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YOUR DELEGATE'S 2010 CONFERENCE REPORT

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This year's General Service Conference was fantastic.

The proof is in the results, and a lot was accomplished. I sit on the Grapevine committee and in the Grapevine committee alone, where there hasn't been an

Advisory Action in years, this year there were two.

This year's conference was held in upstate New York, far from the bustle of the city. The hotel was situated in a quiet, rural area surrounded by woods. Compared

to where it usually is, Times Square last year and will be again next year, this year's location surrounded us with a calm and serene atmosphere.

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**SUMMER 2010
EDITION 6
PANEL 59**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To Inform SCA members and the AA fellowship at large, of selected items from GSO, the Area, and items of general interest from the Districts.

AREA WEB ADDRESS: Info available in English and Spanish: www.aascaa.org

A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AREA ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Sunday, May 16, 2009

Palomares Park

499 E Arrow Hwy

Pomona, 91767

Host: District 30

8:00 Registration, Fellowship

9:00 New GSR Orientation let by the Alternate Delegate

DCM/C Workshop - Communicating the Conference Report to the Groups

9:45 Delegate Report / Q&A on the 60th General Service Conference

11:45 Standing Committee Meetings

[Review Conference Report Advisory Actions & Considerations in Committee Meetings]

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Call-to-Order, Serenity Prayer, 12 Concepts in Spanish & English

5 minute Presentation on Concept 11 (Charity)

AA Birthdays (January 24 - May 16)

1:30 Roll Call

Approval of Assembly Minutes

Approval of Agenda

1:50 Introduction of new GSRs and DCMs/DCMCs

2:00 Standing Committee Reports

2:30 Officer Reports: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurers, alt.Delegate

PRAASA 2010 Committee Report - Mary T. PRAASA Committee Chair

XXXII (2010) Foro Report - Alfonso D. Foro Committee Chair

3:00 5 minute Presentation (Becky D.) and 25 minute Discussion on Inclusive Language

3:30 Old Business

- Approval of CEC Policy Language (Motion by G&P Committee)
- Area Literature on Member Safety (Motion by Monica R.)

New Business

- Assembly & ACM Hosts (Written bids required)

ACM June 26; Aug 21; Nov 21

Assembly July 26 (Area Inventory); Oct 23 (Election)

4:30 Good and Welfare

Closing: Responsibility Statement (Spanish and English)

A.A. Area 5 Southern
California Assembly
Saturday January 23, 2010
Olympic High School Cafeteria
721 Ocean Park Blvd.
Santa Monica, Ca. 90405

Host Westside Combined Districts

Orientation of new GSRs: Alt Delegate Ben H.

Standing Committee Meetings:

[Review Conference Report Advisory Actions & Considerations in Committee Meetings]

Chairman: Marcus F called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the Serenity prayer.

12 Concepts in Spanish & English Short Form: Spanish by Mario H. District 49. English 12 Concepts by Martha S. with a 5 minute presentation on Concept 9.

Introduction of New GSRs, DCMs and DCMCs:

A.A. Birthdays from October 25th-January 23rd: Were acknowledged.

Approval of October 24th Assembly Minutes: Moved by Secretary Maria O, was second by Bill J. There is an amend on page 11 (from the SCAAN) on Food Expenses was \$787.57. Collected \$789.08.

Net should be \$1.51 instead of \$151. Marcus asks Bill J. if he takes that as a friendly amended to his second, as changed. Bill accepts. Motion is moved and second to approve the minutes as amended we'll do it by voice vote. Minutes approved by voice vote unanimously.

Roll Call by Registrar: Amelia W.

DCMs/Alt DCMs = 32

GSRs/Alt GSRs = 107

DCMCs/Alt DCMCs = 3

Area Officers: = 7

Standing Committee Chairs: = 9

Past Delegates: = 7 Total 163.

Report of Area Committee Business: Chairperson Marcus F. States that at the last ACM we gave preliminary approval to vote our 2010 calendar and our 2010 area budget. Also at the area committee, we heard a report from the annual XXXI Foro this is an official meeting of the area. The primary language is in Spanish with English translation. At the ACM we also hold DCM/DCMC round tables.

Requests for ACM & Assembly Agenda Items: Monica A. from a local meeting, shares on assuring the safety of A.A. members.

Holly F. district 30 shares on change in language of step 3 & 7. Step 3) Current: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of god s we understood Him. Revised: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God. Step 7) Current: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. Revised: Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings. Marcus, asks if there's a motion to open for a specific request as to how much time to spend talking about this and need to identify what we are going to eliminate on the agenda. Conference Agenda & PRAASA Agenda: Marcus has asked the Delegate Mike P. and past Delegate Jim I. to speak of the General Service Conference and PRAASA this year. It will be added on upcoming

Committee Meeting and upcoming Area Assembly and I'm also encouraging the Delegate and Alternate Delegate that they have the right of discussion on that. Within the contest of our pre conference workshop, see if they can incorporate these. There is no discussion on this. Marcus made a motion to approve the agenda. Was second by Jonathan K DCM district 39. There was a voice vote. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Officers Report: Secretary, Maria O. Expresses her gratitude. Also there are report forms on the table for committee chairs, so please fill them out so I can put them in the minutes.

Account treasurer, Eric's report was his distribution of the fourth quarter and the financials that we will probably approve at the next area committee meeting. In addition if you were at the last committee meeting there were a number of errors on the second and third quarter reports. I have put out corrected copies of the second and third quarter reports.

Contributions treasurer, Tom B. has put out on the table the fourth quarter contributions report and also included the year ending contributions reports on the last page under December 2010. **Area Registrar:** Amelia W. At the last conference they approved the change form that we have on the area website. We did the English and working on the Spanish. For all the DCMs and Alt DCMs, please confirm that all your information is correct, there are Alternate DCMs that I do not have any information, I only have the names. Please update information. Also complete group change forms. **Alternate Delegate:** Ben H. Had our new GSR orientation meeting. All the new GSRs and folks that attended the orientation, you need to sign up with Amelia to get the new GSR packets. I delegated one of my responsibilities to Jonathan K. to go to Central Office. Jonathan I am Central Office Liaison. I have worked with Archives and the Elderly community for things that they need from Central Office. If there is something your committee needs feel free to contact me. Thank you. Ben has also delegated one of his responsibilities of H&I liaison to David B. Davis talks about H&I Spanish groups met at the new Spanish Central Office in Los Angeles. I was able to get two \$500.00 checks one for H&I group in L.A. and the other for Sur De Bajilla. It will go up to \$600.00 donations to the H&I groups English or Spanish. This will be for literature donations. There will be an H&I Conference at the Marriott Hotel with free parking in Long Beach on April 30th May 1st and 2nd. Thank you. **Chair Person:** Marcus F. One of his commitments is that we will start on time and will end on time. When we go over I take action and my responsibility to keep things on time. **Delegate** Mike P. Talks about PRAASA. Will pass around the sign up sheet to participate in the program. I have received the General Service Conference Preliminary Agenda. The following agenda will be developed in a week at the end of this month, I will be able to distribute the final Conference Agenda. Contributions to the general service office thru September of 2009 were \$4,371,000.00. That is \$303,000.00 less than budgeted and \$277,000.400.00 less than the first nine months of 2008. International Convention. Registration as at the end of October reported to be over \$26,000.00, with nearly half the registers purchasing a copy of the souvenir soft cover addition of

