

MSCA Area 09 / District 12 Agenda – March 7, 2024

Call Meeting to Order with the Serenity Prayer: DCMC

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our Fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

Introductions and Reports

New GSRs (Service Sponsors): Patty and Julia	<i>Please speak loudly and clearly, so all can hear.</i>
Visitors	
Tradition 3: Kaila	The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
Concept 3: Patty	To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."
Approval of Minutes: Lisa	
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New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Communities: Camp Pendleton Opportunity – Blaine • Pre-Conference Boot Camp: Sat. March 9, 8:30 am-12: 30 pm: Norma Hertzog Center, Costa Mesa • 2024 GSC Agenda Items, Background Information, Summaries, Sharing Sessions, Submitting Feedback to our Delegate 	

Subdistrict Breakouts: N/A

7th Tradition: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Committee: Reports: Grapevine – Sarah, Literature – Dolly, Regional Events – Jeff, Accessibilities – Dominic, H&I – Scott, PI – Danny, Labor Day Picnic – Beth

Are there any Questions, Comments, Motions from the floor?

GSR Recap: Sample GSR Report

Birthdays: February

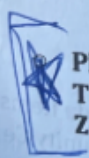
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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! www.msca12.org
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O.C. Central Office (Intergroup) website for information and directory: www.oc-aa.org
G.S.O. (General Service Office in NY) website for information and links: www.aa.org
Subscribe to Box 459: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso

Next Area 09 Meeting: ASC March 10, 2024: 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., Palm Springs, CA
 You must register in advance. Zoom ID: 896 6166 6203, Password: P74service

Recite Responsibility Declaration: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

LITERATURE – PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK

- Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous (draft title).
 - The following are notes taken directly from a February 20, 2024 PowerPoint presentation titled Plain Language Big Book – the Journey so far.
 - July 2021, at the meeting of the Trustees Literature Committee, a subcommittee was created to track the development of the PLBB. Noting the Conference Committee's request that the book be "developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible."
 - Subcommittee adopted the name "TABB" (Tools to Access the Big Book) and worked with the AAWS Publishing Department to review and find potential writers for the project. A formal Request for Information was sent out to vendors with the following goals/outcomes:
 - "We seek a full plain language translation of an abridged *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The final work product must be accessible to readers at a **fifth grade reading level**."
 - "The translation as a whole **must capture the welcoming and inclusive spirit** of Alcoholics Anonymous and **inspire a sense of belonging and hope** in the alcoholic seeking help."
 - There were 16 affirmative responses. The TABB committee plus three members from AAWS Publishing (**all AA members**) – selected six vendors (writers) which were then hired to translate Chapter 5, and, if possible, a few select passages. The samples were independently read and ranked by TABB and the Publishing team members and a writer was chosen.
 - The anonymous writer completed a draft plain language translation of Chapters 1 through 6. These chapters were presented to 2023 Conference Members. Members were permitted to review the draft for 60 minutes in a controlled environment: a designated room; with no cellphones or recording devices allowed; and monitored by members of the Trustees Literature Committee. A sharing session followed and Conference members provided feedback on the first 6 chapters.
 - A final draft will be presented to the 2024 Conference Members. They will have 90-120 minutes to review the draft in a controlled environment.
 - ✦ Note: During the Zoom presentation, Clint M., Chair of the TABB subcommittee stated, the PLBB includes The Doctor's Opinion, first 164 pages of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Appendices, equaling 190 pages, no personal stories will be included.
 - Note: Clint M. also noted the PLBB will contain the 12 steps, 12 traditions, 12 concepts. They will each be listed in their original wording and beside each one will be a plain language explanation of the step, tradition and/or concept.



Plain Language Big Book Information Session with Clint M., TABB Chair
Tuesday March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. CT
Zoom Meeting ID: 872 1136 8681, Password: 1935

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Respectfully submitted,

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DISTRICT 12 DCMC REPORT - MARCH 2024

I attended:

- The Area 9 ASC on February 11 in Long Beach.
- Zoom planning meeting for the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session on February 13
- Zoom Service Study: Traditions 4, 5, 6 on February 15.
- Plain Language Big Book Zoom Presentation on February 20.
- District 12 Board Meeting on February 29 to prepare tonight's agenda.
- PRAASA in San Francisco March 1-3.
- Bi-weekly meetings with DCMC's of Districts 6 & 18 to plan the Pre-Conference Boot Camp.

On behalf of District 12, I had the honor and privilege to assist a group of trusted servants with the creation of Area 09 Summaries for this year's GSC Agenda Items.

MOTION

- Motion that Mid SoCal Area 9 (MSCA09) hold all Area Service Committee meetings within the four corners of MSCA09 and the Area Service Assemblies in one central location.

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

- It is officially General Service Conference Season. See attached document for more information.

LITERATURE

- Letter from Trustee's Literature Committee regarding "How Should We Treat AA Founders' Writings". AA would like to hear members and groups feedback.
 - To submit feedback: <https://msca09aa.org/>, Scan QR code under "Trustees Literature Committee Questions", to view form and submit your feedback.
 - *Finance, Agenda Item C: Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders.*
- 2022 Membership Survey Pamphlet is available: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/p-48_membershipsurvey2022.pdf
- La Vina Questionnaire is available: <https://msca09aa.org/delegate-page/>
- Grapevine and La Vina apps are now available. On your phone or tablet, go to the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Grapevine" or "La Vina", tap download. To learn more, visit <https://www.aagrapevine.org/apps>
- Submit your story for upcoming Grapevine issue. Deadline is March 15. Topic: Young and Sober. Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? What were the challenges? Do you go to Young People's AA (YPAA) meetings, dances or conferences? How have they helped you?

PRE-CONFERENCE BOOT CAMP

- Hosted by District 12 (us ☺), District 6 and District 18. Will discuss 12 agenda items.
- This Saturday March 9, 2023 from 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Norma Hertzog Community Center in Costa Mesa, CA. Hybrid Format. Zoom ID: 819 6428 2551, Password: GSRbootcmp
- Breakfast will be served.

YOUNG PEOPLES VIDEO PROJECT

- Seeking video submissions from AA members.
- Video being created to carry AA's message to young people in high school/college settings.
- Submission form can be found on <https://msca09aa.org/delegate-page/>



NEW A. A. MEETING ON CAMP PENDLETON, CA.

***Starting on February 9, 2024
from 11:30 to 12:30***

**Located at the intersection of 7th St. and E St.
in the San Mateo (62 Area) Chapel Bldg. 62440 on
Camp Pendleton U.S.M.C. base**

*We are looking to invite all Active Duty, Retired military, and anyone else who
already has base access (NEEDED TO GET ON BASE) to attend this meeting.*

Best Base entry is from Cristianitos Road off of I-5