

***** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****
AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

Hosted by District 07
Walton Intermediate School
12181 Buaro St
Garden Grove, CA 92840
May 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chair Hiro S. at 9:02 a.m.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Gilbert in English/ xx in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Rozanne in English/ Ruben in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Sarah in English/Carlos 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 Rich, seconded Christina, and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the January 2018 Assembly as written.

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

Delegate Jesus O: Ever since PRAASA a common theme with the first year delegates has been "you can't break A.A." I thought I could break A.A. but after the conference I have my doubts that any one member can. We can affect A.A as a whole or other groups but I believe God has a hand in it. In addition, we have the best trusted servants serving and working very hard so that we stay healthy and growing as a fellowship.

Those trusted servants are right here in this room right now. When I spoke at district 20 I told them about my experience at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. It's such a magnificent place but when I got there the first question that came to mind was: "Where do I find God in this place?" The answer came right away; " God is right there with you: duh! The same is true for the answers that we seek from GSO; The answers are not in the walls of the building. The answers are in the people themselves that are working for us very diligently, in fact. The answers are right here in this room with us. As long as we keep the principle alive in our lives, A.A. will keep on living, in and through us. Do I think that the conference changed me I do not feel different maybe a little wiser I hope.

Since the last area meeting in March; I attended the pre-conference workshop, the board meeting and a couple of spanish speaking meetings in santa ana and a couple of districts. Then, I attended the 68th General Service Conference in New York. After the conference, I was invited to speak at the District 20 Anniversary Event on May 6th and May 13th I attended and spoke at the La Vina Workshop in Riverside and wrote an article as well. I'm looking forward to visiting your districts in the next few weeks and months. Please remind me if you've already invited me just in case I wrote down the wrong date or time. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Alternate Delegate Ed L: After the extremely busy preparation for the Pre-Conference Workshop, I am happy to see that things have slowed down a bit. I attended the Board meeting of April 15, 2018. I facilitated getting a new contractor agreement with Maria (past interpreter) to serve as our Panel 68 interpreter (the agreement needs to be formally renewed with each panel). I also attended my first 2019 PRAASA planning committee meeting on April 14, 2018. I tried to attend the one on May 5th but the freeway was closed, so I look forward to the next PRAASA committee meeting. I was pleased to work with Marita of the 2018 Nevada PRAASA to get the 2018 round table minutes, which have now been posted on the MSCA 09 website. It was an amazing privilege and pleasure to attend the opening banquet of the 68th General Service Conference as a member of the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board, where I sat at the table with Grapevine staff, including Ami B and Jon W, Executive and Senior Editors, respectively. I also participated in an EAB conference call several days ago, where there was discussion of several new books that were approved at the Conference, and this fall Grapevine will be issuing a questionnaire to better serve Grapevine subscribers and potential subscribers.

Registrar Sharon K: My name is Sharon and I'm an alcoholic. Been trying to get acclimated to my role as Registrar and am pretty well caught up. Since our last meeting I have attended the last board meeting but missed the preconference as my mother was in town. I am distributing packets of groups to the districts that do not have contact information and are labeled unknown groups. Also for new groups I need to make sure they include the approximate start date and number of people. For some reason this is omitted regularly. I helped the registrar for District 6 with a custom list to see which groups do not have GSRs so they can address that. I also have a request for updated list for District 3. I have also sent a few requests to have GSRs sent their packets again. We have a lot to be grateful for in our Area as we have some fantastic and active registrars that are very committed. Thank In love and service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Rich W.: I'm happy to be here today sober one more day and grateful to be of service. I'm still learning but I am feeling more comfortable in the job and grateful for the support as I get up to speed. Since the last Board meeting I worked with the Audit Committee to complete the Area Audit for 017 and look forward to working with Gregory J. and the Finance Committee to update the Audit Procedure to reflect our current bookkeeping processes. I worked with Jose A. to update the books and we are getting comfortable updating our computers and keeping QuickBooks records accurate and up-to-date. I attended the may Assembly. I also was a visitor at the District 4 meeting in Long Beach. I submitted the 1st quarter Budget Report to the Finance Committee. I submitted a written copy to the Chair, Secretary, and the AR Treasurer and emailed a digital copy to the entire board. Our checking account balance as of May 20, 2018 is \$33,121,27. Our Savings Account (i.e. Prudent Reserve) balance is \$9,378.57 as of May 8, 2018. I'm looking forward to accompany Jesus on some of his report-backs and am available to support the Area in any way I can. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Rich W., MSCA 09 Panel 68 Treasurer-AP.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Jose A.: Area Assembly in Garden Grove, CA on May 20, 2018.

