

Mid-Southern California Area 09 (MSCA)
General Service Representatives
District 1 – Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes from July 23, 2020 (Rev-A)

Zoom ID 929 014 8764; PW (contact DCMC)

- 1) Call to Order
7:00 pm Zoom Meeting Opened with Serenity Prayer at 7 pm
Cloud recording (yes/no) = YES
- 2) Introduction
Alex reads the purpose of the ECM meeting from the District 1 Guidelines:
 - The purpose of the District 1 Executive Committee is to provide the leadership necessary to keep the District active in A.A. matters.
 - The Executive Committee will guide the District to actively participate in A.A. matters and set the agenda for the next District Committee meeting.
 - The District Secretary records the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting and distributes them at or prior to the following District Committee meeting.
 - Visitors are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meeting and participate in the discussions.

- 3) In Attendance – we have the following (13) Zoom participants:

From the Executive BOD, District 1

Alex, DCMC	Jeff, Secretary	Charles, Finance
Jim, Treasurer	Marie, Alt DCMC	Karyn, Alt Secretary
Anoosh, Registrar		

From the Area and/or other Area09 Districts

Erin V, DCMC District 3	Scott M, Treasurer District 3
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Other visiting GSRs and guests

Stryker	Michelle M	Dylan R	Debra L
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<Zoom chat notes>

19:04:46 From John F: Jeff I am the GSR for Wednesday Men's Stag Palos Verdes, the Grapevine Chairman and DCM for Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

19:06:20 From Michelle M: Michelle here checking in. I am the H&I Liaison.

- 4) DCMC: Combining Districts Report

This is a follow up that the ECM Meeting asked Alex (DCMC) to present separately from this position being created.

Background – read by Jeff: *<this comment is written in by Jeff from Minutes of our last ECM>*
District 3 is struggling during quarantine and is basically dark. For now, if the motion passes, Erin V, District 3 DCMC will be our District 3 Liaison, only.

DCMC: Reading – from the AA Service Manual:

Page S34; "Redistricting", explains various methods on how to manage a District's expansion, such as when the number of Groups or District Membership (i.e. size of a District) becomes difficult or too large to be effectively managed by the D.C.M.

- a) Findings, report, and proposed combined district formation.

Alex: attended the Westside Combined Districts Business meeting in Area 5.

Alex discussed: Presented a full report potentially going from representing 6 cities to 12 cities, screen sharing an example of a combined CM Agenda, with possible DCMs, committees, Treasurer's report and the benefits for combining Districts, how the meeting is to run and what it could look like for this formation to occur based on the West Side Combined Districts. *(A full report is on a separate google doc and available upon request.)*

b) District 3 Group Conscience on combining districts.

Erin: DCMC D3 - stated that they need help and she is the DCMC for the 5th year in a row.

Their district is mainly made up of new people rotating and they are in full support of combining the district to increase participation and alleviate the pressure of having committees so they can focus on having GSRS and group participation.

Jeff: Is this Covid-19 related? Erin: Nothing is implied by District 3's plea for help that the current situation is temporary or in any way related exclusively to the coronavirus and that this lack of GSR involvement, turnover and 3rd-legacy spirit of rotation has been a systemic problem in District 3 going back for many years.

Scott: (for example) many so-called newcomers from various San Pedro recovery houses may show up to one GSR meeting, take a commitment, then fail to return, leaving the position vacant again and again.

Erin: feeling trapped – zero rotation

c) Comments from the body

Jim: Do not see how combining helps, perhaps leads to diluting. From Jeff and Jim: This reading <Service Manual Page S34> describes methods on redistricting in the context of District "expansion" and "splitting" or "dividing" a larger District into 2 or more, smaller Districts and/or subdistricts, etc. Although the instructions are enlightening, the reading is out of context from our situation. Our situation concerns combining a struggling District with and into a larger functional District.

Jim: Stated - We need input from Ed L, because this is an Area 9 (MSCA) issue.

Alex our DCMC stated - the Area (Delegate and Alt Delegate) tasked her with researching this information and seeing if this is an option both districts would like to explore. She stated that this is NOT an Area Issue and is to be decided at the district level and then to inform the Area on our proceedings. As the Area does not have any authority over the District at all. We can proceed and act autonomously as a district.

