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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER



THE VOICE OF AREA 05

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

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CELEBRATING THE 2019 UNITY FORUM

As I took in the beautifully designed program of the inaugural AA Unity Forum, I was moved by the large print stating the Declaration of the 35th Anniversary International Convention in 1970. *"This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come."* I couldn't think of a more appropriate summary of my time at the AA Unity Forum over the weekend of July 13th and 14th in Pasadena, CA.

From the minute I stepped into the main hall of Westminster Presbyterian church early Saturday morning, I was inspired by everyone present to help set up for the day, working together towards the common goal of fostering unity amongst the many service entities present. District 3, which consists of Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, San Marino and Highland Park, was asked to lend a hand in co-hosting the event and we happily rose to the occasion. The outpour of volunteers spearheaded by our district Event's Chair Mark S. was moving to say the least, including a large group of eager volunteers out on day passes from Impact, one of Pasadena's local rehab facilities.

I loved seeing the camaraderie and intermingling of all of the respective service entities and historical booths in the Displays and Exhibits hall. Our Area 05 Archives Chair and Panel 51 Past Delegate Mary T. did an incredible job curating this inspiring room, bringing everyone together in one perfectly cozy space: WACYPAA (Western Area Conference of Young People in A.A.) and CYC (Area 05 Cooperation with Young People Committee), H & I (Hospitals and Institutions), Central Office, Hispanic Women's Workshop, Area 05 Spanish-speaking Interdistrict Archives, Area 05 Archives, Grapevine/La Vina, Literature, General Service and the Women Pioneers of A.A. by Mid-Southern California Area 09 Archives.

Although I was busy roaming from room to room, I was able to sit in on most of the panels

and I was absolutely touched by everything I saw and heard. Moments that stood out for me started with a warm welcome by Unity Forum 2019 Chair Ted C. and Alt-Chair Amy O., along with remarks from our fearless panel 69 Delegate Thomas S. They would set the tone for what would be a special heartfilled weekend filled with exploration, fellowship and fun.

You could say I was pretty much moved by everything and everyone, starting with Foothills H and I committee chair Tylene D.'s story of how service helped her at her darkest hour in recovery, literally saving her life. And how Kristi M., LA's Central Office Chairperson for the Cooperation with the Professional Community noted that she shared Tylene's experience of discovering that just when they believed they didn't have any more time in their lives to take on service commitments, their Higher Power



seemed to always pave the way, which I personally could relate to.

Kyle H., the Registration Chair of the Western Area Conference of Young People in AA 23 spoke of his days as a desperate homeless youth in Los Angeles finally finding light at the end of a dark tunnel at the Midnight Mission in downtown LA. I related to his journey of getting into service right away at meetings, which helped him to feel at home in AA, then declaring proudly with a larger than life smile that his life is basically "I have a job, I sleep and I do service."

I was excited to hear our Pacific Regional Trustee Kathi F. who traveled from Arizona to be with us. I had no idea what it meant to be a trustee and to hear of her many responsibilities, dedication and passion for service filled me with hope, gratitude and encouragement to continue listening to the voice inside that calls me to deepen my spiritual practice of service in AA. She described the workings of the General Service Board, how 21 trustees are diligently doing work decided on at the conference and how it's "like a beautiful symphony all working together for a common cause." She stressed how "the committee members *have* to be *unified*, and the traditions help us to do that, they guide us."

Just when I thought my heart couldn't open up any further, she shared a story of attending a meeting in Ghana where the tradition is to jump up and down rather than clap - and how an American attendee told the group to, "stop, that that's not how we do it in AA," - and how her heart broke because she knew that *that* is absolutely not how we do it in AA. When she

finished her talk and about twenty or so AAs in the Unity Forum audience jumped up and down amidst the usual applause, my heart was lifted. Where *was* I? It's as if we'd all officially stepped into the 4th dimension at that point, or at least I knew I had.

Which brings me to the fabulous silent applause, arms raised in the air, hands dancing back and forth (think jazz hands), to welcome Timothy S., representing our AA deaf community during the panel "Reaching Out to the Still Suffering Alcoholic." He passionately made a call to

action for assistance with the Accessibilities Committee which, up until now he's shared the responsibility with just one other person. He told us that two people alone *cannot* sustain all of the responsibility and duties needed to serve a growing community of suffering alcoholics in need, from the blind and deaf to the disabled and yes even mothers with children. At the open mic that followed, a sober mother thanked Tim for talking about how mothers with young children are not talked about often enough as an accessibility issue, sharing her own story of how hard it was to get to

meetings as a new mother, and her experience watching too many new mothers she knew drink due to a lack of being able to attend meetings. She ended her time at the mic committing to Tim that she was willing to accept his invitation to get to work helping him on his committee.

During the 'Historical Presentation on AA in Los Angeles' I heard the story of how H & I came to be and how it was in fact formed in the Bay Area before our LA Central Office. Also interesting was the history and expansion of Area 5 by our Past Delegate (Panel 51) and Area Archives Chair Mary



T. Learning the history and humble beginnings of my Area further connected me to the feeling of unification amongst my fellows past and present.



After lunch I found myself sitting in a Break Out Session on 'Diversity and Inclusion', moderated by Foothills H & I Committee Board Member Deborah H. and presented by Past Delegate (Panel 62) and Area 9 Mid-So Cal Area Assembly Jeryl H.

Deborah opened up the session stating that "Diversity is being invited to the party. Inclusion is being asked to dance," while Jeryl asked the room to consider the statistics he shared about underrepresented ethnic groups and remote communities in AA, challenging us to step outside the comfort of our own communities. At that same session, Briyanna, one of our amazing Spanish interpreters for the weekend visiting from San Diego continued this sentiment while sharing passionately about the need for support and meetings at the Indian Reservation she's a part of. It was another call to action as she gave examples of how visiting the reservation once a year with a panel simply was not enough.

In the '12th Step Work in Today's World' break out session, I got to explore the

idea that we're missing out on a huge opportunity working with alcoholics on the streets. After witnessing my late mother endure an endless cycle of mental illness, addiction and living on the streets, this particularly hit home. It was thought provoking indeed when presenter Jack H. from the 12 Step Outreach Meeting posed the question of why should the City and County spend millions trying to solve the drug and drink problem on the streets when we could be doing it for free.

By the end of the first day, I found myself talking to more folks than I usually do at AA events. Though I was unable to stay for the speaker meeting on Saturday night, I remained long enough to experience hearing the Opening Prayer in Russian, the AA Preamble in Mandarin, Chapter 5 in Spanish, Chapter 3 in Japanese, and the 12 traditions in Sign Language! I learned later the meeting ended with the Responsibility Pledge in Cantonese and a moment of silence followed by the Declaration of Unity in Armenian. I was blown away. What a most appropriate way to end a day focused on unity and inclusion.

By the end of the weekend I'd made a silent commitment to myself that I would do my best to never walk past anyone sitting alone in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I got to put this into practice towards the end of the event on Sunday



as I was on my way outside to grab lunch and noticed our Aussie friend Celia in visiting from Down Under. She was sitting alone. It was a little awkward at first because I wasn't sure if I was invading her privacy. But as always the case, one alcoholic talking to another led to a meaningful discussion and a recap of a breakout session we'd both been in the previous day. She spoke of some of the challenges she faced in her meetings in Australia in regards to unity and the minority opinion. We hugged and exchanged information and made a commitment to check in with how the other was doing with taking what we'd learned out into the world and back to our groups.

I have continued to put into practice what I saw, felt and heard at the Unity Forum while at my homegroup and regular meetings. As with all things in recovery, it's progress not perfection - one day, one meeting and one hand reaching out for help at a time. The memorable weekend of July 13th and 14th that was the first AA Unity Forum filled me with hope for the future of AA and my small but necessary part in it.

Mataji B.
Alt DCM District 3

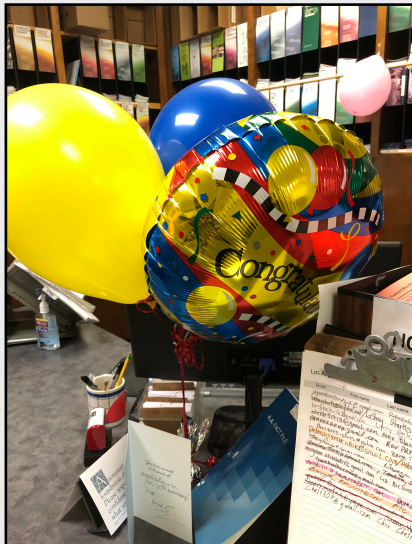
(Photos courtesy of Mataji B. & Ken T.)

Los Angeles Central Office Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary!

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Los Angeles Central Office. The work of saving alcoholic lives continues on with the hard work and dedication of the fellowship, the employees, and Central Office Representatives who continue to help groups carry the message of sobriety.

I was happy to see many committee chairs, officers, GSRs, and members at the event, and I celebrated them all with some balloons and a card from all of us at Area 05. Continued support and literature sales through the L.A. Central office is encouraged. A fun time was had by all and the cake was delicious!

Lauren A.
Alternate
Delegate
Panel 69



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DELEGATE'S REPORT

"Cultural Challenges In Reaching Remote Communities"

For several years, the General Service Board and Conference have been focusing on carrying the message to underserved communities attempting to fulfill our Responsibility Pledge. General Service carries the message when and where the individual, meetings, and groups cannot. In that regard, many things in many places have been happening, e.g. Board focus with discussions with Delegates, Remote Communities Staff Desk combined with Accessibilities, and Remote Communities Meeting at the Conference with a publication called the "Remote Communities Communicator." Recently at the Foothill Roundup the Hispanic AA Workshops featured a Remote Communities & Rigidity Panel. Area 05 and the Combined Spanish Districts have been leaders in the effort to carry the message to Hispanic Women. Westside Combined Districts is leading an effort to reach the African American Community. Joining this effort, I submitted an article to Grapevine on the African American experience in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was published in the August 2019 issue. My original unedited submission follows:

July 18, 1987 I had come to the end of the road. No hope. No awareness. Nowhere to go, except rehab. There was a bench warrant for my arrest because I had not shown up in court for sentencing. I checked into a hospital rehabilitation program hoping it would shield me from arrest. Alcohol had consumed my reality to the point where I could not see anything, even that immediately in front of me. The second night in rehab an H & I Panel came to share. An African American young man was on that Panel. He was considerably younger than I but was telling my story. I identified. I asked him to be my sponsor. I was so desperate and in need of help, I was willing to commit to anything if it meant someone offering real help. I did not ask any questions. I was not concerned with the ethnic makeup of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Upon discharge from the program, my sponsor picked me up. I did not have a place to go, so my sponsor took me to a mission in downtown Los Angeles. Later that day he took me to a meeting which was part of a larger Home Group. There was only a few African Americans in the meeting but one of them was a friend I had known 20 years. That was comforting so still, no questions. I thought there must be many more African Americans that needed sobriety but they must be across town where most lived. As days, weeks and years passed, I participated in Marathon Meetings held

around holidays at club houses in primarily African American communities. I could feel and see some separation from our hosts and those with me from my Home Group. Also, the larger majority of white Americans from my Home Group were never on those Marathons in the black community. I was beginning to see some separation and now I began to ask questions.

