

APPROVED - September 2020 ASA Minutes - APPROVED

Meeting Beginnings		
Event	September 13, 2020 MSCA 09 Area Service Assembly (ASA) Meeting	
Format	Zoom	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/97400141835
Call to Order	9:00 AM	Chair Mitchell B. Called the meeting to order.

Delegate Sharing Session		
9:03 AM	<p>Reminder: Continue to review Delegate's page on the MSCA Website. See Delegate report below.</p> <p>Ed L. shared a story about PRAASA 2019 about self-sacrifice and service for others, the reason for his screen name, and life as a delegate drinking coffee and suiting up. Shared the example of Districts who have their information posted on the Area website and ask others to participate in other Districts. Zoom age resources include Events around the Pacific Region, the District websites, and the Area Website Confidential section which is password protected. In addition to attending many District events, he has been able to give his Delegate report back 21 times so far. Pacific Region has 9 states and 15 Areas – Area 2 August Regional Forum has been rescheduled by GSO for a Western US & Canada for 12/19/20. Area Delegates meet with Trustee Kathi regularly, and have agreed that when we do get to have another Regional Forum in person it will be hosted by Area 42 in Las Vegas. Ed and Hiro were able to attend Trustee Kathi's General Service Board report back. Ed was able to drop off PRAASA sound equipment in Bakersfield, equipment has been sitting at Archives since the 2019 event. This sharing session will be posted on the Delegate's Bulletin Board under the Delegate Tab of the Area Website. On 7/30, we provided the electronic version of the General Service Conference Report, Spanish hard copies have been distributed, please let the board know if you would like an English hard copy of the report. Final Financial Report and Presentation are available electronically, and Ed is available to answer any questions about these documents. Many regular reports will be posted on AA.org instead of mailing out hard copies in an effort to save money. General Service Office is drawing on its Prudent Reserve to pay GSO staff and reimburse individuals for the cancelled 2020 International Convention. Literature sales are still down, please purchase through Central Offices which are suffering. Since members heard that contributions were down, and the GSO was suffering our fellowship has become much closer to self-supporting than it has ever been. In 2021, eight Trustees will be rotating out of their positions. Ed will be attending a conference about the General Service Board Strategic Plan which can be found on Area 9 website under AAWS Announcements. Please review and give feedback to Ed by September 23, to help the conference realize the goals of this plan. Net Suite is meant to bundle contributions, literature sales, and group registrations together, the MyPortal is supposed to be up and running December 14, 2020. Ed gave a walk through of the Final General Service Conference Report of the virtual conference that took place in May 2020.</p>	

Break	10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
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Standing Committee Meetings	
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Individuals assigned to committees and committee meetings began.

Break	11:30 AM to 11:45 AM
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Call Back to Order	11:45 AM
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Readings		
	English	Spanish
Declaration of Unity	Issac	Reuben
Preamble	Heather	Karin
Statement of Purpose and Membership	Maryka	Alejandro

Introductions	
Past delegates, new DCMs, Alt DCMs, MCD, etc.	Past Delegates: Panel 68 Jesus O, Panel 62 Jeryl T. New DCM: New DCM - Costa Mesa Michelle
New GSRs Introduction	New GSRs Bartow D19 Mike; New GSR-Heather Temecula D17; New - GSR Liaison Desert City Young People GSR Shipwreck; New District Officers – D4 Secretary Cynthia
Visitor	Cory
Area Officers	Ed, Mitchell, Hiro, Jose, Emily, Rich (Absent - Ryan W)

Minutes	
May 2020 Minutes Tabled.	

Old Business	
Translation Committee (Ryan W) and Technology Ad Hoc Committee (Mitchell B)	AdHoc Committee created to provide support for the Area Meeting Zoom, but as the year has progressed it seems that there is a need to assist groups with Zoom meetings. Committee would like to formalize into a standing committee, as there are opportunities for growth with other technologies to distribute information and IT help.