"AA Comes of Age". The anonymity protected Flag Ceremony will be available over the Internet thru the Monday morning after the Convention. Grapevine. Circulation of the Grapevine averaged \$103,000.300.00 which is \$106,099.00 in print and \$1,143.00 in audio. A increase of 3.3% over budget. Circulation of La Vina was \$9,775.00 a decrease of \$717.00. The Grapevine financial results thru September 2009 reported the loss of \$95,500.00. La vina net loss of \$36,780.00. Literature, the committee reviewed the report and suggestions from the publications department on the pamphlet The A.A. Member Medications and other Drugs and asked for a new introduction and final draft to be brought to the next quarterly meeting. The GSO corrections desk needs volunteers for the corrections correspondence service, in particular we need Spanish speaking males who live outside the Pacific Region. **PRAASA REPORT:** Chair Mary T. Talks about having registration forms, and volunteer sign up sheets. I have prepared a volunteer announcement for the GSRs, go to your groups and get volunteers. We have fellowships available for people that can't afford it. Thank you for letting me be of service. Budget: Scott M. **Finance Committee** Chair. PRAASA Budget; going back a few months I asked the officers and all committee chairs to submit a budget, everything on this budget came from committee chairs and the area officers. Assembly Expenses; we lowered the rent because we found out that the rent for the buildings is not costing us so much so it dropped by \$3,200, to \$3,000. The food is a wash because we are self supporting for our lunches. We do have travel expenses for the elections assembly, so that's what you see there. Assembly Expenses; \$6,750. Work Shop Expenses; we have 2 days prior to the General Service Conference that we have to pay rent for so that's basically what that is. It will be coming up 2 days in March. ACM expenses; our rent we found out that we could not operate on \$100.00 per ACM so that was pumped up to \$150.00. Interpreters; that was increased. Spanish Foro; \$1,300.00, this is a one time event per year. Steering Committee, is basically \$110.00, we meet at Grupo Akron every 2 months and this is just a contribution. Delegate Expenses; this is to send Mike to New York for the General Service Conference, this has not increased it is \$9,400.00. Alternate Delegate Expenses; \$980.00. Chairperson Expenses; \$485.00. Secretary Expenses; \$250.00. Accounts Treasurer \$530.00. Contributions Treasurer; \$1050.00. Registrar; \$950.00. Archives; you will see a difference from \$150.00 to \$1,828.00. In the past we haven't had an active Archives and Shane is our Archives Chair and is very active. CPC; it dropped some from \$1,193.00 to \$1,100.00. PI Expenses; went from \$850 to \$1,050.00. Registration Expenses; \$100.00. Finance Committee; \$200.00. Grape Vine; \$500.00. Literature Committee; \$575.00. Guidelines and Policies; \$380.00. Central Office Liaison; \$50.00. H & I Liaison Expenses; \$350.00. Audio Visual; \$550.00. Web Site; \$250.00. SCAAN; \$5000.00. Special Projects, CEC; 42,850.00. Computer Expenses; \$600.00. for Registerer's new software. Treatment Facilities; \$350.00. Translation Committee; zero. PRAASA Expenses; \$3,150.00. Regional Forum; \$700.00. 4 DCM Sharing Session; \$325.00. Services & professional Expenses; (Insurance) \$2,346.00. Total Expenses; \$50,439.00. Thank you.

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Marcus talks of what was said about CEC isn't exactly right the numbers for 2009, the numbers for 2010 aren't correct, the committee will correct it and will be announced during the budget later on. Conference Agenda & PRAASA Agenda: Delegate Mike P. explains the conference agenda pros of the General Service Conference in New York. How agenda items are selected for the conference. He reads from The A.A. Service Manual page 555. "Sources of Agenda Items" He continues that these items go to a conference coordinator in New York. They get to the Trustees standing committee or to a trustees conference committee (these standing committees have committees like our committees). then they come back from these committees and goes back to the trustees committee for discussion on board week end, now board week end is the Board of Alcoholic Anonymous that consists of all the trustees, the directors, general managers of AAWS and Grapevine. Past Delegate, Jim I. Explains the first members of the PRAASA 2010 Committee where the 5 past delegates from our area and this is because we have all participated or attended in many PRAASAS. We also have the experience of attending the General Service Conference and have an understanding how the Conference works and how PRAASA fits in to this pros in the Pacific Region. Juan Martines who is panel 39 past delegate and I, panel 53 past delegate are lucky to be responsible for putting together the PRAASA program this year. Marcus asked me to adjust the PRAASA agenda today so you can all have some input on the agenda. The program of PRAASA consist of panel presentations on topics with open mike, time for members to ask questions or make comments on the presentations. Two sets of round tables. Report from the Pacific Region trustees. A PRAASA business meeting. A banquet with an A.A. speaker. A luncheon with an Al Anon speaker. Some specific panel presentations from the 15 delegates of the Pacific Region. A panel of past trustees. This year for the very first time, some late night discussions on additional topics. **Old Business:** We have 1 item. It is the presentation of Policy Language for new CEC which stands for Cooperation with the Elder Community, Standing Committee. Will be presented by Doug S. who is our Guidelines and policy committee chair. Doug S. The draft CEC statement of purpose this is basically the job description of the Cooperation with the Elder Community, they had submitted this language during the committee meeting in October. We made a few minor changes. The Cooperation with the Elder Community CEC committee provides information about A.A. to senior citizens at locations where seniors congregate. These locations include but are not limited to senior citizens centers, health fairs, retirement homes, assistant living facilities. Information includes AA literature audio visual presentations. Flyers, posters, displays and other material which support carrying the message of recovery to seniors, to professionals who work with seniors and AA members interested in outreach to the elderly. **New Business:** 2010 Area Calendar Approval. Secretary Maria O. Amendments, there were a few corrections, February 20th 4 area DCM which is actually the 21st. The ACM which shows February 23rd is corrected to the 21st. In March correction from PRAASA 6 & 7 is corrected to 5 & 7. March 27-28 is the Pre Conference Workshop, instead of a 2 day workshop. Correction for April is GSO April 18-24. April 18-24 GSO, should be General Service

Conference, instead of General Service Office. August 27-28 Pacific Region Forum, correction August 27-29. June 19 SCM, Marcus moves it up to June 12. Charity C. makes a motion that we accept changes as proposed, 2nd by Thomas B. There's a voice vote by Marcus. Voice vote passed unanimously. Area Budget Approval: Finance Chair, Scott M. I already wet thru the presentation and will now open up for discussion. Marcus states that Cooperation with the Elder Community was requested that we make an amendment because it's not listed correctly under 2009 2010. An Amendment was made by Eric who explains of a clerical errors on the CEC expenses of 2009, there should be no budget on there because there was no CEC committee in 2009, he made corrections on this. I 2010 we got one lump sum amount which is \$2,850. The budget for this year requested \$2,850. It was a special project until there was approval of the committee itself. Now that the committee is there, the category's there, but the money did not get moved over, it actually nets the same. It is just in the wrong category. Scott asked that what Eric is saying, under 2009 line 425 it should be 0? Eric says there should be nothing. Marcus adds, the floor is open. Marilyn of the 4 DCM Share, talks about getting an approval at the last ACM meeting of an increase of \$400. does not see it on the budget. t is still listed for \$225. Marcus explains the process that is happening, any one that come to the mike and has a request for a change, we will capture all of them, rather than handling each one as an amendment to a motion to approve the whole budget, then we will look at them all together then open discussion. I will look at all the changes. Mary T suggests which will not change the bottom line of 600-60, and we are mandated by our guidelines to fund the delegate and alternate delegate to PRAASA and \$700. wont cover it. But under 661 PRAASA others. I know that was just a number put in before we knew what the PRAASA registration was. My suggestion is to move \$250 from \$661 PRAASA others and move it up to \$660 PRAASA delegate and alternate delegate, which would that line figure \$950 is much closer than what it should cost and then it would leave 100 people at \$20.00 each able to be funded for PRAASA registration. Marcus understanding of reading the policy such as 9c1 first priority full funding of the delegate at ...PRAASA, does not mention of the alternate delegate. There is a general comment of priority 5 and that priority is a travel reimbursement to area committee members for ...PRAASA. So our guidelines and policies chair will check the guidelines and policies. David, looking at the first page of the budget, couple related questions, under the projected income. Is there any place you have the line items that compose the total of \$50,000.00? I know that other place of sub category have items. What about for this projective income? Second related question is, last year we had a total of \$39,000. How do we justify projecting \$50,000 increase form \$2,900? Those are the 2 related questions. Scott explains there is no itemize list. Secondly the way the process works. The budget amount is not directly connected to actual spending for the prior year. We asked all committee members, committee chairs and area officers for a budget and that is what we come up with. Keep in mind that we do have about \$30,000. So it is not a direct reflection of actual spending. Marcus asked David if he had a specific request of what we budget? David replied, a request that the actual budget be something

