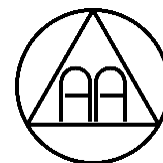




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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

THE VOICE OF AREA 05

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

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HOW SERVICE KEEPS US SOBER

THE GRAPEVINE & LA VIÑA WRITING WORKSHOP

**LET'S UNITE - WE ARE
WAITING FOR YOU!**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23,
2022
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

DELEGATE'S REPORT

2022!

Hello Area 05

I have just returned from the Pacific Regional Forum and I will say this as many did - "It was amazing!" We had presentations from the Pacific Region Delegates as well as direct contact and Q&A with -

- Linda Chezem - the General Service Board Chair,
- Kevin Prior - Class A Trustee and GSO Treasurer,
- Bob W. - General Manager of the General Service Office,
- Molly Anderson - Class A trustee,
- Reilly K. - Pacific Regional Class B Trustee,
- Irene D. - GSO Staff on the literature Desk,
- Paz P. - Trustee Director - LaViña,
- Jon W. - AA Grapevine Senior Editor,
- Irma V. - AA World Service Trustee Director,
- Trish L. - Trustee-At-Large Canada,

and many more staffers and friends. It was an amazing event, in-person and it was so wonderful to see not only our members from Area 05 but friends from all the Pacific Region Areas and the presentations and workshops were fantastic. I think the final count for attendance was almost 600 people. The questions from our members and insightful responses from our trusted servants were inspiring. Access to them was so simple and easy for all of us and there was no doubt about their love for their work and A.A. A special stand out was the skit presented by a mix of Trustees, Delegates and Staff about the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver British Columbia. It was pretty hilarious.

There was a sign up board to have a meal with one of the trustees and it was full by 10:00 AM on Friday! I felt that was an extra special touch.

There were workshops on both Friday and Saturday and Our Alternate Delegate Doug. S. ran one of the workshops on Area Websites and did a fabulous job. The list of workshops is too long to list here but they were all well thought out and effective.

I want to thank Area 05 Southern California Assembly for electing me to be your delegate and to serve the 71st -72nd General Service Conference. I cannot really explain how this changed my life, brought a new perspective to our work and helped me to meet you all at your districts and events. Being a part of the conference and being on the Public Information Committee was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I did not take it lightly nor waste it.

I learned that you are all engaged and thoughtful, hard working and fun loving. That you are willing to do the work you are assigned as GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, Officers and Past Delegates. I did my best to listen and act on your behalf in everything I did and for this

alcoholic...that is a task! You all inspire me and hopefully my experience has made me a better member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As we embark on our election of a new panel officers for the next two years I know our Area and the General Service Conference will prosper and be in good hands. The spirit of rotation is such a wonderful idea and I believe it helps our movement to stay “fresh” and “real” and safe.

I look forward to being a Past Delegate in our Area and will strive to do whatever is asked of me in the future.

Thank you all for your support, loving discussions and continued dedication.

Best regards,
Lauren A.
Area 05 Delegate Panel 71



AA & CoVid: Just Log On...

This was May of 2020, so there were no live meetings happening. Despite my initial resistance to online meetings, I didn't have any other options and I knew I needed to get sober. A friend in the program had suggested a meeting I went to once before. I remember liking it, but before I had been deterred by the lengthy bus commute and the starting time at 7:00 AM. Now that it was online that didn't seem so bad. It quickly became my home group and I was there everyday at 7:00 AM to start my day. Sometimes it took some effort to wake up and log on, but then I could remind myself that that's all I had to do, wake up and log on.



Many actions I found in the program were like that. Making the effort to start was the hardest part, but after that I usually found relief. Whether it was making a phone call, reading the literature, sitting in silence, or writing down inventory; once I began it was okay. That has remained true for circumstances outside of the program as well. For me, the fear of starting something was usually much bigger than the reality of actually doing it.

I still heard what I needed to hear and then some. I heard honesty, openness, compassion, and hope. I heard a solution to a problem I hadn't understood and started to feel relief from an obsession that seemed inescapable.

Previously I had a lot of resistance to AA because I didn't believe in God and thought that was a requirement. Once I learned that it **really** was a higher power and not necessarily God I needed to believe in, I still struggled. I couldn't wrap my head around **what** I should be turning over **to**.

My sponsor at the time suggested the program itself could be a higher power. That's when it really started to change for me. When I believed very simply, that since the program worked for other people, it could work for me as well. That, and the here and now, were plenty enough to rely on.

What I was once resistant to, I found myself actively engaging in. People in my home group would regularly fellowship before and after the meeting, and I found that to be my favorite part someday. I was connecting with people despite not being in a physical room and I found myself enjoying being of service. I am so grateful to hear the wisdom I have heard from people in AA from attending online meetings, and having the chance to hear so many different people across the US and the world has truly been a wonderful experience.

I am truly amazed at how quickly AA adapted to the changing circumstances of the world, and now, what an even larger network we get to participate in as a result. I came to AA to fix a drinking problem, and really did find something so much more. I now get to participate in something greater than me, and learn a lot along the way. I am extremely grateful to Alcoholics Anonymous, and hope that for anyone who needs a solution and doesn't know what to do: **just log on.....**

Robert H.
Sobriety: 2 Year



Didn't I See You on Zoom??

I really loved getting drunk! It gave me a sense of ease and comfort I'd never had before. It was really fun! Gradually, though, I began having problems with my drinking and eventually it was no fun at all, only problems. I couldn't imagine living without my "best friend" so, I spent my twenties trying to control it - to drink moderately. I became hopeless. I saw my life getting worse and worse—for decades—until finally I would die. Thankfully I gave up, at age 32, and "accepted complete defeat." I realized I was going to need help to stop completely. When I accepted this it seemed the obsession to drink was lifted.

Though I'd always felt like an outsider I was desperate, and I turned myself in to Alcoholics Anonymous. My mind was open enough to hear, "Listen for the similarities, not the differences." From the beginning I knew I belonged. I am so very grateful that Alcoholics Anonymous exists in my lifetime!

I've always attended regular meetings where I showed up week in and week out. I've gotten to know people and they got to know me. I thrive on regular contact with other alcoholics. Over the years I was able to attend college and become a schoolteacher. I've been able to travel—and attend meetings—all around the planet. I've been enjoying retirement for the last ten years.

Covid-19 came on the scene 2 ½ years ago. In mid-March 2020 the news ominously announced an immediate quarantine. I called around and found out people were starting online meetings with a program called "Zoom". My last live meeting at our club was on a Monday. The next day, Tuesday, without missing a beat I downloaded Zoom and "went to" my first virtual meeting. AA is such a great community! With fear and uncertainty gripping the world around me, I stayed in daily contact with my fellow alcoholics and "met" new ones around the city, the country, and the whole planet. We shared our experience, strength, and hope with each other over the internet. I also surrendered to picking up the phone more and connected with some people I'd never called before.

For the last two years a high point of every day has been my mid-day Zoom meeting. I've watched several folks get sober and stay sober in virtual meetings. I've met on the internet with my sponsor and with those I sponsor. Volunteers at my club set up our meeting room for hybrid meetings so attendees in the room and on Zoom could be together for a virtual meeting.

Lately I've drifted back into more and more live meetings. Often people I don't know tell me, "I know you—I used to see you on Zoom!" Maybe one day, Reader, as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny, you and I will bump into each other at a meeting somewhere....and maybe one of us will exclaim, "Didn't I see you on Zoom?"

Pete S.
Sobriety: 41 Years

Area 05 Committees

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| • Accessibilities | Guidelines and Policies |
| • Area Archives | Interpretation |
| • Audio Visual | Literature |
| • Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) | Newsletter (SCAAN) |
| • Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) | Public Information (P.I.) |
| • Cooperation with the Young Community | Registration |
| • Corrections | Translation |
| • Finance | Treatment Facilities |
| • Grapevine/La Viña | Website/Tech (AREA05AA.ORG) |

USEFUL WEBSITES

aa.org - General Service in New York. (GSO and World Services)

area05aa.org - Southern California Area Assembly (Area 05)

aagrapevine.org - A.A. Grapevine (A monthly journal of A.A. stories articles of interest.)

aagrapevine.org/espanole - A.A. La Vina (A.A.'s Spanish Language Magazine)



Join Us AREA 5!

