

**Mid-Southern California Area 9 Area Assembly Minutes
January 10, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Jeryl T. at 11:30am

Seating of PANEL 60 Officers/Directors

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Jake W./Jose Tradition 1: Dave /Pedro Concept 1:Regina/Ignacio GSR Preamble: Bill / Oscar Statement of Purpose and Membership: Terry/Delfino

Introductions

Approval of 2009 October Election minutes, Motion/2nd – Nick/Roseanne T. – Bill / Scott motion/2nd to approve with the amendments. Motion carries

Officers Reports:

Delegate: Linda C. After greeting the assembly with some personal statistics of introduction, Linda C. reviewed several of the items from the December AA World Service board meeting. She encouraged everyone to attend and encourage others to attend PRAASA in March, especially as it is so close by. Flyers and Registration Forms are available the PRAASA.org website. She reviewed her Conference Committee assignments (Agenda and Archives) and made some of the preliminary agenda items available in a short, manageable format for distribution and discussion at District and Group meetings. She also distributed a sheet of suggested discussion topics based on the Conference theme *“Our Commitment to Carry AA’s Message—Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action.”* She gave out pins with a logo she designed with the Area number (09) and the Panel number (06) arranged one above the other with gray triangles in the 0’s to celebrate this two-year service together. She has invited all of the past delegates who are able to attend to join her for a session suggested by one of our early delegates, humorously called “Gang up on the New Delegate” for the purpose of sharing their experience with her. She closed saying that she will do everything she can to treat all in the MSCA with the respect they deserve and that “much can be accomplished in the spirit of mutual respect and love—one member for another.”

Alt. Delegate: Cesar “I have the honor, privilege to serve you as Panel 60 Alternate Delegate. First, I am going to start saying that I plan to serve as liaison between the Area Service Committee, Intergroup/Central, Coordinate Committees and all Standing Committees, also I would like to plan an event (GSR Appreciate Day) the 4th Saturday of May 2010. Second, I would like to bring back the Pow Wows for DCMs and Standing Committee Chairs, with this event the idea is to help the Districts and Committees on encouraging participation with the Area Assembly and Area Service Committee meetings. The date for this Pow Wow will be March 20, 2010 at the Archives Repository. (Flyer will be available on the next ASC on February 2010) Third, I will be visiting District 1 to work together on planning the Pre-Conference Workshops. The purpose of the Pre-Conference Workshop is to provide Area feedback to the Delegate regarding upcoming Conference issues. This event will be held on Sunday April 11, 2010. Lastly, I will be working closely with Linda C. to enhance the effectiveness of the Delegate’s functioning; but I think it is more the effectiveness of my job as Alternate Delegate. Thank you for this great opportunity to be of Service.”

Treasurer: Joseph The balance on December 23, 2009 was \$2,849.31. We added \$3,200 from the prudent reserve on December 26, 2009 bringing the total balance to \$6,049.31 on January 10, 2010

Registrar: Michael “I am your new Panel 60 Area 09 Registrar. I will not have very much to say today because I don’t know what I’m doing yet. Cesar has been graciously sharing his experience, strength and hope with me. First, let me say that Area 09 is the best Area in all of AA’s North America, and I am proud

and grateful to be a part of Area 09 with you, and a part of the Panel 60 Board of Officers. Second, let me say welcome to all of the new GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, Secretaries, Treasurers and Registrars from all of our districts. You are in for a wonderful ride with wonderful people. Third, thank you very much for the opportunity you and my Higher Power have given me to serve you. I will strive to do the best job I know how, learn as much as I can, listen to all of you, follow those that have gone before me and do it with grace, a smile on my face and a heart full of love for all of you and for Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you to you all."

Secretary: Sharon K. "There were 214 people here today. Wow! Thank you to Michael for helping me this morning. You may be wondering why I need your address. Well, as your Secretary it is my responsibility to keep a list of all the member's addresses. I encourage all of you if you have any questions to email me. You can reach me via email through the area website. If you provided an email address you will be added to the email distribution list. You will receive agendas, minutes, and area event information. I have District and Committee forms up here for all your reports. It is important that you check in as I keep track of all those eligible to vote. "

Chair: Jeryl T. "It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Panel 60 Area 09 Chair. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from and surround myself with some of the most dedicated members of Alcoholics Anonymous that I am in the presence of now. I am blessed. As Chair, I hope to facilitate the Traditions, Concepts, and Guidelines as laid out for our benefit. It is my job to serve, and I hope to live up to the path that has been laid out by the Members that have preceded me in this position. I will be leaning on many of you for direction and your experience when needed. It is my hope that we can continue to strengthen the Area through education and a more focused participation. I hope that our efforts will be towards unity and never covert or condescending. I hope to give an even ear to all who approach me with your thoughts, needs, ideas and solution with regard to the Area and its tributaries; the Districts, Committees, and Groups and the alcoholic who still suffers. I know there is much to learn, so I hope my patience with myself will match the patience you will allow me in my educational period. We have much to do and I hope we can do it with gusto, with a joyful attitude, and in love of service.

