



# SCAAN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER



## THE VOICE OF AREA 05

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

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

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### **Finding Purpose & A Voice In General Service**

My journey in general service started a lot like my journey in A.A. In fact, I became a GSR for the same reason I have almost always done things - sober or not; I wanted to belong, to have a purpose both meaningful and deep. A little before I turned three years sober, I took a GSR commitment in my homegroup. Save for the announcements at the end of meetings, this side of the program was foreign to me yet the concept of being a messenger greatly intrigued me. A.A.'s strong sense of community and structure also appealed to me. Additionally, I longed for a voice.

As a child, my parents, and thus my life, were ravaged by alcoholism. My father was a drunk who believed A.A. wouldn't work for him - despite refusing to try the program - and my mother was an untreated Al Anon in deep denial. Both were abusive. Between the lack of security and care in my home and confused, overgrown emotions, my disease was off and running. Around 8 years old, I started turning to "feeling" good rather than

doing good. I took my first drink for the effect around 13, however, I can remember emotionally checking out countless times before that age. As a result, I was rudderless in the sea of life practicing little to no respect for or protection of myself or others prior to getting sober around 25. Simply put, I lacked purpose.

Fortunately, living a life ruled by emotions landed me safely in the open, transformative hands of A.A. At last, I found my people and purpose! From those meetings in my early days, I felt the sunlight of the spirit and the strong sense that I had nowhere to go but up - provided I put the program first in my life.

Through stepwork, I claimed my seat in these rooms - in more ways than one. The inventory process showed me the disconnection starting in my childhood had to do with my parents' diseases. However I also learned that I was a victim of my own illness. Shocked doesn't begin to describe how I felt learning that I had been a slave to my own emotions. At three different points in my teens, I was admitted to mental hospitals due to an unwillingness both to care for myself as well as refusal to accept help from the caring hands of others. Each stay was the result of me living in what I have come to understand are my character defects.

Flash-forward to being a GSR, I took on the commitment because I believed it would do a couple things for my program. First of all, I had grown because of A.A. so to show my appreciation, I chose a commitment that would both ensure I regularly attended my homegroup as well as the monthly district meetings, and one that would deepen my understanding of what and why we do what we do in the rooms. The more A.A. the better! Secondly, as a child, teen, and young adult, I felt alone - unheard and ineffectual. Since day one of my time in A.A., I felt pride in belonging to our fellowship, in fact it was like a family to me. That love and appreciation drove me to deepen my experience through general service.

Service was and still is my solution to my disease and defects. My involvement in general service broadened

my network of people in recovery and helped me find a bigger higher power as well as share the message with others. Through letting others love me, I began to love myself. With that self-care came an ability to care for others and give. Those same loving arms that embraced me as a newcomer at 25, welcomed me at 29 to the world of general service.

During the same time I took on the GSR commitment, I was also applying to colleges. A.A. gave me the opportunity to chase my dreams, to live a big, beautiful life - so I did. After serving my then-homegroup as GSR for a year, I moved out of my area and district onto the next sober adventure. Now 35, with 10 years sober, I find myself living in yet another part (and district) of my native Southern California. Early on in A.A., I learned to dive headfirst into the program so when a meeting I was regularly attending needed a GSR, I jumped at the commitment. This

time, I had not only willingness but experience and was elated to serve. What's more, I also had a bachelor's degree in creative writing so at my first Area Assembly in this term, I followed my smart feet and open heart towards a friend's committee and offered my hand at writing for SCAAN.

Gone are the days of a sad, fearful child in the body of a young woman who cried hopelessly through her first

year. Before my homegroup and in assemblies now stands a strengthened, inspired young woman with bright eyes and a proud voice ready to share the message of the program that gave her life! Through being a GSR, I learned that my unique, rolling stone lifestyle as well my youthful, optimistic outlook could benefit A.A. by offering hope and open mindedness as well as growing further with my sober service kin, carrying the message to new friends in my homegroup, and extending my understanding of A.A.'s code of love and tolerance on a broader scale. Thanks to general service and A.A. as a whole, I found my voice.

Devin B. - GSR District4



# DELEGATE'S REPORT

I was so looking forward to the 70th General Service Conference (hereinafter GSC). I did not constrain myself from making plans for before, during and after the GSC. I had listened to many stories from Past Delegates, the General Service Office (hereinafter GSO) staff and Trustees. The 69th GSC was an unbelievable experience in Manhattan, New York. The 70th GSC was to be held in Rye, New York. The experience would be new, different but exciting, to benefit Alcoholics Anonymous.

When Covid 19 restrictions on the number allowed for gatherings and social distancing became a reality, my throat sank to my belly. All I could suppose was that the 70th GSC would be cancelled. I could not conceal my disappointing thoughts. I had no knowledge of Zoom. Then my local meetings became Zoom Meetings but I couldn't imagine the GSC Zoom. How would we even vote, nonetheless 3rd Legacy voting?

The Pacific Region Trustee started scheduling conference calls, then Zoom calls. My conference committee, The Conference Committee on Trustees, scheduled conference calls, then Zoom calls. Seeing the Zoom technology being used for the GSC was still vague. Besides, the GSO was closed due to Covid 19. How could it even be planned? The indomitable spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous proved everything I thought wrong. The news came: the GSC would be virtual. 4 full days were scheduled, May 16 – 19, 2020. My thought was how I would physically be able to sit in front of a monitor 8 hours a day for 4 straight days, not how much could we get done to benefit A.A. Conference committees were tasked with determining which agenda items were essential, those must be resolved first. Which agenda items were important and should be considered? Which agenda items could be deferred to the 71st GSC in 2021 without being considered? I was so impressed with our GSO.

The Conference Committee on Trustees is tasked with reviewing the qualifications of Region and At

Large Trustees and participating in their elections. We review the slate of Trustees and Officers of the General Service Board (hereinafter GSB). We review the slates of Directors for our 2 publishing corporations. These responsibilities are essential. They were a must on the Conference schedule. We were also tasked with reviewing the GSB's progress on a Board Reorganization Plan. We chose not to defer it.

So the 70th GSC took place. I suddenly realized I was on the side of history. A virtual Conference had never been done and now we know how to do it. Perhaps a total virtual Conference may never be required again but every aspect of what occurred is not going away. There was great value in the Committee process, meeting before the Conference, getting to know one another and sharing ideas.

I gave my first Report Back May 23rd at the 3rd Legacy Meeting. After the June 7th Report Back another is scheduled at the July 25th Assembly. I am available.

Our Alternate Delegate has forwarded the Conference Agenda Items which also indicates those deferred and the Floor Actions from the Conference. Please print and have available throughout this virtual Assembly. It should provoke thought and questions.

Attitude is just about  
the finest attribute we can  
have, and how deeply  
we of A.A. realize this...

Together, we count and  
ponder our blessings of life,  
of service, of love.  
(Bill W. December 1970)

General Service changed my life.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S., Delegate Area 05 Panel 69

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# SERVICE IS A WAY OF *Being*

## An Interview With The CYC Chair

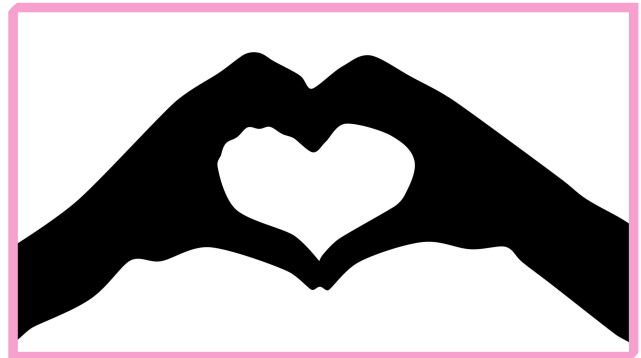
### When did you get sober?

Feb 1, 1996, so I'm 19.

### When did you start being of service?

From the very first meeting I went to I was of service. It was a Young People's meeting, but I didn't know that's where I was going. A guy I knew picked me up and took me there. An hour before the meeting started, I met the woman who would become my sponsor, and she told me, "Never go to a meeting and not be of service." At that meeting not only did I get a sponsor but I also met this whole crew of people that I could hang out with. They invited me to an All California Young People's Conference. They said, "Hop in the car, don't worry about money. You can crash on the floor." It was amazing. I think I probably had 3 weeks or a month of sobriety at that point. The way it works in the Bay Area (I got sober in Oakland) is everyone was involved in general service. Even at the first meeting I went to there was a GSR meeting. Every month there was a GSR meeting, separate from the regular meeting, so my exposure to general service began in my first 30 days of sobriety.

I also found out there was a Young People Committee in the East Bay. I did a lot of H&I work and Young People work. The Young People Committee hosted a couple of conferences. I even went to international conferences. We used to also have this thing we would do for the Central Office, phone answering parties. The Central Office could forward the calls to your phone, so we could be eating and listening to music, but when the call came in we would get quiet. They were great. Yes, service was a way to save our asses, but it was more about how we lived and what we did.



### When did you become a GSR?

The first time I was a GSR was when I was six or seven years sober.

### How did the ad hoc Cooperation with the Young Community (CYC) Committee come about?

It was either panel 65 or 67. There was something on the agenda for a desk opening at the General Service Office for Young People in A.A., since there were so many groups and committees for young people. This request got a conversation going about what it would look like or how a demographic of alcoholics could benefit from a committee and/or services that were dedicated to them.

My understanding of general service is that it's the hand of A.A. reaching out to (1) those who might not have found it or (2) the places where people can't find it. This could be done via literature and the other

committee work we have going on, like Cooperation with the Professional Community, Treatment & Facilities, Corrections, etc. Young people seem to be a forgotten demographic since, in my experience, a lot of people don't see that a 12-year-old could be an alcoholic. They might even say, "Are you sure you're an alcoholic?" when that young person walks into a meeting.

I know there is a lot of misunderstanding about who A.A. is for, so we wanted to make sure that the places where young people are and the people who work with/and for them know that there is a safe place for young people under 25. Who I would love to get services for would be those as young as 10 years old. I think there's a lot of stigma and beliefs about how young people drink. Studies show that adolescent drinkers binge drink which might be different than how others drank. So it's important to give a face to what A.A. looks like for young people. Right now we have been getting out to Young People meetings to get volunteers. We want the folks who got sober young to be used as a resource and provide them with a unique service opportunity.



### What have been some of the successes of the ad hoc CYC Committee?

It's hard to say. I know one thing I immediately think of is all the emails I'm getting forwarded, which are requests for information about what we do. We are seeing more and more areas adopting a young people committee and liaison, and CYC is able to be a resource for them. They ask questions about what they should be doing, what the scope is, and how to get started. We have a list of activities that we can promote and share.

The other big thing that has come out of it is The Void, which is a resource for young people who may not know what A.A. is about. The Void is really targeted for those who are not in A.A., so there are suggestions for those who are trying not to drink, defining A.A. terms, providing meeting information and outlining what A.A. is and isn't. Another great thing is that the L.A. Central Office knows we exist. I think it was in January of 2019, at the beginning of our committee work, when they reached out to us to see if we knew of anyone young who could do an interview for BuzzFeed.

