

12TH STEP HOUSE (MEN), 1005 EAST SIXTH STREET, LONG BEACH, PH: 437-9759

BEACON HOUSE (Men's Alcoholic Recovery House), 1003 BEACON ST., SAN PEDRO, PH: 437-9759

February x, 1972

March 12, 1972

TAPES: At all types of A.A. meetings: Yes, provided they were properly controlled and permission was granted before taping.

AREA CLUBS: Should not be allowed to donate.

AREA COMMITTEES DOING THEIR JOB. Yes, especially to this area.

NAMING GROUPS AFTER PEOPLE. In no way are we to name any group after an individual.

WORLD DIRECTORY. Cannot be substituted for a local meeting directory. Up-dating is the responsibility of the General Service Representative to report changes to New York YEARLY. The Committeemen should provide the forms to the GSR so that he can provide the up dated information to New York. Gene L. suggested that New York should drop the name YEARLY if the group is not heard from. Also, that the Committeemen should be listed in the World Directory, it clearly states that these names and addresses are NOT to be used for advertising purposes.

FAMILY GROUPS: No one was opposed provided those groups advertised that it was A.A. AND Al Anon participation. The word "family" belonged to Al Anon originally. This kind of group should be listed in a separate section of a directory. See March issue of Grapevine.

RE-DISTRICITNG. Felt that this should not be discussed at Assembly time. That the committeemen get together at workshops and work this out. That if there are too many groups in one area and not enough in another and the areas are side by side, the committeemen should be able to get together and divide them. Also, that if a NEW district is formed, make sure that a Committeemen can be obtained to handle the new district. Then, a written proposal should be made in ref. (reference) to the new district or districts which should then be submitted to the Assembly for approval.

PROGRESS REPORTS. Ellery Stowell, Chairman of Committee to present seminars on vital topics stated he has done nothing but think, so far. His Committee is: Harry Griffith, Bill Spickard and Bruce Glanville. Asked for volunteers. His subjects will be any item of serious concern A.A. which should receive to depth treatment.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE. Cecil Jastram reported that his committee has been formed which will survey the need and make recommendation for setting up a Public Inform. (Information) Committee at the AREA level. His Committee: Clyde Davis, Bill Spickard, Fred Leher. It is felt there is a definite need for such a committee

and some guidelines will be forthcoming soon. Also felt that until we in AA. Know and appreciate the total progress we will not be able to give a good picture to the public. Felt that the geography of the area should be taken into consideration when figuring out where a central location will be, who will get it and who is going to store the material.

AREA NEWSLETTER. Denver Colvin, Chairman of the committee studying the feasibility of an area newsletter reported that he had received a copy of a 'newsletter' in the mail and felt that it was pretty good. Felt that the purpose of a newsletter is for communication, accurate information, have a calendar to eliminate a conflict of dates. Also called attention to Public Law 616 and being prepared for it. Felt there was a need for such a newsletter and the one received was an example and nothing more.

AREA DIRECTORY. Jack W. reported that the registration forms had been printed at no cost to the General Assembly, and had distributed 50 copies to almost all committeemen who should in turn see to it that every group in his district gets one and this it is filled out. Deadline until end of April at which time it will be compiled, after which he has devised a system of keeping this roster up to date yearly.

STATEMENT RE "GROUPS" & "MEETINGS". Stuart N. gave a report on this subject which after careful research in the pamphlet "A.A. & the Group", pages 34, 35, and 36 (Question 24) indicates in Paragr(aph). 9 that a Group is born when it accepts it's A.A. responsibilities such as intergroup delegates, accepting responsibility for financial support of intergroup offices, area General Assembly and the General Service Office. Also see Question 6 of same pamphlet. Paragraphs 5 & 6 represent the meeting.

NEED FOR SIXTH AREA IN CALIF. Hoped that all would read the 3rd Concept which covers the right of decision and that our delegate would use his wisdom in making that decision in New York.

OTHER BUSINESS: LUAU will be brought before the General Assembly meeting April 9.

Discussion at this time as to letters being sent out suggesting the groups donate \$5.00 annually to support to the area; that the Committeeman should impress on the group that it what we want them to do. Jack M. of District 12 reported of hand delivering a letter to each Secretary in his area telling them they were in District 12 and telling them of the activity they could become involved in; i.e. workshops. GSR representative. No matter how it is done it is important to get together with groups and get people involved and active.

Lionel J. suggested to Cecil Jastram that the Public Information Committee should be voting members of the General Assembly and this should be put on the next Agenda.

Another discussion as to why meetings were always held in Long Beach; determined that it was because of centralization and because a survey showed that the outlying areas

Future action will be taken on community and public meetings, radio programs, registry of qualified speakers and a central mailing address for Public Information material from GSO and other material sources. Jack W., Area Directory Chairman, reported on their meeting. Offered statistics that over the year 1971, we have come a long way in 1972, but still had a long way to go. Showed the Assembly what an Area Directory should look like and what it should contain, such as an area map with names of all towns, an area structure, financial structure, a listing of the districts and groups, institutional and intergroup committees, central offices, etc.

Gene L. reported that the Regular general Assembly in January will be devoted to getting the rest of the directory information and approving a method of distribution, as well as the inclusion of the things described above. After much discussion resulting from the item in the minutes of October 8 that the roster be discontinued, it was brought out that John McA. and Jack W. had resolved this problem and agreed on a goal of early 1973 to complete the directory. A motion was made that this assembly approve the area committee continuing and completing the area directory and that the Assembly allocate the necessary funds to publish and distribute the directory early in 1973. Seconded. Another lengthy discussion ensued with another motion made to add to the original motion that the assembly approve interim expenses until the January meeting, which after another discussion, was tabled after a motion was made to table the original motion until the regular assembly meeting in January.

DATES FOR 1973 = GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Jan. 14 = BUT CHANGED! ATTENTION! THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JANUARY 28, 1973 due to a commitment of the delegate, John McA. and the Serv-A-Thon being the day before.

APRIL 8. JULY 8. OCT. 14.

NOTICES: Ed F., District 2. MEETING CHANGE to 4th Monday, starting 12/18/72 at 3105 South Street.

Odene S., District 6. MEETING CHANGE: to 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., 2080 Newport, Apt. 212

Denver, District 13, has tape of Ramona in Miami for loan.

Genevieve asked Assembly to read pages 75 and 76 of the Manual for the January meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

REMEMBER. JANUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 28, 1973 at Men's 12 Step house, Long Beach.

NEW AREA SITE FOR ASSEMBLY: As discussed at the C/M meeting of March 11 that the area meeting be held at a more centralized location, i.e. the Steel Workers hall, 19460 South Sierra, Fontana, a motion was made that the July 8 meeting be held in Fontana, after which the results would be analyzed before making a decision to make this a permanent meeting site. Seconded. Carried.

A motion was mad by Jack C. to have the C/M meeting at the same location, but since it was not known if the hall could be obtained for June 10, motion was withdrawn.

Location of Steel Workers Hall was given as taking the Sierra Off Ramp from the San Bernardino Freeway (Hiway 10) (sic: Highway 10).

SOS FOR 1974. At the March 11 C/M meeting, it was suggested that the area officers recommend that than appoint a chairman for the 1974 SOS; to appoint an Interim Committee to select a site or sites and a date to be given at the C/M meeting in June 10. Suggested that Lionel J. be the Chairman of this committee and Ed F. and Carl E. be mmbers (sic: members) of that committee. Bill V. made a motion that the recommendation be accepted as proposed. Seconded & carried.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Joe B. was absent and Fred L. had nothing to report, but it was reported that Joe B. will be mailing out an agenda soon.

AREA DIRECTORY: jack W. reported that he was very gratified at the response he was getting. Last month he received 139 forms.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ANNOUCNEMENT: Jim R., Alternate Delegate of that area, was gratified to know that we had good cooperation between the two areas and all areas and felt we were all pretty well informed. He knew that we were going through insofar as our Area Restructure was concerned; they had just completed theirs in January. He wished to make an announcement: That the Southern California Area was to have a DAY OF SERVICE in Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 15 at the ENCINO HILTON HOTEL. There was not set agenda. Jules P. is Chairman of this event.

NOTE: It was suggested that the districts set a time aside after May 15 to have John McA. attend their area meeting to report on the Conference held in New York.

4/8/73

PROPOSAL submitted to the MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA DELEGATE

RE: "What to do with the \$40,000 Bill Wilson Memorial Fund."

Rename it "The Bill Wilson Memorial TRUST Fund" and then assign its earnings to help finance the GSO Employees' Pension Program.

BACKGROUND: A pension or retirement plan for GSO employees was long one of Bill's dreams for fulfilling the "Come of Age" status of our Fellowship. He wrote and spoke often on the subject.

Finally, in 1964 the General Service Conference voted unanimously to empower the General Service Board to explore ways by which such a plan might be established.

At the 1965 GSC a plan to provide a pension program by the use of “book discount waivers” was approved and a special Pension Account was created.

SUMMARY: The 1972 GSC Final Report shows only \$3,175 in the Pension Account. That simply is not enough.

The income from the “Bill Wilson Memorial Fund” would truly be a living memorial, helping to do a job which Bill, with his usual foresight, knew must be done.

GSO is one of the very few places where Bill could be just ‘one of the bunch,’ even as you and I, and to improve the GSO Employees’ Pension Program must surely rate high on the list of things we must do to carry on the legacy of works Bill left for us.

AFTER THOUGHT: Such a Trust Fund could be open to a further donation in Bill’s memory, or in memory of future departed GSO staff.

May x, 1973

June 10, 1973

SOS: Since there were no objections to the recommendations set forth in the April 23 letter sent out by Gene L. re the site of the SOS, etc., recommendations are hereby accepted as given. Lionel J., Chairman of this SOS Event reported on the two meetings already held and their recommendation that the new delegate or Area Assembly Officers take over in January and appoint a new SOS Chairman for the next year’s event that the new committee include the previous year’s SOS Chairman to act as a Consultant or Advisor, who would also be the custodian of the equipment, banner, literature, displays, etc. Denver made a motion that we concur with the recommendation. Odene seconded. Carried.

AREA STRUCTURE REPORT: Ellery read the committee’s recommendations which Gene L. will type up, and will be reproduced, which in turn will be sent to all committee members. These recommendations SHOULD BE THOUROUGHLY DISCUSSED AT DISTRICT MEETINGS so that everyone will be knowledgeable at the General Service Assembly meeting on July 8. SEE ATTACHED!

P.I.C. REPORT. As stated at the beginning of today’s meeting, this will be left up to next year’s committee because of Joe B.’ illness.

Gene L. reported on a letter received from the International Conference of Young People in A.A. inviting this area to bid on the 1974 Conference. Decided to send them a letter

wishing them Good Luck, but leaving it up to the young people to notify us if they decided to have it in this area.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS. No members present for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12. Odene stated that since he is Chairman of District 6, a new committee member replaced 6b, namely Ken L. Denver, District 13 reported Art W. was no longer an alternate, and that he and Frankie K. had divided his district into 3 areas. Ollie, District 14, stated there would be no restructuring in his district.

LUAU. Frankie reported on the LUAU to be held July 27 at the Tahitian Village and that Dr. Paul O. of Laguna Beach would be the guest speaker. She had tickets for the LUAU as well as raffle tickets to be sold three for a dollar, for a \$100 lei = for distribution today. Tickets are numbered and asked that the whole ticket be given to the buyer who would present it at the time of the event = one for the dinner and the stub for the door prize. Stated the Bamboo Room has a 250 capacity.

John McA. Reported on a letter from New York thanking us of the \$300. We are still fifth from the bottom in contributions, being 72¢ per member under the national average.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

July 8, 1973

MOTION to approve the minutes of the Committeemen's Meeting of June 10 was seconded. Jack C. objected that the minutes did not include his objections for the area structure. Further that in looking back, none of the minutes voiced any objections by individuals to issues. It was pointed out to him that if all objections were placed in the minutes, they would be very lengthy, since meetings were three hours long; that the purpose of minutes was to give a resume of what transpired, plus motions made and carried or not carried. Motion to approve these minutes then carried with one dissent: Jack C.

OCTOBER ELECTION: John McA. Discussed the duties of a delegate: i.e. Attending the Conference in New York, ability to make decisions for A.A. as a whole, welfare, and good of A.A. as a whole = that some decisions made here may not be good in other areas; he must be available to make area meetings and give conference reports; must have leadership ability and get leader type people around him. General Service recommends: one who has a general service background; one who has time to go to different meetings and events; one with six (6) years continuous sobriety minimum; should not be a 'one man show'; should be able to take criticism and be able to hear both sides; be able to make suggestions and accept suggestions; should be able to spend some of his own money; should be employed so as to take time off as necessary to attend conferences; should be sincere, etc.

John McA. Stated further that Clyde M. and Joe K. would be the overseers of the election; blackboard and chalk would be obtained by Lionel J. that the GSR's and C/M

would be seated in one area for better track for voting; also, institutional, and intergroup chairmen. Ellery S. will be Chairman.

Agenda Item 3/A/2 = TRAVEL ALLOWANCE. After such discussion, the first motion to accept the recommendation as given the Committeemen's meeting June 10 was amended to INCREASE THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FROM 6¢ to 10¢ for ALL ELECTED AREA OFFICERS. Carried. One Dissent: Jim B. Tis travel allowance to be for official area business.

Agenda Item 3/A/3. CONTINGENT EXPENSE ALLOWANCE. Recommendation to increase the contingent expense allowance for the delegate's attendance at the General Service Conference in New York from \$50 to \$75. After brief discussion, motion to accept this recommendation carried. One (1) dissent: ?

Agenda Item 3/A/4. PRUDENT RESERVE. Motion to accept this recommendation of raising the prudent reserve from \$500 to \$1800. Was made and seconded. After a great deal of discussion, motion was amended that the combined total of the checking account and savings accounts was not to exceed \$2,000 at the end of the quarter; the surplus was to be sent to New York. Amendment carried after being seconded with four (4) dissent. Original motion was carried after agreeing to amendment.

Agenda Item 4. AREA STRUCTURE: Ellery referred members to the preliminary report dated June 10 from the Subcommittee on Area Structure = to the preliminary recommendations.

#1 = the proposal that the offices of Alternate Delegate and Area Chairman be separated, thereby providing an additional person, and
#2 = that the qualification guidelines for Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Area Chairman be followed as provided in the Service manual. Motions were made separately to accept both the above recommendations. Seconded. Carried.

Ellery then referred the members to the Final Report of the Subcommittee = to the recommendations:

A = that the person representing roughly a dozen groups each be designated as LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, and that the units they serve be designated by letters following the old district number, i.e. 12A, 12B, etc. These LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS to be members of the Area Service Committee. After a lengthy pro and con discussion, motion carried. One (1) dissent: Jack C.

B = Area to retain the present structure of fourteen (14) districts and changing boundaries whenever necessary, it being the responsibility of the general district. Motion made and seconded that the area retain the present structure of 14 districts and that each district be in charge of a District Committee Chairman who would also be a member of the Area Service Committee. Carried. Two (2) dissents: Jack C. and Bill S.

C = Those whose names are AUTOMATICALLY placed in nomination (subject to declining if they wish) for Area Service Office, shall be: All regular officers of the Committee except Delegate, the district committee chairmen, those members of the committee who have represented one of the intergroups, central service committees or institutional committees of the area. This recommendation includes all members of the Area Service Committee except chairmen of special committees (who are usually appointed) and local committee members. After a discussion as to who could vote and deciding that all GSR's and all members of the service committee could vote, motion carried with two (2) dissents: Jack C. and Jim R.

Another discussion ensued regarding the procedure of accepting nominations from the floor. Motion made that nominations from the floor NOT be accepted during the election assembly in October. Seconded. IN FAVOR: 39. OPPOSED: 13. Motion carried.

LOCATION OF AREA ELECTON MEETING. Odene made a motion that the October Assembly meet at the United Steelworkers Hall in Fontana. Seconded. Carried.

LOCATION OF COMMITTEEMEN'S MEETING: Denver made a motion that the C/M meeting of SEPT. 9 be held at the men's 12 Step House in Long Beach. The committeemen voted. FAVOR: 7. OPPOSED. 6. Carried.

SOS Report. Lionel J. reported that the SOS Committee had selected the San Bernardino Convention Center = For February 9, 1974. Reported that the committee were doing well and that Ollie had flyers which should be taken to all areas and that another flyer would be made for the Southern California Convention in Anaheim. Motion was made that the recommendation made at the C/M Meting June 10 of making the previous SOS Chairman a Consultant for the next SOS Committee be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

LUAU. Frankie reported all plans going well; raffle tickets for the \$100 Lei going real well. The date: July 27, 1974 at 6 PM. TAHITIAN VILLAGE, ROCENCRANS & LAKEWOOD. Dinner at 6:45 p.m. SPEAKER: DR. PAUL O. of Laguna.

OTHER NOTES: District 6 is planning to have the film presentation of the New York Office in August along with the delegate and his report. Ed F. reported on the demise of the General Service Breakfast, which is no longer needed since the area is financially sound. District 11 is to have an election August 11 at 7 p.m. in the Catholic Church.

Elbert of the Institutional Committee on Inland Empire reported on their 2nd Annual Conference for H&I at Bakersfield, November 16, 17, 18. Registration available at \$1.00, Institutional Intergroup meeting July 29 at 1:30 p.m. for potluck.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA = Delegate Dave H. invited us to their Area Assembly in Lompoc on July 15. Also, to their 6th Annual 22nd District Convention Barbeque in Santa Maria on July 20, 21, and 22. Also to their "A.A. What's It All about Workshop", September 13, at the Encino Hilton Hotel.

