

# Central California Area Assembly

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## AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTE

**November 16, 2003**

Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA

CCAA Chairman Debbie B. Called the meeting to Order at 1:00 PM and let the Serenity prayer in language of our choice. Salvador read the 12 Concepts in Spanish. Michael read the 12 Concepts in English.

### Secretary's Report/Recall - Lisa J.

GSRs, Alternates	61
DCMs, Alternates	24
DCMCs, Alternates	02
Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs, Alternates	13
Archivist	01
Central Office Manager, Liaisons	01
CCAA Past Delegates	00
CCAA Officers	05
Sound Dude, Alternate	01
Guest	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>

Birthday's for September, October, and November. (Happy Birthday was sung).

### Alternate Delegate Report – Vicki B.

Vicki announced 28 New GSR's attended the new GSR Orientation session. Each new GSR's introduced them selves. H & I could not meet in the month of October because of the fires in San Diego, but will meet at the end of November. Vicki was able to pass on a few more letters from GSO to H & I, from people in prison.

### **Treasurer Report – Theresa Desmond**

Theresa announced the monthly contribution and expense income report is available, and the proposed 2004 budget is available. Current Bank Balance is \$23,388.12. Lower cash limit is \$10,000.00 and upper cash limit is 25,000.00. Food kitty for today is \$600.64. The budget vs. actual 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is available. **Note:** \$4,900.00 uncategorized income as yet, \$163.31 is a reimbursement from last years Area hosting the 4 Area DCM sharing session.

### **Registrar Report – Lisa J.**

Lisa reminded the DCM's, that there are folders for them with information and registration updates. Everyone needs to sign in.

### **Chairman Report – Debbie B.**

Debbie acknowledged and thanked Ken, DCMC, and DCM's of the Gold Coast district and the volunteers for provided Novembers Assembly. Minutes from August, 2003 Assembly are available.

**Motion #1:** Approve the August 17, 2003 Area Assembly Minutes as written.

**Motion was passed.**

**Motion #2:** Approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial period.

**Motion was passed. (Including a second from a member of the finance Committee)**

Debbie reported Area 93 held its first steering committee meeting after the October ACM, which consists of Committee chairs and Area Officers. It was first such meeting for Area 93. Each Committee chair discussed how their committee was doing and their effort to retain the GSR's who attend the committing meetings. (Some chairs keep in touch with the GSR's, by phone, email). Debbie reported that during the meeting, it was beneficial having committee chairs and the Area officers share in getting a better picture, a whole picture of the Area structure and service. At the request of the Committee chairs, another steering committee meeting will be scheduled for after the February ACM.

Also an officers meeting was also held on November 17, after the steering committee meeting. It was decided that since the Area secretary had to step down, that Debbie would do the minutes for the ACM. The officers discussed the changes that Area 93 has gone through this year, which has brought positive lessons because of these changes. Debbie announced the Area Newsletter Chair; Beady P. has had to resign, since she has to move to Las Vegas. Debbie asked if anyone was interested in being the Area 93 Newsletter editor or knows of anyone who would be suited of the position to please let her know. Also discussed at the officers meeting was the Area inventory, and it was agreed to review the items brought up in the inventory, and see if there are any changes to be addressed or changes to be made.

Debbie announced that today was a Election Assembly, and reminded everyone to pick up the two page information page that explains the third legacy procedure. Stephanie S. was asked to stand up and the assembly acknowledges and thanked her for her service.

### **Delegate Report – Jeanine R.**

Good afternoon. My name is Jeanine R. and I'm and alcoholic. My home group is the Freedom Group in Lompoc and I am blessed to serve Area 93 as your Panel 53 Delegate.

A few of us were present for the Area 09 elections that were held in late October. It is always a pleasure to participate in another Area's election and see the spirit of rotation put into action. Several of the Pacific Regions have elected their new Delegates and officers and I'm looking forward to meeting all of them at our next PRAASA. Area 93 is quickly coming up to the end of our first year of this panel. It is a good time to begin to contemplate what you'd like to do next in AA service, whether it is Area Officer, Committee Chair, DCM or DCMC. I suggest you begin to observe what is required of those trusted servants and pray that your Higher Power move you in the right direction.

PRAASA 2004 is fast approaching and their planning committee is wrapping up their last minute details. They are asking all Pacific Region Delegates to provide them with the names of a few members who will be attending PRAASA and would like to be of service at the 2004 PRAASA in Irvine. They are looking for readers, moderators, times, round-table facilitators, and presenters. They would prefer the volunteers to be people who have never had the opportunity to serve at PRAASA previously. If any of you would be interested in participating at next year's PRAASA or has the name of someone who would be, please get the info to me no later than 12/05. The committee also requests that those volunteering register for PRAASA as soon as possible. You can find registration forms on the handout table.

