

**The Southern California Area Of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Assembly Minutes (Edited for the Web)  
Saturday, October 29, 2005  
Pasadena High School, Pasadena, CA 91107**

**Chairman** Gustavo T. called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with a moment of silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*.

A moment of silence was held for Frances, the wife of Charlie W., and Larry J., previous Area Guidelines and Policies chair.

The *Twelve Concepts* were read in English by Alex, GSR from District 3.

The *Twelve Traditions* were read in Spanish by Fidel, DCM from District 35.

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

**Registrar** Ben H. took roll:

13 DCMs/2 Alt DCMs (15 total)  
44 GSRs  
2 DCMCs  
6 Area Officers  
9 Standing Committee Chairs  
3 Past Delegates  
38 Others  
Total 117

Districts Unrepresented: 14, 17, 19, 31, 37, 39, 41, 43, 46, 56, 58

**Approval of the Assembly Minutes of July 31, 2005**

Secretary Gordy H. distributed the Assembly Minutes of July 31, 2005, as printed in the Fall 2005 SCAAN. Flavio, PI Chair, made a motion to approve the minutes. Tracy from the Combined Westside Districts seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed, none opposed.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Gustavo T. amended the agenda to include a motion for a letter of support for ACYPAA 2007 and asked for a motion to approve the day's amended Agenda. Greg I. of District 2 made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike D., DCM District 9, seconded the motion. The motion passed, none opposed.

**Officers' Reports**

**Registrar** Ben H.: I made 30-40 changes since last July and submitted them to GSO. GSO is mailing the updated database to me and you should have your updated packets soon.

**Contributions Treasurer** Marcus F.: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Contribution Reports are available today. We've had a large increase in bad checks and contributions from unknown sources. I will now read a list of these Suspense Groups. (list read). I read these at the Assembly level to drive home the point that this problem is spread across the Area. Please remind the groups to include all the information on the contribution form printed in the SCAAN. If your group treasurer is uncomfortable sending in your name, perhaps your groups can discuss this. Bad checks written from personal accounts will be the responsibility of the individuals holding those accounts. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Contributions totaled \$10,469.91. Our contributions are coming in at a \$32,000 pace for the year.

**Accounts Treasurer** Shami H.: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Reports are available today. Our books are balanced.

**Secretary** Gordy H.: I need 100 coffee cans for an Area project. Please contact me if you can help with this.

**Delegate** Jim W.: I want to thank Gustavo and Charlie in assisting in distributing final conference reports. We have new service manuals, which are printed on higher quality paper (thus costing more) and easier to read. There is an opening for an appointed, non-Trustee member of the Trustee's Literature Committee. There is a Native American Special Forum coming up in May in Morongo. A local committee is requesting permission to start a regional GSO and begin printing AA literature.

**Chairman** Gustavo T.: Thanks to District 3 for hosting today. Sheryl F. is moving out of the Area and is stepping down as CPC chair. The Spanish Foro is coming up in November. Our Area will have a table. We hope all members of the Area attend. Some of us will be attending the Area 08 election. The Four Area Sharing Session Organizing Committee recently

held a meeting. This event will be held in Lakewood, CA on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Our liaisons are Doug of District 14 and Fermin of the Spanish speaking districts.

### **Committee Meetings**

We broke into committee meetings at 10:10 am. We reconvened with the Serenity prayer at 11:23 a.m.

### **Standing Committees' Reports**

**Accessibilities** Ad-Hoc Chair Mary T.: No report.

**Audio Visual** chair David B.: Four members attended today. We are going to start help backing up Scott, the sound guy, in his duties taping the Area meetings.

**Treatment Facilities** Alt. chair Steve: Six members attended today. District 3 has a home group program, where they carry the message of the home group into treatment facilities. The Combined Westside Districts recently started a program called Bridging the Gap, which focuses on providing a contact person for people coming out of treatment facilities. We're considering talking about providing information on Sober Living. Our next meeting is on the second Tuesday at Baker Square.

**CPC** co-chair Greg I.: We have a volunteer, Estill, to take over as CPC chair. We will be having a meeting after the next ACM. We're going to miss Sheryl. We're putting together a 200-piece mailing to go out soon. We're using the Area P.O. Box as our return address. The P.I. committee wants to collaborate with us on a project to inform emergency professionals of what AA is in case there is a large natural disaster in Southern California.

**Website Committee** chair Ian T.: We meet with SCAAN today. Ten members were present. We discussed new content for the website, including interactive district maps. We're also looking to put info on our site for people seeking help directly for a drinking problem. All committee chairs are requested to provide info to place on the site describing their committees.

**Public Information** chair Flavio O.: Our meeting was translated into Spanish today. We discussed our goals for 2006, including full support of the delegate. We want to support district P.I. efforts. We placed a project to place AA literature in libraries on hold. I am working with District 33 to formulate a plan to finish this library project. We are developing reports on how to do PI projects to distribute to the districts. We are still looking to meet with people from Ventura who developed a young person's AA video. We hold a monthly meeting on the last Saturday at 3006 W. 7<sup>th</sup> starting in January. We are making displays available for district use.