Date Entry(S): 5/20/18 To 5/26/18 * Range Of Check Dates: 5/20/18 To 5/26/18 * Number Of Cash & Checks Deposits: 31 Checks On 5/21/18 * Number Checks & M/O Deposits: 11 Checks On 5/21/18 + 19 Checks On 5/25/18 * Total Amount Of Contributions: 5/20/18 To 5/26/18 \$ 2,133.94 * Coffee Kitty from: 5/20/18: \$11.00 * Food Kitty from 5/20/18: \$594.84 * Grand Total: \$2,739.78. * The date of 5/20/18 I started depositing contributions. Checks and cash contributions which were entered into quick books on 5/20/18 to 5/26/18. These contributions include cash contributions I had received at the area assembly. There were also a food kitty of \$594.84 and coffee kitty of \$11.00. I made a deposit of 61 contributions sent in checks, money orders and cash in the dates of 5/20/2018 to 5/26/2018 in the amount of \$ 2,739.78. * The grand total is \$2,739.78. I made this deposit to Bank of America in Paramount, CA. * In the month of May, I made a deposit of \$6,968.70. If there are any questions, concerns or any corrections to be made let me know. I am eagerly working on doing my service as Treasurer, and I still have some work pending. I am currently sending the receipts of the contributions. Thanks for letting me be of service, Jose A., Panel 68 Treasurer Accounts Receivable.

Secretary Mitchell B: Hi, my name is Mitchell and I am an alcoholic. I attended the Area 09 officer Board meeting on April 26, 2017. There were over 200 people registering at the Pre-Conference Workshop, which must be a record in recent history! The room was filled with A.A. members and we ran out of chairs. Of the 45 new people registering with me, I added 32 new email addresses to the MailChimp account. I shared reports from PRAASA 2018 with MSCA09 webmaster Rainer F. to post for your access. I distributed the GSC Advisory Actions and Considerations prior to today's Assembly. The MSCA 09 Area Webmaster added minutes for ASC and Assemblies for 2017, end of 2016, and approved minutes for 2018. I wish to thank Dario D. for his work to translate the agendas and minutes into Spanish. Thank you for letting me be of service. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Area Chair Hiro S: My name is Hiro and I am honored to serve as Panel 68 chair of Mid-Southern California Area 09. Since the March ASC, I attended the March MSCA Board meeting, followed immediately by the Pre-Pre-Conference Workshop in Laguna Woods, where I presented on the Trustee Agenda Items (Manuscript Litigation: Board Censure and Board Reorganization): everyone who attended unanimously agreed it was both helpful and spiritually powerful. On March 25, I spoke at the Great Reality Group in District 1 on Step 2, Tradition 2, and Concept 2; on March 28, I spoke at the Triangle Group on Tradition 3. I attended the Pre-Conference Workshop on April 8, and chaired the Trustee Committee roundtable. I also attended the April Board meeting at the MSCA office at the Riverside Archives. After I announced my availability to the districts, DCMC Manya W. from District 6 requested I attend their district meeting on May 6: Alt. DCMC Ryan W. created some amazing checklists and forms available at the District 6 page on the MSCA09 Website; meanwhile, my talk focused upon the role of the Service legacy in upgrading both our Unity and Recovery. I also consulted with District 6 Secretary Coty Q about the future of the Annual Grapevine Writer's Workshop, and look

