

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ACTIONS  
FOR THE YEAR 1990

14 January, 1990, Assembly Actions:

1. Letter of recommendation for ICYPAA approved.
2. Public Information (PI) Guidelines adopted.
3. Chairpersons of Standing Committees elected:
  - a. Public Information: English Speaking: Jack Reilly  
Spanish Speaking: Manuel Ysaia
  - b. Cooperation with the Professional Community: Ron Jagodinski
  - c. Grapevine Chair: Susan McCanne
  - d. Convention Liaison Chairpersons:  
English Speaking: Andrew Birnbaum  
Spanish Speaking: Juan Torres
  - e. General Service Representatives (GSR) Schools Chair: Allan MacKenzie
3. Motion to withdraw the 12/10/89 ASC Motion requesting that GSO provide bi-lingual audio tapes of the Service Manual and 12 Concepts. Passed.
4. The motion that this Assembly approve the participation of our Area in the Tri-Area Committee was passed.
5. The 1990 proposed budget was passed.
6. The motion that \$100 be allowed each District to send one or more District members to PRAASA was passed.

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20 May, 1990, Assembly Actions:

1. Purchase of translation equipment (\$1995.55) was approved.
2. Long-term leasing of VCR video of "Bill's Own Story" and "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions" in English and Spanish at a cost of \$320 was passed.
3. An Area equipment lending policy was adopted.
4. The Area Secretary's duties as outlined in the Area Guidelines were changed to more closely reflect his/her actual performance.
5. The Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC) proposed Guidelines were adopted.
6. The request for funds (\$2,050) to be supplied by the MSCA for an Archives Display was passed.
7. The Assembly recognized the new Spanish-speaking District 22.

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9 September, 1990, Assembly Actions:

1. Letter of recommendation for ACYPAA approved.
2. Funding help to PRAASA for one representative from each District and each Standing Committee where there is a Roundtable at PRAASA, to be taken from the Supplemental Budget, was passed.
3. The Assembly recognized the new District 31.

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**January 13, 1991**

1. The 1991 Operating budget: Larry T., Chairman, made certain that everyone had a copy of the 1991 budget that had been previously corrected and accepted by the Finance Committee, the officers' Board, and the December ASC Meeting attendees. He asked for questions or explanations; there were none. There was also no discussion. The motion: 1991 operating budget be approved as submitted passed unanimously.
2. Tri-Area P.I., ad hoc committee. ASC motion: Assembly approve scripts and \$2000.00 for production of Tri-Area public service Announcements.

PJ explained about the Public Information 3-Area ad hoc committee which was formed for producing some 10 and 30 second T.V. Public Service Announcements. These are pointed at the very young alcoholic and the senior citizen alcoholic since these two groups are not covered by any of the Public Service Announcements available from our New York Office. The total cost of producing these is about \$4500; our share would be \$1500. PJ cautioned us that delay in accepting our share of the cost and approving the scripts might result in the production people who are eager to go, becoming tired of waiting, and the committee would have to start again selecting a producer, etc.

After some discussion, it was agreed to vote on the money to finance the project first. The vote showed a substantial vote in favor of allowing \$2000 for this project. A small minority opposed (sic: opposed), but when given the opportunity, no one had any comments to make on his/her opposition. The question arose as to where the money would come from, and Dick B. answered that the supplemental Budget has about \$13,000 to be used for items like this.

Mike D., DCMC, District 15, asked whether the ad hoc committee had discussed closed captions for the deaf, and PJ answered that the committee had not met since the subject was brought up at the Dec., ASC Meeting but that the next meeting of the committee would be on Jan. 27 following the 4-Area DCM sharing session. 1

Linda C., Registrar, spoke highly of the project.

Allan McK., Dist. 2 & 13, commented that he was "having trouble with the use of space and equipment by KABC",

Copies of these PSAs will be available to New York and each of the other Areas will receive a copy,

APPROVING THE SCRIPTS: PJ said he was unable to get Murray from So. Cal, Area to come to read and explain the scripts to us, so PJ was forced to do it. He did it very well so that these 10 sec. and 30 sec. spots' characters and their lines, plus the graphics and announcer's lines were understood by the Assembly. The main objection, voiced by

Helen a., was that she had trouble understanding what was meant when the "voice" said, "Alcoholism didn't care about..," some thought it would have been preferable for it to say,

"Alcohol didn't care about.", Sarah K, called for a vote of confidence on the scripts as written. The vote on acceptance of the scripts as written was unanimous except for one vote by Helen B., who reiterated her objection as cited in this paragraph. Passed.

(At this point, your secretary would like to interject the fact that the mike at the podium was operating and recording fairly well, but the mikes in the audience were dead. But I will continue the best I can - the old- fashioned way - taking notes which for obvious reasons are not as complete as from taping when the equipment is operating well,)

- 3. District 15 deaf interpreting: ASC Motion; The hearing impaired meetings in adjoining Districts be incorporated in District 15 and that MSCA compensate District 15 for the cost of an interpreter for the monthly District meetings pertaining to Area business. The vote was a majority in favor. There were a few who opposed the motion. Passed.**

Mike D., DCMC Dist. 15, explained the need for the interpreters at his District Meeting. He explained that at times they can secure some-one who would charge less, but the Dale MacIntosh center can always be relied upon for an interpreter for the deaf at \$26 per hour with a 2-hr. minimum. This cost is too high for his district to pay on a regular basis, and they need Area assistance. When the vote was called for, the majority was in favor, There were a very few who opposed the motion. Passed

- 4. District 23. ASC motion: that MSCA recognize as District 23. those Spanish-speaking Qropp5 in Districts 8, 11, 14. 12 and 19. Motion passed.**

Manuel Y., Alt DCMC Dist. 20, introduced Al P., the new DCM for the proposed Dist. 23, Al P. introduced other officers of the new Dist. 23 including the Alt DCM, Juan P. In all, 19 members of this district were present and introduced (see the district attendance at the end of these minutes). Following the introductions, there was a huge applause of welcome to this new Spanish-speaking District. Their final and enthusiastic acceptance was recognized by the unanimous vote by raise of hands.

5. Poll Assembly concerning questionnaire from area 87 (Quebec), as presented at the Oct. ASC Meeting, The following pamphlets all have questionnaires in them: "20 Questions", "Is AA For You?", "Memo to an Inmate who May Be Alcoholic", "Message to the Teenager", "Young People in AA", "AA for women", "AA for the Gay or Lesbian Alcoholic".

PJ took a pole on the following questions asked by the Area 87 Dele- gate. Questions and our voting results are as follows:

<1> Have the groups in your Area ever faced the problems of too many different questionnaires in AA literature? 1 Yes vote/ Rest No

<2> Do you think we can revise these questionnaires? No 01 All Yes

<3> Do you think we should adopt only one questionnaire? Yes o /All No

6. other old business: None.

1. PRAASA funding: The Area Board recommends \$100.00 be made available from the Area supplemental Budget, to one representative from each District, and each Area Standing

Committee where there is a PRAASA Round Table> to help fund their attendance at PRAASA in Tucson. Arizona, March, 1991.

a. Franks., Past Delegate, brought up the suggestion that the committee representative get \$300 and that \$100 be allowed for representation from each District, Much discussion ensued.

b. Al P., DCM Dist. 23 talked about renting a 15-passenger van to transport his District members wishing to attend, thus cutting costs.

c. Mary Ann R., DCMC Dist. 6, located a plane which would charge only \$40 to Phoenix and \$30 would cover travel from Phoenix to Tucson. Thus 4 persons could travel for the price of one.

d. Linda c., Area Registrar, explained the evolution of financing Officers, District Reps, and committee Reps. to the PRAASA.

e. Dick B., Treasurer, said that only \$1200 of the possible \$2300 was used last year. \$100 was allowed each District, but we had not voted to send any Area standing committee representation at that time.

f. others speaking on the motion were Virginia a., Manuel Y., and Mary Ann w.

Fred B, from Dist. 1 called for the vote The motion passed unanimously,

2. Hosting the Symposium of Service (S.O.S.): Dist. 7 has graciously and enthusiastically volunteered to host the 1991 S.O.S. to be held on March 23, 1991.

3, Nomination and election of the GSR schools chairman. Allan MacK, is resigning since he is moving shortly thus opening the position for nomination and vote by the Area Assembly.

a) Manuel v. questioned whether this committee could include a Spanish-speaking co-chair and made a motion to this effect. The vote was unanimous except for one vote.

Ron P. said hg apposed on the basis that co-chairs would be locked into the same format which might not be compatible. Manuel, however, felt that the same information would be used for both but presented in different languages. Al P. spoke in favor of accepting the vote.

b) Elaine s. was nominated by Virginia B. but declined the nomination.

c) Al P. was nominated by Manuel Y. for the Spanish-speaking co-chair and accepted the nomination.

d) Dennis F. nominated Virginia B, who declined.

e) since we did not seem to be able to select an English-speaking co- Chair, and Al P. made it clear that he would be unable to go to all of the Districts <English and Spanish-speaking>, he suggested that we follow the pattern of the so. cal. Area Assembly and have this committee also meet prior to Assemblies and ASC Meetings,

f) Linda C., Registrar, made a motion that we table this matter until the apart has a chance to discuss it, the vote was unanimous that we table the election of GSR schools chairperson(s).

4. Bob, a representative for the A,C,Y.P,A,A,, requested our Assembly to write a letter of support for the Los Angeles Chapter to host their 1992 convention, Liz will type of a letter of support, send it to PJ for his signature and then mail it to Bob, ACYPAA will be in Jan., 1991 on the 8th, 9th, and 10th, The motion to write a letter of support for AQYPAA was made by Dennis F., and the vote was unanimously in favor.

5. Mary Ann w. made a request for a list of our Past Delegates and addresses. She was asked to check by phone with Liz o. about this. In the phone call, Liz learned the Mary Ann had seen an article in the So. Cal, Assembly Newsletter requesting information regarding their Past Delegates' current addresses, Cin Oct., 1990, our Past Delegate, Maxine c., received a request from Ruth J., Pacific Regional Past trustee, asking for a list of all of the Mid-so. Cal, Area Past Delegates with either their current address or the date of their death, Maxine sent these to her. Ruth J, is compiling information for a History of the Pacific Region for the Archives.]

### **February 10, 1991**

- Motion; The Board recommends that the Servathon and ASC Meetings be listed on a rotating district schedule, Districts could decline their rotation in which case the next district would have the opportunity to host. The motion passed with 42 ves, 3 no. and 2 abstention votes.
- The English-speaking Liaison chair has been vacated by Mary Ann w. Nominations are open. Scott R., Alternate, said he could not continue after the Orange County Convention. No nominations.
- **Motion: To purchase 16 more translation receivers and/or equipment.** The motion passed unanimously.
- Jim S., DCM District 12C, requested an agenda of conference topics be supplied to the districts so they can discuss it prior to the S.O.S. PJ answered that question by saying that his report covered as much and even more than will be available before the conference.

### **March 10, 1991**

- Proposed rotation schedule for ASC meetings, S.O.S., and Servathon. Jim C. was asked to explain how we can go about this. Jim said the Board came up with the idea that we divide the Area into three divisions: Western <Dists: 1, 2 & 13, 3, 4, 6, 7, 21>, Central <Dists: 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20>, and Eastern <Dists: 9, 11, 14, 19, 22, 23, 30, 31>. Each of these divisions would rotate, as would the districts. The starting district in each division would be decided by a drawing from the hat.

Ron P. asked how far in advance would this be drawn, and Jim said probably for two years. Ron said that their district would probably need 6 months to locate a large enough meeting hall. This needs to be put in the form of a motion. Ron made **a motion that we accept the idea of rotation and asks that it be worded according to Jim's proposal. seconded.**

Sam McC. brought up the problem that since Servathons and S.O.S. are usually on sat. whereas the ASC meetings are on Sunday, the space and preparation for them are much different.

- **Motion: It is recommended by the Area Service Committee Meeting to recommend to the Assembly to accept the rotation schedule as outlined by Jim C. for the ASC, Servathon, and S.O.S. meetings for the future.**

Jim called for the question and it passed by a substantial majority. Speaking for the opposition were Kay, Dist(ri)ct 6, Sarah K., Dist(ri)ct 12, Robert, Dist(ri)ct 6. Manuel wanted districts 20 & 21 / 22 & 23 to be grouped together for hosting. Mike D., Dist(ri)ct 15, felt that if a district is selected and does not wish to host, that a volunteer district should be allowed that opportunity. May Ann R., Dist(ri)ct 6, would prefer using a system of bidding.

Jim announced to the meeting that anyone who had voted in favor of the motion could reintroduce another motion to change it. No response.

- Cynthia C., Dist. 7, asked for the Area's approval for a redistricting she said that the groups in the city of Cypress relate better to North Orange County than South Orange County. The groups in Cypress are all registered but they do not want to send their GSRs to District 7. District 7 sent their papers on to Dist. 10 which is willing to take them. Cynthia made a motion that the city of Cypress be removed from District 7 boundaries and be included within the boundaries of District 10. Speaking in favor of the motion were Linda C., and Rita M, (the DCM for Cypress). Jim, Alt. DCM for District 10, felt that "not relating" was insufficient reason for going through the reregistration. Eddie A., DCMC Dist. 7, felt that the Cypress groups should be allowed to belong to whatever district they choose. Scott R., DCMC, said Dist. 10 is willing to accept them. Larry called for the vote and re-read the motion. Added to the motion with Cynthia's approval were the words, with the groups' concurrence. The vote was unanimous with just one opposing it. The single opposing vote did not speak to his opposition.

- Alan Roulston, DCMC, Dist. 1, asks that our Delegate take back to the conference in NY the recommendation that the Grapevine start producing medallions. For the panel at PRAASA in which Alan participated entitled "Drunk Junk", he found out that our trustees in NY felt that AA should not start producing these materials. Yet each one of them in had a medallion in his pocket, and shared how important these medallions were to his own sobriety and that they had come from their home groups, etc.

Recently AA lawyers sat down with Hazelden lawyers and another group producing these medallions, and the end product is that these medallions are not available anymore. We are not allowed to produce that circle and triangle replica. Alan's personal opinion is that he wants these medallions. Now if our copyrights and our registered trademark are not all owed to be produced by an outside organization (cooperation and affiliation involved), then it is time that the Grapevine start producing medallions. our Grapevine is already producing the daily calendars, and Alan feels it is time that we also start to produce these items, and he would like to see it come up on the floor.

P.J. says that since we do not have an Assembly before the conference,

it will be impossible to take a group conscience on this item unless it is taken back to the districts and a group conscience secured at the district. Then if each of the districts would write PJ a letter regarding this, it would give him the opportunity to take it to NY as an area conscience.

PJ will be flying to NY on the 13th of April. Larry T. pointed out that a reply could be either opposed to or for Alan's medallion proposal.

- Larry said that since our Area is hosting the 4-Area DCM Sharing session next year, we need a District to host it. District 12, and District 1 volunteered. Further discussion will take place at the Officers' meeting.

### April x, 1991

SOS/Pre-Conference – no motions

### May 19, 1991

Meeting Rotation. Motion: ASC Meetings. the SOS. and Servathon will be hosted by Districts on a rotating basis with District 1. 2. 3. 4, 6. 1 and 21 to be in the western Division; Districts 5. e. 10. 12. 15. 11. 10, and 20 in the central Division;. and District 9. 11, 14. 12, 22. 23, Jo. and 31 in the Eastern Division. Districts will be asked in numerical order in that Division until one accepts. Each ASC Meeting. SOS, and Servathon will rotate from Division to Division beginning with the Western, then the Central, then the Eastern. In the event of a split of a District. both will remain in the same Division, both will remain in the same Division.

Manuel V. made a motion to add an amendment that District 20 be changed from the central to the western Division so that District 20 and District 21 could work together and be counted as one and Districts 22 and 23 be counted as one District in the Eastern Division when hosting an Area Meeting. Seconded, The amendment passed unanimously. Discussion: Charlie B., Dist. 9, asked as to when a district declined the opportunity to host, who could be asked next? Larry T, answered that it would be the next District in the Division. since there was no more discussion, the vote was called for. **The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous except for two votes. Neither wished to speak to the opposition.**

The rotation will start with the Feb, 1992 meeting. The drawing as to which District in each Division should start first resulted in Dist. 1 in the western Div.; Dist. 18, central; and Dist. 9, Eastern.

