

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

**Hosted by District 10 on 12 November 2017**  
UFCW Union Local 324, 8558 Stanton Avenue  
Buena Park, CA 90633

Meeting was called to order by Alternate Delegate at 12:00 p.m.

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by Joanna in English/Rodolfo in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Glenda in English/Jaime in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Charles in English/Mariano 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 (Carlos I), seconded (Deborah A), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 13 August 2017 ASC as written.

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

**Delegate Joe C:** Since our Election Assembly last month, I gave a Conference report-back to District 3 in Lomita, helped facilitate elections for District 5 in Santa Ana, attended our Board meeting in Riverside, attended District 22's elections in Palm Springs, helped facilitate elections for District 10 in Fullerton, spoke at District 23's 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in Riverside, and spoke at the Inland Empire Convention in San Bernardino. I want to say special congratulations to our new Panel 68 Board members for our Area. Welcome back to the Board, Sharon! Welcome to our new Board members, Hiro, Mitchell, and Todd. And thank you for continuing your service, Ed, Ryan, Jesus. I am not saying my goodbyes yet, but I am preparing to do that at next month's ASC. Many of you have been very generous in your kind words to me in regards to my service in this Area. But, please let me take a moment to thank all of you. Thank you everyone for everything. In sincerest love and service, Joe C. Panel 66 Delegate

**Alternate Delegate Jesus O:** Since our last meeting, I've been helping out in most of the District elections with the exception of Districts 10 and 24. We helped out at District 9 in Palm Springs and District 22 as well in Palm Springs a week or so later. I was the Spanish voice for Joe at the District 23 Anniversary. Yesterday, Ryan and I went out to Lucerne Valley for the District 19 Traditions Play and workshop to talk about the Traditions, and pretended to be the delegate for the play and Ryan was the politician. It's been an exciting month since the elections in October. I've received lots of love and support from Area 09 and other delegates throughout the U.S and Canada. Some of those delegates I will have a chance to meet in the Conference next April. I received my welcome email from GSO and we will be getting our delegate committee assignments next month toward the end of December. I registered early for PRAASA for the first time ever and I'm looking forward to all the upcoming activities for the delegate position. I hope to see you all in PRAASA next year at Sparks, Nevada. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Jesus O.

**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: Assisted with the Panel 68 Area 08 San Diego Imperial Area Elections. Attended the Area 09 Executive Board Meeting in Riverside. Attended the District 21 Elections in Norwalk. Attended the District 25 Elections in San Bernardino. Attended the District 4 Elections in Long Beach. Participated in the Area 09 Panel 68 Elections in Banning. Attended the District 5 Elections in Santa Ana. Compiled updated listing for District 5's Registrar. Attended the District 9 Elections in Palm Desert. Attended the District 8 Elections in Riverside. Attended the District 23 Elections in Riverside. Attended the Area 09 Executive Board Meeting in Riverside. Attended the District 20 Elections in Tustin. Attended the Inter-District Meeting & District 22 Elections in Palm Springs. Attended the District 10 Elections in Fullerton. Attended the District 15 Elections in Brea. Participated in the District 19 Traditions Play in Lucerne Valley. Entered 52 Group Changes since our last meeting.

Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Mid-Southern California Area 09: Total Entries = 3578 (+1); Active Groups = 1855 (+5); Merged Groups = 204; Unknown Groups = 330; Inactive = 1184 (+2); Incomplete = 0; Pending Active = 4 (-5); Pending Inactive = 1 (-1); and Invalid Contacts = 0. The four Pending Active Groups are: 341 Happy Hour Group (District 1 Torrance), Grapevine Group (District 17 Menifee), Name In The Hat Group (District 5 Orange), & What's Good About Today Group (District 9 Cathedral City). 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. Welcome to those of you attending your first Area 09 meeting. My job is collecting and reporting contributions for Area 09 MSCA. Diane is responsible for all the payments, and we work together, especially last month because contributions are increasing. In October, there were 215 contributions for a total of \$8,729.60, which is \$554.50 more than in October 2016. Between November 1 and 11, 2017 we received 69 contributions for a total of \$2,423.18. Our previous bank account total was \$29,810.49, and as of November 11, 2017 is \$32,233.67. If things keep going as they have, we can certainly do more committee work to carry the message. That is all for now. Thank you for your patience. Leandro C.

