

MSCA Area 9 includes all AA groups in the counties of Los Angeles (South of Rosecrans Ave.), San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange.

March 2006

## Concept 3: The Right of Decision

*Concept 3 - To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. -- the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives -- with a traditional "Right of Decision."*  
"C'mon, you're telling me I have a "right of decision"? Well, fine, then I am making the decision to stay as far away as possible from any of that political crap! What does that have to do with my sobriety?!"

That's right, you have the "right of decision". And as long as you sit comfortably in your home group and don't participate in service outside the group, you don't have to worry about any "right of decision". You've made your decision - the same decision that the majority of A.A. members make - I'm not going to get involved in all that politics!

Of course, there just might be a downside to that thinking. While everyone who participates in service outside the home group is making decisions that effect all of A.A., including your home group, you sit ignorantly by on the sidelines. (*Now, don't get mad at me for calling you ignorant, I'm just quoting Herbert Spencer, from appendix II of the Big Book*).

"But there are no decisions they make that affect me". Well, that could be true, but do you have a Big Book? A fourth edition? That was a decision that was made in the year 2000 to add 23 new stories, and maybe remove one or more of your favorites.

And when you turn to page 449 in your Big Book, does it give you that sage advice on acceptance, like it always has? Or is that missing from page 449?

"What happened to it? Who said **they**, (yes, it's **them** again!) could change that"? Why, you did, of course, when you abrogated your right of decision and gave it to others, you know those political types.

"Well, that's in the past, there's nothing I can do about that". Uh-huh. Did you know that they are discussing modifying a piece of A.A. literature to say that "only those with a drinking problem may attend closed A.A. meetings"? Whatever happened to "a desire to stop drinking" - our 3rd Tradition?

Well, those groups that send GSR's and Intergroup Reps to the monthly meetings will make those decisions, and your group has an Intergroup Rep, so you can tell your Rep how to vote on everything. Uh, not quite. That is the heart of the "right of decision". Your rep is vested with the right to make the best decision for all of A.A., which sometimes differs with what the group would prefer. It happens more often than you think. When your Rep gets to the monthly meeting, they will hear a diversity of experience that they might not hear in your home group. Based on this new experience, the Rep is vested with the "Right of Decision".

Next newsletter, another right, the "Right of Participation".

*An anonymous member of A.A.*

## Tradition 3 (long form)

*Our A.A. experience has taught us that:*

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

## Concept III (long form)

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

## Our Delegate Wants Your Opinions

Our Delegate has created several questionnaires for you and/or your group to fill out and send to him, informing him of you and/or your group's opinion on several issues that he needs to take our Area's Group Conscience on to the General Service Conference. One place you can find these questionnaires is on our website, [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org).

Once you have filled out a questionnaire, you can get it to our Delegate in any one of the following ways:

- 1) Give it to your GSR
- 2) Bring it to the Pre-Conference Workshop at the Buena Park Community Center (8150 Knott Avenue) April 9th
- 3) Mail it to Area 09 Delegate, P.O. Box 51446, Irvine, CA 92619-1446
- 4) E-mail it to [delegate@msca09aa.org](mailto:delegate@msca09aa.org)