**Monthly Archives Committee Meeting
Every last Saturday of the month at 1PM
Zoom ID: 817 2080 2278
Password - area 05**

[If you would like to share your Committee's Monthly Meeting](#)

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AGENDA FOR THE GRAPEVINE & LA VIÑA WRITING WORKSHOP

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**IN PERSON AT THE PREMISES OF THE CIH
5207 E OLYMPIC BLVD EAST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90022**

or

ZOOM ID: 89100862280 Password: area05

- 8:AM to 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast
- 8:30 to 9:00 Welcome and Orientation
- 9:00 to 9:30 Guest Speaker (English): How Service Has Kept Me Sober - Suggested theme for the March 2023 edition of GRAPEVINE
- 9:30 to 10:00 First drawing of 2 subscriptions and 2 books of the Grapevine & La Viña
- 10:00 to 10:30 Guest Speaker (Spanish): My Experience as a New Member in AA. Suggested theme for the edition of the month of March to April 2023 for La VIÑA
- 10:30 to 11:00 Second drawing for 2 subscriptions and two books of the Grapevine & La Viña
- 11:30 to 12:30 Lunch will be served
- 12:30 to 1:00 Speaker: The importance of a: gvr. Rlv.
- 1:00 to 2:00 Writing- Suggested topic for La Viña is the experience of when and how we came to AA. Suggested for the Grapevine: How Service Keeps Us Sober
- 2:00 to 2:30 Count up of years and closing of the event with the declaration of responsibility in English & Spanish

**OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO STAY SOBER
AND
HELP OTHER ALCOHOLICS TO ACHIEVE SOBRIETY**

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2022 SCAA CALENDAR

January						
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1 New Year's Day
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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15 Tax Deadline

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4 Independence Day

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10 Columbus/
Indigenous People's Day

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14 Valentine's Day
21 Presidents Day

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8 Mother's Day
30 Memorial Day

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? Foothill Roundup (TBD)

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19 Father's Day/Juneteenth

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19 Father's Day/Juneteenth

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5 Labor Day
? SoCal Convention (TBD)

December						
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25 Christmas

January

22 Sa Area Assembly (Winter)

February

20 Su Area Committee Meeting

March

4-6 F-Su PRAASA - Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (Portland, OR)
26 Sa Steering Committee Meeting

April

TBD 4 Area DCM Sharing Session (Hosted by Area 05 Southern CA)
2-3 Sa-Su Pre-Conference Workshop
24-30 Su-Sa General Service Conference (Brooklyn, NY)

May

22 Su Area Assembly (Spring)

June

11 Sa Steering Committee Meeting
25 Sa Area Committee Meeting

July

23 Sa Area Assembly (Summer)

August

21 Su Area Committee Meeting

September

10 Sa Steering Committee Meeting
16-18 F-Su Pacific Regional Forum (Salt Lake City, UT)

October

16 Su Area Assembly (Fall Election Assembly)

November

TBD El Foro de Servicios Generales
19 Sa Area Committee Meeting

December

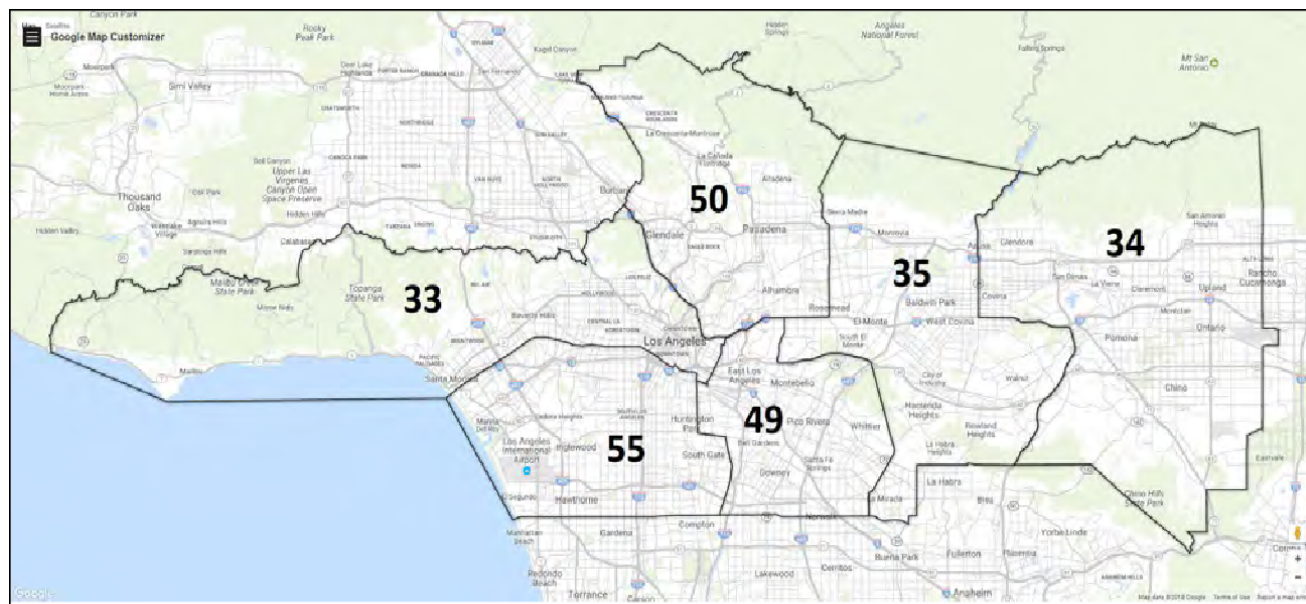
TBD Hispanic Women's Workshop (Host/Location: TBD)
10 Sa Steering Committee Meeting

Area 05 Maps



AREA MAP (English-Speaking Districts)

AREA MAP (Spanish-Speaking Districts)



A.A. AREA 05 – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MINUTES FROM THE SUMMER AREA ASSEMBLY

Saturday – July 23, 2022

Hybrid: In Person at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena,
CA 91106 and via Zoom Hosted by Comité Interdistrital Hispanos

Welcome and Opening Comments

The 2022 Summer Area Assembly Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2022, by Chairperson Nikki U. with a 1-minute silent meditation, the serenity prayer, welcoming remarks, and opening comments.

Nikki reviewed how to use Zoom's language interpretation and raise hand features. She also reviewed eligibility for voting and participation at Area Assemblies.

People with A.A. Birthdays (Anniversaries) from January 23, 2022, to July 23, 2022, were recognized and serenaded with the birthday song. Birthdays: Jo S., Robbie J., Sandra C., Don, Kyle H., Joe T., Antonio A., Aidan S., Mincy, Thomas S., Trish

Antonio A., District Committee Member Chair, Comité Interdistrital Hispanos, read *The Twelve Concepts for World Service (Short Form)* in Spanish

Claude D., Alternate Website/Technology Committee Chair, read *The Twelve Concepts for World Service (Short Form)* in English

Introduction of new General Service Representative and Alternates

Nikki U., Chairperson, invited all new General Service Representatives (GSR) and Alternate GSRs to introduce themselves.