**Secretary Ed L:** It has been my pleasure to serve as your Area 09 Secretary, which is something I know how to do. Now that I've been elected as Treasurer Accounts Receivable, I am asked to do something (money) I have no idea how to do, but I am willing and God is my banker. Since October 9, 2017 there have been 23 actions mostly involving communication with almost 900 Area 09 members, including the Hispanic Women's Workshop, Servathon, 2018 budget, and agenda/minutes for this ASC.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Finance Committee Revised Guidelines:** Todd W introduced wording that would result in three changes to the Finance Committee Guidelines (last changed in July 1999), namely changes that would refer to two treasurers rather than only one.

- **Request to pay \$512 Override for October Elections:** Todd W reported that due to a limited number of locations, they had to use a site that required renting chairs and tables and security, so District 14 is requesting a refund of \$512 to cover the elections. Motion was made to turn ASC into an ASA (Joe), seconded (Don S), so that this reimbursement could be voted on today. Following brief discussion, the Assembly voted yes to reimburse District 14 the \$512 override.
- **Communications Committee Proposal:** Don S presented the following proposal: Propose to change the Area Communications Committee Guidelines – II,F.,2.,b) Web Coordinator: “The term of office is two (2) years beginning January 1 of even numbered years. The EMSC Web Coordinator is elected by the Area Assembly by a simple majority vote, and is eligible for re-election for a second two-year term.” The change is to remove the underlined words.
- **Letters of Support for Local Young People’s Groups To Host 2019 ACYPAA Round Up:** Julius Y presented a draft letter that would be submitted by Hiro S should the January 2018 ASA vote to send the letter. It was suggested that the word, “endorsed,” be removed from the letter. Albert representing OCYPAA also asked that Area 09 write a similar letter to support them for the same event.
- **2018 Proposed Budget:** Todd W presented the proposed 2018 budget, which was then opened for questions.
- Each of the above issues will be taken to the December ASC for discussion.

#### **New Business:**

- **16 September 2018:** Given a conflict, the ASA will be moved from September 9 to September 16, 2018 and will be hosted by District 25, as District 11 is currently dark.
- **Change Committee Name:** Joe C made a floor motion to change the name of the “Special Needs” Committee to “Accessibilities” Committee, which was then open for questions. He stated that this would allow the Area to be consistent with New York.

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

**Archives Raul C:** Mitchell, Raul, and Jim S attended the 21<sup>st</sup> workshop held in Winnipeg, Canada. Every third Saturday we have a regular meeting but this Saturday we are going to Temecula for the Servathon. On November 11, we were at the Inland Empire Convention. On December 17 we will have Heritage Day held by District 24. We really need volunteers!

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M:** Our prime challenge is to develop consistent participation in the committee. Two members attended the Seniors in Sobriety Conference in September. There was a presentation for the Area that has been suggested in accomplishing the mission of this committee. We hope for greater participation.

**Communications Don S:** No Report

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

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

**Convention Liaison English Karen L:** No Report

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

**Corrections Mike K:** There were 4 in attendance. We educated a new committee member on committee responsibilities and goals. We planned next coordination with Southern California H&I to get GSO pamphlets into prisons for Correspondence and for Contact Upon Release.

**DCM School English Hiro S:** We read through the Service Manual on the duties and responsibilities of the District Committee Member Chair. We went around the table sharing our

experience with group visitations; what works and what doesn't work. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Ryan B. filling in for Hiro.

**DCM School Spanish Juan B:** 12 in attendance – We opened the meeting with Serenity Prayer and introductions of members. We welcomed 4 new DCMs and one alternate. We discussed groups visitations and how to best carry the message to groups. Next inter district meeting Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm in Riverside.

**Finance Todd W:** We talked about the 2018 budget that was drafted at the Budget Meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee briefly talked about a Risk-Free C.D. for the prudent reserve. We also talked about the rotation of the Finance Chair and Secretary for 2018. We will elect new Finance Chair for final vote at the January Assembly.

**Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B:** 3 in attendance nothing much to report.

**Grapevine Elizabeth S:** No Report

**GSR School English Sharon K:** No Report

**GSR School Spanish Jose A:** 22 in attendance - We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the GSR Preamble. We reviewed the committee guidelines and introduced 4 new attendees. We discussed the GSR chapter in the Service Manual Chapter Two. Thank you.