As more years passed and I began to sponsor, especially black men that came to my Home Group and found it more comfortable to stay. Occasionally, one would come to me with a complaint about an inappropriate black joke and sometimes someone using the N word. I would always have a talk with the offending person's sponsor. Often, the offending person after being confronted by their sponsor would leave the Home Group. I remind my sponsees why they are in Alcoholics Anonymous. Sobriety! Why they are in this particular Home Group. Sobriety! I have shared with white members of my Home Group, you do not have to tell a black joke to prove you are comfortable with black people. It might make you feel comfortable but a black newcomer might not be comfortable. I haven't found it necessary to tell black jokes or listen to them to make friends. I'm sober a while and my perspective is tempered with time. What use to bother me doesn't bother me now. My gratitude for a sober life overrules occasional discomfort. This is not always possible from a newcomer of any race. Their lives are still raw. We of Alcoholics Anonymous should be sensitive to this. To be kind, patient and accepting is not too much to ask.

So my experience is different. All of our experiences are different. I see white getting sober in black neighborhoods. I see black getting sober in white neighborhoods. Basically, I see people suffering from alcoholism getting sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. My sponsorship family looks like the United Nations. It is my hope that Alcoholics Anonymous will always remain in the words of Bill W. "democratic in action and in spirit".

There is a part for everyone to play. Find your niche. Continue to carry the message.

With much love and commitment to the movement of Alcoholics Anonymous
Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S.
Panel 69 Area 05 Delegate.

Hispanic Women's Workshop

Hello my name is Maria Q. and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is 02-22-91 and I want to tell you something about the Hispanic women's workshops.

We are groups of Hispanic women from different areas who pass the message to the alcoholic woman still suffering from alcoholism. The spirit of our workshop is to encourage Hispanic women to strengthen their understanding of our spiritual principles, encourage them to be in service in our community, build the Sisterhood and share our experience, strength, and hope with others.

We have done 3 workshops. The first was in San Diego Area 08 with attendance of 70 women from California, Colorado, Arizona, Mexico, and Panama. The second was in Pasadena where attendance was 180 women from Area 05 South CA, Area 06 Northern Coastal CA, Area 08 San Diego / Imperial, Area 09 Mid-Southern CA, Area 11 Connecticut, Area 42 Nevada, Area 93 Central CA, Area Baja Northern CA, AA Grapevine Board, AA General Services and other countries via Skype. The third in San Francisco CA, Area 06, attended by 160 women from Area 05, 06, 08, 09, and 93 as well as Irene from New York, La Viña, and the Regional Trustee, Cathy F., plus other countries via Skype.

Another of our projects has been the booklet for the alcoholic woman with stories of Hispanic women. We already have the guides for the Workshop. All this has been possible thanks to women like Zoraida R., Esther E., and all the brave and sober women who are struggling to leave a legacy of sponsorship and service.

Unfortunately, the alcoholic men of the Hispanic groups stop the process of recovering women, some sexists and others ignorant of the unity that should prevail among us.

I ask you to think that one day a mother, a sister, a daughter, or a loved one may come, and we should receive them with love from AA.

When I arrived in AA there were only men in the group and I suffered a lot, but I stayed out of necessity.

I have militated in 5 different groups in order to survive. By the grace of God I am here. That's why I'm happy for women's groups. Thank God there are many partners who support us..

Maria Q.

Panel 69 Chair Hispanic Women's Workshop



4th Hispanic
WOMEN'S WORKSHOP
 Participating Areas 05,06,07,08,09 & 93

Save The Date
Saturday
December 7, 2019

Hosted By:
Area 09

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UNIDAD AA SERVICIO
 RECUPERACIÓN

There Will Be Transmission
VIA SKYPE
 On The Day Of The Event
 Interpretation In English

Technology Keeping Us Connected: The Meeting Guide App

Today, digital technology is a strategic priority for every business, and the business of recovery from alcoholism is no different. Given the collective prioritization of digital technology, every organization will eventually converge on the same turning point—one where digital-era technology, which began as a differentiating advantage, is something expected from its patrons.

So, what does this new, digital world look like for A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) and the A.A. General Service Office (G.S.O.)? We are already facing a new level of expectations from alcoholics, groups and sober communities. A.A.W.S. is embracing the power of digitally driven data and smart phones, to communicate meeting information through GPS technology. Success with the real-time, user-friendly app has fostered a personal connection with over 100,000 users, to address the needs of A.A. communities across the country.

In late 2018, A.A.W.S. licensed the “Meeting Guide” technology. The Meeting Guide, created in November 2015, provides a platform for local A.A. entities - areas, intergroup/central offices, districts - to post their local A.A. meetings. The tool provides real-time access to more than 86,000 meetings, with new and updated information uploaded to the app daily. Since the meeting information is all made available through the app’s mobile-friendly interface, those looking for a meeting have a simple, one-stop place to

look. The Meeting Guide mobile app is free for iOS and Android, is easy to download and easy to use to find meetings wherever your day or travels take you.

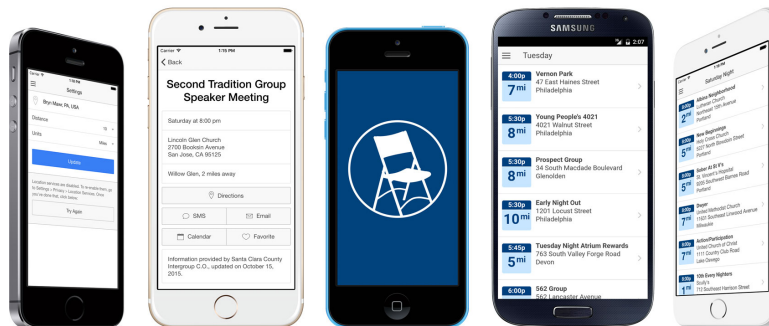
The app is already outfit with a “News” section that will carry messages and items of interest from A.A.W.S., the General Service Board, and A.A. Grapevine. It is expected that we will see Big Book and Daily Reflections messaging capability

shortly. On a grander scale, we can envision a day when A.A. members will be able to find local events and meetings in foreign countries via the app, or follow links to stories about people and events with all of A.A. “It’s a new way to connect people,” says Beau B., Class B Trustee.

“People will be able to see what’s happening in A.A. beyond their home groups, to see the great work being done at G.S.O. and elsewhere to share their own experiences.”

The coming era will be characterized by A.A.W.S. and all levels of general service called to action to meet the demand and pressures of carrying the message of sobriety through alternate means. But it will also provide tremendous opportunities to deliver the appropriate experience, strength and hope at just the right time.

Faith B.
Area05 Webmaster



**To download the Meeting Guide app, go to
<https://meetingguide.org/>**

LITERATURE COMMITTEE ENACTS A NEW INITIATIVE

At our Area Assembly on June 9, the Area 05 Literature Committee agreed that one of our initiatives during this panel would be to create awareness around a piece of literature as a way to bring to our AA groups a bit of what goes on in General Service committee work. We want to add depth to the way GSRs interact with their groups and their trusted servants. Here's how:

During the Committee report-backs at our district meetings, we will talk about a piece of Conference-approved literature with an insight or two about that piece of literature; maybe based on our personal reading of it but also from our Area and District Literature Committee's study and discussion of it. We will ask the GSRs to "pass it on" to their groups as part of their GSR announcement or as part of their personal share at meetings if they care to. Alternatively, GSRs can talk about the piece of literature with their group's literature person and suggest that the Area 05 Literature Committee gives it a sort of "Oprah Book Club" reading recommend for AAs this month.

The first piece of literature we have chosen to spotlight in this way is the pamphlet "The 'God' Word: Agnostic And Atheist Members In AA." We discovered that many of us had not read this pamphlet but all of us were interested to do so. I was asked to read the pamphlet and comment on it with my personal insights for this article.

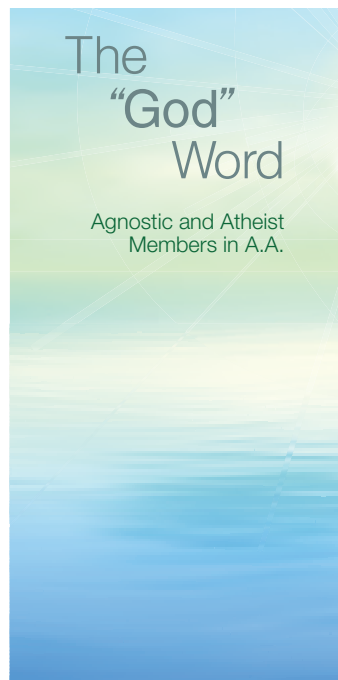
I read the pamphlet twice online; once downloaded from the AA.org website and again from a version edited for spelling and vernacular for the UK sent to me in an email. The formats of both pamphlets are the same. They include personal stories of people who have come to

terms with a power greater than themselves that is not identified as God, anthropomorphic or otherwise. There are nine stories. One written by an AA member with a traditional woman's name and seven are attributed to people with traditional men's names. The pamphlet's introduction explains that Alcoholics Anonymous is not a religious organization, does not reference the

Twelves Steps, or describe it as a spiritual program. It explains that while many believe in "some sort of god" (no caps) a belief in "God" (capital G and quotation marks around this word appear in this context within the pamphlet) is not necessary for recovery, that acknowledgement of a power greater than oneself can be found inside or outside a person's religion and implores the reader to not be deterred from seeking the solution that Alcoholics Anonymous may provide because of someone else's religious beliefs. The pamphlet also offers a bibliography from conference-approved literature as further resources addressing inclusion, starting with Tradition 3: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop

drinking."

As I read "The 'God' Word" pamphlet with an eye toward the newly arrived atheist or agnostic, the very word "Power" was troubling. I was rebelling against the word "Power" as supernatural, religious and hierarchical and that is very much not how I currently engage with the concept of a God (caps, no quotes) of my understanding. On the other hand, when I first washed up on the shores of an AA meeting in illness, desperation, and despair, I most assuredly did not notice any of the words written or spoken. Later, I was grateful for the idea that there was a powerful



Something that would rescue me from my drink dilemma. My journey has been that of the child who eagerly sought and loved God in her religion, avowedly proclaimed atheism in adolescence, and found a new understanding in middle-age sobriety by returning to the religion I was born into as a place for continued spiritual growth and where God can be found. My current understanding is fluid as I need at any given moment a Higher Power who is a best friend, a mother or a father, the miracle of a forest, the vast implacability of the ocean, the fabric of the universe or *The Force* that is constantly *becoming* as more is constantly disclosed.