In general, because CYC is normalized and there's a committee, it is promoting inclusivity. It should be noted that we are not just doing stuff in our committee but in other committees as well. While there might be times when a young person comes into a meeting and old timers don't know what to do and how to support them, we are hoping to provide resources so everyone feels informed.

## What is the origin story of Summer Service Camp?

I love the origin story of Summer Service Camp. It was me having conversations with a couple of people. I would have conversations with Jon. I'd have conversations with Amelia. And they would be conversations about concepts and traditions. It would be hours that we were having these conversations, whether they were after district meetings or before meetings. It was really about noticing the gap in understanding and making service a way of being, rather than something we do. There seemed to be a disconnection and a steep learning curve. We wanted to help with that. When you are a GSR the meetings are once a month, so general service can be hard to figure out. Whereas when you get sober you are encouraged to go to meetings daily, so you can figure out the lay of the land ... the prayer at the end, the stacking of chairs, etc. The learning curve is less steep since you are doing it daily.

At some point I said, "I wish we could sit around a campfire and roast marshmallows and talk about this stuff." We knew we didn't want to keep it to ourselves, so we thought about seeing if GSRs would want to do it too. Then I was in a meeting for another fellowship and I saw a flyer for a summer camp. I called Jon hesitantly and said, "Summer camp?" I called Amelia and asked her the same thing. They were both excited, so we started planning it. It was this dream we had that was about wanting to be engaged and hear the stories about what can happen when one person works with another person. We wanted to hear about those times that make the hairs on your neck stand up, those times where you hear about a matter of minutes making the difference in the future of a person. For example, we were at an A.A. conference in Pasadena a long time ago. There were a bunch of us and we were waiting to cross the street. This bus pulls up and a young guy gets off. He walks over to us and asks, "What's happening?" No one wanted to answer because we didn't want to reveal we were in A.A.. Finally, I said "We are going to an A.A. meeting." He responds, "I just got dropped off from Twin Towers. I just got discharged on an alcohol related offense and need to get to a meeting. Can I come with you?" And he came with us. So, we wanted camp to be about sharing these stories, these times in our sobriety. We wanted it to be about engagement, rather than the committee. We wanted to talk about how we live and breathe service and the growth in our recovery.

During camp there were panels and meetings. There were things we did this year to integrate all 3 sides of the triangle that were really, really amazing. The first session was an intention-setting meeting, where we looked at the things that are holding us back in service and recovery. We closed the weekend with what we called the "whisper walk" where we had people lined up and walking blind folded. This might sound woo woo, but it was a time that allowed people to hear from the universe exactly what they needed. Everyone was in tears. It was really powerful. Of course there were games, like color wars and team games, as well as bonfires and meetings and love and connection. It should be noted that it's not just for young people. It's for all ages. We have realized that camp can't just be about service, it needs to be about *everything*. Which is how we came up with Camp Spirit Fire.



### **Why do you think service work is important?**

Service allows me to get out of myself. Service provided a shift in my perspective, helping me to see how I can connect to others and how I can be useful to the world. I bring this everywhere I go. This is important because when I came in I was filled with shame. I was broke, I was hopeless, I felt rotten to the core. But being able to turn away from myself and to see how I can be useful and turn to God and other humans, helped me to have a sense of purpose and be able to lay my head on the pillow at night and to know that I had a good day. It reinforces hope and love that is beyond recovery and is about a connection to the world. That is what service gives to me.

Responder: Jen K. - Chair, CYC Committee

Interviewer: Ann W. - Alternate Chair, SCAAN Committee

## The CHALLENGES And TRIUMPHS Of Virtual Meetings

Greetings from your Alternate Delegate - in quarantine! This is a confusing and worrisome time so I am grateful for this chance to connect with you.

Your SCAAN chair, Ken T., asked me to write an article about "The challenges and triumphs of the first-ever virtual pre-conference workshop!"

As you know, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we had our first pre-conference workshop virtually via Zoom meeting on April 5th, 2020. We had around 125 people in the meeting from our area and many other areas around the country including our Pacific Region Alternate Delegates and Delegates, with Spanish and ASL interpretation going on simultaneously. The presentations were remarkable with our members going the extra mile deep into the background material to give us an effective report. Your web Committee, including Chair Shawn A. and Webmaster Faith B., made everything available online very early which was a great help. We were also graced with a wonderful presentation about the General Service Office and the Conference by the Staff Coordinator of Regional Forums at the General Service Office Sandra W. I cannot thank them all enough. Our Delegate Thomas S. was able to take copious notes and received good feedback from the fellowship after each presentation. Thank you for your participation. History was made! The online surveys were completed by 93 A.A. members and Area members combined and have been compiled by our webmaster into a report of 164 pages - how significant this is!

The challenges associated with our situation of being apart physically are many. Communication is via phone text and email only now and so there is a large amount of time spent in front of the computer screen. Letting people know how we were going to have our workshop was a challenge. This meant me sending out a LOT of emails to encourage DCMs, DCMCs, Committee

members, and Past Delegates to attend and get the word out. Of course, I am always online or by/on my phone all the time but I knew many would not be, so I kept getting the word out the best I could. Now we are able to text the entire area for even more accessibility.

The Zoom Meeting - well, that was another story. I started working on that on March 10th. In my daily work I have used Skype for my clients and various other recording software to connect but I had never used Zoom before. The biggest complication was making sure we had the right package for our needs so there was some time spent on the phone and email with a Zoom sales representative to make sure we had room for enough people, enough time for the meeting selected and the accessibility for interpretation. The new Technology Ad-Hoc committee chaired by Kyle H. and our Spanish Interpreters Patricia H. and Lorena P. were immensely helpful as we learned the program together and had several trial run-throughs. Right at that point, it became almost impossible to get tech support from Zoom! Everyone had discovered the platform and they were not ready for that! I was on the phone at 1:00 AM with a Zoom Tech in Australia and he and I finally figured out the interpretation program together. As for our ASL members we learned that the watcher could "pin" the video of the interpreter on the screen to watch. What a wonderful thing that is.

Since the pandemic began I have been on numerous meetings on Zoom and on conference phone calls. I was in Alaska, Hawaii and Northern and Southern California for their pre-conference workshops, have been on local A.A. meetings, had Officers meetings, District meetings and Steering committee meetings as well as both H&I and our L.A. Central Office and the Foothill Roundup Committee. We are making history here out of need and after this is all over, we will have the technology to help connect when we cannot meet together. This can allow Committees at the area

to meet outside our assembly and work better together as well. There will be a renaissance!

As many of you know, safety was a problem early on with "Zoom Bombing" occurring in meetings listed on the web. We have learned from these mishaps to add a monitor and waiting room with access to eject these people immediately. This is another thing that Zoom has been trying to catch up with.

As a side note, as you will hear from our delegate, the 70th Annual General Service Conference was virtual for the first time this year. Your delegate has worked extremely hard in the past months having his two committee meetings, Pacific Region Meetings, Delegate meetings and much, much more in the months leading up to the Conference. He has taken his service responsibility seriously, and we will reap the benefits of that.

There is still a problem though, and it is real. Many of our members don't have computers or access to one, and some do not have cell phones either. We are unable to reach these members

during this time and that is very frustrating for them and us. Until we are able to see each other physically I think it is upon all of us to reach these people somehow. Home phones ring too! GSRs can help by getting phone lists from our roster and their districts and DCMs can reach out to their committee members via landline to inform them of what is going on in the area and A.A. as a whole. I hope that conference calls are a part of your communication too if needed.

All of the officers of Panel 69 are dedicated to keeping us informed and in touch while we cannot be together. There is nothing like being together at an assembly though, and I hope that will be coming soon. Until then I hope you and your families stay safe and healthy until we can be together again.

As always, I am available to you through all of this.

With Love and Service,  
Lauren A.  
Area 05 Alternate Delegate Panel 69



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## BOOK REVIEW

Reading *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks from 1951-1970* was like entering a time machine - transporting me instantly with every read to the smell of rooms filled with the scent of wool and tweed suits, cigarette smoke and strong, percolated black coffee. This easy and inspiring read contains sixteen perfectly transcribed addresses from Bill W. to the General Service Conference. Due to the fact that the addresses given were so well transcribed, reading Bill speak felt much like listening to one of our Trustees or Past Delegates speak at PRAASA or an event like last year's inaugural Unity Forum. His thoughtful and entertaining presence jumps off of the page and feels as familiar to me as the warm feeling I get while attending my home group and hearing the speakers invigorating forty-five minute share.

Though his idea was initially met with much resistance from every direction, including from his co-founder Dr. Bob, with a steady persistence, as we do when trying to change anything in A.A., the First General Service Conference met in 1951, the year my father was born. Which now connects

me personally to such a monumental event in our fellowship's history to my own.

This special publication gives us all a peek into this groundbreaking part of A.A.'s history using beautifully documented black and white images capturing candid moments at various conferences, many seen for the first time. Other photographic highlights I enjoyed were the many archival images of flyers, pamphlets, scribbled memos, reports and bulletins in perfect color, many still

displaying their worn and tattered edges. I believe that the more than sixty archival images was a wonderful balance to the talks, further giving me the feeling that I was almost there with them myself.

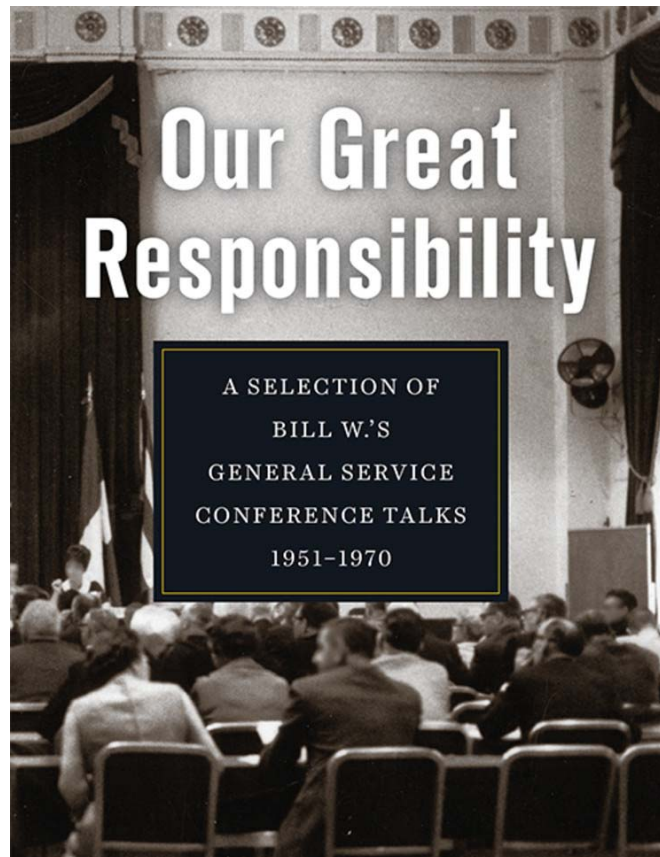
Overall, *Our Great Responsibility* gave me a much deeper insight into the growing fellowship I love so dearly and that has given and continues to give me so much life.