which would be within the ball park of the priority income. Doug guidelines and policies chair, Marcus under section 9 of the guidelines and policies which is the SCAA finances item c expenditure priorities. 1) Is for funding of the delegate at the annual general service conference PRAASA Regional Forum. 2) Payment of necessary area assembly expenses. 3) Is other work at the area officers. 4) Is work of the standing ad hock committees. 5) Travel reimbursement of area committee members for attendance of area assemblies, etc, etc. So the alternate delegate is part of our fifth priority. Doug makes a comment on the food budget something that was discussed at the October area assembly. Theres another hosting guidelines that state \$600 was the budget at one point for food we upped it because of the issues related to try to do a decent meal or that price. The area will pay and reimburse the host district for all expenses incurred and try to keep the total cost within the budget amount, it does not say you have to. We try to. Marcus asks for a motion to accept the budget with all of these amendments we just heard. Then we will discuss them. I'm going to suspend our normal process of giving the motion maker power to accept, reject amendments. We will not let our budget process be with that kind of power put in the hand of one member who happens to be the member who moved this, because this is the process where all the members of the area committee meeting put together, so we'll make those decisions as an assembly. Is there a motion to approve the budget as amended? Thomas Westside DCMC makes motion, second by Holly. Amended Budget open for discussion. All amendments: Contributions are 40,000. not 41,000. Assembly expenses, food budget was up from 3,000. to 3,400. PRAASA expenses line item 600-60 was up 950. and 600-61 was lowered to 2,000. 600-60 was up from 709.50 and 600-61 was lowered from 2,250. to 2,000. Line item 620-00 to Marilyn's reminder was up 400 from 325, but that was what it should have been. Under assembly expenses, food cost went up to 3,400 and the food kitty contribution goes from a negative 3,000 to a negative 3,400. The budget total that Eric has is \$50,514.00. Marcus, any discussion, further amendments are also open. Marcus states, no further discussion the motion will move to a vote, will be a voice vote first and if we can't hear a two thirds approval we will go directly to show of hands. Unless there's a request I'll dispense with re-reading of the motion, which is the entire budget. I will move directly to a vote. Was re-read by Eric. Marcus goes to a voice vote. Budget passes by voice vote unanimously. Marcus, next item of business is unbudgeted expenditure request, **Archives.** Shane, Archives Chair is asking for an unbudgeted expense, The Archives committee did not have a budget last year 2009, other than what to pay for at the Pasadena storage. I attended the National Archives work shop in September at Woodland Hills and the registration was \$75,00 and the hotel was \$406.00 and I'm willing to eat half of the hotel expense, so I am asking reimbursement for business cards and many free handout fliers that I have given. I have also attended different meetings all over the place. Total expense is minus \$203.00 what I am going to pay out of my pocket. I'm asking for \$524.00. and I would like to say that the above expense does not include the purchase of four large photo albums, four stacks of (Cont. Page 5)

DVD`s several hundred, 4x6 photos developed at. \$175.00 for a digital recorder so I can record old timers, etc. And I`m not asking for any milage for all of all miles driven to club houses, meetings, So I`m only asking for \$524.92 and I have the receipts. Marcus, alright we have slightly different process from normal motions on these. The finance chair has the opportunity to second this motion based upon our current reserved. So the unbudgeted expenditure request was \$524.92. Marcus asked Finance chair if we had funds? Yes, we have funds. So motion was moved and second. We are now open for discussion or amendment. Mary T. speaks she would like to see an amendment of the full funding of the milage and the hotels, what ever it is our area is benefiting from it. I am 100% of amending this motion to fully fund the things he spent. Second by Joe McChesney. Discussion. Marcus asked to restate the motion as amended, the total amount? Shane, the total amount is \$728.03. So \$728.03 is the motion for unbudgeted expenditure request for Archives, we will start with a voice vote. motion passed by voice vote, unanimously. Marcus asked if there is a representative from TRICIPAA? Next item on the Agenda is a Request from TRICIPAA for a letter of support. Chris, co-chair of TRICIPAA, which represents District 30 a small portion of San Gabriel Valley which more specifically West Covina, Glendora area. Every year we bid on the state conference YCIPAA which is coming up. One of the requirements for this package is a letter of support from the area, since we do represent a couple of districts in the area 5. I am here to ask for your support. I do have a letter that I typed and printed out for you, all we require is a signature from a member of this panel and a date, x and that is all that is required. Marcus asks for a motion for this letter of support. Motion made by Monica A. Second by Mary Anne F. Open for discussion. Moved to a voice vote, passed unanimously by voice vote. **Assembly and ACM Host:** A host February 21st ACM. Michael DCM district 14 volunteers. We will go directly to a voice vote. Voice vote passes unanimously. March, 2 days pre conference work shop. District 3 from Pasadena t o host the first day, March 37th. The Westside Combined Districts proposed for the second day, March 28th. We will go straight to a voice vote. Voice vote passed to hold day one in Pasadena and day two in Santa Monica. We have a bid for the election assembly October 23rd. Proposal is for this building. They listed this facility or John Adams, Will Rogers Elementary, so they will work with the district to get the best location possible for an assembly election. I will ask for a formal motion. Westside district DCMC moves to host the assembly, Jim I. seconds. Closed discussion. We will start with a voice vote. There is two thirds against, motion fails. I will ask the Westside to discuss it and submit a bid. The process is if we want to re vote, we are not voting again on the motion at this point, we decide if we want to re vote. We will start with a voice vote. All those in favor of re voting on the Westside district bid, I hear less than 50% in favor of revoting, so the motion failed. **Standing Committee Report: Audio Visual Chair,** Gene R. No meeting, there was no table. The equipment was loaned about 5 or 6 times to CEC chair Chis S. for Audi/Video Demos. Current taking inventory and inspecting DVDs. Public Information Chair. Rob S. propose a 2-3 minute educational video to AA members. What

general service is and the structure. **Website:** Joe McChesay, Ian is helping with posting policies. We intend to model our website G&P from other proven entities. **Hollywood Combined Districts:** DCMC, Charity C. Reports Plans for the 5-22 "What a Concept". Luncheon is progressing. Mike P. Ben H. and Jim W. will speak on concept 7, 8, and 9. All are invited. **Registration:** Amelia W. Have bought file maker pro - started the process in creating our area database to better handle reports and creating the roosters. Hope I have it working by our next ACM or at least something to look at. **Treatment Facilities:** Eric M. 1) Reviewed new "Hope" DVD. 2) The letter from General Service Office said although GSO put special needs committee with treatment facilities does not effect working of the area committee. 3) The staff letter also clarified why it sends information to H & I and other similar committees is because they do not want to miss anyone when it comes to information. **Guidelines & Policies:** Doug S. We discussed the CEC Draft statement of purpose language and presentation. There was a fair amount of discussion on CEC`s perceived overlap with CPC, P I, and to a lesser extent, Treatment Facilities. Possible changes to the areas guidelines for "suggestions for hosting SCA assemblies" The changes were primarily focused on budgeting guidelines for meals. In addition, discussion in creating "suggestions for hosting area committee meetings " since these do not exist. **CPC:** Martha S. Representatives from districts 45, 55 and 35 were present and shared their work and interest in working with the court systems in their cities. CPC committee is combined with the PI committee in the Westside Combined District , but is not interested in reaching out to courts as a special project. We viewed the new CPC video from GSO . addressing 3 target professions of the committee. 1) Human Resources-Employee Assistance programs. 2) Legal & Correctional Professionals. 3) Health Care Professionals. **CEC:** (Chris S. 1) Purchased 100 pamphlets "AA for the older Alcoholic". 2) Stamped literature for contact info for San Gabriel Central Office, LA Central Office. 3) Visited 2 districts for the first time, district 30 and district 14. They were very receptive to helping CEC to identify senior centers. District also asked if CEC could make CEC presentations at district events. CEC committee said yes. 4) Visited 6 new Senior Centers since October. Arcadia, Alhambra, Glendora, San Dimas, La Puente and Azusa. 5) Members of area 5 CEC committee including myself, committed to volunteer at the hospitality site at the International Convention, in response to an invitation of the area 9 CEC standing committee. 6) WCD members attending this CEC meeting agreed to identify senior centers in their respective districts. 7) Committee will continue to focus on senior citizen centers only in 2010. Good & Welfare:

Close with the Responsibility Statement both Spanish & English:
 We thank our Spanish Interpreters for a job well done and also thank our sound person .
 Food Expenses: \$702.00
 Collected: \$702.00
 Thank you for letting me be of service. Secretary Maria O.