**Motion; The city of Cypress be removed from District 1 boundaries and be included within the boundaries of District 10 with the groups concurrence.** There was no discussion on this matter. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Motion: to purchase fifteen (15) or more translation receivers and/or equipment. Discussion: Lona from District 15, wondered where the money was coming from since the financial statement at the end of the first (1<sup>ST</sup>) Quarter showed a very small bank balance. Larry replied that at present we have over \$4000 plus some undeposited contributions.

Al P., Dist(ri)ct) 23 said that with four (4) Spanish-speaking Districts, more equipment is needed; today fourteen (14) receivers are being used. But this equipment is also used at many other A.A. functions where simultaneous translation is desirable (sic: desirable). It was used at the at the H & I Conf(erence) this past weekend, with a need for 40 receivers, we had only fifteen (15). This equipment can also be used for translation into English at Spanish meetings

and at discussion meetings such as the workshops on Controversial Topics at the H&I Conf(ernece). All of the Spanish Districts are in favor of purchasing this equipment if funds are available.

Dick C., Dist(ri)ct 2 requested that there be a financial report prior to voting on the next three issues.

Dennis F., H&I Intergroup Liaison, said that since we really need it, let's vote it in.

Dick B., Area Treasure (sic: Treasurer), would like to table the motion until we get an exact cost. He reported that as of March 31, we have a balance of \$21 in the checking Acc(oun)t, with \$4000 in the prudent reserve. Donations are coming in "at a good clip". Our negative cash flow for the first Quarter, (which due to PRAASA is our financially hearviest (sic: heaviest) time) was less that (sic: than) we had expected. The supplemental budget will start and continue to build back up during the rest of the year. Dick B. feels that Districts should become self-supporting and pay their own way to PRAASA. We seem to be coming out OK, but we should not get too far ahead of ourselves in spending money since donations from the groups are unpredictable.

Jim H., Sec(etary) Dist(ri)ct 15, and also involved with the Spanish-speaking groups in Distr(ri)ct 21, says tat this equipment was used at PRAASA, and we needed more. The need is great, and we should give this serious consideration. He agreed that an exact price would be prudent before acting on this motion.

Penny W. DCMC Dist(ri)ct 8, Fred, and Charlie spoke in favor of the motion. Bob W. from Dst(ri)ct 14 suggested that we could specify an amount not to be exceeded, in order to pass this motion.

Jim C., Alt(ernate) Del(egate), explained supplemental Budget stating that we have not yet spent about \$4000 of our Supplemental budget for this year. He pointed out how the Spanish Dist(ri)cts have been very supportive of the area. Sy H. figured that this equipment would cost less than \$2000, and also pointed out that when money is needed in A.A., it is forthcoming. He has been in situations where he could not understand Spanish. He said that we're all in this because we are sick, and we're not so sick we can't afford to spend \$1900.

Manuel had the persons using our present equipment stand up and gave an excellent pitch in favor of more equipment.

Charlie suggested that we allow \$2000 for as much equipment as that will provide. Larry asked how many were in favor of putting a \$1000 limit on the motion. The response was substantial. Dick B. says that the Spanish people have been contributing very well on a group basis. Expenses of \$1150 were submitted today against the \$2400, and there are more bills coming in which could amount to at least 41500. The hearing impaired have also be submitting bills for an signer for various functions. We must the prudent enough to wait until we have sufficient funds.

Larry T., Chairman, explained about why we have a supplemental fund. He also told about a financial problem in Hawaii where more money was spent that they had, such that they went bankrupt. We must guard against that.

Linda C., Area registrar, explained about "Cash Flow". The Area Officers will make the decision as to when it is prudent to purchase these things after the motion is passed.

Rob spoke in favor of the motion assuring us that money is forthcoming when needed in A.A. Penny W. also spoke again in favor.

Larry T. brought the motion up for vote and reread the motion including the amendment which was voted on:

Motion: To purchase fifteen (15) or more translation receivers and/or equipment with a limit of \$2000. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous except for two votes. The minority indicated that their vote was cast in accordance with their district's instructions.

Motion: To increase the grapevine Committee Budget for this year from \$200 to \$600.

Discussion: Susan McC., Grapevine Committee Chair, said that she is sending a minimum of \$25 per month for postage and printing for the committee only. Money is also needed for display boards as shown at the rear of the room – several of them at about 420 each to be placed in different locations to lessen transporting a single one here and there. There was no more discussion. Larry T. called for the question. The vote was unanimous except for two votes. They were voting their District conscience.

Motion: To rent the former Inland Empire Central Office in Colton for Displays and proper storage of Archival material.

Discussion: John P., Chairman of the Archives Committee, said that since the I.E. Central Office has moved, their former office next door to their new place, a free standing building, has become available to rent. The Archives Committee has a wealth of historical items and information which are of no use to us, because they are stored in an attic over the O.C. Central Office. A great advantage is that Goldene L., past delegate with 25 years sobriety and involvement in general Service for most of those years, works in the I.E. Central Office and is very knowledgeable about the M.S.C.A. and A.A. in general. This would be a place where we could store and present these materials, where people could come and research and be accessible to non-alcoholics we need a good place to put the things we already have plus a place for the things we have been unable to pick up because we had no place to keep them. Heat and dust are deteriorating (sic: deteriorating) them there. The Archives needs an annual allocation of \$5000 for this facility which is \$300 to \$350 per month. Our current rent at the Orange County Central A.A. Office is \$20 per month. Places checked by the committee in Orange County had rents where were strictly prohibitive. There is a gated parking lot which would be used for other A>A. activities so long as they did not conflict with archival activities or work. It would be open regular business hours: 9 (a.m.) – 5 (p.m.) on weekdays and 9 (a.m.) – 1 (p.m.) on Saturday the same as the Central Office which is just five (5) feet away. John pointed out the display in the back which was financed by MSCA last year. John asks for an affirmative vote by everyone in this matter. (In answer to a later question, John said that we would probably lease this place one year at a time paying the first and last month's rent. We would probably need about \$700 at the onset to rent it.) Speaking in favor of renting this facility were Penny W., Dist(ri)ct 8; Tracy L., Dist(ri)ct 9; Bob W., Dist(ri)ct 14;

Manuel Y., Dist(ri)ct 20; Dennis, Dist(ri)ct 7; Bill, Dist(ri)ct 7; Kitty A., Dist(ri)ct 18; Scott R., Dist(ri)ct 10; Liz O., Area Secretary, and Larry T., Area Chairman.

Rita M. questioned the location and the monetary (sic: monetary) commitment.

Kurt suggested having a fund raiser, but due to our non-profit status, that is not possible.

Sarah K. is in favor of passage of the motion and suggested that we pass one of the available coffee cans and also that we take up a collection At Heritage Day this year.

Gerry, District 19 suggested selling tapes or copies of any other items.

Mary Ann R., Dist(ri)ct 6, felt that we should take this back to the groups before voting on it.

Keep the groups informed as to how we are spending monies sent to us.

Rita M. suggested that we donate our archives to N.Y. where they would be adequately cared for. MSCC maintains only things of interest to our area sending on other items to their appropriate places.

Bob from Dist(ri)ct 6 suggested renting a fireproof, bonded storage with the sq(are) footage we need. He felt that the displays would be adequate for showing our memorabilia to members of A.A.

Alan R., Dist(ri)ct 1, felt this should go to the groups but certainly not “get lost in the woodwork” and next month have some solid information back to our ASC.

The question was asked for. “All in favor of renting the former Inland Empire Central Office in Colton for the Archives storage, raise your right hand.” The vote in favor was 84 with 22 opposed.

Oct(ober) 27 voting Assembly location. Larry T. Chairman announced that the Back Community Center in Placentia would not be available for the Election Assembly. Should we change the date, or should we locate another meeting place? The week-ends both before and after have local conventions. Penny W. reminded us that District elections of necessity must follow the Area elections. Finding a new place seemed to be the best solution. Al P. suggested the Neighborhood Center in Cucamonga with a \$10 per hour rental fee. This will be one place we will look into.

Darrel W. and Joe from ICYPAA from the Orange County Area requests that MSCA give them a letter n support of their bid for the 1992 Convention. A motion was made and seconded to supply the Placentia Bid Committee with a letter of support for them to host the 1992 ICYPAA CONVENTION. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## ARCHIVES PROPOSAL

In accordance with Article IV.3 of the MSCA Archives Guidelines ("It would be desirable to have representation from General Service, the Institutional Committees and the Central Offices on the (Archives] Committee."), we propose that the former Chairman of the Area Archives Committee, John P. make a proposal for the Archives Museum & Reading Room similar to the presentation he gave at the Area Assembly of May 1991, to the Intergroup Representatives of the All South Bay Central Office, the Harbor Area Central Office, the Central Intergroup Office of Cathedral City, the Inland Empire Central Office, the Morongo Basin Central Office, the North Orange County Central Office, the Orange County Central Office, the Victor Valley Central Office, and the Spanish-Speaking Intergroups of Indio, Chino and Orange County, as well as to the H & I Committees of All South Bay, Coachella Valley, Harbor Area, High Desert, Inland Empire, and Orange County.

As the committee members and GSRs of the Area Assembly were so readily convinced of the desirability of this undertaking as a result of his presentation, it is likely that all AA members would so respond and be willing through their various service offices to vote an equitable portion of their yearly budgets to support this endeavor, and each would elect an Archives Chairperson to represent their service office on the Museum Board and their own

archives committee to collect memorabilia for inclusion and display.

It is essential to this undertaking that we make a good beginning by being entirely up front regarding present costs, lease options, insurance, and the likelihood of having to employ at least a part-time curator who would be responsible for keeping regular museum hours and for the safety of the artifacts, and also, for the protection of anonymity and confidentiality of the A.A. members named in some of the materials.

We further propose that this project of the Archives Committee be separately incorporated by a new board formed of the chairpersons of the archives committees of the service offices named previously and that the Area include in its annual budget an equitable share to maintain this worthy endeavor. We note that unless solid commitment to this undertaking is forthcoming, a month-to-month rental contract is preferable to a yearly lease.

We also ask that questions of location, management, contents, mobility, presentation, etc., be considered the business of the proposed museum board in which we, as the Area, would participate through the representation of our archives chairperson.

**June 9, 1991**

**C. PROGRAM**

Nick W., DCM for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired gave an excellent report entitled, "Carrying the AA Message to the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Alcoholic". His report in written form is included with these minutes so that all of us will profit by a copy to read and keep on file. More copies will be available at the August ASC meeting for others who wish one.

PJ presented to the ASC a plan for changing Assemblies, ASC meetings, and and the SOS around during the first quarter of 1992 so that the Delegate can be better informed when he/she goes back to the Conference.

Jim called to the attention of the DCMCs the proposed program as set up by the Board (p. 3 E) in the May 22 Board Minutes. What we are thinking about now is the following schedule for the first 5 months in 1992:

Jan. 12	ASSEMBLY	Mar. 22	SOS/Special ASC Meeting
Feb. 2	4-Area DCM Sharing	Apr. 12	ASSEMBLY
Feb. 9	ASC Meeting	Apr. 26 - May 2	1992 NY Conference
Mar. 6-8	PRAASA	May 17	ASC with Delegate's Report

Jim explained about the above schedule and why it would make for a better informed Delegate to carry the Area conscience back to the Conference by having an ASSEMBLY just prior to the NY Conference.

Jerry P., DCMC, Dist. 19 again offered a place for the Oct. 27 Voting Assembly or for any district hosting an Area ASC Meeting. Jim thanked Jerry but says we try to keep Assemblies in the same central location. The place in Rancho Cucamonga is not available. (After the June ASC meeting, Liz O. located a place near Long Beach but canceled it on June 18 when Penny phoned her and Jim C. having located a place in Corona which will charge us no rent. (But, since we cannot accept gifts from outside entities, we will obligated to make a payment of some kind.)

3. May 19 Assembly vote to rent office space in Colton for the ARCHIVES:

a. Cynthia C. asked for a clarification about the "major sum" voted on by the Assembly for rent of an Archives place in Colton. Both she and her GSRs asked about how the motion showed up on the Assembly Agenda and why it was brought up in this manner without any opportunity to go back to the groups to secure a group conscience. Was this a valid motion and vote? And why Colton?

b. Jim explained that any business we have can be conducted at one of the three yearly assemblies. Any motion can be brought up from the floor to be seconded and voted on at that time. We felt it was too fast, but there were a couple extenuating circumstances with this particular motion: (1) Goldene L. (past delegate) would be available because the place is next door to the Inland Empire Central Office where she works, and (2) The rent is cheaper than any other place the Archives Committee has located. Legally, the action was OK, but morally, we should have had an obligation to put it off. The Archives Committee really did not feel that this motion would pass, but it would make the Area more conscious of the need for an Archives Center. BUT IT DID PASS!

c. Alan R., DCMC Dist. 1, said he spoke against the motion, because he felt that we were railroading something, but now, he says that in looking back, he also sees the importance of having Goldene right next door and we had to act hastily in order to get that office space. If we find a better place more centrally located in the near future, can always change it. So we have it started now, and for that he is grateful!

d. Bill, DCM from Dist. 7, says he thinks we should use the Colton office to organize our Archival materials and then try to think of a way to move it into a trailer where it can be sent to Conventions, Old Timers Meetings, Alcahons, etc. He cannot see people driving one-half hour or more to see archives which would be seen by a lot more people if a trailer could be used.

4. Penny W., DCMC Dist 8, expressed her feeling that Corona or the Anaheim area might be more a more central location for the voting assembly and said she and Maxine would check to find one. Jim explained that our Assembly is held not in the center of the geographic area but of the demographic or population area.

### July x, 1991

FORO – no motions

### August 11, 1991

1. Guidelines Interpretation; Larry asked the service committee to decide, a question which had arisen at the Board Meeting regarding "regular attendance" for those otherwise eligible to stand for Area Office as in 2b <1> on p, 6 of the MSCA Guidelines, "All present and past DCMCs, Alternate DCMCs, and DCMs who have had a least one year of service, and who have regularly attended Area meetings in the past year, as determined by the Board if necessary,"

There is a question on how many meetings should they attend before they are allowed to stand for an Area Office. The officers want to know whether this Assembly wants the Area officers to determine that amount, whether you want a by-laws change, or if the Assembly wants to determine that amount.

Discussion: <a> Dick B, felt that if attending one meeting was sufficient to become a voting member, that should be enough for eligibility to stand for an Area Office.

<b> Charlie B, felt that at least 1/3 or 3 meetings would be diluting what we are working for. He felt that no one should be allowed to attend one meeting and then stand for an office. At least three meetings is reasonable.

<c> Jerry P, said that those standing for Area Office should attend at least one-half of the meetings.

<d> Bob w. who was a member of the original Guidelines committee stated that there are two levels of commitment involved: first, the level of commitment in order to vote at all, one should know a little about what is going on. But there is a higher level of commitment if you are actually going to serve as an officer and bear some responsibility,

<e> Sarah k. suggested that those standing for office should make known the number of meetings he/she has attended in the past year.

<f> Dick a. came back to clarify his stand and added that requirements

for Chairing a standing committee should be the same as for an Area Officer. Dick feels that the Assembly rather than the Board should decide this issue, because this number is an arbitrary figure. He feels there is some discrepancy since the committee Chairpersons are not included in this requirement.

<g> Tony O. made the motion: "To move to keep eligible to stand for office stay the same as stated in the Guidelines, 2b <1> page 6"

< h> Jim C. explained that the intent of the committee which drew the Guidelines was that the Chairmen of the standing committees would also "attend regularly". A low figure of 3 or 4 was drawn at the last election with exceptions to that if necessary, People who are otherwise eligible to stand for office who haven't attended any meetings are not going to be voted in anyway. Jim urged the people eligible to stand for office to be willing even if they know they will not be elected. He says he feels the Board should make the decision and that although it may be arbitrary, it is arbitrary in a way where we could be more inclusive and very broad in our interpretation.

Ci) Larry re-read the motion which had been seconded. Ron P. asked whether we even need to vote on this? Larry said the officers would like to see a decision on this.