On the other hand, my husband of 40 years and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 15 years is an atheist who when asked, told me "There's things going on that are greater than me in the sense that the wholeness is greater than me. It's not a guy or a big glowing thing."

I respect his program and beliefs, and he respects mine. For our harmonious partnership, for Traditions 1 and for Step 3, we have to and Alcoholics Anonymous works for us.

I am really happy the Conference and the membership agreed to develop and publish this piece of literature, and I pray for its effectiveness. I very much like the final paragraph of personal stories in the pamphlet:

Is there a God or isn't there? I say it doesn't matter. In A.A. we recognize we are flawed, that we can and must change, and that our purpose not only in sobriety but in life is to be of service to others. I believe that I exist at random, but I do not exist alone, and that as long as my quarks cohere, my entire function on this hurtling planet is to give what I can to others. That keeps me sober. Amen.

Bobbi T.

2019 CALENDAR

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4/21 Easter

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5/27 Memorial Day

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11/11 Veterans Day
11/28 Thanksgiving

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12/25 Christmas

Notes

1/26 Sat	Winter Area Assembly
2/2 Sat	4 Area DCM Sharing Session
2/24 Sun	Area Committee Meeting
3/1 Fri - 3/3 Sun	PRAASA
4/6 Sat - 4/7 Sun	Pre-Conference Workshop
4/27 Sat	Steering Committee Meeting
5/19 Sun - 5/25 Fri	General Service Conference
6/9 Sun	Spring Area Assembly
6/29 Sat	Steering Committee Meeting
7/13 Sat - 7/14 Sun	Local Forum
7/27 Sat	Area Committee Meeting
8/24 Sat	Summer Area Assembly
9/7 Sat	Steering Committee Meeting
9/21 Sat	Area Committee Meeting
10/20 Sun	Fall Area Assembly
11/3 Sun	El Foro de Servicios Generales
11/16 Sat	Area Committee Meeting
12/14 Sat	Steering Committee Meeting

Host Districts:	1/26 Assembly - District 3
	2/24 ACM - District 13
	4/6 PCW Day 1 - District 18
	4/7 PCW Day 2 - CIH Districts
	6/9 Assembly - Westside Combined
	7/27 ACM - District 33
	8/24 Assembly - District 35
	9/21 ACM - Westside Combined
	10/20 Assembly - District 30
	11/16 ACM - District 2

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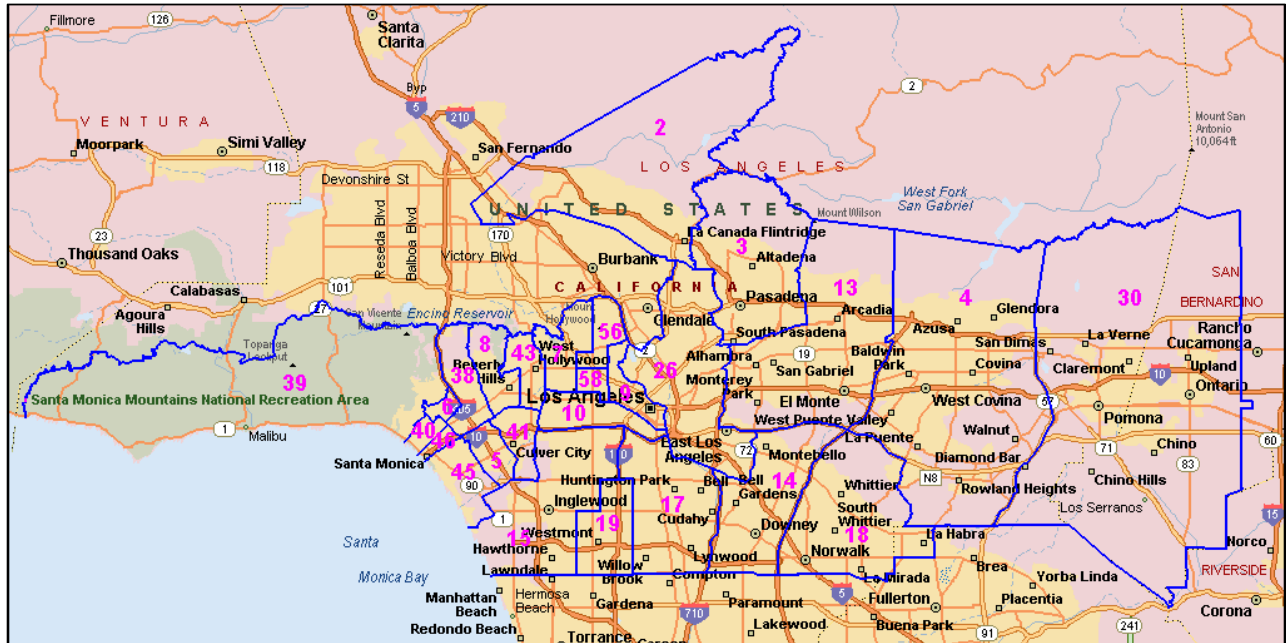
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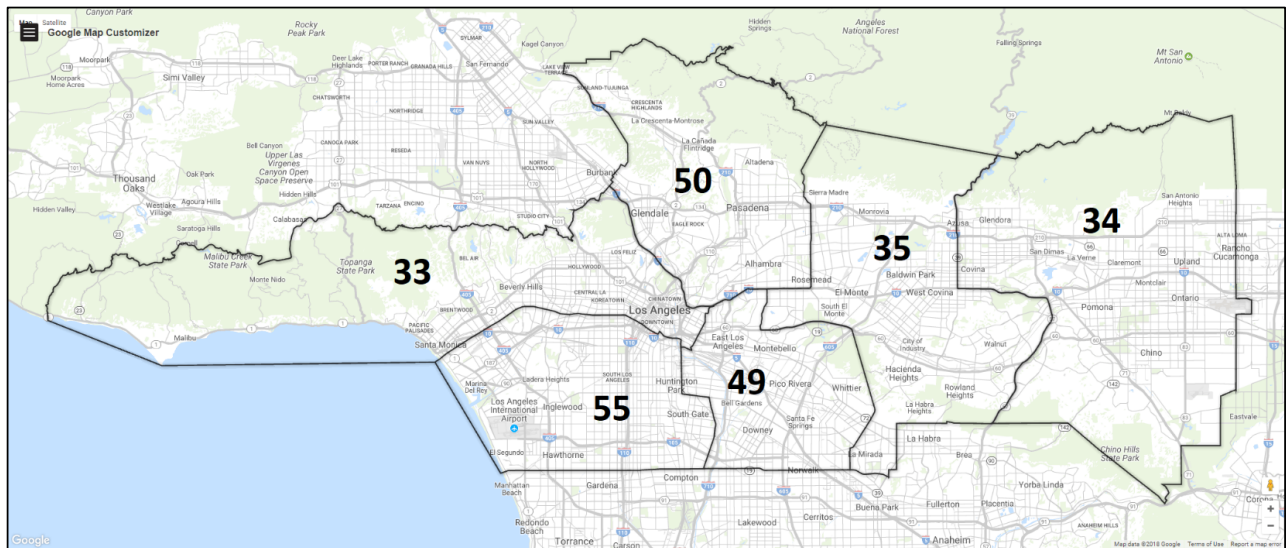
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**A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SPRING ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

Sunday – June 9, 2019

John Adams School Cafeteria

2425 16th Street

Santa Monica, CA 90405

Host: Westside Combined Districts

Area Chairperson, Zoraida R., opened the meeting with a welcoming statement and opening comments at 9:00 a.m. Announced passing of Past Trustee, Julian R., whom served as Pacific Regional Trustee from 1994 - 1998, earlier this week.

Call-to-Order

Chairperson Zoraida R. called the Assembly to order at 9:05 a.m. with two minutes of silent mediation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Acknowledgments & Readings:

A.A. Birthdays for anniversary dates falling between and including January 27, 2019 through June 9, 2019 were recognized, applauded and serenaded.

The 12 Concepts were read in Spanish by Olga M., Alt. DCM, District 33 and Alt. Chair of Hispanic Women's Workshop

The 12 Concepts were read in English by Claude D., GSR of District 43

Approval of the Agenda

Chairperson Zoraida R. presented the Assembly Agenda as printed in the SCAAN. Motion to approve the agenda with following amendments:

Amendments – Chairperson, Zoraida R. – was requested to move 2019 Budget immediately following lunch.

Motion was seconded and passed, none opposed.

Approval of Assembly Minutes from January 26, 2019:

The Secretary advised that the Minutes of the January 26, 2019 Assembly were printed in the SCAAN (Area 05 newsletter) which had been distributed for approval. *Motion to approve was seconded, passed, none opposed.*

Roll Call:

Registrar Nikki U. conducted the roll call

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
General Service Representatives	94	94	0	0
Alternate General Service Representatives	4	3	1	0
District Committee Members	21	20	0	1
Alternate District Committee Members	6	6	0	0
District Committee Member Chairs	3	3	0	0

Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	1	0	1	0
Committee Chairs	15	11	0	4
Alternate Committee Chairs	12	5	4	3
Area Officers	7	7	0	=
Past Delegates	4	4	0	0
Visitors	28	0	28	0
Subtotal	195	153	34	8
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-8			
Total Attendance	187			

* These individuals serve in another area role (e.g. a Committee Chair that is also a GSR.) So that they are not counted twice, their presence in this role is not being counted towards total attendance.

Delegate Report by Thomas S, 69th General Service Conference Part I - "What I Saw, Heard and Felt"

Thomas shared his gratitude for the opportunity to serve Area 5 as Delegate. Has returned to the scene of the crime. Humbly aware of the. Cover as much as possible. First part of report back is the journey. Going to start with PRAASA. Presents PRAASA CD's to Archives Chair (Mary T.)

Starting from PRAASA he was prepped by Past Delegates to attend the G.S.C. Much advice: coffee is not food. Go outside during breaks. There is no substitute for sunlight. Interact with other delegates from other Areas (U.S. & Canada). Recognized Past Delegate from Area 9, whom served as mentor to Thomas S.

Thanked the Area web master, Faith, for her work, which made Thomas' job easier. The compilation of feedback was shared at G.S.C. to many Delegates.

Thomas shared that he serves on a Cabinet-level subcommittee for the Department of Veteran's Affairs: Law passed by Congress effective 06-06-2019. Went to New Orleans following the G.S.C. Law: "Mission Act" – Veterans and Active Duty military personnel. Due to his busy schedule, the Delegate's Display Board was created by Sharron & Zoe. Lots of help! Don't need to do anything by yourself.

The Area Delegate's traditionally share commemorative pins with Delegates from other Areas. Theme for the 69th G.S.C. was "Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 languages." Since our Areas has 2 official languages, English & Spanish, the pins designed have both languages. Thomas handed out the same pins to all those in attendance.