**A.A. AREA 05- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Sunday February 21, 2010

Pina Pizza House
 11102 Paramount Blvd.
 Downey, Ca. 90241
 Host District 14

Chairman: Marcus F. Called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, with the Serenity Prayer. A.A. Birthdays from November 23rd to February 21st, were acknowledged. 12 Concepts in Spanish: Were read by Teresa F. DCM district 33. 12 Concepts short form in English: Were read by Jane R. with a 5 minute presentation. Roll Call by Registrar: Amelia W. DCMs/Alt DCMs=18 GSRs/Alt GSRs=12 DCMCs/Alt DCMCs=3 Standing Committee Chairs=8 Past Delegates=3 Area Officers=6 Total 50
 Approval of Agenda & approval of Minutes: The minutes are currently being photo copied, so we`ll table the minutes until later. The secretary does have a copy of the minutes, if you have a question of what was approved and what was not approved, come and see Maria the secretary. Approval of the Agenda: There are 2 corrections to the agenda Amendment. Concept 10, not Concept 8. Also under New Business, all these have the item Assembly-ACM host. Scott M. makes comment of the importance to add a total discussion pertain to PRAASA. We have a budget amount for PRAASA. Marcus suggests to add this under New Business PRAASA Expenditures. It is up to the area committee to decide exactly how we want to spend it. Marcus asks for any other corrections or additions requested for the agenda? It goes to a voice vote. Voice vote passes unanimously. DCMs/DCMCs Report: Thomas B. DCMC Westside Combined Districts. We have distribute copies of the pulmonary agenda for the general service conference to our GSRs it is important that we educate and inform them. District 10, came to us in July of last year at the area assembly and asked us if they can participate, they have been very effective in participating. There has been discussion among the officers, about them joining the westside combined districts. We took a vote in February and it was unanimous to accept them to the westside combined districts. District 7: Michael B. We are focusing on PRAASA being of service. We are also getting the word out for the International Convention in July. District 5: Monica R. sitting in for DCM Susan J. We are putting on a workshop in "How it Works", women`s stag. District 36: Jane R. We got 25 volunteers involved in a time slot at PRAASA from 1pm to 5pm on Friday. Hollywood Combined Districts: Charity C. We took a vote at our district meeting to sponsor certain number of attendees to PRAASA. On May 22nd in the Hollywood area we are having Mike P; Ben H. and Jim (Cont. Pg 6)

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W. to speak on concepts 7, 8 and 9 then we will have round tables on the concepts, also free lunch. We now have an Alternate DCMC. she is working on a folio for GSRs, so we can educate why we need GSRs. **District 34:** Alfonso H. We have a new group called "Nueva Superacion de Chino" and it has its own GSR. On May 9th the district will sponsor the public information advance. We are working on the Hispanic Foro. **District 35:** Jesus R. All our district committees are working well and are very active. We also inform the groups to elect their new GSRs that are qualified. We have a marathon meeting per month to get funds to support our district. **District 49:** Elias R. We continue visiting our 35 groups. We have our own location, 757 Pettily Ave suite 219, L.A. 90022. We have a telefax 323=780-0309. **District 30:** Holly F. We have a new CPC Committee, Treatment Facility and PI. **District 14:** Michael P. We are building our guidelines & Policies. We do a big book library replacement in our district library s. We welcome you today, we are hosting this ACM. **District 3:** Kristy L. We have active committees; Grapevine, Public Information and CPC. We meet once a month away from district meeting. Our officers meet 2 days prior to our district meeting so we can discuss the agenda. We have 30 to 35 GSRs. **District 33:** Teresa F. We have 15 GSRs. We visit 3 groups a week. We get together with the central office to have a better communication. We have a meeting with all the Spanish districts. We talk of how we can help our PI committee since they have no funds for material. **Delegate & Alternate Delegate Report:** Mike P. About a month ago I was asked by the delegate of San Diego to attend YCAPAA last week end. The delegate wanted me to be on the "Meet and Greet Panel", the young people talk to the delegates and meet and greet general service representatives. Two days before YCAPAA, a young man came to me and said, "I give up the fight, I'm not going to fight any more, I have to quit drinking. I can't take it any more". So I invited him to go with me to the young peoples event. On Friday he had 12 hours of sobriety. Friday we got to YCAPAA and we shared a room. We both got around and did our own thing. He spent the week end sober. This young man had the opportunity for sobriety and I had the opportunity to be with him. **Alternate Delegate:** Ben H. There is a package of questioners. we picked 10 items. We should have the agenda both in Spanish and English soon. DCMs get a package and hand them out to all your GSRs. Any questions? Ben explains the 10 items. DCM/DCMC Round Table: Moderated by Thomas Bishop, DCMC Westside Combined Districts. Discussion of agenda at the district level. **Old Business:** First item the Table Approval of the Minutes. Since we do not have copies for every one in both languages it is our policy to further table that approval. Marcus

tables, approval of the ACM minutes to our next Area Committee Meeting. Treasurer's Report: **Treasurer's Report** were presented at the last assembly, this goes back thru second quarter at the last ACM, we disapproved, we pulled our approval of second and third quarter reports I believe 4th quarter was presented at the assembly for vote. We have second, third and fourth quarter accounts and contributions treasurers reports for approval by the ACM. **Accounts Treasurer:** Eric K. There is one report that has second and third quarter and another report that has fourth quarter. They were distributed at the last area for review. I would like to call for a motion to approve second and third quarter reports. Scott M. seconds on both reports. Marcus asks for any discussions or corrections to the second and third quarter accounts treasurer reports? There being none we will move to a voice vote. All in favor of approving the second and third quarter 2009 accounts treasurers report as presented to the assembly? Voice vote passed unanimously. Eric continues to move the fourth quarter financial report which was also presented at the last assembly. Scott M seconds. Marcus again asks for discussion or corrections to the fourth quarter accounts treasurers report? There being none. We will move to a voice vote. Voice vote passes unanimously. **Contributions Account Treasurer:** Tom B. On the table I distributed the third and fourth quarter contributions reports which are the same that were presented at the assembly. I move that they be approved. Marcus states that at the Area Committee minutes, the motion was approved by the area committee, the amendment being that the account and contributions treasurer were reconcile the reports for a second and third quarters, represent them in writing to the January assembly and we would take up this matter again at the following ACM for approval passed by voice vote. Marcus asked Tom if he has the second quarter report as it was represented to the assembly, Tom answers, it is not in the report, the number is right down here, yes it has. If you look in the final page of the fourth quarter report, it has the second quarter contributions which do match the accounts treasurer report. Look at the last page, you will see the second quarter \$9,119.16 total contributions. To answer your question, yes I do reconcile to answer your question. Marcus recommends that Tom amends his motion that this is for second, third and fourth, Tom accepts the amendment. Marcus asks if the finance chair agrees? Tom amended his motion to be second, third and fourth quarter approval. Finance chair seconds. Motion is moved and second, are there any discussions or corrections to the second, third and fourth quarter reports? There being none, we will now go for a voice vote of approval of accounts treasurer 2009 second, third and fourth quarter reports as presented to the January assembly. Voice vote passes unanimously. Marcus explains, at the January assembly guidelines and policies