<J> Bob W. clarified a question raised by Mike, DCMG, Dist. 15, about the one year of service requirement for eligibility, by stating that a person could serve less than a year as DCM or DCMG so long as the sum total of all his service is one year. Then the qualification is met. one does not have to be in Just one of those offices for a full year. rt can be the combined offices,]

<k> Larry then asked how many are willing to let the Board decide what is "reasonable," There were 54 for the motion and 5 opposed, The Board will decide. and it will not be brought up at the Assembly, There was no one who wished to speak for the minority,

## 2 . Grapevine committee Guidelines

a. Susan McC., chair of the Grapevine committee, says they now have their Proposed Guidelines prepared for review of the ASC.

b. Ron J , moved that the proposed Guidelines for structure and Procedure for the MSCA Grapevine committee be included on the Agenda for the MSCA Assembly meeting on Sunday. September 8th. 1991 for approval by that Assembly as amended <see c, below>, Sarah K, seconded.

c. Bob w. commended the committee and said overall they are outstanding. But he made a recommendation about the Officers section on the first page, in lieu, he offers the following wording: "The chairperson is nominated and elected by the Area Assembly. The term of office is two years and shall commence in even numbered years. In the event of a vacancy, the position shall be filled by the Assembly for the unexpired term." Bob says that they might want to stagger this and have the chair person commence his/her term in odd numbered years; this would be up to the Assembly. Going a little further "The following Grapevine Committee Officers are selected by the committee Chairperson for two-year terms: and in the case of a vacancy replaced in the same way: Co-chairperson, Grapevine Representative coordinator, Secretary, and Grapevine Public.

Information coordinator. To achieve overlap in continuity, the terms of the committee Officers will normally begin and end half-way through the term of the Chairperson."

d. Susan says she appreciates the comment and they will incorporate it for the vote by the Assembly in sept. Larry re-read the above motion and acceptance of the amendment was included. Manuel requested

that someone bilingual be included in the committee, and Susan said that they currently have Ed D, from Dist. a as their Spanish liaison, No further discussion, The motion was passed with 66 votes for and there were no dissenting votes.

3. Daily Reflections Book, Maxine o, DCMC Dist. 14, says that a group she attends uses the Daily Reflections book every meeting, and already it is falling apart. At their District meeting, the secretary wrote a letter to the Literature chairman and also a letter to PJ that they would like to recommend that the Daily Reflections be printed in a Hard cover copy, Maxine n. made a motion that the Mid-southern calif Assembly recommend The Daily Reflections Book be published in hard cover, Larry repeated the motion and asked for further discussion. PJ was asked to explain the procedure on this. PJ said that we can also contact the Delegate chairperson for the Literature committee asking for a hard bound copy if the vote of Assembly is to do so. What happens from there is that it would go through the Delegate Chairman of the Literature committee and also to the Trustee's Chairman of the Literature committee and what would follow would be a poling of the other 90 Areas in the U.S. and Canada on what their feels are. If it is the feeling of the rest of the Areas, it would be taken to the General service conference next year. With no further discussion, Larry called for the vote as to whether to bring it up at the Assembly meeting next month. The motion passed with 58 yes votes and no dissenting.

September 8, 1991

1. The Chairman moved for suspension of the M.S.C.A. BYLAWS to move the 1992 Servathon from the Fall, as stated in the BYLAWS on (p. 15), to June 18 for the one year only, to better balance the schedule.
  - a. Maxine C., Past Del., questioned having the Servathon in June because of the money. All of our heavy expenses come up during the first 4 or 5 months of the year - PRAASA, the Conference, S.O.S., etc. If the Servathon is set to come up in the Spring, there is another expense. We can better finance it in the Fall of the year. Leave it as it is!
  - b. Dick B., Treasurer, says that it would be better to keep it as it is. Without the surplus we had at the start of this year, we may not have the money in the early part of next year to do this thing.
  - c. Elaine S. (05) pointed out that June is a very busy time of the year and the attendance may be greatly reduced in addition to the money problem.
  - d. Sarah K., (12) questioned why we are asking for this change. Larry explained that our meeting schedule is heavy during the Fall, and since there is nothing in June, he felt it advisable to use that month for the servathon. Sarah said, "Just to even out the year", and Larry agreed. Larry wanted to keep December clear because of the Holidays.
  - e. Charlie B., (09) said that when their turn by rotation comes up to host it, we would not like to come to the desert in June with the temperature at 117 degrees. When they host it, they want really good attendance, and people will not come in that kind of heat.
  - f. Steve C., (18) said it would be better to have it in the Fall since new people coming in during the year could attend, having already missed both PRAASA and the S.O.S.
  - g. Penny W. (08) suggested moving everything up and have the Servathon in October. Larry says the Assemblies have to be in specific months with 2 ASC meetings between.
  - h. Larry called for the question. There were 11 in favor and th majority opposed. The motion failed.
  
2. Penny W. (08) made a motion that when we print the official General Service meeting list for 1992 that we do not put the Convention or other non-A.A. functions on it.
  - a. Linda C., Register, says that every convention listed on our proposed meeting list is an A.A. function. They may not be General Service although the So. Cal. Conv. Is general Service having been started by the Southern California General Service.
  - b. Maxine C., Past Del(egate), agreed with Linda because they are put on for alcoholics to attend. If there is a choice between a convention and an ASC meeting, the members will go to the convention. So, if we want good attendance at our meetings, the convention should be listed.
  - c. Charlie B. (09) said the only A.A. Conventions are the international Conventions. But if there is a choice between attending a local convention and a business meeting, we must look at which is more important --

- going out and having a lot of fun or giving back to AA what was so freely given to us. We must be willing to do some of the things we don't really want to do. Charlie says that he would rather be out playing golf today than attending an Assembly, but golf did not get him sober.
- d. Penny W. (08) reminded us that about 2 years ago, we voted on whether to accept contributions from Conventions since they are not AA.
- e. Jim C., Alt. Del., said that when we voted, we voted to accept funds from the conventions. Jim says it is his opinion that a convention is the same as an AA group since they have regular meetings during the year between Conventions. Clyde D. (Past Del. SCAA) started the So. Cal. Convention as a General Service Convention. Almost all of the Conventions in our Area have GS Booths - tables for G.S. and Central Offices and many of them have General Service Meetings. Only one convention in our area (the Palm Springs Roundup) failed to follow the NY Guidelines by not having a rotating committee - it had the same people year after year. It has now been replaced by another roundup which does follow the NY Guidelines. Jim does not have an opinion as to whether we should list them on our schedule or not but he has a strong opinion that they are AA.
- d. Nick (15) likes to have one paper listing events rather than several.
- e. Bob G. (6) cited and read from the AA Service Manual (p. 99) where it talks about conventions being "a special type of AA meeting" and also said, "Experience shows that it is not wise to hold Area Assembly meetings during these conventions". Also in the Grapevine and Box 459, Conventions, etc. are listed. Conventions are one way that the groups can cooperate and get together.
- f. Richard (08) questions the purpose of the list; is it all the things going on in AA, or is it General Service functions we have during the year? Let's keep it simple, or down the road somewhere they might want to put birthdays on there, too. If it doesn't belong, it doesn't belong!
- g. Rita M. (07) says that there is a great parallel between a conference which may be attended by non-AAs and an open AA group. Rita is for having them listed together.
- h. Mary Ann from the Orange County Convention Committee explained how their committee functions, enumerating the things they do which are in accord with the Traditions. She said that they have a Service Meeting at their convention. Last year their speaker was a Past Delegate from Canada. She would like to see Conventions included in our meeting list. She also explained that since no basket is passed, the registration fee is their 7th Tradition. They are self-supporting through their own contributions.
- i. Al P. (23) says that in the Spanish program, they do not have a problem of excluding that kind of event. Would this information do any damage to the groups or to General Service work? There are only 4 lines (5 to be accurate) in the schedule announcing conventions, and Al believes they should remain.
- j. Randy agrees that conventions have their purpose, but they should be listed separately. Conventions are no more AA than Alano Clubs which supply a meeting place including Al-Anon meetings. He mentioned the omission of MAAD Dog Days and implied that others had been omitted. When we start confusing the two, where will we draw the line? Conventions have a flexibility which we do not.
- k. Larry T., Chairman, interjected that one reason the conventions are listed is that our Area has a Standing Committee - the Convention Liaison, and one of the reasons we list them is that we cooperate fully. Larry will go along with the majority.
- l. Teresa (hearing impaired (15)) wants the list to remain so that she can share that information with other hearing impaired. Leave it as it is!

- m. Bruce suggests we leave the list as is with asterisks by the conventions and at the bottom say, "Not a General Service function". Larry answered that on the final product, if we vote to leave conventions on, there will be asterisks.
- n. Michael M. (06) said that the Program exists in the Big Book of AA, and the Fellowship is the meetings and conventions which are a part of the Fellowship. We are here today to be sure that that Fellowship falls within the Guidelines put out by General Service of what is good for the Fellowship. "The Program is in the book, and let's not get confused by mixing the two names together or we will have to change the Preamble."
- o. Manuel Y. (20) feels that newcomers need all the information included as it adds interest. Manuel called for the question on this, but there were still persons at the microphones.
- p. Charlie (09) made a motion that we secure and list all of the conventions within the Mid-Southern Calif. Area exclusive of Service-motivated meetings. These are to be made available at Area meetings and can be taken back and circulated by the Districts to the Groups for information. Charlie made an amendment to the motion - that we make a separate list of the Conventions that are available. Penny, who made the original motion, agreed.
- q. Sarah K. (12) shared that their District makes a District Calendar including all events which affect them.
- r. Larry insisted Penny submit a written motion, and it came out (somewhat different from the original (see p. 2 C2 of these minutes) as follows: To remove the Conventions from the Area Meeting Schedule, and the amendment proposed by Charlie B. (09) reads as follows: To make a separate schedule for all Conventions in Area. Larry called for a second to the amendment, and it was voted on first. The vote was 38 for the amendment, and 61 opposed. The poll was then conducted on the original motion (above) with 14 for the motion and the rest (majority) opposed. Larry announced that the 1992 schedule would remain as proposed but that there would be asterisks on the Conventions and listed below that they are not service functions. The minority declined to speak.

October 22, 1991

Elections Assembly -

John representing the Orange County Young Peoples' Group from A.A. asked for a letter of support for ACYPAA '93. It was moved and seconded that we send a letter affirming our support for the Orange County Young People's bid for ACYPAA in 1993. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

III. ELECTION

- A. Larry T. turned the meeting over to Maxine C. who said she had "been given the great honor today of chairing this election". Her helpers: Past Delegates - Bill S., Jackie J., and Goldene L.; and Trustee, Greg M.



**TREASURER:**

KITTY Annarella	45	<u>83</u>
Lona Blazenek	34	52
Charlie Butler	12	
Janice DeMore	28	
George Falham	3	
Scott Robertson	6	

**KITTY ANNARELLA** was elected Treasurer on the second ballot according to the Provisions of the Modified Third Legacy Voting Procedure.

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**SECRETARY:**

Dick Bullock	54	<u>68</u>
Charlie Butler	46	56
Scott Robertson	27	

**DICK BULLOCK** was elected Secretary on the second ballot according to the Provisions of the Modified Third Legacy Voting Procedure.

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**REGISTRAR:**

Lona Blazynek	31	<u>63</u>
Charlie Butler	29	
Janice DeMore	37	62
Robert Haskel	7	
Scott Robertson	8	
George Falham	7	

**LONA BLAZYNEK** was elected Registrar on the second ballot according to the Provisions of the Modified Third Legacy Voting Procedure.

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**November x, 1991**

Servathon – no motions

**December 8, 1991**

**A. 1992 Proposed Budget:**

**1. Preliminary comments:**

- a. Dick B. commented that PJ had mentioned that contributions to NY York were down 7%, and they are also down to MSCA. Part of the decline is due to the fact that a little more money is going to the Districts rather than to the Area and to NY.
- b. This budget is based on Dick's best estimate of future contributions. Some items in the budget has been reduced somewhat. The main item in this budget is the Archives rent.
- c. The projected expenses for the year are \$32,870 which is a deficit of \$3570. That amount is at present in the bank.
- d. Money to send people to PRAASA as we did in 1991, is not available for next year. Districts need to face this problem and see if they can financially support some of their members themselves.

2. Dick asked for questions.
  - a. Cynthia, DCMC (07), said that the original funding of the rent for the Archives facility came out of the supplemental budget. Dick answered that since it was voted on by the Assembly, it is an ongoing item. The Assembly would have to vote to stop leasing that building. The present lease is up in April, 1992. Cynthia said that she would go along with funding this until the end of the lease, but we should start talking about this issue. She suggested raising funds as the Central Offices do to pay for this. Dick answered that the proposed money to pay for the rent is coming out of reducing the budget for other items some of which used no money at all in 1991.
  - b. John P., Chairman of the Archives Committee, said that the renewal of the lease will have to be approved by the Assembly on the basis of a group conscience. Vote at an Assembly is a group conscience.
  - c. Dist. 15 wanted to know if the budget includes payment of the monthly interpreter at their District meetings. \$1000 has been budgeted for this.
  - d. More discussion about the Archives rent. Tradition 6 was brought up. Paying rent is not a new thing since we previously rented space in the Orange County Central Office to house our Archives.
  - e. Jim C. says that the amount necessary for rent for the Archives facility can be cut in Jan. but not below the amount necessary to cover the obligation made until April. If, however, this amount (\$4800) is included in the budget as voted on in Jan., then there will be no more need to vote on this item during the year. But we would then be obligated to pay until the end of the lease in Apr., 1993. Take this back to your groups before the Jan. budget vote.
  - f. Becke B., Dist. 10, said that the GSRs in her District did not seem to be real thrilled that they were planning this much money for the Archives facility. The general consensus at their meeting was that we are preserving the past at the expense of our present and our future. She personally disagrees with this budget. There are other ways to finance this without putting such a burden on the Area.
  - g. Richard B., treasurer, answered her by saying that this is an expense voted into the budget by the Assembly, but it can be changed at any time even if it is voted in at the Jan. Assembly.
  - h. PJ said that we are going to get into questions which will drag into the night; there is nothing binding about approving the budget as far as the Archives maintaining that building. We have a lease we have to honor, but the Area Assembly can vote not to renew that lease. And the moneys we vote for this in our budget can then go somewhere else or just evaporate. Our Area Bylaws state that we do not have any fund raisers, so in order to come up with alternative ways to finance this, we would have to change our Bylaws.
  - i. Maxine G. brought up the question as to why the amount allowed the Registrar is less than the Alt. Del. and Chairman. Richard answered that these figures are based on the amount spent by the current Registrar. But these can be changed, and if the new Registrar spends a reasonable amount more than allowed her in the new budget, no one will object.
  - j. Roberto says we need to think of needs in advance rather than regret the past. We need a base to work on; if necessary keep passing the basket until the obligation is met. Go back to your group and ask for the needed funds. We are talking too much about money; we need need talk about what we feel. He says that we each want others to do what we think.
  - k. Richard B. stated that sending persons to PRAASA has never been a budgeted item.

- l. Al (23) questioned the \$7500 budget for the Newsletter. This is less than has been spent for the previous two years. He thinks that one Newsletter per group would be enough. Also anyone receiving a Newsletter should be contributing to the Area. As to the Archives expenses, Al says we should go to the groups and tell them what our needs are rather than asking them. The groups will respond accordingly. There is a commitment made to the Archives by our vote several months ago. He does not feel it is wise to try to change our lease.
- m. Randy (08) says that what we need is to come up with an informed, not opinionated, alternative. Whose trunk are we going to put the Archives in? Information, not opinions, is what we need to get to our groups. Bring back informed decisions, not just a "No". Constructive alternatives are what we need.
- n. Charlie (09) was concerned about the projected income being less than the budgeted items. Where can we save money? Come back with suggestions about cutting expenses. Richard B. answered that at present we believe that the difference will be met by moneys left over from this year. And again this budget is based on whether the anticipated contributions do come in.
- o. Cynthia C. (07) asked about expenses between now and the end of the year; will they take all of the incoming contributions? Again, Dick answered that he anticipates about \$2000 more income than expenses for the rest of this year. Much more discussion! between Cynthia and Dick B. (Tape 2, Side A, 74ff)
- p. Other discussions were made by Az A. (07), Lori (12), Bill, Lona, (new Registrar), Mary Ann (07), and John.

B. This is a summary including many quotations from a very lengthy talk by Cynthia C. (07). She said that many GSRs are aware that many of the people on the election roster were not eligible to run. This was based on what constitutes a year. In our Bylaws it says that you must be a DCM or DCMC for at least a year to qualify to run for office. She stated that the Bylaws says that the Secretary makes up the eligibility list-not the Chairman nor the Alt. Delegate or the out-going Delegate. She said that that this year the Secretary did not make up that roster which is the foundation upon which we vote. (not true) Some of the people who were willing to stand for office thought the Board automatically made them willing, and if the Board says so and puts their name down on the list, that makes them eligible. There was no time during the election to challenge or to ask that people be put on. (Not true.) She continued by saying her district wanted the newest Spanish Districts to be included also. She also stated that the board had decided that attendance at three Area meeting was required too late to fulfill this qualification when there were only a couple meetings left to attend. She says we need to get real specific in those Bylaws-- nobody gets to fuss around with the election roster; nobody gets to decide who runs; we have qualifications and rules, or we throw them out. The Bylaws constitute a group conscience; we need to have it written down in those Bylaws, and we need to follow them. And the Board has done something else, and the board needs to explain. The Service Manual says we can make decisions, but we need to make a full explanation of those decisions after the fact, and their action needs a big explanation.