New Business

1. Motion from December 2009 ASC:

Due to the wording of Article 4.3 of the newly adopted MSCA Bylaws, we are presented with an unintended consequence which would not convey voting rights to many newly elected trusted servants. Therefore the Area Service Committee recommends the following motion: "That the assembly vote to alter, by suspension, Article 4.3 of the MSCA Bylaws for this Assembly only." Motion carries.

2. TRICYPAA – Chris Co-Chair. Ask for support of letter of recommendation to host the next ACYPAA conference. Alex spoke to the minority as after certification of events, we do not receive any follow up reports after the meetings. Motion carries.

3. Election and Assembly Ratification of Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs.

	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>SPANISH CO-CHAIR</u>
Archives	Joseph H.	N/A
Communication Committee	Jesus O.	N/A
CEC	OPEN	
CPC	Bill	Martin G.
Convention Liaison	Bob D.	OPEN
Corrections	Alex O.	
DCM School	Terry S.	OPEN
Finance	Jim B.	N/A
Grapevine/La Vina	Doug M.	Mauricio T.
Literature	Ernesto M.	OPEN

Public Information	Keith S.	Marcelo
Registration	Devon F.	N/A
Special Needs	Scott R.	OPEN
Treatment Facilities	John O.	OPEN
GSR School	Dave M.	Reynaldo A.

3. 2010 Budget.....Joseph M.

Finance committee recommend changes \$30 less to delegate, 15% cut to area officers, raised minimum budget to \$210 for chair positions that did not utilize their budget. Motion to approve budget passes.

Regional Forum Report – We are the host area. Have the preliminary flyer on the website. August 27 – 29, 2010. We are accepting volunteers to help with Registration. Linda H. is the publicity chair. We are willing to make district visitations. No registration costs.

PRAASA has requested that they borrow and use our translation equipment.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Introduction of Panel 60 Archives Committee Members – Joseph Chair, Matthew co-chair, Spanish Liaison – Raul. Archives movie night (both English & Spanish). Emphasis was made that our Archives Committee members need to “Carry the Message”. 2010 Open House scheduled for March 21st, 2010 possibly special guest Jay S. with an Oxford group presentation. New Collection policy reviewed and made simplified. Collection Sub-Committee and Archives Committee meet every 3rd Saturday of each month. Motion approved. Special Gues: Linda C, Delegate and Cesar F. Alternate Delegate in attendance along with Spanish community members on discussion of current Archives workbook for input or changes before General Service Conference. Upcoming events: Feb 5th, Pete B. Archivist to give presentation at Joshua Tree meeting.

Communication Committee—Being a part of AA and of the area helps me stay sober and be of service for my own recovery. In addition, I also get a chance to learn from the best. A lot of times I worry about not having all the answers and I get frustrated. Then I realize that having all the answers is not the most important thing, rather knowing where to find the answers is what makes the difference. So, lately, I've been finding out that being a part of the ACC committee is a great way to get the answers I need. The sub-committee chairs are experts at what they do; Henry B. at the Electronic Media Sub-Committee, the Translation Sub Committee, Area Communication Equipment Sub-Committee, Newsletter Editors and the Sound Dude and Web Coordinator. I still don't have a clue as to how it all works together but I'm surrounded by people that have the answers and they are willing to share them with all of us. Hope to have a great 60th Panel and learn a lot more.

CPC – Discussed the responsibilities of the CPC Chair and Spanish Co-Chair. Martin and Alfonso both expressed a desire to be CPC Spanish Co-Chair. The CPC accomplishments were to be discussed. Bill expressed an interest in being CPC Chair.

Convention Liaison – will get a hold of the former chair and will be asking for additional

Corrections – Meeting started at 10:30am with five in attendance. Read Preamble and purpose of Corrections. Jaime has done service at a Psychiatric Center in Norwalk, also service in Garden Grove Rock Center. Did not pass out literature at Psychiatric Centers due to meds, etc. and patients acting out. Received letter from GSO for Alex to read. Esperansa to volunteer at District 34 in Riverside. Julio talked about corresponding with the inmates and PO Box to be used instead of personal address. Candido asked how does inmate contact AA Corrections before committee. Alex's job is to secure panel. Alex gets letter from General Service in New York one at a time. Per Alex, anyone of us can write to GSO with questions, comments, suggestions, etc.