provided in English and in Spanish written language for the new committee that the assembly has approved "Cooperation with the Elderly Community" copies in English and Spanish are available on the table. Guidelines and Policies Chair: Doug S. We distributed these at the last area assembly. There was one typo that we fixed that day, in the last sentence. Doug S. reads the Draft CEC Statement of Purpose. There was some further discussion that Chris and I had regarding the typo to make sure there was not an issue and we discussed the typo changing with the translation committee, they said it did not affect the language version. The version was also distributed in January. Marcus continues that this is for approval. The Draft Language has been moved by Doug S. It was second by Tom B. Marcus moves towards the vote on preliminary approval by the area committee of the proposed language, since you did not accept the friendly amendment about the comma after the and. There are no accepted amendment by the motion maker. We will have a voice vote. CEC statement of purpose to be clear, this motioned it to add this to our written policy document. Also if we approve this today it will go to the next business meeting of the area assembly for further discussion and approval by the assembly. Voice vote, for the approving the preliminary approval to the draft language for CEC. There is minority on the voice vote. Minority opinion, would like to change your vote. there are many who want to change the vote. Our process is, we will vote on wether we re-vote. Go straight to a vote. Voice vote in favor of re-voting. There is division. It now goes to a hand vote. 22 to re-vote. Oppose to re-voting 10. We will re-vote, we have more than 50%. Motion is again opened for discussion. I am tabling the motion. Marcus states of now having, General Service Conference: Agenda request for 2011. Also having, Item 1) Member Safety; & 2) Change to Big Book steps. We will start with item 1) Member Safety is opened for discussion for the next 10 minutes. Holly DCM district 30 makes motion for item 1 to last 15 minutes. Bill J. seconds. Voice vote passes unanimously. Open for discussion. Marcus entertains a motion to extend discussion for 5 minutes. Holly moved the motion, Greg I. seconds. Amendment was made to extend for 5 minutes. voice vote passes unanimously. Marcus asks for a motion to further extend discussion. Amelia makes motion, Charity seconds. Amendment was made to extend further discussion. Voice vote passes unanimously. CEC Policy Language Statement, Spanish and English. Juan M. We already have the Spanish Translation, he reads it in Spanish. Doug S. reads it in English. Marcus, In the process we had voted to reconsider. I'm taking the motion with these new amendments off the table, as amended in English and Spanish versions are again open for discussion. We will go to a voice vote. All in favor of approving the providing the preliminary approval from the area committee on the guidelines policy

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language for CEC. Voice vote. Motion is approved unanimously. New Business: PRAASA expenditures. Marcus asks Finance chair Scott M if he has a specific motion on PRAASA expenditures. Scott has none. He wants discussion on the budget of (does not remember) \$2,250. or \$2,500. to spend towards registration, it really was not specified where we would spend that money. To the best of my recollection we were going to offer what ever the registration was to GSRs or any one who wanted to accept it, but it was not specified, there was a discussion on the side because area officers and committee chairs had no funding. That maybe it would just go to the officers and committee chairs. It was not clear, and I am just hoping for clarification. Marcus talks about account treasurer informing that this line item has \$2,250. budgeted. I recall that there was also discussion about the alternate delegates expenses. Mike states it was 2,000. Marcus make motion to reimburse \$20. registration fee for the first 100 A.A. members in our area who after PRAASA present your badge. I will entertain that motion or any other motion from the microphone. Charity moves the motion, that we reimburse the first 100 proven low income alcoholics that apply to the area for reimbursement of their PRAASA registration fee and submit proof that they attended. Scott said that the districts should fund their DCMs, or any committee member that they want to offer to send to PRAASA. The area officers the committee chairs they are only funded thru the area. Marcus asked him if he had a specific amendment, his answer was no. There was a discussion. Marcus has been looking at our policy as to what motion is required. Since there is an approved budget with such a line item and we do have a policy that there is an approved budget item of \$2,000.00 and our guidelines say expenditure priority #5 travel reimbursement to area committee members for attendance at PRAASA. So unless there is an objection from the area committee meeting, I am going to recommend from our treasurer who has a right of decision on this, to utilize the \$2,000. 00 budget that's in there. To reimburse properly submitted reimbursement request from area committee members for the expense of attendance at PRAASA. So our account treasurer has the right of decision and our area committee members have the right to submit their full expenses

according to our guidelines. Any motions are in order including an objection to my interpretation of this 2010 PRAASA. Greg I. makes a motion to use the \$2,000.00 budget for the area officers and area committee chairs. Bill J seconds the motion. Marcus goes to a voice vote to utilize up to \$2,000,00 budget to support the area officers, committee chairs and past delegates attendance at PRAASA. Voice vote passes unanimously. Need a host for the May 16th assembly. Holly DCM district 30 will host May 16, assembly. Voice vote. Passes unanimously. 4 Area DCM Sharing Session Report: Marilyn N. gives her report. She thanks a few persons for participating, volunteers, interpreters, the committee and the Spanish districts. It was great to work with other areas. PRAASA: Gustavo, the committee has worked hard. We have 800 registered. We will have more register on site. We are in good shape. XXXII (2010) Foro Report: Alfonso DCM district 34 and chair for this Foro, we visited the 5 hispanic districts to motivate them to form their sub committees for this Foro. On February 7th we had our meeting and agreed on this date and location at the Palomare Community Center in the city of Pomona. Our purpose is to work together in unity with the area, the districts and all the A.A. fellowship. We need volunteer to present on concept 11 at the May 16th assembly. Charity C. DCMC Hollywood Combined. Volunteered. Officers Report: Chairperson, Marcus I. No report. Secretary, Maria very grateful for allowing me to be of service. Accounts Treasurer: Eric K. No report. Contributions Treasurer: Tom B. No report. Registrar: Amelia W. Explains of the new Beta Base. Alternate Delegate: Ben H. Talks about the 2 day Pre Conference Workshop. Marcus makes 2 announcements of positions, one filled and one open. He, introduces & thanks our new sound person. Our Grapevine position is now open. He explains the qualifications for the position. Good & Welfare: Close with the Responsibility Statement both Spanish & English. We thank our Interpreters for a job well done. Food Expenses: \$161.75

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Following is a list of the results of the 10 questions circulated by our area.

III.B Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents. - Additional Consideration: The committee reviewed with appreciation the progress report from the trustees' Committee on Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents and requested that the staff member continue to gather sharing on local solutions A.A. members may use to resolve perceived differences between facility rules/regulations and what A.A. is and is not.

III.C Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities" regarding prior review of regulations and paperwork related to Twelve Step corrections work. - Advisory Action: The pamphlet "Carrying the Message Into Correctional Facilities" be revised so that the sentence "Obey the rules of the facility you are visiting" is replaced with the following text: "Deciding to participate in Corrections Twelfth Step work is an important individual decision. A.A. members should carefully read all paperwork required by correctional facilities, and fully understand and be willing to comply with all rules/regulations prior to commencing such work."

III.D Consider request to add a phrase to the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" regarding the signing of volunteer agreements. - Advisory Action: The pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" be revised so that the last sentence on page 4 under the heading "Policy Meetings" that previously read: "Policy matters include deciding when and where the group is to meet; and setting the conditions under which A.A. visitors may attend these meetings." Will now read: "Policy matters include deciding when and where the group is to meet; and setting the conditions under which visiting A.A. members may attend these meetings, including any required volunteer

orientation and forms that must be completed."

III.E Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" regarding communication between A.A. members and prison administrators about the specific regulations of individual facilities. - Advisory Action: The pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" be revised so that the following two sentences are added to the end of the first paragraph under "Inmate Groups": "Since regulations can and do vary, A.A. members will need to be specifically informed about the rules/regulations of each facility they will enter. To that end, good communication between corrections administrators and local A.A. committees is essential."

IV.A Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees' Finance Committee on the following:

1.If we continue to use literature profits to partially fund services, should there be a limit?

2.If there is a limit, how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions? - Additional Consideration: The committee reviewed and discussed input from the Fellowship concerning the 2009 Conference Advisory Action that the Trustees' Finance Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the following: (1) If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit? (2) If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions? The committee recognized that the majority of the sharing of the Fellowship was not in favor of a limit. The committee does not recommend that a specific limit should be placed on the use of literature profits to fund services. From all input gathered, the committee found that the Fellowship agrees with the Trustee's policy on self support which was affirmed at the 2009 Conference:

Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous

The A.A. spiritual principle of self-support enables us to pursue our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic with a shared sense of responsibility for

our lifesaving work and without interference or financial dependence on outsiders. From our Fellowship's earliest days, the expenses of the General Service Office, and the world services provided by it, have exceeded the amount derived from contributions of AA groups and members. As a result, providing these needed services has necessarily been supported in part by income from the sale of AA literature. It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a prudent reserve fund. We hope that the day will come when AA groups and members, through their contributions, will be able to fund fully the services provided by the General Service Office. If that is achieved, revenues from literature sales will only be needed in amounts necessary to cover the actual costs associated with literature production and to maintain a prudent reserve fund.

