

Mid-Southern California Area 09 Districts 1&3

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Minutes

- I Call to Order 7:40pm | Serenity Prayer: Ramon | Zoom meeting conduct
- II. Declaration of Unity: Ramon | General Service Representatives Preamble: Ramon
- III. Tradition and Concept 6 – Michael not present. Ramon stepped in. Raul will do Tradition/Concept 7 next month.
- IV. Roll Call: 17 in person, 11 on zoom
- V. “Service Sponsorship Announcement.”: Ramon
- VI. June Anniversaries: Teri A. 5 years,
- VII. Secretary - Approval of May Minutes. Motioned: Aubrey and 2nd: Jane. All in Favor All Opposed None
- VIII. Executive Committee Reports

a. Treasurer D3, present online	Report emailed June 8th. I didn't get a chance to go to the P.O. Box. But I plan to go Monday to pick up checks.										
b. ALT-DCMC, present online	No report emailed.										
c. Registrar, present	Report emailed, I attended the Guidelines revision meeting 5/9/23 I attended the Area meeting 5/21/23 I attended executive committee meeting 5/23/23 I attended CSR meeting 5/23/23 CSR fundraiser July 29 2023 Family picnic Chile Cook off										
d. Treasurer D1, present	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Checking</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Savings</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Start- 6009.85</td> <td>Start- 1699.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income- 1700.55</td> <td>Income- .01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses- 1704.87</td> <td>End- 1699.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ending- 6005.53</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Checking	Savings	Start- 6009.85	Start- 1699.44	Income- 1700.55	Income- .01	Expenses- 1704.87	End- 1699.45	Ending- 6005.53	
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e. Secretary, present	<p>Attended guidelines committee mtg 5/9/23 and Dist 18 Shareback 5/20/23. I enjoyed their shareback but have to say I was hoping shareback report to be different (more info) since the event was a “shareback.” It wasn't any different than our district 1/3 meeting last month when our delegate shared back during our district monthly meeting. Did not attend ECM 5/23/23. Emailed PDF of April 2023 approved minutes to Website chair to upload. Sent out unapproved May minutes to GSRs on email list. Updated phone list printed and passed around at in person meeting for those to add themselves.</p> <p>Reminder for all executive board members and committee chairs – If you want your reports to be added to minutes you must please email them to me before, during or after meeting. You can email to district1area09.secretary@gmail.com.</p>										
f. DCMC, present	<p>No report emailed. Dictated and edited using recording.</p> <p>I will be presenting Motion E: Move to make the Area Delegate Share-back a stand-alone event rather than it be a part of the area business meeting- Submitted by Districts 1&3 on Sunday. So I propose that it be like on a Saturday and it'd be a dinner event and it'd be under the alternate delegates responsibilities just like servcathon and FORO. So hopefully that'll pass. And if you guys are free this Sunday, it'll be at Long Beach City College. So, I encourage all general service representatives online. If you guys can make it or get on zoom or go in person, it's still exciting. Even though it's six hours long, it's exciting to attend, to meet people, to ask people for their numbers. So you can learn about committees, you can ask people questions and stuff like that. Just get numbers and get involved. Another thing is that I really want to encourage people to get involved in our district committees. We do have a treatment committee chair now, she is solo, but she needs help. I also got an e-mail recently from Bridging the Gap. They reached out to me for a person who is in sober living who just</p>										

