

The Southern California Area  
Of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Area Committee Minutes  
December 10th, 2005  
Olympic High School  
Santa Monica, CA

Chairman Gustavo T. called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
Chairman T. thanked LACCYPAA for hosting the meeting today.

The Twelve Concepts were read in English by Rebecca of LACY PAA.  
The Twelve Traditions were read in Spanish by Fidel of District 35.

Chairman Gustavo T. adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. to conduct the DCM/DCMC workshop, where much loving discussion took place until approx. 10:00 a.m.

A.A. birthdays for the months of September, October, and November were recognized and applauded.

Registrar Ben H. took roll:

11 DCMs/2 Alt DCMs acting  
3 DCMCs  
7 Area Officers  
7 Standing Committee Chairs  
3 Past Delegates

42 Total Attendance      33 Voting Members

Districts Unrepresented    3,4,5,6,9,10,14,17,31,36,37,38,40,41,43,45,46,49,56,58

Approval of the Agenda

There was a motion by Gustavo to approve the day's amended agenda. No second was asked for. Discussion was called for and none offered. The agenda was approved, none opposed. Minority was asked for, none offered.

Approval of the Area Committee Minutes of August 27th, 2005

There was a motion by Flavio to approve the minutes of the Area Committee Meeting on August 27th, 2005. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the question was asked. The motion was approved unanimously.

Officers' Reports

Registrar Ben H.: I have distributed the recent changes from GSO. Please inform me if you are not receiving your Box 459.

Contributions Treasurer Marcus F.: (There was a motion from Marcus and a second from Mike P. to approve 2005 3rd Quarter Contributions Report. Discussion ensued. The question was asked, and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.)

Secretary Gordy H.: No report.

Accounts Treasurer Shami H.: I don't have the 2005 3rd quarter Financial report today for approval and I apologize.

Alternate Delegate Charlie W.: I want to thank all of you for your cards and prayers. I visited Area 8 and Area 9 elections. I did a conference report at the Spanish Districts and Foro. I also visited the Spanish H and I Conference. I encourage greater participation in these Spanish events. I attended elections at the LA Central Office. The H and I Inter-group in Los Angeles recently elected a new director. I visited the H and I planning meeting for upcoming conference, and the Four Area DCM Sharing Session planning meeting as well. I encourage everyone to consider the 7<sup>th</sup> traditions ideas I have raised.

Delegate Jim W.: All conference reports have been distributed to all districts. The new service manuals have better paper for better reading. We had an applicant for the Trustee's committee position from Pasadena, Greg H., and I was pleased to introduce him to the chairperson of the committee. We're having a Special Forum for Native Americans in Morongo on May 20-21, and our past delegate, Jim I. is our liaison. (Jim I: The forum is not at the casino, fyi.) At the October Assembly, we elected Jim I. as our candidate for Pacific Region Trustee. The mother of Greg M., the General Manager of GSO, recently passed.

Chairman Gustavo T.: We have a new DCM for District 10 (unintelligible on tape), as Estill M. has become CPC chair. We have our location for our January 2006 Assembly nearly booked. Our next Steering Committee is on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Akron Group. We had an officer's meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We appointed two Area Chairs, Estill for CPC, and Carlos S., as Translations Chair, with Fidel M. as Alternate. I attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session Planning Committee.

Old Business

Report on Mileage Reimbursement from Finance Committee

Finance Chair Mike P.: At the end of the last panel, it was proposed to remove the deductible, the reimbursement for mileage after

50 miles traveled by Area Committee Members in a month. We did a survey on this issue, asking if people thought attendance would improve at Area Functions if the deductible was removed. The results were 35 against removing the deductible, and 2 people were for it. I'd like to take a sense of the body whether we should drop this issue from our committee agenda. (The sense of the body was to abandon the item.) The finance committee recommends no further study.

New Business

Approval of the 2006 Revised Area Budget Proposal

Mike P., chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented the budget proposal. Questions were asked. A motion was made by Mike P. to pass the 2006 Revised Area Budget Proposal, with a provision that it be reviewed in six months. Mary T. seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Marcus F. offered an amendment to split the motion into two motions, one motion to approve the budget, and one motion to approve the six-month review. Mike P. declined the amendment. Mary T., offered the amendment to drop the amendment of the six month review. After taking a sense of the body, Mike P. dropped the amendment of the six-month review. The question was asked, and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Possible Letter to GSO on 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Marcus F. made a motion that our Area send a letter to GSO requesting that the following be added to the General Service Conference Agenda for discussion and approval by the conference:

"That the General Service Office and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., charge all purchasers only the actual total cost of producing and shipping books."

Jim I. seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A point of order was raised, indicating that the motion was out of order, as the motion had been tabled to the next Assembly, and not to the ACM. No minutes were available, making it impossible to verify whether the motion is out of order or not. Martha S. found from her notes that the motion was tabled to the January 2006 Assembly. Marcus amended the motion that it originated from the ACM, not the Area. Jim W. seconded the motion. Discussion continued. The question was called. Motion failed. Minority opinion was expressed. Members of the prevailing side were asked if they would like to change their vote. One did. A vote was taken to revoke. By simple majority, the body voted to revoke. Discussion ensued. The question was called, and the vote was taken. The motion failed.

Guidelines and Policies Discussion

Martha, chairperson of the Guidelines and Policies, introduced a discussion about the process of how the guidelines and policies will amended in the future, now that the work of the original revision of the policies provoked by the splitting of Area 5 into Area 5 and Area 93 has completed. Much loving discussion followed. No action was taken.

4 Area DCM Sharing Session Planning Committee Report

Terry B, DCM 39: We invite everyone to this event in Lakewood on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We are providing translators at the roundtables.

Good and Welfare

Helene B. sends her best to the ACM.  
Ezequiel, DCM District 33, donated \$365 in literature to Katrina.  
Juan M. is celebrating 29 years on January 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Eric K. is looking for support at a Founder's Day event.  
Guytano invited everyone to the anniversary of District 55.

Chairman Gustavo T. accepted a motion from Flavio to adjourn. Foster seconded the motion. We closed with the Responsibility Statement in English and Spanish at approx 2:00 p.m.

Spanish Interpreters were Carmen and Edgar.

Special thanks to Scott for being the "Sound Guy".

Actual (reconciled) Refreshments – Income and Expense

Income (Contributions on site):	\$113.95
Food Expense:	<u>\$89.71</u>
Net Change shown as – Income / (Expense):	\$24.24