Shared some events about his upbringing, choices and many of his life's experiences. All those experiences he took with him to the G.S.C. The Conference has a system called, the "Buddy" system. Delegates are divided into even and odd years. His Buddy, a Panel 68 Delegate from Area 25, which represents the entire state of Kansas. His Buddy helped him immensely and our Delegate reported on his experiences there, as well.

Our Delegate shared about the remote communities meeting that was held before the G.S.C. Thomas shared with the Assembly about efforts the Conference is making to support those groups. He mentioned the Hispanic Women's, linguistic District 17 in Area 16 (Georgia), is hosting national Hispanic Convention, August 30 – September 1, 2019. Associated effort underway to generate gift certificates for subscriptions to La Vina, and provide them to Hispanic speaking inmates incarcerated in correctional facilities across the U.S. and Canada. Other relevations related to the elderly designated as a remote

community, disabled and the African American. Thomas spoke at that meeting regarding the efforts Area 05 is making. Our Delegate was elected the Chair of the Remote Communities Meeting next year (2020). Thomas thanked David R., whom is on the Outreach committee for the Westside Combined Districts. David has been reaching out to District 19, which has not been represented at our Area meetings for quite a while. Has been attending one meeting a week at 9604 Figueroa Club. Lastly, our Delegate shared about a meeting for Class A Trustees, called the 1728 Meeting, which is the number reached when multiplying twelve (12) x twelve (12) x twelve (12). The Delegates were allowed to share there. The G.S.C. started Sunday morning, which will be the second half of his report. Thomas thanked the Assembly.

New Committee Chair Alternates Introduced:

The Area Chair introduced two new Alternate Committee Chairs, Armando L., whom will serve as the Alt. Literature Chair and Sam P., whom will serve as the Area's Alt. Finance Chair. The Chair is still looking for an Alt. Guidelines and Policies Chair. If you have recommendations and anyone is interested, please see Zoraida.

Broke into Orientation Sessions and Committee Meetings:

New GSR and Alternate GSR Orientation (*led by Alternate Delegate, Lauren A.*)

Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings

The Assembly was reconvened by the Area Chair:

Introduction of new GSRs and Alternates

Delegate's Report- Back: 69th General Service Conference Part II – Business Report, Q&A (Thomas S.)

Thomas recited A.A.'s "A Declaration of Unity." The 69th G.S.C. was opened with the declaration. He explained the importance and relevance of that declaration:

"This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the Lives of those to come."

Thomas was given a copy of "How the G.S.C. Operates," many words of wisdom, tidbits from Area 5 Past Delegates, procedures, Conference Quorum, Substantial Unanimity, Minority Opinion, General Rules of Debate and Voting, Calling the Question, Reconsideration, Floor Actions, all of this came as invaluable knowledge at the G.S.C.

Further read "The Role of the Delegate", so he knew what he was supposed to be doing. And he prayed a lot. Paid tribute to his lineage: Chuck C., (Area 5, Panel 3 Delegate), his current sponsor, Clancy I., current Service Sponsor, Mary Ann C., whom will be sober 50 years later this year (08-04-2019). Grateful for his lineage in A.A.

The G.S.C. generally has 138 voting members. However, this year there were 135 voting members in attendance at the 69th G.S.C. Those attendees consisting of 93 Delegates, 21 Trustees (7 Class A, 15 Class B), and 12 Staff including the General Manager of GSO.

Additional reading to prepare himself, "G.S.C. Advisory Actions" from 1951 – 2018, recommendations passed with substantial unanimity (2/3), which have become part of policies, traditions and standards. Since beginning of the G.S.C. These are not rules & regulations. All this prep took him right to the Conference.

The first day of the G.S.C. started Sunday morning. Thomas arrived Thursday night to be early and was very tired. The Pacific Regional Trustee organized an outing with the fifteen (15) Delegates of the Pacific Region. He took the subway to the General Service Office and he didn't want to get lost on the subway. There is a meeting at the G.S.O. held regularly every Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There was another outing Saturday morning, a cruise in the harbor around Manhattan. He attended a Delegates orientation meeting to prepare them for the G.S.C. They generally had lunch together, though he found it necessary to take naps during some of the breaks and lunches. (laughter from the Assembly). He needed his rest since he's 74 years old! There are A.A. meetings every day from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and many people attended those, but that's not his M.O.

Each Delegate shares their Area's highlights during a two minute presentation. If you went to PRAASA, you would have heard his, and that's basically practice for the G.S.C. There were 46 or 47 new Delegates, and two minutes each adds up to a lot of time. He had to submit his presentation one month in advance, which doesn't provide opportunity to make changes. So he timed his to one (1) minute and fifty-five (55) seconds. He didn't want to get clapped off the stage! Our Delegate gave his report on Tuesday of the G.S.C.

There were presentations scheduled throughout the Conference.

Committee Reports take time and it's common to get behind schedule. Normal start of the daily meetings is 9 a.m. When things go longer than scheduled, they may need to start at 8 a.m. They normally end around 9:30 or 10 P.M., and they may need to go through midnight. The Delegate shared they never actually got back on scheduled. Some presentation were cancelled since they didn't have time to complete all those. Thomas provided feedback and a recommendation to do business first, then get to those presentations to ensure the business doesn't get behind schedule.

Report and Charter Committee: No recommendations from that committee on their agenda items. No advisory actions. Some discussion, but unable to share all that today.

Corrections Committee:

Scope of the Conference Committee on Corrections, which reads, "Purpose of the Committee to encourage A.A. members to assume responsibility to carry the message to alcoholics can not, of their own free will, seek A.A. help.

Recommendation: Change the wording as follows, "The purpose of the Committee will be to encourage A.A. members to assume responsibility to carry the message to alcoholics who can not seek help outside the walls."

Members vote electronically. They need to be fast! Don't get distracted – need to pay attention. The motion above failed, because they need substantial unanimity (defined as 2/3 majority). Though the recommendation did get a majority vote, it was agreed to have this included in the Final Conference Report. (Due out later this year).

There were several other Committee Considerations, which means the Committee discussed the issues, but there was no vote on the floor. Only recommendations are voted on the floor. Note: Items that didn't become an Advisory Action, and is dear to your heart, can be raised later as a Floor Action.

Public Information Committee: Drew a lot of interest and discussion. There were recommendations to use actors in our videos/P.S.A.s. Non-A.A. members can be shown with full face with association with A.A. with a disclaimer. The concern stems to the number of actors in 'Hollywood' – they may not be actors now, but they could become an actor later on. As a result the Conference started to fall behind.

Recommendation: "In Keeping with 2011 Advisory Action regarding the policy on actors portraying A.A. members, or potential A.A. members, in videos produced by the G.S.B. or its affiliates, be reaffirmed."

Recommendation: "That two (2) P.S.A.s be developed at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 each. And that if full face characters are shown to include an actor portrayal disclaimer on the screen." Approved as amended.

Recommendation: That A.A.W.S., Inc., apply for legal script certification to qualify for Google ad words / grants." [Passed]

Recommendation: "That A.A.W.S., Inc., apply for Google ad word grants for purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public." [Passed]

Recommendation: "That A.A.W.S. Inc., implement Google ad words for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public and a report be brought back to the 2020 G.S.C. Committee on Public Information." [Passed]

Policies and Admissions Committee: Were no guests observing from other Conferences [other countries, etc.] The Conference is not open to the public. You can't just walk in and visit. Need to apply as a visitor and be approved to observe. There are some non-voting members in the room, however, as support staff that are present. Trustees or other voting staff members may need support from other folks at the office. [No recommendations made]

Agenda Committee:

Recommendation: That the theme for 70th G.S.C. be: "A Clear Vision for You" [Passed]

Recommendation: The following be the presentation and discussion topics for the 70th G.S.C. in 2020:

- "Recovery – Who is missing from our rooms?"
- "Unity – Practicing Our Principles"
- "Service - Keeping A.A. Relevant"

Recommendation: The following be the Workshop Topic for the 70th G.S.C. in 2020:

- "Attraction Through Action"

Finance Committee:

They reviewed the Conference Approved level of \$5000.00 for individual bequeaths.

Recommendation: "Raise the \$5000.00 for individual bequeaths be raised to \$10,000.00" [Passed]

Individual annual contribution limit of \$5,000.00 remains the same.

Our Delegate established a Report Back schedule for all Districts. Asked all DCMs or DCMCs to pick up one of these slips with schedule. There are 35 Districts and doesn't have time to do them individually.

- CIH, Districts 33, 34, 35, 49, 50 and 55 at their next regular meeting. CIH will host.
- Hollywood Combined Districts: 10, 9, 26, 56 and 58. Saturday, July 20th.
- Districts 2, 3, 4 and 13. Thursday, August 1st
- District 14, 17, 18 and 30. Thursday, August 8th.
- Westside Combined: Districts 5, 6, 8, 15, 19, 25, 36, 38, 39, 41, 43, 45 & 46. Joined by District 7, on August 11.
- 3rd Legacy on August 17th.

That concludes our Delegate's Report for today.

Local Unity Forum Report (Unity Forum Committee), Amy O., Alt. Chair: Reports: Will be held July 13 and 14 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena. Thanked everyone for their efforts over the past year. There has been a lot of work putting this event together. Website is up on the screen.

Access the website from your mobile phones and register today! Take flyers to your meetings and groups. General Service Areas: 5, 8, 9 and 93. Hospitals and Institutions: LA H&I, Foothill H&I, Intervalley H&I, SoCal H&I Intergroup, Jeff W., from G.S.O, Young People in A.A.: WACYPAA and PASYPAA, Central Offices: LA Central Office, San Gabriel/Pomona Valley Central Service Office, Spanish-Speaking A.A.: Comitè Interdistrital Hispanos, Taller De Mujeres Hispanas. This is perfect opportunity for those not participating in Service to get involved.

Natalie O., encouraged all those in attendance to register at unityforum.org

Lunch:

We broke for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Finance Committee Chair, Nadine S., Announced the Estimated Cost for Breakfast & Lunch is approximately \$8.00 per person.

Approval of ACM Approved 2019 Area Budget, Area Finance Chair, Nadine S.

Motion to approve the Area 05 2019 Budget as presented today, and approved during the August 18, 2018, ACM was made by Nadine. Seconded by a Finance Committee member. No questions from the floor.

Brian P., Accounts Treasurer, requested to amend the proposed 2019 Budget: Increase the budget of the Local Forum by \$2,000.00 to \$6800.00, decrease the budget for PI Committee by \$3,375.00 to new amount of \$200.00, and decrease the CPC proposed budget by \$900.00 to new amount of \$900.00. This will result in a net decrease in our expenses by \$2,275.00. The Local Forum Committee needed additional funds to hold the event on July 13 and 14, 2019. The original amount for Local Forum was \$4800.00, and determined that wasn't enough to fully fund the event. The Committee worked with other Area 5 Committee Chairs to approve the proposed changes.