Jeff and Erin: 90% of District 3's Groups are in San Pedro.

Jeff: There is a mistake, incomplete or unclear listing of District 3 cities noted on the Area 9 (MSCA) webpage, http://msca09aa.org/districts/d_03.php which says Cities in District (include): Carson, Dominguez, Harbor City, Lomita, San Pedro, Wilmington

Jeff: Dominguez is not a city; it is a suburb that may contain Groups in South Carson or Compton. Actual suburb names are Dominguez Hills and Rancho Dominguez. Harbor City is incomplete, or to be specific it should include Harbor Gateway and other unincorporated LA County Strip areas.

d) Suggestions on how to proceed

- Jeff: I am responsible, but how can we give a hand-up and not a hand-out? Consult Traditions and Concepts e.g.: Tradition 1 says our Group Unity comes first and Tradition 4, each Group is autonomous.
- Karyn: we should be honored that they asked for our help, but we do not want to damage or limit our ability to carry the message to the AA Members and Groups within our District boundary lines.
- We need to bring the idea to the whole body of District 1
- We need to hear from the District 3 Registrar, such as what are all the Groups, how many, what cities?
- We need more time to discuss the circumstances
- We should get to wait and hear from our newly created service position, District 3 Liaison

Alex needs to make a hard stop and adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, she begins summarizing for us the following ECM Agenda items:

5) Future Workshops by ALT DCMC – Marie (see Item 8, below, when we discuss the next CM Agenda)

6) Guidelines Update by DCMC and/or Ken. O (Ken is absent) Alex: Ken had to work, will report back
Note: (3) DCMs for Torrance, Men's and Women's are not mentioned in the Guidelines

<the following words are submitted in writing>

Hi all, to clarify and answer Alex's' question as to Men's Meetings and Women's Meetings being listed in the Guidelines and having a DCM, the Guidelines say in Article II B. (Sub-districts) that "

• There are seven geographical and two gender-based sub-districts in District1....". The geographical sub-districts are listed, e.g. Torrance, PV, et.al. but the gender-based Men's' and Women's' are not. It is understood through long established District practice that they are what the guidelines refer to, but if it is the will of the body, this can be clarified and listed expressly in the guidelines revision that is underway. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Jim B.

MSCA09 District 1 Treasurer (Panel 70)

7) Discussing two proposed August CM Agendas (ref., Option 1, and Option 2):
Both are standard, with exception, this time adding 20 minutes for Standing Committee Breakout Session

Option 2 adds / inserts the following:

Section VIII Old Business:

Finding your Niche in AA - Progress report by Marie, Alt DCMC

Area Motions (Sense of the Body)

As we discussed tonight:

a) Marie will present our upcoming Workshop action items during her regular Exec Report

b) Alex prefers getting a consensus from the entire body before voting at the Area

Alex will decide if we need Section VIII as described above.

Alex: Pre-Committee Meeting Events, for August 13, 2020

6:00 - 6:35pm CONCEPTS MEETING (C6) w/ DCMC 18 Rozanne

6:40 - 7:25pm Technology & General Service w/ Jerry S Delegate Area 8 Panel 69

7:00 - 7:25pm GSR ORIENTATION (Breakout Room #1 on Zoom)

Ask for any announcements, future events and/or committee meetings that can be added to the Agenda.

Corrections?

Note: 36th Annual South Bay Roundup, their website says the schedule is Sept 4th~6th (Fri~Sun)
not 4th~7th (Fri~Mon) – there is a possible discrepancy on our website.

Any motions may be submitted and added at this time.

8) Open discussion on any questions and comments from the floor.

Should passwords (e.g. Zoom passwords) and phone/e-mail list be posted on the website?

Should we remove the roster from the 7- page agenda, perhaps moving it to the basic e-mail cover letter / invitation so that the basic 2-page CM Agenda can be posted?

I.e., should we provide the Web Servant / Web Committee Chair with a 2-page CM

Agenda without passwords, last names, and phone numbers for posting on the website?

This is related to posting QR symbols on our website possibly exposing us to the above:

Post QR symbols if and only if the result link is "scrubbed" ahead of time

9) Motion to Adjourn by 8:00pm – 8:03 pm (Responsibility Pledge) Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeff L, Secretary