The committee believes that more effective communication to the Fellowship as a whole is key to achieving this ideal and the committee has made recommendations to that end.

IV.B "Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix"

Consider request to replace the "pie charts" on page 12 with text such as: "Each group is autonomous and its informed conscience should determine the contribution amounts to the following entities: District; Area; G.S.O. and Intergroup/Central Office, if one services your district." - Advisory (Floor) Action: To recommit to the GSB Finance Committee the request to replace the existing pie charts on page 12 of the pamphlet "Self-support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix," and report back to the 2011 General Service Conference.

IV.C Review A.A. Grapevine Board report submitted at the request of the 59th GSC that the A.A. Grapevine Board review history of Advisory Actions pertaining to the relationship between A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee

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on the decision-making process of matters that affect the Fellowship (i.e. pricing, redesign, name change and promotional items). - Additional Consideration: The committee reviewed the A.A. Grapevine Board's History of Advisory Actions Report pertaining to the relationship between the A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine with appreciation and encourages this ongoing partnership and the continuation of the quarterly Conference Committee calls with the Board and office, along with all of the Board's recommendations in the Report, especially the Board's recommendation for an annual report to the Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine.

VI.D Consider the request that: In order for La Viña to be published on an equal basis with A.A. Grapevine:

1.La Viña be published in color;

2.The binding be changed to a perfect binding or a sewn binding so that it may be taken into correctional facilities; and

3.More stories be included in each edition of La Viña. - Advisory Action: La Viña achieve spiritual parity with the A.A. Grapevine, beginning in the following manner: Publishing La Viña as a bimonthly, perfect-bound, black-and-white, 68-page issue at an additional estimated cost of \$21,400 per year for one year, beginning in 2011, followed by a year of review and assessment in 2012. The results of this review and assessment will be brought to the 2013 Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine. Content and substance be of primary importance. An announcement will be published in La Viña magazine beginning immediately and throughout the trial year, encouraging increased submissions and subscriptions, moving toward the goal of being self-supporting.

VI.C Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. - Advisory Action: The trustees' Committee on Literature develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous, and bring a draft or progress report to the 2011 Conference Committee on Literature.

VI.G Consider request to define the editorial responsibility of G.S.O.'s Publications Department. - Additional Consideration: The committee considered a request to define the editorial responsibility of G.S.O.'s Publications Department and took

no action. The committee expressed appreciation for the request, noting the concern for Conference-approved literature and for the Conference process, and agreed that current practices followed by G.S.O.'s Publications Department are appropriate.

VIII.F Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media. - Advisory Action: The trustees' Public Information Committee report back to the 2011 Conference Committee on Public Information with a draft policy on showing or not showing faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media, reviewing and taking into consideration targeted audiences for all available A.A. tapes and videos.

VIII.G Consider submitting a request to the trustees' Committee on the Conference to hold a future General Service Conference on the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age". - Additional Consideration: The committee agreed to forward to the 2011 Conference Committee on the Agenda a request to hold a future General Service Conference on the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age."

XIII.C Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and attract first-time attendees. - Additional Consideration: The committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Forums and attract first-time attendees and suggested the following:

Create local flyers to carry the message about future Forums in the region.

Utilize electronic communication from the areas to the Fellowship.

Share about the Forum Orientation for first-time Forum attendees.

Encourage members to bring others, such as sponsees, along to Forums.

Coordinate fun "road trips" to Forums - "Fill the car; bring them all!"

Share the Forum experience with others and with enthusiasm.

Attraction, attraction, attraction!

In addition to all the above and not previously discussed outside the conference committee level was approval (Advisory Action) of a Young People's video which was submitted to me just before leaving for last year's conference. It was of course too late to have it considered last year; however this year it obviously succeeded! It was submitted by a member in Area 5 representing the contributions of members from both Areas 5 and 93.

**In fellowship,
Mike Peery
Delegate
Panel 59 Area 5**

From the Area Chairperson:

The General Service Conference is over.

So now what?

Sit back and wait for the preliminary agenda in January, right? Nope. We GET to stay involved with the Conference process all year long.

Any member can make a recommendation to the Conference Agenda Committee on items to include on the next Conference Agenda. The more members, from "more" parts of the country, that are in support of the proposed agenda item, the more likely it will be included on the final agenda. Letters from individuals are great. When letters also come from Groups or Districts and Areas - after the District/Area holds much discussion, consults with the Groups through the GSRs and then votes with substantial unanimity - these letters bring even more weight to the recommendation. Providing background information to the Conference Agenda Committee also helps; for example, locally produced literature or examples of local policy.

Throughout this process we work with our Delegate and generally we communicate with the Conference Committees and GSO through the Delegate; it helps our "cause" if the Conference Committees knows that we are keeping our Delegate informed and involved. Also, an experienced Delegate, and our Past Delegates, can provide us with useful guidance on how best to structure our requests so that our conscience will be heard by the Conference.

In service ,

Marcus F.

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Predators in AA

I got sober when I was eighteen in 1975. A young hippie guy 12-Stepped me on the beach in Kailua. I was so happy to connect with another human being but in just a few days another guy who was sober five years began to put the moves on me and before I knew it I had moved in with him. My 12 stepper Eskimo was furious. I didn't understand. After two weeks he threw me out and I went back to live with my DAD. I was only sober a few weeks, I didn't understand why he threw me out. I thought these AA people were spiritual and understanding but after I told him some things from past, well, out I went. Little did I know this was his pattern. I was just another notch in his belt.

At 10 months sober I moved back to Hawaii after traveling around the country for awhile. My sister was living with two sober, middle-aged men and there was a room for me to rent. A short time after I moved in they wanted to have sex with both of us. My sister was barely 4 months sober and I was just coming up on one year. After a few encounters with them I decided I didn't want to be a part of their sex ring so they told me to leave. Thank God for my big Hawaiian sponsor who heard about our "Candlelight Meeting" and came to ask me if she could sponsor me. She and her husband had a strong Home Group and getting into General Service work saved my life. I did not drink.

Fast forward 33 years later and I found myself sitting in my Home Group as an adorable 23-year-old girl came in the room sobbing. She told us that a 29 year old man who was sober five years had moved himself in with her. She didn't know how to say no, she was only 43 days sober. During this time I became a GSR and I was being asked to share at meetings a lot. I spoke at a big mixed meeting in West Hollywood where a man with 20 years pulled me aside and said, "We have a really big problem here can you help me?" He told me, "We have (old timer) gay men hitting on the young boys so badly that they are running to straight meetings to get away from them." I was shocked. By now I had married, had kids, been divorced and was happily remarried. The years rolled by. Still, after all these years I could not believe what I was hearing. Then, I met a woman who was having a hard time staying sober and who told me she had been molested by her mother's sober boyfriend when she was little. I found this all so disturbing that I called a friend in Hawaii who had 40 years of Sobriety for advice. He also told me a story about a woman we both got sober with whose daughters were molested by a sober man. I was feeling sickened by AA. What was going on here? Desperate

for answers, I called a friend who worked at GSO and he told me to call an ex-AA trustee who was very interested in making AA Safer, and especially for minors. After our conversation he sent me a seven page letter that he had written and presented to the General Service Board. The letter talked about how a teen had been raped by an AA member and other various sexual harassment stories. By now, the rose colored glasses were completely ripped off. My love affair with AA after 33 years was over. I was disgusted. In his letter I read how Australia and Great Britain had addressed the issue of predators of all kinds in 2001. Why hadn't I heard of this? I was ready to leave AA and go start a new fellowship. I thought that maybe the time had come. Not to drink, just to start something new. I thought "If these people don't care about what's going on here then I want no part of AA anymore."

