

Mid-Southern California Area 09 (MSCA)  
District 1 – Committee Meeting  
Minutes from August 13, 2020

Zoom ID 929 014 8764; PW panel70

6:00 – 6:35 pm CONCEPTS MEETING w/ Rozanne (Concept 6) – Q&A following  
6:40 - 7:25 pm TECH and GS w/ Jerry S, Delegate A8P70 – Q&A following  
7:00 - 7:25 pm GSR ORIENTATION – in Zoom Breakout Room #1  
7:30 - 9:00 pm DISTRICT 1 COMMITTEE MEETING <words in italics are written submissions>

- 1) Call to Order  
7:30 pm Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 – Alex W (Serenity Prayer) 7:33 pm  
w/ opening with remarks on how the Zoom meeting will be conducted  
Cloud Recording: yes/no (audio/video) = YES w/ Audio (only)  
Declaration of Unity read by Mike M:  
“This we owe to AA’s future; To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship United.  
For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.”
- 2) General Service Representatives Preamble, (screen share) read by Melissa F
- 3) Tradition and Concept of the Month ~ this month, Trad 8 and Con 8, presented by Elvis M  
[Ask for volunteer for Tradition and Concept of the next month]  
Next month: Ken O, volunteers for September’s Trad 9 and Con 9
- 4) Attendance – Zoom Participants – up to (25) counted at 8:50 pm  
Introduction of all members (new GSRs, visitors and guests) – Melissa F, new GSR  
Visiting from District 18: Rozanne, DCMC  
Visiting from Area 09: Mitchell B, Area Chair  
Visiting from District 3: Erin W - DCMC, Delores A, Leslie  
<following are (18) Attendees’ names copied from the Zoom Chat Notes>  
*Dylan R: GSR for KO Men’s Stag and Accessibilities Chair*  
*Jane W: Thursday 5:30 AA Way of Life Hermosa Beach*  
*Kirsten PJ: Tuesday Night Winning Women’s Manhattan Beach GSR*  
*Ken O: GSR PV MS, DCM Redondo Beach*  
*Karen H: GSR Monday New Beginnings TLC*  
*Karyn M: GSR for the Sanctuary Mtg in Manhattan Beach, Alt Secretary/Web Committee*  
*Ronney M: GSR Gardena VA*  
*Javad (Jay V): 13 years!*  
*Marie D: Alternate DCMC*  
*Maureen M: GSR Hope on the Hill RPV Sat. night 7:30pm & DCM for Palos Verdes*  
*Melissa F: new GSR for Surf n Sand Hermosa Beach, Sunday 7PM*  
*Jim B: Treasurer and Website Committee Chair*  
*Mike M: Ocean View Speaker Meeting Friday Night 8:00PM*  
*Charles A: DCM TLC, Finance Committee Chair*  
*Karen H: GSR for Monday 6:30pm New Beginnings Women, TLC*  
*Stryker (John F): GSR Friday Night Live - Torrance*  
<Attendees from District 3>  
*Erin W: [District 3] DCMC District 3*  
*Delores A: [District 3] GSR Sunrise Group Attitude Adjustment M-F 7am 254th and Western*
- 5) August Birthdays – Javad (Jay V) August 1<sup>st</sup> = 13 years! Congratulations ☺

- 6) Approval of Minutes – from our previous CM July 9, 2020 (see pages 5~9 of the Agenda) pp 6~10: Motion by Ken to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles, with discussion re. (see end of Treasurer Section) itemized Individual/Group contribution, dollar [\$] figures [only], whether to be posted on our website. Decision to leave it in the Minutes for our District body's review purposes, and the approval of Minutes passes without correction(s) / change(s) – substantial unanimity votes YES – OK as is and approved as presented.

*Zoom, partial Transcript: <the following is as we discussed the above: Treasurer's Report Supplemental – Individual/Group Contributions Section, with which only the specific line items dollar [\$] figure amounts are not being posted on our Website>*

*Ken - Send a copy of the guidelines,*

*Jim - stated they were sent over and Ken asked to please send over again.*

*Ken - Is there a time when we will be able to ask questions about the finance report?*

*Alex - As the chair I was not aware of the information mentioned in Jim's report (Finance Committee report)*

*Jeff - asked if he should delete the dollar amount from the minutes*

*Jim - we will not be publishing the dollar amounts, that the only reason they are in the report is because we weren't able to make a verbal report, so we aren't going to publish them now.*

*Ken - Within the district there has always been a report on the dollar amount contributed to the district. So, idk why we are changing that now. If the goal of the website is to provide transparency, then it should be on the website. I don't see any reason to change what we have been doing in the past.*

*Ken - one of the reasons are, GSRs who don't see a contribution are able to see why it's not there is a good check and balance.*