(Larry read the original motion about funding the Archives. It read, "All in favor of renting the former Inland Empire Central Office in Colton for the Archives storage, raise your hand." No time period was set.)

1. Jim G. asked Cynthia if should be willing to write down the things which she thinks didn't happen correctly in the last election, and either he or the Board would be glad to answer her questions.
  2. Cynthia says that we need to know if everyone who is on the Board was qualified to run by our Bylaws.
  3. Again Jim asked her to put any allegations, problems, or questions she has in writing. He said we will be glad to anser them.
  4. Cynthia answered that she would.
- G. Larry announced that we are supposed to be out of the building by 3:30, and we still have Officers and Committee Reports to do. He asked for a grupo conscience as to whether to continue or not. The vote was clearly in favor of discontinuing the meeting.
- D. There was one piece of business which Linda, Registrar, needs to do. She thanked the people who came to the Registrar's Meeting prior to the ASC meeting, but the following Districts still need to pick up their print-outs: 1, 2, 6, 12, and 19.
- E. Liz, Secretary, asked for sign-in sheets from 7 and 18. She also announced that Frank S. has set a date--Jan. 14--for the next Finance Committee meeting. It is at 7:00 PM at her home. There is a need for a new secretary for this Committee, so anyone interested in this position, show up at the meeting or speak to the Chairman. She also said that at the Jan. Assembly, we will be voting on a lot of Committee Chairpersons, so if you are interested, show up there.
- F. Dick B. says that he has copies of the old budgets going back to when they were first kept by the Area. Call him, and he will mail you copies so you can better inform your groups.
- G. Susan McC., Chair for Grapevine, was disappointed that we were closing before the Standing Committee Reports and request that they be placed at the beginning of the Agenda in January.
- H. Sarah announced that as new Chairperson, there would be a lot of changes in the Agenda--just trust her!
- I. At almost 3:30, Larry said that he has enjoyed serving as Chairperson. Call on him if you ever need anything else; he will be happy to help out.
- J. Al announced that on Dec. 22, 10 AM, at 1620 W. 5th St. in Santa Ana is the last Study Meeting for the GSR Schools.

# MSCA ASSEMBLY ACTIONS - 1992

## JANUARY ASSEMBLY

1. Proposal to request that the General Service approve Tri-Area PSA's. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal to confirm P.J. Doherty as PRAASA '93 Chair. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity. Dick Sutherland was approved as Program Chair with substantial unanimity.
3. Election of Standing Committee Chairs.  
The following were elected as Panel 42 Area Standing Committee Chairs:

<u>Standing Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Spanish-Speaking Co-Chair</u>
Convention Liaison	Janice D.	Robert C.
Public Information	Charley B.	Roberto H.
Cooperation with the Professional Community	Elaine S.	Amado M.
Grapevine	Les M.	Jim H. (Liaison)
G.S.R. School	Alan R.	Juan P.
Newsletter	Nick M.	Roberto H.
4. Proposal to approve the 1992 MSCA Budget. The proposed budget was approved with substantial unanimity.
5. Motion to approve a letter of support for ACYPAA Committee bid for national convention. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

## APRIL ASSEMBLY

1. Proposal that MSCA recommend to the General Service Conference that the A.A. Grapevine produce sobriety medallions. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal that MSCA have a Foro de MSCA. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
3. Proposal that MSCA recommend that the General Service take action on whether to delete Q.14 (question on dual addiction) from the Membership Survey and brochure. The motion was passed with substantial unanimity.

## SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY

1. Proposal to approve the revised "What's It All About" pamphlet. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal to notify the General Service Conference that Area 09 seeks to have the Spanish-language Big Book produced in hard cover. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
4. Proposal to purchase a 6-sided display board for the use of the Area Grapevine Committee. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.



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Nick M. - MSCA Secretary

November 26, 1994

# MSCA ASSEMBLY ACTIONS - 1993

## JANUARY ASSEMBLY

1. Proposal to direct the Area Delegate to submit to the Conference Trustees Literature Committee a request that the A.A. Preamble be added to both the English-language and Spanish Big Books. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal from the floor to hold a Symposium of Service (S.O.S.) in April, and an Area Assembly in May of each year. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
3. Proposal to amend Section A3 of Article of MSCA Guidelines to include the Foro de MSCA as an Area-sponsored Service Event. The purpose of the Foro is to focus on General Service topics, and the event is to be held in the summer of each year. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity. (As a housekeeping note, Section A3 of the Guidelines will be changed to Section A4 to accommodate this amendment.
4. Proposal to approve the 1993 MSCA budget. The proposed budget was approved with substantial unanimity.
5. Proposal to hold all Area Assemblies during 1993 at the Backs Community Center, in Placentia, CA. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

## MAY ASSEMBLY

1. Proposal to approve the 1993 MSCA Meeting Schedule, including the Area Election Assembly on October 17th, 1993 at Backs Community Center. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal to approve the purchase of a new computer system and printer for use by the Area. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
3. Proposal to approve the Summary Notes on Parliamentary Procedure being read prior to each Area Assembly and Service Committee meeting.

### "MAKING A MOTION"

A motion is made from the floor. Person making the motion must stand.

Chairperson repeats the motion and asks for a second. Only after a second has been made is there any discussion. If a member starts to discuss at any other time, the Chairperson has an obligation to bring order and to stop discussion until a second has been made.

Do not let a member discuss without first obtaining the floor. This is done by recognition by the Chair.

Do not recognize a motion if there is already a motion on the floor that has not been either voted on or tabled to a future meeting.

If a Board member is at the podium, that Board member is an acting Chairperson. If order is not maintained, the Chairperson will step in and establish proper proceedings.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank you.

The motion was passed with substantial unanimity.

# MSCA ASSEMBLY ACTIONS - 1993

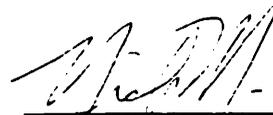
## SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY

1. Proposal to approve the 1994 MSCA Meeting Schedule. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal to eliminate the Area purchasing birthday cakes for ASC's and Assemblies. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
3. Proposal to approve of District 20 in the Central Division of Mid-Southern California Area. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
4. Proposal to approve a letter of support for the 1995 ACYPAA L.A. Area Bid Committee. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
5. Proposal to instruct the MSCA By-Laws Ad-Hoc Committee to present a written purpose and financial budget at the November 1993 A.S.C.. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

## OCTOBER ELECTION ASSEMBLY

1. Elected Past-Delegate, Frank S., Panel 34 as MSCA's nominee to the position of Pacific Regional Trustee.
2. Elected the following people as the Panel 44 Area Board:

Delegate	Manuel Y.
Alternate Delegate	Alan R.
Chair	Lona W.
Secretary	Nick M.
Treasurer	Pete B.
Registrar	Darrell H.



Nick M. - MSCA Secretary

November 26, 1994

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## JANUARY ASSEMBLY

1. To approve the 1994 Proposed MSCA Budget. The proposed 1994 MSCA Budget was approved with substantial unanimity.
  2. To approve clarification and house-keeping modifications to MSCA bylaws. The proposal to approve clarification and house-keeping modifications to MSCA bylaws, (including the amendment to remove the section regarding Alternate DCM inclusion as voting members of A.S.C.) was approved with substantial unanimity. **(Please note - the inclusion of Alternate DCM's as voting members of the A.S.C. will be discussed as part of a later proposal.)**
  3. To approve formation of an MSCA Standing Committee on literature.  
Purpose: To publish, develop, revise and translate MSCA literature, and to provide, study, discuss, and make recommendations on any A.A. literature. **The proposal to approve formation of an MSCA Standing Committee on Literature was approved with substantial unanimity.**
  4. To approve formation of an MSCA Standing Committee addressing special needs/accessibility.  
Purpose: To coordinate volunteers, as needed, (e.g., signers for hearing-impaired, translators for Spanish-speaking A.A. community, etc). **The proposal to approve the formation of an MSCA Standing Committee on Special Needs/Accessibility was approved with substantial unanimity.**
  5. To approve the MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines. The original proposal was amended to read "Other Area A.A. members are welcome to attend Finance Committee meetings as non-voting members" and **the proposal to approve MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines, (with inclusion of the above-stated amendment) was approved with substantial unanimity.**
  6. To approve MSCA Service Event Guidelines for: Foro de MSCA, Servathon and the Symposium of Service (S.O.S.).  
**The proposal to approve Foro de MSCA guidelines was approved with substantial unanimity.**  
**The proposal to approve MSCA Servathon guidelines was approved with substantial unanimity.**  
**The proposal to approve MSCA Symposium of Service (S.O.S.) guidelines was approved with substantial unanimity.**
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## MAY ASSEMBLY

1. **Election of Special Needs/Accessibility Committee Chair:** Maxine C. was elected Area Special Needs/Accessibility Committee Chair. Maxine asked Past-Delegate, P.J. D., given that he currently "wasn't doing anything", would he help her get started. P.J. agreed to lend his help. Jim H. was presented and approved by the Assembly as the Spanish-speaking Co-Chair.
2. **Election of Literature Committee Chair:** Elaine S. was elected Area Literature Committee Chair
3. **Proposal from the floor to remove the term "Bylaws" from MSCA Guidelines for Structure and Procedure:** John P. made the motion to remove the term "Bylaws" from the Guidelines. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
4. **Proposal to print Area Guidelines on standard 8½ X 11 paper, notebook size:** The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
5. **Proposal to change MSCA Guidelines to use non-gender specific language without changing the meaning of the Guidelines:** The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.

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6. Proposal to change MSCA Guidelines by adding the term Mid-Southern California Area to the Guidelines: The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
  7. Proposal to change MSCA Guidelines by changing the term Preamble to Preface: The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
  8. Proposal to change MSCA Guidelines by adding a definition of the voting procedure and the term substantial unanimity: The first part of the proposal, (definition of the voting procedure) was passed with substantial unanimity. Concerning the second part of the proposal, whether 2/3 or 3/4 as the guideline for substantial unanimity, 2/3 was chosen by the Assembly with substantial unanimity.
  9. Proposal to increase the MSCA Archives budget to \$750: The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
  10. Proposal to send all of the MSCA Executive Committee members to the Pacific Region Forum in Boise, Idaho, amount not to exceed \$2,500. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
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## SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY

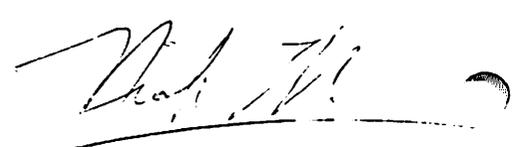
1. Proposal: Recommendation from the Area Finance Committee to increase the 1994 Budget of the CPC Committee to \$1000 The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
2. Proposal: Recommendation from the Area Finance Committee to increase the 1994 Budget of the Convention Liaison to \$500 The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
3. Proposal: Minimum suggested continuous sobriety of MSCA standing committee Chairs and Co-Chairs: two to five years. The proposal passed with substantial unanimity.
4. Proposal: Housekeeping - Add the two new Area Standing Committees approved by the January 1994 Area Assembly The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
5. Proposal: Delete the following paragraph from the Area Guidelines; The Finance Committee Guidelines are incorporated in this document by reference, and may be amended as indicated in those Guidelines. The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
6. Proposal: Add suggested minimum continuous sobriety for Area Officers:

Delegate	6 years	Alternate Delegate	6 years
Chairperson	5 years	Secretary	5 years
Treasurer	5 years	Registrar	5 years

The proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.
7. Proposal: to delete the following section from the Area Guidelines:

(9) To these ends:

  - (a) The Delegate must rely on the assistance and support of the Area Officers and a strong Area Service Committee working in unity.
  - (b) In general he must be knowledgeable of the Area's needs and conscienceThe proposal passed with substantial unanimity.



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8. **Proposal: to change the wording regarding the appointment of adhoc Committees:**  
**From:** He shall conduct all Area Assembly and Area Service Committee meetings, prepare and have published meeting agenda, appoint ad hoc committees with the approval of the Assembly, and in general perform the duties of the administrative officer of the assembly.  
  
**To:** Conduct all Area Assembly and Area Service Committee meetings; prepare and have published meeting agenda, appoint ad hoc committees with the approval of the Board, to be affirmed at the next Assembly and in general perform the duties of the administrative officer of the assembly.  
The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
9. **Proposal: this proposal would add the following as a duty of the Area Treasurer.**  
  
Responsible for preparing the annual budget.  
  
The original proposal was amended to read: Responsible for preparing the annual budget, in coordination with the Area Finance Committee. The proposal, as amended, was approved with substantial unanimity.
10. **Proposal: Approval of the Proposed 1995 Area Meeting Schedule:** The 1995 Area Meeting Schedule was approved with substantial unanimity.
11. **Proposal: That the Executive Committee be charged with developing an Area Map.** The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
12. **Proposal: To send a letter to the General Service Office requesting that the "ex-alcoholic" terminology in the Service Manual on Pages S109 and S110 be changed to "alcoholics".** The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.
13. **Proposal: To send a letter to the General Service Board stating that the Spanish-speaking Groups of MSCA are requesting that the A.A. Grapevine be translated into Spanish.** The motion was amended to read: "To send a letter to the General Service Board stating that the Groups of Mid-Southern California Area are requesting that the A.A. Grapevine be translated into Spanish. The proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

  
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Nick M. - MSCA Secretary

November 26, 1994

**January 8, 1995**

Motion from the Floor: Proposal: MSCA forward a request to G.S.O. "That the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book be translated into American Sign

**Proposal Approve the 1995 MSCA Budget** Pete B. presented the proposed budget, reviewed several Items and answered questions. Projected expenses and contributions are down. Jimmy T., Chair of the G.S.R. School Committee, asked if the needed printing of the "What's It All About?" pamphlet would come out of the Committee budget, and Pete answered that this printing would come out of the Publishing budget item. In answer to another question regarding the \$.25 a mile allowance for Standing Committee chairs, Pete answered that if that motion passed, the budget probably would need to be re-visited mid-year. The question was called and the proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

**Proposal: Amend 1995 Area Meeting Schedule to move May Assembly from Sunday, May 21st to Saturday, May 20th. as May 14th Is Mother's Day and May 21st Is a mandatory meeting for International Convention volunteers.** With no discussion, the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to move the May Assembly to Saturday, May 20th. Nick M. will provide amended 1995 Area Meeting schedules at the February and March A.S.C.'s.

**Proposal: (Tabled from the September Assembly)**

**Amendment to the Area Secretary's Duties OLD**

Section 11.D.1.e (3)

- e. Secretary  
(3) He has custody of the *Area map and* records of the Area Assembly.

**NEW** Section 11.D.1.e (3)

- e. Secretary  
(3) He has custody of the records of the Area Assembly.

Wrth no discussion, the question was called, and the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal.

**Proposal: (Tabled from the September Assembly) Committee Chairs. or their designates be eligible for reimbursement at \$0.25 per mile for mileage traveled while conducting Standing Committee business. Mileage reimbursement will be deducted from the appropriate Standing Committee annual Budget**

Wrth no discussion, the question was called, and the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal. The minority questioned where the figure of \$.25 a mile came from. Pete explained that this was the figure to reimburse the Executive Committee and it was suggested that this is the U.S. government allowance figure. The Assembly was polled as to whether there was anyone who voted in the majority who would change their vote. No one who voted in the majority would change their vote, and the proposal passed. **Proposal: Add an additional duty for the Area Executive**

**Committee**

Section 111.D.2.c

**NEW** c. *Implement actions of the Assembly and Area Service Committee.*

With no discussion, the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal.

**Proposal: Bring the Statement of Purpose of the MSCA Servathon into conformance with the Servathon Guidelines**

**OLD** Section V.A.2.a

a. The purpose of the Servathon is to focus upon one or more of the Twelve Traditions.

**NEW** Section V.A.2.a

-- a. The purpose of the Servathon is to focus upon one or more of the Twelve Traditions *and all aspects of A.A. service work*

With no discussion, the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal.