Unbeknownst to the average member of Alcoholics Anonymous, our annual General Service Conference has served as a lifeline to millions worldwide and I hope

this book will act as an entertaining and comforting guide to share this history and what this Conference has done and continues to do for the fellowship and future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Love and Service,

Mataji B. - Alt DCM, District 3





## DIGGING INTO A.A. ARCHIVES



- 1961 Area Assembly minutes
- 1980 District boundary descriptions
- Original pamphlet written and approved by the Area
- Description of District 13's move to its current meeting location

These are just some of the archival papers that the Area Archives Committee has found recently.

The Archives are in a storage facility with a typical storage locker. While this works as a place to keep the boxes of documents and pictures, there is no place to take out the boxes and look over the contents. Thanks to one of the Committee members, we have arranged to rent a meeting place once a month for a "sorting party" where we empty storage boxes to look at and sort the papers.

The room we rent has a large table with lots of chairs around it, and plenty of room to spread out papers. We are sorting the documents into categories and making sure they are protected and laying flat. We are also removing any staples or metal paper clips so they won't rust and ruin the originals.

People sometimes wonder whether archives are valuable, and how they are used. When the Area can, the Archives Committee wants to get a good document scanner in order to digitize our collection. This will make it useful for research. For instance, just from digital copies of flyers from the 1980s and 1990s donated by Mid-Southern California Area 09 Archives, we were able to piece together the history of the Four-Area DCM Sharing Session.



Archives Committee members sort archival materials in a monthly "sorting party."



Archivists wear gloves to protect papers from the skin's natural oils. Here, a member removes a staple from a document.

We were also able to give the Area Registrar copies of the District boundaries as they were described in the 1980s to help her in her project to identify all of the exact District boundaries. Our Literature committee wanted to see a copy of the "Ordered to Attend" pamphlet developed years ago by the Area, and we now have a copy to give them.

District minutes, flyers, and newsletters will be a valuable addition to the District pages on the future Archives website.

The only hindrance seems to be the tendency of Committee members to read most of the papers we come across. Everything is interesting to us, and we spend a lot of time saying, "Look at this!" and showing or reading documents to the other members.

Obviously, our work has been put on hold while we all stay at home during the coronavirus pandemic, but we plan to continue as soon as we can.

Mary T., Chair - Archives Committee

## Area 05 In Tech: “We Are Making History”

In a world where doors are being shut, social distancing from loved ones is expected, and isolation is being enforced, many within our A.A. community are struggling with the loss of human connection. Receiving support from others is important for maintaining our sobriety.

Alcoholism is already a condition of isolation backed by anxiety and depression. So now, with social isolation being forced upon us, we are even more alone than ever. In this time of the coronavirus, we could not have predicted all the ways the power of Zoom meetings would facilitate the social-distancing lifestyle or how it would keep an alcoholic like me plugged into the fellowship.

Area05 has been discussing how to reach remote communities for years. At the last National Alcoholics Anonymous Technology Workshop (NAATW), we all saw the benefits of technology in action when our panelists joined us from China, Australia and elsewhere. Whether geographical distance between meetings or the social distancing between individuals, I was witness to how technology can carry the message.

On the last Saturday of March, nearly 3 million people globally downloaded the Zoom app on their mobile devices for the first time—a record for the company. It is now reported that they had 200 million daily users in the month of March. That’s a lot of connection and what a blessing to have the Zoom tool available to the A.A. membership.



As our Delegate and Alternate Delegate like to say, **“We are making history.”** I look forward to getting together with my home group and visiting that traditional Saturday morning meeting. However, I am pleased that this pandemic has forced me to nurture my sobriety with new

types of meetings. It has continued to feed my soul when everything else can be overwhelming.

Whether you are a meeting traditionalist or embracing the new normal, there is community and technology available to carry the message. Remember, recovery from alcoholism is the expectation, not the exception.

Faith B  
Area 05 Webmaster



The journey to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) began with seven people loaded into a Suburban driving 478 miles from Pasadena, CA to Tucson, AZ. We loaded up the rental with snacks and an A.A. Speakers playlist and hit the road. What would be in store for this weekend? What can we take back to our meetings? What will my first PRAASA experience be like?

Where are we all going to sleep?! With a venti americano in hand, we set off Eastbound on I-210. PRAASA 2020 here we come!

As we arrived at the picturesque Westin La Paloma Resort, we were greeted by the host committee. We left the registration table with badges and programs in hand. I already felt I had a place here. So off we went to the Sonora Room for our first round table - GSR/Alt GSR. I didn't know what to expect but the moderator Marilyn from Area 17, helped navigate the Q&A round table. A room full of A.A.

members from all over the western region, asked and answered the questions we have all thought to ourselves, "What do I bring back to my group?" People answer, in true A.A. style, with their experiences and some suggestions, "Take plenty of fliers and pamphlets. It's simple, don't over complicate it." This was reassuring because as a new GSR, I often felt inadequate at times when reporting back to my group. Another Area 05 GSR, Aidan (or as his badge read "Aidon" - now a fun inside joke), suggested "take back literature that you think your group can relate to."

Day 2, I started my day at the coffee bar and then was off to the panel 6 meeting in the ballroom. We discussed the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference agenda items. Hot topic item: Big Book 5<sup>th</sup> edition. As usual, there was an open-mic Q&A at the end of the meeting. One-by-one, A.A.s came up and asked questions openly. Sarah B, Area 06 Alternate DCMC, came to offer her

opinion about changes to the first 164 pages of the big book. Her statement, "we need to be inclusive and therefore changes need to be made," caught my attention. So much so,

that I sought her out after the meeting. We met pool-side in a cabana after lunch to further discuss, and ended up sharing perspectives and insights for two hours. Meeting Sarah, as well as many other people over the course of the conference, highlights what PRAASA is all about. In the words of the Big Book, "We are people who normally would not mix." I connected and learned from so many people, from the car ride, to the round tables, to the one-

on-one conversations, and that is what I loved most about this experience.

I am eternally grateful for such a positive first PRAASA experience. Just as I came to believe in step 2, I came to believe that the power in service could restore my humility.

Truly yours in service,

Mark S. - GSR District 3

## SHARING PERSPECTIVES

### MY FIRST EXPERIENCE AT PRAASA



## 2020 CALENDAR (Revised)

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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1/1 New Year's Day  
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

February						
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2/14 Valentine's Day  
2/17 Presidents Day

March						
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29	30	31				

April						
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4/12 Easter

May						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

5/10 Mother's Day  
5/25 Memorial Day

June						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30				

6/21 Father's Day

July						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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7/4 Independence Day  
7/15 New Tax Deadline

August						
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30	31					

7/31-8/2 Foothill Roundup

September						
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9/7 Labor Day

October						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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10/12 Columbus Day

November						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30					

11/11 Veterans Day  
11/26 Thanksgiving

December						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
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12/5 Hispanic Women's Wrksp  
12/25 Christmas

## Notes

1/25 Sat Winter Area Assembly  
2/23 Sun Area Committee Meeting  
3/6 Fri - 3/8 Sun PRAASA  
3/21 Sat Steering Committee Meeting  
4/4 Sat - 4/5 Sun Pre-Conference Workshop  
5/16 Sat - 5/19 Tue General Service Conference  
6/7 Sun Spring Area Assembly  
6/28 Sun 4 Area DCM Sharing Session  
7/11 Sat Area Committee Meeting  
8/1 Sat Steering Committee Meeting  
8/15 Sat Summer Area Assembly  
9/12 Sun Area Committee Meeting  
9/26 Sat Steering Committee Meeting  
10/18 Sun Fall Area Election 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 - District 30  
4/4 PCW Day 1 - District 3  
4/5 PCW Day 2 - Westside Combined  
6/7 Assembly - District 30  
7/11 ACM - District 3  
8/15 Assembly - District 33 & CIH  
9/12 ACM - Hollywood Combined  
10/18 Assembly - District 14  
11/14 ACM - Westside Combined

**4 Area Share:** Host Area 93

**Cancelled Events:** 7/2 - 7/5 International Convention  
8/21 - 8/23 Pacific Regional Forum  
9/18 - 9/20 So. Cal. Convention

**Updated:** 5/13/20

**Originally approved at Winter Assembly (01-25-2020)**



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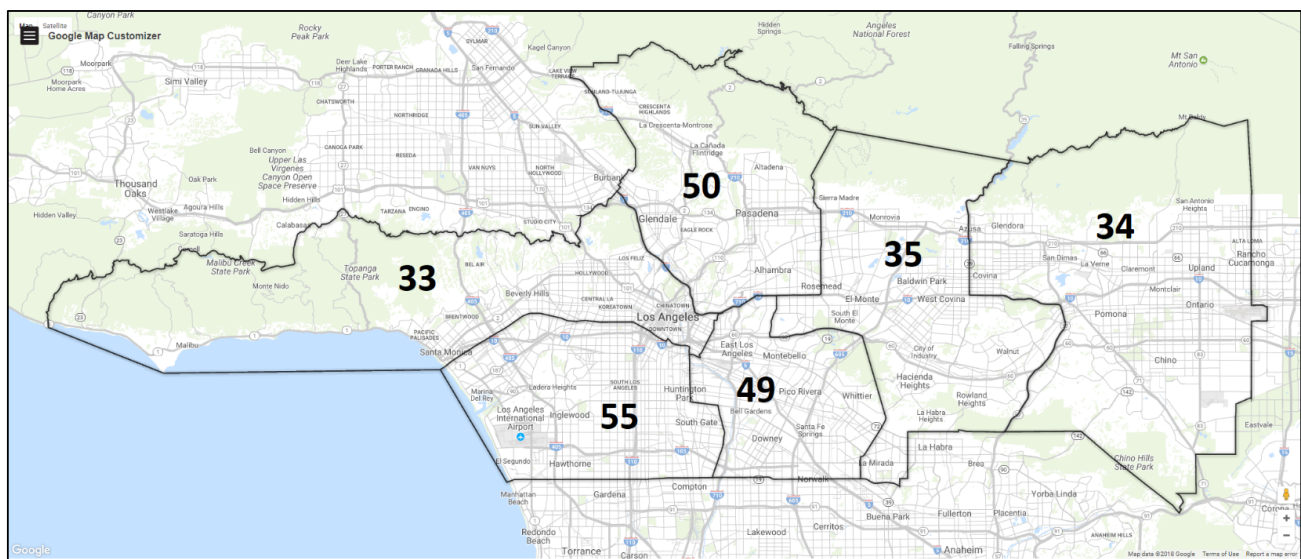
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## AREA MAP (English-Speaking Districts)



## AREA MAP (Spanish-Speaking Districts)



**A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**AREA WINTER ASSEMBLY Minutes**  
**Saturday – January 25, 2020**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**1757 North Lake Avenue**  
**Pasadena, CA 91104**  
**Host: Hollywood Combined Districts**

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 October 21, 2019 through January 25, 2020 were recognized, applauded and serenaded.

