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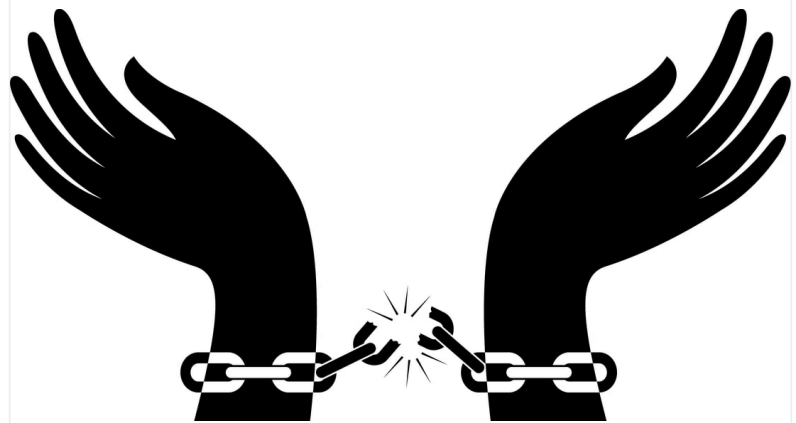
## THE VOICE OF AREA 05

### **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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### **MY JOURNEY FROM JAIL TO SANITY: A Story Of Corrections Correspondence**

I was arrested in June 2016 for felony vandalism while high and in a drug-induced psychosis. I served a 2-year prison sentence in Lynwood. While incarcerated I had a spiritual experience and came to know that God is real. He did a lot of amazing things regarding my case and keeping me not only safe but content. I had been to many rehabs and medical detoxes but always ended up homeless, in psych wards, ICU or jail.

This time was different because I felt the presence of God and knew He had forgiven me for being a horrible mother and pitiful excuse of a human being. I somehow had hope for the first time that I cannot explain and a will to live which I did not have before. A member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Keli R., from an H & I program wrote to me in jail gave me her phone # and promised to take me to a meeting when I got out. I still have her letter. She eventually became my sponsor. However, when I first got released I convinced myself I was a drug addict with an eating disorder but not an alcoholic. Absurd does not do justice to my denial as I had two DUIs and countless examples of pitiful, incomprehensible and demoralizing experiences while drunk and in blackouts.

Keli asked me to call her every day just to check in. She would patiently listen to me and offer similar examples from her own life but never judged or ridiculed me. She also gave me suggestions like going to a meeting every day and reading just one page out of the Big Book, which I did even though I was still drinking. However, she never told me I had to do anything, never demanded anything of me. The morning after the last time I drank I called Keli in a panic filled with remorse, shame and fear. My drinking almost made me homeless once again and I was completely distraught. She calmly gave me good advice on what to do. I haven't had a drink since.

Keli's support, compassion and patience literally saved my life. Because she was so willing to share openly with me her experience, strength and hope, I eventually gained the courage to give A.A. a chance. I knew God was real but this knowledge alone failed at keeping me sober. I was deathly afraid of being homeless or going back to jail again. I definitely consider Keli my A.A. angel.

Through more divine intervention or A.A. magic I met Dave B. at an A.A. meeting where I had a commitment as a greeter. He invited me to a Reentry group. They helped me get my job where I currently work as a dog trainer full time for Petco. I have been there over a year. They put me in contact with a lawyer who can help me get my felony expunged after two years. They also referred me to someone at Cal State LA who may be able to help me get my Bachelor's degree. After speaking for Dave at a CAPs meeting I was put in touch with my former cross country coach who offered to help me train for a marathon I want to run. I have learned that putting my recovery program in Alcoholics Anonymous first has given me a life beyond my wildest dreams. There are no words to describe how grateful I am to God and A.A.. Drugs and alcohol used to be my master. By the grace of God I am alive, sane and sober. Thanks to people like Keli R. and others He has put in my life, I have a job, a car, a house and a support system and will be 2 years sober as of July.

In May 2017 I was released with a bag of books and some donated clothes. This May 2019 I'm taking myself to Finland and staying on my family's farm! God continues to bless me on a daily basis and A.A. teaches me how to be grateful and keep it. I hope to be part of an H & I panel in jails so I can give back what's been given to me. Keli's H & I program literally saved my life. I know I would not have ended up in A.A. without it. I would have ended up back in jail, the morgue or an insane asylum. I have sought many religions and churches since I got out and so far the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is what coincides with my own spiritual experience and understanding of God. Meetings have become my "church."

Kelley D.

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My name is Keli R. and I'm an alcoholic. My date of sobriety is 11/1/11, I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, I sponsor women and I have a home group. One of my important ways of being of service is to write to women who are incarcerated and looking to stay sober once they're released. It's one of my favorite ways of being of service! Before I share about my recovery now, I want to share some of my story since it's significant in why I work the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I first got sober in 1985, in Australia, 5 years before I came to Los Angeles. Looking back I see what went so wrong. I stayed sober till 1997 without having ever really worked the program. I'd done a 4<sup>th</sup> Step without the 4<sup>th</sup> column, still lived in blame and was full of resentment and hatred. By 1996 I was dry and miserable. I wanted to die; you see, I know that alcohol (and all the other substances) was my solution and if you take away my solution and don't replace it with something better, I'm going to be left with myself and my spiritual malady.

I stayed sober all that time by going to lots of meetings and a ton of fellowship. My triangle was a flat line! I had no recovery or service, no sponsor or sponsees, no commitments and had never cleaned house. So in 1997 I attempted suicide and then drank again. Unfortunately nothing changed when I

came back to the fellowship; I didn't find a sponsor, didn't read the Big Book and didn't seek a Higher Power, nothing. So after a few months, defenseless, I drank again. Only this time I didn't come back, I had found my true love again, Master Alcohol, and felt the best I'd felt in a long time.

For the next 13 years my life was extremely unmanageable. My disease had progressed the whole time I'd been in the program. Having never found a solution to my spiritual malady I was living a life filled with lies, resentment, self-hatred and fear. In the final year of my drinking I was suicidal, the alcohol no longer worked for me, I had given up all hope. At the end of 2011 I had a suicide attempt that landed me in the psych ward on a 51-50 hold. This ended up being the biggest blessing; I had finally hit rock bottom, and while I was locked up I prayed for the first time in many, many years. When I got on my knees and said the alcoholic prayer, "God please help me." I was overcome with a feeling of being unconditionally loved and cared for. I had the beginnings of a spiritual awakening.

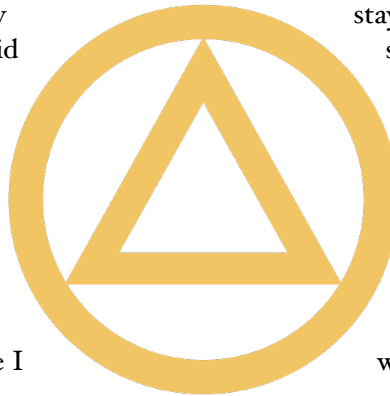
When I got out of the hospital I went to a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and knew I'd found where I belonged. The feeling of relief is unforgettable. I was beaten and knew I'd found the solution. I quickly got a sponsor and a commitment, started studying the Big Book and working the Steps. I have a healthy respect for this disease and know that I have a daily reprieve based on my spiritual condition and relationship with a Higher Power, that I chose to call God. I am certain, without a doubt, that if I let up on my program of recovery I would go backwards. As Bill says in the book, "Alcohol is a subtle foe."

My work schedule is unpredictable and involves a lot of travel, making it almost impossible to keep a regular commitment at a meeting, like being a secretary or making coffee. Knowing that being of service is a major part of my recovery, the opportunity to work with the Corrections Committee has been a Godsend! Finding time to write and send letters to women who seek sobriety after being released from prison gives me an

opportunity to work the 12<sup>th</sup> step and has been easy to commit to. I love it!

Enter Kelley D. I rarely hear back from the women I write to and on those rare occasions I end up speaking to the ones who contact me when they get out, most of them drop off the radar. Lack of willingness, denial; the usual excuses for not wanting to do what it takes, even going to meetings. That is until Kelley reached out. What pure joy it has been to watch her recover, to witness the light shine in her eyes, the radiance of her smile since she's moved forward in the Steps and her recovery. But I'm jumping ahead of myself.

When Kelley reached out, she shared her story about how she'd had a spiritual awakening while she was locked up. She shared that she wanted to stay sober, but initially she wasn't fully surrendered. After a couple of slips she was finally beaten and was ready to go to any lengths to stay sober. This gave me so much hope for her! We talked regularly on the phone and I offered my strength, hope and experience along with some guidance. I met her at a women's meeting and I instantly connected with her.



From that moment I fully understood the beauty of the 12<sup>th</sup> Step and how it would make a difference in my sobriety. The deep sense of care I felt for her warmed my heart and soul, it touched me more deeply than I could ever describe. Kelley was so vulnerable that I knew that I needed to be there to support her recovery in every way possible. That feeling that comes from one alcoholic helping another is like nothing else. It makes me feel so grateful for all the love and support I've been given. I initially offered to be her temporary sponsor till she could find someone in her area. So we spoke most days till she found a woman she liked. I knew my job wasn't to become her sponsor, but to help her get to meetings and establish a connection to the program so she could stay sober.

Kelley would frequently call me and I always loved speaking to her. She ended up asking me to sponsor her, so for several months we worked

together. Kelley shared with me her deep love of God and I shared mine, I started to guide her through the Steps in the way my sponsor had helped me and I experienced the joy of watching her life come back together.

My spiritual life is based in AA rather than in religion, and I love that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous doesn't demand that I believe in a particular God but instead a Higher Power of my understanding. Kelley is a Christian with her own beliefs, quite different from mine, and while I was comfortable with that, she wanted a sponsor who had the same beliefs as her. She had my blessings and unconditional love and now when I see her at H & I meetings or when we text or talk, I'm filled with gratitude at how she touched my life.

My service commitment to the Corrections Committee is a huge blessing in my life and important to my recovery. It works with my crazy schedule and provides me with the opportunity for being of service. Today I'm filled with gratitude for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, for the life it's given me, for my recovery and for showing me that being of service is an important part of my spiritual growth. I love AA and look for any chance to give back; this service commitment provides that opportunity and it gives me just one more reason to be grateful.

Keli R  
District 3



# DELEGATE'S REPORT

We are coming near the end of the first year of Panel 69. I thank you all again for entrusting me with the responsibility as Trusted Servant serving as Area 05 Delegate. You probably have an understanding of what a Delegate does based on observation. It was my surprise to discover so many other than the obvious responsibilities and I want to share some with you. My hope is it will add an additional level of excitement and desire for you to continue in General Service in support of and to become an Area 05 Delegate.