forward to any support and participation. Once again, I am delighted to offer my service to any District need! Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fill open Committee Chair positions: Accessibility Chair & Co-Chair; CPC Spanish Chair; Convention Liaison Spanish Chair; Registration Spanish Chair;
- Motion to add Treatment Spanish Chair; and if it passes, filling Treatment English Chair
- Motion to increase Corrections Committee budget

NEW BUSINESS

- Confirm appointment of new committee chairs
- Service recognition

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Accessibility (open) – No report.

Archives Bob H. (Alt. Chair) - No report.

Communications English Don S. – no report.

Communications Spanish Andrew A.: no report.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community (Gene H.)

Cooperation with the Professional Community English Mindy R. Three members attended the meeting. Highlights: Attended Orange County Recovery Collaboration Resource Fair and April 14. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Another possible exhibit on July 18.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish (open)

Convention Liaison Jim B. – The committee met with two members. The MSCA 09 Convention Liaison Committee will participate at the AA. Desert Pow-Wow 2018 Convention on June 7-10 at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa. Jeanne R. will represent the committee at the event. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: A.A. Desert Pow-Wow 2018 with Al-Anon Participation, June 7-10, 2018. Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa. * 44th Annual Mad Dog Daze, August 3-5, 2018 at Doubletree by Hilton Resort, Cathedral City, CA. * 58th International Women's Conference, February 7, 2019 at Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles is looking for volunteers – website <<http://www.internationalwomensconference.org/>>

Corrections and Correspondence Josie F. - Report - 37th Annual Southern California H&I Conference - On March 8, 2018, I attended the above conference, located in Ventura, California. The purpose of my attendance was to meet with State of California, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) undersecretary Dr. Diane Toche, to find better ways for our community, our Corrections and H&I volunteers in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), to meet the needs of incarcerated untreated alcoholics. I met with Dr. Toche, and distributed an updated "Correction Kit" and business card with my contact information. I had hoped to get a telephone or email appointment with her. During the weekend, the CDCR presented topics reflecting the need for AL-anon participation as well as much needed AA participation. During the weekend, the State CDCR outlined various grants funding the moneys for needed rehabilitation programs for it's thirty-five state institutions and also various county and local institutions of incarceration located in northern and southern California. On Wednesday March 11, 2018, State of California, Synetta Alvarez, Associate Governmental Program Analyst with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), contacted me (phone) requesting information about

distribution of "inmate request for correspondence, inmate pre-release, contact upon release and other forms within "Correction kit" documents produced by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services. They informed me, that when they receive budget funding for 2019, they would like to order directly from Alcoholics Anonymous and I directed them to Diane Lewis, New York Corrections. State of California CDCR, also requested, and I sent, one thousand "Behind the Walls newsletter" and one thousand "inmate request for correspondence". Many thanks to Southern California H&I Inter-group for hosting this event. Thank you. Josie Ferraris, Corrections Chair, Mid-Southern California Area 09

DCM School English Nancy H. – No report.

DCM School Jose F.-Spanish: No report.

Finance – Gregory J. / Andie R.: No committee meeting at may 20 Assembly. The Quarterly budget report was prepared and will be presented at the next ASC. Financial audit Report Procedure and Worksheet will be reviewed and submitted for Area approval. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Online contribution process. Capital equipment inventory.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Robert L. – The committee met with three members. Assisted in the preparation of the following motions:

- Create a standing committee for YPAA
- Adjust budget for Corrections Committee
- Request budget for Spanish Women's Conference in San Francisco

Updated Area 09 Bylaws and Guidelines.