*Alex - I am in a position I have never been in*

*Karyn - I believe that when Jim gives us a report, he shows us a form that he normally gives us. I believe we have access to that information. We have access to Jim if we have any questions, we can go to him. And I believe our guidelines say not to publish actual numbers.*

*Alex - I would advise that unless there is a motion to change the Minutes, they would remain the same.*

*Jim - I don't have a problem with the Minutes remaining the way they are. I'm just saying that as they are, they're not going to be published on the Website that way. It can be in the Minutes, but it's not going to be on the Website with those numbers in there.*

*Ken - is that a decision that the group has made? Or is that*

*Jim - That's a decision the website committee has made in accordance with the website guidelines*

*Ken - I think that's a decision that the District should make not a decision that the three people on the website committee should make on behalf. These things are expressed through the group conscious*

*Jim - Put it on the agenda and if they would like to discuss and then we will discuss it*

*Charles - The guidelines, they were voted on by the groups. that was not a three-person thing it was a group thing.*

*Ken - Unless there is a motion to not approve or  
Motion approve minutes as presented.*

- 7) Executive Reports: 2 minutes

*DCMC - Alex W (verbal + written)*

Conducted a Zoom poll on the preferred method to distribute 2020's GSC Final Report – all requested a pdf digital copy while (1) member requested a traditional hard copy.

At our last ECM I presented a report based on D3's + our Delegate's request to investigate: Combined Districts – specifically for D3 to join our District due to their chronic lack of service rotation. No action was taken however there will be a line item to consider this possible action on our next CM Agenda. In the meantime, there will be an Area+D1+D3 Board Meeting on Combining our (2) Districts in to (1) larger District, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

*<the following is a written report>*

*My name is Alex Wheatley. I am blessed to have been sober since Jan 4th, 2013 and my home group is the Fledgling Society. It's an honor and privilege to currently serve as your District 1 Committee Member Chair. I was unable to attend today's ASC as I am out traveling for my birthday with friends and family. However, I am so excited to share all the amazing things we have been up to here in District 1. This last month we*

officially created a position for District 3 to participate in our monthly meeting. Additionally, some fun things you have and will continue to see an hour and a half prior to our monthly District Committee Meeting are, a Concept study followed by Q&A where we have invited various members from AA with extensive knowledge and experience to share with us. Directly following that meeting is a mini workshop on various topics from AA. This month we have Jerry from San Diego coming out to do a lead on Technology in General Service. All members of AA are welcome to join us. We are currently revising the guidelines, working on our District Database to be current and up to date as well as categorized to fit each DCM. Through our brand-new website ([mscadistrict1.org](http://mscadistrict1.org)) we have been receiving money online through PayPal. We are MOST excited to be hosting an amazing workshop on September 26th from 10:00am – 1:00pm called Finding Your Niche in AA. We are hoping to continue to capitalize on this moment in time and roll out many more workshops in the coming months. Lastly, we have created a flyer for our district meetings with QR code access to our website that we will be distributing to all places where meetings are held that are open. I most likely have missed something, so I apologize in advance. Stay tuned. It's an honor to serve. Thank you all for your service and for being responsible members in AA. In love and Service always.

Alt. DCMC - Marie

Upcoming Workshop, September 26<sup>th</sup>, last Saturday of the month

Secretary – Jeff

Please put any notes in chat if possible to help me avoid typos (See Note from Alex W in Announcements)

I am also on the website committee for [mscadistrict1.org](http://mscadistrict1.org), re. [Contact Us](#) e-mail link added to the main menu, any errors? Changes? Please let us know ASAP. re. [Photo Contest](#): Website Homepage, please submit a high-resolution landscape picture, such as 1920 x 1080 pixel minimum, preferably of a recent happy, joyous, and free setting, such as one of the beaches, piers / iconic lifeguard towers etc. within our District. Other "4K" originals such as 3840 x 2160 resolution is even better. We will not be able to blowup a low-resolution original. Thank you!

Treasurer - Jim B <the following is a written report>

If you would like a copy of this month's Treasurers Report spreadsheet in PDF form, please contact me or Alex and it will be emailed to you.

I attended the virtual MSCA 09 FORO on July 12th, and the virtual District 1 Executive Committee meeting on July 23rd.

As a member of the Finance Committee and after collaboration with Committee Chair Charles A. I sent a copy of proposed revisions of the Finance Committee guidelines to Ken O. on July 18th with a request to include the proposal in his presentation to the Executive Committee. This was done IAW Article XI B. "Annual Review" of the District guidelines.

On July 29th I met with Charles A., FCC via Zoom for his audit of District finances IAW Finance Committee guidelines.

On August 10th I met with Charles A., Finance Committee Chair via Zoom to begin 2021 budget preparations IAW Finance Committee guidelines.