I have received the printout of contributions made by our Area. It is divided up by District and then by group. I'm proud to announce that 40% of our groups contributed to GSO in the last quarter. We're up about 6% over the second quarter of the year. Please thank your groups and assure them that their contributions are being used in a variety of ways to help carry the message, both here and abroad.

There's quite a bit of news to share today from GSO and the Board weekend.

- ? Big Book sales are up 12%. There is a new box set available with the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Big Book and the book *'Experience, Strength & Hope'* for \$13.
- ? The number of inmates wanting to be linked with an outside correspondent has grown to 426 men and 30 women. (Ask Jeanine for Information).
- ? Good news! For the first time in 11 years, the Grapevine Corporation is self-supporting for the first 9 months of 2003. Circulation averages are 113,276 for the first nine months.
- ? The Archives Committee discussed the gathering of oral histories of Class A Trustees was discussed at length and it was determined not to coordinate a fellowship-wide collection. A sub-committee was formed to formulate guidelines to assist in collecting of oral histories at the Area level, as well as to address guidelines under which such material will be accepted by the Archives. The Archives on our web-site proves to be popular and work is being done too add a selection of audio material as well as a virtual tour of the Archives facility.

- ? Plans are continuing to go forward in full force for the 2005 International Convention that will be held in Toronto. Updated information will be available through *Box 459* and on the Web site at aa.org.
- ? The CPC committee considered a request to develop a pamphlet similar to the flyer “So the Court sent you to A.A. and You Hate the Idea” – or our Area’s ‘Ordered to Attend’ pamphlet and took no action.
- ? Suggestions for the revised booklet *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate* were presented by the Director of Publications. The committee secretary reported that 23 stories, one woman’s story, and none from youth have been received to date. The 2000 General Service Conference asked that, in revising this pamphlet, stories/sharing from young people and women be included (still requesting stories).
- ? The 2015 site selection committee recommended that Atlanta, Georgia be the site of the 2015 A.A. International Convention.
- ? A.A.W.S. reported that their Board approved a loan to Nicaragua for literature assistance in the form of publications and shipping charges totaling \$6, 5000 to enable the General Service Board in Nicaragua to develop the resources to fund its publishing and international activities. The total amount is to be paid off in ten years.
- ? It always warms my heart to report that our International Committee is actively visiting other countries and helping them in their efforts to carry the message. They have recently been to Colombia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Munich.
- ? Literature: The final draft of the comic book pamphlet *It Happened to Joe* was approved and should be ready by January. A draft manuscript for the revision of the pamphlet, *It happened to Alice* will be reviewed in January. A progress report was heard on development for the Third Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, specifying suggestions for the content, process, and story solicitation. The final report will go to the Board in January.
- ? From August 5 – 31<sup>st</sup>, the Public Service Announcement, “We Know What It’s Like” received 1,142 airplays throughout the United States (including an appearance on CNN!). For the second month of tracking this year, the number of Spanish spots tripled

That’s it for today. Please see the minutes of this Assembly for a copy of my report. Being of service is awesome. Thanks for giving me the opportunity.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Debbie B.: Gave instructions for 3 minute timer, and ask assembly to applause when green light comes on.

#### **Literature, Audio Visual & Newsletter Committee – John R., Chairman**

17 people in attendance. Beady resigned as the Newsletter Chair and a search for a new Newsletter Chair is underway. Robert, the Audio Visual Chair brought up the need for our Public Service Announcements (PSA), and tapes being changed fro VHS into DVD format. Robert will find out if it is the responsibility of Public Information (P.I), or AV. During the January 2004 meeting, the committee will review the pamphlet, “Too Young”, and see if any recommended changes need to be made. Committee members were asked to take this issue back to their districts and groups for input, for feedback at the next meeting.

### **Finance Committee – Gene W., Chairman**

5 people in attendance. Meeting was visited by Area Delegate and Area Chairman. Teresa (Treasurer), reviewed the financial report including budget vs. actual for January through September, and results indicate a positive \$6007.00 for this period. No change was discussed for the 2004 budget consideration. Request to consider fully funding the delegate's expense to attend the conference in New York. Initial assessment of \$800.00 has been paid. New York will advise the total cost. (The estimation cost to be in the \$3500.00 range). The finance committee indicates that there are available funds if approved by the Assembly. Questions for further consideration: Questions of prudent reserve, confirming inventory and assets of Area 93.