Grapevine – Teresa B. – On May 18, 2018 I attended the planning meeting for the 2nd Annual Grapevine Workshop. We met at a committee member's home and Lilly, Rozanne, Coty, and I were in attendance. We are looking into possible locations. Joel C., Amy (from N.Y.), and Irene are the speakers we expect to have at the event. Today I met with Martin, the La Viña Chair, and we exchanged contact information with the intention of attending each other's events, in hopes of creating a united front to help promote both periodicals and each other's events. We hope to create a joint event in the future that would celebrate and respect our cultures and their perspectives, learning from one another, and to promote A.A. unity. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: In October or November of this year there will be the second Annual Grapevine Workshop, with date and location TBD.

La Viña - Martin – No report.

GSR School English Phil G. – No report.

Literature English - Carlos I. – No report.

Literature Spanish - Paco G. – Participation in the pre-conference meeting with four tables with much enthusiastic participation. Of the English-speaking Districts five of them shared the consciousness of their groups where we could see them and we felt well-informed conscience in Nostra last table as in the Anteridies Tuviude Much participation and you who take decision hastily we know that this in A.A. It is not part of our program but the participants are informed of the points they vote on.

Public Information English Evan J. – No report.

Public Information Spanish Juan B. – No report.

Registration (open) – No report.

Treatment Facilities – No report.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA Julius Y.: Finishing up our bid for ACYPAA, so everything else is on hold. Upcoming events: event: *I Love You Like Kanye Loves Kanye* on February 17.

OCYPAA – No Report

DCYPAA – The Coordinating Committee of the Desert Cities Young People in A.A. meet on Sundays at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert. This past month we hosted a *Flapjacks and Flannels* theme dance. Serving all you can eat pancakes with about 40 in attendance. That same weekend we hosted a Unity Bowl event. Still diligently working on our bid for ICYPAA. We are planning to host a bingo event in Palm Desert, sometime in March but unsure about the exact date.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 - Ethan C. – District 1 met on May 10, on the second Thursday of each month, at the Hermosa Kiwanis' Club with approximately 40 members present. Planning for Panel 68 through the end of 2019, including discussion of three workshop series. Considering formation of a district Corrections Committee.

District 2 – No report.

District 3 – Vic M., Alt, DCMC – District 3 met on April 10, the second Tuesday of each month, at 25904 Coyuga Avenue in Lomita. The district has 39 GSRs and 17 were present at the April meeting. .

District 4 – Thomas P. - The District meeting was held on May 2 in Long Beach with 36 present. The District welcomed new members all whom have previous experience as GSRs. New literature Chair Holly completed affirming details of our newly formed ad hoc committee dedicated to finding/developing topics for District workshops, also confirmed it's members and chairperson Gilbert g. Upcoming/Future District events: We have a couple of vacant committee chairs still. Dynamic situation so far and we will continue to seek participation.

District 5 – No report.

District 6 - Manya W.: Met first Tuesday on May 2 in Huntington Beach with approximately 49 members attendings. At 6:30p.m. the pre-meeting focused on DCMs. Ryan W. (Alt. DCMC) presented and discussed a comprehensive DCM checklist. At 7 p.m. meeting we welcomed three visitors and Area 09 Chair Hiro S. A. Committee highlight: Carter R. (CPC Chair) announced a board meeting at her house on May 19th. B. Discussed pre-planning for FORO in July. The board mentioned that we are meeting with our co-hosts to discuss details, for we have established a meeting place. C. We discussed our quarterly board meeting at the beginning of April. D. Mentioned the formulation of a delegate shareback with District 18, 12 and possibly District 7 in the first week of August. E. Welcomed guest speaker Hiro S. from MSA Area 09. F. Broke out into DCM/sub-committees to discuss what GSRs would like to see on the agenda in coming months. Upcoming/Future District Events: * July 8: Co-host FORF with District 20. Location: UCFW in Buena Park. * August 2018: Delegate Shareback (Date and location to be determined) * October or November: Multi-district Grapevine workshop with possible cooperation with Districts 18, 6, 7, and 1

District 7 – Cheryl M.: District 7 met on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Alano Club of Garden Grove. With twenty-two members present. It was our pleasure to host MSCA09 Assembly today! We are now starting to plan a workshop for District 7 in the fall 2018. The considered topics are: Sponsorship, Social Media, Literature, Traditions. We are penciling

Saturday, November 10 from 1-5 p.m. We will update the area next month as our plans are finalized.