New GSRs and Alternate GSRs: Trish G., Basil D., TZ, Sandra, Daniel L., Kelly X., Peyton V., Abby V., Kimani

Roll Call

Miguel M. (Registrar) reported the day's attendance:

Potential		Pres ent
Area Officers	7	7
DCMs	29	12
Alt DCMs	13	4
GSRs	149	24
Alt GSRs	24	1
Total	222	48

Potential		Pres ent
Past Delegate	10	7
Committee Chair	18	16
Alt Chairs	16	4
DCMCs	3	3
Alt DCMCs	2	1
Total	49	31

Total Pres ent	
Voting Members	75
Non-Voting Members	7
Visitors	16
Total	98
Serving in Multiple Positions	
Individuals	5

DCMC/ALT DCMC Panel 71				
	CIH	HCD	WCD	Area 05
DCMC	1	1	1	3
ALT DCMC	0	1	0	1

Area Officers: 2021 - 2022 Panel 71					
Delegate	1	Secretary	1	Registrar	1
Alt Del	1	Accts Tr	1	Total	7
Chair	1	Cont Tr	1		

District	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	13	14
DCM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
ALT DCM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GSR	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0
ALT GSR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	1	4	0	1	0	1	2	3	2	2	1

District	15	17	18	19	25	26	30	33	34	35	36
DCM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
ALT DCM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
GSR	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	0
ALT GSR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	1

District	37-38	39-40	41	43	45	46	49	50	55	56	58
DCM	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
ALT DCM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
GSR	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
ALT GSR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	3	2	2	0	1	5	0	0

Approval of Agenda and October 17th Assembly Minutes

Nikki U., Chairperson, amended the agenda with an unbudgeted expense request. Nancy H., Finance Committee Chair, made a motion to approve the Assembly Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Jacobo M., Grapevine/La Viña Chair. The motion passed. Time for minority opinion was offered but none was expressed.

Brian P., Secretary, made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Area Assembly on May 22, 2022. The motion was seconded by Thomas B., Past Delegate, Panel 67. The motion passed. Time for minority opinion was offered but none was expressed.

Delegate's Report

Lauren A., Delegate, reported:

She welcomed everyone to the Assembly. She counted 47 in-person attendees and 50 people on zoom, and said it was nice to see everybody there.

Since the last assembly, she had been traveling around to our districts. In the past month, she visited districts 2, 18, 30, and the Westside Combined Districts. She was going to be visiting the Combined Hollywood Districts, Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (Spanish-Speaking Combined Districts), and Districts 3, 4, 7, 13, 14 and 33 in August and September. She was going to be doing report-backs from the General Service Conference, and she loved visiting districts - it was always a lot of fun.

Lauren explained that she would be referencing Box 459, which was the General Service Office's quarterly newsletter. The day before, the summer issue was taken off the aa.org website. She was not sure why, and thought that maybe there was an error. She was sure it would be back up soon. Box 459 was a great tool for General Service Representatives (GSRs) to take to their meetings. There were great articles that they could talk about in their GSR reports. People could subscribe to the newsletter at aa.org, and Shawn A. had some hard copies he could share.

She read highlights from her conference committee, which was Public Information (PI).

Public Information

The trustees' PI committee was hard at work on the considerations that her conference committee sent to them. She had a conversation with their secretary Patrick C. recently. There were 150,000 subscriptions of the Grapevine podcast already. The General Service Office podcast was consulting with the Grapevine podcast's producers. GSO Podcast is consulting with producers and hosts in prep for their new podcast. The Meeting Guide App was going to be refreshing its filtering capabilities. There was going to be a new new subcommittee formed for the membership survey which was going to be out soon. It was sent back to the methodologist to reassess the ethnic and racial considerations regarding native Canadian tribes and the question on domestic situation. "Homemaker" was probably going to change to "stay-at-home parent."

Work was still being done on the Comprehensive Media Plan's focus with content calendars being created across committees to help sync work with events like awareness months, holidays, etc. so all committees could work together. There was going to be new web banners created so that members can use them in their graphics. The Young Peoples Video Project was ramping up for fall. They were at submissions now. Our business profiles were being reviewed for keywords, questions, and misinformation so that they could be answered and corrected.

There was a new AA for Everyone Page coming!

Corrections

Lauren relayed what she learned in a story from Box 459 on corrections and the Corrections Correspondence Service efforts in Canada. Sometimes, it was forgotten that Canada was in our conference and that we must meet the needs of the members to our north as well as our own. She shared her version of the story including quotes from the article As many A.A members may knew,

the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) — a vital form of service that matched A.A. members with individuals who were incarcerated via a correspondence program — was first established in the States in 1962, and the more updated version of matching correspondents was implemented in the fall of 2021. This updated matching system allowed for more members to connect with individuals serving sentences or who might be approaching parole. Sandra W., Director of Staff Services shared that “There is a greater expansion and participation with our friends, both on the inside and the outside.” These efforts and hard work have greatly impacted CCS in the United States, but this streamlined system had yet to cross over the border to our friends in Canada.

Ruth L. From Canada made this kind of service her passion and worked tirelessly to implement the CCS system in Canada. In 2015, the Canadian version of CCS was established, but the initiative wasn’t making meaningful inroads into the greater prison population. In 2018, A.A. received approval from the government to build a letter-writing program between individuals in custody and A.A. members on the outside. “They used the well-oiled machine of CCS in America, and implemented it here.”

During the 70th General Service Conference in 2020, the Corrections Committee reported on all that was being done in the States, including the digital distribution of literature in prison through tablets. Ruth commented, “When the committee chair was asked if this sort of program was available to Canadian confined members, sadly there was nothing.” It was quickly identified that more work was needed in Canada in order to increase awareness about CCS — both among the administration and staff working at the various facilities throughout the country as well as the individuals behind the walls. If the institutions themselves didn’t have any knowledge of this program, they were completely out of the loop leaving confined members in Canada out in the cold.

After the General Service Conference in 2020, Ruth decided to take the lead on this effort and reached out to the Director of Citizen Engagement at the Correctional Service of Canada in Ottawa. “She returned my initial email with incredible enthusiasm and energy. Since then, we’ve created an ad hoc team, which has been figuring out how best to talk about our services as well as looking at the differences between the U.S. and Canada, particularly due to our laws.”

During the coming months, Ruth hoped that digital literature would become available to individuals in custody through the use of tablets. Recently, she created a dialogue with the Canadian government about giving people in prison access to tablets for education and activities, including participating in Alcoholics Anonymous. Because of the pandemic, AA meetings were cancelled in all facilities. Access to tablets would allow members to read AA literature online. And, like the updated system for matching individuals in the States, there was a goal to have the CCS system implemented throughout Canada, too.

Like other aspects of the program, it all came down to one alcoholic talking to another. Ruth said, “I had the privilege of sitting with members in prison who are filled with regret, remorse and a sense of tragedy. As time passes and they attend A.A., they learn that they aren’t bad people, but they made a bad choice — and you see fear turn into hope. And then, you watch them help someone else and do the exact same thing. It’s life-changing: In a place of such hopelessness, they find hope in A.A.”

Lauren said that this was a perfect example of what GSRs could share with their groups from Box 459.

There were currently many calls for stories:

Fifth Edition Big Book

Deadline for submissions was October 31, 2022. The trustees' Literature Committee was delighted to invite AA members to contribute stories of recovery to the 5th Edition of the BB through the new story submission section on the aa.org website. Typing "story submissions" in the search would lead to the page which featured guidelines and suggestions on how to write stories. Automatic copyright signing processes, acknowledgement of receipt, and the anonymity of all authors would be observed whether their story was selected or not. Questions could be emailed to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Pamphlet for the Black and African American Alcoholic

October 31, 2022, was the last day submissions would be accepted for the new pamphlet, and there were hopes to have a draft pamphlet ready by January or February 2023 to present to the General Service Conference in April. Stories of 500-800 words (typed, double-spaced) could be emailed to pamphletstories@aa.org. The subject line should be "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."