**La Viña Luis S:** No Report

**Literature English Scott R:** No Report

**Literature Spanish Victor R:** No Report

**Public Information English Deborah A:** There were 7 in attendance. Committee members are working with their groups on Public Information projects. District 20 is working on a Division of Motor Vehicles network to have PSA placed on the information monitors inside the DMV waiting areas. If your group is interested in participating, please contact the Public Information Committee. We will be giving a Public Information presentation at the Young People's Harbor Area business meeting on December 3, 2017.

**Public Information Spanish Mauricio T:** 8 present – We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. We plan on giving a P.I. presentation in Signal Hill on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 3:45pm. The P.I. Committee in district 20 has come up with an ambitious plan that will be presented to the area body in the near future for your consideration. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Registration Gilbert G:** No Report

**Special Needs Gene H:** There were 4 in attendance. We talked about the American Sign Language (ASL) meeting having a fulltime interpreter now that the meeting is growing. We discussed AA's guidelines for carrying the message to the deaf alcoholic and taking meetings to hospitals and the homebound. Area 09 guidelines on Special Needs is at TFAA.org. There is a fishing license discount for those with physical and mental handicaps, at about a third of the normal cost.

**Treatment Facilities Carlos I:** There were 3 in attendance. We discussed the importance of keeping the temporary contact list current; maintaining Bridging the Gap program at the group and District levels; improve outreach to H&I; a desire to reach out to veterans and active military; ways to improve outreach to local treatment centers; the need to expand our interaction with the Treatment Committee at the District level; etc. We bridged a new member from detox in Fullerton to a contact in Seal Beach.

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

**HASBYPAA** – There were 2 in attendance. Our events include “Game to Believe” in September and “Mingle and Flow” in November. Participation is for Southwestern YPAA conference and the Southern California YPAA Conference. Our attendance has been increasing to around 20

members. We have been expanding our service into H&I and are looking into CPC and PI. “Dr. Bob’s Nightmare Before Christmas” warehouse party is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Orange County Young People in AA** – Currently, District 7 is starting the planning process for hosting the Area 09 Assembly in April 2018. We will also be hosting a workshop for the District after the first of the year. The date and topics are to be announced as our plans develop. District 7 has its Panel 68 elections tomorrow, November 13<sup>th</sup>, which will be conducted by Ryan B.

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

**Harbor Area Central Office** – No Report

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

**District 1:** There were 39 in attendance at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club facility. On November 9, District 1 had our elections for Panel 68 trusted servants. We elected a new Board, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and new service commitments. The District is choosing to have a holiday potluck on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in lieu of a business meeting. All are invited, food will be provided for our guests and we will have a speaker.

**District 2:** No Report

**District 3:** No Report

**District 4:** There were 30 in attendance. Attendance was down due to the “Baseball Emergency.” We went over new elected officer positions, including Jim P as DCMC, Thomas P as Alt DCMC, Jamie C as Secretary, Julius Y as Registrar, and Gregory as Treasurer for Panel 68. We have six out of nine DCM positions filled. District 4 hosted a workshop on November 4<sup>th</sup> at MWA with 111 registrants. We had 36 people with one year of sobriety and 25 had 21 years of sobriety. All round tables were discussing conference approved literature, where the oldtimers were teaching the newly sober members about the literature. The summary includes 36 response cards and requests for future workshops on sponsorship and group inventories. The sobriety countdown ranged from 1 day sober up to 37 years.

**District 5:** No Report

**District 6:** There were 60 in attendance. Jeryl (our former Delegate) and two other trusted servants (including Nancy of District 12) assisted in our elections with 18-19 Panel 68 elections. The following were elected: Manya as DCMC, Ryan W as Alt DCMC, Cody Q as Secretary, Shelley B as Treasurer, and Mike K as Registrar. There will be a potluck in December to welcome new Board members. We plan to have discussions in January to schedule quarterly Board meetings and DCM/committee elections.

**District 7:** There were 15 in attendance. Currently, District 7 is starting the planning process for hosting the Area 09 Assembly in April 2018. We are having our officer elections tomorrow, Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Ryan will be overseeing these elections. Happy Holidays!