	<p>graduated from treatment and exiting sober living and he needed an alcoholic to support him by taking him to meetings. I got an e-mail and my roommate happened to take over. It was a person in San Pedro. So that was exciting to see because I've heard about it. I just want people to get involved. We do have a few openings. Like H&I and cooperation with professional community. I know Janet's not here, but she is literature if you want to get involved with literature or Grapevine, we have an opening. Get involved. I know Eric needs help with technology. It is a heavy responsibility. We need support and our term is almost ending. I'm going to try my hardest to get the district strong before I exit. So, any questions for me, Jim? I think, we hope we would all agree that your motion to have the delegate share back be a separate meeting is worthwhile. But do you think the district should vote on it? I mean if it says from district 1 & 3, we should have voted on it before? At some point the district should've voted on the motion before it being a motion at the Area meeting. Ramon: Yeah, I don't mind doing it, and I think it's a good motion. It really is something that's put forward and is being prompted. This is something the district has created or released approved. OK. Well, I'll do that and so quickly what do you guys think about having the delegate share back as a separate entity in its own occasion? Ken: I thought the shareback is its own entity, it's not part of their area assembly or area committee meeting. Ramon: FORO is its own entity, pre conference is its own entity and the share back next year, if this motion passes, would be its own entity. Most people are checked out by the 4th hour of the Area Assembly with the share back which is usually in the latter the whole. It's like a cluster of business and then share back. And people are already checked out by lunchtime. And so we hosted the share back last year and our own chair was falling asleep. Our area chair was asleep in the front and there was a lot of people who expressed disinterest in the event. And the share back is a very important event because we want to know what's happening at the conference. More questions and comments ensued such as making it separate with a dinner so more time for delegate to share. Date and time tbd. Around 2-3 hour event. Charles motioned: for District 1 & 3 to approve the Area motion that is already on the Area's agenda for this Sunday which is Motion E: Move to make the Area Delegate Share-back a stand-alone event rather than it be a part of the area business meeting. More discussion ensued. Jim: Well, nothing's gonna be decided here. It's a motion to ask the area to handle their business differently and it's going to come up. It's already on the 10th, the area meeting Sunday. More talk about how and who gets to vote for it to pass. Jim continues: So really what we've just done is just given permission for the motion to be presented at the area level. Eric: if you are Interested in a shorter shareback session, We're going to be doing one at HB alano from 7:00 to 8:30 this upcoming Monday. More discussions from GSRs about why we are rushing and why this was not discussed before since it is coming from the district. Why are we putting our name on something that we had no discussion about. CHARLES: explained what the motion is for. JIM: getting back to the original motion. So it was voted and approved to leave the motion on area agenda. We have one vote against to express the minority opinion. So, customarily, we ask if anyone wants to change their vote. Ramon: Yeah, so I'm going to do that now. Alright, so discussion is closed to anyone who voted in the majority. Did that change your vote? So the majority was to, Approve the The motion to approve for the district 1 & 3 to motion at the area event to make delegate share back its own event. So anyone voted in the majority? No. Good. Alright, so the motion passes for the district 1 & 3 to motion to make area share back its own event. So we're moving on to. Teri questions: If it passes at area level, will it just be open to any district to host or do we have to host since we made motion? So we're not hosting it'll be Area to decide when they create their calendar, they pick different districts just like this year we're hosting Servathon. Alright, so reports.</p>
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IX. Reports

<p>a. Technology, present</p>	<p>No report emailed. Discussion included subject of microphone for zoom. For those on zoom they are having hard time hearing person that is in the room speaking. Ideas of having an actual microphone for those to use when they speak. Discussion concluded with the goal of making communication better for those on zoom. Technology just purchased brand-new video with mic that should be working better.</p>
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b. Website, present	<p>Report emailed.</p> <p>Website Committee Report June 8, 2023 The Events page on the District 1 & 3 website has been updated with events through the FORO in July. More will be added as they become available. The flyer for our upcoming bonfire was posted today. Also, the proposed guidelines for District 1 & 3 received from the Guidelines Revision Committee are posted to the site on the District Documents page. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.</p> <p>Jim B. District 1 & 3 Website Committee Chair</p>
c. New GSR Service Chair, present	<p>No report emailed. No new GSRs tonight. She has new service manuals. Contact her if you need one contact her.</p>
d. Public Information, present	<p>No report emailed.</p>
e. Grapevine	<p>OPEN. Contact Ramon if you are interested.</p>
f. Literature, not present	<p>Not present. Aubrey covering for Janna. Report emailed by Janna.</p> <p>June 8, 2023 District 1 & 3 Monthly General Service Meeting Attended & participated in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 21, 2023: Area Assembly, Delegate Shareback in person in Hemet <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audit Committee members were confirmed 2. I gave the report, as our committee chair stepped down prior to the event. • May 30, 2023: Area 09 Audit committee for fiscal year 2021 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Previous chair stepped down, I was nominated and accepted the role of Area 09 Audit Committee Chair 2. Hosted & Chaired Zoom meeting with the Audit committee. 3. Verified & distributed financial documents for the audit year 2021. 4. Verified & distributed tax documents for the audit year 2021. • Participated in the Area 09 Literature Committee • June 6, 2023: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Went to LA Central Office to get literature needed for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District 1 & 3 Literature display 2. District 1 & 3 New GSR Welcome Packets, for Jane • June 7, 2023 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met with Jane (New GSR Liaison) to give her the literature for packets, and the display for this month's meeting because I would be unable to attend in person. <p>Plan to attend & participate in this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 6/11/2023 – Area Service Committee, and the Literature committee breakout session.
g. Cooperation with Professional Community	<p>OPEN. Contact Ramon if you are interested.</p>
h. Hospital and Institutions	<p>OPEN. Contact Ramon if you are interested.</p>
i. Central office liaison	<p>OPEN. Contact Ramon if you are interested.</p>

