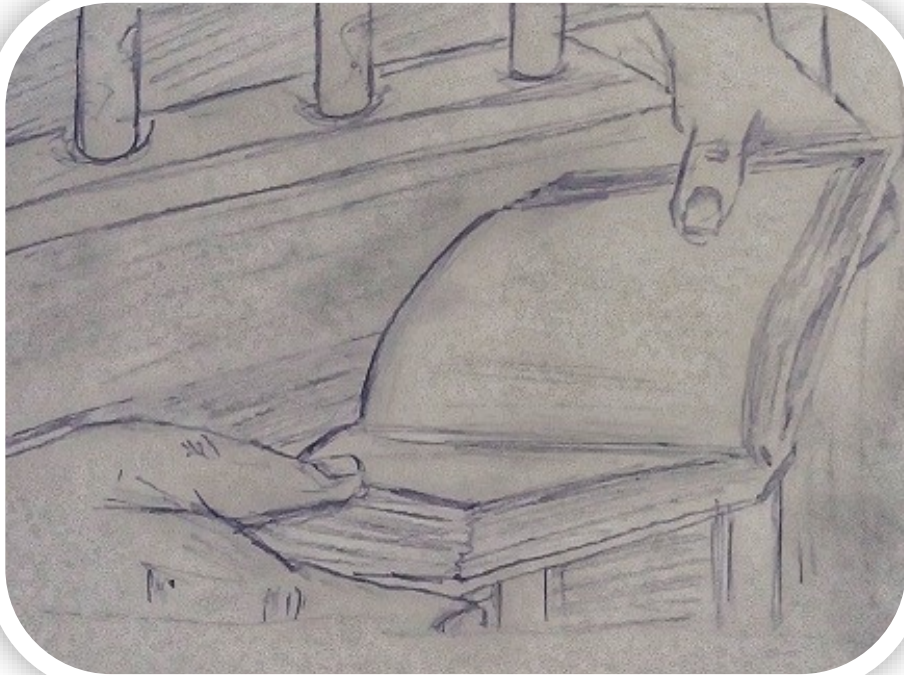


AREA 05 SCAAN WINTER 2018

Statement of Purpose: To inform SCAA members and the AA fellowship at large, of selected items from GSO, the Area and items of general interest from the Districts.



AREA 05 Wherever We're Needed

Area 05 Corrections Committee commenced eight years ago with the idea of reaching still suffering alcoholics behind the walls. Although the idea seemed clear, it was not so clear how the committee would precede the plan of action. Nevertheless, drawing on shared experiences of fellow members, volunteers, and committees ultimately would be the game changing force in reaching the plan. The simple plan of dedicated service allows the Area 05 Corrections Committee to realize the goal, "Wherever we're needed." Area 05 Corrections primarily engages in three services that effectively reach the still suffering alcoholic behind the walls.

One service, corrections correspondence, "links A.A. members in correctional facilities with members on the outside." Following in line with "Wherever we're needed," Area 05 assists primarily to communicate the existence of the corrections correspondence service. In addition, Area 05 delivers/receives corrections correspondence request forms. This service is provided to the thousands of inmates in state penitentiaries all over the United

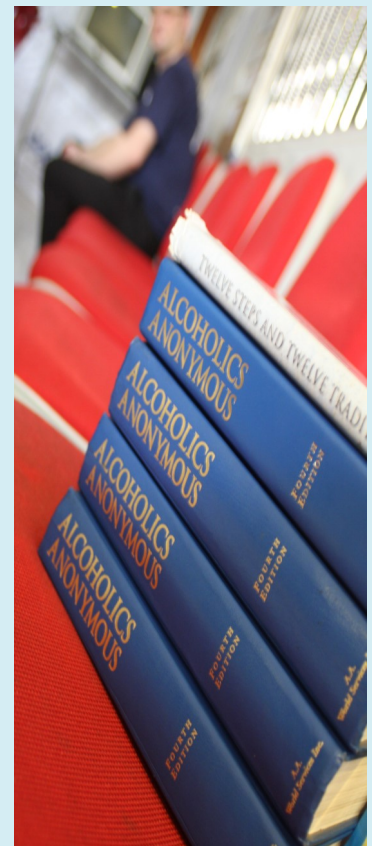


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States. Furthermore, Diana L. from the General Service office, exclusively spear heads the ins and outs of the corrections correspondence program through countless amounts of hours and dedication.

Metro 1-on-1 is another service designed for “arrestees that have expressed a desire to speak with an A.A. member.” The A.A. member sits in front of a video monitor and shares their experience strength and hope with an arrestee. A.A. members can easily volunteer to be part of the panel at the Metropolitan Detention Center through Area 05 Corrections. “Wherever we’re needed,” this is twelve-step work at its best on the front lines.

Lastly, the prerelease contact service essentially spear headed by Area 05 corrections committee, bridges former inmates with A.A. members. However, in combination with correction correspondence and Metro 1-on-1 although different, ultimately connects Area 05 Correction to “Wherever we’re needed.” Requests forms from inmates flow in and out of L.A. County jails connecting A.A. members to a former inmate that will introduce he/she to the A.A. community. This process includes, but is not limited to, getting phone numbers for initial contact, perhaps finding a sponsor or even a home group. This type of twelve-step work is purposeful and gratifying, it should not be missed.

Area 05 Corrections has truly been a challenging experience, yet educational and rewarding at the same time. The Corrections Committee rightly represents the primary message, “Wherever we’re needed.” Nevertheless, no service work in Area 05 Corrections can be credited without the tireless daily efforts of many A.A. members. From the committee members, the volunteers, and member’s in Hospital and Institutions, achievement in future sight would be unattainable. Additionally, to all our friends in the professional community, especially those within the correctional facilities, we are grateful for your service. To Susanne W. for featuring corrections and to my new found friends, “Wherever we’re needed,” thank you!

Miguel M.,

Panel 67, Area 05 Corrections Chair

There But for the Grace of God Go I

The theme of this newsletter is “Wherever We’re Needed”, which prompted me into thinking about some service commitments that weren’t exactly easy for me in my early sobriety.

I likely had about two years of recovery at the time. I had fallen “prey” to the service bug and found myself leading the Institutions meeting for Queens County, NY. I say that I fell prey because all I did was agree to go with someone to a committee meeting, then they asked for help, I raised my hand, and the rest was history. My role as Institutions Alt. Chair now meant when there was an unfilled commitment, we had to fill it. I was 26 years old and while I had been sober two years, I was one of the fortunate ones who had never seen the inside of a jail. That was about to change. It seemed that they needed speakers at a local men’s work release program. I was terrified. What



could I possibly say that they would want to hear? If this is a program of identification, I believed I/they

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Delegate's Report

DELEGATE'S REPORT: WHEREVER WE'RE NEEDED, I AM RESPONSIBLE

"Our Twelfth Step--carrying the message--is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives: this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence.

Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles: it is a society for alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die." (The AA Service Manual, p. 57)

Bill W described "service" in A.A. as anything we do that helps us reach and help the suffering alcoholic. Our co-founders and early members knew that it was imperative to seek the means by which we might carry the message of A.A. to as many as possible . . . as quickly as possible . . . so that others might be spared the destruction of alcoholism. They saw that we would have to organize A.A. services in order to make such Twelfth Step Work possible, always extending A.A.'s promise outward to reach the suffering alcoholic, to more and more people. The need to share our experience, strength, and hope thus gave birth to our General Service structure and A.A.'s Legacy of Service.

"I am responsible". The SCAAN theme "Wherever We're Needed" speaks to A.A.'s Responsibility Statement. As trusted servants, each of us are charged with an obligation, an obligation that stems from our Twelfth Step -- that the spiritual message of AA can be brought for all time to those who need it and are capable of receiving it.

I am responsible: In AA our job is to deliver the message to the suffering alcoholic. To support this effort the fellowship has developed the General Service structure. To be effective, the General Service structure has to be staffed and maintained by action people. Working together, we are responsible for preserving the strength and effectiveness of AA as a whole.

But none of this work can take place without consistent effort and commitment on our part. Our collective responsibility to carry the message of A.A. *always* begins with our individual responsibility, a commitment that starts with each of us. And it is our individual responsibility and commitment, sharing a little of my own experience, upon which I now wish to focus.

I was taught early on that all service in A.A. requires commitment -- that the simple discipline of responsibility -- showing up whenever required of me to do so -- is absolutely essential. Because without involvement, there is no participation and without participation, there is no service. We can pretend to care, but we cannot pretend to be present. For GSRs, this means attendance at all District meetings and Area Assemblies and the annual Pre-Conference. That is our basic service responsibility to our groups and to A.A. as a whole.

Being at an appointed place on time and doing the work that was asked of me was a solid beginning. It was a sure cure for my self-pity, self-centeredness, self-sufficiency, and selfishness. Whether it was pouring coffee in my home group, going on a Twelfth-Step H&I panel call, becoming a Grapevine Rep, a GSR and giving my best effort to all the duties and increasing responsibilities with which I have since been entrusted, I entered a new pattern of thinking. I thought not only about myself, but also about others. A picture of unity and our common

welfare began to form. The smile sometimes on my face began to travel to my heart. No matter how desolate my condition, I learned to feel grateful for the day.

The commitment that enables A.A. to be “wherever we’re needed” means acting not just when it is convenient or comfortable - or when I feel like it. Commitment is more than mere words, much more than just saying you will. Commitment is “suited up and showing up” -- doing whatever it is that is within your power to do in whatever capacity you serve that helps strengthen our movement and better deliver the message to the suffering alcoholic. Commitment requires no special skill -- only sufficient desire, diligence and faith in the virtue of our A.A. endeavor.

Our collective responsibility to make twelfth step work possible, to make the hand of A.A. available to anyone, anywhere who reaches out for help, also requires of each of us that we become informed trusted servants. This again requires personal effort and initiative on my part. I was told I would have to do my part by taking an active role in my own education. I was encouraged to read and study the AA General Service Manual, to read and study our service materials, Box 4-5-9, and the service guides from A.A.'s General Service Office. To listen to our delegate's reports, to bring a pad and a pen and take notes at all meetings. To read and digest the annual conference report, ask questions and take the initiative in trying to understand differing points of views on issues which affect all of us in Alcoholics Anonymous. To become the kind of trusted servant who can personally put principles, plans and policies into dedicated and effective action for the benefit and welfare of AA as a whole.

