy J.

Nancy thanked District 2 for hosting. She also thanked Districts 8,11,14,17,5,6,12,18 and 7 that have hosted delegate report backs and 35 advisory actions. She had a chance to attend the District 12 Memorial day picnic. Nancy announced a vacancy for a non-trustee director on the AAWS Board to take place at 2006 General Service Conference. Nancy encouraged all and especially past delegates to apply. She reported that the GSO website gets 268,502 hits in the month of April. It was an increase from last year. Nancy reported that there would be access to the flag ceremony at the international convention via delayed intranet broadcast with 6 access codes total for the area. People from 63 countries have registered so far for the IC. She congratulated Jesus L. from District 20 for having sent his story to GSO for the Third Edition Spanish Big book. Jesus also had an article printed in La Viña. In addition, Nancy congratulated Linda H. for submitting an application indicating her willingness to serve as an appointed member on the trustees CPC committee. She extended an invitation for attending the special forum to be held in Alaska on Aug. 19-22nd., 2005. It will be an outreach to four different cities.

The Northern Nevada Native-American Indian Conference will be held on Oct. 12-14th. 2005. The Alcoholics Anonymous of Indigenous Nations will be held in San Diego on Jan. 7 –8th, 2006. Nancy reported that the Native American Outreach Committee was able to start a meeting at the Morongo Reservation and one at the Touie Martinez Reservation and Nancy will be doing a presentation on Remote Communities at the International Convention in Toronto. Estimate of groups and members as of July 1, 2005 in the U.S. there are 52, 651 groups and there are 1, 190, 637 members. In Canada there are 4,872

Groups and 95,984 members. That is a total of 57,523 groups and 1,286,621 members in US & Canada. For a total world wide of 105,294 registered groups and 2,082,980 members.

Officers Report

Registrar: Linda reported that after PRAASA there was a suggestion that the registrar committee develop a district registrar's workbook. She gave the district registrars a draft copy for updates and is also being translated into Spanish.

Treasurer: Joe reported that he passed out copies of the quarterly treasurer's report to district DCMC's. He also reported that in the last seven years contributions to GSO have gone up but they have not gone up accordingly with the budgets they set. Group donations for MSCA for the month of May were \$4,442.72 and \$15 personal contributions. The food kitty for May was 208.00 for a grand total of 4,665.72 minus expenses of \$5,953.54 leaving a total minus expenses for the month of \$-1,287.82

Secretary: Cesar reported that the roster would be available in August. He asked everyone to sign-in at the registration table so that he can keep a tally of who will be eligible to stand at the area elections in October. He is working on that list right now and will make it available to all DCMC's next month.

Alt. Delegate: Carlos reported he visited two districts and attended the intra-district meeting with Spanish speaking districts. He also attended the Foro-Planning meeting and he thinks that it's all ready to go. The theme will be "AA is lubricated by service". He also met with the Treatment Facilities Committee this morning.

Area Chair: Bruce reported that there would be some presentations presented today. He reminded everyone to please give him any agenda items that need to be put on the agenda as soon as possible. In addition, he said that presentations also need to be translated into Spanish in a timely manner before the meeting. There is help available through the translation ad-hoc committee and the contact person for that is Oscar. Bruce also reminded anyone who is hosting an area event needs to put location address on area web site. Finally, Bruce reported that he visited a couple of districts 1& 2. He said that there would be an area inventory in Nov. and Dec.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives: Pete announced that the archives committee will be presenting heritage day on Oct. 2nd. and they will ask District 5 to host it. In addition, Pete reported that two of the archives committee members will be working archives booth at the International Convention. Charles K. and Jackie T. will be participating. Pete also said that they are inventorying the Archive Collections and asked for any volunteers that might want to help. They are still asking for group histories and asked if we can turn those in. Pete said that they are encouraging districts to elect a district archivist and he reminded us that the archives committee is available to make presentations at the districts. Finally Pete pointed out that there was an article on the area newsletter with valuable information about area 09.

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee: Michael reported that they had a total of 12 members in attendance with 4 of those brand new. She said that they had drafted letters to all the Central Offices to ask if they can have senior meetings designated in directories. They had very good participation in Palms Springs at the joint CPC/CEC panel on April 30th. They had around 35 people there. Participated in a Senior Information Fair Laguna Hills as well, on April 8th. Also did presentations in district 6, 12, 14, 15 and South County H & I. Currently have a dialogue with an assisted living facility in Long Beach to establish a meeting there because there are at least three recovering alcoholics there who cannot attend meetings. Currently working on the committee guidelines for review in Aug. The committee is also working on a brochure.