Remote Communities Ad-Hoc Committee (Maryka O.)	AdHoc Committee has a mission vision and purpose statement: Carry message to Alcoholics where barriers may exist because of Geography Gender etc. Purpose: to build, strengthen, and foster growth in Area 09. Military First Nation people in desert, Spanish Women, LBGTQ trans community. Project to get questions to Districts to connect to remote communities. Next Meeting September 21 via Zoom.
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Business - New

Motion 1 -Shift responsibility for taking Area Meeting Attendance from the Area Secretary to the Area Registrar	<p>Emily H. presented motion. Seconded by many.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> 1.) Will this change be long term or is it designed for Zoom Time? Answer: Long-Term 2.) Where is the guideline? Answer: Provided via email and posted on the website. Changing the guidelines is a separate action that comes later with the GAP and Registration Committees once the verbiage is put together.</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Carla supported as she trusts Board Members to know their workload and will divide accordingly.</p> <p><u>Mitchell opened the floor to vote.</u> Unanimously in favor.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Motion Passes.</p>
Motion 2 - Shift responsibility for maintaining the Area Roster from the Area Secretary to the Area Registrar	<p>Emily H. presented motion. Seconded by Alex W.</p> <p><u>No Discussion</u></p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> 51 Approved, 1 No No minority opinion shared Motion Passes</p>

Resources

Area 09 Confidential Resources English Confidential Resources Español Confidential Resources
GSR Resources GSR Kit Contents (GSO - English) Area 09 GSR App
DCM Resources D.C.M. Kit Contents (F-153 GSO English) Area 09 DCM/DCMC School App
Other Great List of AA Zoom meetings and Events all over the world (most include Flyers).
Area 05 Concept Meetings - Thursday nights from 7- Zoom Link to Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85266990154

Recap of Actions

Ed shared updates from GSO including Final Financial Report, Final GSC Report all resources shared are available in the password protected Confidential part of the website. Motions to shift some Secretary duties to Registrar forwarded to GAP for verbiage, both motions passed. Area Standing Committee Reports, District Reports.
DCMs/MCDs and Committee Chair Reports - Please send monthly reports to the Area Secretary (msca09secretary@gmail.com)
MSCA 09 Website - Please continue to check the Area 09 Website for the latest info from GSO and our Delegate. GSO Memos and Information - English GSO Memos and Information - Spanish

