

Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09  
 Area Service Committee Minutes  
 February 12, 2006 – Sun City Civic Assn, Sun City CA

Delegate Sharing Session – 9:30 a.m.

General Service Representative School – 9:30 a.m.

For all GSRs wanting more information on Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Standing Committee Meetings – 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For all District Committee members, Home Group Representatives to exchange information on committee needs and events and activities to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

**LUNCH!!!** Hosted by District 17, Suggested donation \$5 - 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Craig opened the meeting 12:02 p.m. Thanks to District 17 for the meal.

Readers:

GSR Preamble  
 English - Chuck P.  
 Spanish - Marcelo  
 Tradition 2 -  
 English - Judy  
 Spanish - Ignacio

Concept 2  
 English - Kimberli  
 Spanish - Ruben  
 Assembly Statement of Purpose -  
 English - Rick H.  
 Spanish - Jose A

Introductions: Past Delegates; New GSRs, a few; new DCMs, some; New DCMCs; Guests – good contingent from District 17; Area Panel 56 Officers.

December Area Service Committee Minutes – Table. To hear the Dec and February minutes at March ASC MSP

Reports

Delegate – Bruce.

Alt. Delegate – Joe

Registrar – Jason

Group update forms will be broken out by Districts. Very important to update these forms are used in the Western Regional Directory. Ask your home group to check for current information. Return forms by April 15, 2006 to District Registrars, Jason for input and update.

Secretary – Melissa

Treasurer – Mike attended Districts 1, 21 and 30

	January 2006 Y-T-D	January		2006 Y-T-D
Group donations			Savings int	
Person donations			Tax refund	
Food kitty at Jan Assy	172	172		
Conventions				
Total Donations – Jan	5,529	5,529	Int. refund	0.00
Total Expense – Jan				
Balance	0.00	0.00		0.00

Checking Account \$ Savings Account (prudent reserve) \$ Total net worth. \$

## Area Chair - Craig

Area Inventory review: have not found the Minutes or the tapes of the November Area. Do we address service sponsorship? Craig request those that are willing to be service sponsors Service committee, any help will be accepted..

## NEW BUSINESS

### Introduction to the process: Craig

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: That the Mid-Southern California Area institute a web-based forum on a trial period running from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 through January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The forum will be governed by a new section of the Newsletter Guidelines headed VIII.E.3.c. If the proposal for a trial period for the web-based Forum passes, the EMSC will put forward a second proposal for the October 2006 ASC agenda proposing that section VIII.E.3.c be made a permanent section of the Newsletter Committee Guidelines and that the Trial period text be removed from the guidelines.

To add a new section to the Electronic Media Sub-Committee: VIII.E.3.c

- c. The EMSC is authorized by the Area Assembly to host an Online Discussion Forum with the topics approved by the EMSC. All trusted servants are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion. In the time frame leading up to the Annual General Service Conference, the EMSC will customarily post topics regarding items on the General Service Conference agenda. The forum will be governed by the content guidelines outlined in that section of this document headed VIII.E.3 - Web Page Content. All forum entries will be reviewed by the EMSC for content prior to posting to the forum. Additionally, the following points of decorum will be observed:
  - i. no last names will be posted
  - ii. no entries which attack or criticize another person will be posted
  - iii. no entries mentioning outside issues in a controversial or provocative manner will be posted
  - iv. no entries containing profanity will be posted
  - v. entries found objectionable by 2/3 of the EMSC will not be posted.

The time frame for which a topic is open for posting will be determined by vote of the EMSC. All discussion topics and the postings will be archived and available for viewing on the EMSC webpage for a period not less than one year.

This proposal is on a time trial to see if will work or not and to bring results back to the area.

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSE - ALL ARE ELIGIBLE TO ASK QUESTIONS.

Q. Will there be a review of the posting kinda like the 5 sec delay, how many EMSC people will do this, 48 hr turn around. - A. 6 active members, 4 constitutes 2/3.

Q. What is the criteria for success? - A. We will provide information to be judged by Assembly.

Re: iii, "no outside issues . . ." Q. What is controversial, provocative." - A. Mentions outside issues, "Doctor says" from the Doctor's Opinion.

Q. Why is there not any such discussion forum on any other web site? - A. Grapevine

**Joe B.** Friendly amendment, no last name will be posted, to change to no names will be posted - A. accepted.

Q. Does the previous section of the previous guidelines provide for rotating , EMSC rotates 2 yrs.

- A. Webmaster is eligible to stand for reelection.