**Proposal: Composition and Purpose of the Area Service Board**

**OLD** Section 111.A.1

A. COMPOSITION AND PURPOSE

1. The Board consists of the Area Officers, meeting regularly at the request of the Area Chairman and/or Delegate to set the agenda and discuss Assembly business. The Chairman will preside, and in his absence the Alternate Delegate.

**NEW** Section 111.A.1

A. COMPOSITION

1. The Executive Committee is made up of the Area Officers. The Area Chair presides over Executive Committee meetings. The Alternate Delegate presides if the Area Chair is absent. The Executive Committee meets at the request of the Area Delegate or Area Chair.

B. PURPOSE

1. The Executive Committee provides leadership and coordination for the Area Service Committee and Area Assembly.

Two friendly amendments were presented: change the statement The Executive Committee is made up of... to read The Executive Committee consists of... and change the statement The Area Chair presides over... to read The Area Chair conducts. The friendly

amendments were accepted by Mike M. Mike said he would also change the proposal to read The Alternate Delegate conducts...

Further discussion questioned the term Executive Committee used in the guidelines. Lona explained that the term Board in our Charter refers to the Corporate Board and

the term Executive Committee was selected to remove confusion. The question was called and the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal, as amended.

**Proposal: Include the operations of Service Event Committees in the Area Guidelines NEW**

Section V.A.4

4. SERVICE EVENT COMMITTEES
  - a. Service events are hosted by Districts on the Area Rotation schedule.
  - b. These Committees function in accordance with their own guidelines.

A question was raised as to whether this proposal conflicted with the earlier proposal regarding the Servathon guidelines. Mike explained that the earlier proposal dealt with guidelines specific to the Servathon, and this proposal deals with all Service events in saying that each event has their own guidelines and is expected to operate within those guidelines. A member spoke against this proposal because they felt this proposal was tying the hands of future event committees. The question was called and the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal.

**Proposal: Clarification of membership of the Area Service Committee**

OLD Section IV.B

B. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Area Service Committee shall consist of all DCMCs, DCMs, Area Officers, Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairmen, and alternates for any of the above.

**CHANGE** Section IV.B

B. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Area Service Committee shall consist of all Past Delegates, DCMCs, Alternate DCMCs, DCMs, Area Officers, Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs and CoChairs.
  - a. In the absence of their principals, Alternate DCMCs are full voting members.
  - b. Coordinate Committee designated representatives are full voting members.
  - c. GSRs are not members of the Area Service Committee. However, GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in discussion at Area Service Committee Meetings.

A friendly amendment was presented to amend 8.1.b to read: Coordinate Committee designated representatives. in the absence of their principals. are full voting members. The amendment was accepted by Mike M. The question was called and the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal, as amended.

**Proposal: Add Chairs of Standing and Coordinate Committees as recipients of the**

Agendas and Assembly and A.S.C. minutes.

**NEW** Section 11.D.1.e (The change is noted in bolded *italics* below)

- a. Mike takes *the* minutes of the Assembly and Area Service Committee meetings. After approval of the Delegate and Chair, distributes these minutes and the agenda for the next meeting in a timely manner to DCMCs, DCMs, Area Officers, ***Chairs and Cochairs of Standing and Coordinate Committees***, Past Delegates, Pacific Regional Trustee, and the General Service Office.

A friendly amendment was presented to add Alternate DCMC's to the list of trusted servants receiving the minutes of the Area Assemblies and Service Committee meetings. Mike M. accepted the friendly amendment. With no discussion, the question was called and the proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

At this point, Lona stopped the proceedings to acknowledge the tremendous amount of effort put forth by Mike M. and the rest of the ad-hoc committee on Area Guidelines. This has been nearly a two-year process and the Assembly expressed their gratitude to the entire committee. Mike stated that the next step was to present the complete guidelines to the Area Literature Committee for review. Mike stated that the new printed guidelines would probably be available in two months, or so.

Proposal: The Assembly vote on adoption of a statement of position on purchasing literature of A.A. origin from I.W.S.

Jimmy T., DCMC from District 09 and P.J. D., past-Delegate, Panel 40 were asked to develop the statement for discussion at the February Area Service Committee meeting. The Assembly voted to table the proposal to the February A.S.C.

NEW BUSINESS - Motions from the Floor

Proposal: MSCA forward a request to G.S.O. "That the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book be translated into American Sign Language so that the hearing-impaired will have a better understanding of our steps and traditions".

Discussion of this proposal centered around the need for this item and whether it already exists, (it does not). The question was called and the proposal was approved with substantial unanimity.

February 12, 1995

- **Proposal: Have the Area Grapevine Committee elect their own Chair:** Area Grapevine Chair, Bruce W. said that the Committee is introducing this proposal for the purpose of helping to ensure that the Grapevine Committee Chair is familiar with

the Committee. Two other Committees already do this: Archives and Finance. Kris C. said that it might be better if the Grapevine Committee nominated a member at the Assembly. Doug H. said that in a recent GvR Newsletter out of New York, it was stated that other Areas already do this, so we are not doing anything extraordinary. A vote was taken and it was decided that this proposal will be taken to the May Area Assembly.

Proposal: Amend the Area Finance Committee Guidelines: Area Finance, Goldene L., presented new *duties* for the Finance Committee that the Committee would like included in their Committee Guidelines. The section III **Duties** would be amended to add the following:

- I. Maintain current capital equipment inventory
- J. In the fourth quarter, the Finance Committee will evaluate fiscal year end cash balances. If necessary, in order to maintain Mid-Southern California Area's non-profit status, the Finance Committee will recommend to the Area Treasurer to prepay normal recurring operating budget expenses.

The reasoning for I. is that MSCA has a lot of equipment such as computers, translation equipment, and microphones and nobody seems to know exactly what we have and who has it. The reasoning for II. is that because we are chartered as a non-profit entity, we must meet certain criteria to maintain that status. The recurring expenses, such as sending the Delegate to the Conference, which are known can be pre-paid as they will certainly be budgeted. A vote was taken and it was decided to bring this proposal to the May Area Assembly.

Proposal: Request that A.A.W.S. publish the A.A. Service Manual in a "pocket" edition: Doug H., Alternate DCM from District 05, presented the proposal. This proposal comes from his Home Group. The reasoning behind this is because of the success encountered in publishing the "pocket size" version of the Big Book. You can find Big Books in places where they were never carried before: back pockets, purses, etc. The motion was seconded. The question was asked if the new version would also include the 12 Concepts, and Doug answered yes. A vote was taken and it was decided to take the proposal to the May Area Assembly. The minority voters were polled and a member spoke for the minority. The member called into question the added cost of publishing another version of this book as it re-printed each year to reflect the actions of the General Service Conference. Lona polled the committee and asked if anyone who had voted for the proposal would change their vote, given the minority opinion. A member said that they would. The floor was opened for additional discussion. Jerry G. said that he does not see where any additional expense will be incurred because we already re-print the A.A. Service Manual anyway. Carlos H. said that we may incur additional expense, due to producing two versions of the manual, but if the new version pays for itself in sales without encroaching upon the sales of the bigger version, the additional costs will be offset by increased revenues. Nick M. said that the direction in publishing

A.A. literature seems to be for going smaller - a Conference Agenda item is for to have the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions printed in a "pocket" format. It took years to get the Big Book printed in the "pocket" edition, and this may have been reaction to the I.W.S. publication. Another vote was taken and it was decided to take the proposal to the May Area Assembly.

### **March 12, 1995**

**Program: Discussion of Proposed MSCA Statement of Position on the Purchase of A.A. Literature from Outside Publishers** Lona read the draft of the proposed statement. Carlos H. stated that the statement that we have the sole right to publish the book **Alcoholics Anonymous** is factually incorrect because we do not have a copyright on the 1st edition. Nick M. spoke against the statement because he believes it is incomplete - we say that services are paid for when a **Big Book** is sold, but we do not explain what these services are. Ellery S. spoke in favor of the proposal but expressed a concern that the statement does not differentiate between **literature** and that literature which duplicates items published by A.A.W.S. Pete S. spoke against the statement on three points: we have no right to tell anyone what to buy; he does not see a purpose for the statement; it is more important to get out the letter from G.S.O. stating a resolution of the I.W.S. situation. Jim C. spoke for the statement because he sees it as a much needed service. Doug H. proposed a friendly amendment that when recommending the purchase of A.A. literature published by A.A.W.S., we add literature published by the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. He would also like the word "selling" changed to "offering" in order to address that literature some entities have provided free of cost. Jim T. accepted the two amendments. A vote was taken and the proposal to take the statement to the May Assembly was passed with substantial unanimity.

**Proposal: Forward a proposed new A.A. logo to G.S.O. for their consideration:** Gary from the Sane and Sober Group explained how the proposed logo came about. He added a definition of what each part of the logo means. His Group believes that A.A. has a need for an identifying logo. Jim C. reminded the meeting that we have not lost our **circle and triangle** logo. It will just not appear on literature published by A.A.W.S. The logo, in fact, is still being used widely through the Fellowship. He expressed his appreciation to the Sane and Sober Group for their work in designing this logo and bringing it to their District which voted to bring it to the Area for consideration. He is gratified to see these concerns and efforts taking place at the Group level. A vote was called and for and the proposal was defeated.

Lona apologized for the length of the A.S.C. meeting and for our not getting all our business done. All items that were brought to the meeting today and not addressed will be the first items at the June A.S.C. meeting. Nick M. recapped the proposals and actions of the

A.S.C. The meeting having reached the agreed-upon adjournment time, a motion to adjourn was called, seconded and approved at approximately 4:05PM. After a moment of

silence for the alcoholic who still suffers, the meeting was closed with a prayer.

**April 9, 1995**

Symposium of Service (S.O.S.) – no motions

**May 20, 1995**

**Proposal:** To have the Area Grapevine Committee elect their own Chair. Area Grapevine Chair, Bruce W., presented the motion and explained the reasoning behind it: continuity of Grapevine Committee experience. With no discussion, the proposal was passed with substantial unanimity.

**Proposal:** Amend the Area Finance Committee Guidelines to add the following duty: Maintain a current capital equipment inventory. With no discussion, the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal.

**Proposal:** Amend the Area Finance Committee Guidelines to add the following duty: In the 4th quarter, the Finance Committee will evaluate fiscal year-end cash balances. If necessary, in order to maintain Mid-Southern California Area's non-profit status, the Finance Committee will recommend to the Area Treasurer to prepay normal recurring operating expenses. With no discussion, the Assembly voted with substantial unanimity to approve the proposal.

**Proposal:** Request that A.A.W.S. publish the A.A. Service Manual in a pocket-sized edition. Presented by Doug H., G.S.R. from District 05. Discussion for the proposal centered around: easier to carry, so maybe more people will carry it with them; might save money, smaller pages, less postage; the pocket-sized edition of the Big Book actually increased sales of that publication; we should not look at just the money part, we should look at whether or not there is a need for this. **Against:** will probably increase costs to have two versions of the manual; if we don't eliminate something from the Service Manual, the type would have to be terribly small to make a pocket-sized edition with all the current contents; the only place the Service Manual is usually used is at service meetings, and we do not need a pocket-sized edition for this; if I have a pocket-sized edition of the Big Book and a pocket-sized edition of the 12 and 12, (as approved by the 45th General Service Conference) , I don't have any pockets left for a pocket-sized edition of the Service Manual ; **Neither for or against:** whether we vote to have a pocket-sized edition of the manual, or not, one member was very gratified to see so much discussion of a piece of literature that too many A.A. members do not even know exists. The question was called and, lacking substantial unanimity, the proposal was defeated. Two members spoke for the minority. When the Assembly was polled as to whether anyone in the majority would change their vote, no one said that they would.

**Proposal:** That M.S.C.A. issue a statement of position on the purchase of A.A. literature from outside publishers. Presented by Jimmy T., Area G.S.R. Schools Chair. **Discussion against:** Statement is too broad in its use of legal terms; The General Service Conference has repeatedly stated their position as not having an opinion as to what A.A. entities offer for sale, as long as they keep A.A. literature separate; the statement is confusing; this could probably be more effective as a District effort; we need to develop a statement, but we need something simpler; **Discussion for:** we need to get something out there in the way of information; many people were in favor of a statement, but not *this* statement; the statement meets its purpose of informing. The question was called and the proposal did not receive substantial unanimity, and was defeated. The Assembly was polled as to whether anyone who had voted in the minority would like to speak. Alan R., made a motion from the floor seeking a sense of the Assembly as to whether the Area should produce a piece of literature stating the Area's position on duplicative literature. There was additional discussion, the question was called, and the Assembly voted not to continue in this direction at this time.

Before proceeding to the next motion from the floor, Lona thanked Jimmy T. and P.J. for their efforts in developing the statement of position.

**Motion from the Floor:** That the Area Assembly approve a pamphlet developed by the Area Public Information Committee and directed toward informing people who come to A.A. through directive of the courts, schools, employees, or other entities. Presented by John L., of the P.I. Committee. John stated that the pamphlet had been reviewed by the Area Literature Committee, and they had incorporated many of the suggestions from that committee. The pamphlet is an informational pamphlet. Discussion was generally in favor of the pamphlet, but most of the members who spoke expressed a hesitancy to approve it at this time because they had not had sufficient time to discuss the pamphlet at their Groups and at the District level. The question was called and the motion was approved with substantial unanimity. The minority was polled and further discussion was allowed. A motion was made to table the motion to the June Area Service Committee meeting. The motion to table was approved with substantial unanimity.

**Motion from the Floor: That the Area Literature Committee develop a piece of literature to educate Area Groups as to:**

1. what is A.A. conference-approved literature
2. how the sales of this literature supports A.A. as a whole
3. suggest to the Groups that they avoid the purchase of duplicative non-A.A. approved literature, and why they should avoid this
4. explain that this does not apply to other self-help, spiritual or non-recovery subjects, as stated in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

A friendly amendment was made and accepted that the piece include General Service

Conference Advisory Actions from 1951, 1972, 1975, 1977 and 1986 that address the issue of A.A. literature and non-A.A. literature. The question was called and the motion was approved with substantial unanimity. Mike M. offered a friendly amendment that an adhoc committee should be formed to do this, because the proposed guidelines for the Literature Committee states that they do not develop literature. Julie B., DCM from District 01 was named to be the Chair of the adhoc committee, and Past-Delegate, Jim C., was named Co-Chair. Anyone interested in participating on this committee should call Julie at (310) 318-2553 or Jim at (714) 548-3731. Julie added that she hopes that the adhoc committee can meet prior to the June A.S.C.

### **June 11, 1995**

**Proposal:** Approve guidelines of MSCA Literature Committee Presented by Literature Committee Chair, Elaine S. An amendment was proposed to add the following to the purpose of the committee: The amendment was not accepted. The proposal was seconded as originally proposed. After minimal discussion, the A.S.C. voted with substantial unanimity to include the proposal on the agenda of the September Area Assembly.

**Proposal:** Approve distribution of the •& You've Been Told to Go to A.A " pamphlet to the public, throughout the Mid-Southern California Area Presented by P.I. Committee Chair, Bob C. The proposal was seconded. Most of the discussion against the proposal was centered along the following points: the pamphlet should use I instead of you, like most other A.A. literature; the pamphlet is promotion, not attraction; other A.A. pamphlets and literature already contain everything that is contained in this pamphlet. The arguments for the pamphlet: we gave the P.I. Committee a job to do, they see this pamphlet as helping them do that job, so let's let them do the job we asked them to do; there is a need for a pamphlet like this because so many of the newer people coming to A.A. are court-ordered; don't change the "nard-nosed" tone because people are angry when they get here and will identify with it; the pamphlet is aimed at a veiy specific group of people coming to A.A. and meets a need; the Arizona Delegate Area has used a similar pamphlet with great success; some individuals in the legal profession have already expressed great interest in the draft of the pamphlet. Bob C. reminded everyone that this pamphlet will be distributed to professionals in MSCA and will be used to help them inform their clients just what A.A. is, and is not The question was called and the A.S.C. voted with substantial unanimity to include the proposal on the agenda of the September Area Assembly.

**Proposal:** ne Area Assembly and the Area Service Committee distribute no literature not published by Alcoholics Anonymous, Mid-Southern California Area, its' executive committee, standinl committees and coordinate committees with the exception of flyen angopncng upcoming events directly related to the bodies mentioned or conventions. Presented by Ed D., DCM, District 08. The arguments for the proposal: we need to place some limits and provide some direction as to what goes on the literature table; we are a General Service body and must exercise some sort of discretion as to what we distribute

in the way of literature; anytime we put something on the literature table it is an implied endorsement. Arguments against the proposal: we cannot impose censorship on anything prior to seeing it; many times in the history of A.A., literature from outside our fellowship has been of great of service to us, such as the Saturday Evening Post and Liberty magazine articles; we must trust people who put literature on the table until such time as we see that this approach is unworkable. Much of the discussion was about a specific article originally published in the New Yorker magazine and sent to Manuel by GSO The article was distnl>uted at the May Assembly. The question was called, and the A.S.C. voted not to include the proposal on the agenda of the September Area Assembly.