Convention Liaison: Jason reported that they presented the area general service display at three different conventions; H&I Conf., Orange County Conv. and at the Desert Pow Wow. They have been invited to serve on the convention committees for the Orange County Conv., the Pow Wow, the Inland Empire Conv. And Southern California Convention. Arturo will be handling the service activities for the Inland Empire Convention and there will be a Spanish Convention in September.

Convention Liaison Spanish: Arturo said he had the same report as Jason.

Correctional Facilities: Alex reported that he had flyers available for the Corrections Correspondence Program. In addition, Alex said that if you have written to someone in the past and are not writing anymore. Please re-submit your information to update it since New York might think that you're still writing to someone. Also if you have moved please submit any changes to him.

DCM School: Phil reported that they had 15 in attendance and they discussed the DCM committee's next service piece. He also reminded everyone that the DCM school committee is available to do district presentations.

Finance: Mike reported that they had 5 in attendance. He said he would be making a presentation on the guidelines. They discussed the 2006 budget packets that they will be distributing to the Committee chairs and the Executive committee.

Grapevine: Melissa reported that they had 2 in attendance. The Grapevine display will be at District 5 on July the 14th. for the secretary/treasurer workshop.

La Viña: Raul reported that he had one person show up to talk to him. He also mentioned articles on the latest edition of the magazine.

GSR School: Jim reported that they addressed many questions regarding group service. He also reminded us that he will be rotating out at the end of the year and if anyone is interested in serving as GSR school chair to please attend the GSR school. Jim also mentioned that the committee is available to make district presentations.

GSR School Spanish: Felipe reported that had 20 in attendance. They discussed the upcoming Foro and they shared experience strength and hope from other Foros.

Literature: Chris reported that they had 7 in attendance. They heard reports from the chairperson Craig regarding literature news from PRAASA and the general service conference items. He reported that they are working on the 2006 Work Book, the "What's It All About" pamphlet and the pamphlet "So you've been told to go do AA?".

Newsletter: Nick reported that the Area Newsletter had 3 in attendance. He said that the newsletters were available on the literature table. Nick said that they had two presentations for today and he said that the committee meeting focused around how to help the Spanish speaking AA community. He also reported that he would be attending the intra-district meeting to talk about the content in the district web pages.

Nancy will be meeting with the DCM school next month to talk about the content on their web sites. Finally, Nick pointed out that communication is very important.

Newsletter Spanish: Jesus reported that he usually makes 25 copies for each of the Spanish speaking district and he mentioned that the Spanish version of the newsletter is available on the area website.

Registration: Henry reported 10 people in attendance at the registration committee meeting. In addition, he motioned that the committee discussed the status of the annual group information updates for GSO. He said that Linda distributed the registration workbook and he thinks it will be a great tool to have.

Public Information: No report-Absent

Public Information Spanish: Luciano reported that they had 14 in attendance. He said he had ordered 5 P.I. packets for the Spanish speaking districts and they've already been distributed. They also discussed people who are sent by the courts and they decided that CCP is responsible for that.

Special Needs: No Report-Absent

Treatment Facilities: Russ reported 7 people in attendance. They discussed the upcoming event that they want to have in the fall and the H&I conference.

District reports

District 2: Kay reported that they've gone from 5 participating members up to 20 at the District meeting. Kay also reported that they will be joining district 4 for the delegates report in Aug. and they will be participating in a treasurer's workshop in Sept. and she thanked Craig for the literature presentation at her district. Finally she said that they would be having district elections.

District 4: Rich thanked Gregory for his work with the treasurer's workshop that will be taking place soon at the MWA club. They distributed 5 Cambodian Language Big Books.

District 5: Melissa thanked Craig for his literature presentation. She reported that they had the delegate's report with districts 12, 18, 6 and 7. The next meeting July 14th. they will have a secretary/treasurers workshop and round table discussion. In Aug. they will have an archives report. In Nov. they will have the traditions play at their service appreciation day and in Oct. or Nov. they will have their elections.

District 6: Carol reported that they had their meeting on Jun 7th. and they now have a new DCMC; Mary Anne. They had a round table discussion and the topic was "what to do in the future" and it was very good.

District 7: Shane said there were 5 in attendance and he reported that they would be having a barbecue at the rock center on July 17th. They will invite some of the area-standing committees in order to encourage service.

District 8: Ruth reported that there were 2.5 members from district 8. She thanked Nancy for the delegate's report and they had districts 11, 14 and 17 that joined up with them for the delegate's report.

District 9: Yolanda reported that there were 8 in attendance and they will be hosting a unity day picnic on June 18th. She thanked Michael and Maggie for a successful CPC workshop in May. Yolanda also reported that they put in a request for the flag ceremony password to show that at their biggest location.