The 12 Concepts were read in Spanish by Juan Antonio M., Alt. Interpretation Chair

The 12 Concepts were read in English by Crystal G, Alt. Registration Chair

**Roll Call:**

Registrar, Nikki U., conducted the roll call:

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
General Service Representatives	67	67	0	0
Alternate General Service Representatives	11	11	0	0
District Committee Members	22	18	0	4
Alternate District Committee Members	8	1	6	1
District Committee Member Chairs	3	3	0	0
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	0	0	0	0
Committee Chairs	18	15	0	3
Alternate Committee Chairs	13	3	8	2
Area Officers	7	7	0	0
Past Delegates	6	6	0	0
Visitors		0	17	0
Subtotal	172	131	31	10

Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-10			
Total Attendance	162			

\* 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.

Area Chairperson, Zoraida R., thanks Hollywood Combined Districts for hosting the Assembly.

### **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.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chairperson Zoraida R. presented the Assembly Agenda. Noted the agenda printed in the SCAAN has changed. Added WACYPA presentation, PRAASA 2023 Committee report, New Business proposal from Guidelines and Policies, and Spanish Foro. *Made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded and approved. None opposed.*

### **Approval of Assembly Minutes from October 20, 2019:**

The Secretary advised that the Minutes of the October 20, 2019 Assembly were printed in the SCAAN (Area 05 newsletter) which had been distributed for approval. *Motion to approve was seconded and approved. None opposed.*

### **Approval of 2020 Area Calendar:**

The Secretary advised the proposed 2020 Area Calendar was distributed in the SCAAN (Area 05 Newsletter) on page 9. There was one typo on the English version “Notes” section had incorrect date for the 02/23/20 ACM. District 33 DCM indicates the Spanish Foro Committee agreed to host their event on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November (11-01-2020). They normally set the date and would appreciate input to the calendar as they’re autonomous. *Motion to approve was seconded and approved. None opposed.*

### **Unfinished Business:**

Revised 2020 Budget (*Finance Chair, Nadine S.*). The Finance Committee Chair presented the budget, which was approved at the ACM in November, 2020. She described the budget process and indicates this year’s budget is ‘balanced’ and asked for comments or questions. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved. None opposed.

### **New Business:**

Presentation of Motion to Clarify Voting for Alternate Chairs, DCM’s, and DCMC’s (*Registrar, Nikki U.*) *Nikki presented the motion and background. The following was a presentation only. Not voted on today.*

**Motion:** I move that the following sentences be added to the end of paragraph 2 of Sections B., C. and D. of Article IV. Of SCAA Guidelines and Policies:

“In the event, an individual serving in multiple capacities, for example Area Committee Chairperson and District Committee Member, is required to vote and no Alternate is in attendance, the individual shall cast a single vote in the capacity of their choice. Should a single Alternate also be in attendance, then the Alternate will cast the vote for the service position for which they are an Alternate and the individual



will cast a vote for the position for which there is not an Alternate present. Should multiple Alternates be in attendance, then the individual shall select the Alternate who will vote by either lot or coin toss and the individual serving in multiple capacities will cast a vote representing the service position that is not given voting power by lot or coin toss. This selection of voting Alternates should be made among the parties at the beginning of the meeting and will be in force for the entirety of the meeting.”

Presentation of Motion for New Guidelines on Area 05's Process for Proposing Conference Agenda Items (*Guidelines & Policies Chairperson & Panel 67 Past Delegate, Thomas B.*). The following was a presentation only. Not voted on today.

## ARTICLE XIII

### How SCAA Area 05 Recommends an Agenda Item to the Conference

Per the A.A. Service Manual, a good idea for improvement of AA Literature, policies or finance can come from anywhere within our Fellowship --- from an AA Member, a group, a district, an area service committee, the area committee, an assembly, a delegate, officer, trustee, or GSO staff person (see Service Manual, Chapter 7, The Annual Conference Meeting, "Sources of Agenda Items"). Nothing in this Article is intended to discourage or prohibit submission of a Conference Agenda Item suggestion from any of these sources.

But if a Conference agenda item suggestion is to be recommended by Southern California Area 05 as a whole, then our long-standing practice to insure due process and full consideration requires that any formal recommendation by Area 05 of a Conference Agenda Item be vetted in the manner described below:

A Conference agenda item to be recommended by SCAA Area 05 as a whole requires:

1. That the text of the Conference Agenda Item proposal together with any supporting background information be (1) presented in writing to the Assembly in English and Spanish, (2) presented, discussed, voted on and approved by over a 2/3rds substantial majority vote of the next Area Committee, and if approved, (3) presented, discussed, voted on and approved by over a 2/3rds substantial majority vote of the following Area Assembly. In all instances, minority opinion shall be asked for, expressed and considered, and an opportunity for re-vote, when applicable, shall be afforded.
2. Upon the Area's approval of a Conference Agenda Item suggestion through this process, the Delegate shall submit the Conference Agenda Item suggestion to the Conference Coordinator by the date Conference Agenda Item submissions are due, along with its background information and a description of the Area's vetting and approval process.
3. The above approval process shall also be applied for any Area recommendation of an AA Service piece to the General Service Office.

**PRAASA 2023 Committee:** *Thomas B., Committee Chair, presented on the planning.* Thomas presented, for the past year the Past Delegate's, which make up the Host Committee, sent Request for Proposals to local hotels. Negotiating contract with LAX Marriott. More will be revealed. They're making good progress on the planning.

**WACYPA Report Back:** Oscar: WACYPA is the Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. They just hosted large A.A. scale conference in Area 05, in early January. Thanked all those that participated: General Service Representatives (GSRs), Hospitals and Institutions (H&I), people from out of state, and hundreds of newcomers for their first A.A. experience. You can have fun in A.A. Dates were 01/02-01/05, in downtown Los Angeles. Kyle: Registration chair for 2023. 1375 people attend the conference. Bidding process: wanted people to get engaged and stay in A.A. Sobriety countdown: +40 people with under two weeks sobriety. If you want to get involved let them know!

**Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly Presentation:** Jaime W., *District 3 DCM, Interpretation*

*Committee Chair:* Jaime presented on PRAASA. She engaged the Assembly by asking, “Who’s gone before? Who’s going this year?” She describes the event and pointed people to: praasa.org and will be held

Tucson, AZ. Weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. District 3 is renting a van to drive together. Fee is \$25. Showed the website. Jaime

offer to help people register online. Held at the Westin Paloma Resort. Sign Ups during lunch! She’ll help you get registered today!

**Hispanic Women’s Workshop Report Back:** Maria Q., Hispanic Women’s Workshop Alt. Chair, presented: On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Hispanic Woman’s Workshop took place. They had 220 women in attendance. Participation included women from the General Service Office, La Vina Chair, among others that attended from Georgia, Virginia and Connecticut. Women joined using Skype from other countries. They discussed sponsoring, recovery and sobriety. Also service details were discussed.

The next workshops are going to take place in the Area 93, in Santa Paula, in December, 2020, and Area 03 (Arizona) will host in 2021.

We also discussed the importance of the Hispanic Woman’s pamphlet. They have their own committee now. They are receiving much support from men. Giving them space to share and respect that Hispanic Women desperately need. We are growing with 18 groups in different cities.

Purpose of our Groups are the workshops and to reach woman alcoholics that are still suffering. To rescue them and to know freedom as we’ve come to know it. We are visiting Hospitals and Institutions (H&I), speaking to women suffering from alcoholism and drug addiction. Thank you!

**Foro Report Back:** Arturo, Foro Committee Chair, This is my report from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Hispanic Forum in Los Angeles, District 33. The is the organizing committee. We started working January 5<sup>th</sup> with our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in District 35. The meeting was a total success. We had support from different districts, subcommittees, and DCMs. Everyone is collaborating and providing support to make this the best Forum! It’s going to be a great forum! We don’t expect to require financial support from Area. All of the subcommittees are working very hard to successfully carry out this event. We are motivated and will continue this year with the same tenacity to organize for 2020. The organizing committee: Chairperson is Arturo, Secretary is Rodrigo, Treasurer is Angel, and Patricia & Bill. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Additional: The organizing committee is going to visit Districts with sole objective to encourage GSRs to motivate their groups to attend the Forum. They will visit District 34 and will work with the Area as well.

**Host Districts announcement:** Zoraida announces following host Districts for remainder of 2020.

Assembly: Hollywood Combined Districts (1/25). Spring (May 17) District 30. Summer (7/25) District 33 & Combined Hispanic Districts (CIH). Fall Election (10/18) District 14. ACMs: Winter (2/23) District 30. Spring (6/27) District 3, Summer (8/16) Hollywood Combined Districts, and Fall (11/14) Westside Combined Districts.

**Announcements before lunch:**

- Shawn A., Website Committee Chair, asks members to complete 'Text Message Opt-In forms' if you'd like to receive texts to remind people of Area events.
- Antonio A., Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee Chair: Need DCMs, young and elderly people to join their committee.
- Thomas S., Delegate: Encourages people to remain after lunch so they can hear his Delegate's Report.
- Mason, A.A. Member: Encourage people to attend PRAASA. If you cannot afford to go ask your Group to help fund.
- Nadine S., Finance Committee Chair: Admits to being a Bleeding Deacon. Taught her to be patient with other people. Helps at her job and in her life. Greatest thing that has happened in her sobriety.

**Lunch:** Assembly broke for lunch. Estimated Cost for Breakfast and Lunch (Finance Chair, Nadine S.) is \$1012.00. Since there are 150 people present, the cost is \$7.00 per person. Thank you!

**Delegate's Report:**

Thomas S., reports: Expresses his gratitude for privilege to serve as Area 5's Delegate. Greatest honor of his life and quite a responsibility. Explains the Panel is two years and the last calendar year was successful. Discovered that nothing is accomplished alone. Thomas thanked Past Delegates for their contributions to his ability to carry out the position. Thanked Area 5 Officers as well. Area 5 is respected and well represented by other Areas and the General Service Office as well. Gave special thanks to Alt. Delegate due to how closely they work together. Pre-Conference workshop prepares him for the General Service Conference. Lauren has become his sister in Service.

**Orientation:** There were 25 new General Service Representatives (GSRs) in orientation this morning. To those GSRs, and all the District Committee Members (DCMs), District Committee Members Chairs (DCMCs). Thomas suggests they reenergize themselves by reading the resolution (page S103 of most recent version of the Service Manual): Bill's and Bob's turnover of the responsibilities of A.A., the institution, to all of us (the A.A. members). Collectively, across the North American Conference (U.S. and Canada), has taken all of us to replace two founders. It is our responsibility to preserve the 3 legacies of General Service: Recovery, Unity and Service). Delegate's Report in the SCAAN: of hearing a Past Trustee talk about the one legacy members of the Fellowship, the two legacy members of the Fellowship. And that we should take pride we're 3 legacy members of the Fellowship. We're the curators of the Traditions and Policies of A.A. We are the senior conference of our worldwide Fellowship. People around the world look to us for leadership.

The Group has entrusted you (us) to representation. Periodically, we should inform the Fellowship of their history, “Why we exist!” GSRs, Groups, District, Area, Region and Conference. And our relationship to the other 30+ conferences around the world! Give them a history and geography lessons.

Area events: Since the calendar is prepared in advance for the entire year, please mark your calendar for the Area event.