**Proposal:** Approve the purchase, for up to 52000, of a new computer and software to be used by the Area Registrar: Presented by Area Registrar, Darrell R Darrell reported that he is using his own computer to do the Registrar's work. The computer that the Area provides for use by the Registrar is an IBM-XT and is just not capable of keeping up with the huge amount of processing required in the Registrar's job. With minimal discussion, the committee voted with substantial unanimity to include the proposal on the agenda of the September Area Assembly.

**Proposal;** Be it moved, in order to assure conformity with concept 3, that the 4 proposed amendments dropped by prior action of the A.S.C. be brought before the Assembly to be passed or defeated at the Assembly's pleasure, and be it further moved that revision B of the Area Guidelines, dated 01/95 be brought before the Assembly for ratification as is, except for amendment, if any. by the passage of 1 or more of the 4 proposed amendments dropped by prior A.S.C. action, Presented by Carlos H. DCM. District 05. The proposal was not seconded.

**Proposal:** Be it moved, that in the reading of the "Summary Notes on Parliamentary Procedure" read at each Area Assembly and A.S.C., that the phrase "or by raising his or her band" be added to the sentence "Person making the motion must stand". and that we do this in order not to exclude the handicapped. injured, elderly, or even the lazy who do not wish to, or cannot stand to make a motion. Presented by Carlos H. • DCM, District 05 . The proposal was seconded. After minimal discussion. The A.S.C. voted !!Q! to take this proposal to the September Area Assembly. •

**Proposal:** Be it moved, that the Area avoid doing in miniature, what LW.S. was doing. This to be accomplished by generating a letter to A.A.W.S., GSO, the Grapevine and the General Service Board asking permission to use copyright-protected materials in Area literature, providing; 1. acknowledgment ls given; 2, Disclaimer is made that it is Area-approved. not Conference-approved material; 3. That it be written by the Executive Committee, or appropriate Standing Committee only; 4. That it be reviewed by our Literature Committee; 5. That it be approved by our Assembly before distribution. Presented by Carlos H. • DCM. District 05. The proposal was not seconded.

**Proposal:** Due to the lack of participation in the MSCA DCM School, it is recommended that it be replaced by with an A.A. Service Manual study. combined with the 12 Concepts and MSCA Guidelines for Stmcture and Procedure, workshops to be conducted by

hosting Districts at the A.S.C. and by rotating Executive Committee members prior to the Area Assembly. Presented by Doug H, GSR from District 05. Doug presented several statements from the May Assembly that led him to believe that the Service Manual is sorely neglected. He believes that even if this is just on an experimental basis, this would be worth the effort. The motion was seconded. Robert H stated that he would rather see a more structured DCM School. A vote was taken, and the committee vote was tied and it was decided to include this proposal on the September Area Assembly agenda.

### July 9, 1995

FORO – no motions

### August 13, 1995

**Proposal:** To give voting rights to District GvR's at Area Assembly; Presented by Bruce W. Bruce said that when he was a District GvR, he felt that after the morning Grapeville committee meeting, he had no purpose in attending the Area Assembly. The motion received a second. Pete B. said that a possible solution to this was for the Districts to make their District GvR's DCMs. Jarry G. stated that he felt that this action would dilute the power of the Group at Area Assemblies. A vote was taken, and the A s c voted not to take this proposal to the September Assembly. No one in the minority elected to speak for the minority.

**Proposal:** To approve the 1996 Area Meeting Schedule; Presented 11/ Nick M. The proposal was seconded. After minimal discussion and some clarification, a vote was taken, and the A s c voted to take this proposal to the September Assembly.

**Proposal:** to purchase a new public address system. It will include a tape deck, amplifier, speakers and two wireless microphones. The cost will be approximately \$1,200; Pete B. presented the proposal. Pete said that the current financial picture of the Area seems to indicate that the Area is well-situated financially to make this purchase. The proposal was seconded. A question was asked if this purchase could be combined with an upgrade of the translation equipment. Pete said that the Special Needs/Accessibility budget already has \$1,200 that can be used to upgrade the translation equipment. The question was called and the A s c voted to take this proposal to the September Assembly. No one in the minority elected to speak for the minority.

**Proposal:** The minutes of all Assemblies, A.S.C.'s and Executive Committee meetings contain the statement "Approved by" and the names of the approving Area officers. At the next meeting held, applicable minutes will be offered for correction as approved and distributed; Doug H. presented the proposal. He said that the most important aspect of this proposal was to provide for full participation. The proposal was seconded. Carlos H. spoke in favor of the proposal because it provides for a structural mechanism for correcting and approving meeting minutes. The question was called and the A s c voted to take this proposal to the September Assembly. No one in the minority elected to speak for the minority.

**Proposal:** ea II moved that the 4 proposed amendments to the Area Guidelines dropped by action of the A.S.C., brought before the Area Assembly to be passed or defeated at the Assembly's pleasure; Carlos H. presented the proposal. The motion did not receive a second.

**Proposal:** ea II moved that resolution of the Area Guidelines, dated 1/95, be brought before the Area Assembly for ratification; Carlos H. presented the proposal. The motion did not receive a second.

**Proposal:** That the proposed Literature Committee will be presented to the

Area Assembly In September bt amended; Mike M. presented the amendments. The first amendment was to change the purpose of the committee to read: To publish develop revjse and translate Mid-Soythem CaJjfomja literature and proyide study djscuss and make recommendations on any A A HterabJra. The second amendment was to delete the words "through the delegate" from a sentence in the proposed guidelines. The sentence currently reads: Review and make recommendations through the Delegate, on A.A. literature. Third, the sentence "The literature commjttee prepares correspondence for the exea,tjye Committee to fqward through the delegate to the General Seryice Office", would be amended by removing the words "through the Delegate". The motion was seconded. The question was called andb ASC voted to take this proposal to the September Assembly.

### **September 10, 1995**

**Proposal: To approve the 1996 Area Meeting Schedule.** The meeting schedule was presented by Nick M. Nick pointed out a mistake in the proposed schedule- Saturday, May 19th should read Sunday, May 19th. A second mistake was pointed out by Jack R. - the second Saturday in November of 1996 is the 10th. There was no discussion and **the 1996 meeting schedule, as amended, was approved.**

**Proposal: To approve the purchase, for up to \$2,000, of a new computer and software to be used by the Area Registrar.** The proposal was presented by Darrell H. After no discussion, **this proposal was approved.**

**Proposal: To approve guldelines of MSCA Literature Committee.** The proposal was presented by Literature Committee member, Mike M. After no discussion, **the proposal was approved.**

**Proposal: To approve distribution of the *So you've bean told to go to A.A. .* pamphlet to the public throughout the Mld-SOuthem California Area.** Lona W. gave some background on the pamphlet A question was asked as to what procedure was used to differentiate between different iterations of the pamphlet John L. explained that each draft was a different color, induding a green version which is the Spanish-language translation. In answer to a question, Lona stated that the Public Information committee is simply asking for Assembly approval of their effort. A G.S.R. said that if you haven't discussed this pamphlet with your Group, you should abstain from voting on this pamphlet Some of the language was questioned: *you wonY find a bunch of derelicts or religious fanatics; because you are a welcome guest, we prefer that you not contribute to the 7th Tradition; no one will ask why you are here; A.A. is not religious; you donY have to speak if you donY want to.* A statement was made that this pamphlet tries to make all A.A meetings look the same, and this is simply not so. The P.I. Committee was applauded for their efforts in creating this pamphlet. It was stated that the P.I. Committee is more familiar with the approach to be taken with the public and they believe that this is the best approach. The question came up, is this promotion, rather than attraction. Paul S., Area CPC Chair, reported that the P.I. Committee has been in contact with the CPC Committee in the development of this pamphlet He said that we should not change the language of the pamphlet simply because some meetings aren't acting according to A.A Tradition. The question was called, and **the proposal was approved.** Those who voted in the minority were polled and two members spoke for the minority. No one who voted for the proposal wanted to change their vote.

**Proposal: MSCA purchase a new public address system.** The system will Include a tape deck, amplifier, speakers and two wireless microphones. The cost will be approximately \$1200. Pete B. presented the proposal. With no discussion, the proposal was approved.

**Proposal: The minutes of all Assemblies, A.S.C.'s and Executive Committee meetings contain the statement "Approved by" and the names of the approving Area Officers. At the next meeting held, the applicable**

minutes will be offered for correction as approved and distributed. Doug H. presented the proposal. Discussion against the proposal: changes are unnecessary because the current process is working fine. For the proposal: we must protect the Assembly against incompetence of our elected officers. The question was called, and the proposal was defeated. Several of the members who voted in the minority spoke. The minority agreed that we need a vehicle to bring the minutes up for discussion and questions. Most bodies allow for a formal process for meeting minutes. The Assembly was polled, and several members who voted against the proposal said that they would change their votes. Several said yes, and discussion was opened once again. After further discussion, Doug was asked if he would accept a friendly amendment to remove the portion concerning the names of the approving Area Officers but retain the portion addressing approval of the minutes at the next applicable meeting. Doug agreed to this. On the second vote, the proposal, as amended, was approved. The approved proposal was: At the next meeting held, the minutes of the A.S.C. and Assembly will be offered for correction as approved and distributed.

**Proposal:** Due to a lack of participation in the MSCA DCM School, it is recommended that this be replaced with an A.A. Service Manual study, combined with the 12 Concepts and MSCA Guidelines for Structure and Procedure workshops, to be conducted by hosting Districts at the A.S.C. and by rotating Executive Committee members prior to the Area Assembly. Doug H. presented the proposal. He stated that the purpose of *this* proposal was to promote involvement of the District and Executive Committee in a workshop environment preferably question and answer. Bill S. presented a brief statement regarding the purpose and history of the DCM School. The main purpose was to share experience with new DCMC's and DCM's regarding the responsibilities of their positions. Participation has not been high and he is leaning toward a Service Manual study. One DCMC whose District had recently hosted an A.S.C. meeting shared that this would present a burden to some Districts. A friendly amendment was made that would remove the A.S.C. from the proposal, leaving the Assemblies. The amendment was not accepted. A second friendly amendment was proposed to allow a neighboring District to host the session, if the hosting District could not do it. Another member shared that with all the upcoming District elections and the influx of new DCM's and new DCMC's, we should not disband the DCM School at this time. Lona asked Doug if he would object to breaking the proposal into two proposals • one addressing disbanding the DCM School and the other addressing creation of a new forum to take its place. A recommendation to table was brought up. The Assembly voted to table the proposal. It will be brought to the November A.S.C. meeting.

### **October 8, 1995**

Election Assembly – no motions

### **November 12, 1995**

Proposal: (Tabled from the September Assembly) The MSCA DCM School be discontinued, due to lack of participation. Lona asked for any discussion. Robert H. shared that he was in favor of retaining the school, because where G.S.R.'s have a forum for education, new DCM's have none. He would like to see the format changed to be more like the G.S.R. School. Jerry G. shared that with the influx of new DCM's and DCMC's to General SeNice he believes discontinuing the DCM School would be a disservice to the Area. Carlos H. shared that he believes that the proposal should be taken to the Assembly to bring the problems with the current DCM School to light.

Henry B. shared that he sees a great need for a forum where incoming DCM's and DCMC's can share problems and solutions. Audrey P. shared that she was not in favor of discontinuing the DCM School, because she believes the school meets a need, just as the need for the G.S.R. School, which she, as a new G.S.R., found extremely helpful. There being no further discussion, Lona asked for a vote to determine whether or not to take this proposal to the Area Assembly. The proposal did not receive substantial unanimity. and will not be included on the January Assembly agenda. Carlos H. spoke as a member of the minority. Carlos reiterated that he voted for the proposal simply because he believes that is more fitting that the Assembly decide this issue. rather than the A.S.C. No one who voted in the majority said that they would change their vote and the proposal was defeated.

Proposal: (Tabled from the September Assembly) MSCA institute an A.A. Service Manual Study. combined with the 12 Concepts and Mis-Southern Guidelines for Structure and Procedure workshops. The workshops to be conducted by hosting Districts at the A.S.C. and by rotating Executive members prior to the Area Assembly. There was no discussion. and the A.S.C. voted with substantial unanimity to take this proposal to the January Area Assembly. Jack R. spoke for the minority. Jack shared that he feels that this type of forum was best done at the District level and not at the Area level. Robert H. asked whether or not this would put an additional burden on Districts who already host A.S.C.'s. If the Districts who are responsible for hosting a workshop prior to an A.S.C., this may be too much to ask to them to do. No one who voted in the majority said that they would change their vote, and the proposal will be taken to the January Area Assembly.

### **November 18, 1995**

Servathon – no motions

### **December 10, 1995**

**Point of Order:** Carlos H. introduced a point of order. He stated that at the previous A.S.C. meeting, we discussed and voted on two items that had been tabled at the September Area Assembly. He believes that this is not in keeping with parliamentary procedure because the proposal was tabled by the Assembly to the next Assembly. He believes that the proposal should be brought, intact, to the January Assembly. He made a proposal to do this, which was seconded. Alan R. said that the original proposal would be the first order of business under Old Business at the January Area Assembly.

**Proposal: Present the 1996 Proposed Budget to the January 1996 Area Assembly.** Pete B. said that copies of the proposed budget were available on the Literature table. He reviewed certain budget items: a budget item for participation at the Regional Forum; \$2400 budget item to aid Districts in increasing P.R.A.A.SA participation. Bob C. requested that the budget for the Public Information Committee be increased from \$200 to \$600 to cover the cost of

printing the "So you've been told to go to A.A....." pamphlet, an increase of \$400. D.C. L. reported that the Literature Committee voted to request that their committee budget be increased from \$200 to \$1,000 to allow for the purchase of display cases for A.A. literature at Area events. Pete said that he would accept these two amendments but asked for discussion of these two items. Discussion followed. Bill M. shared that the Literature Committee guidelines, approved by the Area Assembly, dired the committee to have a display of all A.A. literature at Area events. Jerry G. stated that according to the proposed budget, these two increases totaling \$1,200, would create a budget deficit. Pete answered that the budget is a very conservative budget, and should be adjusted, depending on adual expenses and income, in mid-year 1996. Nick M. shared that the Area maintains a prudent reserve of \$4,000, and the purpose of this prudent reserve is to allow the Area to address issues such as these. Lona polled the A.S.C., and the committee voted to present the proposed amended budget to the January 1996 Area Assembly.

**January 14, 1996**

- **Confirmation Of Convention Liaison (Spanish-Speaking) Co-Chair:** Vitelio P. was introduced to the Assembly and was unanimously approved as convention Liaison co-chair.
- **ASSEMBLY MEETING LOCATION:** A discussion concerning the pros and cons of having future Assemblies at either the south West Senior Citizen's Center in Santa Ana or the Bach's community center in Placentia ensued. A motion to hold the rest of MSCA Assemblies for 1996 (September 8th) at the SW Senior Citizen's Center in Santa Ana. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The question was called. The Assembly was polled and the motion passed with substantial unanimity. Those who voted in the minority declined to speak.
- **Proposal: To Elevate the Bulletin Board & Web Site Ad hoc Committee to Standing Committee.** Withdrawn by the proposer, Kris C.
- **Proposal: To Make Three Changes to the Finance Committee Guidelines to Include: 1) Insure Distribution of Donation Envelopes to Meetings Wherever Possible, 2) Include the Immediate Past Area Treasurer as a Member of the Finance Committee, and 3) Define the Term Of the Immediate Past Treasurer to 2 Years.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried by substantial unanimity. one person who voted in the minority chose to speak. No one in the majority wished to change their vote.
- **Literature Committee Chair:** The chairmanship of the Area Literature committee has become open. Being no nominations the position will remain vacant and will be addressed at a later ASC.
- **PROPOSAL:** Change H&I Coordinate Committee to an Area Standing Committee, Keeping Its Present Autonomy. Tabled to June ASC.
- **PROPOSAL:** Provide letter of endorsement to L.A. AYPAA 1998 Conference BID Committee. The Assembly moved unanimously to provide a letter of endorsement.
- **PROPOSAL:** If Available, Provide Partial Funding to Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs for Forums. The Assembly was polled and the motion was passed unanimously.