District 10: Scott reported that they meet the first wed. of every month at 8pm. He said that they celebrated AA birthday on June 1st. since they can't attend the International Convention. They will be hosting the Foro with district 24 on July 10th. They are changing the format of the meeting and getting more GSRs as a result. Nancy will be giving the delegate's report in Aug.

District 11: Diane reported that there were 5 in attendance. She further reported that the district guidelines have been revised and there are four new GSRs and they also thanked Craig for the literature presentation. They will be hosting the ASC in Aug. and they will have a treasurers workshop in Sept. along with Dist. 8, 19 and 14.

District 12: Candy reported that they had a memorial picnic last month and will be hosting the area meeting in Sept. and they will have the traditions play in Nov.

District 14: Art reported that they've been working on a 411-referral problem that they are trying to correct. They are preparing for an ice cream social in Oct. They are also trying to put their committees together but there are very few volunteers. Attendance has tripled since the beginning of the year.

District 15: Nancy reported that they had five in attendance and at the last district meeting they discussed how to have a perfect meeting the next time they host an area meeting and they decided that they couldn't expect to be perfect. She thanked Craig for the literature presentation and she said that they are talking about hosting a secretary's day workshop.

District 17: Scott reported that they had 2 present. He thanked Nancy for the delegate's report. District 14 will be visiting their meeting next Tuesday. He also thanked everyone who participated at their "how it works" workshop in April.

District 18: Tina reported that the district DCMs and GSRs are going around to the different meetings and distributing the visitation packets. They now have 5 new GSRs and they also participated in the combined delegate's report with districts 5, 6, 12 and 18. The alano club sub-district committee had two secretary's workshop in Aug. and they're going to have another one because they've been successful. In Oct. they will have an open house with pizza and a movie and they will show the Video "Bill's own Story".

District 20: Rogelio reported that they are working hard as always and at their last meeting they had 18 GSRs, 5 alt. GSRs and all the district officers 8 total. They also have three standing committees; La Viña, PI and CPC. We are working on encouraging the group to contribute to GSO, District and Intergroup. Rogelio reported that they are still encouraging the Spanish-speaking members to send their stories to GSO for the Spanish Third Edition Big Book. They had 6 members present at the area meeting.

District 22: Jose Manuel reported that they are still visiting 2 groups per week. They had a new group start on June 10th. and it's called "Hope for Life". They had a public information meeting as the opening ceremony. He thanked districts 20, and 23 for helping out with that. We are encouraging the groups with the new pamphlet we got from Joe; "Pass the Word".

District 23: Francisco reported that they meet four times a month and we go visit two groups per week. We have a newsletter committee and an audi-video committee. We are also planning for our 15th. Anniversary celebration to be held on Oct. 22nd. Nancy will be giving the delegate's report on June 24th.

District 24: Santiago reported that they visit two groups per week and they are encouraging the 7th. Tradition since very few groups contribute. Everything's ready for next month's XIV Foro and I'm really looking forward to experience, strength and hope. There are 6 of us present today.

District 30: Nancy reported that there were 3 present; two sound people and one coffee person.

New Business

1. Proposal: 2006 MSCA Meeting Schedule: Bruce H.

2. Proposal: MSCA Guidelines Change; Delete Article IV, C, 2 (Meeting time & Place of ASC and change with the following. The time and place of each ASC will be selected by the executive committee. The time will be significantly different than the Area Assembly meeting. The place will be based upon the principal of rotation among districts. These will be approved by the area service committee.) Jim B.

3. Proposal: Modify Newsletter Guidelines Article VIII, Heading E Section 4, sub-section b, Hyperlinks to Outside: Nick M.

4. Proposal: Revision Newsletter Guidelines Add Article VIII, Heading E, Section 3, sub-section e.: Nick M.

5. Proposal: Area 09 Expense and Budget Policy New: Mike M.

6. Proposal: Budget Override of Approx. \$150.00- \$200.00 to host a T.F. Workshop in the Fall of 2005. : Pat S.

7. Proposal: Budget Override \$1000.00 for Delegate Expenses at the 2005 International Convention: Nancy J.

8. Proposal: Budget Override \$120.00 for GSR School: Felipe G.

9. Proposal: Change Name of Correctional Facilities Committee to Corrections Committee: Alex N.

Central Office Intergroup, Alex reported that on August 7 is going to be a picnic everyone is invited, and he mentioned that flyers were available.

Ad hoc Native American Outreach Committee, Marita reported that there are two meetings and one Special Forum is coming up.
Ad hoc Translation/Interpretation Committee, Oscar reported 13 people in attendance at the committee meeting, 3 new voluntaries for this committee, also discussion was on some guidelines.

MSCA 09 FORO.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

140 Years of Sobriety Celebrate
THE ASC ADJOURNED at 3:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted Cesar F. Area 09 Secretary