Prior to the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference I started getting correspondence from the Fellowship in Southern California that had been sent initially to the General Service Office then forwarded to me to reply. When the General Service Office determines the inquiry would be better answered locally, it is forwarded to the Delegate. An example follows:

Hi Thomas,

My name is Katherine Peters and I am a grateful member of AA. My sobriety date is 10/15/78. We have a clubhouse in the Crenshaw area of South Los Angeles. We are renting the space and have been there for 2 years with a little over two years left in our lease. We lost our old clubhouse because they doubled the rent. The club is located in an area with lots of gentrification and we are afraid that the landlord will sell the building to a developer. Therefore, we are thinking of buying a building but are not sure how to go about it.

I wrote an email to General services and they referred me to you. Any ideas, direction or help will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much,  
Katherine P.

Dear Ms. Peters,

*Thank you for contacting me regarding your clubhouse. I will certainly do everything I can to help your group get settled. Please forward your original email to the General Service Office and their reply to you to me. Also send a copy of your lease. When you send those items to me, please include a phone number and the clubhouse address. After reviewing the previous correspondence, I'll set up an appointment with you and/or any other responsible parties.*

*In love and service,  
Thomas S., Delegate Panel 69 Area 05 Southern California*

At the General Service Conference, the Delegates vote for a Delegate to serve as Mailperson. The Mailperson distributes communications from other Delegates and/or anyone in the General Service Conference to all Delegates. Many of the communications from Delegates are inquiries as to what other Areas are doing to improve functions at the inquiring Area/Delegate. Here's an example:

From: **Marjorie Stanislaw** <mstanislaw2@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2019 at 8:59 AM  
Subject: VOICES AND VOTES  
To: Becky Parker <mailwoman2019@gmail.com>

Hello Becky and All!

Area 60 of Western PA is reviewing the structure of our Area Committee, our Guidelines, etc. and have a few questions for other Area Committees we are hoping you are willing to answer.

- 1) Do your past delegates have a voice and a vote at your officer and coordinator meetings?
- 2) Do your past delegates have a voice and a vote at your Area Assemblies?
- 3) We have quarterly business meetings--Do your past delegates have a voice and a vote at these meetings or something similar?
- 4) How many past delegates actively serve or attend meetings at your area level?
- 5) Do your past delegates chair any standing committees.

Thank you so much!  
Margie Stanislaw, Delegate Area 60/Panel 69, Western PA

*To Those Concerned,*

*Area 5 has an Area Committee structure which works quite well. Past Delegates play a significant and effective roll in Area 5. Those who continue to live in the Area when they are in attendance at Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings are able to vote. More importantly to the Area is their accumulated experience and knowledge as they share, when asked, their experience, strength and hope as Trusted Servants. At times, when asked, they serve as Committee Chairs. As members of the Assembly, they generally serve as members of Committees and service sponsors. Area 5 currently has 8 Past Delegates that continuously make contributions to our welfare.*

*The Area additionally has 2 Past Delegates who live outside the Area but visit occasionally. They are loved and respected.*

*In love and service,  
Thomas S., Delegate Panel 69 Area 05 Southern California*

Similar inquiries are received almost daily. Additional topic inquiries include Service Workshop & Orientations from Area 70 Vermont, Policy Committee contact from Area 8 Imperial/San Diego, Ca. and Electronic Contributions from Area 73 West Virginia. There are so many more. Reading and answering them gives me an acute sense of what's going on in the North American Conference. I have referred some inquiries to persons in the Area more capable of answering the inquiry.

**There is included in the inquiries and responses contact information of several members of our Fellowship throughout the North American Conference. Please do not contact the mailperson or anyone else in this article. This article was written to give you a sense of the work your Delegate is doing. Please do not break protocol and contact anyone herein referenced.**

Area 05 continues to make meaningful contributions to the North American Conference and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. My work is fully facilitated by Area 05's Alternate Delegate and her willingness to be front and center in local matters so I can fulfill a leadership role in the General Service Conference. Thank you all for your trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas S., Delegate Area 5 Panel 69



# Struggling To Be Heard In A.A.

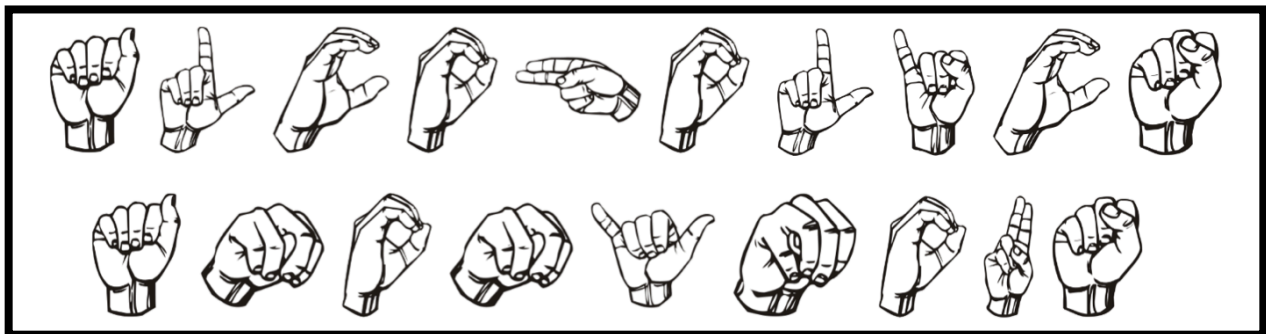
I am a deaf alcoholic with over 15 years of sobriety. I decided to write this article to better express myself and also to help others better understand me.

I have found that even within the supposedly supportive environment of Alcoholics Anonymous, the obstacle of deafness is enormous. Many people are unfamiliar and uncomfortable with deafness. So I thought a perfect opportunity existed for me to write about my experiences as a deaf person in recovery and clarify some things that people seem confused about. But let me be very clear: I am not speaking on behalf of deaf people or A.A. I am speaking only about me. I am not a model for the deaf community, or for the A.A. community.

didn't even think about how A.A. could help me because, again, I was a "normie!"

Eventually, I hit my low bottom and lost everything - family, friends, my apartment, my job, etc. I went to 3 different rehabs in 3 different states. I thought back to the A.A. meetings that my old deaf friends took me to and I knew that I need help from A.A. I was aware that most A.A. meetings did not have ASL interpreters and a few times I found that a good excuse to relapse. It took me a long time to realize that I cannot depend on ASL interpreters for my recovery. I had to show up at A.A. meetings no matter what.

At non-ASL-interpreted meetings, I would ask the secretary to help me find a volunteer to write



Not many people understand that deaf people have varying degrees of hearing and speech. Some can hear a little bit, while others are very deaf. Some can read lips while many others can't. Some are able to speak fairly clearly, and others can't. We're all different. I became deaf at birth; I do not read lips very well nor wear hearing aids. I use American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate with other people.

My journey to A.A. began in 1995, I was living in Los Angeles and considered myself a "normie." I had a lot of deaf friends who were in the A.A. program, however, so I attended several ASL interpreted meetings. When I moved to San Francisco, I ended up joining the wrong circle of friends. They invited me to circuit parties and this is how I became addicted to various of drugs. I

what is said so I can fully participate in the rooms. I really appreciate those volunteers who did the hard work, scribbling fast because of fast talking speakers. A few years later, I got a laptop, which made things a lot easier.

On several occasions, the secretary felt burdened by my request and merely told me that I should go to meetings with interpreters. Many people don't realize that ASL-interpreted meetings are very scarce and sometimes interpreters are not skilled. I was shocked that people tried to refer me away from meetings because they thought they knew what I needed. A.A. states: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." It's a great principle, but it is not always put into practice. Aren't we here to help each other?

Even when ASL interpreters are made available, they are sometimes asked to sit off to the side, far away from the person speaking. In some situations that might be acceptable, but deaf people gain understanding from simultaneously watching the interpreter and the person speaking, interpreting facial expressions, hand movements, and emotions. It helps me to relate to the speaker rather than the ASL interpreter. I've also had people request that both the interpreter and all the deaf people move to the back of the room. I think that is discriminatory. People have told me that they think sign language interpreters are distracting. Well, I'd be much more distracting if I was drunk! I have to work harder to "hear" the message of recovery, so when I ask for help with interpreting what is said, your help is saving my life; I am not trying to annoy you.

Now, years later, I am involved with General Service and am part of the accessibilities committee. The biggest challenge about being on the accessibilities committee is making sure people of varying abilities have access to A.A.. For example, I am still searching for a Spanish Braille translation of the Big Book for a friend of mine from Peru who is both blind and deaf. As of right now, none is available. When deaf members need help with setting up an ASL interpreter for meetings, I help them set it up. I go to a lot of GSR and Area assemblies, and I meet a lot of people who always say that they are willing to participate in helping the accessibilities committee. But it is only "talk the talk" instead of "walk the walk." Not many people realize that the A.A. program is about taking action, not talk.

I am blessed to have A.A. in my life. English is not my first language; ASL is. English is based on Phonetic or sound language. That is why I am missing out on the most important basic grammar structure during my early stages in life. I had to depend on hearing A.A. members to clarify, elaborate A.A. slogans, phrases, and stories from the Big Book. I really appreciate my hearing sponsor who knows ASL; we sit together to read each line from Big Book. I still deal with my deaf issues on a daily basis but that does not define who I am. What A.A. teaches me is to deal with

one issue, one day at a time. I couldn't have done it myself without my higher power and help from experienced A.A. members who helped me stay clean so I could help other Deaf members who want to stay clean. It is a wonderful gift of the program.

Being deaf means that I sometimes live in a world of isolation. I want to say again how grateful I am for the people who have made an effort to get to know me and help me share in our recovery process. I wrote this article to help raise awareness. I hope that together we can make the road to recovery easier for deaf alcoholics.

Timothy S.  
GSR District 45



**4<sup>th</sup> 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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There Will Be Transmission  
**VIA SKYPE**  
On The Day Of The Event  
Interpretation In English





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## Area 05 In Tech: Online Contributions Platform

In every group, every district meeting, every Area 05 meeting, every A.A. event, we are reminded of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition in Alcoholics Anonymous. We are self-supporting, and we pay our own way. “Yes, we A.A.’s were once a burden on everybody,” Bill W. wrote in the June 1948 issue of The A.A. Grapevine, “We were ‘takers’. Now that we are sober, and by the Grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn’t we now about face and become ‘thankful givers’! Yes, it is high time we did!”