Fourth Edition Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos

Deadline: December 15, 2022

In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that "A Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, be developed, including updated stories that better reflect the current membership, and that a progress report be presented to the 2022 General Service Conference," the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from members of the Hispanic community in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include:

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| • Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity | • Diversity of social status |
| • S | • Spiritual experiences |
| • Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic | • A.A. meetings on virtual platforms |
| • Newcomer and old timer experiences | • Sobriety and mental health |
| • Accessibility experiences | |

There were specific instructions on how to submit stories on aa.org, and there was also a flyer available that day in the back with information on a writing workshop specifically for the 4th edition Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos. Lauren hoped our Spanish-speaking members would pick up flyers and attend the workshop so they could submit their stories.

Publishing

The publishing department at GSO was also looking for professional freelance translators who had familiarity with AA structure and content to join the publications team, English to French or Spanish, Spanish or French to English. Publishing worked on projects including books, pamphlets, correspondence and reports and needed talented help to assist French and Spanish-speaking members with carrying the AA message. This was probably due

the fact that all of the background materials for the conference was going to come out at the same time in English, French, and Spanish.

Lauren received an email on Monday with information regarding a misprint in the 12x12. There had been a misprint in some of the English versions of the 12x12. Due to a typographical error, the text of the long form of Tradition Eight was inadvertently repeated in the Long Form of Tradition Nine on page 117. The accurate full text of Tradition Nine (Long Form) appeared on page 118. Softcover copies of the English edition shipping now was going to have an editors note explaining the error and an apology and an assurance that the next printing will be correct.

Supply Chain Issues: In checking with Member Services this past week, Lauren was told that there were big books and other literature available to be shipped now and they were shipping in the order of received requests. There might have still been a wait on your order but it was happening, and hopefully, they would catch up soon.

As you may know, the GSO strived to make the Conference Final Report available in August every year. This year's timeline was being impacted by a couple of major circumstances in the category of things we could not control, including unforeseeable staffing changes that were affecting all projects and timelines in the Publishing Department as well as global supply chain issues. Due to these circumstances, the timelines for the availability of 2022 Conference Final Report, in English, Spanish and French, were adjusted as follows: Digital, anonymity-protected version: mid to late September 2022, Print version: December 2022/January 2023

Area Contributions

As received from the General Service Board Treasurer: In Q2 2022, 4/1/2022 through 6/30/2022, Area 05 Meetings Contributed \$11,318.87 from 29 districts out of 35. This money helped supply vital services to A.A. Anyone wanting a copy of the report could request one from Lauren via email at delegate@area05aa.org

The International Convention

The 90th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous was going to be celebrated at the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-6, 2025. The theme was "90 Years - Language of the Heart." People were going to need updated passports to attend, so Lauren suggested that people get to work on that soon. There was an Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page in Box 459 regarding this and also on aa.org

Pacific Regional Forum

This year, the Pacific Regional Forum was going to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 16-18. Rooms could be reserved now at the Marriott Downtown at City Creek, 75 W. Temple St. Salt Lake City, Utah. More information could be found at www.2022AAPacificregforum.com. Lauren suggested to anyone who was planning to go to get a room in the hotel right away. The room rate was \$199, but there were more affordable rooms in the area in walking and driving distance. The purpose of a Regional Forum was to allow members throughout the service structure to exchange information. They brought together:

- The General Service Board
- A.A. World Services, Inc.
- A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- The GSO and Grapevine staff
- A.A. members
- Newcomers to service
- Trusted servants
- Started in 1975, these happened four times a year.

- Each forum occurred in one of the eight regions of the U.S. or Canada that extended an invitation.
- The regional trustee, area delegates, and GSO decided on the location and agenda for Regional Forums and collaborated.
- There was no registration fee for A.A. members for Regional Forums. The General Service Board covered the expenses of meeting rooms. There were flyers on the table in English and Spanish.

Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA)

Area 05 was going to be hosting the PRAASA in 2023. There was a Save the Date flyer available now and on the table. We were going to need volunteers for registration, airport greeters, guides at the hotel, and more. It was going to be held March 3-5, 2023 at a hotel near LAX that was going to be announced soon. Lauren asked everyone to please put it on their calendars, to keep checking in PRAASA.org, and to watch for memos coming down the line. The committee was hard at work and very excited about our PRAASA. People in person that day were going to receive a PRAASA 2023 button to wear at their meetings to help promote PRAASA 2023. Lauren was on the PRAASA Delegates' Advisory Board. They met on Thursday and discussed the business meeting format and other issues coming from the Areas regarding PRAASA. This was an advisory-only committee. They only advised and helped create guidelines based on everyone's input.

Fun In Sobriety

There was a new Grapevine book called Fun In Sobriety that featured 50-plus inspiring stories previously published in the Grapevine by AA members about the many ways they learned to have a good time in sobriety. Chapters include travel, outdoor activities, arts & hobbies, social entertainment, fun-filled AA activities and sober events. The book was available at aagrapevine.org for \$11.50.

Communication

Lauren ended her report by saying the following:

“To GSRs: I hope you will continue your work in connecting with your meetings and helping them to continue to inform each other through the end of this panel and beyond. To DCMs: I hope you will continue the work you’ve been doing to inform your GSRs on all activity in the conference and in our Area on a regular basis. To Committee Chairs: Thank you for all of your work.

“I think you have all been doing great service work during this panel, as difficult as it has been in the pandemic. You have all been present virtually and engaged in the work of the conference, and I and the entire Area thank you. There are copies of the Committee Considerations, Advisory Actions, and a Quick Reference Guide from the 72nd General Service Conference on the table in English and Spanish.

“Communication is key in General Service. Spreading the word when there is a new literature publication, letting your group know about new Grapevine works, advancements in technology in AA, how our public relations policy works, new ideas and concepts in correctional facilities, safety in AA, social media and discussions and advancements in our placement there, how we are self-supporting and where your 7th tradition is applied, who are the trustees, how are they elected, what is their background and what do they bring to us, inclusiveness and diversity in AA, keeping our history and archival work, keeping our message and our meeting places accessible in all forms, and reporting on conventions, forums, and of course, getting the group conscience on agenda items presented each year at the conference and participating in the area's third legacy elections. As I mentioned, if you have not already, please go to aa.org and search for Box 459. This quarterly newsletter has valuable and current information from GSO and it is a great tool for making your GSR

announcements at meetings. When the time comes, an informed meeting will help the delegate with their informed feedback for each conference next year and in the future. These are our goals in Area 05. We are going to have an election assembly in Area 05 in October, and you will have a new delegate starting in 2023 for two years.

“Communication - that is OUR great responsibility. This carries the AA message and how the movement stays alive and well... and for that, I Am Responsible. Thank you.”

Archives Workshop

Area Archivist Mary T. reported the following:

It was customary, when the area paid for someone to attend a workshop or a conference, for that person to report on it to the area, so that was what she was doing today.

The area funded her to attend the online course “Basics of Archives” given by the American Association for State and Local History. There were 7 topics in the course: Archives and Archivists, Acquiring Your Collections, Processing Collections, Housing Your Collections, Access and Outreach, Digital Records, and Digitization.

The first topic was Archives and Archivists, and they learned why some records were of permanent value and therefore became historical records. They learned what made archives valuable and how to appraise documents in their own archives to determine their value. They also learned the differences between archives that specialized in managing records, libraries that managed published materials, and museum collections that managed historical artifacts and objects. Our area had an archives collection even though we had some books and artifacts in our collection.

The class discussed the duties of an archivist, which Mary found to be very valuable since she had been acting area archivist this panel, and it was good to learn that she had been doing some things right and that she had a lot more to learn.

The second topic was Acquiring Your Collections. This didn’t mean how to collect records for the archives but rather how to decide what to collect. It was extremely valuable to write a formal collections policy so everyone on the Archives Committee and everyone in the area knew what kind of archives we wanted to share or see. The course had samples of collection policies, a practical session on how and what to write, and even a worksheet so they could be guided on how to do this. The lesson also discussed what the elements of a collection policy were, how to analyze the archival material we had, and how to look at material and ask if it had historical value and if it was appropriate to collect. For example, a flyer for this assembly would be valuable and appropriate for us, but a flyer for an area assembly in another area probably would not be of value to us or appropriate for our area to collect. “Accessioning” essentially meant: “What do you have in your archives, where is it located, and how do you keep track of everything?” They learned how to make sense of their records, what paperwork was necessary to keep track of the records, and how to sort by function versus date.