Our beginning checking account balance was \$1209.90. I deposited \$201.15 in contributions. We had \$17.17 in expenses. Our ending checking account balance was \$1393.88 Our savings account/prudent reserve beginning balance was \$1601.10. We earned \$.01 in interest. Our ending balance was \$1601.11. There is no change in the purple bag balance.

Contributions: Of \$201.15 in contributions, \$83.76 was through online contributions. Please encourage your groups to use the online contribution portal on our District website. The contributor should use the Memo field to list the group number or the group name and meeting time and city to insure proper credit to the group.

Expenses: Bank fees were \$16. Squarespace fees were \$1.17. These are transaction fees for our online contributions.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. In Service,

Jim B.

MSCA 01 District 1 Panel 70 Treasurer

Summary of Groups and Individuals (named) contributing in July, forwarded by DCMC:

Group Contributions (July's PO Box):  
SBAC 6:45 Attitude Adjustment  
Women's Step Study Manhattan Beach  
Bottom Line Group Redondo  
Hollywood Riviera Group  
PV Womens Thursday Group  
Torrance One O'Clockers  
Unable to determine

Individual Contributions (other, online via Squarespace):  
Karyn  
Jim  
Alex

Registrar - Anoosh Y

Working on District 1 Groups List and GSR Roster for completeness and accuracy

Finance – Charles

Met with our Treasurer and reviewed the January thru June finances. All accounts balance. If you have any questions about the budget, please e-mail me. Submitted a spreadsheet in writing (e-mail) to the Executive Board. We will discuss at the next ECM prior to bringing it to the attention of the entire body of District 1 next month. Ken is requesting the whole body gets a group conscious vote, not just the Executive Committee.

8) Old Business:

Area Motions (Sense of the Body) <words in italics are being copied from the Agenda>

*Motion 1: Shift the responsibility of Area Meeting Check-in and attendance tracking from the Area Secretary to the Area Registrar. Rationale:*

- ❖ *Familiarity - The Area Registrar is familiar with the body, the meetings, and the representatives.*
- ❖ *Time/Timing*
  - *Registrar can stay at the check-in table up until or even a little after the Area meeting begins*
  - *Registrar can help new members or first-time attendees by walking them through "Registration" and explain the process.*
- ❖ *Registration Committee - There is a "Registration Committee" that can aid in this process. See:*
  - [http://msca09aa.org/comm\\_regis.php](http://msca09aa.org/comm_regis.php)

*Motion 2: Shift the responsibility of maintaining the Area Roster from the Secretary to the Registrar. Rationale:*

- ❖ *Information Access – Registrar is already maintaining a roster, has access to the official information from GSO.*
  - ❖ *Efficiency and Accuracy – Information only needs to be provided to one person and updated in one document. This improves accuracy and avoids conflicting information from two sources.*
- Responsibilities not specified. There is no Registrar position.*

*(Additional Information available upon request)*

Motion 1 and 2 results or "sense" – through discrete Zoom polling tally is "yes", on both items, without opposition.

9) New Business:

*Motion A: DCMC Appoints Erin V, DCMC District 3, to be our first District 3 Liaison, newly formed service position. Submitted by Alex W, DCMC D1 Area 9 Panel 70*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken O – discussion ~ N/A – unanimous vote or 100% approval – missing (5) votes only for those members not in District 1*

10) Standing Committee Breakout Session 8:15 - 8:35

followed by individual Chairperson's Standing Committee Reports, if any or as time permits, 1 minute 8:36-8:40

Literature – Elvis

Any questions? E-mail me. We are self-supporting: aa.org, go to order department or call 212 870 3312, e-mail [orders@aa.org](mailto:orders@aa.org) and [onlineliterature@aa.org](mailto:onlineliterature@aa.org). Hardcopy Big Books are \$9.50. (See Note from Ken O in Announcements – please consider buying from ASBCO.)

Grapevine – Stryker

Primarily working on encouraging each of our Groups to get GV Reps. Note: GV (English) was free to subscribe thru May – for June 30, 2020 last issue. Note: for \$1.99 one can order a single issue that includes the audio version. Alex adds, offering other incentives, consider giving gifts: inmates get a 1 for 1 copy for each gift subscription purchased.

Public Information (PI) - Vacant

Cooperation with The Professional Community (CPC) – Christina W

Planning to work with Karen on how to we can hit professionals and carry the message.