In October 2019, some 71 years later, Bill’s message remains the same but the means available to meet our obligations are easier, quicker and more convenient. Your Area05AA technology team launched online tools earlier in the year creating a gateway for contributions through the website. Now, there is no need to write a check, track down a money order, or stamp an envelope. Online contributions to Area05AA are as easy as **1 - 2 - 3!**

### Step 1:

For online contributions to Area 05, go to [www.area05aa.org](http://www.area05aa.org). There are two prominent contribution boxes in the right column of the home page. You have two choices: Group or Individual. For the purpose of this article, let’s assume your group has \$50 in the treasury to be contributed to Area 05. Let’s click on Group, type in \$50 and hit the ‘Continue’ button.

The screenshot shows the Area05AA website home page. On the right side, there are two boxes for contributions: 'Area05AA Group Contributions' and 'Area05AA Individual Contributions'. Red arrows point to these boxes. The 'Group Contributions' box is selected, showing a contribution amount of \$50.00 and the 'Continue' button. The 'Individual Contributions' box is also visible, showing a contribution amount of \$5.00 and the 'Continue' button.

### Step 2:

This next screen asks you to tell us who you represent. Please enter your group’s name, group number, district and specific meeting details. Any field with an asterisk is required to be filled out in order to continue to the next page. This ensures that the Area 05 Contributions Treasurer can identify your group and apply your contribution correctly.

The screenshot shows the Area05AA website registration form. It includes fields for Group Name, Group Number, District Number, Meeting City, Meeting Day, Meeting Time, Name, Phone, First Name, Last Name, and Email Address. There are checkboxes for 'Make this an anonymous contribution' and 'Agree to Terms'. A 'Contribute Now' button is at the bottom. Red arrows point to the 'Group Name', 'Group Number', 'District Number', 'Meeting City', 'Meeting Day', 'Meeting Time', 'Name', 'Phone', 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email Address', 'Agree to Terms', and 'Contribute Now' button.

**Step 2 (cont'd):**

Before you can move on, you need to agree to the terms. Why? This is an important piece. In keeping with A.A.'s Seventh Tradition of self support, we accept contributions only from A.A. members. "We once solicited money ourselves. We even solicited publicly. We thought we could do a lot of good with other people's money. But we found that kind of money too hot to handle. It aroused unbelievable controversy. It simply wasn't worth it.", writes Bill W. (The A.A. Grapevine, June 1948) "Besides, it set a precedent which has tempted many people to use the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous for other than A.A. purposes." So please, no outside contributions. Agree to the terms, and click the 'Contribute Now' button.

**Step 3:**

At this part in the process, you are redirected to a non-A.A. affiliated SECURE financial service site to handle your online contribution. Each transaction requires specific information because you will be using credit or debit cards to make your contribution. Fill in the form and proceed to 'Payment Info.'

In the final stretch, you enter your debit or credit card number, the expiration date and the CVV number. You have the option at this point to have your payment information saved for future transactions by clicking the 'Remember Me' button. Click 'Pay' to complete your contribution.

**STOP HERE.** It is important to know that at no time during or after your transaction does Area 05 have access to information about your credit or debit card. Your card information is encrypted and housed securely with our payment processor. The only data visible to Area 05 is the information you provided for your group: group name, number, district number, day of week, time and the contact associated with the transaction.

So, what happens after you hit the 'Pay' button? Your contribution is complete. Within minutes, you will receive a receipt in your email box containing all of the details of the transaction. The contribution is then processed automatically and deposited neatly into the Area 05 bank within a day or two. Not only is this process easy and convenient for you, but it saves time on administration, banking and travel for our Area 05 Contributions Treasurer.

Please give it a try today by participating in the '\$5 for Area 05' campaign on the Area 05 Individual Contributions box. It's a simple, straight-forward process. You even have the option to make this a 'recurring' transaction. Choose the frequency of your contribution and continue on. The only requirement is a "desire to stop drinking", a credit or debit card and your laptop. Mobile phones work as well.

The opportunities available to Area 05 with real-time contributions is change-making. Together, when partnered with technology, we will open channels to carry the message of HOPE.

Faith B.  
Area05 Webmaster

Since our last Assembly I have visited Districts 7 and 14, attended the Steering Committee, attended the L.A. Central Office Intergroup, and the H&I Intergroup Meeting in Santa Barbara. I heard it said recently that no one wants to hear about who the officers are visiting here and visiting there - "No one cares. We need reports that inspire!"

As your alternate delegate my duties include: "Be available to attend other events such as A.A. groups, special workshops, meetings of other Delegate Areas, conventions, etc. as invited or if the Delegate cannot attend;" per our guidelines and policies.

I go to the H&I Intergroup and hear how they are being of service with contact upon release, workshops and jail and treatment facility panels in all areas of Southern California, how they plan their annual convention, how this service inspires spiritual experiences for these members and what extent they will go to to be of service. I attend the L.A. Central Office Meetings and Intergroups Meetings where I see the hard work of their members and how inspired they are to help the meetings in their zones get the word out about the work they do and to try and make sure that every meeting has a Central Service Representative. Both of these service entities have budgets and I am able to observe their budget creation process.

I am attending a District meeting every month so that I can be inspired by the hard work the GSRs and DCMs are doing and answer questions from new members and more experienced members too who may need help understanding how to better serve their groups.

I'll be attending the elections for Area 08 and Area 09 in the next few weeks because they asked us to come and participate and help them with their Third Legacy elections just as they have come to help us.

I am in contact with your Delegate at all times and when he asks I send you communications from him or from the General Service Office. This is a fantastic way for me to help our area AND our Delegate do their jobs.

So, yes - I am "visiting" these entities and reporting back all the time so that I can be present to watch our fellow members keep the legacy, traditions and movement of Alcoholics Anonymous available for the alcoholic who just walked into the room and is in desperate need of a seat, a cup of coffee and someone to listen to them as they beg for help to stop drinking.

Maybe you might think it is only I who benefit from these visits but I say no - it

has helped me to be of service to you and our Area in multiple ways, ways that I will always share.

Thank you for inspiring *me* to continue my journey in A.A. and for *your* dedication to continuing our movement. I'll keep "visiting" because of it. I serve Area 05 as your trusted servant.

Lauren A.  
Alternate Delegate Panel 69  
Area05

## A REPORT THAT INSPIRES!



## 2020 DRAFT CALENDAR

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2/17 Presidents Day

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4/15 Tax Deadline  
4/12 Easter

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5/25 Memorial Day

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6/21 Father's Day

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7/2-7/4 International Conv.

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## Notes

1/25 Sat Winter Area Assembly  
2/1 Sat 4 Area DCM Sharing Session (Tentative)  
2/23 Sun Area Committee Meeting  
3/6 Fri - 3/8 Sun PRAASA  
4/4 Sat - 4/5 Sun Pre-Conference Workshop  
4/11 Sat Steering Committee Meeting  
4/19 Sun - 4/25 Fri General Service Conference  
5/17 Sun Spring Area Assembly  
6/13 Sat Steering Committee Meeting  
6/27 Sat Area Committee Meeting  
7/25 Sat Summer Area Assembly  
8/16 Sun Area Committee Meeting  
9/12 Sat Steering Committee Meeting  
10/18 Sun Fall Area Assembly  
11/1 Sun El Foro de Servicios Generales  
11/14 Sat Area Committee Meeting  
12/12 Sat Steering Committee Meeting

**Host Districts:** 1/25 Assembly - Hollywood Combined  
2/23 ACM - TBD  
4/4 PCW Day 1 -  
4/5 PCW Day 2 -  
5/17 Assembly - TBD  
6/27 ACM - TBD  
7/25 Assembly - TBD  
8/16 ACM - TBD  
10/18 Assembly - TBD  
11/14 ACM - TBD

**4 Area Share:** Host Area 93 (?)

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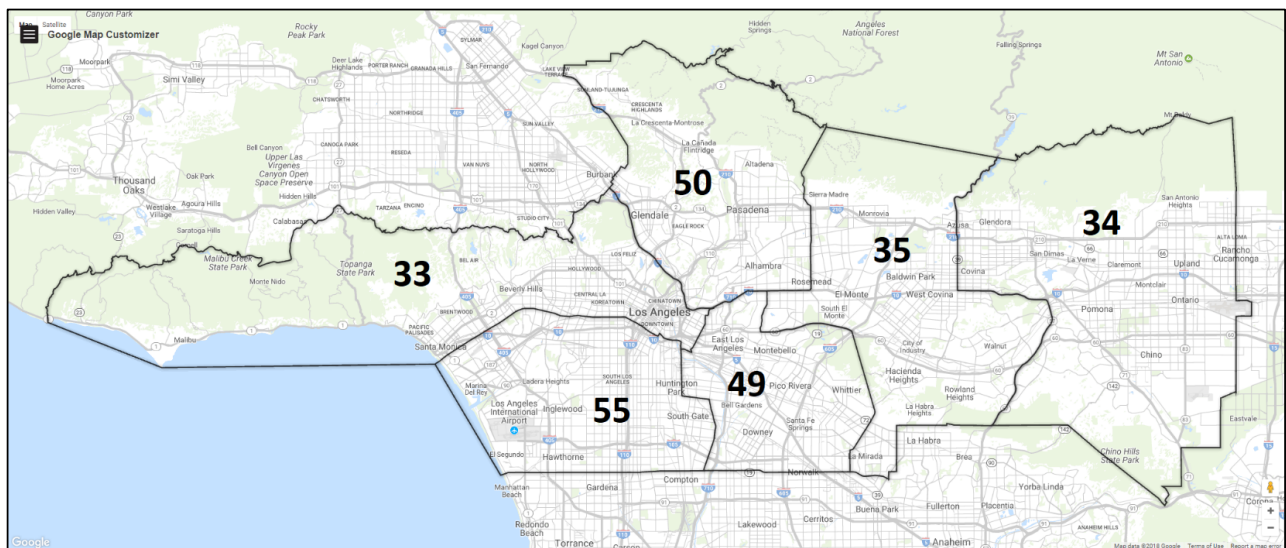
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## AREA MAP *(English-Speaking Districts)*



## AREA MAP *(Spanish-Speaking Districts)*



**A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AREA SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
Saturday – August 24, 2019  
Lambert Park  
11431 McGirk Ave.  
El Monte, CA 91732  
Host: District 35**

Area Chairperson, Zoraida R., opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer in English and Spanish, a welcoming statement and opening comments at 9:00 a.m.