Melissa, Friendly amendment topics be Traditions, Concepts, GSC Agenda Items. - A. Not accepted, would limit participation.

Q. Direct link on the web site or log in, sign in? Send e-mail to Webservant only.

Outside issues in a provocative manner, in the book Dr's opinions AA has an opinion; Q. outside AA does not have an opinion?

## Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Joseph H., need volunteers to inventory collection items. Yellow flier, Open House, April 2, Presentation by Area Archivist: History of the Big Book

Coop w/ the Elderly - CEC, Michael M., 4 attendees permission of LB assisted Living facility to develop an over 60 meeting need help from current membership to help get the meeting started, Wed 7 - 8 p.m. need people to attend. 8 - 9 District CEC committees, District guidelines are going to Literature committee for review. PRAASA CEC tables are not settled yet.

Coop w/ the Professional - Ernesto M., 6 attendees existing chairs, visitors PhD in Psychology, good Q&A information, always looking for practitioners within our area. Reviewed the origin and purpose of CPC, historical and current charter. Sponsor your doctor do our doctors understand AA, the disease of Alcoholism, 1 convention notice from the General Service Office - Am Assoc Retired Persons in October

Need CPC Spanish Alternate

Convention Liaison - Gary no Spanish Alternate attend conventions in the Area

Corrections - Alex, a few people come by talk about going to prison or jail if you want to go to jail see me. Need people to get the word out there about H&I and develop relationships of H&I Committees, write to criminals most of the criminals are in CA is the reason we have not received mailing information. Make sure your information is updated, lots of returned. S CA fund raiser fliers, spaghetti dinner 5 speakers who got sober behind the walls.

DCM School (English) - Jim, well attended we are here to help each other become better DCMs, combined meeting with Registration committee to fill out the forms properly. The committee decided to work on the How to be a better DCM. Looking at

solutions to every problem is found in our literature. Putting principles into action.

DCM School (Spanish) - Francisco.

Finance - Deidre, seeing if the committees were following guidelines. All of the committee guidelines, annual audit of the committee expenses. Grapevine - Linda C., 1 GvR in attendance, 2 visitors talked about visiting groups GvR Districts to go to groups, happy to attend groups or Districts or anywhere to talk about the Grapevine. Grapevine Editor, Robin, will attend PRAASA. Would like to talk with the Committees about how Grapevine can be used to help carry the message.

La Viña - Francisco, 6 attended motivate the group's members to subscribe to La Viña, how important it is to subscribe to La Viña, hope to get Group and District level reps. Problems of the shipments not received.

GSR School - Scott R., not many attended, well attended but not as much as we would like. Just a get to know you since I took the position.

RSG Escuela - Jesus, thank the 15 RSG old timers and new comers. Joe B. did a presentation on Concept 2. Good Q&A. Talked about the Conference and what Advisory Actions are about. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Encourage all GSR/RSG to attend PRAASA and Pre-Conference workshop.

Literature - Literature goals, go through the literature. Literature of the month, I s AA for you to the home groups to give an opinion on it. Read it and bring back a one liner. Helpful, seen it before, like the color, discuss the issue literature amongst our fellowship. All home groups are invited to attend.

Newsletter - Russ, Discussed proposal for the online forum go to the Grapevine to see if you enjoy the idea. We are also looking for stories by the 20<sup>th</sup> to get in the next issue to post on the website and have printing done for the meeting. Not

everything will get printed. \$4k - \$5k spent to go to PRAASA need that much in reports, maybe a special issue. Need Spanish translation in the first of the meeting to take to the Translation Committee. / Spanish articles would be great to get that perspective.

Public Information - Linda H., 6 people Alt PI chair Thom A from District12, Spanish co chair Damien to be confirmed in May. Not elect secretary, discussed guidelines, and #7 on FAQ of Websites, GSO does not put chat rooms on website, falls under the PI Committee. Concern for those without access to the internet and the people who are left out. PI liaison to the website committee no volunteer. Workshop in conjunction with CEC, CPC, Special Needs.

Registration - Ray S., 10 people in attendance. Annual update sheets coming, People not aware of the importance to get it updated. Next month, combining Regular DCM committee meetings, translation will be provided. Update forms reflect on the # of materials produced in GSO, getting info started now instead of waiting until the forms come. Starts now using group update, change

forms, get to DCMs, Jason. Lack Spanish registration district participation.

