

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

**Hosted by District 1**  
West High School  
20401 Victor St, Torrance, CA 90503  
Hosted by District 1

**January 12, 2020**

Hiro called meeting to order at 9:14 AM. From the attendance, sheets there were between 155-170 members in attendance.

**Readings:**

GSR Preamble: Michael read in English / Jose in Spanish. Declaration of Unity read in English and Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership: read by Bryan in English / Francisco in Spanish.

**Jesus – Seating of new board.**

Thanked the 68<sup>th</sup> Panel for their work. Welcome new Panel, Panel 70. Ed – Delegate. Hiro – Alt Delegate. Mitchell – Chair. Ryan – Secretary. Emily – Registrar. Rich – Accounts Receivable Treasurer. Jose – Accounts Payable.

- **Floor Motion made by Jesus to approve the Panel 70 Board elections made during the October 13, 2019 Election Assembly.**
  - No discussion
  - Passed Unanimously

**New Chair, Mitchell B., introduced at 9:29AM**

**Floor Motion to Suspend Article 4.3 for January 2020 ASA only**

- Floor Motion Made by Jesus to suspend article 4.3 for the 1/12/2020 ASA only, this is the first Assembly of the new panel. This means all Assembly members in attendance could vote, even if they have not attended an ASA or ASC in the last 12 months.
  - Jesus read the motion
  - Jim introduced the motion
  - Scott seconded
  - Discussion opened
  - Manya W. Call to Question
  - Voted – Motion passes (minimum ¾ reached, needed to change or suspend Bylaws and Guidelines)
  - Result: All present members can vote.

**Elections for new Chairs**

General discussion about responsibility, qualification.

- Request made from a member of the body (Francine) to hear overview of responsibility and qualifications for each position before body voted on it. Outgoing Committee Chairs provided this if present, if not, Board presented.

The following Area 09 Panel 70 Chairs were Elected. Note: Some of the positions were elected before lunch, and the remainder after lunch. They are all captured here for ease of review.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Accessibilities English	Andrea C.
Accessibilities Spanish	OPEN
Archives	Dario D. R.
Communications	Katherine C.
Communications Co-Chair Spanish	OPEN
CEC	Barbaradee F.
CPC English	Maryka D.
CPC Spanish	Martin G.
Convention Liaison English	Ryan H.
Convention Liaison Spanish	Carmen M.
Corrections and Correspondence	Mauricio T
DCM School English	Manya W.
DCM School Spanish	Ruben Z.
Finance	Carlos G.
Guidelines and Policies	Anthony A.
Grapevine	Scott R.
La Vina	Rigoberto C.
GSR School English	Todd W.
GSR School Spanish	Martin J.
Literature English	James B.
Literature Spanish	Jose F.
Public Information English	Harry C.
Public Information Spanish	Melquiades G.
Registration	Antonio M.
Treatment Facilities	Lynn M.
Young Peoples AA	Matthew B.
Sound	Gildardo B.
Coffee	Benigno M.

**11:15AM - Break for Lunch**

**Noon - Call to order with the Serenity Prayer**

Committee Chair elections continued. See above for results.

**Introductions:** Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs, New DCMs/Alt. DCMs, New GSRs/Alt. GSRs, Guests, Past, and Current Area Officers.

**Minutes Approvals - Minutes of 08 September 2019 and October 13, 2019 Election Assembly.**

● **Approval of September Assembly (ASA) 2019 Minutes:**

- Motion to Approve made by Tammy R.
- Motion seconded
- Discussion opened and two corrections identified. First for the District 20 report. Second to correct the last initial of Conventions Liaison Jim B.'s last name from "P" to "B".
- Bob made an amended motion to approve with the corrections forthcoming.
- Motion Seconded by Tammy.
- Body passed.
  - **Follow-up Note** – (Research completed after the January Assembly) - Melquiades was not present at the September 2019 meeting. The report submitted in his absence was accurately reflected in the January minutes. Therefore, no change was made. The final minutes are available on the website.

● **Approval of October 13, 2019 Election Assembly Minutes:**

- Motion to approve made by Loren
- Seconded by Todd
- Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**1. Motion to update Bylaws and Guidelines to include H&I Liaison duties to Alt Delegate**

- Motion Consideration – Harry.
  - Seconded - Cheryl
- No Questions
- Voted
- Minority Opinion Heard – General sentiment - If member has not previously attended an Area meeting, they might not have an "informed" opinion yet.
- Motion Passes

**2. Updated Guidelines and Bylaws – Spirit of Transparency – Announcement from Ed.**

- Request from members of body to update Guidelines and Bylaws to reflect current practices –Thank you for the information, please work with the GAP Committee to address this, it is valuable and helpful work.