<p>j. Treatment</p>	<p>Present and report emailed.</p> <p>I helped bridge the gap 4 a man in San Pedro w/a frnd of mine w/in a days notice by GOD'S grace. So tht is 1 great step in the rite direction after talkin w/Sabrina, our connections gal @ bridging the gap.</p> <p>I have gone 2 San Pedro Alano Club & spoken w/the bar keep bout bridging the gap & left a stack of volunteer pamphlets there 2 get volunteers from district 3.</p> <p>I'm also attending the mtg on the Iowa Battleship 2 get more volunteers 4 more of district 3 areas as well.</p> <p>I found a person 2 b my co-chair named Cody G. I have sent him the outline of the presentation so we can do a presentation @ a facility soon. Thank u 4 letting me b of srvc.</p>
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X. Old Business

a. District guidelines committee updates: Jim present and report emailed.

There was a motion to accept the District 1 & 3 guidelines with revisions further down the road. Charles 1st and Stephan 2nd. All in favor? Yes. Any opposed? No. Motion approved.

Guidelines Revision Committee Report June 8, 2023 - The District 1 & 3 Guidelines Revision Committee approved proposed District 1 & 3 Guidelines for submission to the Executive Committee, with a request that they be made available to the District membership for review. The proposed guidelines are now posted on the District website, [h/p://mscadistrict1.org](http://mscadistrict1.org). Thank you for letting me be of service.

Jim B.
District 1 & 3 Website Committee Chair

b. Bonfire: June 10th. Charles volunteers to get there early to save a spot. Jim volunteers to upload spot location to website.

c. motion to continue hybrid audio in the room- tabled for next month

XI. announcements- no announcements but GSR asked about new business. He (hard to hear name) I think Kurt, continued about last month's meeting where Delegate shared some pretty serious topics such as trustees being forced to resign. These are topics at the trustee level but it's kind of getting swept under the carpet. These are some really serious things that are going on. They're in charge of millions and millions of dollars. There's only 22 trustees on the board and only a trustee can vote in a trustee. He spoke how they're having serious, serious problems at the headquarters level. And there's other issues. There's litigation going on. There's actual lawyers and things that have been hired to interact with. These things are very new today. These things are not the typical AA way of doing things. What if they're not actually on the path of the AA spirit? They're not acting in the Spirit, the traditions or the concepts. When you're an alcoholic, it's your life. You go off the path and there's consequences, but these other people, they're not alcoholic. So there's something seriously going on and I just want to see how do we bring this up? To the district level, how does it get to the conference level? Like, how do we voice these concerns? Charles: offered to attend Area meeting and speak to officers there. He also stated that the situation was done in an orderly way. Other members chimed in with solutions. Ramon: We will continue discussion after meeting. Motion to end meeting 1st Nef 2nd Jim.

Adjourn meeting at 9:10 PM

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.