## Mar. 12, 2006, Area Service Committee Meets

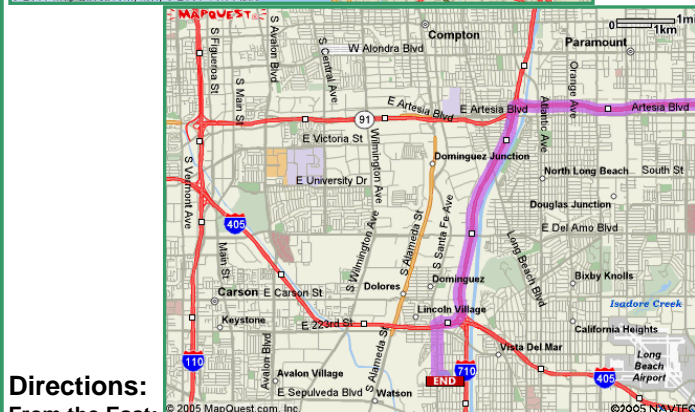
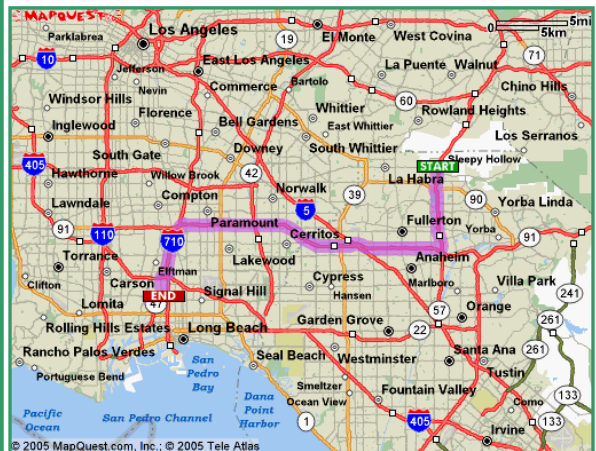
Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St., Long Beach, CA 90810

### What's the Purpose of an ASC?

1. Identifying, defining, and discussing Area, District and Group concerns and issues.
2. Obtaining the consensus of each District and its Groups.
3. Acting as an advisory Committee to the Assembly, Executive Committee and Delegate.
4. Establishing The agenda for the next assembly

### Who are the ASC Members?

The ASC is made up of Area Officers, DCMC's, past Delegates, alternate DCMC's, DCM's, other District Officer's, Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs.



### Directions:

#### From the East:

Take CA-91 W toward L.A.  
Merge onto I-710 S toward LONG BEACH. Drive 3.6 miles.  
Take the I-405 N exit toward SANTA MONICA. Drive 0.5 miles  
Take the HUGHES WAY exit toward SANTA FE AVE. Drive 0.1 mi.  
Turn LEFT onto WARNOCK WAY. Drive 0.1 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto SANTA FE AVE. Drive 0.8 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto W 31ST ST. Drive 0.1 mi.

#### From the South:

Merge onto I-405 N toward LONG BEACH. 21.2 miles  
Take the I-710 S exit toward LONG BEACH. 0.1 miles  
Take the I-405 N exit on the LEFT toward SANTA MONICA. 0.2 mi.  
Take the HUGHES WAY exit toward SANTA FE AVE. 0.1 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto WARNOCK WAY. 0.1 miles  
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## Mid-Southern California Area 9 Archives Committee Presents: MSCA ARCHIVES OPEN HOUSE

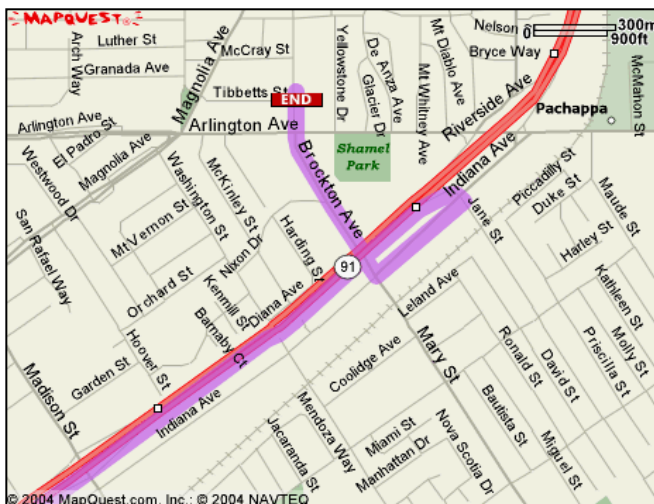
6922 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA, Sunday Apr. 2, 2006, 9 am - 4 pm  
Talks starting at 10 am