**February 11, 1996**

- **HOLD TRADITIONS AND CONCEPT WORKSHOPS:** Proposed that the motion be tabled until the next ASC the motion author could entertain the friendly amendment. The motion to table was seconded and carried. Therefore, the motion to hold Tradition and concept workshops will be addressed at the March ASC.
- **ASSEMBLY MEETING LOCATION:** At January Assembly it was decided to move the Assembly in May from Bach's community center in Placentia to the s.w. senior Citizen's center in Santa Ana. Because there was a lot of discussion, it was decided to reopen the discussion of Area Assembly meeting location. Motion to have Area Assembly meetings at Bach's community center. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The ASC was polled and the motion was carried. Those in the minority declined to speak.

### March 10, 1996

- **HOLD TRADITIONS AND CONCEPT WORSSHOPS (Tabled from Feb ASC):**  
Because this motion had already been proposed and seconded, only discussion followed. No new thoughts were brought to the floor. The question was called. The ASC was polled and the motion was defeated unanimously.

### April 14, 1996

Pre-Conference – no motions

### May 19, 1996

- **Confirmation Of Convention Liaison (Spanish-Speaking) Co-Chair:** Vitelio P. was introduced to the Assembly and w&a unanimously approved as convention Liaison co-chair.
- **ASSEMBLY MEETING LOCATION:** A discussion concerning the pros and cons of having future Assemblies at either the south west senior citizen'a center in Santa Ana or the Bach's conununity center in Placentia ensued. A motion to bold the rest of MSCA Assemblies for 1996 (September 8th) at the SW Senior citizen's Center in Santa Ana. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The question was called. The Assembly was polled and the motion passed with substantial unanimity. Those who voted in the minority declined to speak.
- **Proposal: To Elevate the Bulletin Board & Web Site Ad hoc Committee to Standing Committee.** Withdrawn by the proposer, Kris C.
- **Proposal: To Make Three Changes to the Finance Committee Guidelines to Include: 1) Insure Distribution of Donation Envelopes to Meetings Wherever Possible, 2) Include the Immediate Past Area Treasurer as a Member of the Finance Committee, and 3) Define the Term Of the Immediate Past Treasurer to 2 Years.** Discussion followed. The question was called. The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried by substantial unanimity. one person who voted in the minority chose to speak. No one in the majority wished to change their vote.
- **Literature Committee Chair:** The chairmanship of the Area Literature committee has become open. Being no nominations the position will remain vacant and will be addressed at a later ASC.
- **PROPOSAL:** Change H&I Coordinate Committee to an Area Standing Committee, Keeping Its Present Autonomy. Tabled to June ASC.
- **PROPOSAL:** Provide letter of endorsement to L.A. AYPAA 1998 Conference BID Committee. The Assembly was polled and the motion was passed unanimously.

### June 9, 1996

- **Literature Chair:** Nancy J. elected OD first ballot by 2/3 majority.
- **Finance Committee:** Motion to add immediate past Treasurer to the Finance Committee was for continuity. Immediate past Delegate and Treasurer on Finance committee were voluntary. Proposed that at next Finance Committee meeting the wording of the proposal be changed to include the words "suggested members" and be approved by the Assembly.

- **What Standing Committee Expenses are to be Reimbursed.** Those who spoke from the floor felt that it was up to each Standing committee Chair to spend their budget as they saw fit, as long as their allocated budget was not exceeded.
- **Proposal: Change Status of H&I Coordinate Committee to an Area Standing Committee.** Discussion followed. A motion was made, and seconded and carried by a simple majority to table the proposal to the August ASC.
- **If Available. Provide Partial Funding to Standing & Coordinate Committee Chairs for 1996 Forum:** No funds available.
- **Presentation of Proposed 1997 MSCA Meeting Schedule.** The schedule will be amended as indicated.
- **Proposal: Change Area Guidelines Pertaining to Distribution of Area Assembly & ASC Minutes. Send Minutes Only to Area Officers. Standing & Coordinate Committee Chairs. And DCMCs** An amendment was made and accepted. The ASC was polled and the proposal, as amended, was carried by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: Move Standing Committee Reports Between Approval of Minutes and Delegate's Report.** Motion withdrawn. Requested Executive committee take into consideration revamping agenda.
- **Proposal: Send Letter to Desert Central Office Concerning Tax Deduction Given to Sam's Club for Donation of Coffee:** • No action; not function of Area.

#### July 14, 1996

FORO – no motions

#### August 11, 1996

- **Proposal: Change Status of H&I Coordinate Committee to an Area Standing Committee.** Change would open communication and improve cooperation between H&I Intergroup and MSCA. Motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Approve 1997 MSCA Meeting Schedule.** Proposal, as amended, was seconded and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Change MSCA Area Guidelines Pertaining to Duties of Secretary and Registrar. Move Responsibility of Preparing Area Roster to Area Registrar.** Proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Disband District 31.** Proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Move to Create The Position of Spanish Co-Chair for the MSCA Literature Committee.** Proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Move That District Roll-Call Be Reinstated. to be Held Hear Time Frame Currently Labeled For District Questions. Limit Sharing To 3 Minutes Per District.** Proposal was seconded and carried by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: Disband "What Is and What Is Not A.A. Literature" Adhoc Committee.** Proposal was seconded and carried by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: Changes MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines.** Proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.

### September 8, 1996

- **Confirmation of Literature Committee Chair:** Nancy J was unanimously confirmed as Literature Committee chair.
- **Change Area Guidelines Pertaining to Distribution of Area Assembly & ASC Minutes. Send Minutes Only to Area Officers, Standing & Coordinate Committee Chairs, and DCMCs.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was defeated because it did not receive the two-thirds majority required to change MSCA Guidelines.
- **Change H&I Committee from Coordinate Committee to Standing Committee.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried by substantial unanimity.
- **Approve 1997 Meeting Schedule.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Move Responsibility of Maintaining and Preparing Area Roster from Area Secretary to Area Registrar .** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Disband District 31 and Move Into District 09.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Create The Position of Spanish Co-Chair for the MSCA Literature Committee.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Disband "What Is & What Is Not A.A. Literature' Adhoc Committee.** Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Approve Proposed Changes to MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Purchase A Security System for the MSCA Archives Building; Maximum Expenditure \$200.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Confirmation of John L. as New MSCA Treasurer.** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.

### October 13, 1996

- **Presentation of 1997 Proposed Budget.**
- **Elect H&I Standing Committee Chairperson.** Patrick L. elected by substantial unanimity on 1st ballot. Will ask January 1997 Assembly to confirm Patrick L. as Chairperson.

### November 9, 1996

Servathon – no motions

**December 8, 1996**

- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1997 Assembly the Proposed 1997 MSCA Budget .** The proposal was seconded and a friendly amendment was made that was accepted. The proposal and friendly amendment were passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration At This January 1997 Assembly that MSCA Recommend GSO Approve MSCA Pamphlet "So You've Been Told" as Conference Approved Literature.** The motion was seconded and passed by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1997 Assembly that MSCA ask Bill W. and John to Research and Recommend a Replacement for the MSCA VCR/TV System.** The motion was second and passed by substantial unanimity.

January 12, 2017

- **Confirmation of MSCA Treasurer:** Al L. was unanimously confirmed as MSCA Treasurer.
- **Confirmation of H&I Standing Committee Chair:** Patrick L. was unanimously confirmed as H&I Standing Committee Chair
- **Confirmation of Spanish Co-Chair for MSCA Literature Committee:** Joe C. was unanimously confirmed as Spanish CO-Chair for MSCA Literature Committee.
- **Confirmation of MSCA Alternate Delegate:** Jim S. was unanimously confirmed of MSCA Alternate Delegate.
- **Proposal: Approve 1997 MSCA Budget.** The Assembly was polled and the motion to accept the 1997 MSCA Budget.
- **Proposal: Recommend General Service Conference Approve MSCA Pamphlet "So You've Been Told ..." as Conference Approved Literature:** The proposal, amended to read "Recommend General Service Conference to approve a pamphlet similar to MSCA'S pamphlet 'So You've Been Told ...'as Conference Approved Literature" was carried by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: Move that MSCA Ask Bill W. and John L. to Research and Recommend a Replacement for the MSCA VCR/TV System:** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Provide a Letter of Support to the All Orange County Young People of A.A. Bid Committee:** The Assembly was polled and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Elect a New Computer Bulletin Board/Internet Ad hoc Committee Chair:** George was elected by substantial unanimity on second ballot.

February 9, 2017

- **Discussion: Should PRAASA Guidelines be Amended to Increase "Seed Money" from \$1000 To \$2400.** This proposal will be presented by AREA 18 (Idaho) at the '97 PRAASA Business Meeting. There is no action required by MSCA at this time. This proposal was presented at the ASC for information and discussion only.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the May 1997 Assembly that the Name of the SOS be Changed to Pre-Conference Assembly.** The proposal was passed by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the May 1997 Assembly that MSCA Increase Its Contribution from \$1000 To \$1500 to the General Conference.** The proposal was passed by substantial unanimity. Will have additional pro vs con discussion at March ASC
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the May 1997 Assembly that MSCA Purchase for \$1500 "Solution Distribution Kit" for Area Registration Database.** The proposal was passed unanimously.

- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the May 1997 Assembly that Districts Contribute Towards Purchase of "Solution Distribution Kit" for Area Registration Database.** The proposal was passed by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: Approve MSCA Literature Committee To Purchase Literature Display For \$875.** The proposal was passed unanimously. (Money was approved by January 1997 Assembly.)
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the May 1997 Assembly that Convention Liaison Committee Purchase for \$200 Hot Air Balloons for Conventions.** The proposal was defeated.

### March 16, 2017

- **Discussion: Pro vs Con of MSCA increasing its contribution from \$1000 to \$1500 to the General Service Conference**
- **Proposal: If passed at PRAASA, have MSCA make a one e contribution of \$100 to the '98 PRAASA Committee** so that "seed" money is increased from \$1000 to \$2400. Issue was resolved at PRAASA; therefore, proposal does not need to be taken into consideration.
- **Proposal: Rescind Motion Passed at February 1997 ASC Asking Districts to Contribute Towards Purchase of Solution Distribution Kit for MSCA Registration Database:** Executive Committee decided that it was not appropriate to ask Districts to contribute. The proposal was passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the May 1997 Assembly that 1998 MSCA Assemblies be Held Plumber's and Pipefitter's Hall in Colton:** proposal was passed by substantial unanimity.

### April 6, 2017

Symposium of Service (S.O.S.) – no motion

### May 18, 2017

- **Proposal: To Change the Name of the Symposium of Service (SOS) to Pre-Conference Assembly (Reflects Actual Function of Event):** A proposal was made, amended, and accepted to change the name of the SOS to Pre-Conference Workshop. The Assembly was polled and the motion, as amended, to accept changing the name of the SOS to Pre-Conference Workshop was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Increase MSCA's Contribution to the General Service Conference from \$1000 To \$1500:** The proposal was defeated by a substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: That MSCA Purchase for \$1500 Plus Tax (Approximately \$150) "Solution Distribution Kit" For Area Registration Database:** The Assembly was polled and the motion to purchase the "Solution Distribution Kit" was carried by a substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Have all 1998 MSCA Assemblies Held at Plumber's and Pipefitter's Ball in Colton:** A motion to table the proposal until additional information could be obtained was defeated. The Assembly was polled and the

motion to have all 1998 MSCA Assemblies at the Plumber's and Pipefitter's Hall in Colton was carried by a substantial unanimity.

- **Confirmation of Thom A. as PI Standing Committee Chair:** The Assembly was polled and Thom A. was confirmed unanimously as PI Standing Committee Chair

### June 8, 2017

- **Presentation of Proposed 1998 MSCA Meeting Schedule** For consideration only will vote at August ASC on proposal to accept for consideration at the September 1997 Assembly.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1997 Assembly that MSCA Purchase Two New Speakers (Maximum Expenditure \$300) to Replace Speakers that Were Stolen:** The proposal was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1977 Assembly to Transfer Budget Preparation, Maintenance, and Reporting Responsibilities from MSCA Treasurer to MSCA Finance Committee (Al L)** Proposal involves changing MSCA Guidelines (Revised 1/95) Article 11(6)a and e and MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines Sections 3(B) and 9. Article 11(6)a. A motion was made and carried unanimously to split the proposal into two proposals. Proposal one would be to change MSCA Guidelines pertaining to Area Treasurer, the second proposal would be to change MSCA Financial Committee Guidelines per the draft revision presented. Both proposals were considered separately and were carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1977 Assembly Three Proposals from Computer Bulletin Board/Internet Ad hoc Committee** (Proposal 3 will be considered if proposal 2 is accepted; proposal 2 will be considered if proposal 1 is accepted)
  1. Have Area pay for a Worldwide Web Site that would:
    - a) list Area and District Events
    - b) list Area and District Information (contact numbers & locations)
    - c) list individual meetings and locations
  2. Ask each meeting if they wish to be listed or publish the active groups as in MSCA Registrar's database?
  3. Ask Intergroups to supplement meeting information

It was decided unanimously to table the proposal until the August 1997 ASC because there was not a representative from Computer Bulletin Board/Internet AD HOC Committee at June ASC.

- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1977 Assembly that MSCA Purchase Liability Insurance.** A motion was made and carried unanimously to table the proposal until the August 1997 ASC.

### July 13, 2017

FORO – no motion

### August 10, 2017

- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1997 Assembly the Proposed 1998 MSCA Meeting Schedule.** The proposal, with one minor correction was carried by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1977 Assembly Three Proposals from Computer Bulletin Board/Internet Ad hoc Committee** (Proposal 3 will be considered if proposal 2 is accepted; proposal 2 will be considered if proposal 1 is accepted)
  1. Have Area pay for a Worldwide Web Site that would:
    - a) list Area and District Events
    - b) list Area and District Information (contact numbers & locations)
    - c) list individual meetings and locations
  2. Ask each meeting if they wish to be listed or publish the active groups as in MSCA Registrar's database?
  3. Ask Intergroups to supplement meeting information

It was decided by substantial unanimity to return the proposals to the Ad Hoc Committee for further consideration

- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1977 Assembly that MSCA Purchase for Approximately \$1000 Per Year \$1 Million Worth of Liability Insurance.** The proposal was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1997 Assembly that MSCA Recommend to GSO that the First 164 Pages of the Big Book be Translated to Spanish in the Way That It Was Translated Prior to the 1986 Edition of the Spanish Big Book.** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the September 1997 Assembly that MSCA Purchase a Computer and Printer (Maximum Expenditure \$1500) so that Spanish Districts can Translate and Produce MSCA Literature, Newsletter, etc.** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

### September 14, 2017

- **Proposal: To approve proposed 1998 Meeting Schedule.** A motion was made, seconded, and the motion was carried by substantial unanimity
- **Proposal: To have MSCA's purchase two new speakers (maximum expenditure \$300) to replace speakers that were stolen.** A motion was made, seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To revise Articles 11?(6)a and e of the MSCA Guidelines pertaining to MSCA Treasurer Duties.** A motion was made, second, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Revise Section 3B (Duties) of the Finance Committee Guidelines.** A motion was made, second, and the motion was carried unanimously.

- **Proposal: Have MSCA purchase for approximately \$1000 per year a \$1 million liability insurance policy.** A motion was made, second, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: Have MSCA recommend to GSO that the first 164 pages of the Big Book be translated to Spanish in the way it was translated prior to the 1986 edition of the Spanish Big Book.** A motion was made, seconded, and the motion was carried by substantial unanimity
- **Proposal: Have MSCA purchase (cost should not exceed \$1500) a computer and printer so that Spanish Districts can translate and produce MSCA literature, Newsletter, etc.** A motion was made, seconded, and the motion, after much loving discussion, was carried by substantial unanimity. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider. The motion to reconsider was defeated by substantial unanimity. Therefore, motion stands as passed.