RE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONVENTION IN ANAHEIM. Discussion re the Hospitality Room for the three General Assembly Areas. Motion made by Ed F. that this area cooperate and help defray the cost of the Hospitality Room by 1/3. Seconded. Carried.

August x, 1973

September 9, 1973

Gene L. thanked the committee of the Inland Empire Fiesta for the fine work done to make the Fiesta a success and entertained a motion to thank them which motion was made, seconded and carried.

At this time Stu reported on a letter he received from Gene L which reported on the cost of reproduction; that she had found an A.B. Dick Mimeograph in real good condition for \$195. But felt she could get it for less. Also reported that at the end of the quarter, he felt we should hold back the \$400. Which was delegated for the Area Directory, and all other money over and above expenses = totaling \$2000. Would be sent to New York.

At this time, discussion was had concerning the A.A. Dick Mimeograph and with much pro and con as to the age and cost of the mimeograph and the fact there would be no warranty on it, Bill V. finally made a motion that we acquire the mentioned A.B. Dick Mimeograph at a cost not to exceed \$195. Machine to be in the custody of either the alternate delegate or secretary and be available to all segments of the area. Seconded. After discussion on this, motion was amended by Bill V. to change the in-custody portion to read: machine to be controlled by the officers of the General Assembly. Amendment seconded and carried. Original motion then carried.

With reference to the \$400. For the area directory, discussion ensued as this amount being an encumbrance, etc. Finally pointed out that in July, the General Assembly had voted that all money over \$2000 would be sent to New York.

The next item on the agenda was the nominations for the Pacific Regional Trustee. Ed F. felt that nominations should come from the floor of the Assembly and should not be done at a district level. After much discussion it was the general consensus of this meeting that we make no recommendations as to nominees at this time, but for the district committeemen be prepared to bring the nominations up at the Assembly October 21. Gene L. will have copies of the resumes of the nominees.

Agenda Item 4. Reports from C/M Chairmen. Since there were no reports forthcoming from C/M, Gene L. reminded them to notify all local C/M to be represented at the election assembly October 21.

Ed F. reported on the harbor Area workshop stating that they now meet on a quarterly meeting basis. Next meeting would be the first Saturday in October. Felt also that local committeemen's names should be submitted to New York so that they too would receive

mailings from New York as well as the district chairman. At this time someone commented that this item should be brought up under Agenda Item 9.

SOS REPORT. Lionel reported that everything is going well; that Ed F. is the program chairman and the program is pretty well firmed up. The flyers show the theme: The Heart Beat of A.A. Warned the C/M and the people who attend that they will be involved in their program which will be held on February 9, 1974 at the San Bernardino Convention Center. Gene L. brought attention to the Inland Empire Bulletin which carried a print of the SOS Flyer.

SERV-A-THON. Chuck N. reported on the Serv-a-thon being held at the Garden Grove Alano Club on Saturday November 3 from 9 A.m. to 3 p.m. This is the second annual Serv-a-thon and the theme will be EXPLORING TRADITION 12. Flyers have been printed and will be handed out today as well as the Fontana Meeting October 21 and also the Southern California Convention in Anaheim. Announcements of this Serv-a-thon will be put into the harbor Area bulletin and the Lifeline and the Inland Empire publication. Five areas will be explored: #1 = What does you mean – principles. #2 = How about personalities? #3 = Spirituality foundation = what's that? #4. True meaning of Anonymity. #5 = Humility, Sacrifice and other odds and ends. These topics will be on the next flyer.

FIESTA: Norm S. reported on the last Annual Fiesta; that their primary concern was A.A. fellowship and not to make money. Their profit was split three ways: General Assembly, GSO and Central Office.

October 21, 1973

Agenda Item 4: Approval of Area Structure Subcommittee's recommendations pertaining to the duties and responsibilities of are officers. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the area structure.

ELECTION OF AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 1974/1975. Ellery S. explained the election procedures and stated down the list to find those willing to serve. First officer to be elected was DELEGATE. Those willing to serve: Gene L., Stu N., Ed F., Goldene L., and Ollie J. At the first ballot, Gene L. and Stu N. received the highest votes, at which time the other three withdrew. On the second ballot, Gene L. was declared the winner for the office of DELEGATE.

Alternate Delegate: Joe K. made a motion that the runner-up, Stu N., be declared the Alternate Delegate. Seconded. Carried by a motion of hands.

Area Chairman: Ed F., Jerry F., Goldene L., Denver C., and Ollie J. expressed their willingness to serve. The two receiving the highest votes were Jerry F. and Goldene L., and the other three withdrawing. The second ballot was held with Jerry F. being declared elected as Area Chairman.

Treasurer: Ed F., Virgil DeL., Goldene L., and Ollie J. expressed their willingness to serve. At the first ballot, Goldene L. and Ollie J. received the highest votes and the other two withdrew. On the second (2nd) ballot, Goldene L. was declared the Treasurer.

Secretary: Gordon F., Rita M. and Dorothy E. expressed their willingness to serve, with the first ballot, Rita and Dorothy receiving the highest votes and Gordon F. withdrew. On the second (2nd) ballot, Dorothy E. was declared elected as Secretary.

LOCATION OF C/M Meeting, December 9, 1973. Motion was made that the meeting be held in Long Beach at the Men's 12 Step House on December 9, 1973. Seconded and carried. Time set for 1:30 p.m.

Attentioned (sic: Attention) called to the Group Information Card which the committeemen should remind their groups to fill out and return to GSO in New York.

Denver announced the Institutional Committee Potluck at the L.B. (Long Beach) Y.W.C.A., 6th & Pacific on November 25, 1973 = Sunday – at 1:30 p.m.

Ellery announced the 2nd Annual Institutional Conference in Bakersfield, November 17, 18, and 19, 1973.

Gene L. announced that the Southern California Convention was to be held in San Diego next year and that Bryon W. from (f/) Los Angeles was elected Chairman.

November x, 1973

December 9, 1973

Entertained a motion to approve the General Assembly Minutes as published and mailed = so moved, seconded and carried. (At the end of meeting, attention was called to the Newsletter and it not being stated that this will be published by the Southern California Area.)

ITEM 6 A, B, & C. were tabled at this time with it being decided that when the problem arise, action would then be taken. These items dealt with the national crisis of gasoline shortages, thereby entailing possibly semiannual meetings, Saturday meetings instead of Sunday, eliminating some of the meetings attended by the delegate, etc.

DELEGATE's REPORT. JOHN MC A. reported on attending the Special Program put on by District 1 stating they should be congratulated, it was great! Felt it should be put on in all areas, and the possibly Denver, D(istrict) 13 could put it on in his district. It would let people know just what general Service is. John McA. Thanked his officers for their splendid cooperation the past two years commenting on Stu's being damn tight with the money; that if it were not for all the letters and notes and three (3) to four (4)

messages a day from Gene, he might have lost interest; thanked Ellery for his splendid work on the Serv-a-thon, Frankie K. on the Luau, Jerry F. and Lionel J. for the SOS. Was grateful for the opportunity to have served and felt flattered but extremely regarded. Thanked all.

AGENDA ITEM #6 = OTHER REPORTS.

Fern M. reported that she had seen the caterer re the luncheon for the SOS and all is shipshape. Goldene reported that only two people have sent in Topics for Discussion so far for the SOS and felt that she should mention it again. Carl E. the SOS ticket Chairman stated he is getting worried; only four (4) tickets sold so far and the SOS will be held February 9.

Ellery reported on the Area Structure Committee not having met recently but there would be one coming up soon with the area officers who may have some ideas on how to allocate duties; also try to improve communications with the institutional and intergroup committees. Stated also that the Service Manual is like a caution sign = and approved way to do it = does not mean they have to do it that way. We use the manual as a guide for it has wisdom.

Elbert McN. Reported on the Inland Institutional Committee that all panels were going real good and were covered. Also, that Tommy C. was the new Director of Inland Empire and he was the co-director.

Carl E. reported that no flyers appeared in the December Intergroup bulletin and he had called HASC (Harbor Area Service Committee) and they said they had not received any. Denver will take same over there.

AGENDA ITEM #7 = Approval of appointment of Chairman for next Serv-a-thon. Motion made to recommend for appointment as chairman = Rita Montgomery = for the next Serv-a-thon. Seconded. Carried.

At this time, Gene L. turned the gavel over to JERRY F., the NEW area chairman who then seated the new officers by telling them they were now seated. Also, on listening to ex-delegate John McA. Reflecting on the past two years n things he had not done; he had a suggestion to offer. Why not give him the job of doing the things he didn't do. Gave the dates for the GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS in 1974: JAN. 13, APRIL 7, JULY 14 and OCTOBER 27. COMMITTEEMEN MEETINGS: MARCH 10, JUNE 9, SEPTEMBER 8, DECEMBER 8, 1974. If any of these dates conflict, please bring it up at the General Assembly Meeting January 13.

Stated that he hoped to have some objectives, and in some order = not too rigid. Hoped to concentrate on those areas which now have no representation. Thought his job now was the most complex of all jobs he has held in the past but felt his previous jobs would enable him to do this one. Reported that Clyde Davis was nominated as regional trustee for this area.

GENE thanked everyone for their support and cooperation the past two years. Hoped to keep all officers fully informed. Has invited John Mc to serve as a non-voting member of

the Area Service Committee; Ellery has agreed to continue to serve as Parliamentarian, also continue to serve as Chairman of Area Structure Subcommittee. Hoped to continue the relationship between the Area Service Committee and the three intergroups and three institutional committees in the Area, and consider inviting the intergroup public relations chairmen to become members of a liaison Public Information Committee with the Area's Alternate Delegate as coordinator; a similar liaison could be initiated with the three (3) institutional committees in the Area with perhaps the Area Chairman as coordinator. Further, there is a possibility of an occasional overlap of some of these responsibilities between our Area and the Southern California Area, however, their delegate has indicated such a liaison could be worked out to include the P.R. director of the Los Angeles Central Office and their Institutional Committee. The three intergroup publications in our Area urge that we give them no more than a digest of the Assembly Minutes to publish; this would mean that DCCs and LCMs in each district will have to distribute the complete minutes to every group. SO FAR, NO theme or agenda topics have been received from New York.

January 13, 1974

Treasurer's Report: Stu N. reported that total contributions for 1973 were \$5,315.35 and annual expenses were \$4,945.82, which completes the year at 4369.58 above expenses. We sent \$1,000 to the General Service Office, New York. He reported that he had held \$400 in the checking account which might have been sent to New York, but felt that the new treasurer would have high expenses during the first quarter of the year. The alternate Delegate's expenses to Bakersfield could be paid as she appeared at the Institutional Convention in place of the Delegate. Flowers were sent at the time of the death of Lois H. total income for the last quarter of 1973 was \$2,119.70 and total expense were \$1,723.65. A profit of \$1,311.00 was received from the Luau. A total of \$1,708 was sent to New York for the year 1973. Average monthly expenses for the year were \$241.00.

Ed F. opposed holding back \$400 which might have been sent to New York. There was general agreement that the Treasurer should be guided by the Assembly's previous vote to send all monies in excess of \$2,000 to GSO at the end of each quarter.

Ellery S. suggested that possibility we could have a special collection for use in case of a death in our group when it is desirable to purchase flowers, or for a GSO memorial. We could possibly use the profits from one of our special events – to be set aside for this purpose.

Denver C. moved that we accept the Treasurers report, and motion carried.

Special Committee Reports: SOS Chairman Lionel J. reports that the SOS is to be February 9, 1974 at the Convention Center, San Bernardino and to date very few tickets have been sold. Deadline will be February 4 for ticket sales, and lunch and free parking will be included in the \$5.50 ticket. Please push sales. Area Structure Committee Chairman Ellery S. announced that the committee has not met recently and will be getting together again soon.

Intergroup Board Chairman Reports: Bob W., Orange County Intergroup, Vice Chairman, announced that they were moving into larger quarters and would appreciate any support for this new venture.

Jack H., Inland Empire Intergroup Chairman, said that he had just been elected to the board, but that he and his co-workers were learning together.

Institutional Committee Directors: Denver C. reporting for Mel A., Harbor Area Institutional Director, reported that this committee will meet at the Alano Club, 439 Anaheim Street, Long beach. In the coming year plans have been for a new meeting in Chino. There seems to be renewed emphasis on cooperation in Service and the assembly will find full cooperation from the Harbor Area Institutional Committee. Johnie R., Orange County Director, Institutional Committee, says they have nineteen (19) panels and are growing all the time. There are going to be two new panels at Chino and one will go to San Diego and one to the Harbor Area. He feels communication is where we fail

and we cannot do anything unless we talk about it. Jim H. is the new co-director. He would like to see us be able to get into all the institutions and this could be done. The eight (8) meetings in Southern California have close communication.

Tommy C., Inland Empire Institutional Committee Director, reports an Institutional Intergroup meeting in Bakersfield on January 26, at 1:00 p.m. at 1001 – 34th St.; this includes all of the Institutional Committees in Southern California. They want to involve more people in learning how to carry the message into the institutions. He introduced his Co-Director, Elbert Mc. They have 57 meetings a month in ten (10) institutions. Delegate Gene L. expressed her appreciation for having all these Service entities represented.

Old Business: After some discussion motion was made and carried to hold the general Service Assembly in Fontana, same address, same time, for the remainder of the year. These meetings will be on April 7, July 14, and October 27. Motion was made and carried to hold committee meetings in Long beach, same place and same time, for the remainder of the year. These meetings will be held on March 10, June 9, September 8 and December 8, 1974.

Other Business: Ed F. announced that the Harbor Area Workshop is going to try to have all Service workshop were Directors, Committee Members, GSR's, panel members, etc., from the Intergroup and Institutional Committee join the General Service workshop. This kind of meeting would give each one a change to investigate and learn the best way in which he or she can serve. Chairman Jerry F. stated that combined service workshops are already being held in Orange County and the Inland Empire, and have been quite successful.

Jack C. stated that he had collected all of Jack W.'s papers and records and would like to see work on the directory continued. He will hold this material until the assembly decided what action should be taken. Chairman Jerry F. stated that we hope to have all districts represented in the future.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 3:45 p.m.

February x, 1974

March 10, 1974

INTERGROUP REPORTS

Inland Empire: Jack C. will present questionnaire this month.

Orange Co. = no representation

Harbor Area. Julius C says he is new but is here to learn and is willing.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Orange County = no representation

Inland Empire = Albert McN. Says ten (10) different institutions are being taken care of. GSR's from prison groups will be registered in GSO; everything going well.

Harbor Area = no representation.

SYMPOSIUM OF SERVICE: Lionel J. reported he enjoyed being Chairman & congratulated Jerry F. on his choice of Denver C. as next Chairman. Carl E. gave financial report. Income \$1,601.90. Disbursements \$1,179.31. with return of \$400 to General Assembly, leaving profit of \$22.95. Jerry F. thanked SOS Committee for a fine job.

FIESTA: Goldene L. reports plans pretty well along. Wants to carry the Service Message and Jim M. from Sacramento will be the speaker. Good band and good program.

AREA DIRECTORY. Jack C. states Ed F. has volunteered to help. All of Jack W.'s papers must be sorted & some returned to proper sources. Voted on & passed unanimously by show of hands that an interim directory of some kind be completed as soon as possible Ed F. reminded C/M we had \$400 set aside for purpose of getting out a directory. Discussion as to including Secretary's name as well as GSR's in Directory. Felt it good idea s it may involve more people in general service work.

Chairmen Jerry F. thanked everyone for attending and suggested that by dividing responsibility in our districts we could multiply participation. It would seem that some groups in our Area have not even been touched by General Service and personal contact must be made.

April 7, 1974

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Jerry F. read a letter received by Southern California Area concerning the General Service board decision to refer lists of alcoholics to the national Council on Alcoholism for appearance on T.V. Bob G. moved that anonymity be maintained as it has in the past and that we support the position of the Southern California Area Assembly in this matter. Seconded and passed.

May x, 1974

June 9, 1974

Area Directory: Chairman Jack C. stated that he had gone through the papers left by Jack W. and divided them appropriately into folders for each district. Jacks says that he considered each LCM to be on the directory committee for his district.

Area Structure: Ellery S. said that his committee had not yet met. He welcomed new general Service workers and Bill D. and Ralph F. as new DCC's. Stated that he was glad to hear the agenda topics ahead and discull (sic: discuss) these subjects as soon as possible. It is to be hoped that we can streamline the assembly meetings and hope the topics will be available so that we can do something about them.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bruce G. reported incidence of being threatened for not signing court card for person who came into a meeting just a few minutes before closing time. He stated that these men followed him to his car and then followed his car. We need to find

out what our position is to be in the signing of court cards. Discussion was held over for the Assembly Meeting.

Chairman: Jerry F. stated that he thought it was a good idea for all DCC's and LC's to attend secretary and other workshop meetings. Jack C. Chairman Directory Committee requested the DCC's to please treat any papers in the folders given to them as confidential material. Ed F., DCC, District 2, asked that the question of area officers traveling into all districts in rotation be discussed in consideration of the time expense and travel problems encountered. He stated that he was particularly concerned with the amount of money spent in travel expense. This discussion was also postponed to be put on the July Agenda.