District 8 – Bob H.: District 8 met May 16 in Riverside with twenty-one members present. District obtained an IRC EIN number in preparation for Jesus' Reportback on July 18.

Corrections Chair Jill offered applications for correspondence program. Upcoming/Future District Events: Inland Empire Central Office picnic on June 3 in Sylvan Park in Redlands.

District 9 - No report.

District 10 - No report.

District 11 - No report.

District 12 – Nancy H.: District 12 met on first Thursday in May at 6:30 p.m. at the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church in Laguna Niguel. In March we co-hosted the Pre-Pre-Conference with Districts 6 and 18 and Area participation to prepare GSRs for the Pre-Conference. It was very successful with 120 in attendance we received positive feedback from lots of GSRs that the event was helpful. In April our Treatment Committee had a fellowship sharing went about problems meetings are having with Treatment Center clientele. It was very positive with many ideas based on solution. We are now planning for our Memorial Day Picnic with food, music and message. Upcoming/Future District Events: Memorial Day Picnic.

District 14 – Rick N.: District 14 meets on the Third Wednesday at the Church of the Good Shepard in Hemet at 7 p.m. The latest meeting had ten people present. There was a brief discussion of the responsibilities of GSRs. We talked about different workshops we could put on in the next two years and decided that our first workshop will be a GSR workshop and a respective committee was formed. Pam P. was elected to the position of Registrar, which filled all the officer positions. The GSRs reported on their respective groups. We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

District 15 – Jeff N.: District 15 meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Christ Lutheran Church in Brea. The May 20 meeting had twelve members in attendance. The meeting began with nine officers – Registrar Duane I., Secretary Ann N., Treasurer Mike M., Treasurer Assistant Susan H., Literature Cindy M., Grapevine Cindy M., Archives Todd W., and DCM Albert M. * We are creating a "Carry the Message" flyer for our District, also a "Become Informed Member" pamphlet. * ASC hosting on August 12 with District 15. * Upcoming/Future District Events: Planning a Delegate Shareback by MSCA 09 Delegate Jesus. Formatting Committee for Service – Location – ESC Professional Development Academy, 4999 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda CA 92886.

District 17 – Collette M. (Alt. DCMC) – The District meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at a new location, Springs Community Church, 41735 Winchester Road #C, Temecula CA 92590. The April meeting had 30 in attendance. The District held a workshop on Twelve Traditions and home group structure. We performed a play, had speaker past delegate from Area 17 who carried the message, and held roundtables. Turnout was pretty good. We moved our District meeting to a new location so we are more accessible to more groups that we weren't as easily accessible to. We are hosting next ASC on June 10th in Murrieta. Hope to see you! Upcoming/Future District Events: Our GSRs are becoming more and more familiar with GSO literature and utilizing it for reference for service work. Thank you!

District 18 – Evan T. – The District met on May 8 at 7 p.m. in Halecrest Park, Costa Mesa with 30 in attendance. Meeting details included planning for two upcoming workshops - Grapevine and GSR/DCM School. A planning committee was also formed for October ASC hosted by

District 18. Upcoming/Future District Events: The Orange County Fair Public Information booth will be hosted by OC Intergroup.

District 19 – No report.

