

**The Southern California Area  
Of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Assembly Minutes  
Saturday, May 13, 2006  
Roosevelt Park  
7600 Graham Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90001**

**Conference Committee Reports**

Jim W., Delegate, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Jim W.:** I'd like to introduce our panel, Bruce H., Area 9 Delegate, Panel 56, Jim C., Past Pacific Region Trustee and Area 9 Delegate, Jerry, Area 8 Delegate, and Vicky, Area 93 Delegate.

**Jim C.** gave a brief history of the beginning of the General Service Conference and discussed its purposes and functions.

**Jim W., Conference Finance Committee:** The Trustee's Finance Committee is going to set aside money every year to meet our obligations for employee pensions. A report was made on studying relocation of the General Service Office, and I am handing those out today. The report recommends staying in NYC. Group donations are up, and the overall financial health of AA is very good. The financial tent card was not approved, as well as the proposed placing of a new pie chart in existing pamphlets. The service charge for literature orders was not rescinded.

**Jerry, Area 8 Delegate, Panel 56, Grapevine Committee:** All delegates are now official Grapevine reps. Our committee urged the Grapevine board to publish an anthology of La Vina stories by 2007, as well as publishing the Grapevine workbook in Spanish.

**Bruce H, Area 9 Delegate, Treatment Facilities:** We discussed changing the name of our committee, and took no action. We recommended the word "institutional" be removed in the scope of the Treatment Facilities committee. We were not able to come to substantial unanimity on whether the video, "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" is outdated in its use. We asked the board to consider the development of an online discussion board for Treatment Facilities. We reviewed the revisions and additions to the workbook.

**Vicky, Area 93 Delegate, Literature Committee:** We were shown the new designs for our pamphlets. All our votes were unanimous, as we processed all ten of our agenda items with no overtime. (Note: All committee actions are available in conference report.)

**Jim W., Delegate:** Our out-going Pacific Region Trustee, Phyllis H., led the orientation for the last time, as Madelyn P. from Idaho was elected our new trustee. I brought back a report from the Remote Communities Committee. The definition of a remote community is evolving. I also have the early bird report from the Conference for DCM's and Area Officers, as well as copies of the additional considerations from the Conference. The Board reported on the health of the board, receiving reports from various areas of AA. This June is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Vina, and posters will be available commemorating this milestone. The GSO website receives over 3 million hits on the website, with a recent 30% increase in 2005. Board is trying to communicate more effectively with the fellowship. It would take 44 years to recover the non-recurring costs if GSO was to move to another city. We had a good year last year financially. We had a discussion on how to reach newcomers, and how well our message is reaching the alcoholic still suffering. They recommended we stopped calling it "service work", simply "service." They did a survey of former subscribers to the Grapevine, and 65% said they didn't have time to read it. We were shown new PSAs. They are retooling the membership survey to accurately reflect the population, for example, adding "domestic partner" as a distinction. Oakland was awarded the next PRAASA in three years. They decided against development of a new AA History book. Please let me know when I can visit your district for a more detailed report.

Lunch.

Chairman Gustavo T. called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM with a moment of silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*.

The *Twelve Concepts* were read in English by Cheronne, District 9.

The *Twelve Traditions* were read in Spanish by Mauro, District 33.

A.A. birthdays for the months of February, March and April were recognized and applauded.

Registrar Ben H. took roll:

45 GSRs  
17 DCMs/Alts  
2 DCMCs

7 Officers  
7 Standing Committee Chairs  
2 Past Delegates  
19 Others

109 Total  
90 Voting Members

Districts Unrepresented: 5,6,8,17,25,31,36,37,38,39,40,41,43,45,46,58

#### **Approval of the Assembly Minutes of January 22, 2006**

Secretary Gordy H. distributed the Assembly Minutes of January 22, 2006, as printed in the Spring 2006 SCAAN. Michael D., DCM, District 9, made a motion to approve the minutes. Gene R., Districts 14, seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mary T. moved to table passing the minutes until the next Assembly they are complete. Bill seconded. By simple majority, the move to table passed.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Gustavo T. submitted the agenda for approval by the assembly. Bill J., District 4, made a motion to approve the agenda. Gene R, District 14, seconded the motion. The motion passed, none opposed.

#### **Officers' Reports**

**Registrar Ben H.:** The only way I know if you are not getting your correspondence from GSO is for you to inform me.

**Alternate Delegate Charlie W.:** Thanks for your participation in the Pre-Conference Workshop. I attended the H and I conference. Jeannie W. resigned as head of corrections of California. Also heard a presentation on new medication that stops the craving.

**Contributions Treasurer Marcus F.:** I distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Contributions Report. I haven't recorded the cash contributions. The "bucket" contributions are mostly arriving via mail. The current lag time to receive receipts is a few weeks.

**Secretary Gordy H.:** I have proposed 2007 Area calendars available to look over.

**Accounts Treasurer Shami H.:** I do not have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Reports today, but I will soon.

**Delegate Jim W.:** I visited Stepping Stones ([www.steppingstones.org](http://www.steppingstones.org)), the home of Bill and Lois Wilson while at the conference. A Special Forum is coming up in Morengo, and the Pacific Region Forum is in Seattle in June. We will have an election assembly in October, which will be attended by the new Pacific Region Trustee, Madeline from Idaho.