### **Guidelines & Policies Committee – John M., Chairman**

6 people in attendance. Meeting included general discussion about the process for changing the Area's Guidelines and Policies (G&P), regarding election of officers and the specific wording of establishing the pool of potential candidates. Also discussed were the G&P of defining the Area Committee membership and the elections of officers. No decision or proposals were made. John updated the committee about a discussion at the last meeting about a potential revision of the G&P regarding the Archivist, and that the proposal had been withdrawn. The final topic was regarding the process for adding a event to the G&P as an official Area 93 event. No decision or proposal was reached. English and a Spanish copy of the G&P were given out.

### **Special Needs – Laurie O., Sub-Committee Chairman**

5 people in attendance. Each person made a commitment to stay with the committee throughout the panel. A AA member who has volunteered to interpret the assembly in ASL, if there is a need. The committee is hoping to add on the assembly flyer the availability of a ASL interpreter, and phone number to contact to arrange the assembly interpreted. Laurie reported that there are several area's in the country who want to see a conference level special needs or accessibility committee created. Laurie will report more in January. If the committee decides to support the ideal, Laurie stated that the committee would have to be more active and asked the DCM's to go back to their districts and ask people to serve on the Special Needs committee. Laurie is available to visit districts and talk about the committee and what the committee does.

### **Grapevine & La Vina Committee – Manual R., Chairman**

Five districts in attended. The committee discussed problems to the subscriptions, and G&LV reps giving free issues out, and ways to resolve these issues.

### Amanda P.: Alternate Chairman.

The committee tabled the poster board display drawing contest until the January assembly. Amanda ask if anyone could draw or knows anyone who can draw to help the committee design the Grapevine La Vina display poster, to be used at future events. Simi Valley donated a GV&LV magazine with no staples in it. This magazine is used to send into the prisons and facilities that might prohibit stapled magazines. Amanda advise the assembly that there were order forms available and to make sure to add a \$3.00 shipping and handling charge with their subscription. Amanda reported the magazine is \$1.50 each and that she put out 15 magazines, and 8 were taken with only \$6.00 in the can.

### **Registration Committee – John M., Chairman**

Denise Perlman: Alternate Chairman.

11 people attended. Minutes were read from last meeting, and accepted. New secretary was appointed. Sub-committees are still active. John is still working with the Microsoft program, access, attempting to get information out to the DCM's. District 17 created and provided a map, and the committee discussed the possibility of doing individual district maps.

### **Web Site – Susan C., Chairman**

5 people attended. Two questions were discussed. 1) Publishing Area 93 news on website. 2) Adding the links to the H & I and Central offices located in Area 93 geographical boundaries. Policy & Procedures specify AA World Service and Grapevine only as web links. Both issues will be referred to the area committee meeting level and or Policy & Guidelines committee as needed. David W. has become the alternate Web Master. The goal for upcoming months is Spanish access to the website.

### **SFV Central Office – Andre W.**

2 people attended. Bill from Santa Barbara Central Office, Liaison discussed special needs. Spoke about providing ways in getting handicap senior citizens to meetings, and needing volunteers for this. Also spoke about Public Information and getting PI information to groups. Debbie also attended a portion of the meeting.

### **Archives Committee – Peggy D., Chairman**

19 people attended. The project of interviewing old-timers is continuing. Suggested guidelines were made available to assist committee members with interviewing techniques. Group history questionnaires were distributed. There was lively discussion about how new groups splintered off of existing groups. Suggested guidelines and policies for the Archives committee were read and discussed. Information about anonymity policies were made available to everyone. George is creating a family tree for AA in the San Fernando Valley.

### **GSR Sharing Session**

Dick W., GSR District 17:

Meeting was led by Teresa, Area Treasurer. Teresa reminded everyone to have in addition to the Group name, the Group number, town, and district number on the check. The group discussed the following: 1) Promoting AA. 2) Meaning of a open or closed AA meeting. 3) Meaning of Self-Supporting. 4) Non-AA literature and material in a meeting. 5) Making GSR work attractive.