### October 12, 2017

Election Assembly – no motions

### November 9, 2017

- **Presentation of Proposed MSCA 1998 Budget.** No action is necessary at this time; vote at December 1997 ASC to have Budget put on January 1998 Assembly for approval.
- **Obtain Sense of ASC as to Disposition of Funds Allocated in 1997 MSCA Budget for Purchase of Computer for Use by MSCA Treasurer.** After much discussion, the sense of the ASC was to put the money (\$2000) back into the general fund to be used for other purposes.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at The January 1998 Assembly that the Position of Spanish-Speaking Co-Chair of the Area Newsletter Standing Committee be Created. The Responsibilities of this New Position Would be Identical to the Current Newsletter Committee Chair.** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly that a Spanish Grapevine Standing Committee be Created. La Viña (The Spanish Version Of The Grapevine) Would Be Its Main Responsibilities.** A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly that MSCA Host a Web Page.** A motion was made, seconded, and passed by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly that MSCA Purchase a Computer for Use by Archives Standing Committee.** A motion was made, seconded, and defeated by substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly that Money Allocated for Purchase of Computer be Distributed Evenly Among Districts to Help Offset Costs Sending Districts to PRAASA '98.** The proposal was withdrawn so that Finance Committee can allocate funds where most needed.

## November 22, 1997

Servathon – no motion

## December 14, 2017

- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly the MSCA 1998 Budget.** A motion was made, seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.
- **Clarify Proposal to Create Spanish Grapevine Standing Committee that was Presented and Passed at November 1997 ASC.** Original proposal was to create the position of Spanish CO-Chair of the Grapevine Standing Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to rescind the November ASC proposal to create a Spanish Grapevine Standing Committee.
- **Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly to Create The Position of Spanish Co-Chair of the Grapevine Standing Committee.** A motion was made, seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.
- **Clarify Proposal to Create MSCA Webpage that was Presented and Passed at November 1997 ASC.** The motion had the intent of the original proposal. Therefore, no further action was necessary.
- **New Business Proposal: To Accept for Consideration at the January 1998 Assembly the Content of a MSCA 1998 General Service Workbook.** A motion was made, seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

## Motions 1998

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### January 11, 1998

- **Proposal: To approve proposed 1998 MSCA Budget** . After some information points, a motion was made, seconded and the 1998 budget was approved unanimously.
- **Proposal: To approve proposed content of a MSCA 1998 General Service Workbook**. A motion was made to accept the workbook as it is, it was seconded and approved with substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To Create Position of Spanish Grapevine CO-Chair**. Primary function will be La Viña. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.
- **Proposal: To create the position of Spanish-speaking CO-chair of the Area Newsletter Standing Committee**. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: To have MSCA host a Webpage** . The motion was defeated 44 to 39. There was a motion to reconsider and a second vote was conducted. The motion was defeated again 51 to 45 with 6 abstaining.
- **Proposal: To approve revised 1998 MSCA Meeting Schedule**. A motion was made and seconded with discussion. A motion was made to table the revised schedule until the date of the Foro is confirmed. The motion to table was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: AOCYPAA asked for a letter of support from Area 9 that is needed to fulfill part of their bid to host an upcoming Young Peoples AA convention in our Area**. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: A motion was made from the floor to give the ASC power to vote on the revised 1998 Meeting Schedule for Area 9 at the next ASC**. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### February 8, 1998

- **Proposal to approve the revised 1998 Meeting Schedule**. The Assembly gave the ASC power to vote on this at the last meeting. A motion was made to at the schedule it was seconded and approved unanimously.

### March 15, 1998

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### April 5, 1989

Pre-Conference – no motion

## May 17, 1998

- **Proposal: Proposed change to the Finance Committee Guidelines.** The motion passed 55 to 22 with two abstaining. The minority spoke and one member changed her vote so we opened it up for discussion again. The motion passed again with a friendly amendment making it the responsibility of the requester to present the information to the Finance Committee for review, and to have the Finance Committee present the findings of the financial impact at the next assembly.
- **Motion From the Floor: A motion to the floor to have the Area purchase a tape duplicating machine at \$500.00.** After much discussion. the motion was defeated. There was more discussion and it was decided that this be tabled and discussed at the next ASC.

## June 14, 1998

- **Proposal Thom A.:** To put on the September 1998 Assembly Agenda, to have MSCA purchase a video tape duplicating machine for \$500.00 The motion was approved and will be placed on the September 1998 Assembly agenda.
- **Proposal Kris C.:** To put on September 1998 Assembly Agenda changes to MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines stipulating that if a person misses three consecutive Finance Committee Meetings, the Committee may ask them to step down. The motion was approved and will be placed on the September 1998 Assembly agenda.
- **Proposal Pete B.:** Proposed 1998 Meeting Schedule (This is for information only; proposal to have 1999 Schedule put on September 1998 Assembly Agenda will be presented at August 1998 ASC.)

## July 12, 1998

FORO – no motions

## August 9, 1998

**Proposal: To put on the September 1998 Assembly Agenda, the proposed 1999 Meeting schedule.** A motion was made, seconded and approved with unanimously.

## September 13, 1998

- **Proposal:** To have MSCA purchase a video tape duplicating machine for \$500.00 The motion was passed with substantial unanimity. There were 88 votes cast, 64 in favor, 17 opposed, and 7 abstentions.
- **Proposal:** Change to the MSCA Finance Committee Guidelines. After much loving discussion, a motion was made, seconded and the motion passed with all but two in favor.
- **Proposal:** 1999 Meeting Schedule. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor.
- **Proposal:** To write a letter of support for ICYPAA bid committee. ~emotion was made, seconded and passed with substantial unanimity.
- Confirmation of the newly elected Grapevine Chair, Vaughn B. Unanimously voted.

## October 11, 1998

- **Presentation on the 1999 Preliminary Working Budget**
- **Proposal:** Add to Article IEl of the MSCA Guidelines the following statement to be referred to as IElb. If a Standing Committee Chair misses three (3) Area meetings (ASCs or Assemblies) or performance(s) of their duty(ies) during a 2 year period without making arrangements for a designate, the position will be considered vacated, allowing the Executive Committee to start procedures for filling the vacancy. After much discussion it was voted that the original proposal as stated above will be placed on the December 1998 ACS Agenda.

## November 14, 1998

Servathon – no motions

## December 13, 1998

- **Proposal:** To put the January 1999 Assembly Agenda, the proposed 1999 MSCA budget. Opened up for questions.  
Presentation of the budget will be amended to include a line item of \$200.00 for the DCM School, to increase PRAASA support for the Districts from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and to increase the Standing Committee Chairs budget from \$100.00 to 150.00. Unanimously approved to be placed on the January 1999 Assembly agenda.
- **Proposal:** To put on the January 1999 Assembly Agenda, an addition to Article IEl of the MSCA Guidelines the following statement to be referred to as IElb
  - If a Standing Committee Chair misses three (3) Area meetings (ASC's or Assemblies) or performance(s) of their duty(ies) during a two year period without making arrangements for a designate, the position would be considered vacated, allowing the Executive Committee to start the procedures for filling the vacancy.Amended to include:
  - Each Standing Committee shall be represented at assemblies and area service committee meetings, and shall fulfill any duties contained in its own guidelines in a timely manner.Approved with substantial unanimity to be placed on the January, 1999 Assembly Agenda.
- **Proposal:** To put on the January 1999 Assembly Agenda, MSCA's recommendation for the Year 2000 General Service Conference Theme  
Ballots were distributed with the selections that came out of the Servathon. The selections included:
  - The AA Home Group - the foundation  
for all three Legacies Respect and  
Tolerance is the key to Usefulness
  - Experience, Strength and Hope - Sharing our Past to Ensure Our Future**
  - Giving Rather than Getting - Our Guiding Principle
  - Rule #62 - The. Attractive Face of AA

## Motions 1999

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### January 10, 1999

- **Proposal: To approve the proposed 1999 MSCA budget.** Approved unanimously.
- **Proposal: To approve an addition to Article IE I of the MSCA Guidelines the following statement to be referred to as IE Ib.** Amendment to rewrite motion: Each Standing Committee shall be represented at assemblies and area service committee meetings, and shall fulfill any duties contained in its own guidelines in a timely manner. If a Standing Committee Chair misses three (3) Area meetings (ASC's or Assemblies) or performance(s) of their duty(ies) during a two year period without making arrangements for a designate, the position would be considered vacated, allowing the Executive Committee to start the procedures for filling the vacancy. The vote was 58 to 7 which means that the motion has passed with at least two thirds majority. The change will be made to the guidelines.
- **Proposal: To amend the 1999 MSCA Meeting Schedule.** Change the date of the Election Assembly from Sunday October 10th to Sunday October 3, 1999 so that the Pacific Region Trustee may attend Assembly. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Proposal: For the remaining 1999 Assemblies implement a rotating meeting location so that Assemblies are held in the hosting District's neighborhood.** The motion was approved unanimously.

### February 14, 1999

- **Presentation: The proposed MSCA Web Page** - for discussion only. Will be considered at March ASC for inclusion on May Assembly Agenda. Suggested to call it a draft Proposal for an Area Web Page.
- **Presentation: To consider a motion that was brought from the floor at the January Assembly to have MSCA Chair person appoint a noise abatement monitor** - for discussion only. Will be considered at March ASC for inclusion on May Assembly Agenda

### March 14, 1999

- **Proposal: To put on the May 1999 Assembly Agenda, that MSCA create a Webpage** There was a request from the Committee to table until June ASC. The motion to table was made, seconded and approved with substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: To put on the May 1999 Assembly Agenda, that MSCA create a Standing Committee for translating MSCA literature.** Motion was made, seconded and approved with substantial unanimity after questions.
- **Proposal: To put on the May 1999 Assembly Agenda, that the MSCA Assembly approve the production of the pamphlet "So you've been told ... " in Vietnamese.** A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

- **Proposal: To put on the May 1999 Assembly Agenda, that the GSR School budget be increased from \$300 to \$400.** Motion to table was made, seconded and approved with substantial unanimity.

### April 11, 1999

Pre-Conference Workshop – no motions

### May 16, 1999

- **Proposal: To have MSCA Chair Person ask at beginning of each Area Assembly for a volunteer noise abatement monitor ("shusher") to take side conversation elsewhere or to be quiet, or, if necessary, to ask from the microphone that side conversation be taken elsewhere.** (NOTE: This would include Area Officers and Spanish-speaking members.) Because the maker of the motion is not present, the motion will not be heard.
- **Proposal: That MSCA create a Standing Committee for translating MSCA literature** Tabled.
- **Proposal: That the MSCA Assembly approve production of the pamphlet "So you've been told ... " in Vietnamese.** The motion was approved with substantial unanimity.
- **Proposal: That the MSCA prepare a letter and send it to the Grapevine Board requesting that the Five year trial period on La Viña be extended to 2005 (Spanish Districts).** Approved Unanimously
- **Proposal: To confirm the following as MSCA Standing Committee Chairs: Joe & Nancy Barrett - Convention Liaison; Pamela Wood-Grapevine, and Darwin Saxton-CPC (Executive Committee)** Approved Unanimously.
- **Proposal: To provide a letter of support to the LA Bid Committee for the 43rd ICYP AA Convention.** Approved with substantial unanimity.

### June 13, 1999

- **Presentation: That MSCA create a web page.** There was a motion to table the presentation until next month. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- **Presentation: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda. the GSR School budget be increased from \$300 to \$500.**
- **Presentation: That MSCA recommends the following item be added to the agenda of the PRAASA 2000 Business Meeting, under New Business:**  
Add to PRAASA Guidelines
  - 14. Plan on providing professional translators for Spanish-speaking participants. This service will be canceled if no requests have been received within a deadline consistent with local practices for this service.
- **Presentation: Give Executive Committee authorization to spend, with Finance Committee approval. up to \$250 for unbudgeted items**
- **Presentation: Allow ASC to authorize providing letters of support to various Young People in AA Bid Committees**

- **Presentation: MSCA 2000 Meeting Schedule**
- **Presentation: Change MSCA Guidelines, Article IID4d. Transfer responsibility of Area Roster from Area Registrar to Area Secretary**
- **Presentation: Split MSCA into two Areas - EMSCA and WMSCA**
- **Presentation: Literature Committee to produce and distribute "Helpful Reminder for AA Groups Everywhere" Pamphlet**

### July 11, 1999

FORO – no motions

### August 8, 1999

- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, that the MSCA create a web page.** Motion was withdrawn.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, that the GSR School budget be increased from \$300 to \$500.** The motion was passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, that MSCA recommends the following item be added to the agenda of the PRAASA 2000 Business Meeting, under New Business:**
- dd to PRAASA Guidelines:
  - 14. Plan on providing professional translators for Spanish-speaking participants. This service will be canceled if no requests have been received within a deadline consistent with local practices for this service.
- he motion passed with cme opposed and one **abstention**.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, to allow ASC to authorize providing letters of support to various Young People in AA Bid Committees.** The motion passed with 34 in favor, 18 against and 3 abstentions. The motion to reconsider passed 28 to 20. The motion was reconsidered after more discussion and passed 33 to 19. The proposal will be placed on the agenda.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, MSCA 2000 Meeting Schedule.** The motion passed with two abstentions.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, to change MSCA Guidelines, Article IID4d. Transfer responsibility of Area Roster from Area Registrar to Area Secretary.** The motion passed with two abstentions.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, split MSCA into two Areas - EMSCA and WMSCA.** The proposal was amended to read: That the MSCA Executive Committee appoints an ADHOC committee to review splitting the MSCA into two areas. - EMSCA and WMSCA. The motion passed 30 to 12 with 5 abstentions. There was a motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider passed. Upon reconsidering, the motion was defeated. The proposal will not be put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda.
- **Proposal: To put on the September 1999 Assembly Agenda, Literature Committee to produce and distribute "Helpful Reminder for AA Groups Everywhere" Pamphlet.** The motion passed.

- **Motions from the Floor - Proposal: To put on the 1999 September Assembly Agenda, that Young peoples committees be included as members of the Area Assembly.** The motion passed.

### September 12, 1999

- **Proposal: That the MSCA form a standing committee for the translation of MSCA Literature.** A friendly amendment to form a sub-committee to the literature committee was made. Since the literature committee already exists, we do not need to vote. The Literature Committee will do this.
- **Proposal: That the 1999 GSR School budget be increased from \$300 to \$600**  
The motion passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: That MSCA recommends the following item be added to the agenda of the PRAASA 2000 Business Meeting, under New Business:**  
Add to PRAASA Guidelines:
  - 14. Plan on providing professional translators for Spanish-speaking participants. This service will be canceled if no requests have been received within a deadline consistent with local practices for this service.
  - **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Proposal: To allow ASC to authorize providing letters of support to various Young People in AA Bid Committees .** 50 in favor and 33 opposed. 55 votes were needed to pass. The motion was defeated.
- **Proposal: To approve the MSCA 2000 Meeting Schedule.** Motion passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: To change MSCA Guidelines, Article IID4d. Transfer responsibility of Area Roster from Area Registrar to Area Secretary.** Motion passed unanimously.
- **Proposal: To have the MSCA Literature Committee produce and distribute "Helpful Reminder for AA Groups Everywhere" Pamphlet.** After much loving discussion, the motion passed.
- **Proposal: To have the various Young People in AA Committees become part of MSCA as Coordinate Committees.** An amendment was made to the above proposal to read: **NEW PROPOSAL:** To recognize each of the various "Young people in AA" Committees within the MSCA as MSCA Coordinate Committees. The revised motion passed with substantial unanimity.

### October 10, 1999

Election Assembly – no motions

## November 14, 1999

**Presentation: That the MSCA create a web page.** Guidelines for a Web page Committee have been distributed over the last couple of meetings.

**Presentation: The proposed Y2K MSCA Budget.** There was some discussion about the need for new coffee pots. There should be enough money this year in the budget to purchase a few new ones.

**Presentation: To increase the MSCA prudent reserve from \$4,000 to \$10,000.** This proposal was withdrawn.

**Presentation: LACYCAA** to request a letter of support for ICYPAA 2001 - not present.

## November 20, 1999

Servathon – no motions

## December 12, 1999

**Proposal: That the MSCA form a standing committee for the translation of MSCA Literature.** A friendly amendment to form a sub-committee to the literature committee was made. Since the literature committee already exists, we do not need to vote. The Literature Committee will do this.

**Proposal: That the 1999 GSR School budget be increased from \$300 to \$600.**

The motion passed unanimously.

**Proposal: That MSCA recommends the following item be added to the agenda of the PRAASA 2000 Business Meeting, under New Business:**

Add to PRAASA Guidelines:

14. Plan on providing professional translators for Spanish-speaking participants. This service will be canceled if no requests have been received within a deadline consistent with local practices for this service.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Proposal: To allow ASC to authorize providing letters of support to various Young People in AA Bid Committees.** 50 in favor and 33 opposed. 55 votes were needed to pass. The motion was defeated.

**Proposal: To approve the MSCA 2000 Meeting Schedule.** Motion passed unanimously.

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