I was so disturbed by all of this I took it all to my home group's business meeting. We agreed unanimously that we would write some kind of literature. As I started to make announcements regarding a workshop my group and District are putting together to make AA safer, I began to be told stories of "rape" in Alcoholics Anonymous! To make matters worse, these incidents were not being reported to the police. I have been told that men encourage other men who are new to "get em while they're new they're easy then, after they sober sober up they get wiser". Fortunately, I was given time at the Area Committee Meeting where 50 members attended on a Sunday. I was starting to be encouraged. Two women shared their stories but unlike my district, the small group in Downey wanted to talk about this. Even a man with 34 years of sobriety shared how he had been harassed by some tough, inappropriate woman who wanted to date him and had threatened him when he refused.

Recently at PRAASA 2010 in Los Angeles, we had a late night -round table discussion on this subject. The room was overflowing with 130 people or more and I heard later that 30 or more people were turned away because there was no more room. We talked for 2 hours. Even more powerfully at PRAASA, I realized that this problem is happening all over the nine states in the Pacific Region. My newcomer and Alternate GSR and I sat in that PRAASA workshop, our eyes filled with tears. The stories of violence, suicide, harassment, groups having to move, and more were happening all over our Pacific Region. People shared simple solutions that can be applied right now to handle problems that are adversely affecting our atmosphere of recovery. I was also told by some Spanish speaking members at PRAASA that things are

really bad in their meetings too. Women are still having a hard time getting sober in their meetings and a woman shared about a young man recently committing suicide because of this very issue.

If our common welfare comes first, if we want good sober people to be in the rooms to welcome a newcomer, then I feel something needs to be done now at a worldwide level as well as the work we are doing at our local level. Why can't AA General Service - like Narcotics Anonymous, AlAnon, Alateen, and CODA, issue a simple statement declaring this behavior unacceptable? I think in today's world more needs to be said so men and women can feel safer, and minors and the elderly can be protected. Perhaps there should even be a separate AA-for minors?.

In the end I feel that no Member should be sexually or financially harassed in any way, especially Newcomers. It's up to the individuals in the rooms and our groups to protect the minor, the new person, young and old from predators of any kind. It's up to us to make AA a safe place. The General Service Office says it's up to you and me so I have begun with my Group, worked with my District, spoken to the Area and listened at the PRAASA workshop. This is only a short list of the stories people are telling me. I was ready to leave AA and start something new, but for right now I will finish out my term as a GSR and see what the fellowship in Southern California does with this by January, 2011.

Maliagirl, Culver City, CA

Bring your own cup to your AA meetings

An estimated 40,000 AA members attend meetings in Southern California. Even at one meeting per week, if those folks use and toss one disposable cup per meeting, they toss 2,080,000 cups each year. Single-use cups typically cost from six to ten cents each resulting in an annual cost in Southern California of no less than \$125,000, and that's only one cup per week! AA members toss many more cups. Southern California AA members are wasting the 7th Tradition on disposable items that could fund literature, rent or more vital expenses.

What can you do? Bring your own cup to your AA meetings. Stop wasting the 7th Tradition. Thanks very, very much.

Ann Bradley
Area 5
District 9

What is a D.C.M.?

The heart of A.A. is the group, which elects a general service representative (G.S.R.). The G.S.R. attends district meetings that are made up of the groups in that district. The G.S.R.s elect a district committee member (D.C.M.). Thus, the D.C.M. is the vital link between the group's G.S.R., and the area service structure, including the area's delegate to the General Service Conference.

Where does the D.C.M. come from?

G.S.R.s in each district usually elect their D.C.M.s. The qualifications for a good district committee member are not complicated: background in A.A. service work that goes with the G.S.R. job, and perhaps some central office/ intergroup service; enough sobriety (say four to five years) to be eligible for election to area office; and the time and energy to serve the groups and district well.

When is the D.C.M. elected?

D.C.M.s are usually elected before the area assembly meeting at which the delegate is elected. Some areas, however, rotate half their committee members each year.

How long does the D.C.M. serve?

Most D.C.M.s serve for a two-year period.

What does the D.C.M. do?

The D.C.M. carries the collective group conscience of the A.A. groups in the district to the area committee.

Among the two-way communication responsibilities of the D.C.M. are:

- Holding regular meetings of all G.S.R.s in the district.
- Assisting the delegate in obtaining group information in time to meet the deadline for appropriate A.A. directories.
- Keeping G.S.R.s informed about Conference activities.
- Acquainting G.S.R.s with The A.A. Service Manual, Box 4-5-9, and other A.A. literature.

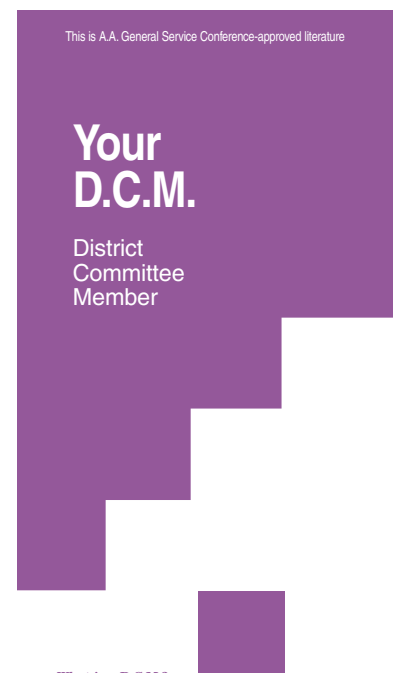
Holding workshops on carrying the message of the Seventh Tradition to non-supporting A.A. groups.

- Holding sharing sessions on just about any service subject.
- And, of course, making a regular practice of talking to groups (new and old) on the responsibilities of general service work.

Are there growing responsibilities for the D.C.M.?

Continuing growth of the Fellowship brings new opportunities for service to the D.C.M. As the numbers of groups in an area increase,

the maintenance of a vital active link between the groups and the Fellowship as a whole becomes a challenge to the D.C.M.s. By maintaining active contact, both with the groups in the district and with the area delegate, the D.C.M. is a key link in ensuring that all the A.A. groups are aware of the importance of their total participation in local, district, area and world services.



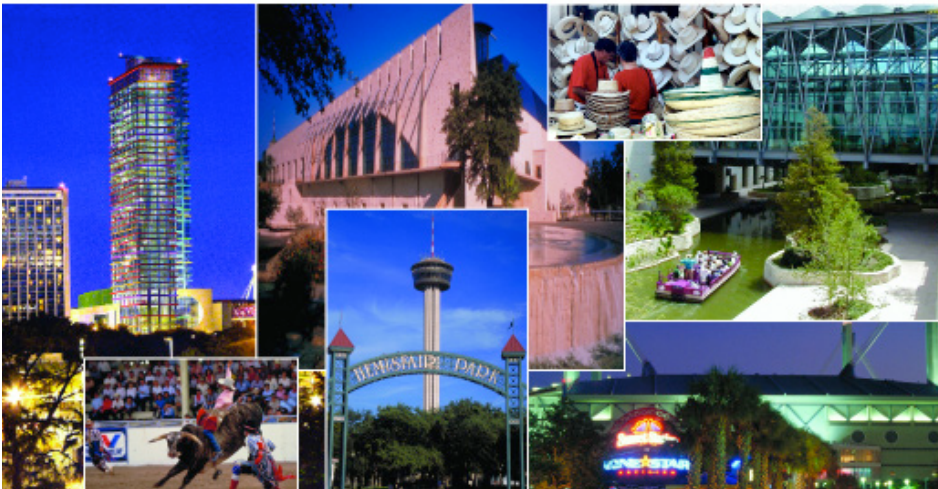
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and local hotels.

We know many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and San Antonio, our host city, will be provided.

The Web site will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, watch for articles in Box 4-5-9 that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and posted on the Web site.

Convention registration and housing reservations will opened on September 1, 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet This packet will list numbers

to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, tours, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site. www.aa.org

Registration opens in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on Wednesday June 30, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Registration will continue Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The opening Party in the Park starts at approximately 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, July 1 and ends at midnight.

Marathon meetings will begin at midnight on Thursday, and run around the clock until Sunday morning. Meetings start at the Convention Center on Friday at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m., with the same schedule on Saturday.