Our Twelfth Step Responsibility requires growth. How may each of us continue to grow in wisdom and effectiveness? Well, with persistent diligence. The program of action that my sponsor passed on to me still works. It works for changing my life, for improving my relationships, and for serving others. It works for changing my attitude, my health, and expanding service possibilities. The program we work doesn't wear out.

Our Twelfth Step Responsibility is founded on humility. Humility encourages us to put our divisive egos aside, to keep our attention focused on the solution and our effort focused on service. This quality of service requires that we perform well and to the best of our ability the tasks with which we have been entrusted, and recognizes that no service in Alcoholics Anonymous is more prestigious or more necessary than another. There are, for example, many different ways of making coffee. But if everyone thinks someone else is making the coffee, the coffee won't get made. We are responsible.

As always, I am reminded daily that all of us in A.A. service are part of something much larger than ourselves. As trusted servants and leaders, our attitude and willingness to participate and the time we give in actual participation working in concert with each other to perpetuate our existence and to find new and better ways to carry the message of AA, making it available to all who wish to hear it, wherever we’re needed, makes a difference. It really does.

Wherever We’re Needed - I am Responsible. That's the lesson of our past, that's the promise of our tomorrow. The trusted servants who came before us knew that for so long as we're joined in common purpose, as long as we maintain our common resolve to support and provide the services required to carry our message of hope and recovery “wherever we’re needed” to the millions of alcoholics we have yet to reach, our journey will move forward, our future will remain hopeful, and our A.A. movement and the state of our Fellowship will always be strong.

Recognizing that we are partners in a common effort, let us, each of us, resolve to give our best efforts, individually and collectively, to our general service commitments. For there is no limit to what our giving away can reap for us, for the quality of our sobriety, and for our A.A. Fellowship.

In love and service,

Thomas B.

Delegate – Panel 67

Southern California Area 05 - Alcoholics Anonymous

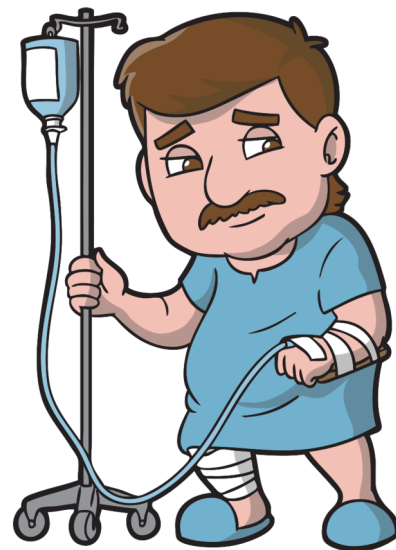
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By the Grace of God continued.....

would not identify with each other. I was young in sobriety and still thought that it was circumstances that connected us. I could barely breathe when I got there. While it was a minimum security facility, they locked the door behind us. I can still see the room today. I remember where I sat and how trembling, I took a big breath and said, “my name is Susanne and I am an alcoholic.” I then proceeded to tell them what it was like and what its like now. I told them about how I had always longed to be someone else as I kid. I told them how I never felt like I fit in, and I told them with alcohol I finally felt at ease. After a few minutes I saw some of the men nodding their heads. I breathed a sigh of relief. When it was time for them to share, they reminded me that it was the feelings they identified with and that those feelings kept them looking for another drunk. It was my turn to nod my head. It was my turn to feel like I belonged, even though I would be sleeping in my own bed that night, and they would be staying there.

As a result of my Institutions commitment, there were many meetings that needed coverage. One such meeting fell on Christmas Eve. It was really hard, I was a single mom living with my mom and my daughter was really little. But I knew my sobriety depended on it as much as those looking for a meeting at the local hospital needed it too. I couldn't get anyone to go with me on that bitter cold night in NY. I found parking, brought my extra Big Books and A.A. Pamphlets, found the 12 & 12 shades left behind by the last AA contact and set up the meeting. It remained empty at first, and then slowly by surely, the people filed in, all in varying stages of disarray. This hospital also had a rehab program and many of the guest were in bad shape. Once again, deep breath, my name is Susanne and I am an alcoholic.....and just like alcohol used to be my elixir, now reciting I am Susanne and I am an alcoholic seemed to give me a similar feeling of relief.

I began to tell my story, when suddenly one more person started staggering into our meeting room. He dragged with him his I.V. pole and seemed still intoxicated. He set himself up at the end of the table across from me. When I saw his face I gasped and wanted to run, but knew I couldn't. I did my best to conceal my discomfort and continued with my qualification. This same late comer was disruptive, interrupting and asking others in the room first for a cigarette and then for a light. Breath in, breath out. I finally got to the end of my share and then waited. I hoped anyone but him would raise their hand to share and they did. But I couldn't avoid him any longer. I called on him and he said my name is Charlie and I am an alcoholic. I nearly fainted. “Charlie” was actually Chuck, my daughters' father who I hadn't seen in a very long time. At this time in my life, I had no idea where he was and now he was at the very same meeting I left our daughter with my mom at home on Christmas Eve to facilitate. This man, whom I had loved very deeply, had also been responsible for rearranging my face on one of his many drunken escapades years earlier. When the meeting was over, we treated each other cordially and I explained I had to leave fairly quickly. As I walked back to my car, I cried. Cried with gratitude that our daughter had one sober parent who was coming home to her tonight. Gratitude that there but for the Grace of God go I and if I continued to bring the message “Wherever We're Needed”, chances were our daughter would continue to have a sober parent in her life. Thank God I followed the direction of my sponsor and other AAs who told me that these commitments could be the difference between life and death. I guess they were right.



This July, God willing I will have 31 years and tragically this May will be 19 years since Chuck died from this disease. I pray I always remember to carry this message to alcoholics, Wherever We're Needed.

Susanne W.
Area 05 SCAAN Committee Chair

DISTRICTS 3, 13, AND HOLLYWOOD COMBINED PRESENT

SAFETY IN AA

FREE WORKSHOP

~ADDRESSING ISSUES & OFFERING SOLUTIONS~



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Why Attend:

Safety in AA is paramount for all members if we want to ensure the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous are open for generations to come.

"Safety is important to the functioning of the group. By maintaining order and safety in meetings, the group as a whole will benefit and members will be able to focus on recovery from alcoholism and a life of sobriety."

If you're someone whose sponsoring newcomers, or perhaps you're a group secretary, be sure to attend and help spread the word!

GSRs during your GSR report—be sure to let your group know about events like this happening in Area 05. How many miles did you travel for a drink? That's how far + 100 miles further to learn how to ensure AA is safe for all!



March 2-4, 2018
Nugget Casino Resort
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1-800-648-1177

Please mention **G-PRAASA** for the group room rate
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Event	Fee	Total
Registration	\$25	\$
Scholarship donation		\$
Saturday Lunch Buffet		
Including Salad, Rotisserie Chicken and Salmon		
Al-Anon/Anyone	\$29	\$
Delegates/Invited	\$29	\$
Past Delegates	\$29	\$
Saturday Night Banquet (choose one)		
Prime Rib	\$45	\$
Marinated Chicken	\$45	\$
Vegetarian	\$45	\$
TOTAL		\$

ASL Deadline
February 1, 2018

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I require ASL ☐

I require other ☐

Is this your first PRAASA? ☐

Yes, I would like to be of service ☐

AA Area/Service Position
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Delegate Past Delegate Area Committee
Trustee Past Trustee AA Member

PRAASA starts Friday, March 2nd at 12:30pm and ends
Sunday, March 4th at 12:15pm.

Early bird meeting Thursday, March 1st, 7:00-8:30pm
(see program for AA meeting times).

Mail in registration Deadline
Feb, 11, 2018

Make Checks Payable to PRAASA 2018, mail to:
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Top 5 Reasons to Attend PRAASA:

- Find out how other GSRs communicate to their groups
- Hear inspirational messages from all walks of life on the influence of General Service
- Conference Agenda Items—Hear background information on the questions you'll be bringing to your groups.
- Step up to the mic and share your ideas and opinions on issues affecting AA as a whole

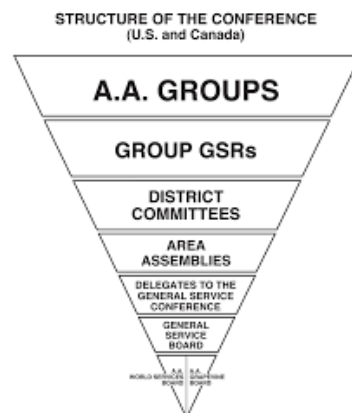
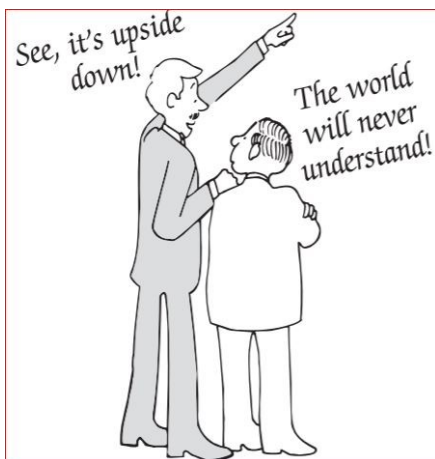
And the # 1 Reason to go to PRAASA is.....

- Join the PRAASA Czar and many others from Area 05 for a fun filled Friday night dinner!

January - Concept I

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because the “ultimate responsibility and final authority for . . . world services” resides with the groups — rather than with the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York. In Concept I, Bill traces how this came to be. The first step in 1938 was “the creation of a trusteeship,” first called the Alcoholic Foundation, renamed in 1954 the General Service Board. Why? To perform the services the groups could not do for themselves: e.g., uniform literature, uniform public information about A.A., helping new groups get started, sharing with them the experience of established groups, handling pleas for help, publishing a national magazine, and carrying the message in other languages and in other countries. A service office was formed to carry on these functions under the board’s direction. Both the board and the office looked to the co-founders, Bill and Dr. Bob, for policy leadership. In the midst of the “exuberant success” of early A.A., Dr. Bob became fatally ill and Bill asked, “When Dr. Bob and I are gone, who would then advise the trustees and the office?” The answer, Bill felt, was to be found in the collective conscience of the A.A. groups. But how could the autonomous, widely scattered groups exercise such a responsibility?