Guidelines and Policies: Committees for the past year has done a marvelous job, and we expect that will continue. Ensure we have an up to date Area 5 Guidelines and Policies document available. Perhaps we can copies available for the next Assembly.

Committees, along with their individual work, frequently assist the Delegate directly. Personally thanked Alt. Delegate, Web Site Committee Chair and the Web Master for pulling him out of a hole! Thomas shared he was on a conference call with New York, and had trouble communicating, and they aforementioned helped him resolve technical issues.

Information: We have American Sign Language (ASL) translation, and, whether you know it or not, G.S.O. Publications, now has the Big Book is ASL translation. It's not a written language, but rather visual. If anyone needs ASL literature, such as the Big Book, ASL publications are available.

WACYPA follow up: Thomas attended WACYPA conference. Had the privilege to serve as a Panel moderator. The young people in A.A. have abundance of enthusiasm. They welcomed him in their special way.

General Service Office/CPC: G.S.O. receives many requests to participate. Some they solicit to participate, such as, professionals, to have A.A. there as an attraction. This year the Evolution of Addiction Treatment which is being held in Los Angeles, November 3 – 6, 2020. Raymond Y, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair is going. He will need many people to volunteers to support the event. There are 10 months to prepare. He's going to need help.

Subcommittee: Thomas serves on a subcommittee with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which was formally renamed to Joint National Leadership Committee on Whole Health Communication and Education. They are probably tired of hearing from Thomas, continuously express that for Veterans whole health has to include ‘therapy for alcoholism.’ Combat veterans need this. As a combat veteran, he assures us that to face live combat, they use alcohol and drugs to cope with fear.

Patient Brokering Service Piece: During his November trip to GSO. He presented the Service Piece for Patient Brokering. Does not know the resolution, yet, and G.S.O. is thrilled and had discussions on this themselves. He is hoping literature will be created. However, we locally, any individual meeting, can have a Service Piece on Patient Brokering, without being Conference Approved.

G.S.O. Staffing: There are 13 staff positions in N.Y. Thomas recently received an update from G.S.O., made available in English and Spanish: 1) Brenda Brown was hired and assigned to Corrections desk, which was an open position. 2) Irena Dinoso came over from La Vina and was assigned to Accessibilities and Remote Communities. 3) Communications was filled by Clement C. However, that staff position has become a Department, and is not listed under Staff Positions. He does not know the level of access the Fellowship will have with that department. He has concerns about the change, not with the person, and plans to discuss at the G.S.C. A.A. G.S.O. is now at full staff, since the latter was converted to Department. He has the updated list of G.S.O. staff assignments. Speak with Thomas if you'd like the list. You can make that part of your report to your Group.

*Thomas read a portion of the letter from G.S.O.: 'We (G.S.O.) are beginning to update files with applications of those being considered for staff positions. Must have a minimum of six years sobriety, group and business experience, and a willingness to relocate to N.Y. City.' If interested, talk with Thomas or write to Staff Coordinator, Mary Cummings, Box 459, G.S.C., New York, NY 10163.*

PRAASA volunteers: Asked for DCMs and/or DCMCs to stand. If they have not presented at previous PRAASA he wants your names. All those still standing are potential presenters at 2020 PRAASA. Needs some presenters under age of 35, and some over the age of 35. Area 5 will have two presenters, we also want three moderators, three readers and two timers for possible selection.

PRAASA 2023 Host: Thomas will serve on the PRAASA Delegate Board (PDB) since we're hosting in 2023.

PRAASA Scholarships: Thomas will submit names to the PDB of those planning to attend that may need financial support.

Area 5 Pre Conference Workshop: Will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Thomas will attend 70<sup>th</sup> G.S.C. and is the Co-Chair Remote Communities Meeting along with Delegate from Area 73 (West Virginia). They are developing a Theme. Newsletter: "Remote Communicator" – solicits written presentations which can potentially be included in the newsletter. Going to define what is meant by 'remote communities.' Not just geographically remote. It's much broader than that! Solicits a 2- or 3-page paper on the following topic, "Challenges and Solutions of Reaching the Spanish Communities," "African American Community," "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities," "Homeless," and finally "Veterans." Wants something on each of these topics from Area 5 folks. GSRs please report this back to your Group!

Report Back presentations: Thomas needs to get the Delegate Report Back dates on his calendar. Even though we haven't had the Conference yet, he would like to these set. Suggested dates: If it affects you & wish to change them, call him or speak with him at the ACM: on 5/17 Assembly; on 5/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Meeting; on 5/31 at the Combined Spanish Speaking Districts; on 6/9 for Districts 2, 3, 4 and 13 (Host = D4), on 6/14 (Host = WCD) for Districts 5, 6, 8, 15, 19, 25, 36, 37/38, 39/40, 41, 43, 45 and 46 with Guest District 7; on 6/20 for Hollywood Wilshire Combined Districts (HWCD) Districts 9, 10, 26, 56 and 58; 8/01 (Host = D14) Districts 14, 17, 18 and 30. Thomas will have the details finalized by the February ACM.

**Food Kitty Report:** Sam P., Finance Committee, Alt. Chair: Collected \$701.00. Short -\$300 to cover costs of today's food.

### **Officer Reports:**

Alternate Delegate, Lauren A., Including the Audit Subcommittee Report: Lauren reports, since the last ACM, she spoke on General Service at the C.I.H. meeting in December. Visited the H.C.D., spoke a panel at WACYPAA with the topic, "Oops I did it again! Coming Back From a Relapse." That was a lot of fun! Attended Central office meetings (lacoaa.org). Pre-conference Workshop (PCW): her job is to help put that together with the Delegate. There will be presentations on the agenda items, roundtables, & give feedback from your Groups. Background materials will be on the Area 5 website (area05aa.org). We've invited Sandra W., the Staff Coordinator for Regional Forums, from N.Y. We will have an Area dinner at BJ's in Pasadena the Saturday, April 4. Lauren will host Pacific Regional Hospitality room at the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. She's the chair of the Schedule for that. Thanked the H.C.D. for hosting today's Assembly. PRAASA moderators, scribes, readers or timers: if you interested or have questions and want to volunteer, please text her at 323-791-4471.



Secretary, Doug S.: Since the last Assembly in October, I have produced minutes for the Assembly, ACM, attended the Spanish Foro, and produced the Area 5 2020 Calendar and will send that out via email to the Area Committee. Thanked Bill L. & Jose Luis (Translation Chairs). The 4 Area DCM Sharing Session is not on our calendar since the dates have not been set by the Host Area (93). Tentatively set late May or first weekend in June. Available to visit District meetings. Full audio is available for anyone wishing to hear from start to finish. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Registrar, Nikki U.: Nikki thanked everyone for their patience in sending your GSR registrations to her. All of the Area Registrars were cut off from the G.S.O. database last August. General Service is migrating to a new ERP system. She has been sending forms to N.Y. and maintaining her own DB in the meantime. Once she gains access again she will review and compare her data with G.S.O.'s. First online course begins Monday. New Group numbers have been assigned to every meeting. When we have those she will share. Central Offices have different numbering system from the General Service Office. There will be new Group numbers and legacy numbers (mapping new to old).

Accounts Treasurer, Brian P., Including Presentation of 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report: Brian reports, If this is your first time here, explains his positions. Creates quarterly reports, presents those to the Area, explains the report and provided a financial balance, expenses for the year to date. Brian thanked Mary T. for assisting with the Area's taxes. Since the last Assembly Brian attended District 14's event and the Spanish Foro in November, and WACYPAAs this month. He's working with a few others to start the 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese speaking meeting in the LA Area.

*FYI - The audio recording encountered problems between Brian's and Sharron's report. Recording stopped and wasn't properly restarted until after the round tables. The following notes are without backup from audio files.*

Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S., Including Presentation of 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Contributions Report: Reports the progress of contributions for the Area and presents the Fourth Quarter 2019 Contributions Report. Sharron described the report and explains the Area has two treasurers. Contributions have increased from 2018 and significantly 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.

Chairperson, Zoraida, R.: Zoraida reports, she thanked Hollywood Combined District for hosting today. New email addresses are working (@area05aa.org domain). International Convention in Detroit, MI., 7/2-7/5. Thanked Finance Committee for passing the 2020 budget. Zoraida expressed her support of the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Spanish Language Big Book. She attended: 42<sup>nd</sup> Foro, District 14's Movie Day, Area 93 Special Election, LA Central Office's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting in LA area. Was privileged to lead a relationship panel at WACYPAAs. And spoke at Service Paloosa in Laguna Beach.

**Food Kitty Report:** Sam P., Finance Committee, Alt. Chair: We are still short of funds to cover the cost of today's food. He will pass the cans one more time.

### **Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

Audio Visual, Miguel M., Chair: Miguel reported, we're basically a supporting committee. We support Districts, Groups, all the other committees, Assemblies, ACM's, and other Area meetings. We're a committee of one (i)! Miguel wants help and is hoping to get more people to help. He can be reached at av@area05aa.org

Website Committee, Shawn A., Chair: Shawn reported, the new email addresses went live January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new domain is area05aa.org. There were almost 6000 email addresses in the old domain compared to

1700 with new domain. Please begin to migrate away from aascaa.org. Online contributions: There were 106 online contributions. January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year they enabled the 'My Accounts' section. You can login and see all your contributions. The Area now supports recurring contributions as well. The website also has a Districts page. Districts have the ability to post your respective information and contribution information, including P.O. Box on the Area site. Thanks!

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee, Raymond Y., Chair: Raymond reported, several Districts have started their own CPC subcommittees. Districts 14, Westside Combined Districts and District 3. They had four (4) people in attendance. Ideas to create area-wide bullet point ideas: 'Sponsor your Professional' with idea to spread the word. Area 5 will attend the Evolution of Addiction Treatment conference which is being held in Los Angeles, November 3 – 6, 2020, at the Sheraton Gateway LAX. He needs outgoing individuals! Looking for help to work the crowd and the booth.

Literature Committee, David M., Chair: David reported, they had three (3) attendees and one (1) visitor from Treatment Facilities. Since the last ACM, he had phone call with Diana Lewis, Staff person at GSO. Responding to the Patient Brokering letter our Delegate delivered. N.Y. considers this a local issue. They are not going to take action. Areas and Groups are free to create our own literature about Patient Brokering. Going to keep on the table for next Assembly or two. At this point it's up to us, the local Literature Committee, to produce literature or service piece. We've developed something in the past. Another topic: GSR Pamphlet had a title change. He's looking into that change.

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 nine (9) members in attendance today. There are fourteen (14) members overall. Presented an item earlier today. The committee is looking to update the Area's informal hosting guidelines. He will interview Past Delegates for input. The committee is also review the voting proposal from Registrar (Nikki).

Archives Committee, Mary T., Chair: Mary reported, please look at the Archives Display here today. They had a wide range of Districts at their committee meeting. They are sorting through items to catalog. Helping LA Central Office archives to review things (a sorting party!). They plan to launch an Archives web site soon.

Public Information Committee, Carlos G., Alt. Chair: Carlos reported, he's happy to see everyone. The committee is learning how to do radio & TV presentations live. Bring tape to radio station and the station plays the audio rather than read live announcements. One of our members had a relative working for Telemundo. Will contact. Last thing, was happy about the Chinese meeting. Brian said everything already. Thank you!