Ellery S. made a motion that the Service Committee meeting be held at the new Orange County Central Office. This was not seconded. It was voted at a previous Assembly that the meetings would be held in Long Beach.

Stu N. stated that Delegate Gene L. will give a full report on the General Service Conference on Thursday, 7:30 p.m. June 13 at Mottell's Mortuary garden Room. This is the monthly meeting of the Harbor Area Service Committee.

Martha S. moved that the meeting adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. the Md-Southern California Assembly Meeting will be held in Fontana at the United Steel Workers hall, 9460 S. Sierra, at 1: 30 p.m., on July 14, 1974.

July 14, 1974

Special Committee Reports: SOS: Chairman Denver C. stated that the meeting will be in Orange County in February, 1975, and that a program chairman is still needed. Next SOS Committee Meeting will be held in August.

AREA STRUCTURE: Chairman Ellery S. reports that his committee is working and had a meeting but there is nothing concrete to report right now.

AREA DIRECTORY: Chairman Jack C. feels that because of the many new GSR's, each District should be responsible for keeping current rosters, and submitting them to the Delegate, Area Directory Chairman, District Committee Chairman and Local Committee Member. Then an inexpensive copy of the directory will be made this year.

GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE: Ed F. sent a letter to GSO and will request Grapevine subscription blanks for them, to be distributed to all groups in the area.

Institution & Intergroup: Brief reports were given by Dusty B., Chairman, Harbor Area Board, Jack H., Chairman Inland Empire Intergroup and Bob W., Chairman Orange County Intergroup. Denver C. reported for the Harbor Area Institutional Committee and Jim H. and Burt K. reported for the Orange County Institutional Committee. A State H & I Conference is to be held next year in February.

Old Business: Jerry F. suggested that the question of officer travel be taken back to the groups and discussed there. Ed F. stated that he was not concerned about the Delegate's or the Chairman's travel but did not feel it necessary for the other officers to attend

meetings in sections of the area which are a great distance from their residences. Motion was made to accept the letter drafted by Gene L. to be sent to presiding judges. No second. It was decided that the question be deferred.

Guests Tom A., Past Delegate of our area and Jim R., Alternate Delegate, SCA, were introduced. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

August x, 1974

September 8, 1974

Intergroups: Harbor Area: Dusty B. stated that he did not know the conscience or the Harbor Area Service Committee, but he felt that the letter and memo were not informational but were directives.

Orange County: Bob W. stated that he felt that good could come from an informational letter to the courts, but that we should get together and not have letters come from all directions. An informational letter could be given to the courts for them to use as needed.

Inland Empire: No one present to report.

Institutional Committees: Harbor Area: Mel A. stated that he thought a letter should be written to the judges letting them know that we are not responsible for the alcoholics sent to A.A.

Orange County: Johnnie R. stated that he thought we should accept all persons sent to A.A. and that court cards should be signed no matter what time the alcoholic arrived.

Inland Empire: Elbert McN. Stated that he felt that we could not go wrong with the letter to the judges.

Jerry F., Chairman, explained that the letter should have a vote of "for" or "against" or "change."

Ed F. moved to table the action on the letter at this time. Seconded. Discussion. Motion defeated.

Vote was taken to determine whether the letter was to be sent. Forty-five (45) were in favor and twenty-three (23) against.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Stu N. spoke on the memorandum to be given to the probationer. He stated that he had visited eight (8) groups and five (5) of them that discussed the letter and memo. He felt that the group conscience could be trusted in these matters.

All the Districts, except District 1, stated that they were against the memo if they wished to abstain from voting. Intergroup and Institutional Representatives were three (3) against the memo and two (2) for it.

Jerry F., Chairman, called for the individual vote for or against them being sent with the letter and all votes except two (2) were against doing so.

Mary V., moved that the alternative memo be taken back to the Districts for discussion. Seconded. Discussion. Motion defeated.

Motion was made to vote on Alternate Memo Number 1. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken on Alternate memo Number 1 and majority was against.

Hal McC. moved that we send no memorandum with the letter Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

Jerry F., Chairman, gave brief discussion on the topic of Area officers' expenses for travel. Ed F. recommended that we pass on this issue and just keep a careful note of all Area expenses. Motion was made that this recommendation be accepted. Seconded. Motion carried.

Stu N., Alternate Delegate recommended Lionel J. of San Bernardino as Chairman of the Public Information Committee, and Odene S. of Orange County as Vice-Chairman. He feels the Area should have a committee for Cooperation with the Professional Community, but for the present the Public Information Committee will serve in both capacities.

Goldene L., Treasurer, reminded the Assembly that the Delegate was responsible for getting information cards to the General Service Office for the publishing of the next directory. Only people who are willing to have their full names used will appear in this directory. Your Delegate must have the rosters for each District in order to put this information on the card to be sent to New York. Hopefully, you will have a GSR for each group but the Secretary's name could be used. The name of the group is needed, any change of group name, address of group, name and phone number of GSR. New cards, in a different color, will be coming from GSO by December 1. The Delegate will make up a card to be sent back to GSO with the information that you have provided her. Any later changes will then have to be sent to Gene L., Delegate.

Goldene L. mentioned the suggested packet which has been distributed to all DCC's contains information for all new GSR's. This informational packet will make the new GSR feel welcome during the time he is not yet receiving any material from GSO. The packet and the items covered in the accompanying letter will be voted on at the October 20 Assembly.

Jerry F., Chairman, introduced Arthur H. from District 3 as a possible new chair of that district.

Denver C. announced that the SOS will be held on Saturday, February 1, 1975 at the Grand Hotel in Anaheim. 4400.00 will be needed in advance to get started. This \$400.00 has been authorized as a continuing funding for the SOS and check can be issued by the Treasurer when requested.

Bruce G. announced the Servathon would be on November 2, 1975, Saturday from 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Alano Club in Garden Grove. Would like a committee of

three or four people from the Assembly this date, either from Long Beach or Garden Grove.

Jerry F. asked to close the meeting with the idea that we should not only be “friendly with out friends” but be friendly with each other.

October 20, 1974

Stu N. Acting Chairman reported that Jerry F., Chairman had told him that he had covered his assigned meetings and come others. He announced the proposed dates for the MSCA Committee Meetings and General Assemblies as follows in 1975: Committee Meetings, March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14: General Assemblies, January 12, April 13, July 13, and October 19 (election). (Later changed to October 12, 1975.)

Denver C. moved to reverse the order of the Committee Meetings and General Assembly Meetings for the coming year, that is, the general Assembly Meetings should be in Long Beach and the Committee Meetings in Fontana. Motion seconded.

Frank A. suggested that the Committee Meetings be held in Orange County at the Orange County Central Office which will accommodate up to 100 persons. He proposed an amendment to the motion to that effect.

Ellery S., Parliamentarian, stated that the Assembly could only recommend where the Committee will meet as the Committee determines where it will meet. Discussion followed as to feasible locations to meet in Orange County and also the previous experiences with holding meetings in Long Beach.

Denver C. amended his motion to state that the General assembly MSCA should be held in Long Beach for the coming year. Motion defeated. Bill D. moved to keep the general Assembly in Fontana for the coming year. Motion carried. It was suggested that the possibility of holding meetings in Orange be researched in order to find a suitable location.

Gene L., delegate reported that attendance at the Southern California Convention was approximately 6500 people. It was suggested that perhaps the conventions were becoming so large that they missed their purpose, that of carry the message of A.A. and enjoying fellowship. Next year’s Chairman will be Keith C. or Tarzana. Stan W., Pacific Region Trustee was not able to attend the convention as he had emergency surgery, and Dave H. reported that he is getting along well. We hope that he can attend the Symposium of Service.

Flyers concerning the Pacific Region Assembly will be distributed at the next Assembly. The letter concerning court referrals. Some District Rosters have been turned in and changes should be sent in as they occur. Information about the new method of operation in Torrance-Lomita Club can be sent to those who wish to have it.

Denver C., Chairman SOS reported that the date is February 1., location Grand Hotel, time from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flyers have been distributed. Tom F. will talk on Central Office Service. Harbor Area: Charlie T. will talk on Institutional Committee Work and Stan W. on General Service. Jo K., speaker from San Francisco.

Ed F., Grapevine Chairman, reported that Grapevine prices have been raised to 50¢ per copy and \$5.00 a yearly subscription. He suggested that the Grapevine would make a very good gift.

Stu N. reported for Bruce G., Servathon Chairman that it is set for November 2, 1974 at the Alano Club, Garden Grove from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Goldene L. reported that the packet to be given to new GSR's will cost \$16.00 for 500 copies and \$42.50 for the pamphlets to go with it. Ed F. moved that we accept the packet. Motion seconded and carried.

Ed F. proposed to the Assembly that any action being taken on the letter to the presiding judges be stopped and that the issue be reviewed as to the effect that it has on the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Many people, he stated, feel that is a violation of the traditions. He proposed that we review the question of whether we have any right to write to the judges. Motion seconded. Discussion.

Ellery S., stated that the motion was out of order to stop a letter which had already been started, as some letters had been sent. Perhaps a committee could review the matter.

Bob moved that the issue be tables until the next Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Cora Louise B. Conference Secretary, General Service Office spoke about the revision of the Big Book and said that not one word of the basic text would be changed, but some of the stories would be updated by new stories. She told her story before and after coming to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. She explained the conference structure and went into some detail as to the activity in the General Service Office in New York. She told of her assignments and also spoke of the guidelines and the manner in which they are put together in the General Service Office. The first Court Referral Guidelines were published in 1966 and have been updated in 1974. She stated that Guidelines and Pamphlets are a result of information sent to the General Service Office concerning A.A. experience all over the country and the world. She feels that the General Service Office is a storehouse of A.A. experience from all over the world. She concluded with a question and answer session.

Gene L., Delegate announced that a change in the date of the election Assembly would be made because of the Southern California Convention and the date would be October 12, 1975. Information will be collected as to cost of participating in a Hospitality Room at the International Convention in Denver in 1975. This would be a California project.

Next meeting will be on December 8, 1974, 1:30 p.m., 1005 E. 6th St. Long Beach.
Sincerely, Dorothy E.

November x, 1974

December 8, 1974

Delegate's Report: Gene L. stated that the \$200.00 for the General Service Conferences expenses could be approved immediately and so save time at the Assembly meeting. Alternate District Committee Chairman Chuck Malone was recognized on this date as he was celebrating his 25 A.A. birthday. A round of applause was given to him. She mentioned that probably several flight excursions to the Denver International A.A. Conference would be planned. She presented the updated version of the pamphlet, "Cooperation But Not Affiliation." She recommended this pamphlet as being very good. Gene L. recommended (1) that a motion of commendation be given to the Area Structure Subcommittee for its contribution to the changes effected in the past year in our Area structure, (2) that a standing Committee on Policy and traditions be set up with Ellery S. as Chairman, (3) that an ad hoc Advisory Committee to Groups and Meetings in Alano Clubs and that Goldene L. be appointed Chairperson since the Brockton Groups were the first to adopt the plan of a central steering committee for groups in clubs. She requested the area Chairman to elicit consensus by a show of hands.

Jerry F. Chairman introduced Maury F. who spoke of the central steering committee as organized in the Torrance-Lomita Club. This committee is composed of members (usually secretaries) from each group in the club, with officers such as chairman, treasurer and secretary. Ben S. GSR of the Brockton A.A. Groups (Riverside), also groups from a club, told briefly of their experiences in forming a central steering committee and, with elected officers and one GSR representing all groups. These presentations were given for informational purposes only the hope of getting more support for General Services from meetings in clubs. Many clubs have no GSR's from their meetings.

Jerry F. Chairman asked for a show of hands for and against the recommendation for an ad hoc Advisory Committee concerning Groups and Meetings in Alano Clubs. Ed F. suggested that there was no need for an additional ad hoc committee as the A.S.S. as is stands is set up to handle such situations. A show of hands indicated a consensus in favor of the recommendation. Jerry then asked that someone move that Ellery be commended for his efforts on the A.S.S. Committee, but Ellery asked that this not be carried through.

Jerry F. asked for a show of hands concerning the recommendation to set up a committee on Policy and Traditions with Ellery S. as Chairman. The show of hands indicated approval.

Gene T. was welcomed as the new DCC for District 7 and he reported that he had contacted almost all the groups in his area and had GSR's for most of them.

INSTITUTIONAL AND INTERGROUP CHAIRMEN: Elbert McN., Institutional Chairman, Inland Empire said they were having elections and new officers would be sent to Gene L., Bob W., Chairman, Orange County Intergroup, noted that donations seem to be slowing down and they are trying to find the reason for this. He said that sometimes the policy of a group which seems to be against sending money to GSO or local intergroup offices has been handed down from one secretary to another. When contact is made by a person from General Service of local Service, changes in this policy can often be accomplished. Jack H. Chairman for Inland Empire Intergroup agreed and said that contributions were down in the past few months probably due to general conditions. Denver C., Co-Chairman for Harbor Area institutional mentioned the H & I Conference in May in Fresno.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: SOS Denver C. reported that not many tickets had been sold and asked that these tickets be circulated. The theme of the SOS is Unity in Service, the place the Grand Hotel in Anaheim. All branches of Service will be involved in the program. Response to the program has been good. AREA STRUCTURE Ellery S. said that the committee continues to discuss means of improving area structure and will bring any recommendations to the MSCA Assembly in its effort to serve. AREA DIRECTORY Jack C. reported that e Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12 are still to be given to him. The quicker these rosters are sent to Jack C. the better. These were requested some time ago in a memo written to DCC's by gene L. GRAPEVINE Ed F. stated that he felt that interest in our grapevine would be stimulated by reminding people that they could contribute writings to this publication. He said that order blanks are available in central offices.

Jerry F. reminded the meeting that the location of the Committee Members Meetings will have to be decided. Orange County Central Office was suggested as a meeting place and seconded. Long Beach was also suggested and seconded. Financial arrangements were mentioned as a consideration in selecting a location. Request in writing for the use of the Orange County Central Office must be submitted for the consideration of the Board.

A show of hands indicated that a majority wished to hold the meeting in Orange County.

Goldene L. suggested that DCC's take the number of packets for GSR's that are needed. She said that about 260 packets had been assembled.

Stu N. asked that DCC's let visiting officers of the MSCA know if a District meeting is to be cancelled or the time changed. Some DCC's have already done this.

Jack C. reminded the group that it is the responsibility of the DCC's to educate new GSR's and give them something to do. They should report to their home group and also report their activity in the home group to the District meeting, thus making a circle of communication.

Clara C. District 11 introduced new LCM John S. and the new Secretary for the Inland

OLD BUSINESS: Jerry F. brought up the subject of the letter to the presiding judges which was tabled at the last meeting. Ed F. said that he still had the same opinion as he had stated previously.

After some discussion separate motions were made and carried to send the Delegate to the Pacific Regional Assembly and also to send the Alternate Delegate. At this Assembly the Alternate Delegate serves as a back-up for the Delegate and attends any part of the Assembly which the Delegate cannot cover. The Alternate Delegate is prepared to take the Delegates place should this be necessary.

Jerry F. suggested that new GSR's may be finding Service meetings too long and and (sic: and) discussions can make the Assemblies last too long. He urged all present to conduct thorough discussions at District level.

The next General Service Assembly of the MSCA will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 1975, at the United Steelworkers Hall, 9460 S. Sierra, Fontana. Trudi H. has been appointed to complete the term of the secretary.

Item 5C. Pacific Regional Assembly Travel Expenses. Ed F. made motion to approve \$200 for delegate. Seconded & approved. Motion made to approve expenses for Alternate delegate. Seconded. Ed F. protested in that there were enough other persons who attended to fill in where necessary. Cited out deficit for 1974. After much discussion, it was the consensus that the chief reason for an alternate delegate to attend in every case was that he would be informed and therefore should have every opportunity to become prepared. Assembly voted to approve.

Item 5D. Appointment of Ellery S. to Chairman of Committee on Policy and Traditions Committee. Seconded, approved. Motion that Ellery S. head this Committee. Seconded and approved.

Item 5E: Appointment of Goldene L. to Chairman of an ad hoc Advisory Committee to Groups and Meetings in Alano Clubs. After much discussion Ed F. made a motion to put this under the Policy & Traditions Committee since Goldene is already a member and could handle this assignment under that Committee. Approved.

Location of the Committeeman's Meetings for 1975: 2712 S. Grand, Santa Ana, just off the Newport Freeway – Orange County Central Office.

On behalf of Barbara a GSR f/District 7 who had not received a copy of the last minutes, Coleen O. – visitor – stated that everything which transpires at a General Service Assembly should begin at group level; that how could you get the voice of the group conscience if the GSR was not furnished with the minutes. Jerry F. states it was up to the GSR to attend and take notes and inform his group. It was also the district attend and take notes and inform is group. It was also the district committeemen and local committeemen's duty to furnish his GSR's with a copy of the minutes. That this procedure was outlined in the Manual.

SYMPOSIUM OF SERVICE. Denver reported he had tickets to sell; the program was completed; that is was to be held February 1 at 9 a.m. at the Grand Hotel in Anaheim; that it used to be a general service function only, however, there would be a central service presentation and institutional presentation in the A.M. and general service in P.M. with a speaker from San Francisco.