Over great resistance by trustees and members devoted to the status quo, Bill managed to “sell” the idea of calling an A.A. General Service Conference (see Concept II), and eleven years later Bill was able to declare, “The results of the Conference have exceeded our highest expectations.” This Concept is rooted in Tradition Two, which states: “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.” The principles of Tradition Two are crystal-clear, Bill asserts: “The A.A. groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.” The outside world cannot imagine an organization run this way, but Bill calls it “a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love of man and of God to insure that our democracy of world service will work”

Concept I Checklist:

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group’s decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the “collective conscience” of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?

AREA 05 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FALL 2017 ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Hosted by District 55

El Sereno Senior Center - 4818 Klamath Plc. Los Angeles, 90032

8:00 Breakfast Fellowship & Registration - "Early Bird" A.A. Meeting

9:00 Call-to-Order - Lauren A., Area Chairperson

AA Birthdays (July 23--October 22)

Roll Call – Brian P., Registrar * *Note-Third Legacy Election*

Roll Call – Fall Area Assembly Meeting (10/22/17)

Voting Assembly Members

Voting DCMs, GSRs, and Alternates	80
Voting DCMs and Alternates	3
Voting Committee Chairs and Alternates	15
Area Officers	7
Past Delegates	6
	111

Non-Voting Assembly Members

Non-Voting Alternate DCMs and Alternate GSRs	16
Non-Voting Alternate DCMs	3
Non-Voting Alternate Committee Chairs	6
	25

Assembly Members	136
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Others in Attendance (Visitors)	21
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Total Attendance	157
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Approval of Assembly Agenda - Chairperson - Lauren A.

Lauren would like to amend the agenda by adding announcement for the Foro and the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session

Motion to approve the agenda as amended/Seconded/Passed Unanimously

Approval of the July 23, 2017 Assembly Minutes - Zoraida R., Secretary

Move to Approve the Minutes /Seconded/Passed Unanimously

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

New GSR Orientation led by Alt. Delegate, Thomas S.

Third Legacy Election - Area Candidate for Pacific Region Trustee

Introduction of Jane G, Area 08 Delegate, Review of SCAA Guidelines and Policies for Third Legacy Election, and Read "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need" Thomas B., Delegate

Lauren A., Chairperson Reads "Regional Trustee" on pg. S67 & S68 in A.A. Service Manual

Thomas B., Delegate Reads "Qualifications of an Effective Trustee" pg. S65 & S66 in A.A. Service Manual
Election

Jane G, Area 08 Delegate reads the "Third Legacy Procedure" pg. S21& S22 in A.A. Service Manual

Distribution of Candidate Resumes and Introductions of Candidates

3 Candidates qualify

Mary T., Past Delegate Panel 51, read resume.

Mike P., Past Delegate Panel 59, read resume

Marcus F., Past Delegate Panel 61, read resume ☐

Balloting Election of Area 05's Candidate for Pacific Region Trustee

111 eligible voters

1st Ballot

Mary T. 43/Mike P. 22/Marcus F. 43

Total Voting Members =108

2/3's = 72

2nd Ballot

Mary T. 47/Mike P. 15 /Marcus F. 47/Total members who voted =109

2/3's = 72

Withdraw names under 1/5 which is 22 votes. Mike P. is withdrawn.

3rd Ballot

Mary T. 56/Marcus F. 49

Total members who voted =105

2/3's = 70

4th Ballot

Mary T. 57/Marcus F. 50

Total votes = 107

2/3's = 71

Motion to go to the 5th Ballot

By show of hands there is a simple majority of 71

5th Ballot

Mary T. 49/Marcus F. 57

Total votes = 106

2/3's = 71

Mary T. selected as Area 05 nominee for Pacific Region Trustee from the Hat.

Thomas B. Thanked Jane for conducting our election and thanked Mike P., Marcus F., and Mary T.

Delegate's Report – Thomas B., Delegate, distributed the Final Conference Report.

Reviewed the top 5 developments from the 67th General Service Conference as follows.

1. Making the hand of AA available through Social Media
2. Strengthening the health and well-being of our A.A. Groups through Safety Literature.
3. This deals with widening the doors of AA, inclusivity and spiritual parity.
4. Vision - Informing and engaging our Fellowship as we look forward to our Future.
5. Reaching Underserved Communities, including veterans.

This year's Conference approved a groundbreaking advisory action:

That starting with the 2017 General Service Conference, an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report be published in addition to the current Confidential print version. The 2017 Final Conference Report is now available in English and Spanish for download by every AA Member, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer and General Service Representative from our Area Website AASCAA.ORG / AR-EA05AA.ORG. Informing and engaging our Fellowship as we look forward to our Future is vital to A.A.'s growth and common welfare. He respectfully asked all of our trusted servants to please make sure that every A.A. Group member knows how to obtain the anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report from Area 5's website. Building on the tremendous progress made this year, he wants to use this opportunity to really focus on our future, on fulfilling A.A.'s primary purpose, on our growth and common welfare. In AA, our Fellowship is at a crossroads. We live in a time of extraordinary change that's reshaping the way we support our services, the way we

communicate, the way we work with each other, the ways we can carry AA's message of recovery and AA's place in the world. It's change that promises our movement an amazing opportunity for growth -- or the specter of an apathetic decline. And whether we like it or not, now it is our generation's turn to be responsible. This is our moment. AA has been through big changes before -- each time our Fellowship emerged stronger and better and richer and more vibrant. Because unlike a corporation, which operates with edicts from the top down, the ultimate authority and responsibility for the guidance of Alcoholics Anonymous resides in the AA Groups. Ever since our co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, turned over responsibility to the AA membership for running its own affairs, representatives of the Fellowship -- our elected Delegates -- from the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada -- meet in April for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine and certain other service workers to review the operations and finances of AA World Services and the Grapevine and to address the questions, concerns, and suggestions of the Fellowship at large. We come together for one purpose: to focus on how AA can improve our ability to reach and help the suffering alcoholic. We gather to improve AA's ability to carry our message of recovery and to insure our Fellowship's survival into the future. We meet to address the questions, concerns, and suggestions of the Fellowship on improvements to AA literature, policies and finances -- guided by the informed consciences of our groups. Change doesn't come from the Conference -- change comes to the Conference. The group conscience of the annual meeting is the voice of the AA Fellowship which guides and directs the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Every generation of alcoholics that has come before us has come to understand -- at least in part - that we are all responsible for the perpetuation and growth and health of our Fellowship. AA may have come of age, but we have yet to reach maturity. It is time to clearly communicate this collective responsibility -- and this exciting vision and opportunity -- to our Fellowship.

So, as we look forward to our future, what could more profoundly vindicate the vision of our founders than every A.A. Group and every A.A. member working together to support and provide the services required to carry our message of hope and recovery to the millions of alcoholics we have yet to reach -- to grow our movement -- and coming together to strengthen our common welfare and shape our Fellowship's course?

What greater expression of faith in this bold experiment of our AA service structure than the principle that A.A. is not yet finished, that we are a dynamic movement, a society of Alcoholics in action, that we are strong enough to be self-critical, that through our Conference process, each successive generation can look upon our imperfections and decide that it is in our power to improve and remake our Fellowship and the means and effectiveness by which we carry the message of hope and recovery to ever more closely align with our highest cherished spiritual principles and ideals?

By and through our Conference process over the years, we have thought anew, and acted anew. We made change work for us, always extending A.A.'s promise outward to reach the suffering alcoholic, to more and more people.

And because we did, A.A. has emerged stronger and better than before. What was true at the beginning of our A.A. Fellowship can be true now. For our founders, the success of A.A.'s experiment in self-government through the Conference process rested on engaging all our A.A. Groups and A.A. members in this work. Our unique strength as a movement - our 12th step focus on doing our best to carry the message of recovery to alcoholics, our values, our commitment, our inclusivity and diversity and reliance upon the collective informed conscience of our Fellowship as our guiding light -- these things give us everything we need to ensure our growth and well-being for generations to come. But such progress is not inevitable. While much progress has been made, we need to be clear: As a Fellowship, the magnitude of the challenges A.A. faces are not yet met by the measure of our collective actions. This bears repeating: As a Fellowship, the magnitude of the challenges A.A. faces are not yet met by the measure of our collective actions.

If we are looking to support our future, we must all work now to support our present. Such action requires that we shed our cynicism. For when it comes to carrying the A.A. message, growing our movement, and strengthening our common welfare, we can afford neither complacency nor despair. Our future is the result of what we do now, who we are as a Fellowship, as a movement, what we stand for, and the incredible things we can do together as partners in a common effort. We are capable of bearing a great burden, a wise man said, once we discover that the burden is reality and arrive where reality is. So, let's look squarely at our future. What we can and must do to meet and transcend the two big interrelated challenges we have to answer:

(1) The relative flat growth of our membership. A.A. membership enjoyed double or triple digit growth in every decade until achieving 2.2 million in 2001. Since then, AA membership surveys show only incremental "flat" growth each year and has dipped in the United States; and (2) The need for our Fellowship to recognize and meet the responsibility of self-support of AA's services. With the ever-present possibility that print sales may decline in the future, it is vital that the Fellowship fully embrace the Seventh Tradition by (a) active participation in and (b) financial support of AA's services.