The Finance Committee Chair, Nadine S., accepts the amendment by Brian P.

Shawn – Web Site Committee Chair: Requested amendments: add line item 510-02 for Web Master, with a budget of \$1,200.00, line 510-01 Web Site Rent (related expense), increase from \$300.00 to \$750.00.

(Accepted by Finance Committee Chair)

Jennifer - Cooperation with the Young Ad-hoc Committee Chair: To add \$250.00 for booth expenses.

Requires a new Budget / Finance line item. (Accepted by Finance Committee Chair)

Translation: Requesting a computer and toner for printing: (Jose Luis, Chair of the Translation Committee); \$500.00 for a PC, and \$300.00 for supplies; Total of \$800.00 for 2020 budget.

All amendments were accepted by Finance Chair. Motion was restated and approved unanimously.

Officer Reports:

Alternate Delegate, Lauren A.: She reported how exciting she is to serve our Area. She's traveling all over to visit various Groups. She attended two (2) H&I Intergroup meetings, and picked up registration forms for the 29th annual Campvention in the High Sierra, June 14-16, 2019. Attended LA Central Office meetings and Intergroup meetings. They're looking at the after-hours telephone answering system. If you'd like to volunteer between the hours of 8 – 11 p.m., they're looking for people to help. They're also holding their 75th Anniversary of the Central Office in Los Angeles, which will be held June 30, 2019, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Westside Combined Districts are holding the 16th annual Not A Glum Lot picnic June 23rd at Veteran's Park in Culver City. Foothill Round Up is August 2-4, 2019 in La Canada, Area 5 will have two (2) rooms with information, archives and other items. Area 05 now has online contributions! Tell your Groups. She visited several Districts since the last Assembly: Hollywood Combined, Westside Combined, and the Pre-Conference Workshop was a huge success. She also joining the Local Unity Forum Committee meetings and hopes everyone in Area 05 will join us July 13th & 14th. Jeff W., NY G.S.O., and Kathy F., Pacific Region Trustee. She spends lots of time praying for the Delegate to reach the Conference well prepared.

Audit Subcommittee Report, oversees the Financial Reports. Everything is in order.

Secretary, Doug S.: Attended ACM, produced the minutes for the Assembly and ACMs. Listens to the audio reports over and over again to ensure things are accurately reflected in the minutes. Attended PRAASA in March. Registered for the Unity of Forum, by District 14 folks handling the registration for the event, and I'm scheduled to meet at District 34 event July 21, 2019.

Accounts Treasurer, Brian P.: Thanked Thomas for his service and reports today. Attended the Combined Hollywood pancake breakfast. Attending District 34 to discuss finances. Going to the Not A Glum Lot picnic. I'm very excited about the Unity Forum. Presents the 2019 First Quarter Financial Report. Income on this finance report matches the Contributions report. That's great news!

Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S.: Reports the progress of contributions for the Area. The report has two graphs representing type of contributions. There's a comparison between 2018 to 2019. Our goal this year is \$48,000.00. Mentions the \$5.00 for Area 5 campaign, which are individual contributions. Sharron presented the 2019 First Quarter Contributions Report.

Registrar, Nikki U.: She receives email with updated information from GSRs and Groups. A few things to note. She'll get a number with the Central Office meeting numbers, which are different from G.S.O. numbers. The more information you can provide about the meeting is helpful finding the correct service number, and getting them registered. Also, if you can't read it, I can't read it either! Please print clearly! If it's a new meeting, when they first met, number of members and open or closed meeting. Thank you!

Chairperson Report, Zoraida, R.: The Chair explained the ACMs and encourage District Committee Chairs to attend the ACM as well, to learn more about other District's and their committee work. She attended the Hollywood Combined pancake breakfast, PRAASA, and some other Districts. A highlight is serving as the Program Chair for the Unity Forum. Excited about the program and spirit of service and unity with other service entities. Introduced Enrique from Mexico whom is visiting our Area today.

Delegate's Report – additional twenty five (25) minutes added to share more information from the Conference.

70th GSC: April 19-25, 2020 Ryebrook, N.Y. Please add to the 2020 Draft Calendar.

Internal Conventions and Regional Forums: Pacific Regional Trustee lobbies which Area wants to bid for Regional Forum. Regional Forum will be held in 2020 in Area 69 (Utah). Thomas was asked to lead a survey of the Pacific Region Delegates to see if they'd like to be put on a rotation similar to PRAASA meetings. Some of the Areas aren't bidding and all of the Areas want to go to Hawaii! Delegates will discuss possibility of regular rotation of the Regional Forum.

The International Convention in 2020 will be held in Detroit, MI. 2025: Vancouver BC, 2030: St. Louis MO. The first International Convention was held in 1950. Only one city has held International Convention twice: Toronto – Doug S. guessed correction (of course!).

Literature Committee: "Our Great Responsibility" first new book published in 30 years. The book is a compilation of Bill W's talks at G.S.C. over the years he attended (1950-1970).

"Understanding Anonymity" There was discussion at the G.S.C. to include comments regarding safety. Many were in favor and many more were not in favor. Many people felt that including comments about safety in the anonymity pamphlet could give people the wrong idea about the Anonymity pamphlet. The last sentence in the pamphlet, which is an issue near and dear to our Founder, Bob S., "Use last names within the Fellowship. Especially for elections of Group officers and other service jobs." Dr. Bob & Old Timers, page 264, Dr. Bob considered it an egregious breach of anonymity to be anonymous from each other than it was to break your anonymity at the level of press, radio and films. Adding comments about safety in this pamphlet may affect the use of last names within the Fellowship.

Concepts were written for the North American Conference. Other conferences around the world may wish to adopt if they so choose. He mentioned the Russian speaking meetings, of which there are 2 in L.A. area. Thomas asked for the Concepts to be translated into Russian language since those meetings are US-based meetings.

There was a Floor Action, made by Delegate Area 9, Jesus, requesting the 4th Edition of the Spanish language Big Book.

There also was a Floor Action: To approve development of the 5th Edition of the Big Book. On the first ballot this Floor Action overwhelming failed. Discussion was on the floor for a long time. The proposal was to contemporize the stories. Discussion on the validity of the stories.

[Finance Committee confirmed they collected enough to cover the food. Cost of food today was \$1,058.00 and we collected \$1,058.00, Nadine S.]

International Convention Video, "Love and Tolerance Is Our Code," Detroit, Michigan – July 2-5, 2020.

Jamie W., Interpretation Ad-Hoc Alt. Chair and DCM Dist. 3, The International Convention is coming up. About a year away. Registration will open September, 9, 2019, at aa.org. Once you've registered for the Conference you'll then get an email about hotels. There's one hotel in walking distance. Another hotel is in Canada with three (3) others that are not within walking distance. Shuttles will be provided. It's an exciting event!

Round Tables: Discussing Actions of the 69th GSC with Your Groups (25 minutes of discussion. 20 minutes of report backs, two (2) minutes each).

1. Why is it important to share what happened at the Conference with your group?
2. What if members are not happy with the actions the Conference took? Is there a way for them to address it with the Conference?
3. Is it okay if people aren't interested in hearing about the Conference? What do you do/not do?

Roundtable Report Back: The Chair called the meeting back to order for the report backs to the Assembly. Roundtable report backs were given at the Good and Welfare agenda later in the day.

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports: Reports from all Committees:

Archives Committee, Mary T., Chair: Mary report there were eleven (11) members in attendance. Eight English speaking and 3 Spanish speaking. They discussed the 2020 budget and handed theirs into the Finance Committee. Gearing up for the Unity Forum displays. The committee voted to purchase a table-top DVD player enabling them to play the A.A. archival videos. Bill's talks and other items. Approved sending the Committee Chair to the National Archives conference in Detroit. Need volunteers to help with Archives Display the Unity Forum. Has a sign-up sheet for those. Mary requesting more time to devote to Committee Meetings during the Assembly.

Audio Visual, Miguel M., Chair. Miguel reported, we're basically a supporting committee. We support all the other committees, Assemblies, ACM's, and other Area meetings. They will support at the Unity Forum, and the Foothill Round Up (8/2-8/4). Email av@aascaa.org to reach out.

SCAAN Newsletter, Ken T., Chair: Ken reported, we handed out all the copies. There were 200 English & 100 Spanish. Apologized for not having enough. They plan to print 300 & 200 respectively next Assembly. Few notes: Next Issues will be available at the next Assembly (8/24/19). Requesting articles be submitted by 8/2 (Officers reports, meeting minutes, etc.). The next edition will have articles from people that works on Corrections. An article from a person corresponding with a person incarcerated, and that person, that was eventually sponsored by the other, will be included. Both ends of how the Corrections Committee works with regards to the Correspondence program. Needs help from someone in graphic design skills.

Finance Committee, Nadine S., Chair: Nadine reported, they discussed the methods people receive contribution receipts: a contribution made at the Assembly or ACM, you'll get a paper receipt. By mail, you'll receive a thank you letter, online via the Area 05 website, you'll get an email. People who mail can request email receipt, and those that received an email, and would like a paper receipt, can get that by coming to Area meetings and get one that way. We're investigating electronic contributions at the Area Assembly/ACM's, etc. Want it to be convenient.

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) Committee, Bea D, Alt. Chair: Bea reported, there were 6 people in attendance. Some of the people are writing articles for a Senior magazine. Another member going to Senior Centers in her Districts. Distributing the pamphlet, "AA for the Older Alcoholic". Attending District meetings. Placing flyers in senior centers.

Local Forum Ad-hoc Committee, Amy O., Co-Chair: Amy reported, please register for the Unity Forum. Please offer to volunteer using the website when you register. We need helpers!

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee, Raymond Y., Chair: Raymond reported, there were 9 members in attendance. We have numerous outreach projects. Several Districts are getting active in this. Outreach to Spanish Speaking doctors, and other. Another District has a program called, "Sponsor your Doctor." An information packet to share with your doctor or other professional that may come on contact with an alcoholic, you can share with them.

Cooperation with the Young Community (CYC) Committee, Jennifer S., Chair: Jennifer reported, there were several people in committee meeting. Very excited about the work they're doing! Reached out to H&I to coordinate, two LGBTQ+ organizations, and L.A. Central Office, and some Wellness Fairs. They will support the Foothill Round Up with a booth and a panel! Planning a Young People's directory, too.

Corrections Committee, Dana D., Chair (Jennifer on her behalf): Dana reported, there were 6 people in attendance. Three existing members and three new people. The committee has written to 28 women in the Lynwood County Jail since January. One of those women we connected with upon release, and connected her with a group in her release area, which is Lancaster. We have also written to 17 men incarcerated in Men's Central Jail, Twin Towers and Wayside Honor Rancho. Two of us attended PRAASA and learned how committees are operating in our Areas of our Region. In addition, we're working on

“Ways to improve continuity in writing letters,” making exciting announcements in our meetings, and improving literature selection in the racks at Metro Detention Center, getting Grapevine magazines to our members that have been transferred to State prisons. Will coordinate with CYC to improve outreach to young members.