Celebration of AA Birthdays	Rozanne 26, Scott 29, Mitchell 11, Manya 11 , Sommer 5, Patrick 17
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Motion to Adjourn	1:55 PM	Passed
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Board Reports	
Delegate (Ed L.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (●) I continue to attend District business meetings, including District 18 on 8/11 and 9/9; #1 on 9/10; and #4 on 9/2. Most of these meetings have special guests to talk about topics like Traditions and Concepts. (●) Yesterday (9/12), Mitchell, Ryan, and I participated on a workshop on General Service and Intergroup; and on 9/26, Hiro and I will be doing a Q&A on the Concepts. District 18 is scheduled to present a "Committee Workshop" on October 3rd, from 10 am to 2 pm. (●) The last two District report-backs included District 7 on 8/10 and #4 on 9/2. As such, I've reported to 20 of 24 Districts, and am still available (if you invite me) to remaining Districts and Groups. (●) On 8/23, prior to our scheduled Board meeting, the Area 09 officers met with District 1 and 3 representatives to talk about options to help District 3, which has experienced low attendance for the past few years. (●) Two one-day U.S./Canada ("US/CAN") Forums – Eastern US/CAN and Western US/CAN to make up for the cancelled Pacific Regional Forum is scheduled for December 19. (●) I've been asked to participate in a Grapevine writer's workshop out of San Diego on Oct 10, from 9 am until noon. I asked that the flyer be posted on the website. Meeting ID: 924 4505 9356, Passcode: write4gv. (●) On 7/30/2020, I received electronic versions of the 2020 Final Conference Report, which I immediately sent to Ryan for an eblast and to Rainer for posting under the Confidential Resources link (Password: area09Panel70, case-sensitive). (●) On 8/30/2020, I attended the Hispanic Intergroup meeting in Tustin where I took all the Spanish copies of the Final Conference Report for distribution to DCMCs and DCMs in our six linguistic Districts. At that time, half of the reports were given to Mitchell and Ryan for dispersal and the other half were deposited at our Riverside office to facilitate distribution. (●) On 8/15/2020, I participated in the "Follow up Finance Presentation for the 70th General Service Conference" from Leslie Backus (Class A Trustee and General Service Board treasurer), which covered 2019 and 2020 financial statuses. (●) On 9/11 I provided copies of the "70th General Service Conference Final Finance Report" in English and Spanish to be posted and eblasted. This is a 14-page document on detailed income and expenditures in 2019 compared to 2018. (●) As per Kathi's report to us at the Area Service Committee on 8/9/2020, it is likely that the 71st Conference will also be virtual, currently scheduled between April 18 and 24, 2021. I am happy to see that it will be for seven days, not four like in 2020, which was too little to get most of the work done (i.e., only 15 of 98+/- Agenda Items were passed on as Advisory Actions). (●) As of September 9, (it is like giving candy to a baby) you can contribute to the General Service Office by using "contribution.aa.org." I contribute directly to GSO for 1st time ever! (●) I am scheduled to be in one of four Conference panels for a two-hour session on 9/23 to discuss the plan and provide input. (●) My Area Service Committee delegate's report of 8/9/2020 was posted to the Delegate's Bulletin Board. I posted a story entitled "Noble Grace" on August 22nd about Hiro's invitation to attend the 2022 Conference (should the stars align) and "Step 7 Serenity Prayer" about the hidden formula for working Step 7 with the Serenity Prayer was posted on September 6th. Today's Delegate's Sharing Session will also be posted. In Love with Service
Alt Delegate (Hiro S.)	So grateful to Ed for being able to do all the Zoom places. Hiro has been able to attend So Cal H&I and Intergroups, these are looking at creating a virtual Area 94 for streaming H&I into corrections facilities. Going to this month's SoCal H&I and Alt Delegate North America meeting
Chair (Mitchell B.)	Attended eBoard August 24, 2020. If you need the GSC Report, please reach out so they can be mailed or delivered. Attended District 1 meeting September 10, attended a few others and planning to attend more. Attended AdHoc technology committee to prepare for today's meeting, District 12, Stacey and Romy thank you for helping out with this. Attending workshops – one was the International Technology Convention, and was also able to present at District 9. Has been able to attend online presentations for AA History on Zoom. Helping and observing Area 47 & 49 are holding mock elections to prepare for virtual elections that will be taking place at the end of this year.
Secretary (Ryan W.)	Not present.
Treasurer AR (Rich W.)	Rich W - I'm happy to be sober one more day and grateful to be of service. I prepared the August budget report and submitting it this week. We continue to be in good shape financially. Group contributions up to August 31 are \$41,551.05 and total contributions are \$47,710.02. We have begun the process of preparing the 2021 budget at the Finance Committee. If you are a committee chair or are responsible for any budgeted expense please complete the 2021 budget request form and email it back to me at treasurerar@msca09aa.org or Carlos G. the Finance Committee Chair at fincommchair@msca09aa.org. Since the August ASC I attended the Area Executive Board meeting, met the AP Treasurer to work on the books, picked up mail at the PO Box and made several bank deposits. As of Sunday, September 13, 2020 we have \$43,039.92 in the checking and \$7,501.35 in the prudent reserve savings accounts. We also have \$561.88 in the Pay Pal account. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.
Treasurer AP (Jose A.)	Sunday, September 13, 2020 only five check but we have more to pay. Have balance of \$33,045.91 I HAVE A LOT WORK TO LEARN IN THE SERVICE OF TREASURER ACCOUNT PAYABLE THANKS FOR LETTING ME BE OF SERVICE Jose A PANEL 70
Registrar (Emily H.)	Good Morning, I apologize for the delays and issues with the new NetSuite system. I had divided up and sent out the initial NetSuite reports to the Executive Boards listed in the reports. It turns out those were the past panel Boards, and a few districts did respond already with updates for Panel 70, thank you! I talked to other Registrars in the Region, and found out how other registrars are handling our end of the NetSuite mess – they kept updated the final FNV spreadsheet as they received changes. As Area Registrars we plan to start meeting regularly to help each other out. I was unable to do that as I started a few months behind, so if the Districts could help me out in a massive game of catch up: Please review the NetSuite Spreadsheet Ed mentioned will be posted by Rainier under the Confidential link and return to me with updated information. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Committee Reports	
Accessibilities Committee – Andrea.	Continuing to update checklist and adding new items, updating for website as well. Doing research for Deaf Community, has posted online meetings for deaf members.
Archives	Jerry W. Heritage Day Sunday, September 27, 2020 flyer in chat and on website. District 4 is virtual host, speakers are
Cooperation with the Elder Community	Jerry, acting Chair. Meetings with senior centers and health fairs, and restocking and redistributing literature racks have
Cooperation with the Professionals Community (English)	Maryka. Identified Professionals in the area to send 2 year subscriptions to La Vina and other Pamphlets. Want to have custom banners and tablecloths for when we are able to go back to attending conferences
Convention Liaison (English)	Discussed reaching out to upcoming Zoom Conventions and requesting to visit the committee meetings to get slots or breakout rooms for GSR or Area Service. Using the Convention Committee Liaison email to do this outreach.
Convention Liaison (Spanish)	Presented but notes not captured.
DCM School (English)	Manya, Chair. 18 attendees, 10 regulars and a few visitors. Ed asked us to check the information from NetSuite
Grapevine	Checking for places to send gift subscriptions to, Cornerstone has one. Checking on Charlie Street.
Literature (English)	Jim B. Minutes of the MSCA 09 Literature Committee (English) September 13, 2020 Attendees: Laura B., District 10 DCMC; Charles A., District 1 Finance Committee; Chair; John S., District 6 Archives; Sarah S., District 4 Literature Chair; Sommer S., District 12 GSR. Today the Literature Committee discussed the project list created at the beginning of this panel, the progress made towards completion and upcoming actions to complete our projects: Regarding the 2020 Workbook – that updating project was completed. Regarding the pamphlet What’s It All About – that pamphlet was updated but with some information from 2018. Now that 2019 information is available from the last GSC, it needs to be updated again. Regarding updating our stock of pamphlets to include the ones with newly designed covers – we expect to purchase literature from a local central office by the end of the budget year. Regarding updating the Literature Committee guidelines IAW guidelines Article X “Annual Review”, we expect that to be completed and submitted to the GAP committee by the next monthly Area meeting. We reviewed the Final Conference Report Trustees Committee on Literature report and the Conference Advisory Actions for literature. The last portion of the meeting was devoted to sharing and questions. Thank you for letting me be of service.
PI Spanish	Presented but notes not captured.
Treatment	Lynn M. Went to International Bridging the Gap Program hosted by London, in attendance were US, South Africa and others. Looking at making an international stream as facilities are hard to get into right now.