How to address these problems? When he was new, he complained incessantly to his AA sponsor about his problems. And he had a host of them. Newly released from incarceration, jobless, homeless, without transportation or family support, living in a bedbug ridden motel, despised by everyone he had known, collecting cans for a living, and faced with the constant temptation of alcohol as his only solace. And he expected A.A. and his sponsor to fix all these things for him. His sponsor listened to him patiently. And when he had finished explaining his problems, his sponsor told him there was in fact a solution to his problems. That it was a spiritual solution. And that the solution had nothing to do with his problems. In exactly the same way, our legacies of recovery, unity and service give A.A. everything we need to meet our present challenges. Our co-founders and early members understood our legacies of recovery and unity as the ties that bind the human spirit. Our legacy of unity captures A.A.'s greatest gift: the recognition that we are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; that there is a oneness to humanity and to all who suffer from the disease of alcoholism; that we of Alcoholics Anonymous achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others, extending ourselves in compassion and caring for those around us. Love and effort and selfless giving of ourselves in service to this sacred task underlies all we do. Those who have come before us learned through hard experience what our founders once taught: that our recovery from alcoholism, individually and collectively, and the growth of our movement to provide the services required to bring the message of recovery to all who need and are willing to receive it is not "a given"; it must be won through effort and struggle and discipline, persistence and faith. That was the spirit that served his personal recovery, the spirit that has saved and transformed countless alcoholic lives, the spirit that has brought each of us here through this day. But we would dishonor that spirit to suggest that the work of Alcoholics Anonymous is somehow complete. We would dishonor that spirit to suggest, as many cynics have, that we today could not and cannot ever, through our best efforts, make real and lasting progress in meeting, overcoming and transcending the seemingly intractable problems of flat growth and self-support that A.A. has faced for the past two decades. Through our efforts this year, we began to defy the cynics. The tremendous progress we made at this year's Conference teaches us that we are not trapped by habits of fear and cynicism, that we are masters of our fate. But it also teaches us that the bright promise of Alcoholics Anonymous – of fulfilling our responsibility pledge – will only be kept when we work together, informed and engaged. We'll have to reignite in each of us the embers of commitment and responsibility, of true caring and compassion for the suffering alcoholic, the coalition of conscience that found expression in our A.A. Movement 80 years ago. And he believes that spirit has always been there, that true force inside each of us. He sees it when a sponsor goes out of his or her way to extend his hand and time and effort to share his experience and the message of depth and weight we all carry to a newcomer. He sees it when the General Service Representative takes the initiative to read and study our A.A. Service Manual, suits up and shows up for every Assembly and District Meeting, cares enough about informing his or her group on issues that really matter to prepare and practice a report, and to obtain an informed group conscience. He sees it when volunteers sign up for Corrections Correspondence service or an H&I panel and give of themselves to carry the message behind bars or institutions to those who desperately need and want it. And he sees it in our spirit of love and inclusion, when A.A. group members connect the pain and confusion of a struggling newcomer who may not look like them or speak like them and understand it as their own. *Love and tolerance is our code. That's our Common Welfare. That's where our courage comes from.* When we turn not from each other or on each other but towards one another -- and we find we share a common solution that binds us to each other and that we do not walk alone. We are partners in a common effort of love and service.

So, he is hopeful about our future. There's a reason why so many of our young people in A.A. are so enthusiastic and committed, for the young are unconstrained by habits of fear, unconstrained by the conventions of what is. They dare to dream different and to imagine something better, knowing that in this work we are all part of something larger than ourselves. And he is convinced that same imagination, the same hunger of purpose serves in our generation. That's the lesson of our past, that's the promise of our tomorrow: That in the face of today's challenges, people who love Alcoholics Anonymous, have had their lives saved by Alcoholics Anonymous, can work together as partners in a common effort to reach all who want and need sobriety, to shape and grow our movement and strengthen our common welfare.

That's our enduring hope. And this can be the moment, this can be a turning point, this can be the place where all of us in General Service – whether we are old or new -- remember what it means to hope. To be clear, we always knew that hope is not blind optimism. It is not ignoring the enormity of the tasks ahead or the roadblocks and naysayers that stand in our path, nor the magnitude of the twelfth step work and improvement of the services which support it that we are called upon to do. It's certainly not sitting on the sidelines or shirking a commitment. Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all fears to the contrary, that something better awaits all of us in Alcoholics Anonymous if we have the courage to reach for it and to work for it and to persist for it.

A.A. does not have a money problem. What we have is a participation apathy problem. And that is entirely within our power to change, because the change we need starts within ourselves.

None of this will happen overnight, and yes, there are plenty of naysayers. But he is confident our Fellowship will continue to grow and that we will in fact come to fully support our services. But that will happen only through good communication strengthening and uniting all of us as partners in our common effort, reaching and engaging every A.A. group and member. And the alcoholics we will reach, and the quality of Fellowship we will grow — that's the kind of future our children and their children deserve. Without the tireless effort of the trusted servants who came before us, none of us would be here now. Our job is easier today because those who came before us already got us through that first mile. When it feels that our road is too hard, when the torch we've been passed feels too heavy, we will remember our co-founders and early members, and draw strength from their example. They knew it was imperative to seek the means by which we might carry the message of AA to as many as possible as quickly as possible so that others might be spared the destruction of alcoholism. If we want to honor their courage and commitment, then all of us are called to possess their moral imagination. All of us will need to feel, as they did, the fierce urgency of action now. All of us will need to recognize, as our founders did, that we are indeed a "Society of Alcoholics in action", that our future of tomorrow depends on our actions today, on our commitment and on our efforts. And if we make such effort, no matter how hard it may seem, we will indeed grow our A.A. movement and strengthen our common welfare for the many generations of alcoholics to come. He encouraged the body to read through the Final Conference Report and engage our group members.

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Officer Reports

Accounts Treasurer - Terry C. - Presented 3rd Qtr. 2017 Accounts Report

Alternate Delegate - Thomas S. — He serves as CFO for our state corporation. Report finances first. Commended 2 treasurers for a professional job. The audit subcommittee is facilitated by Scott M. & Jim I., both past delegates. We all agree that the treasurers are doing an outstanding job. In the early part of our panel, our contributions were ahead of the last panel. Currently that's not the case. Please check with your groups and see that they are making contributions. He is also responsible for the New General Service Orientation. We have General Service Representative tool kits in English and Spanish.

Commended Thomas B. for the depth and weight of the report presented today. The report was outstanding and to the point. Of the top 5 developments, number 5 was reaching underserved communities, active military and veterans. Thomas B. serves on the Cooperation with the Professional Community committee. Thomas S. is a military combat veteran and serves on a cabinet level subcommittee for the Department of Veteran Affairs. He did a telephone interview with a freelance writer and gave his perspective on his understanding and in conjunction with all the writings our delegate has written.

He serves as our liaison with all our intergroups. Read from Box 459. Introduced the Executive Director of Central Office, Kate. She thanked the body for our service. Thanked Thomas B. and Thomas S.

She has learned a couple of new things from Thomas S. Johnathon Klein is their 2nd past trustee and he is the reason why we have Oficinas Central Hispana listed in our directory and service group information in their directory. They refer people to the Area 05 website. Central Office posts events on their website. Central Office is here to serve you. She hopes that the Public Information for both Area 05 and Central Office can work together.

Registrar - Brian P., Thanked the body for turning in their forms and keeping him up-to-date. He's excited to see Kate from Central Office at the assembly. There is great potential in working with Central Office. They receive so much information from groups and what is current. There should be a way to work together. He went to Central Office and almost had a meeting that got cancelled at the last minute. Instead he got a tour with Joe. One thing that he pointed out was that our area is in dire need for a Chinese meeting. He asked the area to reach out and let him know of anyone who speaks Chinese and would be interested in starting a meeting.

Since the last assembly he has visited District 7 and went to the Not a Glum Lot Picnic. Went to the new district formation meetings, the Westside Combined, the 2 Area Spanish event with areas 5 & 93, the 4 committee meeting hosted by the CIH, visited Dist. 34. Thanked everyone running the registration tables for keeping everything going. There is some confusion and he wants to clarify a few things. Some people do not want to submit their mailing address. Unfortunately, that is required for you to be registered with the GSO because what they want to do is contact you directly. AA cannot be organized and is directly responsible to those they serve. In order to be responsible to your groups, they need to contact you directly. They will send you quarterly reports, Box 459, and will let you know what they are doing; so that you can be informed and have an informed opinion. You can affect what they do through the Conference process. It is something that is required. If you are someone who passes along information to me from the members of your

district. Know that they have to supply an address and maybe if they have privacy concerns maybe they can receive mail at your groups' PO Box. That is something your district can decide. He made new rosters and group contact lists for each district. The last one was compiled and distributed in May. The highlighted names are missing information. He received a request from the CPC Chair to provide him with all the zip codes in our area. He is going to assist the Westside Combined with a map project.

Secretary - Zoraida R., This Panel, she had visited all but 4 districts in the area and is getting ready to do her second round of visits before the end of the Panel. The 4 remaining districts she would like to visit are 2, 18, 30 and 55. Since the last assembly, she visited Westside Combined Districts and got to see Sharron, Beverly, Penn, May Anne, and others – It was great to see how active the GSR's are interested in what is happening in General Service. Attended the 2 Area Spanish event with areas 5 & 93 – She sat in on a round table with the topic of Hispanic Women in AA – She was 1 of 2 women where she heard the men in the group share about their increased awareness of the needs of Hispanic women in the fellowship and their compassion for the newcomers. Attended the Spanish event featuring their 4 committees – It was the first time the committees held this event together. She visited Dist. 34 – Theofilo's district in Pomona. Jose, our translation chair also attends that meeting. There were lots of GSR's she'd never seen before interested in General Service. She visited Dist. 4 – She had an opportunity to share her journey into General Service and how and why she fell in love with it. The GSR's seemed very serious in filling the needs of their meetings, the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. She is inspired by how the DCM's in the area lead their districts and are so passionate about the work that they do here in General Service. It trickles down and brings other people in and interests them in this work. She also assisted with the Area 08 elections. Attended and assisted with the Area 9 elections. This year was her first year attending the Not a Glum Lot Picnic. Attended and learned about starting a new district at the new district formation meetings for Dist. 50. She had an opportunity to visit LA Central Office and met a few of the volunteers who gave a tour. She shared the highlights from the last assembly which can be found in the minutes. Her hope is that sharing these will inspire more participation from GSR's.

Delegate shared his highlights on the 67th General Service Conference

Literature Committee, Faith, Committee Chair –Mentioned that are going to be recommending literature with bullet points on topics which can be shared in our groups.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community, David W., Committee Chair –Want to develop information to address the administrators at assisted living facilities. They want to work with CSR's to identify senior friendly meetings. They are developing the idea of taking a senior to a meeting or taking a meeting to a senior.

CPC Chair, Nikki U., Committee Chair – Shared about the EAPA conference

Thanked the body for their work and service. You all make this area grow and make it a joy and a pleasure to serve.

Contributions Treasurer - Doug S. - Reviewed his job to go to the post office box 2-3 times a month. Most of the time there is sufficient information from the groups. On occasion he needs additional information. Presented the 3rd Quarter 2017 report. We are on target to hit our projected budgetary income. He made a deposit recently of about \$2,000.00. If anyone has any questions, you can email him. The last 8 pages of the report are the details for the report. He is available to come out to visit districts. He served as Finance Committee Chair and Accounts Treasurer; so, he understands how this works pretty well. Thanked the body for letting him be of service.

Chairperson – Lauren A., Thanked Dist. 55 for hosting us. She was able to go to the EAPA convention and sit with Nikki and Bill. There was a beautiful display which can be found in the SCAAN. She visited Dist. 30 with Bea, Shawn, and Lauren was elected Alternate DCM. Bea is doing a great job. They are a very active district. They have lots of young people there.