February x, 1975

March 9, 1975

DELEGATE'S REPORT. Gene L. reported on: (1) her part at the Pacific Region Service Assembly having to talk on the Twelve 912) Concepts. 92) Also passed out another questionnaire to help district committee leaders in their district discussions on the question of TWO HATTERS, namely, Non-Professional Inventory and Inventory for the A.A. Two Hatter. (3) Reminded committeemen to get these questionnaires into the hands of group members and return them to her answered before the deadline of April 1. (4) Reported on receiving a letter from Bob Pearson, General Manager of G.S.O. in New York re. the necessity of increasing the price of A.A. books and pamphlets due to rising

3. Leaving for New York on 16th. Had received 307 answers to the questionnaire n Agenda topics and gave report on results. (Copy of same available for each DCC & LCM).
4. Called attention to pink forms for reporting any changes in group information, and the cards to report NEW groups in the districts.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS. TRADITIONS & POLICY: Ellery S. stated two meetings held with no firm decisions made. Wanted to assure Assembly their Committee was not TELLING anyone what to do but only give an opinion. When dealing with Traditions, one cannot ORDER people to stop breaking the tradition, but only AS them to RECONSIDER.

AREA PUBLIC INFORMATION: Lionel J reported at their second (2nd) meeting on March 13, present were Odene S., (Co-Chairman), Bob W. and Donald M. of Orange County Intergroup, Dusty B. of harbor Area and Lou H. of Inland Empire Intergroup. They discussed the present P.I. programs; felt all there were well established intergroups, each had a sound central office; each had a comprehensive P.I. program. Since they had a good working relationship p with county and state alcohol programs, hospital and rehab centers, courts and probation departments, law enforcement agencies, schools, churches, service clubs and news media, and qualified speakers capable with dealing with any type of P.I. request, it was their unanimous opinion that this Committee as it was set up was not only unnecessary but could be a detriment and could create disunity. Their Committee recommended that the P.I Program as presently set up to be discontinued and that a P.I. Coordinating Committee be set up to work in harmony with intergroups meeting periodically to exchange ideas and be of assistance. After a brief discussion, motion made to discontinue present P.I. Committee = seconded (2nd) & passed. Motion then made to set up a P.I. Coordinating Committee with the present Chairman 9Loionel J.) and Co-Chairman (Odene S.) to head the new Committee. Seconded (2nd) & passed.

SOS: (Symposium of Service). Denver gave financial report of affair held February 1 at Grand Hotel. Said even tho (sic: though) there was a \$204.56 net loss, he felt event was a success & received many favorable comments. The Committee wished to report that the Harbor Area was only area which charged exorbitantly for advertising given in their Intergroup bulletin (\$27.00). Jerry said success of any event depends upon people Question if SOS event would be discontinued Assembly assured it would not be but some new ideas had been discussed by officers Probably will be presented at C/M meeting.

FIESTA. Fern reported program ready to go to the printers. Contract for food signed. Two-hundred (200) tickets must be sold in order to come out even; only 56 sold so far. This event also discussed as being an event to promote unity and good fellowship & its success depending upon each of us responding Will be held Saturday, May 10.

AREA DIRECTORY: Jack C. reported on impossible task of having such a directory and wanted to make a motion to discontinue the idea of it. That each district C/M and Local C/M should have a fairly up-to-date copy of all groups in their area and the names

of Secretary or GSR of each that if a person wished information on any particular area, he need only to look in the Assembly Roster for DCC or LCM of that area & call. That it was up to the DCC of each area to keep Assembly Secretary informed of any changes; also keep Delegate informed of any changes in group GSR, or Secretary, or new group. Motion seconded (2nd), passed.

ORANGE COUNTY INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE. Jim H. reported their Committee functioning well & the excellent cooperation between the C.O. and their Committee Reports on Third (3rd) Annual Hospital & Institution Conference to be held in Fresno on May 2, 3, and 4, 1975.

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP. Bob W. reported on their cooperation between their C.O. and the Institutional Committee insofar as even chaNGing (sic: changing) their By-Laws to include the Institutional Committee. Spoke on the meeting called FRESH which meets once a month and is attended by all secretaries and GSRs interested. That they had discussed HOW A.A. TRADITIONS ARE BROKEN AT A.A. MEETING and the title of the one next month was RESPONSIBILITY OF STARTING A NEW MEETING.

NEW INSTITUTIONAL GROUP. Bill D. of Palm Springs reported on a new institutional committee called COACHELLA VALLEY INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE.

INLAND EMPIRE INTERGROUP. Jack H. reported that since the C/M meeting wherein he reported a financial crisis, that they were again in the black. Felt it was a lack of communication and hoped that they could keep in the black in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: Goldene gave report that HOSPITALITY Suite in Denver was reduced to \$120. Instead of \$125. And that this room was for all A.A. member for California; felt that maybe Assembly should underwrite this amount and then each DCC and LCM could take up a collection in their particular districts and put the money back in Assembly Treasury since expenses were exceeding contributions, however, a motion was made to contribute the \$120. Out of Assembly funds. Seconded. Passed.

May x, 1975

June 8, 1975

At this time Stuart Northrop, Alternate Delegate was welcomed back heartily, having had open heart surgery. Dave Hoss introduced himself as representing Palm Springs and Dick Dye introduced himself as a member of the Inland Empire Institutional Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 3: AREA OFFICERS' REPORTS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS. Trudi Harmon, Secretary, gave a report on the various duties connect with the job of Secretary, estimating that the actual time given from April Assembly meeting to this meeting was seventeen (17) hours, which including taking Assembly minutes, checking sign-in sheet

for attendance, correct addresses and phone numbers, counting the number of GSR's in each district, number of copies each C/M wished; making rough draft of minutes; making stencil of minutes; stencil of agenda and roster changes; typing envelopes; running stencils and mailing; also this quarter included four (4) stencils of Questionnaire Answers, two (2) stencils on question of Two-Hatters and two (2) stencils of District Committeemen Survey, which eight (8) stencils ere run off and stapled.

DELEGATE: Genevieve Leher gave a report on the Twelve (12) Concepts of Service as used at the New York Conference as well as a brief run down on all topics discussed and their outcome, and urged all C/M to boost A.A. members to buy this final Silver Anniversary Conference Report, thus making that person a better informed member of A.A.

Re: Two-Hatters: The term to be dropped from A.A. literature and replaced with 'members employed in the alcoholism field'. Grapevine: Approved termination January 1, 1876 of Pay-as-You-Go plan for groups. Finance: Approved a suggested group contributions formula of 60% to central office, 30% to G.S.O. and 10% to G.S. area committee. Alaska: Tabled for one year Alaska's request to shift from Pacific U.S. to Western Canada. Special Purpose of Interest Groups: Conference recommended a two (2) year moratorium; that a listing could be made in the directory but not under a special heading. Big Book in paper back (sic: paperback): A feasibility study will be made on this.

Gene further stated she has copies of discussions on questions placed in the Ask It Basket for any committeeman wishing same.

JERRY F. asked for volunteers to assist in setting up next C/M meeting at Orange County Central Office. Reported and displayed the map requested by the Assembly showing district boundaries. Since this was a sizable task, he had it made up and spent \$58. For the assembled map (comes in four (4) pieces and fits in a case) and \$2. For the tape showing boundary lines.

SPECIAL REPORTS. Dave Hoss reported o a letter sent out to all groups in the desert area which described general service = resulting in the two local C/M and three new GSR's.

Lucetta DeY., Alternate Delegate, Southern California Area reported on an area function called H.O.W. (Hel Others Workshop) to be held Saturday, June 21 at San Marino Community Church = \$4.00 for lunch & coffee.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack Callahan made a suggestion that a Delegate be elected to serve a term of three (3) years = two (2) years as delegate and one (1) year as a past delegate to help the new delegate. Stated if this were actually taking the job for a three (3) year term, however, not to be considered an absolute must. Ed Forkin thought this is an excellent idea but felt it should be referred to Structure Committee before it was discussed at Assembly level. After discussion, it was decided that this suggestion be placed on the agenda for the General Assmelby meeting. Norm C. soaked that the cost of the ma be laced on the Agenda alos.

July 13, 1975

DELEGATE' REPORT. Gene L. stated she did not feel a report on the New York Conference was necessary in that it was printed in the intergroup bulletins. She did not embellish on a job description stating that it was written out in A.A. Service Manual. Suggested members read up on qualifications prior to Assembly of OCTOBER 12 at which time election will be held. Stated an eligible candidate should have a General Service background. That DCC are automatically eligible candidates, as well as Chairmen of Intergroup and Institutional Committee Not eligible of those presently holding come office is delegate. That the Third (3rd) Legacy procedure is used in that each will be asked at the time if they are willing to serve if elected. 9LATER discussion brought a motion that OUTGOING DCC as well as INCOMING DCC were eligible for election. (passed). With refernece to nominations from the floor, decided not to since this tends toward politicking. Also some past delegate will conduct the eelction and see to it that blackboard and chalk will be provided.)

Gene L. brought back tow copies of the BIOGRAPHY OF BILL WILSON by Robert Thompson. Movie rights already paid to Lois. Condense volume will appear in Reader's Digest.

Reported tat between now and next C/M meeting, she will send out information on a new idea of Mini Confernece throughout the Region. That the Pacific region would be the first to have such a mini J confernece and will not take the place of the Pacific Region Assmebly. The idea behind these mini conferneces is bsically to have a series of regional get togethers which would be attended by service personnel in each region, plus perhaps ten (10) people representing the General Service Board, i.e. 2-4 trustees, 2-4 staff members, one (1) from Grapevine, and one (1) from A.A. World Service. That for 25 years, A.A.'s from all over the U.S. have been coming to New York to listen to Board reports, to approve Board actions and advise the trustees as requested. They now feel it is time for the Board to reserve this, in that they will listen to our reports, answer our questions and talk to members throughout (sic: throughout) U.S. on a personal basis. Participants would consist of General Service personnel. Expense of service personnel from the region would be paid by the conference areas in that region. These mini conferences should provide getter communication between the general Service Board and grassroots A.A., as well as carry message to alcoholics everywhere. Reported that Bob Pearson, General Manager of A.A. World Services will be the speaker at the Southern California Convention and will be here prior to Convention. He is scheduled to speak at Saturday night meeting at Palm Desert, Portola & Fairway on October 18.

JERRY F. reported on the S.O.S. and Serv-a-thon's lack of attendance. To encourage more participation and taking consideration the expense factor, ideas were discussed at officers' meeting, i.e. as perhaps having one to four (1 to 4) districts conduct a SOS in their area along with a potluck. After much discussion, Stu N. stated he and Secretary were given the assignment to come up with some ideas and suggestions for C/M meeting in September. Motion made by Bob to table discussion until Stu and Trudi come up with the suggestions. Seconded & passed.

LUCETTA DeY. Alternate Delegate Southern California Area stated she attended **her** first SOS on the Queen Mary and used that SOS as a basis for their function = AN AREA INVENTORY, H.O.W. = which was held June 21 in San Marino. That 200 people attended; A.A. women cooked their A.A. luncheon which was brought in from outside. They ended their program with two films.

DISTRICT INVENTORY. Gene L. reported on this questionnaire available to DCC and LCM's to be used by them to survey the health of their groups in their district. That Goldene had come up with the questions which officers' approved or changed & then mimeographed.

ANOTHER DISCUSSION on who was eligible to vote, eligible for election, etc. Also that some delegate will conduct the election and see to it backboard and chalk were provided, At this time, it was moved and seconded and passed that OUTGOING district C/M as well as INCOMING district committee chairmen from the floor, it was brought out this would tend toward politicking.

GRAPEVINE REPORT. Ed F. attended the grapevine meeting in Denver. Stressed that any A.A. is invited to submit articles to the grapevine; that the editors may change a word or two, but if worthwhile, it will be published, Stressed that members SUBSCRIBE!

MAD DOG DAYS (sic: MAAD DOG DAZE) IN AUGUST. George b. of District 9 reported on a three day convention = AUGUST 8, 9, 10 at the Indio Fairgrounds which will be FREE (they will take up collections at each meeting and have a KITTY for coffee). Invited all.

MASS INSTITUTIONAL MEETING OF HARBOR AREA. To be held August 24 at 1 P.M. at SIMA PARK in Bellflower.

JIM H. OF ORANGE COUNTY INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE: reported on conference to be held August 3 at CHINO; also the banquet for the Institution for Women on Saturday, August 16, at \$3.50 each.

JACK H. of Inland Empire Intergroup thanked all who participated in the 8th annual PICNIC to make is a success.

August x, 1975

September 14, 1975

CHAIRMAN's REPORT. Jerry F. reported he attended a few district meetings and reported all had increased in size od attendance. Attended two (2) institutional committee meetings and some intergroups. Stated an article will appear in the Lifeline announcing a district committee meeting 9District 12) on the last Saturday of the month at the Laguna Canyon Club. (This being suggested by the Structural Committee). Jerry F. will contact as many of the GSR's as he has and invite them to this district meeting.

DELEGATE'S REPORT. Gene L. stated she received back some of the questionnaires, but has not had opportunity to over them; this jin (sic: in) reference to the mini conference. Felt it was important to think on more sides of the question. In the discussion which followed, it was ascertained that the Inland Empire Workshop were against the mini conference and the manner in which it was presented. John McA. Was opposed due to expense involved & not giving the delegate the job o planning the meeting in the are involved; that the grass roots of area could better be served locally. Ed F. felt it had good merit but felt issue should be tabled at this time until we had an opportunity to analyze. Chuck C. stated that prior to the death of Bill W. and Bob, he felt mini conferences were in order so that the grass roots could meet them, felt that the only time international was warranted was when an issue was involved, i.e. Traditions & Third (3rd) Legacy. Could see no reason why we should add to the expense to the general service program; can see no great accomplishment by such mini conference. Jack C. (D(istrict). 10) said his district felt the letter from Jack Norris was only asking for an opinion on this kind of mini conference concept; that if held, even the GSR's as observes (sic: observers) could learn, thereby becoming LCM's, DCC's or delegates. If the mini conference was a total waste, then it would be discontinued. Denver C. said his district were in favor, but he felt that the line of communication would not be improved enough to go along with it. Ellery S. stated that since the Pacific region Conference was stirring up interest by exchanging ideas with different areas and establishing better communication, and since this kind of conference does not transact any business, it had merit. Did not detect any plot to take over. Felt we tended to distrust too much. Felt that its cost and the way it was planned, he did not know how valuable it would be.

Jerry F. made reference to the Second (2nd) Tradition. Has heard such comments on distrust and power structure, but he had always found GSO very helpful; felt that as trusted servants, they were just trying to help us, but also felt that one should be restricted. That is had stated clearly it would not replace the Conference. Gene S.O.S. felt that to get to the pulse of local people, it should not be held so far away the grass roots could not afford to go. Clara C. said her group conscience had voiced the opinion as to where it would all end; that if these mini conferences got out of hand and were held all over the world, the price of literature would certainly go up again, since the cost of travel was coming out of the Literature Fun (sic: Fund). Odene S. said it sounded like a plan to get closer to us; he trusted GSO and if he did not, then he would have to write them and let them know.

Gene L. stated she would prepare a report for Stan W. and give him the comments of the members. Mentioned that the first regional mini conference would be held for the Southeast Region this Fall and the second (2nd) would be held right after first of the year for the west Central Region, and on the basis and outcome of these two regions, it would be submitted at the Next new York Conference in April.

Gene L. continued with her report: #1 = that the 1976 General Service Conference would be held April 19 to 24; Theme will be Sponsorship. Agenda topics should be submitted by October 1.

#2 = Election will be held October 12 Assembly in Fontana. Responsibility of DCC to see that all group SRs be present to cast their votes.

#3 = Urged each district to make note of meetings at which bob Pearson, General Manager at GSO will be. Saturday, October 18 in Palm Desert. Sunday, October 19 at Costa Mesa. October 25 at Bakersfield Southern California Convention.

#4 = “Lucky Deuce Foundation” who has been distributing literature incorporating much of A.A.’s copyrighted material, were contacted by A.A.’s attorney, and they have terminated their existence as a corporate entity. They will be known as American Traffic Health Foundation and if their new literature continue to use A.A. copyrighted material, member to bring it to her attention.

#5 - Reported on the success of the MAD DOG DAYS (sic: MAAD DOG DAZE) in Indio.

#6 – Reported that the new revision of the A.A. Service Manual will be available about the first (1st) of the year. Stated she is member of the Conference Literature Committee and is going over the revised copy of a new pamphlet on Sponsorship and the Twelfth (12th) Step Call.

#7 = GSO has asked for permission to adapt our GSR packet = WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT, authored by Goldene L. To be added to Conference Kits for the next annual conference.

SOS CHAIRMAN. Jerry F. announced the appointment of Jack C. (D(istrict).10) as the SOS. Chairman and a motion was made and seconded (2nd) to accept the appointment, pending approval of the General Assembly.

Stu N. then discussed the suggested outline for conducting future S.O.S. events, so that interest and attendance would be stimulated. Also to keep the cost down so that members can afford to attend.

Jerry again reminded the committeemen on the qualifications of area officers as outlined in the Service Manual. A request has been made by the Southern California Convention to man the general information booth on Sunday in Bakersfield by Md-Southern California Area members. Also that the Assembly would decide on the location of meetings in 1976. Personally, he felt the locations now were in order. Also the dates of the 1976 meetings would be selected.