Special Needs - Rich, 4 people in attendance, 2 GSRs, District Special Needs Chair, Thanks to Joe for bringing the Special Needs material. Discussed definition of Special Needs, does it include dual diagnosis? District chair concerned to develop an action plan to address issues and concerns as they crop up. Work with Central Office to coordinate with their requests for translators or literature, CPC presentation. . . . Education of groups and individual alcoholics - when a new comer has a special need it does not make them a different alcoholic. Make sure they get the message of recovery. Help them overcome barriers. Order Special Needs literature and reviewed the catalog.

Treatment Facilities - Will, Phil L couldn't make it today. 10 in attendance. Keeps the momentum going. Discussed operational treatment facility may not be within traditions, when they discharge their clients. Passed around the workbook, Discussed Bridging the Gap and how that works. Best in the last 3 time attendance is so good.

## Coordinate Committee Reports

### Intergroups -

### District Reports -

Deidre District 1 4 discussion was websites, PRAASA, Kimberli District 2 6 attended today, 5 going to PRAASA, confirmed Steve w. CPC Committee chair, co-host June 5 7 p.m. with d4 invite other Districts. Presentation of the Concepts, 1-6, 7-12.

District 3 Robert, 1. 1. PRAASA attendance

District 4 Gregory 4 new registrar Carl, replaces Steffy. Gil from CEC gave a presentation, heading up the CEC meeting, contact Greg, Treasurer Workshop was a success so they are having another one. Still working on 2006 budget.

District 5 Alex, Thanks to CEC last month, PI this month give presentation. Ad Hoc committee review guidelines, helped by Mike M. Archives presentation, March 9 free food. Pre-pre conference workshop in April, need 8 DCMs of 12 total 45 people on average attend monthly.

District 6, Mary Ann, don't know if we accomplished anything, but had a great time. GvR did a great report, went to the 4 area DCM sharing session, Lois L is coming back in the District. Next month PI chair will be talking about of PSAs.

District 7 .Sheryl Honored to have Bruce attend and spent time spoke 4 today, Erik is literature Shane secretary of area finance committee, aggressively trying to fill committee positions and recruit new GSRs, connected with the Garden Grove Alano and have own message board.

District 8 Ruth, 9 combine 11, 14, and 17 for delegate report backs in June. Regular business meeting in March, April pre-pre conf workshop, talk about GSC agenda items. I invited Linda c to be out in May Grapevine presentation.

District 9 Ernesto, District service commitment help with Native American Regional Forum 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May, limited facilities, for Native Americans and we are asked to invite professionals.

District 10, alt DCMC Scott, last meeting, upcoming pre-conference workshop, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to AO that attended.

District 11 Chris, 6 attended today. 8 showed up for District meeting on Super bowl Sunday. Receive donation from a group, receipt contains an invitation to District / area meeting as well as directions to get there.

District 15, Lynn C. 3 member visitation committee to recruit GSR and provide information to show our face to them, stressing education of GSRs while they are at the District meeting.

District 17, Kristin, excited about next 2 yrs, new GSRs, and their spouses attended to help today, positions are filled.

District 18, Tina, 3 today, hosting May Assembly, combined delegate report, Service positions open, working on a Sponsorship Workshop.

District 30, Gerald C., DCMC, 6 attending today, lots of groups not many GSRs, increasing involvement no activities standing committees, trying to turn inactivity around.

District 20, Amador, 7 today reports 1, 2 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> book sty, and 4th Monday business meeting 5th Sun general topics. District registrar is updating group information; visitation 2x week, encourage groups to attend PRAASA.

District 21, Antonio 9 1<sup>st</sup> Wed GSR reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Business Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Wed is book study. Average 20 attend; visitation 2x week, invite to talk on special topics. Also have District Committee Chairs, alt. some GSRs are going to PRAASA, March 12th, host Area meeting

District 23, Francisco, work to motivate the groups to get GSRs service commitment vacant District service positions, meet every Friday all welcome. Visit 2 x groups a week Monday and Wed, topic always service. Encouraging groups and at District to attend PRAASA, 4 rooms booked. Encouraging submission of Stories for the Big Book and updating group information for the Western Regional Directory. 31 groups in the District Want to split the District, too much geographic area to cover.

District 24 Norberto, 5 attend today, encourage group members to get into service, Visit groups who are not connected to the Fellowship, LvR Registration committees formed. Melissa visited encouraged RSGs to attend the Area PRAASA and other Area events.

February Birthdays

Announcements – Send all announcements to [secretary@msca09AA.org](mailto:secretary@msca09AA.org)

Recap of actions Election results; see above, Old business

Responsibility Statement and Adjournment