Grapevine and La Vina Committee, Dorothy, member: Dorothy reported, Grapevine Writing Workshop, to work with members on how to write articles for the Grapevine. It will be held August 4, 2019, in Altadena. Bring your note pads and/or laptops.

Translation Committee, Jose Luis, Chair: Jose Luis reported, Bill & I are working together in translation. Still practicing to do their job. He thanked, Fidel, Bill, Arnufio, and Jose Q for their support. He supports the SCAAN Committee and Secretary Reports. They are working to improve translation by working as a team.

Registration Committee, Crystal G., Alt. Chair: Crystal reported, they had 3 in attendance today. They discussed the Unity Forum, table setup, which pamphlets will be needed, provide a banner, “Circles of Love & Service.” They also reviewed & submitted their Budget Request Forms.

Hispanic Women’s Workshop Ad-hoc Committee, Maria Q., Chair: Planning the 4th annual workshop. Participated in a Woman’s Workshop in Orange County, Area 9. Shared in a table of the Spanish Committee in State of CA. Working with other Area for this event, which will be held December 7, 2019. Will support Unity Forum with a table of information. Thanks her Higher Power!

Interpretation Ad-hoc Committee, Jamie W., Alt. Chair: Jamie reported, today Interpretation and Accessibilities committees met together. We are small but mighty. Explained what they do – super fun! When you announce the Unity Forum will be translated into Spanish & ASL. Even if you don’t need that, others may and will like to know it’s available.

Hispanic Women’s Workshop Ad-hoc Committee, Olga M., Alt Chair: Olga read the same report in Spanish as Maria Q. did a few minutes ago.

Guidelines & Policies Committee, Thomas B., Chair: Thomas reported, described the purpose of their Committee. There were 8 people in attendance today. Subject to the approval of the Area Officers, he introduced Debra C. who will serve as Alt. G&P Chair. The G&P Committee has identified a few things to work on: Update & improve Hosting Guidelines for ACM’s and Assemblies. Another item will be to take a policy we have, but is nowhere written down. The third item will be to take a look at how the Area organizes itself and our committee to host PRAASA, Local Forums, etc., These are things we don’t often do. Suggested guidelines how best to organize the committee and formalize the guidelines and policies for those events.

Treatment Facilities Committee, Jim I., Chair: Jim reported, they had 3 people at their committee today. Reviewed the 2020 Budget request and submitted that. If you’re interested in supporting meetings going into Treatment Facilities. Work with H&I. There’s a Bridging The Gap email that has Area 5 included. We need to be certain those emails are answered, and we need to have the email address on the Area website so people can volunteer to join BTG. Harbor Area Central Office has a Veterans B.T.G. Looking into that to see what it’s all about.

Literature Committee, David M., Chair: David reported, joined by Armando, the new Alt. Chair, and 10 other members. *Old Business*: One of the members will draft a proposal for a development of a new pamphlet, “Meditation and Member’s Experience on Meditation in A.A.” Another member will draft a proposal for a Service piece on the issues of Patient Brokering (aka Newcomer poaching). Once they develop those proposals, they will circulate those among the committee, then move forward bring them to the Area. *New Business*: They will ask for volunteers at the Unity Forum & Foothill Round Up. Motion was made to purchase, “Our Great Responsibility” for a prize at the Unity Forum. And the other copy will be kept at the Literature Display. The discussed their budget for 2020 and submitted to Finance Committee.

Public Information Committee, Gordy H., Chair: Gordy reported, remind everybody of the L.A. Central Office’s 75th Anniversary Party that will be held June 30, 2019. They will have the first Big Book in Los Angeles on display, It was given by Bill W. to woman in Westwood. They will have Archives, Cake, History

Talk on A.A. in Los Angeles area.

Area PI Committee met the PI Chair of the L.A. Central Office. They're working on a video project. They have a number of video ideas. They plan to pick one and film that this Summer. Will use actors and leverage the disclaimer related to full-face actors. They discussed the L.A. County Fair project last year. P.I. spent over \$6,000.00 last year. They don't have enough money this year to support the LA County Fair. They discussed PSA's with people in the industry. Turns out they're just not shown. So they're wondering why PSAs are still being developed. Mentioned the Buzz Feed A.A. video. It had over 120K hits. They plan to use our content on Buzz Feed video outlets.

Website Committee, Shawn A., Chair: Shawn reported, reminded everyone the email aliases will change end of 2019. Area email will be shutdown 12/31/19 – 01/01/2020 to facilitate the change to new addresses. Shawn will pass out information about the new email addresses at the August, 27, 2019, ACM. They plan to change current Contributions platform that works better with Quicken Software used by Accounts Treasurer. Will send out a survey on General Service questionnaire.

Unfinished Business: (None)

New Business: (None)

Good and Welfare Announcements:

- There were a few Round Table report backs shared. Good and Welfare announcements were interspersed.
- PASYPAA meeting June 19, 2019, place is TBD. Contact Jamie W.
- 16th Annual Not a Glum Lot picnic, Sunday, June 23, 2019, and Veteran's Memorial Park in Culver City
- Local Forum (aka Unity Forum) will be held July 13 and 14, 2019, hosted by Area 5
- Service Summer Camp: August 30 – September 1, 2019, hosted by Combined Hollywood Districts

Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English. (3:55 p.m.),

Respectfully submitted,

Doug S.

**A.A. AREA 05 – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Saturday – July 27, 2019
Trinity Lutheran Church, 997 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106
Host: District 33**

Call to Order

Area Chairperson, Zoraida R., called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting opened with one minute of silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the Declaration of Unity and Acknowledgements

Declaration of Unity was read in Spanish by Jacobo M., DCM, District 33

Declaration of Unity was read in English by Thomas B., Guidelines and Policies Committee Chair

A.A. Birthday celebrants having anniversary dates falling between February 25, 2019 through July 27, 2019 were recognized, applauded and serenaded.

Roll Call

Area Registrar, Nikki U., took roll of the Area Committee Members and additional trusted servants in attendance:

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
General Service Representatives	0	0	0	0
Alternate General Service Representatives	0	0	0	0
District Committee Members	13	10	0	3
Alternate District Committee Members	5	1	2	2
District Committee Member Chairs	1	1	0	0
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	1	1	0	0
Committee Chairs	12	9	0	3
Alternate Committee Chairs	7	3	3	1
Area Officers	7	7	0	=
Past Delegates	4	4	0	0
Visitors		0	8	0
Subtotal	58	36	13	9
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-9			
Total Attendance	49			

* These individuals serve in another area role (e.g. a Committee Chair that is also a GSR.) So that they are not counted twice, their presence in this role is not being counted towards total attendance.

Approval of February 24, 2019 ACM Minutes

Area Secretary, Doug S., presented Minutes for the February 24, 2019 Area Committee Meeting. Thanking the Translation Alt. Chair, Bill L., for his excellent work in translation. Following motion for approval made, and seconded, the Minutes for the February 24, 2019 Area Committee Meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of ACM Agenda

Area Chairperson Zoraida R., presented the July 27, 2019 ACM Agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed with none opposed.

Audio Visual Committee Chair, Miguel M., makes announcement regarding audio recording and safely navigating the cords taped to the floor.

DCMC and DCM Reports

David M., DCM District 43, West Hollywood, Fairfax, Beverly Hills, reported:

They've experienced some disruption since the regular meeting place is undergoing construction. Their regularly scheduled meeting occurred during the Unity Forum, which was helpful. One of our meetings has a 'signor' that they're financially supporting on their own. They have about 9 or 10 GSRs attending their meeting. Working to increase contributions from their Groups to Area and the District.

Lionel G., Alt. DCMC for Hollywood Combined Districts (9, 10, 26, 56, 58), reported:

Discussing creation of a FaceBook page for HCD. Getting Groups and GSRs input before creating. Have 9 new GSRs with a total of 19 GSRs at the meeting. They're hosting the Service Summer Camp later this year. More will be announced later today.

Beth S., DCM for Districts 39 & 40, Malibu, Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica, reported:

Putting together another workshop for Steps 4 & 5. GSRs are working to plan that and will need funds. Increasing the number of GSRs in the Districts.

Dayna D., DCM District 10, Los Angeles and Wilshire Corridor, reported:

One meeting, the Great Fact Men's Stag, has created a "People's Meeting" with encouragement from the City of West Hollywood. Doing meeting outreach. Getting in their cars as a group and visiting meetings that aren't represented by GSRs. Asking what the District can do for their respective meetings.

Amy O., DCM for District 4, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, La Puente, West Covina, reported:

District has created a Facebook Page. Changing location within the next month due to Church where they host District meetings now has been sold. Working on event to attract more GSRs.

Jim, DCM District 2, La Cañada, La Crescenta, Montrose and Sunland, reported:

Over the past six months the District has grown to 7 GSRs. The new members have participated in PRAASA, the Delegate Report Back Assembly and the Local Unity Forum. Looking for a new treasurer and rotate leadership roles. They have participated in the Third Legacy meeting. H&I meets within their District on monthly basis.

Jenny P., DCM District 13, Alhambra, Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, El Monte, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South El Monte, Sierra Madre and Temple City, reported:

Grateful to hold the DCM position. The District meeting has grown significantly during this time. They have grown to 20 GSRs. Picked up four new GSRs from the groups they've been visiting.

Nadine S., Alt. DCM District 14, Downey, Bell Gardens, Montebello, Paramount and Pico Rivera, reported:

District 14 hosted a Spring Event. They presented two plays from the Grapevine, which were well received by the attendees. Planning to do another later this year. Many members participated in the Unity Forum, where the District handled registration for the event. We have a lot more exciting events planned.

Victor G., DCM District 55, LA South/Central, Lynwood, Inglewood, Culver City & Santa Monica, reported:

Presently the District meets every 2 weeks and has approximately 17 GSRs. They are the organizing District for the Foro (41st) in November. Working with Committees we've established.

Armando, District Registrar for District 30, Ontario, Upland, Pomona, Claremont, La Verne, Alta Loma, Rancho Cucamonga, Chino and Diamond Bar, reported:

There's a homeless center in District 30 that called GSO looking for some representation. The District started a meeting at the center and donated ten A.A. Big Books. Other members started a book study at the center as well. Proud of their District.

Rogelio Z., DCM District 50, Glendale, Altadena, Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, El Sereno, reported:

Continue to visit Groups and attended the recent Assembly. Recently celebrated A.A.'s 84th anniversary at one of the meetings. The 23rd Anniversary event for La Vina is this weekend and they are supporting. They continue to meet the first and last weekends of the months and have between 5 - 6 GSRs attend. Attended Unity Forum. August 12th the District will celebrate their 2nd anniversary. PI, Archives, Internet and La Vina will take place August 11th at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena.