For years, the area has had some wonderful Archives Committee chairs who have worked very hard to get a handle on what we have, but they did not have the benefit of a class like this one. One of the things they had done over the past couple of panels is to sort documents in the archives by function instead of by years. Mary showed a list of the many different categories of records we had in the area archives and explained that we could tell the history of an event this way, such as the Hispanic Women’s Workshop, using documents it generated over several years.

The next topic was Processing Collections. Processing a collection meant deciding on the organization of the records and artifacts, taking actions to prevent and slow down deterioration of the records, and creating tools to help users locate what they need in the

collection. This archives course described how to preserve all of the different types of material someone might collect: papers, books, photographic materials, maps and other oversized documents, news clippings, microfilm and microfiche, and audio and video magnetic tapes. They talked a lot about finding aids which were often called inventories or registers and were descriptions of the collection. They learned what the description should include and what tools they could use. One of the best things about the course was how many additional resources they included, like several examples of many different types of finding aids and a worksheet to fill out to make your own.

The next topic was Housing Your Collections. This included the total environment of the archives. The area archives were in a public storage space, so we could not change anything about the building it was in. In this course, they talked about going up on the roof to make sure the shingles were stable and things like that. We did have a certain amount of control over the environment that our archives were in, however. We could look at the lighting and the fire and water protection, air quality, and pest control, for example. The class made it clear that we should avoid storing archives in attics or basements. They also had examples of good, better, and best storage areas. They also addressed security and potential disasters. We already had a disaster in our area archive storage when, a few years ago, the unit above ours, which was used to store wine, had a leak, and many of our boxes of papers had red wine splashed on them.

The next topic was Access and Outreach. Access to the area archives meant answering people's questions, helping people find the information they needed, sharing documents, and keeping track of who owned the copyright to any record. The most recent example of giving people in the area access to archival documents was the flyer for the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session. They were able to give the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session Committee copies of their extensive collection of flyers from the 1980's to the present of past sharing sessions, and the committee used them on this year's event notice. Outreach meant various ways of letting people in the area know about the archives, like this report, the visits to districts that Archives Committee chair Sandra C. had done, and a physical display that was updated periodically.

One of the last topics was Digital Records, which was a new topic that was not in previous courses the association had given in the past. This lesson talked about the difference between records that were originally digital and those that were paper or other material and were digitized. Digital curation covered the same subjects that had to be considered with any paper records – how to select what to save, how to collect them, maintain them, preserve, and archive the digital historical records.

The last topic in the course was Digitization. These lessons covered definitions of terms, how to plan a digitization project, and what software and hardware might be needed. The processes involved examples of efficient workflow and resources that are available. In addition to the material in the body of the course, Mary now had access to a wide range of other resources to help us get set up and maintain our area archives.

Mary explained that she took this class because she wanted to learn more about the basics of archives, and also so that the area Archives Committee could be a resource for anyone in the area who was interested in learning more about what the archives were and how to start and maintain a relevant collection. They hoped that every district would send a representative to the Archives Committee. Anyone could participate – General Service Representatives (GSRs), District Committee Members (DCMs), alternates, or any AA members. She saved all the materials she received in the course, and she hoped to set up a class like the one she took for people in the area to learn how to work on their own district archives.

Mary thanked everyone for sending her to this course and for the opportunity to be of service.

Questions and Answers:

Q (David W.): Excellent and great presentation points. I wonder if you could make those available to the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair of the Westside Combined Districts and any other CPC chairs also.

A (Mary T.): Actually, we would hope that some people from your Archives Committee would join our Committee, and when we have our course, they can have access to all the materials.

A (Sandra C.): You can have them contact us at archives@area05aa.org and we will try to get them to them.

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Assembly members split off into breakout rooms for Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings at 10:25 AM.

The Area Assembly reconvened at 11:10 AM.

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2023 Chair Thomas B. reported:

PRAASA stood for Pacific Region AA Service Assembly. There were 9 states included in the Pacific Region: California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska. PRAASA was an annual general service assembly that represented a valuable exchange of information among our fellowship and focused us on how we may better work together, hand in hand, in fulfilling our declaration of responsibility to reach and help the suffering alcoholic and to strengthen and improve the growth and welfare of our AA groups. It was the largest meeting of its kind, and it was open to all AAs, Al-Anons, and other friends of AA.

On March 4-6 of next year, our area was going to be hosting PRAASA, Covid-willing, at one of the major convention hotels near LAX airport. It was a fantastic 1,000 room facility that was like a city within a city within walking distance of the airport, with affordable locked universal room rates, free ground transportation, and a discounted parking rate for those driving in. We were going to be putting on a major convention next year.

Historically, when we hosted PRAASA in Southern California, we had anywhere between 1,500 to 2,100 attendees from across the Pacific Region. A large portion of those people always came from our local groups, so the committee wanted General Service Representatives (GSRs) to start speaking to group members about the upcoming PRAASA next year and turn up their enthusiasm for attendance and participation at the event.

Thomas hoped that many in attendance and on zoom would volunteer and participate in the work of our area's hosting committee. This was a major convention, and there were a lot of moving parts. They had been meeting since 2018. PRAASA was going to require the participation in one way or another of everyone in the room and on zoom. Their committee was currently putting together a budget for the event, and it had become clear to them that encouraging attendance at PRAASA 2023 was going to be key to its success. Historically, it attracted 1,500 to 2,100 members, but that was pre-Covid, so they had no way of knowing how many folks were actually going to attend in person after two years of restrictions on in-person attendance. We were going to need to make a special effort to encourage attendance starting now.

They had buttons with a beautiful design that was done by a delegate. They were going to be promoting the event at the Pacific Regional Forum, the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session, and the Southern California AA Convention.

Their committee was currently comprised of past delegates, who he wanted to thank for their work. Mary T. was the Archives Chair and Hotel Liaison, Thomas S. was the Secretary, Jim I. was the Translation Equipment Chair, Jim W. was the Hospitality Chair, Marcus F. was the Treasurer, Dean B. was the Registrar, and Juan M. was the Spanish Outreach Chair. Our delegate Lauren was the Program Chair, Faith B. was the Web Servant, Ron H. was the Alternate Registrar, and Sharron S. J. was the Recording and Alternate Secretary. There were still a lot of positions to fill. They were going to need a PRAASA Alternate Chair, Alternate Program Chair, Assistant Treasurer, Alternate Hospitality Chair, Friends-of-AA Liaison Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Co-Volunteer Coordinator, ASL Liaison, Translation and Interpretation Chair and Alternate, Spanish-Speaking Equipment Coordinator and Alternate, YPAA Liaison, Outreach/Publicity Chair and Co-Chair.

They had held off on filling out the committee because they did not want to burn people out without them having something to do. If one was chosen to join the committee, it was going to be a serious commitment of one's time and energy because they were putting on a major convention. It was a real-world responsibility that was going to require you to do your job. They were at the point where they were going to fill out the committee in earnest. There was a lot to do to get ready and important positions to fill, so they were going to be calling on people, and Thomas asked people to step up and help out now.

Teamwork was essential, and it really was all about how to work together towards a common vision. None of us were as smart as all of us, and it was our collaboration, working together, that was going to allow us to capture each other's collective intelligence. PRAASA represented a valuable exchange of information among our fellowship that focused on how we may better work together, hand in hand, in fulfilling our declaration of responsibility to reach and help the suffering alcoholic and to strengthen and improve the growth and the welfare of our AA groups. Our hosting PRAASA next year was going to greatly encourage service in AA and provide lasting benefits for all of our groups in the area and AA as a whole.

He asked everyone to start talking to their GSRs and groups about PRAASA now, and to make themselves available for service. He thanked everyone for letting him be of service.