You can register for PRAASA and the hotel. PRAASA stands for Pacific Region AA Service Assembly. It's very exciting. We go every year. We learn a lot from each other. The Pacific Region is 15 areas. There are round tables. It is the first weekend in March. It's a great experience and she has met people from all over the world there. It's in Reno. The most fun thing to do there is the Area 05 Friday night dinner. Gordy is the PRAASA Tsar.

PRAASA Announcement – PRAASA Tsar - Gordy H., If you register early you can give your name to the delegate and he will submit your name to participate in PRAASA.☐

Lauren A. Chairperson announced the Spanish Foro date - Nov. 12th.

39th Foro Announcement – Amado, Foro Chairperson – The hosting district is 49. They have been working hard on organizing the event and have personally delivered invitations. We invited several English districts to the event. We also included the new district who has begun the work. The location and breakfast is ready. We would like to request that the area provide the interpreters. He reviewed the

agenda. We invite you all to come on November 12th.

4 Area Sharing Session Announcement – Bea - Liaison - 1st meeting is next Sunday, October 29th, in Rancho Cucamonga from 10am-12pm. The 4 Area Sharing Session is February 3rd, 2018 in Rosemead. She has a few copies of the topics list if you'd like to have one. She has the topics of the last ACM.

Lauren A., Chairperson – Brought copies of the new Safety Cards. We have a new insurance brokerage, CNC, they take care of our liability insurance in case anyone hurts themselves. Mentioned that a member who served the area for many, many years, Robert O. from Dist. 14 passed away. There was a moment of silence.

Unfinished/New Business

Presentation and Ratification of ACM-Approved 2018 Budget-Area Finance Chair-Shawn A.

Motion made to approve the 2018 Budget - by Finance chair Shawn A., **Second** from the finance committee

Discussion / Approved Unanimously by hand vote

Presentation & Ratification of ACM-Approved New Spanish Speaking District 50 Presentation by Past Delegates, Juan M. and Jim I. with Q&A.

Motion made to approve Establishment of New Spanish Speaking District 50/**Second/Discussion**

Motion to approve Establishment of New Spanish Speaking District 50/**Second/Discussion – None/Vote - Approved** Unanimously

68th General Service Conference Agenda Proposals - Approved by Area Committee -Presentation, Q&A - Motion, Discussion - Vote

Conference Agenda Proposal Presentation - Area Registrar, Brian P. - Adding the 12 Concepts to the AA Book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to form a new book of 36 principles

Proposal: That Southern California Area 05 ask the Conference to consider creating a new book by combining the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the book Twelve Concepts for World Service, to be published in English, Spanish and French.

The idea for the new book is that it be virtually identical to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, except that at the point where the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions ends, the new book would continue with the contents of the book Twelve Concepts for World Service. This way, the new book could be used alongside the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in step studies and other situations where the original "Twelve and Twelve" is used. This proposal does not suggest in any way that any current books be replaced or discontinued. **Open for Questions and Answers, Motion** made to Submit an agenda item to add the 12 Concepts to the AA Book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to form a new book of 36 principles/**Seconded/Discussion/Vote /Minority Opinion: None/Motion Approved**

Spanish-Speaking Woman's Pamphlet Proposal - Area Secretary, Zoraida R. - Creation of a new pamphlet for the Spanish Speaking Woman Alcoholic

Proposal: That Southern California Area 05 ask the Conference to consider creating a new pamphlet for the Spanish-speaking Woman Alcoholic.

Open for Questions and Answers

Motion made to submit an agenda item for the creation of a Spanish-speaking Woman's Pamphlet **Seconded/Discussion/Vote:** Unanimously Approved by hand vote

Presentation - Treatment Facilities Committee - Penn S. Committee Chair

Selection of the Preconference Workshop hosts

Dist. 14 will host the 1st day/Dist. 13 will host the 2nd day

Standing Committee Reports

Corrections Committee, Miguel, Chair – Reviewed the 3 programs which are the Corrections Correspondence, Metro 1 on 1, and the Prerelease Contact Program. He has had contact with Diane Luis at General Service Office. His committee is exploring Hospitals & Institutions in the San Gabriel Valley.

Literature Committee, Christine L., Alt Chair– Presented the Literature Catalog. She also brings a literature display to every assembly. Will be providing a trifold with monthly copies to literature.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community, David W., Chair – Moderated the CEC panel at the Seniors in Sobriety Conference in Van Nuys. There needs to be boundaries between SIS which does not do area work and CEC which works with the area. There are new outreach ideas one which is looking into working with urologists and to outreach in areas where there is assisted living. They need assistance with restocking literature in various locations. Would like a round table discussion to explore restocking solutions. He sees the need to developed a questionnaire for Safety for Seniors to indicate if a meeting is senior friendly or not. There was discussion about an H&I presentation in senior facilities.

Local Forum, Gordy H., Chair – The dates for the Forum are July 12-14, 2019 – They are developing a mission statement with the vision they have for what LA can be as far as it's community of AA. The mission of what we want to do with the Forum, the state of LA right now and how we carry the message and the problem of disunity we have among all the service entities. They are going to work with all of the service entities in area 05 to work together and stop duplicating efforts. They will present the new mission statement to the Area before they send it out.

Public Information Committee, Nadine S., Chair – Formed a synergistic relationship with CPC. They will be working together. They will be at the LA County fair. They are considering having Al Anon participation with that. They are considering having an information day where people who want information to come to them.

SCAAN Committee, Susanne W., Chair – Staples continues to work with the committee. Submissions are due by December 22nd. You can also submit information for upcoming events. Theme for the Winter SCAAN is "Wherever we're needed." They will be highlighting submissions from corrections. She's grateful for the submissions from the Archives and CEC committees for this last edition. You can ask GSR's to ask the people in their groups if they would like to be part of the committee. Take SCAAN's to your meetings that don't have GSR's, central offices, and AA clubs. Thanked translation for last minute support.

Guidelines & Policies Committee, Ken T., Alt. Chair – They have a new member and they are excited about that. They do not write the guidelines or policies for the area. They are a resource in helping whenever guidelines or policies come into play. They talked about issues redistricting and would that impact our standing guidelines and policies.

Finance Committee, Shawn A., Chair - They are close to having a button on the area website for contributions. So, you can make an online area contribution in the coming months. He may be presenting new finance committee guidelines at the next area assembly.

Grapevine Chair, Jesus, Chair - They talked about motivating people to subscribe to the La Viña and Grapevine. They talked about subscriptions for alcoholics who are still suffering, the 4 seasons of the magazine, how the group conscience can participate in the magazine, and how to carry the message to the people in your home groups. There is a new book Voices of Women in AA in English with 61 different stories of women.

Cooperation with the Professional Committee, Nikki U., Chair – Everybody kept hearing about the EAPA conference. They finally had the conference and she thanked all of her committee and all the volunteers, the Grapevine committee who contributed Grapevines. They could not have done it without every ones' guidance. There were a lot of recovery facilities there. She realized that they are professionals they want to reach. They were surprised and glad to see us there. There will be another conference in July and we have another opportunity to be of service.

Registration Committee, Crystal, Committee Member – They are in the process of verifying active and inactive meetings. Basically, they are doing an inventory. They will need help at the district level to clean-up their data with factual information. This will help the GSO have a real contribution percentage. Currently Area 05 has a 30.5% because they take into account all meetings in their database. Keep in mind the average is 40.5%.

Translation Committee, Jose Q., Chair – They translate for the SCAAN, Secretary, the CIH and others. Thanked everyone.

Hispanic Women's Workshop Committee, Zoraida R, Chair – The workshop is coming up on December 3rd. Yolanda Flores, Regional Trustee is flying in from Texas to participate at the workshop. Amalia Castillo, Past Delegate from CT is also flying in to participate. Paz Preciado, Nontrustee Director of AA Grapevine is also flying in from AZ to participate in the workshop. They see the importance of this work and are all covering their expenses for the exception of housing. Yolanda and Paz volunteered to share a room and Amalia agreed to stay in her guest room. They are going to have an article in Box 459. Amalia has attended most General Service Conferences as an

interpreter since she served as delegate. She has also attended the World Conference and REDELA. She was recently at REDELA and heard that the trustees there were concerned about the lack of women participating in our fellowship. Zoraida got in touch with one of Juan M.'s contacts, a woman in Lima, Peru who is going to get a group of women together to Skype into the event. Women are coming from Mexico for the event. The editors of Grapevine and La Viña will also be Skyping in. Most of the commitments are handled. They need a couple of drivers. There will be volunteer interpretation for the English-speaking women.

Archives Committee, Mary T., Chair – 2 of the people in her committee meeting weren't GSR's. Group members who are interested at your districts can participate. If anyone is interested they can email her at archives@aascaa.org. Thanked everyone for sending her to the Archive workshop. She had handouts for her committee. They are exploring possibilities.

Audio Visual Committee, Dago P., Alt. Chair – They supported 2 meetings by showing a video and for a memorial.

Chairperson – we need hosts for the entire calendar of 2018. We will ask for hosts at the ACM.

Good and Welfare Announcements/Closing Responsibility Pledge - Spanish and English

Mark Your Calendars

Area DCM Sharing Session-- 02/03/2018
3rd Legacy--02/17/2018
PRAASA 2018-- 03/02/2018 - 03/04/2018
Pre-Conference Workshop-- 04/07/2018 - 04/08/2018

Frequently Used Terms

AREA – A geographical division within a state or province; there are seven areas in the state of California; each area is represented by an Area Delegate at the Conference in New York.

AREA ASSEMBLY – A periodic meeting of GSR's, DCM's, DCMC's, Chairpersons of Standing Committees, Area Officers, Delegate and alternates to discuss AA affairs of the area. The Assembly is a basic unit of the General Service Structure and conducts or helps coordinate AA business for the Area.

DCM – The District Committee Member is an experienced GSR elected by the GSR's of the District to represent the groups of the District at Area committee meetings and Area Assemblies. DCM coordinates service activities in the District. The DCM votes in the election of the Area Delegate and officers.

DCMC (DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIRPERSON) – A large District in a city or county may hold regular meetings led by a DCMC, who serves as the link between the district and the area. Within this large district, there are many district subdivisions as needed to adequately serve the groups. Each of these is called a local district and is served by a DCM who may hold regular meetings of GSR's. The DCMC votes in the election of Area Delegate and officers.