Registration Committee, Joe T., Chair: Joe reported, they had four (4) people in attendance. Spoke about the upcoming Election Assembly and how to prepare for the election assembly. Planning to prepare a booklet and a ballot, that include a description of what the position entails. And how best to track the votes/tallies. They need to clean up the list of GSRs. Cross reference new information and old information.

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) Committee, Bea D., Alt. Chair: Bea reported, there were ten (10) members in attendance. Six Districts were represented. The work in English speaking meetings is very robust. They have a campaign to visit Spanish language meetings. Those meetings have begun to embrace CEC. Submitted reports and results to GSO about their committee work. Thank you.

Corrections Committee, Dayna D., Chair: Dayna reported, there were eight (8) people in attendance. She's very excited! She discussed the purpose of the committee. They reach incarcerated people via letters. Help get them to meetings in their release area. They wrote 96 letters to Men's Central Jail and Wayside Honor Rancho. The number of women are going up, too! They brainstorm ways to meet with folks in need of help. Also H&I meetings. Her email address is corrections@area05aa.org

Grapevine and La Vina Committee, Mike C., Chair: Mike reported, they are planning the annual Grapevine and La Vina writing workshop.

SCAAN Newsletter, Ken T., Chair: Ken thanked all the contributors. Mentioned Faith, Area Webmaster, wrote an article about aa.org site. They have experimented with a new format: an interview with Jaime W., Interpretation Committee Chair. If you don't want to write an article, you can be the subject of an interview yourself. They had six (6) people in attendance. Great discussions and idea generator. Should SCAAN be more informational? Is it for GSRs or inspirational? Send an email if you have an opinion to scaan@area05aa.org

Translation Committee, Jose Luis E., Alt. Chair: Jose Luis reported, the committee translates different documents for SCAAN, Secretary, Report from Women's Workshop. If you need documents translated send to them.

Interpretation Ad-hoc Committee, Jamie W., Chair: Jamie reported, they had two (2) people in attendance. Another person showed up later. We provide interpretation for ASL and Spanish. There are some Vietnamese meetings in the Area, too. Jamie solicits multilingual folks to join the committee! Have your meeting provide interpretation commitments.

Treatment Facilities Committee, Jim I., Chair: Jim reported, they considering changing scope of the committee. Hold off on that for now. Discussed Bridging The Gap and Patient Brokering pamphlet. We need to take responsibility for new comers. Thanks.

Cooperation with the Young Community (CYC) Committee, Jennifer S., Chair: Jennifer reported, we're figuring things out as we go. There have been lots of volunteers. Youth Organization person as well. Finished their first 'Zeme'.

**Roundtable Discussions:** The Chairperson explains the roundtables and has members breakout into groups using the table below:

1. Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Chairs and Alternates (Guidelines & Policies Chairperson, Thomas B.)
2. New GSR and Alternate GSR (*Alternate Delegate, Lauren A.*)
3. Returning GSR and Alternate GSR (Treatment Facilities Chairperson & Panel 51 Past Delegate, Jim I.)
4. DCM, DCMC and Alternates (Archives Chairperson & Panel 51 Past Delegate, Mary T.)

Note: Audio began here again.

### **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. Zoraida asked whether the members felt the Round Tables were helpful? Overwhelming Yes.

**Food Kitty Report (Final) :** Sam P., Finance Committee, Alt. Chair: \$1012.02 collected.

**Good and Welfare Announcements:**

- Faith: Web Site and DCM 18: Attending PRAASA. District 18 is sending her. Taking everyone in her District by changing venue (not at the Westin). Launched a Vietnamese meeting in Orange County. Works at North Orange County Central Office. Apparently, NY has a 'Secret Decoder Ring' spreadsheet of meetings in different languages. She doesn't have access to that. Challenged the Delegate to get that from Clement, who was in charge of the spreadsheet.
- Dayna: Hollywood Young People's Meeting having a talent show tomorrow. She has a flier.
- Lionel DCMC HCD: Thanked HCD for hosting. Pancake breakfast in May. Doesn't have specific date though.
- Joe: Chair for the Events Planning Committee for WCD. 11<sup>th</sup> Step workshop on 3/21 in Pacific Palisades.
- Aiden: Started a group: PRNF (Pasadena Recovery in Nature and Fellowship) hikes every Sunday in local area. Starting up again February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sending our emails next week.
- Mike M. Share a story of a man that speaks Vietnamese and his son brought him to meeting with son. His son translated for him. He celebrated a year and now he translates to others that join.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug S.

**A.A. AREA 05 – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes  
Sunday – February 23, 2020  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1757 N. Lake Avenue, Pasadena CA 91104  
Host: District 30**

**Call to Order**

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

**Reading of the Declaration of Unity and Acknowledgements**

Declaration of Unity was read in Spanish by Carlos G., Public Information Chair

Declaration of Unity was read in English by Armando, DCM for District 30

A.A. Birthday celebrants having anniversary dates falling between November 17, 2019, through February 23, 2020, were recognized, applauded and serenaded.

**Roll Call**

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

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
General Service Representatives	x	x	x	x
Alternate General Service Representatives	x	x	x	x
District Committee Members	15	13	0	2
Alternate District Committee Members	8	4	4	0
District Committee Member Chairs	2	2	0	0
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	0	0	0	0
Committee Chairs	11	8	0	3
Alternate Committee Chairs	8	5	2	1
Area Officers	7	7	0	0
Past Delegates	3	3	0	0
Visitors		0	8	0
Subtotal	62	42	14	6
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-6			
Total Attendance	56			



\* 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 November 16, 2020 ACM Minutes** Area Secretary, Doug S., presented Minutes for the November 16, 2019 Area Committee Meeting. Thanking the Translation Alt. Chair, Bill L., for his excellent work in translation. Motion to approve was seconded. The Minutes were approved. None opposed.

**Approval of ACM Agenda** Area Chairperson Zoraida R., presented the February 23, 2020 ACM Agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed with none opposed.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Motion to Clarify Voting for Alternate Chairs, DCM's, and DCMC's, Nikki U., Registrar:** Nikki presented the motion and background.

### **BACKGROUND**

The current eligibility requirements for voting and making motions at Area Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings and Area Steering Committee Meetings are laid out on pages 6 and 7 of the SCAA Guidelines and Policies as revised February 2, 2015 (available on the [area05aa.org](http://area05aa.org) website).

#### **IV. SCAA Meetings**

- B. Area Assemblies
  - 2. Those eligible to vote and make motions at Area assemblies are GSRs and Area Committee members, or, in their absence, their alternates. GSRs must have been registered with the Area at least 72 hours in advance of an assembly in order to vote.
- C. Area Committee Meetings
  - 2. Those eligible to vote and make motions at Area Committee meetings are DCMs, DCMCs, Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Chairs, Area Officers, or, in their absence, their alternates, and Past Delegates.
- D. Area Steering Committee Meetings
  - 2. Those eligible to vote and make motions at Area Steering Committee meetings are Area Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Chairs, Area Officers, or, in their absence, their alternates, and Area Officers.

Although not specifically spelled out in the Guidelines, the body has acted on the principle of one person – one vote. Members of the Area 05 Assembly may on occasion serve in multiple capacities. An individual may serve as both a Committee Chair and a General Service Representative or a District Committee Member or as an Alternate. While multiple functions may be fulfilled by the one individual, there can only be one vote cast.

At the Area Committee meeting held last November 21<sup>st</sup>, a situation occurred that has prompted this motion. The situation was as follows:

An Area Committee Chairperson, who is also a District Committee Member attended the Area Committee Meeting. Also, in attendance were the Alternate Committee Chairperson as well as the Alternate District Committee Member. When a vote was required, the Area Chairperson, it was discovered that there is no guidance for deciding who would vote and in what capacity.

Here are the possible voting combinations:

1. If the individual votes as Committee Chairperson, then the Alternate District Committee Member would vote for the District;
2. If the individual votes as District Committee Member, then the Alternate Chairperson would vote for the Committee;
3. If the individual who serves in multiple capacities is not present, then the Alternates vote.

The purpose of motion is to provide guidance and clarify voting for those individuals serving in multiple capacities.

### MOTION

I move that the following sentences be added to the end of paragraph 2 of Sections B., C. and D of Article IV. of SCAA Guideline and Policies:

*"In the event, an individual serving in multiple capacities, for example Area Committee Chairperson and District Committee Member, is required to vote and no Alternate is in attendance, the individual shall cast a single vote in the capacity of their choice. Should a single Alternate also be in attendance, then the Alternate will cast the vote for the service position for which they are an Alternate and the individual will cast a vote for the position for which there is not an Alternate present. Should multiple Alternates be in attendance, then the individual shall select the Alternate who will vote by either lot or coin toss and the individual serving in multiple capacities will cast a vote representing the service position that is not given voting power by lot or coin toss. This selection of voting Alternates should be made among the parties at the beginning of the meeting and will be in force for the entirety of the meeting."*

The motion was seconded. The Chair opened the floor for questions. There were none. Chair opened the floor for discussion. Moved to a vote and the Chair indicates we need a substantial majority (2/3) for the motion to pass. Count: In favor, 19. Opposed, 11. The Chair opened floor to those on the non-prevailing side to discuss their reason 'Why' they voted in favor of the motion (non-prevailing side). Motion did not pass.

Discussion ensued on ways this issue can be clarified. Need to look at alternative solutions. We need to increase participation in the Area. Perhaps all Alternates should vote.

**Motion for New Guidelines on Area 05's Process for Proposing Conference Agenda Items, Thomas B., Guidelines & Policies Chairperson & Panel 67 Past Delegate:** Thomas discussed purpose of the Guidelines and Policies, and background for this item.

## ARTICLE XIII

### **How SCAA Area 05 Recommends an Agenda Item to the Conference**

Per the A.A. Service Manual, a good idea for improvement of AA Literature, policies or finance can come from anywhere within our Fellowship --- from an AA Member, a group, a district, an area service committee, the area committee, an assembly, a delegate, officer, trustee, or GSO staff person (see Service Manual, Chapter 7, The Annual Conference Meeting, "Sources of Agenda Items"). Nothing in this Article is intended to discourage or prohibit submission of a Conference Agenda Item suggestion from any of these sources.

But if a Conference agenda item suggestion is to be recommended by Southern California Area 05 as a whole, then our long-standing practice to insure due process and full consideration requires that any formal recommendation by Area 05 of a Conference Agenda Item be vetted in the manner described below:

A Conference agenda item to be recommended by SCAA Area 05 as a whole requires:

1. That the text of the Conference Agenda Item proposal together with any supporting background information be (1) presented in writing to the Assembly in English and Spanish, (2) presented, discussed, voted on and approved by over a 2/3rds substantial majority vote of the next Area Committee, and if approved, (3) presented, discussed, voted on and approved by over a 2/3rds substantial majority vote of the following Area Assembly. In all instances, minority opinion shall be asked for, expressed and considered, and an opportunity for re-vote, when applicable, shall be afforded.
2. Upon the Area's approval of a Conference Agenda Item suggestion through this process, the Delegate shall submit the Conference Agenda Item suggestion to the Conference Coordinator by the date Conference Agenda Item submissions are due, along with its background information and a description of the Area's vetting and approval process.