**3. AOCYPAA – Letter of Endorsement 2021 – Matt presented**

- Motion to provide the letter – Passed
  - **Motion to Vote on the Amended 2020 Budget Motion Made**
4. Motion passed – 2020 Budget Approved. **Adoption of 2020 Budget – Rich presented**
- Motion presented and seconded.
    - Discussion/Amendment
      - **CPC / Maryka D.** Made Motion to update the CPC budget to 3k, which is line with the previous panel. Anthony Seconded.
      - Motion to Amend the 2020 CPC Budget increase passed.
  - Motion to approve the 2020 Budget with CPC increase passed

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old Business

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

**Delegate Ed. L:**

Since being “pulled out of the hat” on October 13, 2019, both my schedule and experience levels in AA seem to have doubled. I ended up traveling more (and spending more of my budget) between late October and late December 2020 than I did between January and mid-October 2020. (●) I attended 17 District and Spanish Intergroup elections from September 20 through December 29, three report-backs with Jesus, and my second Southern California H&I Intergroup meeting on November 24 in Covina. AA speaking engagements have also increased, with six in November and December, including a Secretary’s workshop with District 7 and a Grapevine workshop with District 5. I just spoke at the Serenity Club in Las Vegas day-before-yesterday. What I’ve learned is that being of service is alive and well at the District-level in Area 09, and that, like AA meetings, we need to be sure that District officers are there when new GSRs arrive so they aren’t experiencing the void of a scheduled-but-empty service meeting or event. (●) Upon selection, I was presented with a dozen pieces of AA literature to review, which I dutifully studied, only to discover on December 22, 2019 that I was given Panel 70 Conference duties to serve on the Literature Committee, which really opened my world and schedule to intensive study. Since being hat-selected in October as your Delegate, I’ve read 31 different pieces of literature, including some well over 100 pages long. I’ve discovered that aa.org has links to pdfs of all our literature, so I stopped taking them off the racks and started reading them online. (●) In November, we received a list of 29 Agenda Items, which as of January 6, 2020 has grown to 70 different Agenda Items, of which 25 (36%) are assigned to the Literature Committee. With 10 Agenda Items, the Public Information Committee is second in line to Literature. (●) I participated in my first Pacific Region conference call on November 18, my first PRAASA Delegate’s Advisory Board conference call on December 2, and will soon have my first conference call with the Trustee Chair of the Literature Committee before January 21. (●) Given my new delegate responsibilities, I’ve resigned from the Editorial Advisory Board of the Grapevine, and am

thankful for the three years I did get to serve. (●) I experienced my very first YPAA event, which was the WACYCAA event in downtown L.A. with Kathi F, Pacific Trustee from Arizona and Area 05 Delegate, Thomas S on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and was blown away by the youthful energy. (●) I'm working with Rainer to re-establish the "Delegate's Bulletin Board," which has not been active since 2012. In that venue, I will provide as much information as possible to ensure you remain in contact with New York and other branches of AA service. For the past six years, at the area-level, you've gotten 110% of me in isolated bursts, which has steadily increased from Grapevine Rep, through to secretary, culminating with alternate delegate. For the next two years, I'm committed to giving you 110% on a continuous basis, which if the above is any indication, will exceed the past six years combined. In Love and service, Ed.

### **Alternate Delegate / Last Chair Report - Hiro S:**

It's been a while since my last report at the Area: I've had planned trips, as well as being in bed with various colds, flu, and even a sinus infection for 30 of the last 60 days—I'm grateful to be in good health now. In the last two months, I assisted with elections for Districts 1,2,6, & 7. I'm grateful to Ed for chairing the last two ASCs—November was planned as I was in Cleveland for a talk, where I met the Northeast Ohio Delegate Shirl, and gave her their Area and District Archives copies of the Pioneer Women Booklet; I had the blessing of visiting the Akron Archives and Dr. Bob's House. On the weekend of the November Board meeting, I was in Bremerton Washington, speaking at the Area 72 District 43 Gratitude Breakfast. On November 24, I attended a Concepts workshop in Area 93 offered by Debbie D from Concord, CA: I'm excited to report that MSCA09 District 2 will be offering a Concepts Workshop on Jan 18, conducted by Debbie, Panel 62 Delegate Jeryl T., and myself. On December 29, I was honored to join the new Area Board to support the Spanish Speaking Interdistrict Elections.

One of my duties as Alt. Delegate is to coordinate with the all the central offices / intergroups in MSCA 09, and my goal is to attend each of the eight central office service committee meeting at least once a year: my first was on Jan. 8, when I attended the Harbor Area Service Committee meeting in Long Beach. Another duty of the Alternate Delegate is to serve as liaison to Southern California H&I Intergroup, which meets all over Southern California: the first I shall be attending will be January 26 at the Intercity Fellowship Hall in Long Beach; my sobriety brother Larry B has also invited me to attend the first two days of the H&I Conference April 3-5 (Sunday April 5 will be our Pre-Conference Workshop, so I will attend the first two days of the Conference only). This is going to a tremendous year, with PRAASA in Tucson the first weekend of March, two weeks later some of us attending the 45th Anniversary of AA Japan in March, the International Conference in Detroit the weekend of July 4, and the Pacific Regional Forum in Vegas August 21-23.

