

Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09
Area Assembly Minutes
May 14, 2006 - Costa Mesa CA

Craig opened the meeting 9:30 a.m. Thanks to District 18 for the meal.

Readers:

Declaration of Unity
English - Craig
Spanish
Tradition 5
English - Jim B.
Spanish - Marcelo
Concept 5
English - Jay

Spanish - Jose'
GSR Preamble
English - Ricki
Spanish - Salvador
Assembly Statement of Purpose
English - Will
Spanish - Ignacio

January Area Assembly Minutes - Motion to postpone approval of the January Assembly minutes because only English copy available. Approved.

Officer Reports

Joe B. Alternate Delegate. Apologized for miscommunication on District 14 meeting location. He promised to be at the correct location next month.

Jason S. Registrar We completed the group updates. Thank you to the GSRs District Officers and Registrars and the Home Groups. We submitted 300 group changes.

Melissa B. - Secretary absent during report

Mike M. Treasurer The Treasurer has Home Group quarterly donation reports, listed by District, available at the front table. These reports are from 2005 and current Area and GSO donations.

Craig S. Chair

Area Inventory: Today's topic: - "Lack of group representation at the area level i.e., missing the group's conscience and participation that no group voice is heard at the area or district level, just the individual."

SUMMARY of comments from the microphone:

1. We can do a better job of informing the GSRs making it clear to them what it is we can talk to their groups about. Use electronic media.
2. Problem in the fellowship is they don't know what General Service is. Our Tradition Two in operation, how we as a society carry out Tradition Two. When you carry a service message, let the group know it is the fellowship as a whole.

3. Up to the individual GSR to pay attention. The groups aren't interested; younger people coming out of rehab aren't interested. Sponsors aren't interested. It's a problem with AA as a whole.
4. People are interested in General Service as much as I've shown enthusiasm, this is a suggested program and lead by example. Useful for my group to announce the topic and follow-up in a week or two. I let them know what I believe their conscience is.
5. Became a GSR because the pamphlet said I would be the most important person in AA. This should be announced at every meeting. Wipe out the statement that it's only a one meeting a month, the GSR should be attending Area meeting. Give Grapevine book, "AA Home Group, the Heartbeat of AA"
6. Give GSR lots of info talk and talk and found out that if we don't have it all figured out we just quit. It's not about being smart, it's about being committed. Address the issue do more events bring into CS. Keep the commitment; don't worry about figuring it out.
7. Rarely get introduced to Traditions until we get to the District level. GSRs don't know what an informed group conscience, take the message back and discuss at group, is and what the difference is between that and a yea / nay vote. The districts should be responsible to help the GSRs understand.
8. We have a great opposition against service. We have an endless task to inform groups, 2 each week, what we are doing at the District and Area and GSO levels. We need to keep going to inform our groups about what is happening.
9. Do you want to overwhelm them with service information as they are newcomers? If they say it's politics tell them they don't know until they try it. How many people have a recovery sponsor and service sponsor who encourage service commitment.
10. Take a look at what we bring them into as the new GSR to keep them here. We've been talking about the problem for 10 years. Let's get out of the whys and into the hows.

New Business

Point of Order: All proposals need to be read aloud by the presenter.

Proposal: Online Discussion Forum:

Read - "That the Mid-Southern California Area institute a web-based forum on a trial basis for a trial period running from May 15, 2006 through January 13, 2007. The forum will be governed by a new section of the Newsletter Guidelines headed VIII.E.3.f (*amended to ""f"*). 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 (*amended to ""f"*) be made a permanent section of the Newsletter Committee Guidelines and that the trial period text be removed.

Proposed new section:

"The EMSC is authorized by the Area Assembly to host an Online Discussion Forum with the topics approved by the EMSC. All trusted servants and Standing Committees 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 names will be posted
- ii. no entries which attack or criticize another person will be posted
- iii. no entries mentoring 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". *Approved as amended.*

Area Coffee Person. – Gilberto - Confirmed

Public Information Spanish Co-Chair – Damian - Confirmed

Guest Reports from visiting Delegates: (15 min. each)

Jim W. – Area 05 Delegate – topic: Finance Committee

Jerry C. – Area 08 Delegate – topic: Grapevine / La Viña

LUNCH!!! Hosted by Dist 18, Suggested donation \$5 - 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Report on 56th General Service Conference

Delegate – Bruce.

Bruce reported on the Conference held April 24th – 28th in New York City. Archived copies of the complete report, which was handed out in English and Spanish, can be found on the Area website – www.MSCA09AA.org .

Announcements –

-June 10th - 71st anniversary AA open house at Brookhollow Intergroup Office. 11am – 3pm Chili Cook-off. Chili Cooks needed. Deadline for entry May 30.

-District 30 - Hosting Area Servathon and we have asked Area Committee Chairs to bring displays and we need suggestions for topics. Servathon to be held on Nov 11th, 2006.

-New AA meeting at Crofton Manor Long Beach 5th St., 5/31 7 p.m. any and all are welcome. .

-Dist 8 - Linda C. will be there on the 14th for Grapevine presentation. Also in area newsletter.

-May Birthdays

Peyman, Joe B., Salvador, Leonard

-Recap of Actions:

-Responsibility Statement and Adjournment