DELEGATE – An AA member of the Assembly who is elected every other year to represent the Area at the annual General Service Conference in New York. SCAA elects its Delegates at the Fall Assembly meeting of the "even" year. The Delegate is responsible for reporting back to the Area on the Conference.

DISTRICT – A geographical division within an Area. Currently in Southern California there are 37 Districts. A General Service Representative (GSR) represents groups within the district.

GSO – General Service Office in New York often referred to as our "AA Headquarters"

GSR – The General Service Representative is an AA member selected by the group to voice the group's opinion in discussion at the District and Area level. The GSR participates in the election of the District's DCM and also elects the Area Delegate and officers of the Assembly.

AREA 05 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

***Saturday November 18, 2017^{SEP} Hosted by the Westside Combined Districts
Westminster Presbyterian Church 1757 N. Lake Ave. Pasadena, CA 91104^{SEP}***

9:00 a.m. Call-to-Order^{SEP}, 1 Minute Silent Meditation, Serenity Prayer

Presentation on Concept V - Ken T. District 41^{SEP}

Roll Call, Brian P., Registrar^{SEP}

**Roll Call - Area Committee Meeting
(11/18/17)**

Voting Area Committee Members

Voting DCMs and Alternates	19
Voting DCMCs and Alternates	3
Voting Committee Chairs and Alternates	8
Area Officers	7
Past Delegates	2
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Non-Voting Area Committee Members

Non-Voting Alt DCMs	1
Non-Voting Alternate DCMCs	0
Non-Voting Alternate Committee Chairs	2
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Area Committee Members	42
Others in Attendance (Visitors)	9
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Total Attendance	51

Approval of Agenda, Lauren A., Chairperson –

Amendment to move panel discussion on hosting Area 05 meetings up to 10:20 before the officer reports

Seconded/Approved Unanimously

Approval of August 20, 2017 Area Committee Meeting^{SEP} Minutes, Zoraida R., Area Secretary

Seconded/Approved Unanimously

DCM and DCMC Reports

Dist. 45, Mary Jane A., DCM – Her district spent time getting new GSR's. They visited meetings in their district. They're emphasis is to get GSR's at their district and visit dark meetings. Then they will be open to hosting events

Dist. 2, Susan P. - DCM – They have not had any events. They have been going through the Conference Reports, new agenda items, and reaching out to dark meetings.

Dist. 4, Amy O., Alt. DCM – Working on reaching dark meetings. They picked up new GSR's. They are having

people from the area come out. Zoraida came out, Doug came out, and Brian is going to visit us.

Dist. 7, Ted C., Alt. DCM - Have 12 to 15 GSR's at their district meeting. Have decided to wait for the registration committee gets a current list and coordinates with the Central Office before visiting unrepresented meetings. Want to host one of the area meetings soon.

Dist. 30, Lori Ann M. - Alt DCM - They had success with their 4th step workshop and are reaching out to new people. They are getting increased participation at their district. They have young people participating in their district. They will host a Traditions workshop in the spring.

Dist. 6, Mary Anne K. - Alt DCM - Went to VA to encourage GSR's and ended up in marathon meetings. She visits meetings in Brentwood and is always greeted warmly. Even though people may not become GSR's right away, she introduces herself to them. She became a GSR when she was 25 years sober.

Dist. 15, Mike V. - DCM - Had good participation at their Westside Combined District meeting. They had a very full table. He's been visiting meetings. There were two women who showed up and he visited their meetings. Now they are his regular meetings of his sobriety. Have meetings in El Segundo and Hawthorne that he feels they should belong in the South Bay. They are closer to the South Bay than Santa Monica. He has 105 meetings.

Dist. 8, Susan D. - Alt. DCM - Have 2 new GSR's - They are working Beverly Hills and are seeing results in their district. She got very emotional on her way to the meeting because she thought about how we lift each other up here.

Hollywood-Wilshire-Downtown Combined Districts, Jennifer S. - DCMC - What they have been doing this year is having conversations of what General Service is. Feels like it's easy to get distracted by all the things General Service covers. It covers the groups, alcoholics that haven't found AA yet, committees, literature, ACMR's, assemblies, and we host things. She found that it can be really difficult for people to remain focused. So, a lot of the conversations at the district have been looking at how all of these ties together to serve the alcoholic that is still suffering. They have a bunch of different districts and they are not all the same size. One of our lists have more than 100 meetings and two of our districts have 8 meetings. They have different experiences among our DCM's on how to serve their districts. They are visiting inactive meetings to see how we can serve the alcoholics in their meetings. Serving the alcoholics is their emphasis. It's about outreach. We're thinking of dividing district 9 so that they can better serve the still suffering alcoholic. They want to have a website for people who are not able to come to the meetings.

Dist. 3, Lisa M. - DCM - They're moving along. Lots of participation & activity at their district. They've had 21 new GSR's since January. Attendance is consistent every month. They are getting lots of support from the area. She is realizing that the officers want to visit. Terri and Doug visited and answered questions about their finances. They are having their safety workshop on February 10th with the Hollywood Combined and District 13. The next meeting for the workshop on Dec 2nd for the workshop. They participated in the 3rd Legacy. Jane her Alt DCM is very supportive and insightful. Still trying to do a meeting of the month and support meetings as a group.

Dist. 41, Ken T., DCM - They are a very small district. They have had a maximum of 3 GSR's in the district. They have a little over 30 meetings, a lot of the same people go to the same meetings. Continues to visit meetings that don't have GSR's and some of those meetings are no longer in existence. They've been doing a lot of housecleaning and getting more GSR participation.

Dist. 39/40, Eli Jane, DCM - Our Alt has been doing a lot of YPAA. Area 93 has great GSR outreach. They make people commit to 3 meetings. She wants to take better records of who the secretary is. There are tons of meetings in Santa Monica. They are thinking about how to better open up communication with secretaries. They don't have a big turnout and she is open to suggestions.

Dist. 18, Valarie G., DCM - They have a high turnover rate with GSR's. She gets a new one and then they don't come back. They started a dark meeting committee that will go to meetings and inform the group of what is happening in General Service. Last year they had a potluck at their district and showed the video *Doors*. This year they are having a potluck to attract people to their district meeting. One GSR got inspired by the area and is organizing a 4th step workshop. Had their first budget meeting. Their treasurer put their finances on QuickBooks. They want to add Spanish-speaking meetings on to their directories. They have a GSR who wants to start a Spanish-speaking meeting.

Dist. 34 - Teofilo S., DCM - They have two GSR meetings a month. He keeps their GSR's informed. They have informed their district about the new regional trustee and the 12x12x12. They are celebrating their 9th anniversary today in Pomona at the Group Tercero de Marzo and invite everybody to celebrate with them.

Dist. 35, Antonio A., DCM - Greetings to all my fellows and the officers of Area 05. They are maintaining unity in their district by visiting 2 of the 19 groups in their district each week. We communicate the information shared by our Delegate with the groups. We inform the GSR's how important they are in the Conference Structure. We established a book study of the Service Manual and the Concepts. We are trying to create awareness and not lose the focus on our primary purpose. We have a new district in the Spanish groups. Now we have 6 districts. We meet at the CIH. We are giving the new district all our support. Dist. 35 has a new group in their district, a woman's Spanish meeting. The GSR's support this meeting unconditionally. Thanked Thomas Bishop for speaking at the Foro and all who participated. The Hispanic Foro is an Area 05 event.

Dist. 50, Francisco P., DCM - They are visiting 2 groups a week. Attend invitations. They meet 4 times a month. The first and 3rd Monday they have internal meetings. They prepare their calendar for their visits. The 2nd and 4th Saturday's they have meetings with GSR's and alternates. They have 5 GSR's and attend the CIH. They are working

on forming their committees.

Dist. 49, Hugo V., Alt. DCM - We have 27 groups that we visit throughout the week. They have study groups. We were the hosting district for the 39th Foro. It was well attended and excited. They are happy that the area participated. Thanked the officers that participated. Their sincere thanks to the area. We also told our GSR's about our new candidate for trustee, Mary T., and our new district, District 50.

CIH, Javier F., DCMC - This 26th of October we celebrated our 33rd anniversary. When I arrived, we were very few and now there is more participation. It is working and I see the opportunity for more. We continue to motivate our district and our GSR's. It's tough work. We are not home very often because we work so much in our service. I hope that Area 05 continues to encourage us and supporting us to carry the message. We hope that we continue united.

Westside Combined Districts, Sharon S., DCMC - They elected a new Treasurer. They raised over 1,000 for 7.27. Their attendance has increased with their Double Up campaign. The DCM's have been busy with their outreach. They are starting to see the results of those efforts. Love & Service was successful. They want to host 3 area events next year. Last year they wanted to get a website set-up with the ability to process online contributions. They accomplished that. In 2018, they want to take the districts apart and look at all the maps and put them in order.

DCM 19, Al T., DCM - Have a lot of new trusted servants. They have a mock meeting to help trusted servants go through every commitment and what it entails. The 9604 got the old timers to participate and answer questions.

Dist. 55, Anselmo A., DCM - They continue to visit their groups, 3 per week. We attended the Foro. Invite everyone to celebrate our district's 26th anniversary on November 19th.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON HOSTING AREA 5 MEETINGS FEATURING Javier F. DCMC CIH, Nadine S.

District 14, Jennifer K. DCMC WHCD^{SEP}A panel of experts on hosting area meetings shared their experience, strength and hope, explain how they solved problems that came up during hosting and answer questions.

Hosts for the 2018 Area Calendar Selected

1/20 Sat Winter Assembly – Dist. 7

2/25 Sun Winter ACM - CIH

5/20 Sun Spring Assembly - Westside Combined Districts

6/23 Sat Spring ACM Dist. 3

7/21 Sat Summer Assembly - Hollywood Wilshire-Downtown Combined

8/19 Sun Sumer ACM – Dist. 50

10/21 Sun Fall Election Assembly – Dist. 45

11/17 Sat Fall ACM - Westside Combined Districts

Officer Reports:

Alt. Delegate and Audit Subcommittee Report, Thomas S. - He had a wonderful time at the Foro. He was proud of our Delegate give his report at the Foro in Spanish. His primary responsibility is to assist our Delegate and pray for his wellbeing. He asked the Body to pray for the Delegate when we pray the Third Step pray in the mornings, throughout the day when we pray the Seventh Step prayer, and when we pray the Eleventh Step prayer. Referred to the Delegates recap from the last assembly. We are really blessed by the extreme capabilities from our past and current delegate. Thanked Thomas B. He assisted the Russian meeting and they are now starting a second meeting which is a book study. He will be helping Brian start a Chinese meeting. He shared at a veteran's day celebration hosted by the city of Malibu. The veterans are all united in the fact that alcoholism is a problem now just as much as it was then. Hosted Panel 63 Delegate at his homegrown meeting with his guest DCM visiting from Peru. He will attend the Intergroup meeting in the City of Commerce. He is registered for PRAASA. The Preconference workshop to be hosted by Dist. 13 & 14. If the DCM.s are present he asked that they please see him after the meeting.