The above approval process shall also be applied for any Area recommendation of an AA Service piece to the General Service Office.

Motion was made, seconded, and Chair opened the floor for questions followed by discussion. Motion passed with one person voted against the motion.

**New Business:** None

**Food Kitty Report:** Sam P., Finance Committee, Alt. Chair: Sam indicates cost of today's food is \$232.00, approximately \$4.50 per person.

**PRAASA Report, Jamie W., DCM Dist. 03:** Jaime reported, PRAASA is in two (2) weeks. Hotel block was sold out. Mentioned there are a few other hotels nearby. Banquet tickets are still available. District 3 is going and they have rented a van with one (1) seat available. Mentioned the Area 5 Friday Area5 night dinner. Registration is \$25 and she will help people register using her laptop during today's ACM. Opens floor for questions. Jenny announces there's an opportunity for a female to share a room with her. Lots of discussion on dinner options. Program is available online. Registration closes in two (2) days.

**Archives Committee Report, Mary T.,** Committee Chair (*Mary T.*); Mary reports, the Archives Committee is working on a website and each District will have their own page. DCM's please email a list of your current District officers. Would also like to receive pictures of where the District meets. Inside and outside photos. Archives wants District history to [archives@area05aa.org](mailto:archives@area05aa.org). Thank you!

**Alt. Delegate Report, Lauren A.:** Lauren reports, each District can create their own Guidelines and Policies. Handouts on back table for 70<sup>th</sup> GSC: Agenda and surveys - please take a stack of surveys for your GSRs. Have not received translation from GSO so she used Google translate. Added a lot of background this year. Past years there wasn't enough background which makes it difficult to answer questions. There are round tables for following items: Literature Item K., Treatment & Accessibilities. Item X.E; There are 27 Literature items (that's a lot). Item 6.P, consider request to remove some language

from Twelve Steps and Twelve Tradition ('opposite sex', & 'lustful enough to rape.'). Literature Item M., Consider 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Big Book. Archives: Consider a request to develop a new book on A.A. History. Finance: request to revise the pie chart on finance. Agenda Item 6H – review draft language regarding Safety in A.A. And an item about the Corrections work book.

Once we receive translation it will be posted on the Area 05 website. Password: "gsc70" to access the background material from the web site. Fliers for the Pre-Conference Workshop are available. Moderators and scribes needed for each table. Please text to 323-791-4471 or email [altdelegate@area05aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area05aa.org)

*International Convention:* Loft available for 2 people in Detroit since she's not able to attend the International Convention.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Secretary, Doug S., reported:** Responsible to produce the minutes for Assembly and ACM's. Finalized the 2020 Area 5 Calendar and sent pdf versions to the Area 5 email address. Coordinating PRAASA Friday night dinner. More information will be made available and a suitable location to meet for dinner. Available to meet with any District upon request.

**Accounts Treasurer, Brian P., reported and approval of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Reports:** Added a new category for PRAASA Host Committee, since Area 5 will host PRAASA 2023. Line number 605. Provides details on the financial report and made a motion to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Finance Committee. Audit Sub-committee indicates report should have breakout of online and physical (checks and cash) contributions in future reports. Brian accepted the request update the report. Questions on PRAASA 2023 expenses and the 'seed money' for that event. Thomas B. explained how those funds will be handled once we get closer to hosting. Motion passed. None opposed.

Brian update the ACM regarding the Area's Lower Cash limit, which is: \$11,588.08. Checks written today for GSC minimum, PRAASA for Delegate and Alt. Delegate, and GSC 70 travel. Which will bring us below the lower cash limit.

Since the January Assembly he attended the Area's 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy meeting will have conference topics discussed, and is going to PRAASA. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. The Finance Committee has already begun the 2010 Budget process. Requested all Committee Chairs and Officers submit their budget request forms by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Started the first Chinese language meeting recently. One of the members celebrated one (1) year of sobriety, and another member had 52 days! They meet every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in city of Arcadia, and there are fliers on the back table. Working to get a GSR for the Group as well. There's only one other Chinese speaking meeting in Western Washington.

**Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S., reported & Approval of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Contributions Report:** Contributions match Treasurer's report. Made a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion passes. None opposed. Contributions were \$6200 in January. Budgeted goal is \$13,000.00 per quarter. Doing better than budgeted. Thank you all! Lastly, Group numbers are changing: New GSO number and legacy number (pre-GSO system upgrade) will be listed on the receipts sent out.

**Registrar, Nikki U., reported:** It was a busy month due to changes with G.S.O. and new GSRs. The G.S.O. went to an improved integrated software system (NetSuite). New Group numbers have been assigned. Need the NetSuite number, which is a 9-digit number with leading zeros. Nikki reviewed the "District Example" sheet that was passed out. "Group Listing with NetSuite Number" - GSO would like to clean up their DB. Please go back to your Districts and get update on "unknown" Groups. Inactive Groups were removed. There's a packet for DCMs and DCMCs with new Group forms and Group update forms. She does not have access to update yet. However, she can list so things are in read-only mode for now. GSO is 60-days behind processing forms – limited resources at GSO to perform data entry. Validate addresses via USPS.com. Also required to verify email. Needs our help to ensure information is accurate. Please email or call Nikki with questions. Nikki opened the floor for questions: Jenny – questions about meetings within a Group.

**Chairperson, Zoraida R., reported:** ICYPAA will hold their 52<sup>nd</sup> Convention in New Orleans September 3-6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Invited to Area 9's Pre-Conference Workshop. NERAASA meeting this week in New Hampshire. Couple items they are addressing: 'Life in a cashless world.' 'Internet and online presence of A.A. Looking forward to PRAASA. PRAASA has had issues with quality of translation in years past, and working to have improvements. PDAB come up with a guideline or standard of quality (motion at 2019 PRAASA). Here to serve you guys.

**Delegate's Report:** Thomas S., Delegate, introduces himself in English and Spanish, reported and advised that: Grateful for the opportunity to serve A.A. and Area 5 in particular. Draw attention to a few people: 3 Past Delegate in attendance: Panel 51 (Mary T.), Panel 57 (Juan M.) & Panel 67 (Thomas B.). Appreciate their relationship and contributions to his role as Delegate. Lauren, Alt. Delegate, is doing great job helping Thomas do his job. Made copies of GSC 70 Agenda Items in English and Spanish. Turns out Lauren did that already. Beat him to the punch, and she also put together the Pre-Conference Workshop folder he's planning to discuss today.

Thomas thanked all the Officers for their contributions to the Area and doing their activities in a timely manner. Stress reliever for him.

Recognizes Spanish language Districts and their leadership. Thomas is very proud of your service. Area 5 is leader in many things. In addition to the Chinese language meeting, SCAA has two (2) Russian speaking meetings in Area 5. Both of which has GSRs. Thomas noted that Area 9 has a Vietnamese speaking meeting.

Thomas was a combat veteran in Vietnam War and it his sobriety over the years has allowed himself to reconcile with Vietnamese people. Thanked Nikki (Registrar) and Shawn (Web Site Committee). He wants to know people's last names. Would like last names on the rosters: email & Area contact lists.

Pre-Conference Workshop booklet. We have invited Sandra Wilson, Staff person from GSO, to attend our Pre-Conference Workshop. Have coordinated with her, arrival and logistics that weekend. She was Staff person on his committee on which he serves. She was reassigned to a new staff position, Regional Forums.

PRAASA (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly): Thanked Jaime for her report. The Pacific Region includes nine (9) western states of which there are 15 Areas and Delegates. One year we have seven (7) new Delegates and the next year we have eight (8) new Delegates. Encouraged those of us planning to attend, that we be an active attendee not a sight-seer of Tucson. Share with new GSRs your experience and what those new GSR are now a part of. There are eight (8) Regions in North American (U.S. and Canada) Conference. The returning Delegates (2<sup>nd</sup> year) will do four (4) minute reports on their



conference experience the year before. Thomas found the PRAASA program online. If he can find it, then you can find it!

There will be several Area 5 representatives sharing or participating in some capacity at PRAASA. On such topics as diversity, gender and ethnicities. Encourages those attending to acknowledge our Area representative during the session so those in Area 5 joining panels be aware of our appreciation. Jaime W., Shawn A., Nancy H, Faith B, Lionel G., Nataji B., Dayna D., Carlos G., Carole M. and Don C.

70<sup>th</sup> GSC: Thomas asked when the 1<sup>st</sup> GSC was held? 1951. Bill W. attended Fall 1950 election for 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate in Area 5. Our Panel 1 Delegate was Cliff W., and 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate was Chuck C. This year's theme, "A Clear Vision For You." Please submit themes for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference.

Delegate Report Back Schedule: Thomas has an extensive schedule. Has to schedule Delegate's report back session well in advance. Exhibit will be built by Sharron S. Second will held at the Third Legacy. Suggested dates: If it affects you & wish to change them, call him or speak with him at the ACM: on 5/17 Assembly; on 5/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Meeting; on 5/31 at the Combined Spanish Speaking Districts; on 6/9 for Districts 2, 3, 4 and 13 (Host = D4), on 6/14 (Host = WCD) for Districts 5, 6, 8, 15, 19, 25, 36, 37/38, 39/40, 41, 43, 45 and 46 with Guest District 7; on 6/20 for Hollywood Wilshire Combined Districts (HWCD) Districts 9, 10, 26, 56 and 58; 8/01 (Host = D14) Districts 14, 17, 18 and 30.

On the Agenda for the 70<sup>th</sup> GSC: There is a proposal to rename the Area 5 "Grapevine Committee" to Grapevine and La Vina Committee. Literature item VI. H. Proposal to add safety language to be added in Living Sober. GSO has not accepted our proposal 'Patient Brokering' on Conference wide. They have made it clear that any Area, District and meeting can do so. Literature Item VI. N. Consider development of a draft 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Alcohólicos Anónimos (Spanish language). Thomas plans to support this at GSC, providing it gets out of committee and on the floor at the GSC 70.

I am out of time. I will report back much more details at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly. Thanks for the time. (He was given a few extra minutes). Opens floor for questions. Question re: PRAASA 2023 hotel (Marriott LAX). Thomas B., indicates we have signed a contract, supported by the SCAA Board.

**Food Kitty Report:** Sam P., Finance Committee, Alt. Chair: Sam indicates cost of today's food is \$232.00, and they have collected \$245.00. Thanked everyone for their contribution. Encourages people to submit budget forms for 2021. Mary indicates Committees are supposed to participate in the budget process. However Committees won't meet again until May Assembly.

**4 Area DCM Sharing Session Report, Amy O., DCM District 4 and Jacobo M., DCM Dist.:** Amy reported, spoke with the Committee Chair and was informed the weekend has finally been set. It will be the last weekend in May, though the day was not finalized (either 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>). Location is Santa Ynez High School, which is close to Solvang. There will be a table at PRAASA where ideas can be submitted for topics. Recommended they use zoom to improve communication.