**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

**Call-to-Order**

Chairperson, Zoraida R., called the Assembly to order at 10:00 a.m. with two minutes of silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Acknowledgments & Readings:**

**A.A. Birthdays** for anniversary dates falling between and including June 27, 2019 through August 24, 2019 were recognized, applauded and serenaded.

The 12 Concepts were read in Spanish by Julio B., Alt. DCM, District 49

The 12 Concepts were read in English by Valerie B., DCM, District 18

Area Chairperson, Zoraida R., thanks District 35 for hosting the Assembly, and announced Final Conference Reports from the 69<sup>th</sup> G.S.C. are available at the front table.

**Roll Call:**

Registrar, Nikki U., conducted the roll call:

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
General Service Representatives	41	41	0	0
Alternate General Service Representatives	6	4	2	0
District Committee Members	15	12	0	3
Alternate District Committee Members	6	2	1	3
District Committee Member Chairs	2	2	0	0
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	0	0	0	0
Committee Chairs	17	14	0	3
Alternate Committee Chairs	12	3	7	2
Area Officers	7	7	0	=
Past Delegates	5	5	0	0
Visitors		0	14	0
Subtotal	125	90	24	11
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-11			
Total Attendance	114			

\* 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.

**Introduction of new General Service Representatives and Alternates:**

New General Service Representatives and Alternates came to the microphone and introduced themselves and their respective District.

Chairperson, Zoraida R., introduces Monty, visiting from Area 08 (Chairperson) who's observing our meeting.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chairperson Zoraida R. presented the Assembly Agenda. Noted the agenda printed in the SCAAN has changed. The updated agendas are on the back table. *Made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded and approved. None opposed.*

### **Approval of Assembly Minutes from June 9, 2019:**

The Secretary advised that the Minutes of the June 9, 2019 Assembly were printed in the SCAAN (Area 05 newsletter) which had been distributed for approval. *Motion to approve was seconded, passed, none opposed.* A request was made to add a label "Minutes" to the heading. Secretary agreed to implement the recommendation. It was not an amendment, but rather a request.

### **Delegate Report:**

Thomas S. reported: Thanked those before him that left an extra twelve minutes in the agenda (jokingly). The Delegate has been presenting on A.A.'s Twelve Concepts, and how they apply to our institution and General Service. That we should take every opportunity to discuss, share and educate others. Many A.A. members don't know anything about the A.A.'s 12 Concepts. Encouraged all of our trusted servants to familiarize yourself with the Concepts, Service Manual, and the new publication "Great Responsibility", which tells us "Why" they were developed. Even the Board of Trustees weren't in favor of the Concepts.

Grapevine: Subscriptions were budgeted at 66,000 copies for 2019. Delegate Areas in California alone is budgeted at 6,000 subscriptions. As of April 2019 CA had 5991 subscriptions. Thomas considers that unacceptable. He believes we should have 6000 subscriptions in Southern California alone. Considering the North American (US/Canada) Conference 2.5 million members with only 60K GV subscriptions! Considers Grapevine & La Vina our "trade" magazine. Regarding the financial stability - think about the additional 12<sup>th</sup> Step work that would be possible if 1 million members subscribed to the Grapevine.

Officer Visits: Officers circulated all District and combined District meetings lists. The Officers have agreed to visit them monthly. The reasons we have consented to the visit is to help get the non-active Districts to become active. And get the active Districts more active. Next Assembly members are encouraged to come to the microphone to get Officers to visit your respective Districts, especially if they have not done so.

GSO Staff: There has been two recent hires at General Service Office. G.S.O. now has a full complement of thirteen (13). First, Brenda B., whom was assigned to the Corrections desk, which was previously unfilled. Our Delegate encouraged Corrections committee members to contact Brenda. The second hire was already an employee, who moved from La Vina Editor to a Staff desk, Irene D., and was assigned to the Accessibilities and Remote Communities desk. Thomas plans to visit her in November.

Alt. Delegate will disseminate the material via email to Area 5 Committee Members so this may be shared with your District and GSRs:

- G.S.C. Theme for 2020 (70<sup>th</sup>) is "A clear vision for You". They are accepting suggestions for 2021 (71<sup>st</sup>) G.S.C. themes. On behalf of Area, Thomas would like to see several submissions for 2021 themes. Lauren will distribute past themes from 1<sup>st</sup>-70<sup>th</sup> to the Assembly. Encouraged our participation in that exercise. Includes Themes, Presentations and Workshop topics. Theme doesn't stand alone. It needs to supplement with other items.
- International Convention: Details, logistics, stuff available, registration online open 9/9/19. The IC has always had non-AA members speak at various sessions. Thomas is a combat veteran – joined "members of the Dept. of Defense." Generals, etc., asking for, forms will be sent out, suggest non-AA speakers for the Int. Conv. IC Committee is expecting to have (recommended) up to 21 to be invited to attend the 2020 IC.
- Area Elections: Two of our neighboring Areas are hosting their election assemblies in the fall. Area 9 will be held October 13<sup>th</sup> in Brea, and Area 8 is scheduled on September 28<sup>th</sup> at a location T.B.D. Thomas S., will not be able to join Area 8's Election since he will attend the Southern California Convention. The convention in 1952 was chaired by Cliff W. whom was Delegate Panel 1 for Area 5 in 1951.
- Final Conference Report for the 70<sup>th</sup> G.S.C. They were distributed to the Assembly before the Delegate's Report. Limiting to one per person and remainder will be distributed at the 9-21-2019 A.C.M. Pages 32-41 contain Advisory



Actions passed at the Conference (all those items passed with 2/3 approval during voting). Considerations are listed as well. Conference Considerations (CC) are Agenda items that did not receive 2/3 (substantial unanimity) majority, but did receive 50% +1 vote. Advisory Actions become policies and traditions, which are maintained with oversight from the General Service Board and the G.S.C. CCs are items that will more than likely be presented at other conferences, and discussed throughout the Fellowship, and some day may become an Advisory Action.

- **Report Backs:** Thomas has been invited by District 33 for a recap of all Advisory Actions at their event. All Combined Spanish speaking Districts will be invited. Thomas will attend and translation will be provided. Our Delegate hopes to extend invitations to all Area 5 members. In this meeting they will cover every Advisory Actions with Q&A. English speakers will wear headsets for simultaneous translation. Proposed dates are December 22<sup>nd</sup> or December 29<sup>th</sup>. Both dates are Sundays and will have late morning start times.

In conclusion, Thomas S. thanked everyone for the opportunity to be service to Area 5.

### **Local Unity Forum Report: Unity Forum Ad Hoc Committee Chair, Ted C., reported:**

This is the final report of the Local Forum. Local Forums require applications be submitted and approved by General Service Office. This process was started in 2014. We are hoping this started a new tradition of cooperation with other local service entities. We chose to call the Local Forum the 'Unity Forum' to promote unity amongst various service groups: C/O, etc.

Ted and Amy were appointed Chair and Co-Chair in 2017. Decided on location in January of this year (2019). Created sub-committees to help: Program (Zoraida R.), Outreach (Brian P): Areas 5 (SCAA), 8 (SDIAA), 9 (MSCA) and 93 (CCAA). H&I Committees: Los Angeles, Foothill, Inter Valley & SoCal. YPAA: WACY PAA and PASYPAA. Central Offices: San Gabriel and Pomona Valley, Los Angeles, Comité Interdistrital Hispano (CIH). Others: A.A. G.S.O., Pacific Regional Trustee, Past Delegates from other Areas, and current Utah (Area 69) Delegate visited to learn. Funding contributions from: L.A. Central Office, L.A. and Foothill H&I. Displays and Exhibits (Mary T.), Nikki U. provided resources from NY GSO (13 boxes of supplies), Volunteers: A lot of people and local District 3, Hospitality (Ted C.). We stayed within budget even with monetary guarantees to food and coffee trucks. Thanked Interpretation (Jim I.), Zoraida R., Jamie W., Registration (Natalie O. and all of District 14 helpers), Facilities (no name). This was a one-off event, though we can learn from this for future events, and continued unity amongst the various entities. We had 400+ people over the course of the weekend event. Grateful and thankful.

### **Presentation of the Proposed 2020 Area Budget, Nadine S., Area Finance Chair:**

Proposed Budget is on the back table. The title should be 'Proposed 2020 Budget for Area 05'. Nadine described the Budget process and how the Budget is formed. Amendment: Line item 300-19 should be \$7,000.00. brings the category total to: \$11,300.00. Total Expenses for 2020 \$62,403.00 with -\$13,803.00 expenses over income (contributions). In addition, 'Lower Cash Limit' should be raised to: \$13,803.00 (last page of the document).

### **General Service Conference Agenda Item Proposal, (DCM, Dist. 41 & Literature Committee Member,**

**Connor C.):** New Service Literature on Patient Brokering in A.A. Connor read background of the proposed service literature material. Letter follows:

To Whom it May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to propose a new piece of service material. The aim of which would be to inform AA members of a growing concern about patient brokering in the rooms of aa. This issue was brought to the attention of the literature committee by concerned members of groups in area 05.

Patient brokering (or "body brokering") is a practice sometimes used by certain treatment facilities, sober livings, and detoxes whereby a middleman (patient broker) is given commission for referring new clients. Since insurance companies pay well for treatment, patient brokers as well as the facilities they represent have much profit to gain for finding new clientele.

Moreover, prospective clients are offered compensation such as free rent, free food, or even money to leave their current facility and relapse in order to restart the compensation coming from their insurance company. It is important to note that many treatment facilities, sober livings and detoxes are well-intentioned and do not engage in patient brokering. That being said, the potential harm caused to vulnerable members of AA seeking a real solution cannot be understated.

Though this practice is in many ways an outside issue, the concern that we should have as AA members is that this stops being an outside issue when this occurs *inside* the rooms by people who either explicitly or implicitly put forth their representation of Alcoholics Anonymous. As the long form of Tradition 6 says,

**“Problems of money, property and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim ... While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied”**

Newcomers and oldtimers alike should be aware of this practice which has grown more prevalent in the last few years across the country. Those of us just entering the rooms of AA seeking help may get the wrong impression that Alcoholics Anonymous is apathetic and therefore implying endorsement of these predatory practices.

Our goal with this proposed service material is to: inform AA members what “Patient Brokering” is and that it is not affiliated nor is it endorsed by AA as a whole and is therefore inconsistent with our traditions.

**“The unselfishness of these men as we have come to know them, the entire absence of profit motive, and their community spirit, is indeed inspiring to one who has labored long and wearily in this alcoholic field” - Dr.**

**William Silkworth**

[End of letter] Comments and questions below:

Guidelines and Policies Chair, Thomas B., discussed the process and how it might proceed.