David W., DCM District 8, Beverly Hills, reported:

District 8 traditionally has been underserved by GSRs. Beginning of their year there were maybe ½ dozen GSRs. We have signed up 2 GSR for Roxbury Park meetings, 2 more GSRs within the District. We are growing participation in the District.

Luis M., DCM District 35, Alt. DCM Guadalupe S., San Gabriel East, Azusa, Baldwin Park, El Monte and Whittier, reported:

Greetings to all Officers and members of Area 5. Visiting two groups weekly. There are 19 Groups in the District. 1 Woman's Group and 18 others. Everything is working well. Attended Unity Forum in July. Glad to see officers attend their Workshop: Lauren, Doug & Past Delegate Juan M. Getting ready for the Summer Assembly (8/24) at Lambert Park in El Monte. Made proposal for the District 35 support the Assembly which motivated GSRs to join the District. Also, Past Delegate, Juan M., explained the structure of General Service in U.S. and Canada.

Hector E., Alt. DCM District 34, San Dimas, Pomona, La Verne, Glendora, Ontario, Montclair, Claremont, Chino, reported:

Continued to visit groups within our District. We have a new group in our District called, 'The Joy of Living'. There are 14 groups in total. They had a workshop July 21, 2019. Thanked Lauren A. and Doug S. for supporting the workshop. Expresses gratitude for the information they shared. The GSRs agreed to continue inviting Officers to get more information from them. Will continue to carry message.

Julio B., DCM District 49, LA East, Lincoln Heights, Bell/Cudahy, Montebello and Pico Rivera, reported:

In our District we have 29 groups. We visit meetings 3 times a week. Recent activities include: attended Unity Forum, we visited a group on the 16th, visited another group on the 17th, and yet another on the 18th. We had a meeting with Alt. & GSRs on the 19th, they participated in the Workshop on July 21st, and several other groups.

Manuel, DCMC of Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH), reported:

We continue to meet at 5207 Olympic Blvd., and the DCMs gather with the Committees to make the intergroup possible.

Sandra C., DCMC Westside Combined Districts, reported:

We had the WCD meeting last Sunday, July 20, 2019. Talked about the picnic held in June, and she appreciates our support. They had great food & thanked special events committee. Had great music and DJ. District 19 now has a GSR and a potential DCM for that District. District 5 did not have DCM or Alt.. We now have both of those. Sandra thanked them for stepping up. Inviting District 7 to attend the WCD meeting August 7 for Delegate Report back.

Deborah C., DCM for District 6, Brentwood, West LA, reported:

Their biggest challenge is dark/inactive meetings. The District has 20 meetings. Four of those meetings have GSRs that are very active. The other 16 have no interest whatsoever. Those 16 meetings do provide funds and express that they're really interested in doing. Combined with District 36 for activities and support things together. Deborah asked the ACM attendees that may have experience dealing with this problem to see her.

Jacobo M., DCM, District 33, Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Glendale, reported:

Read his report in Spanish and asked for translation. Greetings for everyone. Our work, committees and those groups people that are the members, carry the message of A.A. The heart of our 3rd Legacy of Service, we thank our Higher Power, their families and all of us for support. District 33 continues to be active in learning, practicing and improving how to better carry the message. Thank God for A.A.!

Costs and Expenses: Nadine S., Finance Chair Report: Food cost today is \$266.10. Food Kitty collection so far is only \$47.

Delegate's Report: Delegate Thomas S. introduces himself in English and Spanish, reported and advised that:

- Our Delegate thanked everyone for their brevity allowing him an extra 30 minutes for his report! (ha ha) Thanked the Area for the kindness, thoughtfulness and traditions in Area 5. He just returned from New Jersey. The Area sent a floral arrangement to his brother's memorial service. His family wondered whom is Area 5. His brother stopped drinking, niece, a nephew, a house guest, all of that happened because Thomas made it to A.A.
- Shared the following: To my Higher Power, I place myself in your care. Help me to know I do not need to face my troubles alone. You have joined me in my need, consolation in my sorrow, courage

in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in your healing powers. Thank you for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe. Inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has so freely been given to me.

- Thomas thanked the Officers of Area 5. There's much interest around the N.A. Conference with regards to things that we (Area 5) do. The Delegate from Tennessee. Emailed Thomas directly, "What do we do with our Past Delegates?" He's having trouble, interference getting Past Delegate engaged. Want to leverage the experience of our Past Delegates. Thomas told TN Delegate, as long as they're living within our Area, they're members, they have votes, they serve as Committee Chairs, or server just as advisors. Even the Past Delegates that moved out of the Area he speaks with, those though do not have a vote. Area 5 has a good model. Thanked everyone's efforts putting together and conducting Unity Forum. Delegates from other Areas visit and learn. Our Delegate specifically commended the contributions of Area 5's Spanish-speaking Districts and members for their dedication to Service.
- Our Delegate talked about Concept 12, Warranty 2: "Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle." In this connection we should pause to review our attitudes concerning money and its relation to service effort. Our attitude toward the giving of time when compared with our attitude toward giving money presents an interesting contrast. Of course we give a lot of our time to A.A. activities for our own protection and growth. But we also engage ourselves in a truly sacrificial giving for the sake of our groups, our areas and for A.A. as a whole.
- Several months ago the Grapevine requested stories from African Americans. August Issue of the GV has Thomas' story about his introduction to AA. And regard to integrating himself into his Home Group. Out of 800 people meeting there weekly there may be 20 African American. He's there for his sobriety and thoughts of the differential is not high on his thoughts. The North American Conference, census (survey) A.A. 89% Caucasian with 4% Black. Emphasis here is outreach. Young fellow, David R., from the WCD, visits District 19 on a weekly basis. David attends 2 - 3 meetings in that District weekly. Encourages people to subscribe to Grapevine
- Grapevine: We currently have approximately 70K subscribing members. There are estimated to be over 2 million members in N.A. conference. This is our 'trade' magazine. If only half of our Fellowship subscribed to the Grapevine we would never hear another word about our 7th Tradition. There'd be an overflow of finances which would be transferred to general fund.
- 2020 International Convention: A.A. will hold its International Convention July 2-5, 2020, in Detroit, MI. The 2025 conventional will be held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and St. Louis, MO, will host in 2030. Reservation forms will be mailed to GSRs in August, 2019, registration opening September 9, 2019.
- General Service Office – ERP project: Literature ordering and contributions system will be unavailable July 26 – August 5, 2019, when the new system will become available.
- Use of Acronyms: Delegate encourages us to use full names of General Service positions, offices, etc., and not acronyms. Use of acronyms can confuse our fellowship.
- Recurring Online Contributions: Those members will have to re-enter credit card information once the new system goes online. Sales tax and exemptions. Based on new sales tax regulations,

there are 22 States for which AA will have to collect sales taxes. If you have 'tax exempt status' you'll have to resubmit your forms. They are not transferring that status from the old system.

- At the 69th General Service Conference (G.S.C.) we had 135 voting members. At full complement it would have been 138. There were 2 staff positions vacant and 1 vacancy (Administrative Executive) person in the GSO was not filled. Instead of 138 traditionally attend the G.S.C., they had only 135.
- Thomas reading a memo from G.S.O. they are delighted to welcome 2 new staff members. Check your Box 459 newsletter for more details on staff's background and credentials.
- Area 5's Draft 2020 Calendar will be presented for review at the Summer Assembly, August 24, 2019. Get those items into your calendar early so you're available to participate.
- Conference process lasts all year long. Things we want implemented, items that were implemented we'd no longer wish to see. There is a process for you to address that! Our Delegate emphasizes learning and understanding the process to make things happen here in A.A.
- Delegate Report Backs – Thomas has enjoyed those! Going to District 3 this week. Jamie, DCM, has sent reminders to other Districts to join. The Delegate has combined Districts as much as possible due to his busy schedule. Visiting each of the 35 Districts in person is not possible. Thomas provided the schedule and listed the Districts that are allocated for each report back.
- GSC – mentioned that meetings went long. Some of the presentation topics were skipped since they Agenda items took longer time then originally allocated on the agenda. Meetings went late & started early to accommodate the items.
- Thanked the Area Contributions Treasurer for putting his G.S.C. exhibit (folding board) together.

Questions and Answers Session:

Question: Floor Action 4th Edition of the Spanish Language Big Book. *Was the Floor Action approved?* I didn't capture that at the Assembly.

Answer: Jesus O., Delegate Area 9, presented this item as a Floor Action (FA). There was a motion to decline to consider this Floor Action. That motion failed. The original FA remained open and on the floor. Some people believe the FA items should be covered in the Committee and not addressed as a FA. English version of the Big Book is presently on 4th edition. Spanish language Big Book is still on 3rd edition. Jesus made a compelling argument to support the FA. "The matter was referred to the Trustees Committee on Literature." That's where it is right now. Matters will be discussed at the next Board weekend.

Question: Miguel M., Audio Visual Committee Chair, asked a question: Are you serving on another committee?

Answer: Thomas serves on the 'Conference Committee on Trustees.' The definition of 'Remote Community,' where he refers to the original 'Loners International' member, who's inaugural member comes from southern California, Pete C., who's story was the last in the first edition, first printing of the Big Book. As the definition of 'remote communities' evolved, used to be mean remote geographical communities. In today's society, this refers to encompasses about every cultural & language, ethnicities,

could pretty much include anyone. The object of remote communities is 'inclusion'. It's quite broad definition in today's A.A. Our Delegate was elected Chair for the Remote Community Committee.

Question: Someone asked, 'Do you have news about the final report for the GSC?'

Answer: When will it be available, right? Should be published middle to end of August based on usual timing. It's possible we'll have the report by the Summer Assembly, August 24, 2019. If not, we'll distribute it at the following Assembly. Thomas has ordered 600 copies of the Final Conference Report from the 69th G.S.C. (400 English & 200 Spanish).

Area 05's Finance Team Presentation, Q&A, Open Microphone:

Sharron S., Contributions Treasurer, reports on the topic: "Spiritually of the 7th Tradition." Where Money and Spirituality Mix. Sharron explained that she'll talk about "money coming in" (contributions) and Brian will discuss in terms of 'money being spent or going out.' The emphasis on how and what GSRs need to know and do with respect to financing A.A. service work.

Quoted Bill W., "Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better 12th Step work possible. Whether it be at the Group meeting place, the Central and Intergroup office or the World Services headquarters." These service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion, to our survival as a Fellowship. Amounts to a recognition of our part in support of these services. The paradox of A.A. is that financial independence in support of our Fellowship by alcoholics and alcoholics alone not only enhances A.A. and its importance to each of us, but it stimulates our engagement in our own recovery. A.A. needs money to carry the message and fund services to reach out.