Jacobo reported, he thanks the Officers for our work and the opportunity to present today. Also thanked CIH. Thanked Lauren for information she forwarded. The event started with three (3) Areas sharing prior to the Area 5 split. Included Baja Norte BC and Southern CA, and shared a flier from 1986. Eventually, Baja stopped participating and it went back to three (3) Areas. When Area 93 was formed, it became the 4 Area DCM sharing Session. Allows committee members of the District Committees to share information and experience.

This year's event will be hosted by Area 93. Chairman is Peter B., DCM, District 52, Area 93. It will be held the last weekend of May. Topics are being decided. Theme is 'Recruitment in General Service Through Enthusiasm'. They will meet at PRAASA and will display a banner at PRAASA. Last year was first time he attended. It still moves him the sharing of one of his fellows who talked about his experience in General Service in A.A. Inviting all of us to join and attend the 4 Area Sharing Session. Thanked the Area for the opportunity to participate.

**Spanish General Service Foro Presentation, Arturo, Chairman of the Foro:** Arturo read in Spanish with Patricia translating afterward. Good morning fellows. He thanked the Officers and fellow members for the opportunity to lead the organizing committee for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Spanish Forum. We have printed letters to share with Groups to contribute to the Foro. They have printed raffle tickets to help fund the event and encourage attendance. Working to find a suitable location. All Spanish Districts will participate. Next meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup> to plan. Thank you.

### **District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) and District Committee Member (DCM) Reports:**

**Carl B., Alt. DCM District 7, Hollywood and West Hollywood, reported:** Last meeting able to report back on January Assembly. Had thorough report on the Assembly. People were pleased. GSRs thought it was a great report back.

**Dave L., Alt. DCM of District 9, Downtown LA, Echo Park, Silverlake, reported:** In the past 12 months doubled the number of GSRs. Not all are attended Assemblies, yet, but excited with the improvements.

**Jim A., DCM District 2, La Cañada, La Crescenta, Montrose and Sunland, reported:** We hosted 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy meeting and had a speaker present. Thank you.

**Patty L., Alt. DCM District 43, West Hollywood, Fairfax, Beverly Hills, reported:** District 43 has approximately 90 meetings. We typically have anywhere from 10 - 15 GSRs attend. We are gearing up to attend report backs and have the GSC surveys completed for our Delegate. Most groups are interested in General Service and Central Office.

**Amy O., DCM District 4, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, La Puente, West Covina, reported:** We increased the number of GSRs to 30 with Productive meetings. The District has a Facebook page. Recently Approved a website. Hosting an Open House on March 15 with Delegate planning to attend. GSRs are fired up on service!

**Sandra C., DCMC Westside Combined Districts, reported:** Thanked Past Delegate and Officers that have attended their District meetings. Please come back. Monthly meeting 2nd Sunday of Month. New GSR orientation before each meeting. Last 2 District meetings they had 60 - 70 people. New GSRs attended as well. Have a new workshop for 11th Step and will be held Saturday, March 21, and 901 Haverford Ave., Pacific Palisades. More information on their website westsidedistricts.org or see Sandra. All Districts have DCMs. Thank you.

**Deborah C., DCM for District 6, Brentwood, West LA, reported:** We continue to focus on inactive meetings. Partnering with District 36 for meetings and activities. Thank you.

**Rogelio, DCM District 50, Glendale, Altadena, Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, El Sereno, reported:** We are visiting groups in our District. We have ten (10)

groups. Started marathon meetings in January. Will continue those in March. We have seven (7) GSRs in attendance. We have Assemblies for the GSRs held 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Meeting location is 6114 York Blvd., Los Angeles. We are presently encouraging GSRs to attend PreConference Workshop to prepare for the GSC, attend PRAASA, and the International Convention in Detroit. Thanks!

**Mike C, Alt. DCM District 10, Los Angeles and Wilshire Corridor, reported:** We have one (1) DCM, one (1) Alt. DCM and two (2) GSRs. Three and one-half years ago the District was inactive. Hoping that next year that everyone will be people that actually attend meetings within the District boundaries. That's not the case today.

**Manuel P., DCMC Comite Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH, which include Districts 33, 34, 35, 49, 50, 55), reported:** We have regular committee meetings and DCMs that two (2) last Sundays. Started a sharing meeting and invited speakers. Soon Area 5 Officers will attend. Many members are going to PRAASA. See you there! This next Saturday (2/29) will be next meeting since they changed dates. Encouraged others to attend. Thank you.

**Julio B., DCM District 49, LA East, Lincoln Heights, Bell/Cudahy, Montebello and Pico Rivera, reported:** On activities from February 8 – 22: (2/10) They attended Grupo CA, (2/11) Grupo por Uno, (2/12) Grupo Siempre Viva, (2/17) Grupo Mision, (2/19) we had internal meetings, (2/20) Historic Archives, (2/21) Board Committee meeting of General Service, and (2/22) the Assembly with their GSRs. Collected 7th tradition of \$60. Thank you.

**Mataji B., Alt. DCM, District 3, Altadena, Highland Park, Pasadena, S. Pasadena, San Marino, reported:** I'm the Alternate standing in for Jamie W. The Alt. Delegate visited to discuss Pre-Conference Workshop. We have been reviewing a Concept each month. Four (4) or five (5) of our members attended the 3rd Legacy meeting. Eight (8) Members are attending PRAASA and driving to Tucson, AZ. District provided 4 scholarships for new GSRs to attend. We completed our District boundaries for Nikki U., Area Registrar. In February we had 5 new GSRs attend the District meeting. We look forward to hosting 1st day of Pre-Conference Workshop. Thank you.

**Luis M., DCM District 35, Alt. DCM Daniel, San Gabriel East, Azusa, Baldwin Park, El Monte and Whittier, reported:** We meet the monthly on the 2nd & last Monday. We visit two (2) Groups each week. We have 19 Groups including one Woman's Group. Lauren was their guest on February 10th. She encouraged them to attend PRAASA and the Pre-Conference Workshop. Luis thanked everyone because he's meeting with the GSR tomorrow. Thank you.

**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:** She has great news! The District has four (4) new GSRs, including one (1) Alternate. The Cheers Alano Club in Temple City closed resulting in the consolidated group is no longer meeting. They have formed new meetings due to location changes. The 9416 consolidated Group has five (5) new meetings (Live Oak in Arcadia). Chinese language meeting also held there. They are registering as a new Group separate from consolidated group. Six (6) new groups are meeting in a Temple City church. Have not yet registered as new groups. Discussing whether they will be consolidated or register as independent groups. Know later this month. Thank you.

**Antonio M., Alt. DCM District 34, San Dimas, Pomona, La Verne, Glendora, Ontario, Montclair, Claremont, Chino, reported:**

They continue visiting the District's groups. We are distributing GSC information and importance of attending PRAASA. They need to encourage and motivate our members to attend. Looking to help fund members of the fourteen (14) Groups for whoever can attend. Thank you.

**Joe C., DCM District 45, Marina del Rey, Westchester, Playa del Rey, Venice, Santa Monica reported:** We host our monthly District meetings at the WCD meeting. We're coming up with ideas to increase attendance. On average we have about 10 people attend. Taking the Pre-Conference agenda items and the Area calendars to share with his District. Thank you.

**Jacobo M., DCM District 33, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Glendale, reported:** We continue to carry the message by visiting three (3) Groups per week. Attend every single event for A.A. Well, we probably miss a few. Carry out our commitments. This year District 33 has the privilege to organize the 42nd Hispanic Forum. On March 1st they are hosting the third (3rd) planning meeting of the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session with Area 93. Everyone is welcome to attend and it will be held at the end of May (30 or 31). Working with organizing committee for 2020. Formed committee Historic Archives. We are developing our Guidelines and Policies for District 33 and updating the District website to include a contribution link. Thank you.

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

**Diamond Bar, reported:** We are excited about Pre-Conference Workshop. Information will be disseminated once added to the Area website. Elected a new Secretary. New GSR from another group and a recent visited. Alt. Delegate and the Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) will visit soon. Thank you.

**Nikki U., Registrar, announced:** With help of the Archives Committee, they found Area and District boundaries description from March, 1986. Believes these may have changed since 1986. Nikki will scan the documents and send to DCMs to review their District boundary for accuracy. Some meetings may be located or identity with another Area bordering on other Areas (e.g. MSCA 09 and Area 93).

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

- Joe C.: Chair for Events Planning (WCD) 11<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop, Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 - 3:30 pm. 901 Haverford Ave., Pacific Palisades
- Brian P.: Fliers for Chinese language A.A. meeting are on the table
- Amy O.: Open House, March 15<sup>th</sup> at The 502 Club. Food will be served. Fliers are on the table
- Jenny P.: Grapevine meeting at the Temple City hall; 9416 location,

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug S.

**A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AREA SPRING ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
Sunday – June 7, 2020  
Zoom**

- 9:00 **Welcome and Opening Comments**
- 9:05 **Call-to-Order**  
AA Birthdays (January 26 – June 7)  
The Twelve Concepts (Short Form) - Spanish and English  
Welcome New General Service Representatives and Alternates
- 9:30 **Approval of the June 7th Assembly Agenda** (*Chair, Zoraida R.*)  
**Approval of January 25th Assembly Minutes** (*Secretary, Doug S.*)
- 9:40 **Delegate's Report-Back: 70th General Service Conference - "What I Saw, Heard and Felt"** (*Thomas S.*)
- 10:40 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 **Delegate's Report-Back: 70th General Service Conference** (*Thomas S.*)
- 12:10 **Lunch**
- 1:10 **Area 05 Financial Update** (*Contributions Treasurer, Sharron S. & Accounts Treasurer, Brian P.*)
- 1:30 **Unfinished Business**
- **Motion for New Guidelines on Area 05's Process for Proposing Conference Agenda Items** (Guidelines & Policies Chairperson & Panel 67 Past Delegate, Thomas B.)
- 1:45 **New Business**
- **Motion for Area Zoom Subscription with Techsoup.com** (*Ad Hoc Technology Committee Chair, Kyle H.*)
  - **Presentation of Motion to make the Ad Hoc Cooperation with the Young Committee a standing committee** (CYC Chair, Jennifer S.)
  - **Presentation of Motion to make the Ad Hoc Hispanic Women's Workshop Committee a Standing Committee** (*Hispanic Woman's Workshop Committee Alt. Chair, Olga M.*)
- 2:25 **Presentation from New Ad Hoc Technology Committee Chair** (*Kyle H.*)
- 2:30 **Officer Reports:**
- Alternate Delegate, Including Audit Subcommittee Report (*Lauren A.*)
  - Secretary, Including Amendments to 2020 Calendar (*Doug S.*)
  - Registrar (*Nikki U.*)
  - Accounts Treasurer, Including Presentation of 2020 1st Quarter Financial Report (*Brian P.*)
  - Contributions Treasurer, Including Presentation of 2020 1st Quarter Contributions Report (*Sharron S.*)
  - Chairperson (*Zoraida R.*)
- 3:10 **Good and Welfare Announcements**
- 3:15 **Closing:** Moment of Silence and the Responsibility Statement (English & Spanish)