**Chairperson's Report** including Hosting Requests-2020 ACMs & Assemblies:

Chair, Zoraida R., reported: Visited Districts 13, 35, 49, CIH Four (4) Committee Event, 3, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Meeting . Working with a Committee to form Guidelines and Policies for the Hispanic Woman's Workshop. The Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) will be held December 7, 2019. Folks from other states will attend this year: Spanish speaking female Delegates from Florida, Northwest Texas. Amalia from the Trustees Literature Committee, whom is working on the pamphlet for Spanish Speaking women. Michelle Greenberg, Chair of the General Service Board, will attend. Thanked District 33 that hosted the ACM in July. Loves hearing about work done in their respective Districts, such as the Hollywood Combined Districts' Summer Service Camp next weekend. District 30's work at the homeless shelter that reached out to G.S.O. whom contacted Area 5. Bring new business to Chair that you'd like to present at the next ACM.

**Bid forms for hosting 2020 events:** Three (3) Assemblies and Four (4) ACM's open. Turn them in by October 20, 2019.

Area 5 is actively involvement in Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Step work. We're active & that's what we're supposed to be doing. Our activities cost more than the contributions we've received. There is a roundtable scheduled later today to review these topics. We had an emergency Officer's meeting last Sunday. It was noted that Area 6 Officers visit each district meeting once a month. Area 5 will do the same! What are the needs of our Area? How do we decide where we spend our funds? (7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds we receive from members/Groups/Districts).

**Lunch:** Assembly broke for lunch. Estimated Cost for Breakfast and Lunch (Finance Chair, Nadine S.) is \$568.00, which is approximately \$6.00 each.

**Officer Reports:**

**Alternate Delegate, Lauren A.,** Including the Audit Subcommittee Report: Lauren reports, we had a great G.S.R. Orientation! Since the A.C.M. she has attended the L.A. Central Office meetings, and will attend their Intergroup meeting in September. There are several opportunities for phone slots. Let your groups know so Group members can volunteer. Attended the H&I Intergroup in Santa Monica. They're preparing for 2020 convention which will be in the L.A. Area this time. Area 5 is lucky to have a great Corrections Committee that is Chaired by Dayna. The Contact Upon Release program is very active. Inmates write a letter and the Corrections Committee receives the letter and replies letting them know where local meetings are once they're released. Lauren has been following the Delegate around to various meetings listening to Conference Report Backs. Her primary role is to pray for the Delegate! Visited the Combined Hollywood, Wilshire/Downtown Districts, and the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Legacy Meeting. Take Final Conference Reports to your District meeting and Groups. Attended Officer meetings to discuss Area finance. She plans to attend the CIH meeting this week and District 7 and 14 on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Audit Subcommittee: Lauren reviewed the reports from both treasurers and figures match (income and contributions). She works to ensure transparency and audit the books.

Secretary, Doug S.: Since the last Assembly in June, attended the Unity Forum, prepared the 2020 Draft Calendar of meetings and placed those on the table in both English and Spanish. Attended the District 34 workshop event July 21, 2019. Produces 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. Minutes for the July 27, 2019, ACM are not in the Summer SCAAN presented today, since the ACM was less than one month ago, and, with planned vacations, didn't have time to produce the report before SCAAN went to print. The July 27 ACM minutes are on the back table for review. They will be added to the digital version of the SCAAN. Thanked Bill L., Alt. Translation Chair, for translating the minutes.

Registrar, Nikki U.: Attended the Unity Form and will attend the elections for both Area 8 (9/28) and Area 9 (10/13). Working to update Area Maps and boundaries. Requested all DCMs provide a written description of District boundaries. Each DCM will receive an email requesting them to provide the written description. New GSR Forms: Meeting Start Date, # of members; email, telephone number, and if it's a "New Group" there's a 30-day waiting period. *Most Important part of her announcement today:* Extra Literature from GSO in support of the LA County Fair project last year and Unity Forum this year is on the back table. Please take the literature so she doesn't need to schlep it back home.

Accounts Treasurer, Brian P., Including Presentation of 2019 2nd Quarter Financial Report:

Brian Reports: Since the last Assembly attended the Unity Forum. Visited District 49 and District 13, presented, "How the Area spends its money". A.A. Safety Card: During Area 5's Unity Forum the Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathy F., indicated G.S.O. has received negative feedback about the card. There is some discussion about discontinuing that card. Brian encouraged Groups and members to share positive experiences with the Safety Card with GSO. Brian plans to attend the Service Summer Camp and NAATW. He will miss the ACM in September 21, 2019, as a result. He presented the Second Quarter Financial Report. Copies are on the back table.

Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S., Including Presentation of 2019 2nd Quarter Contributions Report: Reports the progress of contributions for the Area and presents the Second Quarter 2019 Contributions Report. Sharron described the report and explains the Area has two treasurers. Contributions have increased from 2018 and are over budget for 2019. Sharron provided a Check List that GSRs can use to explain contributions, inform members and Groups, and ways we can support A.A.

**Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

Hispanic Women's Workshop Ad-hoc Committee, Maria Q., Chair: Maria reported, the next workshop will be held in Area 9, city of Placentia on December 7, 2019. Meeting was conducted using Skype. Working on the program agenda and working in unity.

Interpretation Ad-hoc Committee, Jamie W., Alt. Chair: Jamie reported, the Committee met with Accessibilities Committee today. They had three (3) people in attendance. Purpose of the committee interpretation at events. YPAA has made a request and is here to help.

Website Committee, Shawn A., Chair: Shawn reported, they have updated online contributions to simplify the process. Individuals require only email and name. Mentioned possibility to support recurring contributions (monthly). Considering the ability to creating account. Sent email to DCMs and DCMCs so they can include where their respective contributions are made: PO Box and/or online. Feel free to share with Website Committee. They have posted two (2) audio files in both English and Spanish, titled, "Inspiring Your GSR." They are quick interviews shared at PRAASA few years ago. Sent out an email reminder of the address changes to the Area's domain to area05aa.org from aascaa.org. This will occur 12-31-2019 through 01-01-2020 change routing domain. ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES WILL CHANGE – PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR RESPECTIVE EMAIL ADDRESS.

Literature Committee, David M., Chair: David reported, they had seven (7) attendees. Thanked Connor for his presentation earlier today. Read the SCAAN: a member of the Literature C (page 9), Bobby T., wrote a review of "The God Word" pamphlet. Other things we've been up to: Attended the Unity Forum and the Foothill Round Up. Expanded international Big Book collections: added German, Hebrew and Navajo language versions.

Guidelines & Policies Committee, Thomas B., Chair: Thomas reported, described the purpose of their Committee. Assists in reviewing other SCAA documents and policies for possible conflict with SCAA Guidelines and Policies and/or the A.A. Service Manual. They had six (6) new members in attendance today. There are thirteen (13) members overall. Looking at the



suggested addition to the G&P to establish written guidelines for what we traditionally whenever there are suggestions to submit a Conference Agenda item (CAI). Basically, things we do when someone proposes a CAI. This would become an "Area Suggestion to the G.S.C." That's a little tradition "t". Planning to draft language for that and distributing that to all committee members and Past Delegates. Updating Area's informal guidelines for Hosting Guidelines for Area events. Planning to interview Past Delegates for things they would recommend including. Lastly, received a request by the Finance Committee, to provide an opinion on the lower reserve, and whether the Area will fully fund the Delegate to the G.S.C. "Committee reviews proposed changes for possible conflict with existing guidelines."

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) Committee, Antonio A., Chair: Antonio reported, there were eight (8) members in attendance. The main subject they discussed today was General Service is soliciting stories to update pamphlet, "A.A. For the Older Alcoholic". Deadline for submission is December 15, 2019. Contact Antonio for more information. The other topic: How are we being of service. So far they have concentrating on Spanish districts. Purpose is let them know and get more information. Encouraging DCMs. Lastly, we are visiting fellow A.A. members in convalescent homes. District 35 already has a new CEC committee.

SCAAN Newsletter, Ken T., Chair: Ken reported, the last Assembly didn't have enough printed. Gave a shout out to Ann (Alt. Chair)! This Assembly they have plenty to share with Groups and members. New GSRs can use this to develop your Group reports: e.g. Meeting App article and a Unity Forum articles. For the next issue they have new articles ready and more coming in. If you're interested in writing an article for inclusion in next edition of the SCAAN, September 23, 2019, is the date to submit.

Public Information Committee, Carlos G., Alt. Chair: Carlos reported, gave thanks to us (the Assembly) and his Higher Power. They had 3 members in attendance. Participated in the Foothill Round Up. A.A. was given 10-15 minutes on the "air" for Public Service Announcements (PSA). He was watching Azteca America TV and saw a PSA. They would like to know whether that PSA was by the Mexican programmers or by NY. Working to contact TV and radio stations whether PSA's are being played, so GSO can contact them directly. There's a large Chinese population here in L.A. area. Cooperating with Brian and Zoraida to find Chinese people to start a Chinese speaking meeting. Thank you!

Registration Committee, Suzanne, GSR in District 2: Suzanne reported, we have five (5) people in attendance. Working to get the roster of GSRs & DCMs update to date. Asked District Registrars to please send updated lists to Nikki ([registrar@ascaa.org](mailto:registrar@ascaa.org)). Nikki U. sent email to DCMs, DCMCs., for list of their respective Districts, GSRs and meetings.

Cooperation with the Young Community (CYC) Committee, Jennifer S., Chair: Jennifer reported, they met with Corrections Committees for collaboration. We realize there are four (4) components of the Committee: 1) Liaising with orgs meeting with youth & children. 2) Coordinating volunteers for events, panels, etc., young people at meetings the first time. 3) Develop and curate resources: Zeme, which is an information booklet, drawings and stories. 4) Outreach to young people's meetings. Where they tend to be. Working with Alternate whom will build the relationships and Jenn will take on coordinating aspect of the committee. Lastly, they participated at the Unity Forum and Foothill Round Up.

Corrections Committee, Dana D., Chair: Dana reported, she participated in a nationwide concall with other Corrections. Learned a lot from them and she's inspired. Discovered some creative ways to get into institutions. H&I does most of that here in Area 5. Will collaborate with H&I and write letters. They plan to have one (1) of their committee members get jail clearance go into a jails. We're not allowed to write letters and go into the same facility where those letters are delivered. There are Privacy and HIPAA related issues when dealing with juveniles. Working with folks locally to gain access into juvenile facilities and take the Zemes that CYC is developing inside. Since the last Assembly they have written to thirty-two (32) women, which is a lot. They connected one (1) women connected that person with a meeting in her release area. They've also contacted twenty-two (22) males.