**District 8:** 30 present-We held our district officer and DCM elections. Leandro C. (AR Treasurer), Ryan B. Area Registrar and Alt. Delegate Jesus O. oversaw our elections. All officer positions were filled along with our sub district DCM positions with 3 of those sub district alternate DCM positions filled.

**District 9:** No Report

**District 10:** There were 15 in attendance. We are prepared to host the Area Assembly on 11/12/2017. We held District elections. All current positions were filled except Treasurer. We will try to fill that position next month.

**District 11:** No Report

**District 12:** There are 80 GSRs. District 12 elected new officers including DCMs and committee chairs. Thank you for your service. Jim S prioritized information shared from his trip to Canada to the Archives Convention. The report was informative and beneficial. The Traditions Play was held at the Canyon Club on 11/5/2017 from 2-6 pm. It was very well attended, successful, and fun. We promoted the ASC in Buena Park, the Servathon in Temecula, and the Hispanic women's meeting in Pasadena. Subcommittee break-outs talked about active participation by GSRs, dark meetings, and group donations. The new panel breakfast will be on 12/9/2017 from 10 to 11:30 am in Mission Viejo. District 12 is hosting the March 2018 ASC. PRAASA will be in Sparks, Nevada on March 2-4, 2018.

**District 14:** 11 present- On Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. District 14 held a Secretary Workshop. 19 members attended the 2-hour workshop. We had Joe give his conference report on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> with 14 members present. Our district hosted the area elections in Banning. On Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. we had our Traditions Play and Ice Cream social. It was the district's way of showing gratitude for all the support throughout the district with 25 attendees. We will have our elections at the December District Meeting. Thank you! Todd W.

**District 15:** No Report

**District 17:** No Report

**District 18:** There were 4 in attendance. District guidelines have been updated and revised, and (hopefully) will be approved this month. District elections are planned for 11/24/17.

**District 19:** No Report

**District 20:** 24 present-Our district continues to visit two groups per week to keep groups informed on A.A. activities and special invitations that we are given. We are beginning to see new GSRs arriving at the district. We had our district elections on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. DCMC: Melquiades, Alternate DCMC-Gildardo, Secretary-Jose Alfredo and Alt. Secretary Jaime, Treasurer Juan and his alternate Martin. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jose F.

**District 21:** No Report

**District 22:** 11 Present-We continue visiting groups that have no GSR on Monday to encourage them to send one. On Tuesday we have our district meeting and on Thursdays we visit groups in general and any other invitations that we get. We are planning our local Forum on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-12pm. You are all welcome. We sent the area a \$15 contribution. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Gerardo DCMC

**District 23:** 27 present- We had our district elections on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. We also had our district 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. All service positions were filled and we are glad to be on the right path to service. We were invited to chair the District 22 elections on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> and the Riverside Central office elections on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we will be hosting the Spanish Inter District meeting on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Dario DMCC

**District 24:** 15 present-We had our district elections for panel 68 thanks to district 20 for chairing the meeting. Many of us have registered for Praasa and reserved our rooms. All our groups received the conference report from our delegate Joe C. On Dec. 17 from 1-3pm we will be hosting Heritage Day with Old Timer in the Spanish Community with many years of sobriety. In the morning of the same day we will be hosting the Inter District Meeting of all the Spanish Speaking districts and will be having elections for that committee, as well. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Paco DCMC

**District 25:** No Report

**District 30:** No Report

### **Recap of Actions:**

- Approval of Minutes from the August ASC passed with no changes.
- The September 9, 2018 ASA was changed to September 16, 2018 and will be hosted by District 25 rather than District 11.
- Joe C made a floor motion to change the “Special Needs Committee” to the “Accessibilities Committee”
- The following discussion items will be taken to the December ASC for discussion: Finance Committee Guidelines changes, request to pay \$512 to District 14 for cost overrun associated with October elections, Communications Committee proposal, letters to support both HASBYPAA and OCYPAA to host 2019 ACYPAA Round UP, and proposed 2018 budget.

**Announcements:**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hispanic Women’s Workshop in December was announced

**Birthdays:**

November birthdays included Ryan B with 9 years, Alicia with 33 years, Teresa with 6 years, and Amber with 13 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:15 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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