Nikki thanked Thomas and said that it was hard to describe PRAASA to those who had not attended in-person before. She came back from PRAASAs so revitalized because we got to see how it was being done in other parts of the Pacific Region. She was totally amazed when she met someone from Hawaii who talked about how they had to travel between islands to go to assemblies. They could not always afford a hotel, so they had people who would arrange to have people stay in others' homes so that they could attend an assembly. And the people who opened up their homes were not always involved in general service, but they wanted to be of service to another alcoholic. That was just one example of the really neat things she heard about and learned at PRAASA. She encouraged all to get involved and attend next year.

Archives Committee Chair Sandra C. reported:

She took the archives presentation that was on the website to the Westside Combined Districts, the Combined Hollywood Districts, and she was waiting to hear back from the Spanish-Speaking Combined Districts, Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH). They would love to show their presentation to any district that wanted them to come. Otherwise, anyone could go to their website area05archives.org which they could also access through the area website area05aa.org if they went to committees and then clicked on "Archives Committee." They had a great year. Their website was up now. Their archivist Mary T. put together a beautiful presentation and just gave a report-back from the archives workshop she attended. Their next meeting was going to be 8/28/22 at 5pm. She welcomed anyone to

attend and asked that everyone take back to their meetings the importance of archives. They were trying to find out how many people would be interested in attending an archives workshop to learn how to set up and handle archives for their districts and become a part of Area 05 archives. She shared her contact information in the chat and offered to talk more with anyone about it. She welcomed new members Rima and Ron. They had a total of 5 members. She asked if there were any people in person that tried to join their meeting, and there were none. She said they would love to have anyone come to their meeting. They needed help and their numbers were kind of small. She thanked everyone.

Audio Visual Committee Chair Manuel P. reported:

He didn't have much to report. They were at their table and talked about the setup.

Nikki explained that he did not need to talk a lot, he just needed to get the equipment going, which was the most important thing.

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) Committee Chair Amy O. reported:

They had 5 people at their meeting. They talked about taking care of their own elders as well as suffering elderly alcoholics in the community. We often assumed that our elders had family at home to help them, but we may be their only family. They talked about how they could help them, such as giving rides, taking elderly requests, safety for the elderly, and finding resources for the elderly. They also talked about the elderly in the Hispanic community and how they could help. Their talking points were all-encompassing for both communities. She thanked everyone.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair Joe C. reported:

They had 11 members present at their meeting that day on zoom and in-person including 4 new members. They continued their efforts with their Talk to Your Doctor project in which General Service Representatives (GSRs) could tell their AA groups how they could take part in the project by making their GSR announcement and following this script:

"Cooperation with the Professional Community, or CPC, wants to communicate with any type of professional that comes in contact with possible alcoholics in their line of work. This group of professionals could include healthcare, clergy, attorneys, or social workers. The CPC committee is asking you guys, AA members, to share information about Alcoholics Anonymous with your own doctor. Think of it as 12th step work, carrying this message to the still-suffering alcoholics through your doctor. This committee has put together a packet of information to take to your doctor. Each packet contains an introductory letter like this, a handful of pamphlets like this, and information cards like these. These cards have a QR code for the Meeting Guide App to help doctors help their patients find AA meetings."

The project originated out of District 14 and the Westside Combined Districts was slowly starting to adopt it. They were now ready to go area-wide in Area 05. They were going to reach out to the Translation Committee to get all of their letters and cards translated into Spanish. They were also going to be working to make it more specific to mental health professionals and social workers and they were going to be piloting it with the Westside Combined Districts.

In the Inland Empire, the Rancho Cucamonga courthouse was no longer referring DUI offenders to AA court cards, so they were going to see what they could do to establish a relationship there.

The CPC committee met monthly on the 4th Saturday of each month at 8am on Zoom. All were welcome to attend, and they hoped to see us all there.

Corrections Committee Member Denise E. reported:

Nobody showed up at the meeting that day. They were going to be starting the Hospitals

and Institutions (H&I) meetings on second Mondays, and she asked anyone interested in being on an H&I committee to please come out. She put her contact information in the chat and thanked everyone.

Finance Committee Alternate Chair Nancy H. reported:

They had 8 members in attendance at their meeting that day. They talked the Financial Guidelines, the budget, and an unbudgeted expense report, all of which they were going to be presenting that day. They talked about the Audit Subcommittee and the reports they reviewed. They were good and thorough and being reported out on time. They talked about the food kitty, which was over on a table. They were taking cash and cashless contributions could be made through Zelle by sending to zelle@area05aa.org. She thanked everyone.

Grapevine / La Viña Committee Alternate Chair, Paul DeC., reported:

At the meeting that day, 3 were online and the rest were in-person. In-person attendees included the chair, Jacobo, and 8 or 9 Spanish-speaking members and a few English-speaking members. They were trying to squeeze in a Grapevine/La Viña to take place in August to be held at the Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH) office in East Los Angeles. They met and were in support of it but suggested they move the event out 3 months, so the committee took a group conscience and rescheduled the workshop from 8/27/22 to 10/28/22. They were going to post information on the area website when they had a new agenda. Instead of targeting the March 2023 issue topics, they were going to use the June 2023 issue topics. The committee met on the last Saturday of the month, so they were going to meet again next week on 8/30/22. He invited everyone to participate. He told everyone they could not do it without them and that they needed everyone's participation. It was a great way to participate for anyone who loved the Grapevine and La Viña. He thanked everyone.

Treatment Facilities Alternate Chair, Nikki P., reported:

They were working on the Bridging the Gap program. Their first project was to make a contact list, which was going to involve reaching out to all the District Committee Members (DCMs), Alternate DCMs, and General Service Representatives (GSRs) in our area to see if they could reach out to meetings in their community so that they could get a big list of inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities in our area so they could start their Bridging the Gap program for connecting people exiting treatment to AA. They had a tight draft of a letter that was provided by LA Central Office that they could email out to treatment facilities who were interested in participating in the program. She thanked everyone.

The Area Assembly recessed for lunch at 11:47 AM.

The Area Assembly was called back to order at 12:45 PM.

Guidelines and Policies Committee Chair, Jenny P., reported:

They had 3 in attendance, herself, one District Committee Member (DCM) and one District Committee Member Chair (DCMC). They reviewed the statement of purpose for the committee for the new committee members. They addressed the withdrawn motion from the Spring Assembly that was meant to coordinate the policies for announcements for the Southern California Area Assembly Newsletter (SCAAN), the area website, and Good and Welfare Announcements but was worded poorly. It was not specific towards any event. They also discussed visiting districts to inform them of the purpose and activities of the Guidelines and Policies committee. They discussed keeping both online and print versions of the Guidelines and Policies document current. They discussed a need the committee

had of a policy to pass on the previous work of the committee and all the documents involved.

Literature Committee Chair Armando L. and Committee Member Cara B. reported:

The committee's chair was present in-person and was not able to join the breakout room on Zoom for the committee meeting. The people in the breakout room discussed potentially doing a story workshop for people to write and submit their stories for the 5th edition of the big book.

Armando pointed item 2.D in the Quick Reference Guide to the results from the 72nd General Service Conference, "discuss requests to make changes slowly and with AA's primary purpose in mind." As literature chair, he got a lot of questions about literature and changes to the big book. He liked the response that the committee at the General Service Conference (GSC) came up with, "that the cadence and role the annual GSC already provides is appropriate guidance." It also mentioned Concept 4, the right of participation, and that all members were invited to participate in the year-long process of the conference. He advised everyone to invite people who approached them about changes to the big book to our area assemblies and let them know that the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) was going to be local next year. It was a great opportunity for them to come and discuss the literature and get involved. He thanked everyone.