Archives Committee, Mary T., Chair: Mary reported, they had a new member in their committee meeting today! Talked about possible archives projects: Gathering group histories (forms), possibly interviewing long-timers, history event, display of photos from Unity Forum. Should have that at the next Assembly. The committee now has a bilingual Archives Display. Invite District Archives Chairs to join them, especially Spanish speaking archives folks at the next Assembly. On their new display they have photos of all three (3) Editions of Spanish Language Big Books that the General Service Office has

published. And they have six (6) photos of the early Spanish language translations that were done by other countries before GSO did themselves.

Treatment Facilities Committee, Jim I., Chair: Jim reported, looking for people that are interested to visit treatment facilities, best way is to join local H&I committees that have panels in many facilities. Area Guidelines scope for Treatment Facilities Committee is brief: e.g. It doesn't mention Bridging The Gap or anything like that. Jim brought Area 93's scope to the committee meeting to share. They plan to develop similar scope to Area 93's and potentially adopt. He plans to bring that to the next Assembly, and, if the committee agrees on the scope, he will ask the Area for time to make presentation to share the recommendation.

Finance Committee, Sam P., Chair: Sam reported, there were seven (7) members in their meeting. They reviewed the Area 5 Proposed 2020 budget & took suggestions before presented by Nadine earlier today. Please review the proposed budget with your District, GSRs and Groups, and be prepared to discuss at the September 21<sup>st</sup> ACM.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee, David W., Member: David reported on Raymond's (CPC Chair) behalf, there were three (3) members in attendance. They discussed the CPC Westside Combined program, 'Sponsor your Doctor'. The program entails providing an A.A. information packet to your doctor that they could share with patients. Looking into possible conventions in 2020 that G.S.O. may ask CPC Committee to support. Working with CPC at the L.A. Central Office and mentioned an A.A. video on Buzzfeed that apparently went viral. Other potential pockets of opportunity, such as emergency rooms, where packets of A.A. information could be placed. Another item of interest are court cases where A.A. is considered a religion. There's something in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court where this is a topic. Finally, they looked at aa.org. On the front page found several videos for Professionals. Each video is 4-5 minutes in length.

Audio Visual, Miguel M., Chair: Miguel reported, we're basically a supporting committee. We support District, Groups, all the other committees, Assemblies, ACM's, and other Area meetings. We're a committee of one (1)! Miguel wants help and is hoping to get more people to help. In July he supported the ACM and the Unity Forum, Foothill Round Up and Assembly (today) in August, and a Group event September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Received a request to support SOCALYPAA in November at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Email [av@ascaa.org](mailto:av@ascaa.org) to reach out.

**Area Financial Update with Q&A, Accounts Treasurer, Brian P.:** Brian presented, status of our finances today. Cash balance of Area 5's account over the past five years. Referenced the 'prudent reserve' policy, in the Area 5 Guidelines and Policies, IX. SCAA FINANCES, section E.: Our Prudent-Reserve policy is to maintain sufficient funds on hand for SCAA budget requirements while avoiding the accumulation of excess funds:

A. Defined the Upper and Lower Cash Limit policy:

1. "The upper cash limit shall be automatically adjusted each year to 110% of total actual expenses of the prior year."
2. "The lower cash limit shall be automatically adjusted to 110% of the prior year costs required to fully fund the Delegate at the General Service Conference, PRAASA and Pacific Regional Forum."

The purpose of the presentation is to make the Assembly aware of our status. The Area is coming close to the Lower Cash Limit. Brian referenced the Area's spending priorities, from section C. Expenditure Priorities. Brought this to the Area's attention in preparation for the presentation to Amend 2019 Budget immediately following.

### **New Business:**

Presentation of the proposal to Amend 2019 Budget, Accounts Treasurer, Brian P.: Brian presented the amended budget. He referenced the guidance that when the Area gets close to the Lower Cash Limit we need to take some form of action. Based on 2019 expenditures, 2019 contributions year-to-date and projected, we will potentially get to the lower cash limit if no action is taken. Our goal is to reduce spending wherever possible, including reducing Committee expenses in special projects. Our Accounts Treasurer contacted each Committee Chair to get insight into their current and planned expenses. We will discuss this at the ACM on September 21, 2019. There was a recommendation to improve the layout of the handouts. That will be made in time for the ACM.

Presentation of the proposal to Suspend Additional Contribution to GSO for Funding of Our Delegate to the 69th GSC, Accounts Treasurer, Brian P.: Brian presented the proposed amendment. We will discuss this at the ACM on September 21,

2019. No handouts were provided. The Accounts Treasurer presented the proposal on the AV projector without printed handouts.

‘Temporarily suspend for 2019 only section IX.C.1 of the ***Guidelines and Policies for the Southern California Area Assembly (SCAA) of Alcoholics Anonymous Delegate Area 05*** regarding full funding of the Delegate at the annual General Service Conference in order to make an exception for this year to pay less than the full amount of the voluntary portion of the Delegate's fees for the 69th General Service Conference.’

[Question and answer session followed. Full audio is available for those wanting to listen to those details.]

### **Roundtable Discussions – Area Finances**

**Question #1** Section C, of IX SCAA FINANCES of the Area 05 Guidelines & Policies state the following.

*“Expenditure Priorities. Our ideal with respect to financial reimbursement is that no A.A. member be denied the opportunity to serve SCAA due to lack of funds. Our priorities are:*

- 1. Full funding of the Delegate at the annual General Service Conference, PRAASA, and Pacific Regional Forum;*
- 2. Payment of necessary Area assembly expenses; SCAA Guidelines and Policies 13.1. Revised January 24, 2015 10*
- 3. Other work of the Area Officers;*
- 4. Work of the Standing and Ad-hoc Committees;*
- 5. Travel reimbursement to Area Committee members for attendance at Area assemblies, Area Committee meetings, Area Steering Committee meetings, PRAASA, Forums, etc.”*

Do you agree with the Expenditure Priorities stated in section IX.C of the Area Guidelines and Policies - that this is the way the Area should spend its money? Do you think anything should be changed, added, or removed? [Please explain]

**Question #2** What are some things we can do as an Area that could lead to increased contributions? How can we make our services more valuable? How can we make information about how to make contributions more known and available to groups in our Area?

**Question #3** Do you feel that Area 05 is doing a good job of serving you and the AA members and groups you know? Why or why not?

### **Roundtable Report Backs:**

The Chair called the meeting back to order for report backs to the Assembly at 3:20 p.m. Roundtable report backs were completed at 3:50 p.m.

### **Unfinished Business:** (None)

### **Good and Welfare Announcements:**

- Westside Combined Districts' Annual Love and Service Festival is scheduled Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 1-4 pm. Since it's close to Halloween costumes are encouraged.
- Shawn A.: PRAASA hotel registration is open. If you attend local A.A. events and take photos, please send those to the Website Committee without faces shown (anonymity protected) so we can post them on the Area 5 website.
- Service Summer Camp: August 30 – September 1, 2019, hosted by Combined Hollywood Districts.
- Registration for 2020 International Convention occurs Monday, September 9, 2019.
- Armando: Triangle Club is hosting an Alcathon Labor Day Weekend in Pomona.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug S.

**A.A. AREA 05 – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday – September 21, 2019  
John Adams Middle School  
2425 16th Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90405  
Host: Westside Combined Districts**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Area Delegate, Thomas S., filling in for Area Chair, 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**

A.A. Birthday celebrants having anniversary dates falling between July 28, 2019 through September 21, 2019 were recognized, applauded and serenaded.

Declaration of Unity was read in Spanish by Juan M., Treasurer, District 49

Declaration of Unity was read in English by Nancy H., DCM, District 30

**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	14	14	0	0
Alternate General Service Representatives	1	1	0	0
District Committee Members	13	10	0	3
Alternate District Committee Members	5	4	1	0
District Committee Member Chairs	2	2	0	0
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	0	0	0	0
Committee Chairs	16	12	0	4
Alternate Committee Chairs	5	2	3	0
Area Officers	5	5	0	=
Past Delegates	5	5	0	0
Visitors		0	18	0
Subtotal	84	55	22	7
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-7			
Total Attendance	77			

\* 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 July 27, 2019 ACM Minutes**

Area Secretary, Doug S., presented Minutes for the July 27, 2019 Area Committee Meeting. Thanking the Translation Committee for their service. Jacobo M. came to the microphone and suggested some items translated from the DCM/DCMCs reports weren't accurately reflected. Area Secretary explained how he takes notes during the meetings, then transcribes from audio later to reflect, as accurately as possible, the comments made during the reports. The Area Secretary requests DCMs/DCMCs to provide them in writing during the meeting or later via email, if want their reports to be as accurate as possible. Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Approval of ACM Agenda**

Area Delegate, Thomas S., presented the September 21, 2019 ACM Agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed with none opposed.

**DCMC and DCM Reports****Sandra C., DCMC Westside Combined Districts, reported:**

Love and Service Festival is coming up in October. Will be held at the Women's Club in Pacific Palisades. Encourages people to wear Halloween costumes as there will be a contest. They are hosting today's ACM. Next month (October, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) WCD is moving back to their former meeting facility. The Learning Center located at 2802 4<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Monica. They held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy elections at their last meeting. A new Registrar to replace previous registrar whom was accepted to Law School, and no longer able to hold the position.

**Jim A., Alt. DCM District 2, La Cañada, La Crescenta, Montrose and Sunland, reported:**

Added Alternate GSRs to their meetings. Under continued leadership of their DCM, Susan P., they have added a Newcomer Packet to their meetings. They used free literature that was recently handed out at the Area Assembly. Continuing to circulate the Final GSC Report to the meetings in District 2.

**Jamie W., DCM District 3, Altadena, Highland Park, Pasadena, S. Pasadena and San Marino.****Jaime reported:**

They have a robust District. They average 20 participants at their District meeting. They hosted Area Delegate, Thomas S., and had 36 people from Districts 2, 4 and 13 in attendance for his G.S.C. report back. The District has a PASYPAA (Pasadena Young People in AA) representative regularly attend to share information with YPAA. Their Treasurer, George, developed a handout that includes pie charts to help GSRs understand their options and how to contribute 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds to various A.A. entities. Unfortunately, the treasurer is moving and they will elect a replacement in next month or two. They have a new District Registrar, Mason, and a new Literature person, Margie. They hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy meeting in August. Jamie uses email to communicate with people in the District. They have about 160 subscribers, and she sends 4-5 emails per month with information. We also have a CSR (Central Service Representative) who does a wonderful job sharing Central Office information with us.