NEW OR OLD BUSNIESS. None

October 12, 1975

4. Delegates report Genevieve L. Discussed the mini conference; the contention re the present guidelines covering the scope of the Pacific Region Service Assembly; the recommendations made by Trustees’ Nominating Committee for ways to reduce the number of trustee candidates at future General Service Conferences; the fact that our Assembly has not had opportunity to discuss as to whether the ‘Rights of Appeal and Peition” covered in Concept 5 of the 12 Concepts for World Service should be made a part of the General Service Conference Charter; the lack of input from the Area on Agenda Topics, therefore, proposing two (2) topics, i.e. exploration of need for regional directories, and pre-arranged sponsorship for alcoholics about to be released from hospital treatment centers & correctional facilities. The two questions submitted to her,

i.e. regarding International Conventions, and the distribution of the book “Bill W.” (sic: Bill W.) were forwarded to GSO.

5. Future location of General Assembly meetings. It was voted to defer the voting on this for six (6) months and to continue meeting in Fontana.

6. Elections were held by Third (3rd) Legacy procedure up until the last three positions and there were held by simple majority.

New officers as follows:

- Delegate Jerry Frolich
- Alternate Delegate Goldene Lahann
- Chairman Denver Colvin
- Treasurer Elizabeth Outler
- Secretary Patti McClean

7. Institutional director Denver C. gave announcement of their upcoming elections at the next scheduled committee meeting. Bob gave report on G.S.R. Workshop
Jim H. gave report on Institutional committee & upcoming elections.

November x, 1975

December 14, 1975

CHARIMAN’S REPORT. Jerry F. said that his quarterly visits were very encouraging in that he had seen much growth in all districts and had seen a great improvement of interest shown in the last two years. Felt this was due to the outgoing delegate’s tremendous amount of work put in the last two years with the help of all present area officers. Also the time put in by Clyde Davis, Ellery Stowell, Odene Smith and Harry Griffith in setting up an area structure. Thanked the representatives for their cooperation the past two years.

NEW DELEGATE. Jerry F. before turning his Area Chairman job over to Denver Colvin asked he committeemen to appoint Gene L. as Chairman of the 1976 General Service Meeting at the Southern California Convention in Anaheim in 1976. Approved.

NEW AREA CHAIRMAN. Denver thanked all for their vote of confidence and presented Goldene L. as Alternate Delegate, Elizabeth Outler as Treasurer and Patti McClean as Secretary. At this time, Patti expressed her sorrow in not being able to fulfill her position as Secretary in that her personal circumstances at the present time were such that she could not devote the great amount of time needed as Secretary to do a good job. Denver expressed our disappointment and regret stating this would have to be placed on the January Assembly Agenda.

NEW LOCATION. Bob S. moved that the Committeemen continue to meet at the Orange County Central Office for the next two (2) years. Seconded (2nd) & passed. Dates are: Second (2nd) Sunday of the month preceding the Assembly meeting, which are: MARCH 14, JUNE 13, SEPTEMBER 12, DECEMBER 12. Time is the same = 1:30 p.m.

MINI CONFERENCE. A tremendous amount of discussion because of a wide conflict or differences of opinion. Seems to stem from the fact that this subject was introduced prematurely at the Denver Convention and the trustee of our region sending out a premature questionnaire. The original idea was that maybe it would be helpful if representatives of the General Service Board, the GSO staff and A. A. W. S. Inc. could come into the regions and have direct contact with the so-called "grass roots" of the fellowship. At the time of the questionnaire, no concrete information was had as to where the money was to come from to defray the expenses, nor was any other concrete information available. Therefore this confusion and conflict. Insofar as one piece of information that 10 people would be sent here, this is not true. What was meant was that 10 people would be available but NOT all come here. Insofar as bringing their families too, this is not true either. Gene stated that this subject will be brought up at the April Conference in New York and more information would be available when Jerry returned. As stated in the Quarterly Report from GSO, Dec. 75 issue, the first mini conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia Dec. 5, 6, and 7. That 234 registrations had been received (at that time) from every southeastern state, which represented 94 GSR's, 35 DCC, 24 area com. officers, 35 delegates and past delegates, 5 trustees and past trustees and 3 central officers, and 38 observers (group members). It was felt that this Area should wait to see the outcome before we attempted to schedule one in this area. At this time, Jan Dickerson made a motion that we table all discussion and activity on the mini conference until after the delegate goes to New York and finds out exactly what the action there was and what the participation was and what good was derived out of the mini conference. 2nd by Dave Hoss. After much discussion, motion passed; 38 for and 5 against.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT. Goldene reported on familiarizing herself with the Pacific Region Service Assembly and the guidelines which were originally drawn up. Gave a brief history since 1968. Stated there appears to be a feeling that this body would at some time gain status of a legislative body. Stated this was not the original intent = which was to exchange ideas and bring unity to the Pacific area, and not vote on any issue. An Advisory Action resulting from the 1975 General Service Conference stated that "regional meetings of delegates and past delegates and trustees (should) be encouraged on the basis of fellowship, but (the Policy and Admissions Committee) further recommended that no actions be taken at these meetings." This matter is sure to be discussed at the next Pacific Region Service Assembly in Tucson in March 1976.

RE: REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES FOR FUTURE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCES. This is in essence as reported on page 34 of the 1975 Final report of the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference held in New York. That a new procedure be adopted in the election at future Conferences of Class B 9alcoholic) general service trustees – U.S./Canada = subject to the approval of the Conference; that each Conference area may elect one candidate, or two or more areas may jointly propose a single candidate via third (3rd) Legacy procedure; that resumes of all candidates will be reviewed for eligibility by the trustees' nominating committee; that delegates from each region will caucus prior to the election (using Third (3rd) Legacy procedure) to reduce THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO ONE EACH IN THE U.S. and two each in the Canadian regions. A maximum of six candidates for general services

trustee = U.S. and a maximum of four candidates for general service trustees = Canada, will be presented to the voting members of the Conference for election; and that voting members of the Conference be all delegates from the electing country (U.S. or Canada) and all members of the trustees' Nominating Committee.

RE: RIGHTS OF APPEAL & PETITION ADDED TO OUR CONFERENCE CHARTER. This subject was brought up at the 1975 Conference as to whether the Rights of Appeal and Petition covered in Concept 5 of the Twelve (12) Concepts for World Service should now be made a part of the general Service Conference Charter as recommended by Bill W. some years ago. Concept 5 is: Throughout our World Service Structure, a traditional right of appeal ought to prevail thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petition for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered. Jerry F. felt that every service body had some kind of minority opinion which was vital so that we could see the other side of the coin and which was also an essential part of a governing body. He was in favor and stated that the delegate was also in favor.

RE: 1980 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SITE. It was the opinion of the committeemen that we bid for it to be held here in Anaheim.

At this time, Jack Callahan brought up the original procedure for selecting trustees. It was explained to him what the new intent was. That there are thirteen (13) areas in the Pacific Region, five (5) in California alone. Nominating Committee writes up the specifications which are sent out. This region can only nominate one. The idea is to present six qualified ones according to the specifications so that they can vote for one.

Jerry commented on the \$525. Which was sent to New York and a discussion followed as to perhaps checking into our own needs first, this following a comment on furnishing some literature to the new institutional meeting in Coachella Valley, thus causing comments that central offices need money, districts need money and other institutional meetings. It was felt each group should be self-supporting, however in our eService Manual, it states that the Assembly can assist an institutional committee that was in dire need of literature. Finally District 9 stated that the Coachella Valley Institutional Committee was financially capable of handling it themselves.

NEW BUSINESS. A question came up wherein District 6C wanted to form their own new district. It was felt that since we have an area structure committee, this should be first submitted to them in writing. Dennis made a motion that an LCM be recognized as an LCM in the district and have a vote, however, a motion was finally made to place on the Assembly Agenda that District 6C be recognized as a separate district. 2nd by Odene. Passed.

Jack C. made a motion that we place before the General Assembly a proposal to have longer. Assembly Meetings, i.e., starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. Seconded and passed.

DCM – District Committeemen
LCM – Local Committeemen

At this time it was also moved and seconded that we place on the Agenda for the General Assembly to increase the contingency fee for the delegate to New York from \$75. to \$150. Also to approve the amount of expenses for the del gate and alternate to go to the Pacific Region Conference in Tucson. Passed.

January 11, 1976

1. Jerry asked for a motion to approve the following three appointments: The appointment of Gene L. as Chairman of the 1976 General Service Meeting at the Southern California Convention in Anaheim in 1976, also Gene to be appointed as GRAPEVINE representative for the Mod-Southern California Area. Also, the appointment of Lois W. as Secretary of the Area Assembly for the next two years, Motion made and seconded to approve these appointments.
2. In an effort to comply with the advisory actions, recommended in the 1975 Conference Report, under Institutions (page 43, Item #2) Jerry made the following recommendation – that Sarah Pierce be invited to attend and participate in the State H. & I. Conference to be held in Fresno in May. He felt this was a very informative and interesting Conference. Sarah could describe the services available from G.S.O. and it could be very informative to her and to G.S.O. as well. It would indicate to H.&I. Committees, General Service interest and support. The approximate cost would be about \$500.00. this might be shared with the four assembly areas in the state if approved by them. There is a possibility the General Service Office may pay a portion of the expense. After considerable discussion, a motion as made, seconded and approved that the Mid-Southern California Area have \$100.00 available for this recommendation.
3. Jerry forwarded a bid from the City of Anaheim, to the General Service Office for the 1980 International Convention. San Francisco and Los Angeles are under consideration.
4. Jerry also has a questionnaire which he prepared and which was distributed to the various District Chairmen to be passed on to the various groups. The questionnaire will give him a better understanding of some of the problems and questions faced by the groups.
5. He has a report on the Mini Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia on December 5th, 6th and 7th. Copies of this report are attached to these minutes.
6. possibility of extending length of time of meeting from next general Assembly.
7. Jerry passed out a list of Agenda topics to District Committee Chairmen for a three minute presentation at our next Assembly.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOS CHAIRMAN – JACK C.

Jack reported that plans for the SOS are progressing rapidly. They are planning to return to the original concept of the SOS with a Workshop Program. They are planning to get experienced, knowledgeable, dedicated workers to act as Moderators at Workshop tables. Jack will have more to report on this shortly.

AREA STRUCTURE CHAIRMAN – ELLERY S.

Ellery S. reported that nothing vital coming up but mentioned that we should try and keep our Assembly's a brisk and businesslike as possible. He stressed that one way this could be met was for All general Service Representatives to be informed and advised of what is going on, this is the responsibility of the District Committee Chairmen.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made and seconded that Contingency Fund for Delegate to New York be raised from \$75.00 to no more than \$150.00. Passed by the Assembly.
2. Motion made and seconded that expenses for the Delegate to Pacific Region Assembly in Tucson in the amount of \$179.47 be approved. Passed by Assembly.
3. Motion was made and seconded that expenses for the Alternate Delegate to the Pacific Region Assembly in Tucson in the amount of \$179.47 be approved. Passed by the Assembly.

Recognition of Proposed District 6C

Ellery S., Chairman of the Traditions and policy Committee stated that action should not be taken on this proposal today. It should be reported to the Traditions and Policy Committee and a written report be made by this Committee. He felt a study of this situation would be helpful.

Motion was made that we table this discussion and refer it to the Area Structure Committee. Seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made to raise the prudent reserve from \$2,000 to \$3,000. After considerable discussion, an amendment was made to the motion to freeze the money over the prudent reserve at the present time until a study can be made which will be presented to the general Assembly. This amended motion was seconded and passed by the Assembly.

Gene L. mad a recommendation that consideration be given to sending copies of the minutes of the general Assembly and Committeemen's meetings to all groups in the Md-Southern California Area as one way of disseminating information and working towards cooperation.

Motion was made for future Assemblies to convene at 10:00 AM and last until no later than 4:00 PM. Seconded and approved by the Assembly.

Dave H. closed the meeting with a very pertinent idea. We are elected delegates, and it is not necessary for us to go back to our groups for every nit picking thing that comes up. If a person doesn't like the long hours, they do not belong in General Service.

February x, 1976

March 14, 1976

Darlene L. has been working on a pamphlet which would be addressed chiefly to young alcoholics showing them what A.A. has to offer them as a way of life. Darlene has been conducting a survey and the results of some of the questions were quite interesting.

Phil Petty spoke to us on A.A. and the Courts. He stressed that more and more people are being sent to A.A. because of its good rate of success. He discussed briefly the problems

of the Court Card, and what the attitude of the Secretary of a Group is or should be and how it affects our Traditions. He is trying to give us some idea of what we should expect and also, he would like some suggestions. If we have anything pertinent, he suggest we write to him at West Orange County Municipal Court, 8144 Westminster Blvd., Westminster.

SOS Report

Goldene L. reported that it is too late in the year to plan for a Symposium of Service but they are working on a Servathon to be held in July. She will give us more information on this later.

Grapevine Representative

Gene L. gave a report on the Pacific Region Assembly in Tucson. Approximately 500 people attended this Assembly and found it most informative. Gene advised that the Southern California Convention would be held in Anaheim, October 1,2, and 3, 1976. At the present time she is hoping to have Mary Ellen Welsh from New York and the three Southern California Delegates. The delegates will discuss briefly these three topics:

1. Why the General Service Conference
2. What will happen in the near future in General Service and
3. Projections and possible Agenda topics for 1977.

At this point, Denver introduced Lucetta D. the Los Angeles Alternate Delegate, who spoke briefly.

In closing, Denver mentioned the one thing he had heard constantly at Tucson on the floor and in the panels was the sending of "rehabilitated personnel" from the jails and hospitals, and how we could meet this problem with the desire to share and help.

April 11, 1976

Jim reported briefly on the H and I Conference. As far as the rooms are concerned, please see him if you are planning to go. The theme of the Conference is "Service and Unity Through Recovery". This will contain information on how we carry the message to the suffering alcoholic in hospitals and institutions. Sarah P., from the New York Office, will be one of the speakers along with Doctor Paul (O.) and Bud G. There will be Panel Discussions, with the last thirty minutes thrown open to questions from the floor with "mikes" being used.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND OTHER OFFICERS

Peter gave a very fine talk on sponsorship stressing the fact that in response to a questionnaire in 1971, the majority of those questioned did not feel that sponsorship was changing. However, two years ago in response to a questionnaire, 65% of those questioned felt that sponsorship was changing, if not declining, and is practically non-existent. If this is so, Peter emphasized that it is urgent we do something about it. Sponsorship is still very helpful but the quality and quantity varies with the locality. Some of this maybe due to the rapid growth of A.A. in some areas. Peter stressed that

general education of the membership lies ahead. This is something, he, for his part, is going to discuss with his group, and feels this is something that should be brought up at the District Committee Meetings.

In reply to a question from the floor, Gene L. reported that a new pamphlet in connection with this phase of A.A. is in the works.

2. Should A.A. World Service participate in the distribution of the book “Bill W.” – Jan C.

Jan reported that this issue is really closed now because of the results of Orange County and Los Angeles County Intergroups voted overwhelmingly “No”. This is a violation of the “no outside enterprise” tradition and while the book can be purchase from GSO in New York, the group conscience seems to be much opposed in MSCA.

5. To what extent should we encourage A.A. members to work as volunteers for agencies in the alcoholism field – Gene S.

In his talk, Gene stressed that fact that the most important point about a person who is a member of A.A. working for agencies in this field is the maturity of the individual involved. There is no objection, with reservations, if he is ready and matured enough. The most successful method has been A.A., however, other people may do it through a different path.

6. Right of Appeal – Mary V.

In checking with people while preparing her talk, Mary found the general idea was “You mean we haven’t had it all along?”. We find that very often something passed by one assembly will be changed or withdrawn by another assembly. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that, if possible, it should be incorporated in the Charter.

8. The role of the General Service Delegate and how to get the service message of his area. – Pen S.

Pen gave a brief history of the General Service Delegate. At the 1955 Convention, a resolution was passed that the general Service Conference is the VOICE of the people. The Delegate is a member of the Conference, The important thing is that HE IS THERE and he will carry the message back to the local level. By the same token, he will carry the message from the local Conference to the General Service Conference. He is our voice in the General Service Conference, We must make our ideas know to him.

9. Back to Basics – are we getting away from A.A. basics? Are we keeping A.A. alive and well – Dave H.

Dave gave a very fine talk. He stressed that fact that a lot depends on the individual group. A lot of the A.A. basics are Believing Based on Experience. A person in a group,

of an individual group, can, through a study of the Steps, the Concepts, the Big Book and by the sharing of experiences can accept what they have handed down. A study of these tools, a constant sharing of the experiences of the A.A. members in the group, plus a group inventory at certain times can keep individual meetings strictly to the basics.

10. A.A. in Hospitals – Jack

Jack felt better approaches might be worked out this this problem. At the present time if a person who is hospitalized can be totally involved with A.A., he has a better chance of making it when he is released. If outside meetings plus hospital meetings are made mandatory, a person will find themselves becoming involved. If we can get them into A.A. before they leave the hospital, this may give them a way to go when they are released. If a person likes it, he will stay. The question of “repeats” in hospitals came up. The fact remains that we are carrying the message and we may help a person released from a hospital. Jerry mentioned that a home group might sponsor a hospital. Also, he commented that the General Assembly should consider a Committee for cooperating with the professional community.

11. Do we need specialized literature to carry the A.A. message – Bob

Bob stressed the fact that nothing in his District indicated the need for more literature. He said we may possibly have too much. One thing that is needed is more communication between the General Assembly and Intergroups and H and I Committees. This is something that we are stressing more and more in MSCA and his District is happy to see this.