Accessibilities – Dylan R

Asking for help, Dylan says “I’m new at this.” <the following is a written report>  
*I did attend FORO, and the “Carrying the Message Through COVID-19” Workshop. Some of the information I noted down from the workshop before I got kicked off are:*

*The “No Matter What” issue of the grapevine has COVID stories in it.*

*When talking about re opening meetings ask about disinfection? bringing personal chairs? bringing the meeting outdoors?*

*Once meetings start to open should we continue virtually as well for those who may be high risk and will not go to in person meetings?*

*Continue sponsorship virtually or even meet in an open area and keep social distance; we can still be of service even if we are not doing it face to face.*

Website - Jim B

In our breakout session we did not have all Website Committee members present so it was not an official Committee Meeting. Jeff L and Ronnie M also attended, and we discussed some our Guidelines WRT financial disclosures and other secure info / privacy issues. <the following is a written report>

*MSCA09 District 1 Website Committee Meeting Report August 2020 The D1 Website Committee met on August 6, 2020.*

*Many incremental changes were made to the content on the website. Most are detailed in the minutes of the August 6th meeting, which are available on request. Members are reminded that material submitted for posting on the website must conform to the content posting guidance in the Website Committee guidelines.*

*The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 3, 2020 In service,  
Jim B.*

*District 1 Website Committee Chair*

- 11) DCM Reports: Optional, 1 Minute  
No report(s)
- 12) Service Positions Reports: Optional, 1 minute  
No report(s)
- 13) Continuation of Elections – by Simple Majority
  - a) District Committee Members  
DCM Men’s Meetings (none – tabled till next month) \_\_\_\_\_  
DCM Women’s Meetings (none – tabled till next month) \_\_\_\_\_  
DCM Torrance (none – tabled till next month) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) District Standing Committee:  
Public Information (PI) (none – tabled till next month) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) District Meeting Service Commitments  
Cyber & Internet Liaison (none – tabled till next month) \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS – The following items are copied from the Agenda

Monday Night Weekly Service Workshop

5:00 - 6:00pm via Zoom, Join Manually 320-861-4908 Password: 925644

Area and District 1&3 Board Meeting on Combining Districts, August 23rd, Sunday @ 9:00 am

Please Email DCMC for Zoom information

District 1 Executive Committee Meeting August 27th, Thursday

7:00 - 8:00pm via Zoom - Meeting ID: 929 014 8764 Password: panel70 (all lowercase)

District 1 Workshop, Planning Meetings every Sunday at the South Bay Alano Club – venue subject to change

(This is an Outside, in-person Meeting) please contact Marie - Alt DCMC

4:00 - 5:00pm, 702 11th Pl, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

36th Annual South Bay Family Roundup, Sept 4th - Sept 6th (Friday through Sunday)

Please Register online – <https://www.southbayroundup.org/>

National A.A Technology Workshop, Sept 11th - Sept 13th (Friday through Sunday) <https://naatw.org/>

Location: Sheraton Bellevue Hotel, 100 112th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

District 1 Workshop: Finding Your Niche in AA, September 26th, 2020, Saturday [D1-D3]

10:00am - 1:00pm, more details to follow

National AA Archives Workshop, September 26th

1:00pm- 5:00pm EST

Additional information available online: [www.naaaw.org/index.php/next-workshop/](http://www.naaaw.org/index.php/next-workshop/)

UPCOMING EVENTS – continued...

MSCA ASA Area Assembly, September 13, 2020, 8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm, please visit [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)

Continuing Events

2020 International Convention – open till August 31st

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin D3 DCMC and (our new) District 3 Liaison: “We had our District’s (D3) Zoom Meeting last Tuesday w/ (5) attendees. District 3 has been generally dark during Covid” and expressing their “desire to consider Combined (D1+D3) Districts” while looking forward to ongoing discussions. “Here in attendance tonight also with me are Leslie and Delores” from District 3.

Mitchell B – re. Pacific Region Trustee’s Report by Kathi F, highly informative, ref. in ASC Minutes

We do not post Zoom recordings, but one can be made available.

Mitchell B – re. GSR right to vote, GSR and Committee Members are eligible to vote if they have attended one area meeting (ASC, ASA) in the past twelve months.

Ken O – consider buying AA books from Central Office because they are struggling to make ends meet,

Ronney M – Central Office is open 7 days.

Karyn M – Covid-19: COMPREHENSIVE re-opening information is available on the D1 Website!

Jim B – letter from Greg T on the request approval to draw down prudent reserve by \$3M. Most of the funds were used to pay back refunds for cancelled 2020 in-person International Convention leaving a settlement of \$2.5M. There was an insurance policy dividend covering part of the cost with a payout of \$900K. Anyone interested please contact me.

Alex W – Executive, Standing and Service Position / Chairs: please send Jeff L any supplemental or written report by Friday, August 14, 2020 (tomorrow) for addition to the Minutes:

Jeff L, District1 Secretary, [district1area09.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:district1area09.secretary@gmail.com)

15) Motion to Adjourn by 9:00pm – Ken 1<sup>st</sup>, Karyn and Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, agreed by raising hands.

9:01 pm (Responsibility Pledge) Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeff L, Secretary