

**GENERAL SERVICE  
MSCA COMBINED DISTRICTS 1&3  
AA IN THE SOUTH BAY**

P.O. Box 10113,  
Torrance, CA 90505

Via Hybrid:

Kiwanis Club - 2515 Valley Dr, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

**Setup** 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM

**Fellowship** 7:00 PM - 7:25 PM

**New Gsr Orientation 7:00 PM - 7:25pm**

**7:30-9:00pm Combined Districts 1&3 Committee Meeting**

**Mid-Southern California Area 09 Districts 1&3**

October 13, 2022 / [mscadistrict1.org](http://mscadistrict1.org) / [district1msca09@gmail.com](mailto:district1msca09@gmail.com)

**MINUTES**

- I Call to Order 7:30pm | Serenity Prayer Ramon | Zoom meeting conduct Jim
- II. Declaration of Unity Christine / General Service Representatives Preamble Nathan
- III. Tradition and Concept 10 of the Month: Ramon  
Michelle will do Tradition 11&12 and Concept 11&12 for November DCM and December DCM  
December is Holiday Party therefore no meeting.
- IV. Roll Call: 23 In Person and 13 on Zoom
- V. "Service Sponsorship Announcement." - Ramon
- VI. October Anniversaries: Dominic 4 years 10/28, Miguel 8 years 10/8  
Visitor: Nathan
- VII. Secretary - Approval of September Minutes. Jim requested to amend Article VIII Item f. 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph (re: finance chair) to strike out "not" in the sentence "Jim said whoever we elect now cannot stay for next year for January".

Motioned: Aubrey 2nd: Erin All in favor? Unanimously Approved with said amendment Opposed?

None

VIII. Executive Committee Reports

a. Secretary	<p>Teri A., Secretary Districts 1&amp;3 Pacific Regional Forum 2022 Report</p> <p>It was an honor and privilege to participant alongside Ramon, Erin, Jim, Aubrey, Charley and Alex. There were a few from Area 9 that also attended whom I got to meet and connect with as well. This was my first Forum and I have to say I am still processing the whole experience.</p> <p>Hosted by General Service Board- GSO, 4 forums are held each year 8 regions 3-day weekend – ASL, Spanish, French interpreters There were a total 541 participants in Salt Lake City Utah from all over the Pacific Region -Theme "Elevated Recovery"</p>
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	<p>As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and new to General Service I learned about the organization that supports us. This was an opportunity for AA members to connect with GSO, Grapevine Staff, AA world services corporate board, AA grapevine corporate board and General Service Board, Class A trustees, Class B trustees, Trustee at large from Canada, Area Delegates, and Board members.</p> <p>I heard more discussion pertaining to the upside-down triangle which expanded my understanding. Also heard What New York does, the best was putting a face to the name and title of person at headquarters.</p> <p>I am thankful for Honest sharing and questions at the mic from AA members. Purpose of Forum is to bring us up to date with what GSO is doing. I especially enjoyed the Class A trustees shares about how they came to become a trustee. A lot of them have heartwarming stories of their experience with alcoholics. I found out you can tour GSO if you ever visit New York. You would need to call for appointment. They just recently started to allow tours since covid. I learned Paid staff get to vote at Conference.</p> <p>Finance presentation was interesting. Kevin Class B Trustee is our Treasurer.</p> <p>I was a listener, observer – honestly it was a little overwhelming for me as a first timer. So much to take in but all good.</p> <p>Workshops – I attended Alex’s workshop. I would totally go to any workshop that presented that much energy, interaction, participation, learning. She did a fantastic job on presenting the concepts.</p> <p>Very informational</p> <p>Jeryl, former Delegate spoke on pamphlets for black African Americans and LGBTQ persons. He stated They already know what’s it’s like to be black and gay. The way he articulated was thought provoking. I have a better understanding on pamphlets. I used to refer those to them to read now I will read first then refer others to read.</p> <p>I have not ever heard of Box 459 until a speaker mentioned it at conference. It is an AA newsletter. It’s called Box 459 because the mailing address for GSO is PO Box 459. It’s news and notes from the General Service Office of AA. We can subscribe to get it mailed or digitally sent by going to aa.org.</p> <p>I attended September 8<sup>th</sup> District Meeting. I sent Jim our Webmaster the PDF of our approved August minutes for our website. I created the unapproved minutes from our September meeting and emailed a link on September 30<sup>th</sup> to all GSRs subscribed to our mailing list. We currently have 288 contacts. I also attended Area 9 Assembly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month on 10/11/22 via Zoom.</p> <p>I am grateful to receive all reports from Executive Committee, District Committee Chairs and Presenters via email or hard copy in person. My email is <a href="mailto:district1area09.secretary@gmail.com">district1area09.secretary@gmail.com</a> . Please submit your reports by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for me to add them in the meeting minutes for the corresponding district meeting. <b>Only written reports will be included in the meeting minutes.</b> Lastly, I have a request that all present in person and on zoom speak slowly and clearly into the microphone. I am not able to catch all names and shares clearly through audio recording for meeting minutes.</p> <p>Thankful to be of service for the good of AA.</p>
b. ALT-DCMC	No report emailed
c. Registrar	<p>I attended the Executive committee meeting and Area09 meeting</p> <p>Continue work on updating Fellowship connection</p> <p>Have A Great Night On Purpose</p> <p>Charles</p>
d. Treasurer D1	<p>Checking</p> <p>Opening- \$5,735.18</p>