12. The problems involved in sponsoring people coming to A.A. from Treatment centers, court programs, etc. – Hal M.

Hal has been active at South Coast Community Hospital, and is familiar with St. Jude’s, St. Joseph’s, and Beverly Manor. One of the biggest problems is the dependency a person develops for his hospital, his doctor or his psyciastrist (sic: psychiatrist). One of our big problems is to make a person from a hospital feel at home and to substitute the particular group for a hospital or doctor.

13. The Grapevine – How can we encourage our members to read and subscribe? – Art W.

Many people are ignorant of the benefits to be derived from the Grapevine. He also suggested the reading of Conference approved literature. Also, many groups make the Grapevine available to their members, either by subscribing, and selling the issues, or giving subscriptions to new members.

14. Handling of Prudent Reserve – Lloyd N.

Lloyd commented that his District feels the Officers are coming too far and there are too many newsletters sent out now.

Suggestion of Nevada Delegate the General Service board consist entirely of Alcoholic Trustees, with recommendations of Trustees Nominating Committee – Clyde D.

Clyde gave a brief history of this situation. In the beginning the Board was largely composed on non-alcoholic members. In trying to get contributions for New York, Bill felt that by adding alcoholic member of A.A. t the Board, the response might be better. Clyde suggested that perhaps the Board, the Staff, and the Delegates should take an inventory to determine what would be the proper steps to take in this matter. We will always need the advise (sic: advice) of a non-alcoholic, if nothing else, but to stand up for use in public.

Pre-Arranged Sponsorship of Alcoholics about to be released from Hospitals – Jim H.

Jim talked briefly about the TCR program (temporary Community Release). Guidelines and criteria have been written at a Symposium held in Sacramento with the Department of Corrections. If a person has 90 days or less to serve, an interested member of A.A. can pick him hp and take him to an outside meeting get him back before 12 (midnight). He MUST be picked up by the A.A. member. There are four channels of screenings that he must go through. He must go through the Administration. With this idea in mind, once he gets out of the institution he will know where to go. Jim will have more to report on this later.

Principal of Rotation in Institutional Committee’s Personnel – Tom S.

H and I panels begin with the individuals. Chairman of the Institutional Committee may be responsible for one to four nights at the institution. It seems to work best if that Panel Chairman has a good solid foundation with the particular institution, with different leaders and members participating in the panel, with the members rotating. As a general rule, if the Chairmen have long service on the panel and the members rotate, it seems to work better, Tom commented that one of their Panel Chairmen has 15 years of service with one institution.

The comment was made from the floor that this is very well but we have to guard against complacency on the part of someone with this much service.

Is there a Need for a Questionnaire directed to young People – Randy K.

Randy’s word to us on this was “proceed with caution”. The remark was made to him that young people are a not a special interest group, they are alcoholics and they want to belong. He feels that this is something we should consider very carefully before we proceed.

Traditions and Policy Committee – Ellery S.

Ellery reported on the last TAP meeting. This Committee feels that the Districts are the key to a healthy area structure. Some of the things discussed were:

1. Workshop for new District Committeemen
2. Presentation and Programs members can participate in.
3. Agendas for General Service Conference. Workshops in the Moring.

Report on Servathon – Lloyd N.

The Servathon will be held July 17 at the garden Grove Club from 9:00 (a.m.) to 3:00 (p.m.). Right now Lloyd needs volunteers so contact him if you are willing to participate in the Servathon. Lloyd Needham, 33727 Bethel St., Hemet,. Phone 714-926-1484.

There was on Old Business.

New Business

1. Brochure “What’s It All About”. Goldene has recommended that this pamphlet be printed in brochure form and she ahs received a bid from a Printer to print just at paper cost. The motion was made, seconded and passed that Goldene go ahead and get this printed for distribution to new GSR’s.
2. The matter of the Prudent Reserve – This was tabled until such time as we find out what the printing costs on the Brochure will be.

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June 13, 1976

Area Chairman – Denver C.

Denver wished to call attention to the fact that in MSCA we have a Parliamentarian. He is here at our convenience and to help and advise (sic: advice). He is not an Assembly Officer. He does not set up policy or tradition and is here in an advisory position only. There may have been some misunderstanding of this due to the fact that he is Chairman of the Policy and Traditions Committee.

Alternate Delegate – Goldene L.

The pamphlet “What’s It All About” will be ready this week. She will have it for the General Assembly meeting in July.

Delegate – Jerry F.

1. Jerry prepared a packet of information relative to the General Service Conference in New York. This covers all the General Service Advisory Actions plus the breakdown of the individual reports, conferences, panels and workshops. Jerry stressed that we should study these reports so we will be fully advised of what the General Service Conference is recommending.
2. Some of the points he mentioned briefly:
 - a. Is GSO getting too powerful?

- b. The problem of dependency on many people released from institutions on the particular institution rather than A.A.
 - c. Next Conference Theme – “Responsibility of the Group”
3. Possibility of MSCA getting out a Newsletter to make more groups aware of what is going on and disseminating more information.
 4. Be prepared to discuss Prudent Reserve at Assembly. Suggestions made by TAP Committee on bottom of last Agenda for Committeemen’s Meeting.
 5. Possibility of more active publicity for A.A. Packets 9Sample of which Jerry presented to go to every Hospital and Jail telling What A.A. is, Where it is (Directory of Meetings) and When (Meeting Times).
 6. Other things to be considered: A letter to every Doctor in the District and Newspaper articles four times a year, also to re-activate a Public Information Bureau at the Area level.

Lucetta D. made the comment here that in the Los Angeles Area, the Districts have made a point of putting the Big Book in every Library.

Also, Denver C. commented that the harbor Area has people who attend the H&I meetings and report back on the District level. He mentioned the fine newsletter put out by Peter B. in District 1 and that Districts 1, 2 and 12 are particularly active in this area. Denver stressed that You as a member of a group may invite a lay person (Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief, etc.) to an Open Meeting, remembering co-operation and not affiliation.

Report from Gene Lehar – General Service Committee for the Southern California Conference to be held in Anaheim

Gene reported the first planning committee meeting will be held June 27th. Mary Ellen Welch from New York is to be a speaker at the Convention, also the three delegates from the Southern California Area will be speakers. Gene mentioned a new Guideline which has been issued by GSO titled “Forming Local Committees on Cooperation with local Professional People” issued in April 1976.

She also mentioned a great many of the informal aids puts (sic: put) out by GRAPEVINE and also, her great interest in seeing some of us have stories printed in the GRAPEVINE. Gene’s enthusiasim (sic: enthusiasm) for this project led many of us to put on our thinking caps.

Special Presentation

Karen ? made a special presentation of the “Affects of Alcoholism on Family Member”.

This was a highly interesting talk on family members and how alcoholism affect the whole family. She stressed thee main points: Mate selection = How an individual will recreate his home and family situation by choosing a mate that recreates this situation. In many cases, the daughter of an alcoholic marries an alcoholic. Patterns = Set up by the couple to reinforce the home situation that they have left. Breaking out of these patterns

= When one person tries to change the situation by becoming a member of A.A., and the problems that evolve from changing the life cycle. Her point was that as alcoholism progresses the family regresses within itself, and that we, as alcoholics, will get well by being around well people.

Dave H. gave an outstanding presentation of what it means to him to be a Committeemen.

Dave stressed that we are trusted servants, we do not govern. He recalled when he first started in service he was having no end of difficulty and found it was because he was trying to govern, so now he tries “attraction rather than promotion”.

He stressed that it is important that District Committeemen realize their importance in carrying the information on all aspects of A.A. to their groups and Local Committeemen. Many people are unaware that we have three legacies: Recovery, Unity, and Service. Most people are interested in recovery only.

Dave said that maybe we should think about getting people into A.A. before they hit bottom. Also, that potential GSR's and Secretarys (sic: Secretaries) be mad aware of what alcoholism is and our structure and organization.

Old Business

1. Denver again called our attendance to the Prudent Reserve. Please be prepared to discussion at the General Assembly.
2. Bill R. from Long Beach brought up the question of court cards in his area. Considerable discussion was held on this, with the consensus being that the Steering Committee and the Secretary of each group should be able to handle this problem. This is a continuing and current question which needs clarification at regular intervals.
3. Lloyd N. reported on the Servathon. They need volunteers and had not to (sic: too) good a response. Please let Lloyd know if he can count on you. Lloyd Needham, 33727 Bethel St., Hemet. Date: July 17th.

July 11, 1976

Old Business

Prudent Reserve – After considerable discussion on various of the points in the seven point program, motion was made by Jan D. and seconded that the Prudent Reserve be raised to \$3,000.00 and the different programs be implemented as needed. This was passed by the Assembly.

The Assembly considered Point 1 – “All Funds in excess of our prudent Reserve be disbursed at the end of the first quarter only.” Motion was made and seconded to do this and it was passed by the Assembly.

Point 4 – The mailing of Area Minutes to every group and GSR in the Mid -Southern California Area. This was voted down by the Assembly as the DCM's are now passing this information on and it is not needed at the present time.

2. Motion was made and seconded by the Assembly that the next Assembly Meeting will be held on SEPTEMBER 26th, in order to take advantage of the visit of Mary Ellen W. from New York. The Assembly voted to furnish the meat the (sic: that) the potluck luncheon will be provided by the members attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Availability of funds in the Districts for Public Information Literature – to be taken up at next Assembly.

The Assembly approved the appointment of Rob Wilson, District Committeeman for District 7.

Presentation – Hospital and Institutional Committees

Clyde D., former delegate, spoke on Principals before Personalities. Clyde gave an outstanding presentation of the possibility of the H & I Committees rejoining the local Central (Intergroup) Committees. The main point of his talk was the idea that the H and I Committee should be restored to all groups.

Lola – of the Harbor Area Institutional Committee shared her experience. She sees a definite need for separate Institutional Meetings from the Group Meetings.

Maxine G. of the same Committee, also shared with us. She stressed the Hand I Committee are the only place where you may be aware of changes in the format and presentations of the individual programs.

Clyde, Lola and Maxine all gave outstanding presentations and they gave the Assembly some food for thought. The research and preparation that went into these presentations made the Assembly as a whole aware of the dedication and love which these three people bring to their individual programs.

Jerry closed by observing there should be a blending of cooperation between the Intergroups and H&I Committees and this is something we can work on in the future.

Denver stressed the importance of the H and I Conference where a definite attempt is being made to further cooperation between the services.

August x, 1976

September 12, 1976

2. Briefly discussed the possibility of making a \$500.00 contribution to the Southern California Convention. Jan D. reported that District 2 is very much in favor of this. Jerry wants a group conscience on this for the Assembly meeting.
3. Area Newsletter – Jerry had a sample prepared of the Newsletter he would like distributed to all groups in the MSCA. It has been found that contributions increase when there is a Newsletter, also it is an excellent means of communicating with those groups that have no GSR. Jerry asked that the sample be taken back to the groups, that group conscience be consulted and a decision reached at the Assembly.
4. Starter Kit – Jerry suggested a Starter Kit by the MSCA to all new GSR's. The kit will consist of a letter of welcome, the "A.A. Group", "The GSR", "The GSO", "What's It All About", Service manual, "Twelve Concepts", Advisory Actions, copies of some of the Guidelines, Group Information Flow Chart, and "A Penny A Day for Sobriety". Jerry stressed that this action by the MSCA would give continuity and standardization to the work plus giving needed aid to the new GSR's.
5. Possibility of a census being taken next year in determining our contributions to GSO.
6. Literature rack to be distributed in all available places, Doctors offices, hospitals, etc. This could be a good effort for Districts on PI and CPC.
7. The need for volunteers to man the General Service booth at the Convention. Please seen Denver if you can give some time.
8. Nomination for Trustee – Jerry would like us to come to a decision about this at the December Committeemen's meeting. He will have copies of the forms at the Assembly and wants DCM's to go back to the groups with this.

Special Reports

Jan D. will be in charge of the SOS which will be held in February, She asked for volunteers at this meeting and will have more to report on this later. Denver reported that Clyde D. requested his letter to the Assembly Officers be read in full at the next Assembly which will be done.

Old Business

Dave H. Spoke in favor of continuing the Assembly meetings in Fontana. We seem to be reaching more people by meeting in Fontana and more are making an effort to attend.

Ellery S. questioned the need for starting the Assembly meetings at 10:00 a.m. Dave H. spoke in favor of the earlier time, again stressing one Sunday out of thirteen.

October 6, 1976

The Committeemen's meeting will be held on December 12th at the Orange County Central Office. Among the things brought up for discussion by Jerry were the following:

1. Southern California Convention – Considerable discussion was held on how we can get information into the hands of the DCC's and GSR's regarding the financial aspects of this year's (sic: year's) convention. This seems to be what caused most of the discussion on last year's convention, mainly because the Committee was somewhat reluctant to issue a financial report. This is something the majority of the Officers feel should be done as a matter of course.
2. The Assembly, at its last session on September 2th, gave authorization to the Officers to begin the distribution of the Newsletter on a trial basis. There was considerable discussion on the best methods of getting started. Hal M. will take charge of the preparation and writing of the newsletter, but the best method of preparation and distribution will have to be worked out as there are approximately 750 groups in the MSCA. It would seem advisable on the first issue to distribute it to the DCC's for distribution to all GSR's and Secretary's in their respective Districts. Jerry mentioned that New York will be getting out a new print out sheet for the Directory and this may tie in the correct names and address for each group.
3. The Assembly has also approved Starter Kits for new GSR's. Jerry has already had requests for these and would like to get some of these set up for the next Committeemen's meeting on December 12th.
4. Jerry wants to have two presentations at the next Committeemen's Meeting. There will be Clara C. speaking on 'the Formation of a District' and Sandy P. on 'how I Approach a New GSR'. This will, in turn, lead to a workshop for DCC's and GSR's at the January Assembly. This was instigated, in part, by Lloyd N.'s letter to Jerry asking for help in approaching and training GSR's. How do we go about it? The letter from Lloyd was very clear in spelling out the difficulties the DCC's face and looking to the Assembly for help and guidance.
5. Jerry would also like to have Lionel J. speak to us on Public Information, possibly at the January Assembly.
6. Denver also brought up the fact that Clyde D. is very anxious to have this letter read to the Assembly, and also Ellery S. has approached Denver for time from the Assembly to answer Clyde. This will have to be planned for, possibly in the January Assembly.
7. Another possibility that Denver suggested is a report from Peter B. on the work they are doing in District 1 on H and I. There is a possibility this could be given as a District report, however, it may warrant a special presentation.
8. Jerry mentioned that Hal M. felt the Assembly did not need to wait for him to be present to discuss the matter of the Assembly helping Districts that wish to pass material for PI to Doctors and Hospitals, etc. This will be brought up at the next Committeemen's meeting.

November x, 1976

December 12, 1976

Delegate – Jerry F.

reported on the new GSR kits and the Newsletter.

1. The GSR kits are being passed out to the DCC's as rapidly as possible. These seem to be moving very rapidly. In fact, Jerry brought 175 to this meeting, and they were promptly picked up. He asked that we consider a definite price on the kits, possibly a charge of 41.00 or \$1.75. this is something that should be discussed at District level. He suggests a uniform small charge for these.
2. The Newsletter is being distributed by the DCC's and the Officers. At the present time he is having 5,000 printed with 200 being sent to each District. The Harbor Area is including the newsletter in their own newsletter. Jerry would like to see the DCC's distribute copies to all Clubs, Central Offices and Hospitals and the Institutions in their area.
3. All DCC's and LCC's should get a copy of the GRAPEVINE blurbs so they can get up in a meeting and bring this to the attention of the group.
4. 20th Young People's convention will be held September 2, 3, and 4 in Houston.
5. Theme of the Conference in New York this year will be "THE A.A. GROUP".
6. Jerry discussed the Aninimity (sic: Anonymity) letter which is sent out by New York to the press and outside agencies there. He suggested that if this is not being done by the Central Offices here, maybe this is something we should do.
7. Jerry suggested that there were some hard feelings at the Southern California Convention business meeting because the financial report on the last years convention was not forthcoming. He suggested that his report be made before the old committee disbands. He also reported that the donations which the Harbor Area and Inland Empire Area made tot the Convention were returned to them as it was not needed.
8. He read a GSR preamble which one of our members had written which they would like to be used at all meetings worldwide.

OLD BUSINESS

Possibility of MSCA providing funds for PI work at District level. Jerry reviewed this program with us briefly. We have discussed placing pamphlets in Doctor's offices, hospitals, institutions, etc., with the cost for each District being born by the MSCA. Jerry wants the Districts to discuss this and prepared to present their viewpoints at the Assembly.

Also, he mentioned that every GSO should have a copy of the Guidelines. They can be obtained from Central Office.

New Business:

1. Jan asked for and received 4400, for preparation of S.O.S.
2. Denver asked that consideration be given by the groups to hold a mini-forum or conference in Southern California.

3. He also asked that the General Assembly in October be a two day Assembly as with the election and all the other business, fit is necessary. He asked tha the groups discuss this in their meetings.

Presentations

Sandy P. gave a very informative and interesting talk on some of the problems in obtaining and keeping GSR's. In attempting to coordinate her area, (6) she found many of the groups did not have GST's and they were almost impossible to contact. She has found that he District 5 Workshop which is being held on a monthly basis, and the GSR kits have been a big help to her. She also is attending Intergroup and making contact with some of the groups in her area this way. She has also found that well established groups will help in contacting other groups. The main problem is getting GSR's and keeping them. Regular District meetings are a big help.