*Be there when a 1<sup>st</sup> edition 1<sup>st</sup> printing will be presented to the Archives for their collection*



### History of the Big Book

*Come learn about the history behind the writing of the Big Book  
Why is it called "The Big Book?"  
Interesting facts about the stories behind the stories in the book. Who received the 1 millionth copy of the Big Book? Which edition is the scarcest? These and tons more facts about our book!*



Directions to the MSCA Archives Repository From the South: Take CA-91 toward RIVERSIDE. Take the exit toward ARLINGTON AVENUE. Turn RIGHT onto INDIANA AVE. Turn RIGHT onto BROCKTON AVE. End at 6922 BROCKTON AVE RIVERSIDE CA.

**From the North and Northwest** Take the 91 FWY to the Arlington Ave Exit. Take Arlington to Brockton and turn Right. Go approx. 1/2 block on your right and watch for signs!

**More Info call: Pete B. or Charles K.**

## Group Updates Requested

February is the month when GSO sends out its annual request for all registered groups to update the GSO database by providing current and accurate information. Please help with this effort by completing a GROUP CHANGE FORM and forwarding it:

- To your District Registrar or DCMC, or
- To you Area Registrar, or
- Directly to GSO.

If your group has submitted a GROUP CHANGE FORM within the past year, and the information is correct and current, there is no need to take any action. If you are not sure what information is in the database regarding your group, contact your District Registrar, DCMC, or your Area Registrar. Please note that there is a box to check should you wish your group listed in the Western States Directory, and frequently information listed in that directory is

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outdated or incorrect, so it may be advisable to check the Western States Directory to see if your group is listed with current contact information.

The deadline for Group Update Forms to be received by GSO is no later than May 1, 2006. After that date, while Group information will be processed and added to the database, changes will not be included in the publication of the Western States Directory scheduled for June 2006. Due to processing time at the District and Area, we are asking that Groups providing updated information do so as soon as possible and no later than April 15, 2006.

If you require additional information or any assistance in this matter, you may e-mail me at any time at [Registrar@MSCA09aa.org](mailto:Registrar@MSCA09aa.org) or you may telephone me.

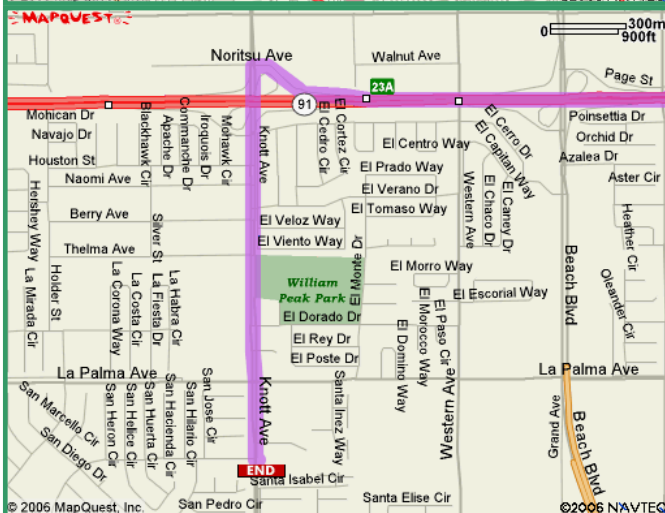
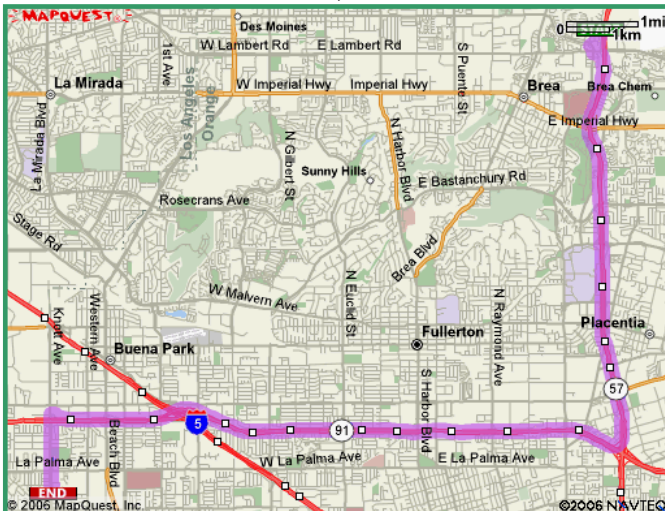
*In Unity & Service, Jason S., Area 9 Panel 56 Registrar*