	<p>Deposits- \$566.18 Expenses- \$1,903.50</p> <p>Closing- \$4,398.01</p> <p>Savings Opening- 1,699.32 Deposits- .01 Closing- 1,699.33</p> <p>Purple Bag Opening- 206.16 Contributions during meeting- 11 Closing- 217.16</p>
<p>e. Treasurer D3</p>	<p>There were 2 checks in our PO Box. One check for \$75 and the other for \$35. I will give them to either Dominic or Ramon when I see them.</p>
<p>f. DCMC</p>	<p>Hello all, What a month! Let's start with the pacific regional forum. I did not wear a tie except for when I was the scribe for the concepts 3 4 and 5 workshop. The topic of diversity was discussed. LGBTQIA + all the way to the Hispanic woman.</p> <p>I attended the tradition 12 workshop. Tradition 12 states Short Form: "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities." Long Form: "And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."</p> <p>Why is it good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA disappeared? Do I sacrifice personal ambitions for the common good?</p> <p>Concept 3 Short Form: "To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision.""</p> <p>Concept 4 Short Form: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.</p> <p>Concept 5 Short Form:</p>

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## IX. Committee Reports

a. Technology	Review approved Technology Guidelines <a href="#">HERE</a>
b. Website	No report emailed
c. New GSR Service Chair	Open Position
d. Public Information	Not Present
e. Grapevine	No report emailed
f. Literature	<p>October 13, 2022 District 1 &amp; 3 Monthly General Service Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended &amp; participated in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labor Day Weekend 9/02-05/2022: South Bay Round Up</li> <li>b. Sunday: 9/11/2022– monthly Area Service Assembly (hosted in Murrieta) I attended by Zoom.</li> <li>c. Tuesday 9/20/2022: Monthly H&amp;I Meeting</li> <li>d. Tuesday 9/27/2022: Monthly Board Meeting</li> <li>e. Tuesday 9/27/2022: Monthly Intergroup CSR Meeting</li> <li>f. Fri/Sat 09/30 to 10/02: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bridging the Gap Weekend Workshop, held in San Diego</li> <li>g. Sunday: 10/09/2022– monthly Area Service Assembly (in Hesperia) Attended by Zoom</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will attend &amp; participate in this month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Looking forward to introducing Charles to the new ASBCO office manager, Jerry Redmond, so they can straighten out meetings on the website</li> <li>b. November 4-6, 2022: 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California AA Convention. More info at: <a href="https://www.aasocal.com/about.php">https://www.aasocal.com/about.php</a> (learned about this at the monthly H&amp;I intergroup that I have been attending)</li> <li>c. Sunday: 11/13/2022– monthly Area Service Assembly</li> <li>d. Tuesday 11/15/2022: Monthly H&amp;I Meeting – tentative, depends on a vote they take this week.</li> <li>e. Sunday 10/23/2022: Monthly H&amp;I Intergroup Meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AA General Service Office in New York is calling for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Stories, deadline 10/31/2022. Information on the NY GSO website: <a href="https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th-form">https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th-form</a></li> <li>b. Stories from Black &amp; African American Members for Pamphlet titled “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic” deadline 10/31/2022. More information: <a href="https://www.aa.org/submit-aa-black-and-african-american-alcoholic-english-pamphlet">https://www.aa.org/submit-aa-black-and-african-american-alcoholic-english-pamphlet</a></li> <li>c. Spanish stories for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Spanish Big Book, deadline 12/15/2022. More information: <a href="https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-spanish-4th-form">https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-spanish-4th-form</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

