

Mid-Southern California Area 09 (MSCA)
General Service Representatives
District 1 – Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes from March 25, 2021 (Rev_A_)

ID 929 014 8764; PW panel70

1) Call to Order

7:00 pm Zoom Meeting Opened with moment of silence; Serenity Prayer at 7:02 pm
<Purpose of the ECM> and Introduction(s)
Initially (3) of us were present on the videoconference, (7) in total by 7:30 pm.

2) In Attendance – we have the following (7) Zoom participants, at 7:30 pm:

From the Executive BOD, District 1

Alex W, DCMC Jeff L, Secretary Karyn, Alt Secretary

Jim B, Treasurer Marie D, DCMC Alt

Other visiting GSRs and guests in attendance

Kirsten PJ Leslie R, District 3 Ad Hoc Committee Chair

3) District 3 – related business and progress report(s)

Management and update(s) from the Ad Hoc Committee Chair - Leslie R

In contact with District 3 Members. Speaking with Summer and coordinating a list of District 3
“active meetings”. Not yet ready to advise on District 3 DCMs and meeting as a committee.

4) Guidelines Committee - vacancy *[Note: this agenda item will be held in May, June, i.e. after the G.S.C.]*

Any nominations or volunteers. [TBD]

5) Planning for next District 1 Committee Meeting, April 8, 2021

a) Agenda §IX.: Class A Trustee presentation [7:45~8:30] “The Role of a Class A Trustee” by
Ivan Lemelle, who rotated off the GSB and AAGV Board in 2019,
currently a Senior United States District Judge

b) Agenda §X.: Executive Reports [2 minutes each]

i) We are limiting the number of Executive, Standing and Service Chair reports at the April 8 CM to
give more time to our special guest, Ivan Lemelle.

ii) Alex W will give feedback on our recent Pre-Conference Bootcamp and remind us there is only
limited amount of time left to submit comments to, conveying our District’s Group Consciences to
Ed L in advance of his attending and voting at the 71st GSC of AA.

iii) Jeff L will not verbally report at the CM, but members are always encouraged to comment under
Zoom Chat, including – see under: OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS, per Alex W – Executive,
Standing and Service Position / Chairs: please send Jeff L any supplemental or written report(s) by
Friday, April 9, 2021 (by the day after) for addition to the Minutes to: Jeff L, District1 Secretary,
district1area09.secretary@gmail.com

c) Note: on May 13th, 2021 at the following month’s District 1 Committee Meeting, Ed L, will be presenting a
Delegate share-back to District 1 and District 3. For anyone unable to attend, Ed will also share-
back at the following Area Service Assembly (ASA) on May 16th.

6) Bootcamp on March 20th, the Area funded this event.

a) DCMC paid \$32.00 for event translation – reimbursements to Alex will be funded out of the Special
Events budget per Jim B, Treasurer.

b) Comment by Kirsten PJ (see 5.b.ii, above – Alex’s Exec Report) please provide feedback on the
Bootcamp. Alex agrees, although there would be only 72hrs left to advise Ed L what to do.

7) Servathon – November 13, 2021

a) to be Hosted by District 1

b) Per Alex W, Mitchell B, Area 09 Chair, is optimistic about being able to meet in-person
Kirsten PJ – we “will need to keep in mind a contingency plan”
Consensus is a decision by June on how, when, and where to meet

8) Future Workshops - Marie D

Virtual Workshop Topic under consideration:

Videoconference Technology and How to Run a Successful Virtual AA Meeting

- a) AA Meeting Secretaries need to know how to run a Zoom Meeting including how to do the Hosting and maintain Safety (security issues) but
- b) Getting an Alcoholic Zoom Rep may be difficult, as most Zoom Reps are non-alcoholic.
- c) See e.g., recently at PRAASA, run by Tech-12 – they may be able to advise on the “how to”?
- d) Note: we will likely use them (Tech-12) again for the upcoming Area 9 elections, October 10th.
- e) Back in 2020, Cindy of Surf & Sands wanted to sponsor a Safety Plan to protect against malicious Zoom bombing, including sexual harassment and intimidation against women.
- f) Per Jim B – check out: National AA Technology Workshop

Per Alex, Item will be placed on next ECM Agenda and if we have enough of an outline, consensus, and we may make a motion to put it on the May CM Agenda.

9) Next Committee Meeting Agenda, §XI District 1 Elections - - - - - *[copied from the previous CM Minutes]*

Continuation of Elections – – by Simple Majority [Note: this agenda item will be held in April]

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) _____

CPC (none – tabled till next month) _____

c) District Meeting Service Commitments

Cyber & Internet Liaison (none – tabled till next month) _____

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

a) Kirsten PJ suggests we raise a topic for feedback: on AA meeting locations and changes for:

i) Meetings in person (versus)

ii) Meetings on Zoom

Jeff L comments - Robert is our CSR Liaison. Perhaps he can report on status of meetings opening up again or not, and the related directories from SoBay Central Office

Jim B – issue is controversial in scope; meetings are autonomous and can individually abide by CDC guidelines or not - not because of any mandate by the District.

Jim B – our District 1 website addresses COVID-19 via the Home Page: the website has information on reopening in person meetings, which is accessed through the COVID link on the home page. The actual information is behind that link.

11) Meeting to Adjourn by 8:00pm – (@_7:57 ___ pm ___ 1st, ___ 2nd ‘s a motion to adjourn) – all in favor
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeff L, Secretary