Regarding the Audit Committee - They will present the 4th Quarter and 2017 reports at the next assembly.

Secretary, Zoraida R. – She read a line from the Twelve & Twelve. “The joy of living is the theme of AA’s

Twelfth Step and action its' key word." (Pg. 106) As part of her report she wanted to look back at how Area 05 has been in action in 2017. Since the last ACM, as an Area, we've been in action. We started a new Spanish-speaking district. We had a successful CPC event. We put forward 2 agenda items - one for a new 12x12x12 and one for the creation of a new Spanish-speaking Women's Pamphlet. In two weeks, we will be hosting the Hispanic Women's Workshop. We've held many other successful events in our Area this year – The Not a Glum Lot Picnic, the Love & Service event, the Foro, the 7.27 on 7/27. Next year the PI committee will be carrying the message at the LA County Fair. This year we voted to put Mary T's name forward as our candidate for Pacific Regional Trustee. It's a really exciting time in Area 05. She is looking forward to next year and thanked the body for allowing her to be a part of this work. She is excited to see what is going to happen this coming year.

Registrar, Brian P. - Will be visiting Dist. 4 and 50. He will be working on updated rosters. Wants to support the Westside Combined in their efforts to redistrict. He has continued to process group change forms. He is finding out from the General Service Office exactly what gets mailed to each service position. He wants to thank the body for making it a great year in Area 05.

Accounts Treasurer - Terry C. – He placed copies of the 3rd Quarter Financial Reports on the table. He creates an independent report from the Contributions report. Their reports should match. Doug's numbers match. They will have 4th Quarter and other information at the January Assembly.

Contributions Treasurers – Doug S. - He visited Districts 3 & 4. Dist. 3 is looking at creating some financial guidelines. He attended the Foro last Sunday and had a great time. Goes to pick up the contributions checks at the PO Box. Records them into a spreadsheet and deposits them in a timely manner. Then mails out the receipts or hands the receipt to the responsible person. Reviewed the Contributions 3rd Quarter 2017 Financial Report. His report balances with the Accounts Treasurer's report. **Motion:** Approve 3rd Quarter 2017 Financial Reports as Distributed/**Seconded** by Finance Chair/**Approved** Unanimously

Chairperson, Lauren A. - Attended the Foro which is an area event. She had a Past Delegate and Past Trustee from Mexico at her roundtable. Checked in with the finances for the day. There was a request to bring cans for the food kitty to the next Area event. 4 Area DCM Sharing Session 2018 Hosting Report - We had the first meeting for the 4 Area Sharing Session and liaisons for Area 8 and 9 were there. They discussed topics and how they are going to do it. All DCM's are requested to attend. Need help setting up and serving food. It's a great thing that DCM's are visiting meetings. It's a main, main thing that DCM's have to do. They will have another 4 Area Sharing Session committee meeting in January and she would like everyone to attend that. Gratitude Meeting in Dist. 7 is coming up. There are 8, 5 minute speakers. She has served as the choir conductor for the last 22 years. She will be visiting Dist. 3 in December. She really wants everyone to participate in the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session because we are the hosts this year.

Delegate's Report, Thomas B. – About a year ago in this room, you guys elected me Delegate. I was nervous but full of faith. He's got copies of the Final Conference Report. DCM's and Committee Chairs if you haven't gotten copies for you and your General Service Representatives, please do so. One of the most important things that happened this year is that a digital anonymity protected copy of the Final Conference Report was created. It is available on our website. He strongly recommends that DCM's maintain an email list of all the GSR's in their districts. Our biggest problem is a good and accurate communication to our groups. It starts from the delegate to the DCM to the GSR to their group. His job is to inform you about what's important. So, when he sends you an email requesting that you share information with your GSR's, it serves the GSR's, the Groups, the AA member. That's how we keep the lines of communication open. If you don't have an email list of your GSR's make an effort to create one. We approved the creation the 12x12x12 book. He submitted that along with the creation of a Spanish-speaking Women's Pamphlet to Rick W., our Conference Coordinator on the last week of October. I've gotten reports back from the Conference Coordinator. If you want more information ask me about it.

Trustee election - I received Mary T's resume today and will submit it to Julio at the General Service Office.

At the April meeting in NY, he will have the privilege of submitting Mary's name and representing her at the conference. Nikki's work with the CPC was astounding and her article was excellent. He submitted them to Jeff W. at the General Service Office. Jeff wrote back that her article was fabulous and made copies to pass along to the trustee's committee at the last weekend because it does a wonderful job at describing what it's like to staff one of our displays. CPC helps fulfill carrying the message to the sick alcoholic through professionals who have contact with them. He got his invitation to attend the Board weekend on the agenda for the 2018 Conference. He will have some input on the agenda for next year. He spoke at the Foro. It's a fabulous event. We all speak the language of the heart. There isn't one AA for the Spanish groups and one for the English groups. It's really important that we English speakers realize that when we support the Spanish speaking fellowship we strengthen the fellowship. He brought the Final Conference Report to the Central Office and they are very interested in how they can engage their members in our work. He received many questions at the Central Office, maybe even more so than from the General Service members. The GSR is most important in the structure because it's the GSR who connects the group to all of AA. It makes a big difference when the group understands that we work together to guide the fellowship through the General Service Conference. These are some recent developments. There is a new feature on PI page at AA.org that allows local PI committees to link broadcasters to a page where all current PSA's can be downloaded in HD Broadcast quality to allow for greater ease and circulation of our PSA's. A questionnaire is being circulated for members who are deceased.

AAGV - Circulation for Grapevine for the first nine months of 2017 was about 76,000, which is ahead of budget by about 1,600, although it is down from the same period last year by about 1,800 – so there has been a decline, but not as much of a decline as expected.

La Viña circulation for the first nine months of 2017 was about 10,000, which is ahead of budget by about 400, although it is down from the same period last year by about 300 – again, a decline, but not as much of a decline as expected. The financial picture at Grapevine is healthy. The newest AAGV publication, *Voices of Women in A.A.*, came out recently and has grossed \$34,800 – ten times what was budgeted. This is a clear indication that the message that this book carries is one that the Fellowship is hungry for!

Archives - Work continues on the draft of a new book that collects Bill W.'s Conference talks. As you'll recall, the 67th Conference gave the green light to this project. The new working title is *Our Great Responsibility: Selections of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970*. This proposed publication represents a significant trove of previously unpublished material from our co-founder, and I expect it will connect us with our history while giving us plenty to reflect on regarding our present and our future.

Conference - Following up on the advisory action "In the spirit of unity and inclusiveness, that the General Service Office strive to provide Conference background materials in English by February 15 and Spanish and French by the first week in March, beginning with the 68th (2018) General Service Conference" . . . the work being done to gear up for translating all Conference background material for the 68th Conference into French and Spanish is as follows:

- Professional translators will be used, and then some material will also be translated by volunteers so we can compare for quality and effectiveness.
- The anticipated cost is about \$100,000, which is less than previously-developed plans suggested. One reason for the reduced cost is the observation that about 40% of background material, on average, consists of already-translated material such as literature and service pieces.

Finance and Budgetary - On the AAWS side, total revenue for the first nine months of 2017 was about \$13.1 million. Expenses were about \$11.8 million, and net profit was about \$1.3 million. Significant factors contributing to the results were strong literature sales and increased Seventh Tradition contributions. The GSB is once again grateful to the Fellowship for the contributions that help to make services possible.

The financial picture also looks good on the Grapevine side. Total income for the first nine months of 2017 was about \$1.5 million. Expenses were about \$1.4, and net profit was about \$120,000. Significant factors contributing to the results were gross profit on the magazine and other publications and interest income from the subscription

deposits held in the Reserve Fund. The GSB's gratitude goes out to the whole Grapevine community, as well as to Grapevine management for prudence in keeping increases in operating expenses below budget.

La Viña had a shortfall of revenues versus expenses for the first six months of 2017 of about \$90,000, which is about \$35,000 less than the budgeted shortfall. Please remember that the General Service Conference has asked that La Viña be supported as a service to the Fellowship. It is different from other aspects of our services, in that it also has a revenue stream, and we should always keep its distinct hybrid status in mind whenever we look at La Viña financials. Breakdown of information on the \$7.27 on 7/27 initiative, which is a grass-roots effort that started in the Pacific region and has spread throughout the service structure. It invites members and groups to make a contribution to G.S.O. on or about July 27th and to reflect when doing so on the amount that it costs per member per year to provide services at G.S.O. (\$7.27 in 2016, the latest year for which we have those figures). G.S.O. received 1,857 contributions in this effort, totaling \$76,829. The department that processes contributions was on the alert for notes accompanying contributions that made reference to \$7.27 on 7/27. GSO expresses their gratitude for these contributions.

Literature - Work continues on the drafts of "A.A. for the LGBTQ Alcoholic," "A.A. for the Woman," and "A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues." All three are nearing completion, and the committee had just one last suggestion for all three drafts – to add information regarding safety where appropriate. These pamphlets and others like them are Third Tradition pamphlets. They say to anyone who might wonder whether they will belong in A.A., "Welcome! We're glad you're here." Two related requests were discussed and forwarded to the Conference. One asked for a new pamphlet for atheists and agnostics in A.A. Similar requests have come in over the last few years from members who feel that "Many Paths to Spirituality" falls short of meeting this need, and the committee felt that the cumulative effective of these requests made it clear that it's time to send the suggestion along to the Conference. Another request asked that A.A. (U.S./Canada) publish "The God Word," a pamphlet currently published by the United Kingdom that addresses the needs of atheists and agnostics in A.A. This request came from within our structure, but we also learned during our discussion that A.A. in the U.K. has been in contact with us because they have received many orders from North American groups and members for this pamphlet, and they are no longer able to meet the need because of costs.

Public Information - Update on the creation of a Google for Nonprofit YouTube account, which was authorized by the 67th General Service Conference. It is expected to be launched by January 2018. We are looking forward to seeing how it operates as a vehicle for carrying the message.