g. Cooperation with Professional Community	No report emailed
h. Accessibilities	Open Position
i. Central office liaison	Open Position

X. Old business

a. Tech guidelines - Referred to printed copies on table for in person members. Asked to put motion on the floor to accept these guidelines. Janna Motioned and Michael seconded motion. Majority: Accepted and Opposed 1. Apryl on zoom proposed guidelines be sent to body for review and voted on at next meeting. Charles commented that guidelines have already been sent out to body 4 months ago. Jim commented that if guidelines are approved they can always be amended by way of informing executive board at next meeting. If some revisions are necessary after review these can brought to the floor. Guidelines are up for review anyway in February. Ramon asked if after hearing comments and opinions if any majority votes wanted to change their vote and there were no changes. Guidelines accepted by majority vote. Eric stated he will post guidelines on website.

b. Chili Cook-off – Janna let everyone know it is Sunday, October 30 at Wilson Park in Torrance from 10am – 2pm. All South Bay Central Office is hosting the Family Picnic. If you have kids or family, everyone is welcome. There will be face painting, bouncing house for the kids. There will be music and chili cook off for adults. There is something for everyone. Tickets are \$7. They are available at Central Office or Alano Club. If you are interested in participating, see previous District Committee Meeting minutes for phone number and link to sign up to volunteer or sign up to present your meeting group there at a booth. There is no fee to have a booth.

Erin reminded us that at last district meeting that she was on zoom and made an announcement that the District will have a table at the event to support Central Office. We will have a Great Gatsby theme to advertise the servathon in November. Erin needs 2 volunteers at the booth for every 1 hour shift. We need volunteers for set up and tear down. We also need table. Come with your costume and receipts.

XI. New Business -

- a. Committee budgets – Ramon stated that Dominic handed out committee budgets. Dominic mentioned that this budget is basically the same as previous budget with the addition of technology budget. We proposed a budget of \$500 per year. Chris, chair of Grapevine moved to increase grapevine budget from \$50 to \$250. There was a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janna. In favor? Unanimous Opposed? None. Questions and Comments by Ronnie and Charles. Ronnie suggested that Chris explain why requesting increased amount. Chris said when you purchase this stuff off the internet you must pay the the sales tax and he doesn't want to have to pick and choose. He wants to bring the best type of grapevine stuff to the meeting. Charles suggesting that anyone wanting to increase their budget submit and have ready a report itemizing expenditures to support increase. Ramon asked if there were anymore opinions. There were none. Ramon stated motion to increase Grapevine budget from \$50 to \$250. All in favor? Unanimously Any Opposed? None. Charles explained that when he reports back to his home group about the budget increase that he would like to have some sort of list of expenditures as to what the money is going toward. Ramon requested from Chris for him to put together a quick report including a written outline. Chris said he will do that. Dominic making motion to approve the 2023-2024 committee budget with the amendment of grapevine budget increase from \$50 to \$250. Motion by Charles and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Janna. All in Favor? Unanimously Any Opposed? None.
- b. Treasury guidelines – Table for next meeting.

XII. Announcements – Ramon mentioned that we have yearly holiday party coming in December with a budget of \$500. Apryll mentioned Heritage Day. Flyer is posted on District and Area websites. November meeting will be at the Rotary Club next door. Kiwanis Club will not be available. Ramon will send that information out to body via email before next meeting.

Motion to adjourn Janna and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Michael

Meeting adjourned 8:58pm

Minutes submitted for the good of AA by Teri A.

**Adjourn meeting at 9:00 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.**