Public Information (PI) Committee Member Terry B. reported:

They had 4 people at their committee including 1 person who was new. In recent months they had called out a requested for us to consider getting AA literature into high schools. They were working on it, and it was going to be happening. In September, packets were going to be mailed out to local high schools. Some districts, including Combined Hollywood Districts where she was from, were helping to support the initiative. She invited anyone who wanted to find out more about how they could be involved to contact the committee's chair Mike C., or herself. They also talked about other possible PI initiatives, such as the possibility of interacting with police departments. They wondered if it had been done before or if the General Service Office (GSO) in New York had any information about it. They considered that many times, alcoholics first experiences facing their disease, whether they were ready for it or not, was with the police. They thought it could be mutually beneficial, that officers could be educated about who they were dealing with, and that alcoholics could be helped by officers that could help carry the message during the sick and suffering alcoholic's first bottoming out point. They talked about possibly providing literature or an explanatory video. They would love to hear about it if anyone had any information about that. She thanked everyone.

Registration Committee Alternate Chair Joe T. reported:

They had 4 attendees: Daniel from District 3, Allen from District 14, Area Registrar Miguel, and himself from District 7. Miguel was in contact with other area registrars to better communicate with the General Service Office (GSO) to get more General Service Representatives (GSRs) registered. Other districts were working on getting their new GSRs officially registered and were contacting Miguel with information and questions. Their committee was going to be meeting in-person on 8/20/22 to prepare for the fall election assembly. He thanked everyone.

Southern California Area Assembly Newsletter (SCAAN) Committee Chair Jo S. reported:

She had the wonderful privilege of publishing the SCAAN. People in person got a printed copy, and she shared a digital version in the chat for people on Zoom. It was quite a publication and pretty long. She really enjoyed doing it, and it was something she knew how to do. She currently was the whole committee and she invited anyone interested in desktop publishing to join the committee. Having a bilingual person join the committee

would also be awesome. The next issue was going to be very important because it was going to include all the information for the upcoming election assembly in October. She invited anyone with a story to share to email her at scaan@area05aa.org. She especially wanted to hear stories of people who got sober on Zoom.

Translation Committee:

Nikki explained that Translation Committee Chair Arnulfo G. was on a well-deserved vacation. He was basically a committee of one, translating everything for all of the officers and committee chairs. He was enjoying himself right now and did not have a report.

Website/Technology Committee Chair, Kyle H., reported:

He did not have much to report. They did not meet today because they were busy running around trying to fix the internet connection. They had a new webmaster which was good news. He thanked everyone.

Cooperation with the Young Community (CYC) Committee Chair, Gola R., reported:

They had 4 members at their meeting that day. Two were in person, and two were on Zoom. They updated their list of youth-gear AA meetings or specifically young people's meetings. For the ones they added, they checked to see if they knew anything about whether the group was represented in General Service or not. That was a high goal for them. They were also creating a project to put together outreach kits which included the meeting list, the *Too Young* pamphlet, and the latest version of the zine that they were going to be working on. The kits were going to be tools for outreach. There might be other committees that would hear from them regarding that project. Their committee was seeking stories, art, poetry, and more from young members of AA. They were creating a flyer to get submissions in order to have a new zine by the fall assembly. They were going to share the flyer with the area, and she asked everyone to help them get the word out. In the meantime, people could submit stories to cyc@area05aa.org. On 8/6/22, Los Angeles County Young People in AA (LACYPAA) was going to have their first event since the committee collaborated with them to add a general service announcement to their meeting format. They were super excited to be able to outreach more to that demographic and hopefully build a larger presence of that demographic in general service. She thanked everyone.

Hybrid Area Meetings Ad-Hoc Committee Chair, Brian P., reported:

He thanked everyone for bearing with them today. Each meeting has been a learning experience. He thought the audio was much better today than last time at the Area Committee Meeting and people did not have to speak so close to the microphone to be heard. They had some connectivity issues that day. He found that the best place for the WiFi hotspot's reception was across the street in his car, but it was a hot day and twice, the hotspot overheated and shut down. The good news was that while it was on, it was providing a stable connection, which is better than how it was last time. He thanked the other members of the committee. They were really dedicated, and he was always happy to see them show up. The committee was continuing to grow and learn, and they welcomed any feedback anyone had about their experience of the meeting, whether it was positive or negative. His email was secretary@are05aa.org. He thanked everyone.

No report was given from the Accessibilities/Interpretation Ad-Hoc Committee.

Officer Reports**Alternate Delegate, Doug S., reported:**

It had been a lot of fun and a lot of work, and he had been very busy since May. One of his duties was to conduct New General Service Representative (GSR) Orientations. They had one last Thursday with 10 new GSRs in attendance. Today, he had a few in person and a few online, and he was pretty excited about that. He thanked Jacobo for standing by in

case they needed Spanish translation and for filling in for Arnulfo G. from the Translation Committee while he was on vacation.

He visited District 18 when Lauren gave her General Service Conference report-back and attended the Combined Hollywood Districts' meeting last weekend.

Monthly, there was North American (US and Canada only) Alternate Delegates' Sharing Session he attended where Alternate Delegates shared what their respective areas were doing. Usually, regions would discuss a specific topic about how they supported their delegates and how business was conducted. Some areas did things quite a bit differently. For instance, in some areas, the Chair was also the Alternate Delegate. It was interesting to see other areas conducted their business.

Part of his duties were to serve as the area's liaison to the Los Angeles Central Office (LACO), Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup (SoCal H&I), the Foothill Roundup, and this year, the Southern California AA Convention (SoCal AA Convention) since it was going to be held within Area 05's boundaries in the Pacific Palms resort in the City of Industry.

He attended SoCal H&I's monthly intergroup meeting. He was the Program Co-Chair for their annual conference, which was their first in three years due to the pandemic. I was held in Big Bear, CA. and there were a lot of presenters who talked about their experiences carrying the message to institutions, prisons, jails, and hospitals, and how they handled the treatment there. Claire B. from Area 05 presented on how we cooperate with the juvenile justice system. All 4 delegates from the Southern California areas presented on relevant things that happened at the General Service Conference. Northern California H&I was piloting a program called Inside Visitation Service Sponsorship at the prison in San Quentin, and it had now expanded to other prisons. People could get in touch with them if they were interested in how it operated. There were also more and more panels going back into prisons and jails now that facilities were allowing us back in. If anyone was interested in getting on a panel, the H&I folks needed volunteers. People could take that back to their groups and let them know it was a way to be of service. They had lost a lot of volunteers during the pandemic.

LACO's meetings were held on the second Thursday of each month. They were servicing over 2,000 active in-person meetings, plus 1,000 Spanish-speaking meetings. They had hired a part-time bilingual staff member to handle all the inquiries coming from the Spanish-speaking community, and they had just expanded her hours to full time because there were so many calls and requests. They also remodeled their office to expand the Spanish literature they had in stock and now had a complete wall of Spanish literature along one of their rooms. There were having supply chain issues getting big books from the General Service Office (GSO), so they had books on backorder, but they had soft-bound books and other items, so people could call them to find out what they had. They just announced that they were going to be having a virtual meeting security workshop on 8/4/22. The flyer came out a few days ago, but it was only in English. He requested it in Spanish, but at this point, they were not planning on having simultaneous interpretation. We were working with them to hopefully do that for their next workshop.

It did not appear that the Foothill Roundup was going to be held that year. He had not heard back from the Chair about who was going to be the new Chair for this year, so it was likely it was not going to be happening.

The SoCal AA Convention was going to be held 11/4/22 to 11/6/22 at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. As Thomas B. mentioned earlier, we were going to have a Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2023 booth in their registration area so that we could get the word out to as many people as possible.

One of the reasons we had these liaisons was to foster communication and partnership with these other service entities. So, he gave them reports on what was happening in Area 05 and gathered information from them. If anyone wanted more information on those items, they could let him know.