As the Group GSR, go to your meeting and talk to the meeting treasurer or secretary ensure they're contributing to G.S.O., Area, District, and other service entities. Also be certain they know where the money goes (type of services A.A. provides). As an individual, you can make, a) Birthday/Anniversary contributions, b) References the \$7.27 on 7/27 campaign last year (our finances are printed in the Final Conference report), c) \$5 for Area 5. Those are three things we can do. You can also purchase a Grapevine or La Vina subscription, which will help G.S.O. in the general fund.

Brian P., Accounts Treasurer, reported: How is our money spent? Which is the 'money going out' part of the Area's treasury.

Groups, meetings, G.S.O, brings in money for a reason. The funds AA receives, whether from Groups or individuals, is to support our job of saving drunks and in support of A.A. unity. Area 5 needs to maintain sufficient funds on hand. Our top priorities are: fully fund the Delegate to G.S.C., PRAASA and the Regional Forum. Brian references the Financial Report he produces, which shows where our money goes. Brian provides suggestions of work the Area has supported: Hispanic Woman's Workshop, Conferences we should attend that GSO informs the Area, LA County Fair in 2018, Accessibility Committee – ASL for Deaf members, C.Y.C., C.P.C., C.E.C., Archives, Unity Forum and others.

Nadine S., Finance Committee Chair, reported on the topic: 'How does accurate budgeting help us in encouraging Unity and Reaching the Still Suffering Alcoholic?'

The Area has an Upper and Lower Cash Limit (see the Guidelines and Policies). Committee Chairs, Officers and others involved in Area business submit proposed expenses for respective positions. Committee Chairs, especially new ones, don't know about the budget and may not be certain how to propose a budget. We need to educate them so they can conduct committee work. Projects & using funds to implement those projects. Mentioned various committees: C.P.C., C.E.C., P.I. and PSAs, Treatment

Facilities and others. Area 5 needs to financially support the Delegate at the annual G.S.C., PRAASA, and other Area activities.

Nadine announced the 2020 Budget meeting later this afternoon at a local restaurant.

Break and Food Costs & Expenses: Nadine S., Finance Chair, reports: ACM food cost today is \$125.00. Food Kitty collection \$129.00.

Service Summer Camp Presentation, Dayna D., presented:

Service Summer Camp is an annual service event being held August 30 – September 1, 2019, at Idyllwild Pines, CA. Flyers provided and information is online at the Area 5 website. It's a great way to get involved, learn about service and have fun! Please announce at your meetings.

Panel 69 Officers' Reports:

Alt. Delegate, Lauren A., reported: She's the Liaison to Central Office. She attended the L.A.C.O.'s 75th anniversary celebration. The office opened July 1, 1944. Attended H&I intergroup in Covina. Worked with Dayna on Contact Upon Release letters sent to the Central Jails. Attended Local Unity Forum and thanked Ted C., Kathy F., Pacific Regional Trustee, and Jeff W. from G.S.O. Attended the District 34 workshop July 21, 2019. Going to Foothill Round Up. Supporting Thomas S. at numerous Delegate Report backs and getting news about A.A.

Secretary, Doug S., reported: Privileged to serve as Panel 69 Area Secretary. Attended the Unity Forum in July and thought the event was fantastic. Attended the L.A.C.O.'s 75th anniversary celebration along with Lauren and others. Working on the Draft 2020 Area Calendar. Supported the District 34 Workshop. Minutes from today's ACM will not be ready for the SCAAN since the events are too close together to prepare. Will have them ready for Translation and printed for presentation at the August 24, 2019, Summer Assembly.

Accounts Treasurer, Brian P., reported: The 1st Quarter 2019 Financial Report was presented at the June Assembly. Brian explained some column titles needed to be updated, but the financial figures were accurate and not changed in the version presented today. Contributions match report of the Contribution Treasurer. *Motion to approve the report was second by Finance Committee. Motion passed with none opposed.* Brian explained the front page of the report with bar graphs in case people have questions. Brian attended the Unity Forum. Visited District 35, attended the 'Not a Glum Lot Picnic', and CIH meeting. Planning to attend Service Summer Camp and Foothill Round Up. Financial records are available for anyone to review. Feel free ask.

Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S., reported: Refers to the Contributions report that was presented at the Summer Assembly. Numbers match Accounts Treasurer's report. *Motion to approve the report was second by Finance Committee. Motion passed with none opposed.* Sharron adds that contributions have increased from previous years. Reiterates the \$5 for Area 5 campaign to increase individual contributions. Sharron wants to include more information about finances when mailing / emailing contributions receipts. Preparing 2nd quarter finance reports for next Assembly.

Registrar, Nikki U., reported: Attended the Unity Forum. The same exhibit at the Unity Forum will also be displayed at Foothill Round Up in August. G.S.O.s' systems are down while they convert to new ERP system. She's unable to make registration related changes until it's back online. One of A.A.'s costs is "returned mail" when G.S.O. sends things to G.S.R.s, or others. Please provide accurate information or

update her if you move. There's a project to update the maps from existing, older system. The written district boundaries of streets or freeways have been lost in time. Asking DCMs, DCMCs to send updated known written boundaries of respective Districts.

Chairperson, Zoraida R., reported: She's made district visits. Served as Program Chair of the Unity Forum and visited Intergroups. The Saturday night meeting at the Unity Forum had an opening prayer in Russian. The A.A. Preamble was recited in Mandarin, Chapter 5 was in Spanish, Chapter 3 was in Japanese, the Twelve Traditions was in ASL, The Responsibility Statement was in Cantonese, and the Moment of Silence and Declaration of Unity was recited in Armenian. She highlighted various activities in Area 5. The Four Committee Event will be hosted by CIH. Grapevine writing workshop (8/4/19), WACYPAA will be held downtown LA (1/2-1/5/2020) on the Omni Hotel. The Hispanic Woman's Workshop in Placentia will be held December 7, 2019. NAATW in Kentucky 9/20-9/22. Our own Brian P. will present at the workshop. Lastly, the A.A. International Convention next year in Detroit (July 2-5, 2020).

Foothill Round-up Presentation, Niel L., Chairperson: Niel presented on the activities taking place at the Foothill Roundup. It's the 27th year of the event. Encouraged folks to attend. Family event that focuses on service and recovery.

Presentation on the Spiritual Principles of Concept 4, Right of Participation, Equality, Sandra C., DCMC, Westside Combined Districts:

Sandra presented, 12 Steps are for recovery when we first come into A.A. That's how we stop drinking and start becoming a member of A.A. For Unity we have the Traditions. How to be in our groups, unify our groups, make certain we are welcoming, the only membership requirement is to stop drinking and the Group conscience. When we get into service we have the 12 Concepts. History of the Concepts, how the Conference came to be, and how they're to protect that service. There are handouts on the table about the Concepts. Sandra likes the 12 Concepts Illustrated pamphlet.

Concept IV, 'Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.'

This idea goes throughout A.A. at all our different legacy levels of participation. The right of participation is shared throughout all of AA. From the newcomer to someone who's been here a long time. We need to listen to everyone and all have a voice. There's a sense of belonging, if we feel we belong members participation increases.

Roundtable Discussions: The Chair explained the roundtables and the questions are available on the tables. She requested scribes document responses to the questions and report back following.

1. What are some of the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
2. How does Concept IV apply to your group, district, committee and area?
3. Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we're not active members of that group?

Roundtable Report Backs:

The Chair called the meeting back to order for report backs to the ACM. Roundtable report backs were completed at 1:00 p.m.

Comité Interdistrital Hispanos' Four Committees Event Presentation, Rogelio Z., DCM:

Rogelio presented information about the CIH Four Committee Event, which will be held August 11, 2019. The four committees are: Internet, Archives, PI and La Vina. The board meets to work on their agenda once per month. Discussed the topics that will be presented at the event. There will be round tables. Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 Lake Ave., Pasadena, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The goal is to encourage people to be part of General Service. Thanked the attendees. Invited English speaking members to attend.

Unfinished and New Business: None

Good and Welfare Announcements: Jacobo M. invites people to attend the Foothill Round Up.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English. (1:15 p.m.)

[Note: Full audio recording is available upon request.]

Respectfully submitted,

Doug S.

**A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SPRING ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

Sunday – June 9, 2019

John Adams School Cafeteria, 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Host: Westside Combined Districts

- 8:00 AA Meeting (*Leader: PI Chair, Gordy H. & Meeting Chair: Dist. 18 Secretary, Valerie G.*)
Breakfast, Fellowship & Registration
- 9:00 Welcome & Opening Comments
- 9:05 Call to Order
- 2 Minutes Silent Meditation, Serenity Prayer
- AA Birthdays (January 27 – June 9)
- The Twelve Concepts (Short Form) - Spanish and English (*Olga M. Alt. DCM Dist. 33 & Alt. Chair Hispanic Women's Workshop (Sp.) & Claude D., GSR (Eng)*)
- 9:18 Approval of Agenda (*Chair, Zoraida R.*)
- Approval of January 26 Assembly Minutes (*Secretary, Doug S.*)
- 9:23 Roll Call (*Registrar, Nikki U.*)
- 9:40 Delegate's Report-Back: 69th General Service Conference Part I - "What I Saw, Heard and Felt" (*Thomas S.*)
- 10:25 New GSR and Alternate GSR Orientation (*Alternate Delegate, Lauren A.*)
- Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings
- 11:05 Introduction of new GSRs and Alternates (*Chair, Zoraida R.*)
- 11:10 Delegate's Report-Back: 69th General Service Conference Part II – Business Report, Q&A (*Thomas S.*)
- 12:10 Local Unity Forum Report (*Ted C., Local Forum Chair & Amy O. Alt. Chair & DCM Dist. 4*)
- 12:15 Lunch - Announcement of Estimated Cost for Breakfast & Lunch (*Finance Chair, Nadine S.*)
- 1:05 Officer Reports:
- Alternate Delegate, Including Audit Subcommittee Report (*Lauren A.*)
 - Secretary (*Doug S.*)
 - Accounts Treasurer, Including approval of 2019 First Quarter Financial Report (*Brian P.*)
 - Contributions Treasurer, Including approval of 2019 First Quarter Contributions Report (*Sharron S.*)
 - Registrar (*Nikki U.*)
- 1:30 Chairperson Report (*Zoraida R.*)
- 1:35 Round Tables: Discussing Actions of the 69th GSC with Your Groups (40 min. Discussion, 20 min Report-Backs-2 min/each)
- 2:35 Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- 3:30 Unfinished Business
- Approval of ACM - Approved 2019 Area Budget (*Area Finance Chair, Nadine S.*)
- 3:45 International Convention Video, "Love and Tolerance Is Our Code," Detroit, Michigan – July 2-5, 2020 (*Jamie W., Interpretation Ad-Hoc Alt. Chair & DCM Dist. 3*)
- 3:50 New Business / Good and Welfare Announcements
- 3:55 Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish and English)