## MSCA Assembly, May 14, 2006

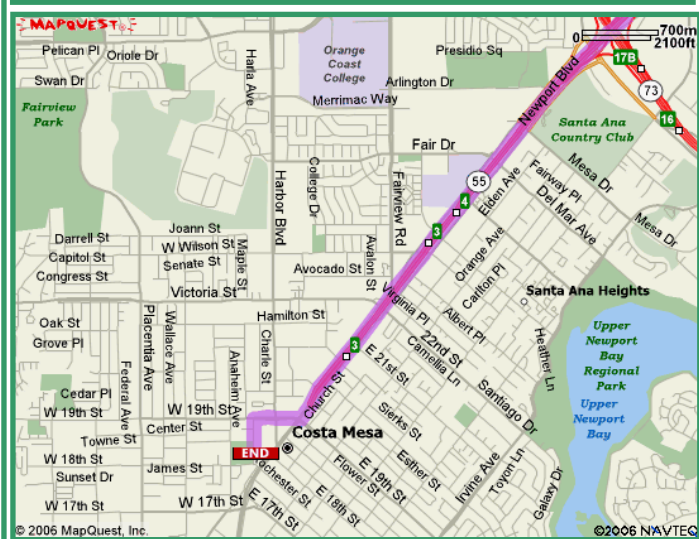
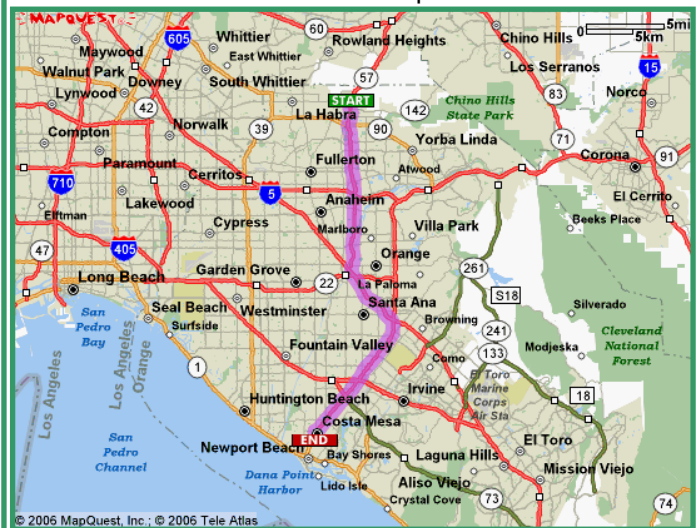
Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center  
1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627

At this assembly, we will hear a report back from our Delegate (s) on what was discussed/decided at the General Service Conference in April.

**Pre-Conference Workshop, Apr. 9 (Sun.)**  
(GSRs vote their group consciences on the Conference issues) (Dist 10), Walter D. Ehlers  
Community Recreation Center, 8150 Knott Avenue,  
Buena Park, CA 90620



**Directions:** From the CA-57, get onto CA-91 W toward Los Angeles. Drive 7.8 miles.  
Take the KNOTT AVE exit- EXIT 23A. Drive 0.3 miles  
Turn LEFT onto KNOTT AVE. Drive 0.9 miles  
Turn LEFT onto HOLDER ST. Drive <0.1 miles



### **Directions:**

From the I-5 or I405 or the 73 Freeway, travel to CA-55 and head south toward NEWPORT BEACH. Stay on CA-55 even after the freeway portion of that route ends (and turns into Newport Blvd).  
Turn RIGHT onto W 19TH ST. Drive 0.2 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto PARK AVE. Drive 0.1 miles.