Thank you to the Area for the opportunity to serve the Board for the past two years in the capacity of Chair (who has no vote and no opinion). In Panel 70, I look forward to getting my opinion back, and serving the Area in the capacity as Alternate Delegate. I can only hope to approach Ed's excellence over the past two years

### **Area Chair - Mitchell B.**

Hi, my name is Mitchell and I am an alcoholic. Since the December 8 Area 09 ASC in Riverside I attended the last Panel 68 Eboard meeting on December 15 in Riverside. \* I prepared the Agenda for today's January Assembly. \* On January 5 I met with incoming Panel 70 Secretary Ryan W. to transfer materials for the

Secretary position and service sponsor her in her new role. We transferred accounts for Gmail and MailChimp so contact with members will not be interrupted. \* I sent out additional MailChimp messages about updates from GSO and area events at the end of 2019. \* 12/31/2019 - Materials for Area 09 January 12, 2020 Assembly in Torrance. \* 12/20/2019 - GSO My Portal for Registrars in January 2020 - 2019.12.19. \* 12/20/2019 - Message from GSO - Online Contribution - 2019.12.20. \* 12/18/2019 - G.S.O. Announcement - With an Eye to the Future: G.S.O. Staff Positions – December 18, 2019. \* 12/17/2019 - Additional Material for MSCA 09 – 12.17.2019. \* I have been reading through the guidelines for Committees, The Service Manual, MSCA 09 Area Bylaws and Guidelines, and reviewing Agendas and Minutes from the past two panels. \* I attended District meeting for District 12 on January 2, Orange County Intergroup on January 8, and District 5 on January 9. \* I spoke at the Fullerton Alano Club on December 30, No Puffers in Orange on January 3, and the Saturday Night Visiting Speakers Meeting in Orange on January 4. \* I have prepared a summary of topics and comments from the Panel 68 Area Inventory, Servathon, and Ad hoc Committee report on Meeting Location and will be working to identify how to address those concerns. This will be the next step on the Inventory Process, to move toward solution and action. \* I am looking forward to Panel 70 and being of service to the Area and members of A.A. \* Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Registrar Emily H.:**

No Report

**Treasurer Accounts Payable Jose A.:**

Received 120 contributions for a total of \$3,999.50. Please keep an eye on me because now I am writing checks.

**Treasurer Accounts Receivable – Rich W.:**

I'm happy to be here sober one more day and grateful to be of service.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service for the next 2 years as your AR Treasurer. I've learned so much the past 2 years and I am sure I will learn a lot more; not only about books and banking, but about being a part of something bigger than me and a way to thank the people that saved my life and gave me this "new pair of glasses".

I've prepared the final 2019 budget report and submitted it to the Board. Thanks to the Groups and AA members that made contributions that were 4% over the projected budget amount. Thanks to all the committee members, volunteers, and the GSRs that put those funds to use to bring us ever more unity within AA and to serve the alcoholic that still suffers.

Thanks to Ryan for helping me get the 2020 budget proposal into a legible document! It's a blessing to have someone with the skills and the dedication to service that she brings to the Board.

Thanks again to all the Panel 68 Board members for giving me the gift of working with you. Ed, Hiro, Mitchell and Jose, I know it's going to be great the next 2 years. Thanks to Sharon for all the years of service and being the one that asked me to join the Board. Thank you Jesus for your example of AA service and being a great delegate to our Area.

As of January 12, 2020 our checking account balance is \$30,667.14. Our Savings Account i.e. the Prudent Reserve balance is \$7,500.77.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Rich W, MSCA 09 Panel 70, AR Treasurer

### **Secretary – Panel 70 – Ryan W.**

Thank you for letting me serve as the Area 09 Secretary, and a special thank you to Mitchell for helping me transition into this role and thank you to the body for being patient as I adjust to the position. For the Committee Chairs and DCMCs still in the audience, please submit your reports in the box upfront or send them to [msca09secretary@gmail.com](mailto:msca09secretary@gmail.com). The more electronic submissions the better. This past month I took over the Secretary email account, helped complete the 2020 Budget Proposal with Rich and the Finance Committee. I also attended the Spanish Intergroup Elections and the December Board Meeting.

### **District and Chair Reports**

*See related documents:*

- Committee Reports - "20200209\_Feb2020\_StandingCommittee\_MonthlyReports"
- District Reports – "20200209\_Feb2020\_District\_MonthlyReports"

### **Announcements**

Coming Soon

**Recap of actions** read by Secretary

### **Birthdays**

Celebrated in style with the Spanish and English birthday songs

### **Motion to Close**

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting around 3pm with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Sunday, March 15 – **Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting** – Hosted by District 15 - UCFW Union Local 324, 8530 Stanton AV, Buena Park, CA 90620 (Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Sunday, April 5, **Pre-Conference** – Walton Intermediate School, 2181 Buaro Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #70 Secretary, Ryan W.