DCM School – “A lot of questions on their duties, DCM's as well as DCMC's. There were a whole slew of new DCM's and DCMC's. They learned a lot and so did I. Thank you for letting me serve the past two years.”

Finance - Confirmed suggested changes to the proposed 2010 budget by the Panel 60 Area Officer to be put forth to the January Assembly for approval. Attract more group contributions by adding a short report monthly to the Area Newsletter. Upcoming Events: Bringing the Finance Committee guidelines into agreement with the new Area bylaws.

Grapevine – “Presentation to District 17 in Sun City on December 8, 2009. Five very enthusiastic people attended the Grapevine meeting today. It has been my honor, privilege and pleasure to serve as Area 09 Grapevine Chair (Panel 58). Thank you to all the Districts that had me out to do Grapevine presentations and everyone who supported the Grapevine by being a District Representative or by subscribing. This has been my favorite commitment. Thank you from my heart and soul, for letting me be of service. Please get involved. The Grapevine is our magazine written by us. AA Pass it on, subscribe, use it as a 12 step tool. New Chair of Area 09 (Grapevine) you are in for the time of your life!”

GSR School Spanish– _written

La Vina – written

Literature – wait to download the best version of the workbook which will be available shortly on the website.

Public Information – We will have our meeting next month at the ASC any DCMCs I will be in touch with you and the PI chairs for the District

Registration. Thank you to all who attended and to Michael and Cesar for answering questions. Meeting opened at 10:15am. We discussed the distribution of the “Group Information Sheets” from GSO. Michael M., Area Registrar, will distribute those sheets to the District Registrars. Turn in any group forms to Michael. i.e. New Group, Group Change, Group Information Sheet (GSO). We discussed problems with GSRs sending information directly to GSO w/o going through their District Registrar. We discussed classifications of a meeting’s status. Districts have until April 15, 2010 to turn in Group Information Sheets. GSO did not publish regional directories last year due to funds. Devon F. has volunteered to stand for Registration Chair.

Newsletter - . Need to get a sense of newsletters needed for each district. Challenging everyone to write one newsletter article this year.

Coordinate Committee Reports

TRICYPAA – Meets 2nd & 4th Sat. @ noon. Unity Church 3730 Elizabeth St., Riverside CA 92506. “Here today to ask for your support on our bid for ACYPAA in 2011. We represent young people in AA that reside in Area 9 and Area 5. YPAA committees in this area have been bidding for ACYPAA since 1998 and we as TRICYPAA have been bidding for the past five to ten years as well. Our bid for next year’s ACYPAA is stronger than ever before and with your support we hope to bring ACYPAA back to the Inland Empire once again. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for your support and for allowing us to be of service” Upcoming events: Feb. 6 Sweetheart Formal meeting @ the Glendale Hilton in Glendale, CA. Meeting from 6 – 7:30pm, Dance 8pm – midnight, Sky Lounge from midnight to 1am. Feb. 11 – 14 ACYPAA 2010 at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego, CA. August 26 – 29 – ICYPAA Times Square Marriott, New York City.

SOCALYPAA – Meets at the LA Central Office 1st & 3rd Sundays at noon. “I’m here today on behalf of SOCALYPAA to introduce a committee and offer our support to your local young people’s meetings, groups and service committees. Statement read from podium taken verbatim from main page of website cited below: We welcome any suggestions on how to better outreach to and provide events and service opportunities for young people in Area 9. www.SOCALYPAA.org for information and to pre-register for the conference.” Upcoming events: SOCALYPAA – Oct. 28 – 31, 2010 at the Woodland Hills Marriott.

District Roll Call

District 2 – Elected new board. Ramon D. DCMC, Julio I, Treasurer, Javier (Revo) Registrar. Will engage in recruiting aggressive program to increase the GSR representation to the District meetings. Discussing the probabl organization of a special event in celebration of the AA history of Area 9 organized and sponsored by District 2.

District 5 – Encompasses Santa Ana, Tustin, Orange and Villa Park. Elected new officers, Linda talked about DCM and the Assembly. Passed out our budget. Thank Keith S./Alex for coordinating the facilities

and volunteers for the January assembly. Upcoming events: Four Area DCM Sharing. Next District 5 meeting Thursday Jan. 14, 2010.