**Dave B., GSR, District 4, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, La Puente, West Covina, reported:**

The District has a new location for their monthly meeting, which is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. A Church located at 100 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Covina. They plan to start a new committee for Bridging The Gap (BTG). He went to BTG workshop in Sacramento recently. If you have questions about BTG Workshop please reach out.

**Joe T., Member, District 7, Hollywood and West Hollywood, reported:**

The District meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. We have regular attendance. The Alt. Delegate visited at last District meeting. We discuss the Concepts. District is strong even though DCM and Alt. DCM aren't here today.

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

The District regularly meets with WCD. Traditionally the District has been GSR challenged. Working to recruit more and has several prospective GSRs lined up.

**Dave L., Alt. DCM District 9, Downtown LA, Echo Park, Silverlake, reported:**

Our District is part of the Hollywood Combined District. Our Registrar became the DCMC. Working outreach to attract GSRs. The only District with a men's meeting that has child care services.

**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:**

We're having a really exciting year so far. The District has approximately 20 GSRs and a bunch of new ones. There are District Chairs for PI, CPC, GV/LV and one other. We've had guests come and talk about committee: Guidelines and Policies, Brian P. to discuss Finance, Zoraida also visited. The monthly meeting is only 1 hour in length, so it's difficult to cover everything within that hour. Believes they're doing a great job!

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

We have healthy attendance at our meetings. Focus our attention learning the Concepts each month. GSRs present on the Concepts and the District discusses. Planning an event in November, which will be an A.A. play. While the District does not have a large number of new GSRs, they've been serving different Groups in our District, and some stay on as friends of the District.

**Nancy H., DCM, District 30, Ontario, Upland, Pomona, Claremont, La Verne, Alta Loma, Rancho Cucamonga, Chino and Diamond Bar, reported:**

The past 3 months the District has taken meetings into homeless shelters. Attended the recent Delegate's report back. They sponsored a GSR to the Service Summer Camp. Plan to continue that in future. The District will host Fall Assembly, October 20. The Alt. DCM is working hard to find a suitable location and coordinate refreshments. The District Treasurer, Karen, developed a contribution distribution form for local meetings. They provided self-addressed, stamped envelopes for members & Groups. Their web site is under construction. They meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Zoraida will present next. Their GSRs are dedicated.

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

Wishing everyone a happy 24 hours of sobriety. They continue to carry the message through their rooting business (taken from the audio to best of my ability). They provide Final GSC report and highlights in hard book. As well as from Box 459 and Area SCAAN. Encouraging and motivating old and new Groups members to be a part of the organized service. Also providing flyers of upcoming events, as well to let the Groups know what's happening in the Area, workshops and Assemblies. We are working on our District's anniversary and Hispanic Foro in November. Also doing an inventory of a Group. All committees are working in our Districts. Working to develop our Meeting Guide app. That's it. Thank you very much.

**Connor C, DCM, District 41, West LA, Palms, Rancho Park, Culver City**

Not much to report at this time. Just himself and the Alt. DCM, K, working on outreach.

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

Since last ACM we have elected a new Alt. DCM, Patty L., who is here today. Thanks Patty. The District usually has between 6-10 GSRs. Meet with WCD. There's been some turnover. We had a new GSR, nad the challenge has been getting people to continue to show up. Believes they'll improve that once the District meeting goes back to the Learning Center. We've been participating in service with the WCD events. He's grateful for the District's participation.

**Joe, DCM, District 45: Marina del Rey, Westchester, Playa del Rey, Venice, Santa Monica, reported:**

Sandra C., DCMC Westside Combined Districts, did a really good job of updating what's happening in their district. Has nothing more to add.

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

Today we have a DCM, Secretary, Treasurer and a GSR in attendance. Would like to report on our last activities between 8/24-9/14: On 8/26 we visited Grupo Camino. On the 29<sup>th</sup> Grupo One Day At A Time. On 9/2 Espiritu Libre. On 9/4 we visited Let's Keep it Simple. On the 8<sup>th</sup> we attended the two Area meeting with Area 93 and Area 5. In the evening we visited the Grupo El Camino. On 9/11 we held our internal Board meeting. And for the GSR meeting we had between 22-25 in attendance. At the workshop of the 2 Areas that took place last Sunday, after hearing the speakers we worked on at Roundtable #8. The topic was People Serving in A.A. Thank you.

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

We have Assemblies with GSRs held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Saturdays of the month. We celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Four Committees event (CIH). The four committees are: Internet, Archives, PI and La Vina. The event was held at the Presbyterian Church in Pasadena. District 50 hosted the event. There were 10 groups in attendance. They had 6-7 GSRs from the District. We had the 10<sup>th</sup> workshop combined with Areas 93 and 5. He attended the Area Assembly in August (8/24) in El Monte. That's all I have to report. Thank you.

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

We hold bi-weekly hold Assemblies in our District. We have approximately 14-17 GSRs attend. We are working with 8 Service Committees. Among them is the Committee for the 41<sup>st</sup> Spanish Speaking Forum (FORO). District 55 will hosting that event. Everyone is invited. It will be held November 3, 2019, in the City of Cudahy. We continue to take information to our members. We try to work as best we can. Thank you!

**Lionel G., DCMC for Hollywood-Wilshire-Downtown Combined Districts, reports:**

I'm the new DCMC for Combined HWD Districts. Had our Service Summer Camp. It was a very successful event. Jen will provide a report at their next District meeting. Their Secretary is moving and they will work to replace her. Working on outreach. The Combined Hollywood Districts is a robust area, but not a lot of representation. Working to improve consistent and maintaining GSRs. Thomas S. and Lauren A. visited last week.

**Costs and Expenses:** Nadine S., Finance Chair Report: Food cost today is \$207.63. Please contribute \$4.50 each. Thanks.

**Alt. Delegate announcement:** Lauren has checks for those needing reimbursement, since Accounts Treasurer is not here today.

**Chairperson, Zoraida R., reported:** Hello Area 05! Greetings from the National A. A. Technology Workshop in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I am so grateful to be here with Brian and Faith learning and listening to other AA's share their experience, strength and hope regarding Technology in AA. The information shared here last year was so valuable to us in serving Area 05 that we decided to come again this year. I look forward to sharing some of it with you all at one of our next Area meetings. I am continually inspired by our Officers' dedication to our Area and by all the amazing committees we have. Not only have we been actively involved in 12 Step work with the elderly, incarcerated, young, Hispanic, Deaf and other communities, we also have been actively reaching out to the public and professionals who serve alcoholics. We are fortunate to have supporting committees that make our 12 step work efficient and effective.

I have been sharing so much about you all with other AA members here at the NAATW, mostly about the love and passion Area 05 serves with, your commitment to helping the still suffering alcoholic, and strengthening our Fellowship through unity. My awareness of this important work was heightened Friday night when I wanted to go to a Spanish speaking meeting in Bowling Green. Myself and 2 other locals made calls, looked online, and asked other locals attending the workshop where we could find a Spanish meeting and found that there were none. While only about 7% of the population here is Spanish speaking, there was not one meeting anywhere to be found on any day of the week. The closest one I was directed to is in Nashville, an hour and a half away.

Bowling Green, KY is just one of many. There is much 12 Step work to be done. Our committee work and service to AA as a whole is vital in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic everywhere. I truly believe it creates a healing ripple affect which reaches people and places ready to receive our lifesaving message.

Today at the ACM, you will address some important financial proposals. I invite you to be open and ask questions if you have them. Remember that we are here to serve you and your groups.

As an Area, we get to ask ourselves these questions: What are the needs of the Area? How do we as a "Body" decide what to spend 7th Tradition money on?

We get to define the difference between a "Need" and a "Want." If the service is "Needed"...then provide it we must! In the interest of better serving the Fellowship, it is important to bring awareness of every opportunity and it is up to you to decide what to do. While some are very passionate about the matters being discussed today, I ask that you listen to each other knowing that we all want what we feel is best for AA. "Always remain democratic in thought and action." You are all in my heart and prayers.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **Proposal to the General Service Conference: New Service Literature on Patient Brokering in A.A. Presented by Connor C., DCM, District 41 & Literature Committee Member**

Connor reads the following letter describing the proposal:

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*The purpose of this letter is to propose a new piece of service material. The aim of which would be to inform AA members of a growing concern about patient brokering in the rooms of aa. This issue was brought to the attention of the literature committee by concerned members of groups in area 05.*

*Patient brokering (or "body brokering") is a practice sometimes used by certain treatment facilities, sober livings, and detoxes whereby a middleman (patient broker) is given commission for referring new clients. Since insurance companies pay well for treatment, patient brokers as well as the facilities they represent have much profit to gain for finding new clientele. Moreover, prospective clients are offered compensation such as free rent, free food, or even money to leave their current facility and relapse in order to restart the compensation coming from their insurance company. It is important to note that many treatment facilities, sober livings and detoxes are well-intentioned and do not engage in patient brokering. That being said, the potential harm caused to vulnerable members of AA seeking a real solution cannot be understated.*

*Though this practice is in many ways an outside issue, the concern that we should have as AA members is that this stops being an outside issue when this occurs inside the rooms by people who either explicitly or implicitly put forth their representation of Alcoholics Anonymous. As the long form of Tradition 6 says,*

*"Problems of money, property and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim ... While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied"*

*Newcomers and old timers alike should be aware of this practice which has grown more prevalent in the last few years across the country. Those of us just entering the rooms of AA seeking help may get the wrong impression that Alcoholics Anonymous is apathetic and therefore implying endorsement of these predatory practices.*

*Our goal with this proposed service material is to: inform AA members what "Patient Brokering" is and that it is not affiliated nor is it endorsed by AA as a whole and is therefore inconsistent with our traditions.*

*"The unselfishness of these men as we have come to know them, the entire absence of profit motive, and their community spirit, is indeed inspiring to one who has labored long and wearily in this alcoholic field" - Dr. William Silkworth*

**The floor was opened for discussion:**

Thomas S. explains that District 41 and Connor are participating in the Conference process. They are proposing this become an Agenda item at the 70<sup>th</sup> G.S.C. in 2020.

David W., asked whether this is being proposed as an Agenda item or a Service Piece (literature). Thomas S. & Thomas B., discussed whether this is going to be proposed as an agenda item or a service piece. And, whether Area 5 is being asked to endorse the proposal.



Response from G&P Chair: This is initially suggested as a Service Piece, and our Area is being asked to approve that it be forwarded to the GSO for evaluation. What they, GSO, does with it is up to them.  
Connor C. made a motion 'To approve this proposal as a Service Piece'. The motion was seconded.