**Newsletter** chair Tom B.: I want to apologize for not having the Spanish SCAAN today. We have established new deadlines for the SCAAN, and I have distributed them today. Deadline for the next issue is January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are always open for submissions.

**Literature** committee member Jim W.: We have new Big Books in twelve different languages. We talked about an Area-produced pamphlet called ORDERED TO ATTEND. We are looking into translating this into Spanish, and we're going to talk to GSO about this. We discussed the ramifications on the publication of literature by the local efforts to publish AA literature.

**Finance** Chair Mike P.: Five members attended today. We discussed the method to determine whether money is available or not when we receive an unbudgeted expenditure request. We recently started passing the hat for lunch expenses. It costs 7.15 per person.

**Archives** alternate chair John W.: Five members attended today. Jose C. discussed a meeting of older Spanish speakers. They are going to continue having these old-timer meetings. We also discussed collecting group histories. We have guidelines available for writing these histories. George of District 3 is developing an additional questionnaire for gathering history. We also discussed a lack of support from the Area, in terms of storage. I distributed a flyer I received from Box 459 celebrating 30 years of AA archives to our committee members.

**Grapevine/La Vina** chair Jose F.: Ten members attended today. We discussed the responsibilities of the Grapevine and La Vina representatives. We are postponing our Grapevine event until next year due to finances. We have started to receive our Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions and issues are available for you to take home.

### **Lunch**

Chairman Gustavo T. called a break for lunch at 11:50 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at approx. 12:45 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **GUIDELINES AND POLICIES: TICKLER FILE**

Martha introduced the proposed change to III.C in the Guidelines and Policies. There was no discussion. The question was called and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Martha introduced the proposed change to III.E.4 in the Guidelines and Policies. There was no discussion. The question was called and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Martha introduced the proposed change to III.F in the Guidelines and Policies. The question was called and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **Approval of 2005 Revised Budget Proposal**

Mike P. made a motion to approve the 2005 Revised Area Budget, as approved at the August 2005 ACM. Mike seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Pacific Regional Trustee Candidate Election**

Jim W. introduced SCAA Past Delegate (Panel 53) Jim I. to the body for presentation of his resume and asked for a show of acclamation to support his application for Pacific Regional Trustee. The body applauded. Jim said he would send Jim I.'s application materials to New York.

#### **Selection of Hosts for the January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2006 Assembly and the February 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 ACM**

Chairman Gustavo T. took nominations to host the January 2006 Area Assembly. District 10 offered to host. A vote was taken, and by simple majority, **District 10** was named host.

Chairman Gustavo T. took nominations to host the February 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 ACM. District 2 offered to host. A vote was taken, and by simple majority, **District 2** was named host.

#### **Possible letter to GSO on 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

Marcus F., Area Contributions Treasurer, made a motion that the Area 05 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., effective January 1, 2007, charge all purchasers only the actual total cost of producing and shipping books, and that prior to this change, the General Service Office and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. send a letter to every registered group in the world notifying them of this fact, informing them of the cost per year per group of General Service Office and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. services, and asking each group to consider discussing this in a group conscience meeting.”

Mary T. seconded the motion. Marcus presented detailed background on the motion and accepted questions from the body. Much loving discussion ensued. Mary T. offered an amendment to end the agenda item at “shipping books,” striking the rest of the language. Marcus wanted to table the amendments. Gordy moved to table the motion indefinitely. Marcus seconded the motion to table. A vote was taken, and by simple majority, the motion passed. Discussion continued on the content of the letter. Marcus moved to bring the motion back off the table, amended to now read:

That the Area 05 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.”

It was seconded. Gordy moved to table the motion to the next ACM. First, a vote was taken to bring the motion back off the table to the floor. A vote was taken, and by simple majority, the motion passed.

Mike P. moved to table the motion to the next Assembly, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. Gordy seconded. A vote was taken, and by simple majority, the motion passed.

Motion was tabled to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 Assembly.

### **Proposal of Revised 2006 Budget**

Mike P. presented and distributed copies of the Revised 2006 Area budget for review.

### **2006 General Service Conference Agenda Item Discussion**

Chairman Gustavo T. invited members of the body to suggest possible agenda items. Discussion ensued.

### **Request for a letter of support for ACYPAA 2007 by PASYPAA**

Mary T. made a motion for Area 5 to write a letter of support of PASYPAA and of TRICYPAA for ACYPAA 2007. Jim seconded. Discussion ensued. The question was called and the vote was taken, and by substantial majority, the motion passed.

### **GSR Open Mike**

Chairman Gustavo T. invited GSRs to come to the floor with questions and comments. Concerns were expressed over the SCAAN translation issues.

Chairman Gustavo T. asked for announcements for the Good and Welfare of AA.

Chairman Gustavo T. accepted a motion to adjourn at approx. 3:45 p.m., followed by a second. The motion passed. We closed with the Responsibility Statement the Serenity Prayer in both Spanish and English.

Language Interpreters were Patricia and Edgar.

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

### **Refreshments and Lunch – Income and Expense**

Income (Contributions on site)

Food Expense:

Net Change shown as – Income / (Expense):