### **Public Information – Mary Ann L., Chairman**

41 people attended. Several venues were discussed for PI. Cable Company, Time Warner, Adelphia channel, news paper ads sponsored by the Gold Coast district, flyers with tear off tabs were distributed to post in Laundromats, high schools. The flyer is in the process of being translated in Spanish. A new PSA from NY, "We know what it's like" had been distributed to over 800 TV, cable stations around the US and Canada. NY GSO will track the airings and give the fellowship a report. Discussed networking with inter-group when using their telephone number on PSA's. Mary Ann asks the assembly to stay to the end of the assembly because the PI committee will be performing a skit about the do's and don't's of speaking at a non-AA meeting, called "Give em the old Razzel Dazzel".

### **DCM Sharing Session**

Frank H., Alternate DCM, District 23:

18 people attended. Meeting was led by Jeanine, Area Delegate. Discussion on the year's agenda took place to benefit the 5 new DCM's present. Also discussed were; DCM literature, importance of group registration, extra funds in the district, problem with district 17 hosting January's assembly. The group also discussed the eligibility and qualifications for Area officers. An ideal was brought up to get old minutes form district events, workshops to create a DCM resource or reference to be used by the districts.

#### **CPC & Treatment Facilities Committee – Eddie D., Chairman**

14 people attending. Jeanine also attended a portion of the meeting. There were many questions about getting committees started with-in the districts and cooperating with H & I and inter-group. The committee has the translated pamphlet that Jeanine spoke about, "order to attend". A report was given by the Gold Coast CPC Chairman about what is going on in their district. CPC workbooks are available.

Before the break, Debbie announced visitor Mike P., Area 5 Secretary will assist in Area 93 Election.

Debbie B.:

2:30 PM, meeting is called back to order, and explains procedures, guidelines and policies for business portion of the assembly.

#### **Area Assembly – Old Business**

#### **1. Update on 2004 4 Areas DCM Sharing Session:**

Jess A. – DCM, District 16:

Presently waiting for two DCM's from District 8. Set the first planning meeting for November 29. Committee Chair will contact DCM's involved to confirm date. If November 29 cannot work, then December 6 will be the first meeting. Date for sharing session set for February 21 or 28, 2004. Jess advised the committee that he will most likely have more information after the first meeting.

#### **Area Assembly – New Business**

Debbie B.:

Two changes in the agenda. Item #3, Archivist report has been moved to a later Assembly. Replacing item #3 is a motion to fully fund the cost of sending the Delegate to NY General Service Conference, 2003, in an amount not to accede \$4,000.00. Also added to the agenda is the bid for the January assembly.

**Item #1: Motion #3:** Approval of the 2004 budget.

**Motion passed. (Including a second from a member of the finance committee)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot – (Votes)** 2/3 of the votes is needed. (62)

Mary Ann Lish – 15

Eddie Duffy – 2

Sharon Gibbs – 11

Jess Andrade – 62

Susan Chamberlain – 4

Robert Hernandez – 0

Debbie announced the new Area 93 Secretary, Jess Andrade to come up to the Mike.

Jess Andrade expressed his thanks, and gratitude and opportunity in serving the Fellowship he loves; Alcoholic Anonymous.

The meeting continued with the bids for the March assembly, with Debbie asking for all those in favor for Bakersfield, or Simi Valley.

The Assembly choose Simi Valley for the March 2 day pre-conference Assembly.

Debbie announced and reminded the assembly that the first 2004 assembly would be January 18, and the March 2-day pre conference workshop would be March 20 and 21.

**Item #3: Motion #4:** Motion to fully fund the delegate expenses for the 2003 General Service Conference, not to exceed \$4000.00.

Gene Wolf: Explained some of the guidelines of the Area, to be able to be fully fund the expenses of the Delegate to NY. Gene made a motion for the Area to fund the difference between GSO's assessment and the amount for the delegate expense, not to exceed \$4000.00.

A brief discussion by assembly members followed, explaining that \$800.00 had already been sent to GSO, and that Area 93 was merely paying the difference of the Delegate expense for the General Conference.

**Motion Passed:**

**Item #4:** Public Information Skit.

Members of the PI committee put on a skit entitled "Give em the Ole Razzle Dazzle", with members performing the Do's and Dont's, of public speaking.

#### **General Sharing & Announcements for the good and welfare**

Amanda Posey: Amanda asked if any women would be interested in going on a women's panel to a women's prison minimum security facility.

Sheila Garcia, PI Chair District 22: Announced that PI District 22, will be holding a workshop on January 24, from 1:30pm – 4:00pm, at the Alano Club in San Luis. Flyers will be available.

**Motion to Adjourn was asked, and accepted.**

Debbie asked the new elected Area 93 secretary, Jess Andrade to lead the Assembly in the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Andrade

Area 93 Secretary