Discussion about the proposal: Mary T., made a suggestion for a friendly amendment, *which was accepted by Connor*, that the letter be rewritten by the Delegate to be more succinct. And noted there are a few formatting things that should be cleaned up. If the Area approves this, Thomas S. will re-write the letter coming from the Delegate of Area 5. As a service piece, but not a literature item.

David M., Area Literature Chair, indicates the intent of the proposal was this be a Service Piece and not a pamphlet.

Ken T. asked, Who would write the text of the service piece? Would that be the Area Literature Committee or someone else? Thomas S., will submit to the GSO, for their review and development of the Service Piece.

Marcus F., Past Delegate, is in full support. Will take this issue to his Traditions meeting. No reason we can't act on this now. We don't need to wait for GSO. You can share this with your Group or Secretary. Anyone can write our own piece and use it now.

David W., doesn't believe the Area should support this. Why: Believes this is an outside issue. Disagrees with Area 5 supporting this proposal.

Plenty of loving discussion continued.

Motion passed. Minority Opinion was heard. Plenty of discussion. However, no one from the prevailing side agreed to a revote.

**Proposal to Amend 2019 Budget, Presented by Doug S., Area Secretary, on behalf of Brian P., Accounts Treasurer, who initially presented this at the August 24, 2019, Area Assembly**

*"The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the maximum possible expenditure authorized by the 2019 budget. This amendment would reduce this amount by \$8,560.30 (from \$76,230.00 to \$67,669.70). We already anticipate that \$7,461.37 of our budget will not be spent due to some categories where some or all of the spending has already been completed. Taking into consideration this anticipated savings, the proposed amendment would result in a reduction in our estimated maximum expenditure from \$68,768.63 to \$60,208.33*

*Without this amendment, it is projected that our cash balance could reach as low as \$1,248.02 at the end of the year, which would be \$8,110.56 below the lower cash limit. With this amendment, however, it is projected that the lowest our cash balance could be would be \$9,802.32 which is \$449.74 above the lower cash limit.*

*This proposed budget amendment would reduce possible spending in the three lower priority expenditure categories while leaving the top two expenditure priorities the same. This would help us to assure that funding for our top expenditure priorities is sufficient."*

Doug S. read the full proposal, explained the handouts presented, and made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by a member of the Finance Committee (Nadine S.).

The floor was open for discussion and vote occurred. Motion passed. None opposed.

**Motion to Suspend C, 1 of sec. IX. SCAA Finances in the Guidelines & Policies, presented by Secretary, Doug S., on behalf of Brian P., Accounts Treasurer, who initially presented this at the August 24, 2019, Area Assembly**

*"Temporarily suspend for 2019 only section IX.C.1 of the **Guidelines and Policies for the Southern California Area Assembly (SCAA) of Alcoholics Anonymous Delegate Area 05** regarding full funding of the Delegate at the annual General Service Conference in order to make an exception for this year to pay less than the full amount of the voluntary portion of the Delegate's fees for the 69th General Service Conference."*

Motion was made to approve the proposal. Motion was seconded.

**Including Report from Guidelines & Policies Committee, presented by Guidelines & Policies Chair, Thomas B.**

Guidelines and Policies Chair, Thomas B., emailed his committee report to Area Committee Members, September 20, 2019. He provided a full report and an executive summary, titled, *Committee's Report on Proposed Policy Change to Guidelines & Policies Article IX E*

The report focused on the proposal's conflicts with Area 5's Guidelines and Policies, as described in the

The proposal was opened to the ACM for discussion.

Motion to suspend failed. No minority opinion offered.

**Proposal of 2020 Budget, presented by Area Finance Chair, Nadine S.**

Nadine presented the proposed budget. Motion to approve the budget as presented and seconded. Added "300-19 Del NY Conf Addit'l Cont --Del NY Conf. Contribucion Aditonal" at \$7,000.00 back into the budget. Discussion continued regarding ways to get to a balanced budget. Total projected expenses is \$61,808.00, with a negative budget over \$11,608.00, and a projected income from contributions at \$50,000.00. Other items were corrected and accepted by the Finance Committee Chair as an amendment to the proposed 2020 Budget.

Motion to approve failed. Minority opinion heard. Motion to revote failed.

Finance Committee Chair announces the next budget meeting will be held October 5, 2019, at 12 PM at Pina Pizza House in Downey. An email announcement will be sent with location details and copy of the

**New Business:** None

**Delegate's Report,** Thomas S., deferred his report to the Area Assembly, October 20, 2019

**Officer's Reports:**

**Alternate Delegate, Lauren A., reports:** The GSR Orientation will begin at 8 AM, rather than the past being 9 AM. Please inform your GSRs and Groups.

**Secretary's Report, Doug S., reports:** Full audio recordings of ACMs and Assemblies is available for those wishing to listen to comments that, generally, do not get reported in the minutes for respective meetings. The ACM Minutes from today's meeting most likely will not be in the SCAAN due to lack of time between today's ACM and when SCAAN goes to print. It's less than one month away. Producing the minutes and having them translated takes time and may not get to the SCAAN Chair for distribution at the October Assembly.

**Contributions Treasurer's Report & Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Contributions Report, Sharron S., reports:** Copies of the report are on table for review. Deferred approval of the contributions report until the October Assembly when both Area Treasurers are in attendance. Announced she developed a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition flyer for GSRs to share with their Groups.

**Food Kitty:** Delegate announced the Food Kitty has been turned in and covered the cost of today's refreshments.

**Registrar's Report, Nikki U., reports:** DCM's have received an envelope with map of your respective District and of Area 5. Asks each DCM/DCMC to provide a written description of the District's boundary. The maps we have today are old and do not provide detailed street boundaries. Get this to Nikki please at your earliest convenience.

**Accounts Treasurer's Report, Brian P., reports, as read by Nikki U.:** Hello Area 05, I apologize for my absence today at the Area Committee Meeting. I am currently at the National AA Technology Workshop in Bowling Green Kentucky, where I just gave an hour presentation on the Cultural Effects of Technology on A.A., which I think and have been told went very well. The approval of the Q2 Financial Report will be postponed until our next Area Assembly. This report was presented at our last assembly, and I can provide you with a copy and/or respond to any questions or comments you might have. I tried to handle all anticipated reimbursements before leaving town, but if there are any that need immediate reimbursements, please see Lauren and Doug, who I've left some checks with. Otherwise, if you would prefer to wait a few days, please contact me via email, and we can take care of your reimbursements via email and mail. I can always be reached at [acctstreasurer@aascaa.org](mailto:acctstreasurer@aascaa.org). Thank you very much to Lauren, Doug, and the rest of the officers for helping to cover for me in my absence, and to Nikki for reading this report. I want to give a special thanks again to the Combined Hollywood Districts for the wonderful experience they created for all of us at Summer Service Camp. I'd also like to thank the Westside Combined Districts for having me out to their last monthly meeting to help in conducting their special election, and for hosting the ACM today. Congratulations to Beth, the new WCD registrar. We know you will do a great job! Thank you everyone for giving your attention to the current financial matters of our area. I appreciate all who have participated with their full passion and in their full capacity. At this point, you will all have come to a decision. I encourage you to trust what has been expressed in the Group Conscience and be glad that the process has been expressed fully, with ample discussion, full expression of the minority opinion, and a decision made for now. Thank you everyone for your service to your Groups and Districts, our Area, and AA. I look forward to seeing you all again at our next Assembly. In Love and Service, Brian P.

**Good and Welfare Announcements:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English. (1:08 p.m.)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doug S.

**A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AREA FALL ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
Sunday – October 20, 2019  
Claremont Center for Spiritual Living  
509 S. College Ave.  
Claremont, CA 91711  
Host: District 30**

- 8:00 **New GSR Orientation**  
AA Meeting (*Meeting Chair, Dist. 18 Secretary, Valerie G.*)  
Breakfast, Fellowship & Registration
- 9:00 **Welcome and Opening Comments**
- 9:05 **Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings**
- 10:00 **Call-to-Order**  
2 Minutes Silent Meditation, Serenity Prayer  
AA Birthdays (August 25-October 20)  
The Twelve Concepts (Short Form) - Spanish and English (*Translation Alt. Chair, Bill L. (Sp.) & Alt. Literature Chair & Dist. 30 Registrar, Armando L. (Eng.)*)
- 10:15 **Roll Call** (*Registrar, Nikki U.*)
- 10:30 **Introduction of new General Service Representatives and Alternates**
- 10:35 **Approval of the October 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly Agenda** (*Chair, Zoraida R.*)  
**Approval of August 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly Minutes** (*Secretary, Doug S.*)
- 10:40 **Area Financial Update, Q&A** (*Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S. and Accounts Treasurer, Brian P.*)
- 11:00 **Chairperson's Report** (*Chair, Zoraida*)
- 11:10 **Unfinished Business**  
- Motion to Amend 2019 Budget (*Secretary, Doug S.*)  
- Presentation of Revised 2020 Budget (*Finance Chair, Nadine S.*)
- 12:00 **Lunch** - Announcement of Estimated Cost for Breakfast & Lunch (*Finance Chair, Nadine S.*)
- 1:00 **Unfinished Business Continues**  
- Motion to Propose to the General Service Conference: New Service Literature on Patient Brokering in A.A. (*DCM, Dist. 41 & Literature Committee Member, Connor C.*)
- 1:25 **New Business**  
- Presentation to Update Treatment Facilities Committee Description in Area 05's Guidelines & Policies (*Treatment Facilities Chair, Jim I.*)
- 1:30 **Delegate's Report** (*Thomas S.*)
- 2:00 **Hosting Requests** - 2020 ACMs & Assemblies, Written Proposals Accepted (*Chair, Zoraida R.*)
- 2:10 **WACYPA Presentation**
- 2:15 **4<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Women's Workshop Presentation**
- 2:20 **Archives Workshop Presentation** (*Archives Chair, Mary T.*)
- 2:30 **Summer Service Camp Presentation** (*Cooperation Young Community Chair, Jennifer K.*)
- 2:35 **Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports**
- 3:35 **Officer Reports:**  
- Alternate Delegate, Including Audit Subcommittee Report (*Lauren A.*)  
- Secretary (*Doug S.*)  
- Registrar (*Nikki U.*)  
- Accounts Treasurer, Including 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report and Presentation of 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report (*Brian P.*)  
- Contributions Treasurer, Including 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Contributions Report and Presentation of 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Contributions Report (*Sharron S.*)
- 3:55 **Good and Welfare Announcements**
- 4:00 **Closing:** Moment of Silence and the Responsibility Statement (English & Spanish)