Questions for Delegate? Either now or send an email to him. He tries to get to emails within 24 hours. Contact him if you need additional information on any material covered this year. Make sure your groups are updated. In the end for him to serve is to live. By our constant participation and our willingness to suite up and show up, we help make AA the best possible.

Roundtable Workshop - Committee Work at the Area Level and Your District's GSR's. How do you encourage GSR's in your district to participate on an area committee? What do your district's GSR's think is most important in committee work? How can your district create and facilitate a committee event for Area5?

Roundtable report backs

Good and Welfare

Closing: Responsibility Statement (Spanish and English)

4-Area DCM Sharing
Session, Areas 5, 8, 9, 93
Saturday, February 3, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Breakfast, fellowship, and registration from
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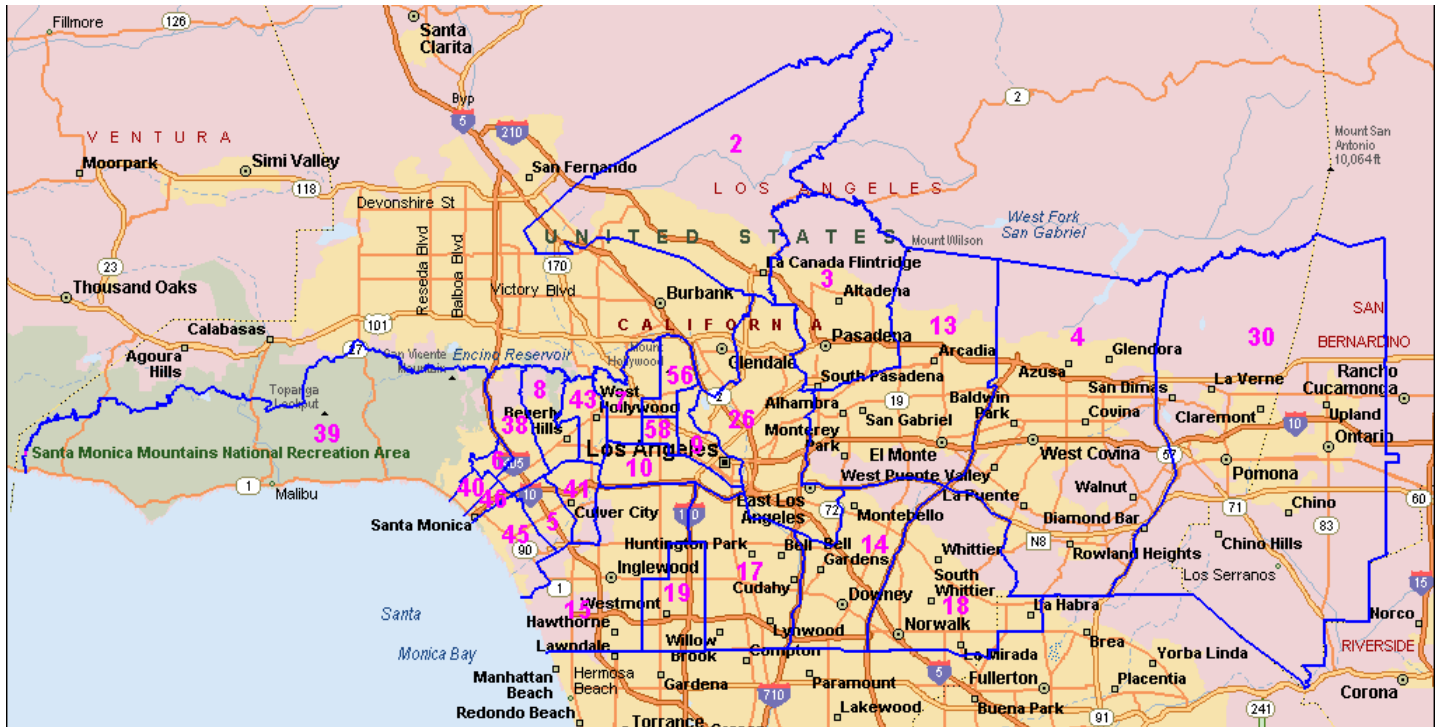
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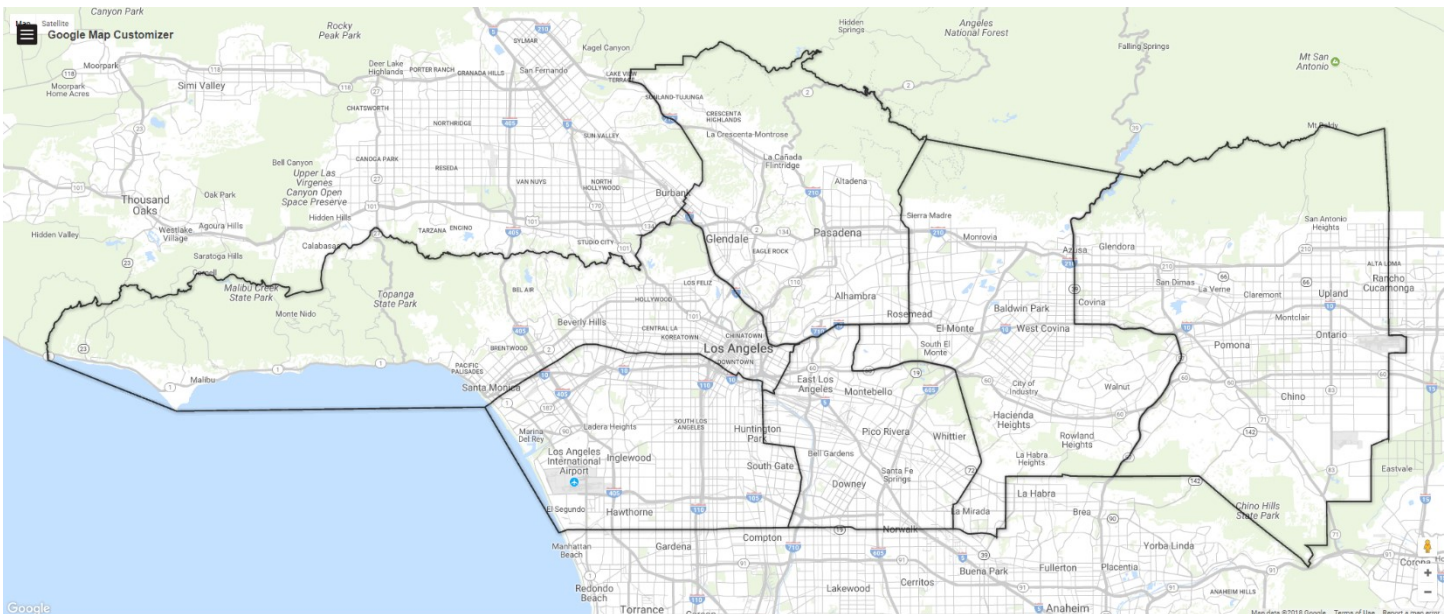
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Saturday 1/20 Winter Area Assembly - Dist. 7
 Sat 2/3 - 4 Area DCM Sharing Session - Area 5 Host
 Sunday 2/25 Area Committee Meeting - CIH
 March 2-4 PRAASA
 April 7-8 Pre-Conference Workshop (Dist. 14 & 13)
 Saturday 4/14 Steering Committee Meeting
 April 22-28 General Service Conference
 Sunday 5/20 Spring Area Assembly - WCD
 Saturday 6/2 Steering Committee Meeting
 Saturday 6/23 Area Committee Meeting - Dist. 3
 Saturday 7/21 Summer Area Assembly - HWDC
 Sunday 8/19 Area Committee Meeting - Dist. 50
 September 7-9 Pacific Regional Forum - San Jose, CA
 Saturday 9/22 Steering Committee Meeting
 Sunday 10/21 Fall Election Assembly - Dist. 45
 Sunday 11/4 El Foro de Servicios Generales
 Saturday 11/17 Area Committee Meeting - WCD
 Saturday 12/1 Steering Committee Meeting

AREA MAP (*English-Speaking Districts*)



AREA MAP (*Spanish-Speaking Districts*)



AREA 05 WINTER 2018 ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

**Trinity Baptist Church 2040 W. Jefferson Blvd.
Los Angeles, 90018
Hosted by District 7
Saturday – January 20, 2018**

- 8:00 Breakfast Fellowship & Registration - A.A. Meeting upstairs
- 9:00 Welcome and One Full Minute of Silent Meditation - Serenity Prayer
Call-to-Order
AA Birthdays (October 23, 2017- January 20, 2018)
- 9:15 Roll Call – Registrar
- 9:25 Approval of October 22, 2017 Assembly Minutes - Zoraida R. Secretary
Approval of Assembly Agenda - Chairperson - Lauren A.
- 9:30 Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings
New GSR Orientation led by the Alt. Delegate, Thomas S.
- 10:30 Delegate Report - Thomas B.
- 11:00 4 Area DCM Sharing Session Hosting Report - Bea D. DCM District 30 & Antonio M. District 34
- 11:15 2019 Local Forum Ad-Hoc Committee Report - Gordy H.
- 11:20 PRAASA Presentation Alt. Delegate - Thomas Sells
- 11:25 Round Tables - DCM's/DCMC's. Committee Chairs, GSR's
- 11:50 Roundtable Report Backs
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Officer Reports - Secretary, Registrar, Alternate Delegate (includes Audit Sub-committee Report),
Treasurers - Doug S.. Contributions treasurer - Presenting 4th Quarter 2017 Report, Accounts Treasurer -
Terry C - Presenting 4th Quarter 2017 Report
- 1:25 Chairperson Report - Lauren A.
- 1:30 Presentation by Archives Committee - Mary T. Committee Chair
- 1:40 Requests for ACM & Assembly Agenda items: Pending Area Committee agenda items will be announced.
Members of the Assembly can request items for the ACM agenda.
Introduction of new GSR's.
- 1:50 Standing Committee Reports – 2-3 minute summaries
- 2:35 Old Business
Financial Guidelines Presentation - Shawn A. Finance Chair
- 2:45 New Business
Website Contribution Button Presentation - Finance Committee Chair - Shawn A.
- 2:55 GSR Sharing Session – “What’s on Your Mind” – Open Microphone
Chair will open the Assembly floor for 20 minutes for sharing session participation by Assembly Members to
share helpful ideas, voice suggestions, ask questions, etc.
- Good and Welfare Announcements
- Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish and English)