Lionel J. gave a presentation on Public Information. What is our role in public information? In the Inland Empire, public information deals with courts and judges. The head of the County Alcoholism Service in San Bernardino County is very well acquainted with the problem. They have many calls from the Probation Department and the community services. Lionel contends that our friends speak for us what is left for us to do? If has to be done by individual contact, we offer our own experience, strength and hope. We've got to show them on an individual basis. This way we will reach more people and give them a clearer understanding of the A.A. program.

January 9, 1977

Old Business

1. Motion was made and seconded that the Assembly send \$200. To the General Service Office for the expenses of the Conference. This was passed by the Assembly.
2. Motion was made and seconded that the Assembly pay the expenses of the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate to attend the Pacific Regional Conference in Seattle. This will amount to approximately \$287.50 per person. This was passed by the Assembly.
3. Motion was made and seconded that the Assembly set aside \$150. Contingency Fund for the expenses of the Delegate while he is in New York. Passed by the Assembly.

New Business

1. Motion was made and seconded that the Assembly meetings for the next year be continued in Fontana. Passed by the Assembly.

Presentations

Goldene L. gave an outstanding presentation on the “general Service Schools”. She stressed that there is constant change with the Service Structure and the first thing a new GSR asks is “What Do I Do?”. We must give increased care, responsibility and education to our new GSR’s. Goldene feels that one way of helping them is through the GSR workshops which they can attend on a weekly or monthly basis, until they are oriented. GSR’s, in order to give the best possible service to their Groups, must be well informed and well educated. She suggests that they be set up in the Harbor Area, Orange Co(nty), and Inland Empire and these should be scheduled for the same time and same place so that people will get used to setting aside this night for the workshop.

Chuck P. from Palm Desert gave a presentation on the Alcohol Awareness program at Palm Desert. They have a thirteen-week program which they have set up through the hospitals and the courts, and this sponsored by the Palm Desert H and I committee. Some the topics they they (sic: they) will be discussing are: What is social drinking and what is alcoholism? The neurological aspects of drinking. Drinking and Senior Citizens. Law Enforcement, Professional Groups, Teachers and drinking. This was an outstanding presentation on how one District is handling their Public Information.

Hal M. gave the final presentation on PI. Hal stressed that we should do rather than talk. He gave us a short rundown on the PI that District 12 is doing. They were given the names of five Clergymen and these Ministers were confronted with a member of A.A. Hal stressed that PI work must be based on the conscience of the Conference. The basic responsibility for PI lies in the General Service Conference and the Area. We can start in a small way and by sharing our experience, strength and hope, give help to the sick alcoholic.

Comments from Pen S., suggest that we can break our anonymity at the “friendly” level. We know when we can do PI work at the personal level. Janice stressed that we not

forget and put down our literature, the interpretation of which is more valid than all our opinions.

February x, 1977

March x, 1977

April 3, 1977

Special Report – PRSA – Goldene L.

Goldene L., our Alternate Delegate, attended the PRSA in Seattle this year as a representative of the MSCA. Goldene has attended these Regional Conferences in the past but she stressed in her talk that the last two years, when she was sent as a representative of MSCA, the Conferences have been particularly meaningful to her. She had a detailed written report, with copies available for everyone interested, so she more or less gave use the highlights. The Conference Theme was the “A.A. Group”, as will be the General Service Assembly Theme in New York this year. All the presentations were based on the basic group structure and how we can become responsible members of a group. Goldene also mentioned that she would like to see the MSCA make a bid for the PRSA in 1979. Also, she announced the Southern California Convention would be held October 14th, 15th and 16th at the Queen Mary.

New Business

1. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the MSCA that Jerry make a bid to the General Service Conference for the PRSA to be held in our area in 1979. Other places having made bids are Santa Maria, (and) Alaska.
2. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed by the MSCA that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate be authorized to attend the PRSA in Hawaii next year. Reservations have to be made through Jerry as space is limited. The majority feels that two heads are better than one, and certainly the Alternate can relieve the Delegate of some of the responsibilities.
3. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Assembly to adopt the Preamble presented by Chuck S. This is to be read at the District Meetings, the General Assembly, and two area functions.
4. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Assembly to pay expenses of the Area Chairman to attend the H and I Conference in Fresno, may 6th, 7th and 8th.
5. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Assembly to pay expenses for any Districts that need it, for Newsletter Distribution.
This led to considerable discussion on the idea of help to the Districts for PI work, that is, these Districts that request it. The overwhelming idea of the Assembly was to get this settled one way or another as it has been on the Agenda for the last three or four Assemblys (sic: Assemblies).

Jerry stressed the point that we are not taking anything away from the Central Offices, when we go out as groups and do PI work, in fact, it is something that we should be doing. Also, this is merely giving the poorer districts money for postage, pamphlets, etc., whatever they might need.

6. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Assembly to provide funds to the Districts requesting it for funds for PI and whatever else needed to encourage more participation in service.

Special Presentations

Ron W. from District 12 gave a very fine (sic: fine) presentation on the First Concept. Ron stressed that the main idea of this concept is the continuation of our operation as a whole after the founders have gone. No group or individual should have authorization over another. This brought home to us very clearly the great ideas contained in the Concepts and our responsibility to know and study them.

Ellery S. gave a presentation on the Traditions. Ellery stressed their importance to the Districts and Group meetings. He urged us to read a Tradition in full at our group level so we will not lose these traditions and they will be familiar to us.

May x, 1977

June 12, 1977

Old Business

Fred Cooney gave a very fine report on the GSR School which was held in District 1 this past month. The theme was "A GSR – and Who Needs One".

New Business

1. Denver commented on the Preamble which will be brought up at the Assembly. It is proposed that this be read at all District and General Service Meetings.
2. Committee was set up consisting of Jack R., Pen S., and Chuck S. to investigate the cost of a projector for the MSCA and to report back at the next Assembly.

July 10, 1977

Denver C. welcomed the newcomers, and commented on the coming Southern California Area Convention. He gave a brief outline on current business (1) clarification of Court Cards – Letter to Courts printed in August 1977 Newsletter (2) Preamble.

Goldene L., Alternate Delegate, had rotation schedules and asked for corrections.

Jerry T., Delegate, introduced Art B., Long Beach, the first California Delegate to New York, who spoke briefly. Jerry also asked everyone to please print names and addresses so there will be mistakes in addresses for Newsletter. Jerry was very impressed with Darlene's profile on Young People in A.A. He also mentioned reduction in list prices for Big Book, etc. he announced Goldene will head General Service Meeting at Southern California Convention. He also went into some detail of his ideas pertaining to Pacific Regional Forum and Workshop and how we can benefit by supporting it. He also announced the Mid-Southern California Area now has 43 new groups. The response to literature in Doctor's Officers, etc., has been great. One piece in particular "Is There An

Alcoholic in Your Life” has gone very well. The Newsletter is being sent to other areas as well as other states. Jerry suggested DCM’s and LCM’s mail the reports and newsletters to groups with inactive GSR’s.

Old Business

1. Preamble – Passed by majority vote.
2. Court Cards – Clara C. made motion that the Assembly distribute letter to the Courts. Motion seconded and passed by majority vote. (Copy of letter in August 1977 Newsletter.)
3. Jerry asked for all Survey Reports to be turned in.

New Business

Election of Officers for MSCA will be October 9th, next Assembly. Denver suggested everyone read the Third legacy in the Service manual prior to election. A lengthy discussion followed regarding protocol. Ellery strongly suggested we vote according to established Assembly tradition with no changes at this time.

Art B., first Delegate, talked at length of the formation of General Service in this Area. Bill L., District 10, made motion for the Assembly to ok redistricting of District 10, with additions of District 15 and 16. Motion not seconded. Ellery suggested motion be tabled and studied. After considerable discussion, motion was passed by Assembly.

August 28, 1977

Old Business

The General Assembly and Election will be held October 9th, at the Buena Park Recreation Center, 8150 Knott Avenue., (just south of Freeway 91) in Buena Park, at 10:00 A.M. Jerry commented here that on the last Survey all 91 Conference Areas replied which was a first.

September x, 1977

October 9, 1977

The Election of Officers for the MSCA, which followed Third Legacy Tradition, strictly was under the direction of Ellery S., Past Delegate, assisted by Gene L., Past Delegate. Non-Voting Tellers assisting were Tom A., Bill H., Helen S., and Bill H.

The Officers were elected for the 1978-79 Assembly were as follows:

DELEGATE – Goldene L., Now Alternate Delegate
ALTERNAT DELGATE – Denver C., Now Area Chairman
AREA CHAIRMAN – Lionel J., Now Intergroup Chairman, Inland Empire
TREASUER – Clara C., Now DCC, District 11.
SECRETARY – Lois W., Now Secretary MSCA.

New Business

1. George R. from District 2 reported that “20 Questions” and “This is A.A.” were going over very well in the Hospitals were (sic: where) District 2 has distributed racks.
2. Jerry also reported at this point that Ellery S., would be willing to run for Trustee for the Pacific Region Area.
3. Formation of the C.P.C. Committee (Cooperation with Professional Community). At this point, Denver called on the various District Committeemen to give their reports on the feeling of their Districts to the formation of this Committee. (This had all been discussed very thoroughly at the DCC Meeting in Santa Ana and, at that time, DCC’s were asked to come to the Assembly prepared with input.) Various DCC’s reported. Susan S., #1, bill L., #15, Clara C., #11, Ron S., #13, John B., #9, Chuck S., #4, Sandy P., #6, Gene S., #5. All of these DC’s reported very favorably to the forming of the Traditions. This was passed by the Assembly. Denver also asked that the DCC’s give the names of all interested persons who want to serve on this Committee to him, so he will know who they are.

In this connection, Jerry had a copy of COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) which gives all the latest up to date information on this. He had passed out copies to the DCC’s and will get extra copies for interested parties so everyone will be aware of what the current status is.

4. Considerable discussion was held on the meeting place of the next Assembly. Motion was made by Lionel J. tat we meet here in January, (BP) [Buena Park] with the committee working on a possibility of going back to Fontana or Palm Springs after that. The motion was seconded and passed by the Assembly. The next Assembly will be meeting here, Buena Park Recreation Center, on January 8th. The next DCC Meeting will be December 11th at Organ Co(unt) Central Office.

November x, 1977

December 11, 1977

Old Business

1. CPC Program. Remember we need volunteers for this committee. Please counter your name to your DCC and let’s get going by next Assembly.

New Business

1. Goldene reported on the possibility of having bi-monthly District Meetings and in this way, taking the meetings to the GSR’s. We are not getting the GSR’s to the Assemblys (sic: Assemblies) as we should. She suggests that we consider regular DCC meetings bi-monthly- that would be six (6) times a year. One or two Districts would host, and all the DCC’s would come and any otherer GSR’s that wish to. The Host Districts would, in all probability, get their GSR’s out to a meeting locally. We have an SOS that would take the place of a pre-Conference Assembly. The Delegate could sit down and listen.

Goldene requested that we take this back to our District Meetings and Groups and see what the group conscience is and report back to the Assembly.

2. She announced that Jerry would continue with the Newsletter, Ellery S. with the GSR Schools and Clara is to be the CPC Chairman.
3. If you make a bid for the 1980 Pacific Regional Conference, it must be made by March and we must have a definite package.

January 8, 1978

Presentation and Re-Districting

Clyde D., former Delegate, presented a talk on Re-Districting. Clyde was involved in the fall of 1950 in the LA Area. At that time there were 17 Districts formed. In 1955 another Ad-hoc Committee was formed. In brief, they started out with a map of the entire District. Then they went to the World Directory and picked out all the groups registered with GSO. They then made a card with the name, meeting place, time, GSR and Secretary's names, if known. They checked with the Central Office and through the local Directory were able to pick up a great many groups that were not registered with GSO. They then put a pin on the map for each group. Each group was numbered for easy identification. (They had trouble with the Metropolitan Area with so many groups). They used marking maps and Clyde commented that many Districts automatically fell into shape with natural boundaries as streets, rivers, etc. Clyde went on to say 'When all else fails, follow directions.' They ended with approximately 8 to 10 groups in a District, possibly just 2 or 3 in a rural area and sometimes 20 or more in the metropolitan area. They should be of the size that the DCC can visit each group once a month. Up to 1950 Bill and Bob reported directly to the Board and in this way, the groups were in contact with the Trustees and the Trustees with the groups. However, in 1977 there were 19,240 groups registered in the U.D. and Canada and this would mean 19,240 GSR's, if every group had one. There were 1,900 DCC's. In the Service Manual, the GSR's meet once a month as a Committee and one is selected as the Area Chairman.

Clyde also stressed the (1) you may have one group with meetings seven nights a week or you may have (2) one location with seven different meetings Districts should be numerous. Also, if a Group is the middle of a District and wants to be in another District, it is free to do so even though it is a 'Gerrymandered' group. The GSR is the most important link. The uninformed cannot be responsible.

Clyde commented that they had two sets of cards, (1) a Master List with each Group numbered and (2) every District listed with the group names listed thereon. This way if the map is lost, or destroyed, the card file will help to set it up correctly. From time to time an ad-hoc committee should be set up to review the Districts. The integrity of the map is very important. He recommended that an ad-hoc committee be set up in MSCA to go into this. Jerry F. commented he felt the Districts should do it rather than an ad-hoc committee.

Clyde commented on the importance of regular District meetings so the GSR is informed on world wide matters. Also, the integrity of the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions will be kept up to offer recovery for alcoholics and to keep A.A. groups well informed.

Old Business

Bid for the Pacific Region Assembly in 1980. After considerable discussion about the possibility of Costa Mesa or Palm Springs, the Assembly empowered the Delegate, with

consultation with the other Officers, to present a proposal to the Conference that the 1980 Pacific Region Assembly be held in our MSCA. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business

Rescheduling Committee Meetings and Assemblies. The proposal was made to schedule six District Committee Meetings a year and three Assemblies. The District Committee Meetings would be held bi-monthly, at night. One or two Districts could go together and be the hosts. The DCC's of the entire MSCA would be expected (?_ encouraged (!) to attend and as many of all the GSR's from the entire MSCA as desired to attend.

The Assemblies would be held three times a year, (1) the SOS used as an Assembly for a pre-meeting prior to the Delegate going to New York (2) After the Delegate comes back from new York and (3) the Election Assembly.

After considerable discussion, it was moved and seconded that we try this suggestion of the Officers to have six District Committee Meetings and three Assemblies per year. This motion was passed by the Assembly. District 6 (Dyanne G.) volunteered to be the host Group for the first meeting which will be held possibly the end of February. The Secretary of the Assembly will send out notices advising of the date, time, meeting place and Agenda. This is for all DCC's and GSR's who wish to attend. Lionel J. asked that all discussion of this be curtailed until the actual first meeting the end of February.

Presentation of Special Purpose Groups

Judy R. made a very moving and complete presentation of Special Purpose Groups. I will not go into detail on this as it is primarily the same presentation she made to such good effect at the District Committeemen's Meeting in Santa Ana. I will be happy to send copies of those minutes to anyone who did not receive then and is interested. The main theme was that universal respect is our key to success. We should, in A.A., keep an open mind.

February 22, 1978

Special Reports

Gene L., the GV representative for the MSCA has found it necessary to resign due to the press of business. She gave a very good report from new York on various ways the GVR in each group can stimulate subscriptions and discussion about the Grapevine.

Hal M., the newsletter Editor, reported that he and Jerry put the March issue of the Newsletter to bed last night. (2-21) This Newsletter is written from the perspective of the A.A. member who doesn't know what service is. It may also serve as a supplement to a GSR report. They have included in this issue a phone number for each District, so that each group can contact the DCC if they are not getting the newsletter.

Clara C., the CPC Chairman, reported she is talking with orange county Central Office about the possibility of have a meeting in March. It will probably be on a Sunday afternoon and the Secretary, Lois W., will send notification to all DCC's so they can

notify their interested people, also she will advise all the people that signed up for this committee at the General Assembly in October.

Ben S., the SOS Chairman, reported the SOS will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 785 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, on April 1st from 10 to 5 PM. The Theme is "recovery Through Service". It will be a pot luck with casseroles, salads and deserts (sic: desserts) brought by the people attending, and therefore will be a charge of \$2.00. Ben is planning an interesting meeting and passed out flyers to the DCC's.

Old Business

1. Motion was mad and seconded by the DCC's that the following be presented at the next Assembly "That the MSCA make available an Area Directory of Special Interest Groups that is now not presently listed." This was passed by the DCC's and will go on the Agenda at the next Assembly.
2. It was suggested also that the short Form of the 12 Concepts be included in the '12 Concepts of World Service". Goldene commented that this could be accomplished either by writing direct to the Chairman of the Literature committee in New York or that she, Goldene, could take this directly to them when she goes in April.

New Business

Considerable discussion ensued on the new formation of the Committeemen's Meetings. The original plan was to have six Committeemen's meetings a year, one every second month, with the SOS in April being a pre-conference Assembly, the Servathon in June being another Assembly Meeting and having one Assembly in October. Everyone seemed to feel the bi-monthly Committeemen's Meeting are fine, but rather than have them at night, have them on a Sunday afternoon.