Friday night and Saturday night from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., we gather in the Alamodome stadium for Big Meetings. The Flag Ceremony will take place before the meeting on Friday night, and Saturday we will have an oldtimers meeting, where A.A.s with more than 40 years of sobriety will share.

The closing meeting will take place in the Alamodome on Sunday from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q When will registration forms be available?

A Registration forms and housing information will be mailed in August of 2009 to all G.S.R.s, Central Offices and Intergroups and international G.S.O.s.

Q Can I register online?

A Yes. Starting September 1, look for the link to online registration from www.aa.org. Also, the registration brochure will be available to download. You can print the registration form and mail or fax it in.

Q What about on-site registration?

A On-site registration will be set up in the Convention Center. Registration will open on Wednesday morning, June 30, 2010.

Q How much will registration cost?

A Preregistration is available until May 14, 2010, and the preregistration fee is \$95.00 (USD). After May 14, you may register on-site. The on-site registration fee is \$110.00 (USD).

Q Must everyone register? I thought I didn't have to pay to go to an A.A. event.

A Yes. Everyone must register. Attendance at this special celebration is voluntary and, as responsible A.A. members, "we pay our own way." The International Convention is paid for by those A.A.s who participate in it.

Q Can travel agents register groups or individuals?

A Payments from travel agencies to register groups will not be accepted. Individuals must register themselves.

Weather

Q Isn't it hot in San Antonio?

A With 300 days of sunshine a year, San Antonio is a warm destination year round. On average, July is the warmest month, with average highs around 96° degrees Fahrenheit and evening lows around 74° Fahrenheit. Be prepared for hot temperatures outdoors. But as hot as it is outdoors, be prepared for cool temperatures indoors—the air conditioning will be on!

Area Calendar 2010

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ACM = Area Committee Meeting

SCM = Steering Committee Meeting

PRAASA = Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly

January 23rd - Assembly

February 13TH - Third Legacy Meeting

February 20th - 4 Area DCM Sharing Session

February 21st ACM

March 5-7 PRAASA

March 27-28 2 Day Pre-ConferenceWorkshop

April 10th SCM

April 18-25 GS Conference

May 16th Assembly and Delegates Report

June 12th SCM, ACM - 26th

July 1-4 International Convention

July 25th Assembly

August 21st - ACM

August 27-29 Pacific Region Forum

September 18th - SCM

October 23rd - Assembly - ELECTION

November 7th - Hispanic Foro

November 21st - ACM

December 4th - SCM

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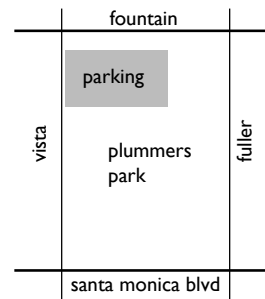
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Regional Forum - Pacific

Torrance, California — August 27-29, 2010

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the Pacific Regional Forum to be held during the weekend of August 27-29, 2010 at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel, Torrance, CA. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staffs will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010. The opening session will start at 7:00 p.m. Friday and the Forum will close at noon on Sunday, August 29, 2010. There is no registration fee for the Forum.

You may register online at our Web Site: www.aa.org. All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online registrations must be received before Monday, August 23, 2010 in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register; advance registration simply helps our planning. Hotel reservations at the Torrance Marriott South Bay can be made by phone: (800) 228-9290. Be sure to indicate Pacific Regional Forum when you call. For the special room rate, you must register no later than Friday, July 23, 2010. You can also go to the Forums portal on www.aa.org where there is a link to hotel reservation for the Pacific Regional Forum. Please note that the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel does not accept hotel reservation forms by mail.

If you wish a particular topic to be presented and discussed on the floor or at one of the workshops during the weekend, feel free to send your ideas via e-mail to regionalforums@aa.org.

There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. We want all A.A. members to be able to participate regardless of language.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Torrance.

Sincerely yours,

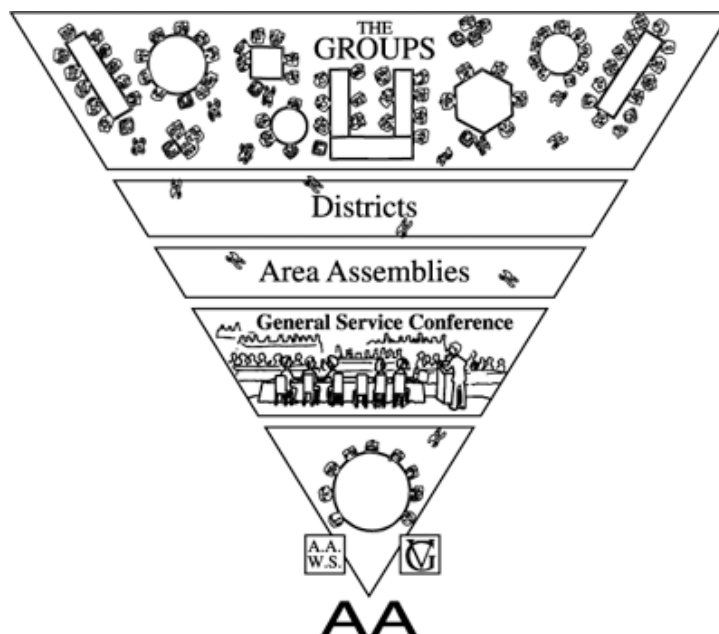
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REGIONAL AND LOCAL FORUMS

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

Regional Forums

Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis. In October 2006, the General Service Board approved the concept of an Additional Regional Forum to be held upon request in each region every eight years also on a rotating basis, bringing the possible number of Regional Forums held each year to five.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The responsibility for initiating contact with the hotel is assumed by a local A.A. Host Contact working with the Forums Coordinator and Regional Trustee. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

Local Forums

In October 2006, the concept of Local Forums was approved by the General Service Board. The purpose of Local Forums is to bring Forum information to A.A. members in remote, sparsely populated areas, urban neighborhoods or undeserved A.A. communities. Any A.A. community or service entity may request a one-and-a-half or two day Local Forum. Unlike Regional Forums, the responsibility for Forum expenses such as meeting room rental and miscellaneous expenses are assumed by the Local Forum Committee. The General Service Board will send two participants, one from the Board and one from the General Service Office or Grapevine office and display literature at Board expense. Like Regional and Additional Forums, Board participation in Local Forums requires the approval of the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums. The Regional Forums Coordinator works closely with the Local Forum organizing committee to create an agenda that is responsive to local needs.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.



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area map

TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN GENERAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

AREA – A geographical division within a state or province; there are seven areas in the state of California; each area is represented by an Area Delegate at the Conference in New York.

AREA ASSEMBLY – A periodic meeting of GSR's, DCM's, DCMC's, Chairpersons of Standing Committees, Area Officers, Delegate and alternates to discuss AA affairs of the area. The Assembly is a basic unit of the General Service Structure and conducts or helps coordinate AA business for the Area.

DELEGATE – An AA member of the Assembly who is elected every other year to represent the Area at the annual General Service Conference in New York. SCAA elects it's Delegates at the Fall Assembly meeting of the "even" year. The Delegate is responsible for reporting back to the Area on the Conference.

DISTRICT – A geographical division within an Area. Currently in Southern California there are 37 Districts. A General Service Representative (GSR) represents groups within the district.

GSR – The General Service Representative is an AA member selected by the group to voice the group's opinion in discussion at the District and Area level. The GSR participates in the election of the District's DCM and also elects the Area Delegate and officers of the Assembly.

DCM – The District Committee Member is and experienced GSR elected by the GSR's of the District to represent the groups of the District at Area committee meetings and Area Assemblies. DCM coordinates service activities in the District. The DCM votes in the election of the Area Delegate and officers.

DCMC (DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIRPERSON) – A large District in a city or county may hold regular meetings led by a DCMC, who serves as the link between the district and the area. Within this large district, there are many district subdivisions as needed to adequately serve the groups. Each of these is called a local district and is served by a DCM who may hold regular meetings of GSR's. The DCMC votes in the election of Area Delegate and officers.

GSO – General Service Office in New York often referred to as our "AA Headquarters".

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