District 20 – Melquiades V.: District 20 continues to be active in accordance with the routine responsibilities we meet every Monday from 7: 30-to-9: 30 p.m. Present 30-to-45 at the District Meeting. 20 we continue trusted service with the objectives and responsibilities, recently I have just celebrated our 33rd anniversary which was very enjoyable with 48 attendees at the event. Good information and participation and once again we meet with the district # 6 to finish the forum sizes Hispanic number 27, with 8 members of District 20 and two District 6 also in our board of participants. I treat the point of the group. Amplicious of life actual sledio imparauccia with ana ampladiscee cion and votcio and par unanidad suctacial harardo 21 volautes precentes 18 voted because seguedara outside as a traditional group for ferer problems with rotrrcis of traditions and 3 in favor that it will follow that way it will be heard the minority and he said that the gratitude that I eat grupe Ivar amaterrer emsu decision is withdrawn and that miver acambiar opinion also the Public Information committee. He informs us that he is at the event on the June 23 at the Rancho Santiago calegi, sung for the moment thank you for letting me serve you as a preteen. MCD Alt. Gildardo A.; MCD. Melquiades V.

District 21 – No reporte..

District 22 – Ruben O.: Every Tuesday 7-9 p.m. place 45250 Smurr St., Suite 14. Present 9 at the District Meeting. We celebrated the Anniversary of the District on April 29. We are hostess of the Interdistrict board, we are motivating the groups to manage their group representatives. Today we assisted 6 people thanks for letting me server. Next / Future District Events: The Delegate reportback will be on June 26.

District 23 – **Juventino S.** (Secretario): We are visiting 2 groups per week and working with the committees. From our district (CCP) (IP) the La Viña, registrar, progecciones, which are active. And we are motivated with the growth and motivation to logos RSG and alternates. And we are going to set up hosts for the interdistrict board 05-27-2018. Our MCD owner will leave the service for reasons. Personal and our alternate MCD Seesta adapted very well. Alternate Secretary Juventino S.

District 24 – **Sergio F.:** Day and Time: Tuesday 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Place: 220 N. State College Blvd., Suite 207, Anaheim CA. District 24 is meeting every Tuesday 8: 00-9: 30 p.m. View 2 groups per week with special attention to groups that do not have GSR. We are studying the gias of the district, the committees of the IP and CCP. They are meeting to set up a work plan for this country, the La Vina Committee is looking at the groups and we celebrate our 23rd anniversary.

District 25 – Ruben Z.: We continue visiting 2 groups per week in our motivation to service service. The 4 meetings of the month were held with very good attendance. With an average of 10 members in each session (thanks). At present we have more or less 9 GSRs and 3 or 4 committees. We visited 8 groups in this month, including two or three planned meetings, modified and added in our roll of views to the new group that opened in the High Desert, with the name La Luz del Sur. Six members attended the Preconference of April 8 and we participated in the tables where the punts that the District decided to support were discussed. We had seven members present at the Interdistrict Board where District # 22 hosted. At present we have the support of 18 groups and thanks to their contributions the District is well in its economic responsibilities including the Bulletin that is published every first Monday of each month. Have you many 24 hours of blessed sobriety. Thanks for your support and also for letting us serve. Sincerely, Ruben Z. MCD.

District 30 - No report.

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from January 2018 Assembly in Garden Grove.
- Accessibility Committee Chair filled by Patrick S.
- Motion to add Spanish Treatment Chair passed. Mauricio T. approved as the new Spanish Treatment Chair and the open position for English chair filled by Cindy F.
- Committee chair positions still open include Spanish CPC, Convention Liaison Spanish and Registration Spanish.
- Motion from Corrections Committee Budget was withdrawn. It will be revised with assistance of the GAP Committee and to be presented at a later ASC.
- Service recognition for Area Translator Alicia for her Spanish translation assistance to Area 09.
- Delegated Jesus gave presentation of 68th General Service Conference and answered questions.

Announcements:

- None.

Birthdays:

Three birthdays included Arnie with 2 years and David with 9 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 1:42 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #68 Secretary, Mitchell B.