**Chairman Gustavo T.:** District 4 has found our location for our next ACM. We have a new PI chair, Tracy C. I have been attending the organizing committee for the Foot Hill Roundup, held on August 4, 5, and 6. We will be having two Spanish speaking meetings at this event. Area 93 will be doing an inventory on August 20, and we need six volunteers to help. Jim T. is back in the hospital.

#### **Committee Meetings**

We broke into committee meetings at 1:40 p.m. We reconvened with the Serenity prayer at 2:40 p.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Selection of Hosts for Future Area Meetings and Assemblies**

Chairman T. took nominations to host August 20, 2006 Area Committee Meeting. District 7 and 30 offered to host. By simple majority, District 7 was voted host.

Chairman T. took nominations to host October 22, 2006 Election Assembly. District 30 offered to host. By acclamation of hand, District 30 was named host.

Chairman T. took nominations to host December 9, 2006 Area Committee Meeting. District 14 offered to host. By acclamation of hand, District 14 was named host.

#### **Standing Committees' Reports**

**Archives chair Nadine S.:** We will be doing a presentation on October 15<sup>th</sup> with the Spanish Districts, and on June 24-25<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting an inventory of our storage facility in Pasadena.

**Audio Visual chair David B.:** We purchased five new Spanish films. On May 25, we will be showing films at the Spanish Convention in Ontario. We might be showing films in San Diego. We showed Bill's Story in Pasadena, and two showings of Circles of Love recently. We're planning a barbecue in the Fall. We will be showing films at the Foothill Roundup. We are available to work with all the committees.

**Website Committee chair Ian T.:** Six present today. I've requested information for the website from all the committees. We want a page on each committee on the site. We are also starting to publish SCAAN on the website. We are putting a link on the homepage for the new GSR.

**Grapevine/La Vina chair Jose F.M.:** Four present today. We discussed registration with GSO today. I received a list from the editor of Grapevine of GVR's, and there are names on the list who no longer serve or who are deceased. I received a notice from New York regarding Area 5's subscriptions to the Grapevine, and the Finance Chair suggested I bring this issue to the floor. If any of you would like a copy of the Grapevine, please take one from our display, and leave a voluntary contribution. Please use the complimentary issues to carry the message and educate the fellowship regarding Grapevine. I would like to request 20 subscriptions to La Vina and the Grapevine, for a total of \$450. (Note: it was suggested this budgetary request be presented formally to the Finance Committee.)

**Accessibilities Ad-Hoc Chair Mary T.:** I was asked by the Area Chair to give a final report. Despite a real need, we recommend that a standing committee not be formed due to lack of resources. We also recommend that an Area Liaison position be created. We also want to volunteer to continue meeting to finish up the work we've started. We attended the District 14 service event, and distributed an accessibility awareness flyer. We will be participating in an Accessibilities event with Area 93, with the support of the local district.

**Literature chair Lucy E.:** We're going to have the new pamphlet, ORDERED TO ATTEND, printed in English and Spanish, available soon.

**Newsletter chair Tom B.:** We're starting to put parts of the SCAAN on the website. The minutes and contact info are online. We're considering putting the articles and calendar on the website. We've also submitted our mission as a committee to the website, along with an appeal for content. At PRAASA, we discussed the printing of addresses in newsletters. Our committee was unanimous in removing the addresses from the SCAAN. We might bring this issue for discussion at the Area level.

**CPC committee member David W.:** We discussed creating a convention presentation board that could be used at the conferences we attend. We reviewed the Combined Westside Districts postcard project, a mailing to professionals in the area.

**Finance Chair Mike P.:** Four present today. We're meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> to review the Area financial guidelines. We received 432.68 in food contributions today. (The groups of the Spanish Districts contributed the cost of the food (\$1000) to the Assembly. The Spanish districts did not take the money collected that day.)

#### **Unbudgeted Expenditure Requests**

Mike P., Finance Chair, said funds were available for the unbudgeted requests.

The Audiovisual Committee requested \$81.18 to pay for five Spanish films. Emil moved to approve this request, and Maria seconded. Discussion ensued. The question was called, and the motion passed by substantial unanimity. Minority opinion was called for and given. Members of the prevailing side were asked if they wished to change their vote. One did. A vote was taken to reconsider the motion. By simple majority, the motion to reconsider did not pass. Motion passed.

The Literature Committee requested \$600.00 to pay for the printing of the pamphlet, ORDERED TO ATTEND, (1000 in English and 1000 in Spanish.) This pamphlet addresses people who have been court ordered to attend AA meetings. Greg moved to pass this request, and Mike seconded. Discussion ensued. The question was called. By substantial unanimity, the motion passed. Minority opinion was called for and expressed. Members of the prevailing side were asked if they wished to change their vote. Three did. A vote was taken to reconsider the motion. By simple majority, the motion to reconsider did not pass. Motion passed.

The Grapevine Committee requested \$305.00 to pay for La Vina/Grapevine subscriptions. Discussion ensued. The question was called, and by substantial unanimity, the motion passed. Minority opinion was called for and none was offered. Motion passed.

#### **Good and Welfare**

Founder's Day weekend will take place in Akron on June 9, 10 and 11.

Larry L., a past DCM, is confined to a wheelchair and would welcome visitors.

The NOT A GLUM LOT PICNIC, held by the Combined Westside Districts, will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Culver City.

Chairman T. called for a motion to adjourn, and received several. We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement in English and Spanish.

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):