## New Items posted on the MSCA website

The following items can now be found on our website,  
[www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)

1. The **Final Conference Agenda Items** (for the 2006 General Service Conference)
2. **Report from the General Service Board Meeting** in January, 2006
3. **Group Update Request** (from the MSCA Registrar)
4. **Personal/Group Opinion Poll questionnaires** (from the Area 9 Delegate)

The MSCA Assembly includes permanent committees responsible for conducting much of the AA business activity in the Area. We have Standing and Coordinate Committees. Chairs and cochairs of the Standing committees are listed below.

### Panel 56 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Cochairs, et al.

Archives Chair...Pete B	Literature Chair...Patrick C
CEC...Michael M	Literature Cochair, Spanish
CPC...Ernesto M	...Cesar F
CPC Cochair, Spanish...tbd	Newsletter Chair...Russ D
Convention Liaison...Gary M	Newsletter Cochair,
Convention Liaison,	Spanish...tbd
Spanish.....tbd	Public Information
Corrections Chair...Alex N	Chair...Linda H
DCM School...Jim B	Public Information,
DCM School Spanish	Spanish...tbd
Cochair.....tbd	Registration...Ray S
Electronic Media Sub-	Special Needs Chair...Rich
Committee...Nick M	W
Finance Chair...Deidri W	Special Needs Cochair,
Grapevine Chair...Linda C	Spanish....vacant
La Vina Chair... Francisco D	Translation...Oscar G
GSR School...Scott R	Treatment Facilities
GSR School, Spanish	Chair...Phil L
.....Jesus O	Webservant....Nancy R
Archivist...Charles K	
Audio Equipment...Joseph M	

### Panel 56 Area Officers

Chairperson: Craig S, [chair@msca09aa.org](mailto:chair@msca09aa.org),  
Delegate: Bruce H, [delegate@msca09aa.org](mailto:delegate@msca09aa.org),  
Alt. Delegate: Joe B, [altdelegate@msca09aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@msca09aa.org),  
Secretary: Melissa B, [secretary@msca09aa.org](mailto:secretary@msca09aa.org),  
Treasurer: Mike M, [treasurer@msca09aa.org](mailto:treasurer@msca09aa.org),  
Registrar: Jason S, [registrar@msca09aa.org](mailto:registrar@msca09aa.org),

## Upcoming Events

Mar. 12 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist 21),  
Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St., Long  
Beach, CA 90810

Apr. 2 (Sun.) Archives Open House, 6922  
Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA

Apr. 9 (Sun.) **Pre-Conference  
Workshop (GSRs vote)**  
their group consciences on the  
Conference issues) (Dist 10), Walter D.  
Ehlers Community Recreation Center,  
8150 Knott Avenue, Buena Park, CA  
90620

May 14 (Sun.) **Assembly  
(GSRs vote)**, Costa Mesa  
Neighborhood Community Center, 1845  
Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
(Host: Dist. 18)

June 11 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist.22)

July 9 (Sun.) Foro de MSCA (Dists 5 & 20)

July 23-25 Pacific Regional Forum, Seattle,  
Washington

Aug. 13 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist 7)

Sept. 10 (Sun.) **Assembly  
(GSRs vote)** (Dist. 4)

Oct. 8 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist. 24)

Oct. 15 (Sun.) Heritage Day

Nov. 11 (Sat.) Servathon (Dist 30)

Dec.10 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist 1)

### Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:30 am....GSR School  
9:30 am....Delegate's Sharing Session  
10:15 am....Committees meet

11:30 am.....Lunch

Noon... **Main Meeting** (which normally  
includes introductions of new GSRs, Area  
officers' reports, presentation/ discussion/  
voting on proposals, committee reports,  
other reports )

3:30...Adjournment