District Reports	
District 1	Alex W. District is on fire, happy to share current resources, new website with GSC Timeline to help understand the GSC year. Monthly guests to speak on Concepts and Traditions and Mini Workshops. Gale from Archives in Ohio is coming next month to do a presentation. September 26, Workshop on Finding Your Niche in AA.
District 2	NA
District 3	Alex W. District is collaborating with District 1 as it is dark. Motions are on the table for District 1 to assist in finding a solution for District 3’s membership. Currently serving together and working on going out to District 3 meetings to get as many GSRs as possible. Mitchell clarifies that later when District 1 makes a decision, the topic will be raised at the Area level as well.
District 4	Maryka Alt DCMC – Ed came for Delegate Shareback, past Delegate Thomas B came with a talk on reopening meetings during the Pandemic with respect to the Traditions. Hosting Area 9 Heritage Day, both speakers are great, Sunday, September 27, 2020. Jesus O coming next month to talk about Spanish speaking AA. District 4 is rebuilding website.
District 7	Cheryl M, DCMC Garden Grove Stanton Westminster. Ed came in August for Shareback, currently redividing subdistricts as District is growing back from going dark. Women in AA presentation and Traditions Workshop in the works for Spring of 2021.
District 8	Deborah DCMC Helping close by districts as they have trouble. Have put an ad in Inland Empire and invited all close by Districts’ GSRs to come to our meeting. Working on building a website, and online contributions as there is not one. Doing literature studies and GSR School. Averaging 20 to 30 attendees.
District 12	Romy DCMC South Orange County, met on the 3rd. Start with Traditions and Concepts mini workshop, had visitors from other districts. Needed to fill commitments and people stepped up. Helped by others to make a motion and reviewed Robert’s Rules of Order. Hosting a zoom event.
District 18	Rozanne DCMC Costa Mesa and Irvine. 25 to 35 in attendance including Ryan, Mitchell, Ed, and other District DCMCs. All are welcome working on posting new website to the website 2nd Tuesday of the month, concept and tradition workshop before the meeting. October 3rd hosting a Committee Workshop from 10 am to 2 pm having different chairs from different areas and someone from GSO to do Accessibilities, Ed to host. Extra money to send to GSO and 5 Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions to prisoners. District resource folder is sent out on Mail Chimp, contact Rozanne to get access.
District 20	Rolando - Presented Notes Not Taken
District 24	Luis M. - Presented Notes Not Taken