1. A motion as made, seconded and passed on the Committeemen that the Committeemen's meeting would be continued to be held on a bi-monthly basis on Sunday afternoon.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed on by the Committeemen that the Committeemen's Meetings would be continued to be held on a bi-monthly basis and at different locations. Move them around so everyone in a particular area will come.

A suggestion was made that the second Sunday of each bi-month be set aside for the Committeemen's Meetings, with a group of Districts cooperating. With this in mind will you kindly note the following which will be the schedule for the MSCA for 1978.

April 1 st	SOS – San Bernardino	Ben S., Chairman	Pre-Conference
May 14 th	Committeemen's Meting – district 1,2,3,4, and 13 hosting. (Fred C., George R., Frank S., Ed M., ad Jim C.)		
June 20 th	Servathon – Garden Grove Alano Club		
July 9 th	Committeemen's Meeting – District 8, 9, and 11 Hosting. (Ted M., John B., John H.)		
September 10 th	Committeemen's Meeting – Host districts will have been notified May 14 th .		
October 4 th	General Assembly		

November 12th Committeemen's Meeting – host Districts will have been notified
July 9th
January 14th Committeemen's Meeting – Host Districts will have been notified
September 10th

Please note these dates on your calendar.

March x, 1978

(no meeting scheduled)

April 1, 1978

SOS – San Bernardino

May 13, 1978

Servathon

Ray B., Chairman of the Servathon, reported on the meeting organizing the Servathon on May 4th, at which Denver C., and Lois W. attended. The Servathon will be on the 7th Tradition on Saturday, June 10th, from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Ray has assigned six Districts to work on the various questions and 5 past Delegates will serve as Moderators. Ray had 500 flyers made up (theses were distributed to the DCC's at this meeting) and urged, that all DCC's and GSR's make a special effort to spread the word. This event has no charge, everyone buys their own coffee and lunch.

Fiesta

Larry T., Chairman of the Fiesta, reported they are faced with a deficit of \$800, due to poor attendance. Among the outstanding comments that were made in the discussion which followed, was that of Jerry F. who pointed out that any Area functions are the responsibility of the Assembly and not just the District, and by Ellery S. who commented on the loss of area responsibility in functions of the MSCA. It is exceedingly doubtful that Orange County or Inland Empire were represented at the Fiesta. (NOTE) SHOULD THE LAST SENTENCE BE LEFT OUT? L. Also, Ellery stressed the lack of publicity for this and the SOS, which had an excellent program but poor attendance. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the members present that the Assembly underwrite the loss. Mention was made of the fact that the Inland Empire Workshop will pay back the money to the Assembly as soon as possible. The Treasurer was authorized to go ahead and pay this bill with the knowledge that the Inland Empire Workshop will make this good as soon as possible.

DCC Meeting – July 9th – Bob B. reported this will be held at 775 North D St., in San Bernardino.

DCC Meeting – September 10th – Host Districts will be Dyanne (6) and Vance (12) and meeting will probably be scheduled in Mission Viejo.

Delegate's report – General Service Conference – New York

Goldene L., Delegate, gave us a very complete report of the General Service Conference which she attended in New York. There were 91 Delegates and 21 Trustees attending this Conference. She was very impressed with the non-alcoholic Trustees because of their complete dedication is very apparent. Goldene served on the Finance Committee at the Conference and this was one of the highlights. Goldene commented that many of the Delegates do not have their Area conscience and she felt very good that she has had so much help from the area in this respect.

Some of the presentations included: A two minute talk from each Delegate on their particular area, and this seems to include the constant change which goes on in each area. Oklahoma gave a presentation on the relocation of the General Service Office. Dick S. from California also gave one the presentations on the role of the General Service Trustee.

The 1960 Convention in Long Beach film was also shown to the Conference. Goldene had mixed emotions about his film as she was living in Long Beach at the time and had not yet come to the program. The Conference voted no to release this film at the present time as it will just open another can of worms.

George D. was elected a Regional trustee. Our Ellery S. was one of the 12 Candidates. The Pacific Regional Convention in 1980 will be held at the Inn In The Park, in Anaheim, on February 29th, March 1 and 2. They have 850 rooms and ample meeting rooms for the Conference. The PRC will be held in 1979 in Reno, Nev(ada). Goldene will have more to report on the PCR for 1980 as the MSCA will be responsible and this means a lot of work.

They were shown footage on new films ‘Catching the Spirit’ which in a 1979 release, and the film strip ‘Circle of Love’. Goldene commented on the attitude of the Staff and the workers at GSO and how much they helped to make this a memorable conference for her.

She commented that the highlight of the trip was going out to “Stepping Stones” and meeting Lois,, who being “such a gracious lady” made the trip outstanding. Goldene’s description of Stepping Stones and the rooms and the Library were (sic: where) Bill lived and worked made it all come alive for all of us.

I cannot begin to attempt to present the joy and radiance and the complete happiness which Goldene had as she told us about this thrilling and interesting week. I only know that when she was through, I felt as though I had been there too.

It was a highly comprehensive, complete and thorough report and I’ve sure it gave all of us who heard it a good idea of what a Conference is like and what it means to a Delegate to attend.

June 20, 1978

Servathon – no motions – Garden Grove

July 8, 1978

Special Presentation – The Job of the GSR

Dyanne G., DCC of D6, and her group gave a presentation on the job of the GSR.

Dyanne commented that most people, when they become GSR's, have no idea of what the job is all about.

1. Sharon M. spoke on the main job of the GSR as being the person who makes sure the group is following the Traditions. She feels that by reading the 12 and 12, talking to other people in service, asking questions, she was able to understand her functions and responsibility as a GSR. A GSR should know the answers, should make themselves available for questions and they should be able to set a group straight. A spiritual basis is very important. They learn to keep personalities out and principles in. If they are able to answer questions as they go along, they gain an incredible amount of respect.
2. Judy spoke on the importance of sponsorship in getting people involved in service. A good sponsor will insist a person become involved in service. It involved a spiritual and an educational experience. This is what a GSR has to do. Service develops emotional stability in a person and also, service can involve one on a one-to-one level where a specific service is rendered. The important thing for new members of the program when they get involved in service is to stick it out.
3. Ray spoke on the specific problem of how you involve people in becoming GS's. Ray got involved when he was 4 months sober and it was an ego builder for him. His attitude changed as he got more involved in service and he came to realize how important it was for his sobriety.
4. Sandy spoke on the specific problem of making a monthly report to her group. She tries to listen and to communicate her knowledge to the group. She shares her information. She tries to get a small amount of information across to the group with a lot of enthusiasm.
5. Dyanne reported on the large amount of apathy a GSR has to overcome in the group. When she started in service she refused to read – she gradually asked questions and became better informed. She made a definite commitment to General Service and to A.A. She found what “I am responsible” really means.

Old Business

Goldene reported she and Denver had attended the Archives meeting in Los Angeles. She asked all people who know of any “old timers” to get their story or put Goldene in contact with them so she can get the record. This is very important for each individual to follow up.

Servathon

John reported a very fine Servathon with great cooperation from all speakers. He thanked everyone for their support. They had a profit of \$35.10.

PRSA

They had their first meeting for the PRSA which will be held in Anaheim next year. Goldene, who is the Chairman, will report more on this in the near future.

August x, 1978

(no meeting scheduled)

September 10, 1978

New Business

1. Bob S. asked that consideration be given to splitting the Mid Southern California Area into two sections – and how to go about it. The suggestion was made that he discuss this further with Goldene L., Ellery S., and Jerry F. before anything be done.
2. Proposal was made to increase the mileage for the Area Offices from 10¢ to 15¢ (\$0.10 to \$0.15) a mile. This will be brought up at the Assembly.
3. Discussion was held on the Regional Forum to be held in Sacramento on September 15th, 16th and 17th. The majority of the people attending this meeting would like to see a Forum held down in this area, however, the main purpose of the Forum is for Grass Roots A.A. to be able to communicate with Trustees and General Service Office Staff. Motion was made and passed by this Group that Goldene present a motion at the General Service Conference to request a Regional Forum in our area.

4. Clara called our attention to the proposed budget for MSCA. It consists of the following:

1979 Conference – New York	\$	300.00
1979 Delegate's Expenses – New York		150.00
1979 PRSA (Delegate's)		168.00
1979 PRSA (Alternate Delegate)		168.00
Newsletter – Six Months		1,050.00
Officers Expenses – (Includes Mail, Printing, travel, Phone for Area Expenses)		
Delegate		281.68
Alternate Delegate		300.58
Chairman		250.00
Secretary		425.71
Treasurer		362.09
CPC Committee		40.00
Assembly rent		75.00
CM Meeting Rent		66.00
Assembly Coffee, etc.		6.00
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	\$	3,642.06

This will be brought up in Area Assembly in October.

5. Proposal to have extra Assembly in May. This proposal would mean that the Assembly would meet in May after the Delegate returns from the Conference. She could then give her report to the Assembly as a whole, and other business of the Assembly could be transacted. This will be brought up at the Assembly in October. If approved, the Secretary will set up a list of the meetings for 1979 which will be sent out.

6. Ed Forkin was appointed Chairman of the S.O.S. for 1979. Announcement was made at the Committeemen's Meeting and Ed asked for our help on the S.O.S.

7. Clara C. reported that the CPC had a meeting on Saturday, September 9th, and had prepared the letter they had written to be sent to the judges and Hospitals of the three areas (Long Beach, orange County, and Inland Empire). A Master List of all the people on the CPC Committee will be sent to all three Offices. The CPC will not meet again until a sense of the letters can be taken, probably after the first of the year. The Secretary will advise the Committee when the meeting will take place.

8. Ellery S. presented his paper on "Right of Decision and Ultimate Authority in the MSCA". All DCC's are urged to read this paper and discuss it with their Districts before the Assembly when it will be presented, discussed and voted on. (The Secretary of the MSCA has extra copies of this paper so if any DCC wants them, please call her. 1-714-640-8598).

A Presentation was given by Ted M. of how to get a good District Meeting going. Ted has a very successful group and some very interesting things to say. The best reason to have a group meeting, is to have a well-informed group of GSR's that can go back to their groups with the information and get the input. In District 8 they have a regular format which they follow which has proved to be very helpful.

The main problem is to get the GSR's involved. If they are given responsibility, they seem to assume more responsibility and thrive on it. If you can make a GSR feel that he is a direct contact to GSO through his DCC and his Delegate, you will have accomplished a great deal.

Ted, at the present time, is having a presentation on the Traditions at his Meetings which is going very well. He also mentioned that importance of phone contact with each GSR to make sure they are aware of meetings. He called attention to his particular little address book with an information card on each GSR which has been helpful to him. He stressed the importance of getting each group to realize why they should have a GSR.

October 8, 1978

General Assembly

November 12, 1978

Old Business

1. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Group that the May Assembly be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Colton. This will be on May 13th.
2. January Committeemen's Meeting will be held in the Fleet Reserve Hall in san Pedro on January 14th at 1:30 PM. Frank S.'s committee will be the host. Secretary will send map to everyone.

3. March Committeemen's Meeting will be held in the Lake Elsinore Alano club at 155572 Brand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, Sunday, March 18th at 1:30 PM. Secretary will send a map to everyone.

New Business

Liz O. reported on the SOS for Ed F. it will be held February 17th at the Fountain Valley Community Center, 10200 Slater Ave., Fountain valley, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Theme is "Service Begins With Sponsorship" and the committee is working very hard to make this a success. The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29th, at Ed F.'s house at 7:30 (PM). All interested parties are urged to attend. Ed's address is 9200 Westminster Avenue, Sp. 105, Westminster, 92683.

Sharing Workshop

The Sharing Workshop was then held with Ellery S. as Moderator and Clyde D. as the main speaker. Clyde D. gave a very comprehensive talk on the group and General Service structure based on recovery, Unity, and Service. His main theme was the duties and responsibilities of the General Service Representative. He also gave us a lot of information on the Area Assembly Committee Structure and the District structure. The district structure should be small enough that all groups in the district can be easily contacted This was a very informative talk based on the group and tradition outlines as given in the service manual.

Ellery conducted the meeting with questions being asked from the floor. Open of the best items was the Suggested agenda for a District Committee meeting which was set up by Jerry F., our former Delegate. (This Agenda is attached to these minutes for every interested DCC.) Another important point brought up is that every group should be contacted by the DCC, either by phone or letter. If the group has no GSR, one should be elected, and the Secretary should attend the District Meetings if no GSR is available.

Personal contact with every GSR is very important. This is where the Newsletter can also be of a big help in making people aware of MSCA.

This sharing workshop was very informative and interesting and seemed to cover a lot of points that people were concerned about.

December x, 1978

(no meeting scheduled)

Motions 1979

Mid-Southern California Area 09 Panel 28

January 14, 1979

Old Business

Ray P. called attention to the Fact Sheet which is being put out by Orange County Central Office and if this was duplicating the efforts of the CPC Committee. Bob W., former Chairman of the Orange County Central Office, commented this would not interfere in any way as most contact on CPC are made originally with the Central Offices.

New Business

Jerry F. asked that consideration be given to the MSCA getting a projector. Lloyd N. and Ray P. volunteered to serve on this committee to find out about costs.

March 18, 1979

Old Business

The projector for the Area was brought up and, after considerable discussion, the group decided to table this. Ellery is going to find out where our projector is that we have at the present time.

April 22-28, 1979

GSC

May 13, 1979

Old Business

Possible combined effort with Southern California Area Archives.

Clyde D., former Delegate, gave a very interesting and comprehensive report on the roots of the archives in the Southern California area. The main purpose of the gathering together of records of the early days is that from this initial material we learn. If we do not learn from mistakes of the past, we will repeat them. At the present time, those Southern California Area has taken the responsibility to set up an Archives Committee. David Hall is the Chairman of this committee and they are using the AA Guidelines. General Service, H and I Committees, and Central Offices are all asked to contribute their early impressions. The committee is particularly interested in history and memories of A.A. in Southern California in the early days. Clyde urged us to get involved in this study.

After Clyde's very interesting presentation, there were questions from the floor and general discussion. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Assembly that we cooperate with the Southern California Area and help in any possible to gather archives and work with them.

May 19, 1979

GSR Annual Fiesta

June 16, 1979

Servathon

July 8, 1979

Committeemen Meeting

Old Business

Goldene reported she and Denver had attended the Archives meeting in Los Angeles. She asked all people who know of any “old timers” to get their story or put Goldene in contact with them so she can get the record. This is very important for each individual’s follow up.

New Business

1. Motion was made, and seconded and passed by the Committee that Goldene’s expenses to Sacramento be paid by MSCA.
2. In connection with the above, considerable discussion was held as to how much responsibility this group can assume and how much they are empowered to do. The same people are present and are voting as attending the Assembly, but many times these things cannot be held over until the Assembly meets. Suggestion was made that this be one of the points discussed at the Assembly in October. Also, Lionel J. asked Ellery S. to form a committee and look into this situation for a report to the Assembly.
3. Permittison (sic: Permission) was granted to District 6 to sub-divide – Gene M. will be DCC of Southern half. Tentative approval was given to forming District 18 pending approval of Assembly.
4. Motion was made, seconded and passed, that consideration be given to dispensing with the GSR Kits and going into Welcoming Kits as mentioned by Goldene above in Item 4.

Committeemen’s Meeting will be held at Orange County Central Office, September 10th, with District 6 and 12 hosting at 1:30 PM.

Walt C. gave a very interesting presentation on Anonymity. The group seemed to be in agreement with him that speaker should not give their full names in an A.A. meeting. The situation, place and time determines each individual’s right to divulge their own anonymity, never anyone else’s. He brought out some interesting thoughts on his subject and it was very well received.

September 9, 1979

Committee Meeting

New Business

SOS – Bob B. has been appointed Chairman of S.O.S. He asked for lots of help and volunteers for the S.O.S. He will have more on this later.

October 14, 1979

MSCA Election Assembly

Since this was an election assembly, the regular order of business was dispensed with and the Election got under way.

All of the present Officers gave a description of their job responsibilities and activities. The Election was carried out under the Third legacy.

Ellery S., Past Delegate, conducted the Election. John M., Past Delegate, and Lionel J., Past Area Chairman, were Tellers. Jerry F., past Delegate, was the ‘marksman’, and was chosen especially for his ‘clear handwriting on the blackboard’. An interested observer of the Election was out Trustee, George D. from Tiburon.

At the end of the Day, after the results had all been tallied, the following slate was elected for 1980-1981:

Delegate – Denver C., Long Beach
Alternate Delegate – Clara C., Colton
Area Chairman – Lois W., Corona del mar
Treasurer – Bob P., Fontana
Secretary – Dyanne G., Huntington Beach

The Special presentation of the day was the film “An Insider’s View of A.A.” with George D., leading a special question and answer period after the meeting. George will make a survey of the answers to his questions and this he will report back to GSO so that they will have information on the feelings of the various areas on this film.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that the next Assembly which will be held on Sunday, May 18th, to avoid conflict with Mother’s Day, will be held here at the knights of Columbus Hall in Colton.

November 11, 1979

Committee Meeting

Rotation of Officers

1. Jack H. announced that Jerry F. has asked to be free of the Newsletter and Goldene L. has volunteered to take over his place. Jack said there may be some other () but these will be announced later.

Re-Appointment of S.O.S. Chairman

Due to the fact that Bob B. was elected Treasurer of the MSCA, it was necessary to appoint a new S.O.S. Chairman, Cecil M., DCM from 10, has been appointed to (fill the) position.