District 6 – Elected DCMs and Committee Chairs. Q & A segment for new GSR's. Asked GSRs/DCMs to come to Area meeting. 9 new GSRs. Roundtables – "Carrying the Message of Service". I appreciate this opportunity to be of service and look forward to the the next two years. Upcoming event: Nancy J – General Service Presentation – 2/2/10.

District 7 – brought in our new officers. Looking forward to having Linda join us for the meeting in February

District 8 – elected new officers. 2010/2011 Panel: Phil G. – Treasurer, Eila R. – Secretary, Matthew O. – Registrar, Aran B. – Alt. DCMC, David T. – DCMC, Milt S. – DCM sub A, Jim F. – DCM sub B, Matt W. – DCM sub C, Viktor W. – DCM sub D.

District 9 – We started our meeting by reading Concept 1 and discussing it. We held elections and now have new DCMC – Don, Alt. DCMC – Jose, Sec – Nikki, and Literature Chair – Brian. Again we had a loving discussion about how much our district will spend on sending GSR's DCM's and chairs to PRAASA. Again it was tabled pending more information. Hmm we now have only one meeting left until PRAASA. Hope to see you there. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 10 – Elections were held at the November District meeting. Our new District officers are: Tracie – DCMC, Jim – Alt. DCMC., Rachael – Secretary, Alicia – Registrar, Brian – Treasurer. In January we elected to send our DCMC to PRAASA. District 10 is looking forward to hosting the ASC in June. From Tracie, DCMC "Beginning of my DCMC position for 2010-2011 in District 10. The first meeting was held January 6, 2010. We had District Committee elections. Some positions still need to be filled. Looking forward to PRAASA in March. "

District 11 – January 1st, 2010 District 11 sponsored the 1st annual New Years Eve Alcahthon. Success, with over 100 people from 9pm- 6am. GSR School held six new GSRs. New elected officers are: DCMC – Doug S., Alt. DCMC – Suzanne C, Secretary – Esperanza , Treasurer – Ron E., Registrar – Angel T. There were eight present at the Assembly today.

District 12 – Held our 1st District GSR Meeting of 2010 on the 1st Thurs. of January. Erin S., new DCMC presiding. All Committee Chair positions were filled by volunteers (new rotation). Nine members in attendance today for Area Assembly.

District 14 – We read the GSR Preamble. "As a new DCMC I look forward to the challenge. We had a shuffle of GSRs and DCMs. Upcoming events: Re-write our rules of engagement (by-laws)

District 15 – Elected new officers: DCMC – Nikki N. Alt. DCMC – Mike G. Secretary – Barbara M. Registrar – Henry T. Archivist – Paul Y. Treasurer – Peyman H. DCM Yorba Linda – Butch P. Committee Chairs to be filled next month. Five new GSRs, three representing meetings who were previously not represented. Had 15 in attendance at the meeting. Outreaching has been successful and we will continue to do so. Upcoming events: Hosting Area Assembly May 16th.

District 17 – District officers elected November 2009 and all were filled. Budget presented November and December to be approved in January. Upcoming Events: Electing Standing Committee Chairs on January 12, 2010.

District 18 – Introduction of 12 new GSRs for Panel 60. New DCM and Committee Chairs elected. DCM 18A – Bill D., DCM 18I – Roxie, DCM 18W – Teri, Grapevine Chair – Renee, Intergroup Chair – Manny, Literature – Kathy, H & I – Tom & Julie. Decision to keep meeting at Costa Mesa Senior Center for next six months. Ben G. outgoing DCMC thanks group. Upcoming events: planning to fill vacant DCM & Chair positions in January. Re-organizing group along subdistrict lines (Rosters, Seating)

District 20 – written to be translated

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District 22 – written to be translated

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District 25 – written to be translated

District 30 – talked about ways to improve group contact. Upcoming events: mailing of letter to groups.

Announcements

- February 20 4 area DCM sharing session is at 2425 E. Street, La Verne 91750. 8 roundtables.
- April 30 – 29th annual H & I conference. Need help with registration.

Recap of Actions

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January Birthdays

Tim 30	Darryl 21	Sharon 9	Michael 15	Pam 31	Nikki 12
Annie 14	Martin 4	Maggie 28	Doug 29	Angel 3	Joe 3
Doug 2	Cesar 14	Paco 24	Revo 28		

THE ASC ADJOURNED at 412pm with the Responsibility Pledge: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, And for that, I am responsible."

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.