As Alternate Delegate, Doug was also serving as the Area's Chief Financial Officer and led the Audit Subcommittee. They recently signed tax documents, and they received an extension to file our 2021 taxes until end of this calendar year. Nancy mentioned Zelle earlier. We now supported food kitty contributions through Zelle, which he thought was an improvement. They did not plan to support Venmo for that purpose though.

Doug and Past Delegates Jim I. and Thomas S. constituted the Audit Subcommittee. They reviewed the reports produced by the area's contributions treasurer and accounts treasurer. The treasurers were working very well together. They did not see any problems with their reports. They were always good, and the numbers matched. It had been a good panel so far, and they appreciated the work the treasurers did.

He planned to attend as many of the delegate's report-backs as possible, and also the Grapevine/La Viña Writing Workshop, which was now going to be held a few months later. In September, he was going to be attending the Pacific Regional Forum. He asked anyone wanting him to attend their district meetings to let him know. His email was altdelegate@area05aa.org, and he shared his phone number. Doug thanked everyone.

Secretary, Brian P. reported:

He was going to be presenting the draft 2023 area calendar later today, we would be voting on it preliminarily during the next Area Committee Meeting (ACM), and since we do not conduct any business during the October election assembly, we were going to be voting for final approval of the calendar at the January assembly. There were printed copies of the draft calendar available for in-person attendees, and he emailed the calendar out to the Area Committee several days ago. He asked everyone to review it for possible conflicts with things such as YPAA events, conventions, and especially district meetings. He made sure that none of our meetings conflicted with the Westside Combined Districts monthly meetings which we had to make an adjustment for last year. He asked people to let him know of these things before the next ACM when it was going to be presented for its first vote.

Other than that, he was also responsible for producing minutes for our meetings, which were in the Southern California Area Assembly Newsletter (SCAAN). He thanked everyone for reviewing and approving the minutes today.

Since the last assembly, he attended the Westside Combined Districts Not-A-Glum-Lot service event, which was really great. The people who organized it did a great job. He also visited Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH), the Spanish-speaking combined districts, which was a great experience. There were a lot of people there and they were in motion again. He went there with Zoraida and saw Miguel there doing registrations. It was great to be back and watch people handling business.

He planned to attend the Grapevine / La Viña committee's writing workshop and the Pacific Regional Forum.

Doing the minutes, he got to hear every work that was said in our meetings in the recordings, and it was really amazing hearing about all the work that was being done by our delegate, officers, committees, districts, and with PRAASA 2023. There was a lot of exciting stuff going on here, and he really appreciated all the work that everyone was doing. It was a privilege to be able to hear about it all in detail.

During the last Area Committee Meeting, which was our first hybrid meeting, they had problems with the Zoom recording, and he was busy the whole time working on technical stuff, so the minutes were kind of sparse for the ACM. He asked anyone who presented at the ACM to share with him any written reports they might have or anything they might have remembered about their presentation to him. Even a short list of bullet points or anything would help. Information could be sent to secretary@area05aa.org.

He was really grateful to see everyone in person and on zoom. He thanked everyone.

Contributions Treasurer, Shawn A., reported:

He explained his responsibilities, which were to go to the post office at least every two weeks, which was 100-mile round trip from where he lived, to pick up contributions and whatever other mail happened to be there, create deposit slips and make the deposits at the bank, and distribute the mail to wherever it needed to go. He also created monthly and quarterly reports. His second quarter report was available in the back of the room and on chat. It was going to be voted on at the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) next month. If anyone had any questions about the report, it was going to be discussed at the ACM. He thanked everyone.

Accounts Treasurer, Zoraida R. reported:

She those celebrating anniversaries and welcomed new General Service Representatives (GSRs). The work we did here was so important for carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic and she was very grateful and proud to be a member of Area 05 and to be of service to everyone.

Copies of her 2nd Quarter Financial report were in the back, and she also emailed them out.

The first part of her job was to record all deposits, to make sure that the contributions balanced with the Contributions Treasurer's numbers, and balance everything with the bank statement to make sure that nothing went missing and everything was accounted for correctly. The other thing she did was keep track of area expenses. Whenever we spent anything, we spent it to carry the message, and she made sure to record it in our books, balance it with our bank account, and put it all together in financial statements. She sent quarterly reports to everyone and monthly reports to the Audit Subcommittee. If anyone else wanted to see them, they could request them from her.

She asked anyone with old reimbursement checks or checks that they intended to contribute back to the area to please deposit the checks into their bank accounts and write fresh checks to the area so that we could keep track of it. She asked anyone asking for reimbursements for their committee work to look at their budget and see what they had budgeted this year and how much was still available and fill out a reimbursement form. If they had any questions about how to do that, she could walk them through it and help them.

She visited district 3 since the last assembly and also visited Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH), where she had the opportunity to speak to the members there about the spirit of rotation. She was glad to see Juan M., one of our past delegates, there today. When she started service, one thing he always said was, "Make yourself available. Whatever it is, make yourself available." She had kept that with her, and something amazing to see at CIH was how many people were available to serve regardless of what was going on around them. We had gone through difficult times these past two years with the pandemic, but they were making themselves available to serve and very active. Amalia, the interpreter for the area, mentioned to Zoraida that one of the things that stood out about our Spanish-speaking districts in Area 05 was how involved they were, so that was amazing and encouraging.

She participated in the Hybrid Area Meetings Ad Hoc Committee and the Finance Committee. She suggested to look at different things. One thing that she brought up today during their committee meeting was the cost of printing. The cost of printing had gone up

significantly from 2.5 cents per black and white page to 12 cents. The reason she brought it up and the reason it stood out to her today was that in writing all of the reimbursement checks for the meeting, she noticed that the cost of printing everything for today's event was \$1,684 for all of the papers on the table in the back. The past year and half we did not spend on printing because everything was virtual. Maybe we needed to do some combination or share or come up with some kind of solution where we were not spending so much of our 7th tradition money that was meant to be used to carry the message the best way we could. Maybe it meant we printed a little less. She noticed that at the end of Area Committee Meetings (ACMs) and Assemblies that there were often a lot of papers left over. She actually had boxes of old papers left over from ACMs and Assemblies at her house. It was something we should consider and maybe come up with some sort of policy or standard of how much we needed to print.

For the Hybrid Ad Hoc Committee, she wanted to thank Brian, Claude, Kyle, and the rest of the committee. They got there early and set up the whole thing. There was a lot of patience and love that went into that service, and she thanked them for doing it.

She was also involved in the 3rd Legacy Meeting committee. It was a group of districts that got together quarterly to talk about traditions, concepts, and other things. Everyone was welcome to attend. We would have more information about it soon.

There was a lot of exciting stuff happening. She met the LA Central Office manager last weekend, and he told her of a woman that went around and gave presentations on Marty Mann. The next one was 8/20/22 at 9am. If anyone was interested in participating in it, she could give them some information.

She was also part of the Advisory Board for the Hispanic Women's Workshop. It was an event that Area 05 had been in the forefront of, and it was really exciting that they were going on their 7th year. This year, it was going to be in San Diego. Next year, we were going to be hosting it in our area. It had been incredible to be able to connect with other women from that remote community. Marita R., our trustee at large, recently went to Cuba and brought back many phone numbers of women who wanted to connect with women here in the United States. She gave the numbers to Zoraida, and she started a WhatsApp group so that they could communicate. They did not have access to Zoom in Cuba but had access to WhatsApp. It was really exciting to get to know them there.

Another thing that had been really incredible was that with the Chinese meeting, they had a GSR present today. Kelly was our GSR for our meeting, and they were organizing a virtual tour of Stepping Stones for the group. A lot of their members were from China or elsewhere and might not ever get a chance to visit Stepping Stones in person. She spoke to Antonio from CIH about possibly doing a tour with them or Area 05, which would be great.

She would really love to visit anyone's district. She was available to talk about concepts, traditions, finances, or anything else. Her email address was acctstreasurer@area05aa.org. She thanked everyone for their service and love.

Question (Doug S.): I forgot to bring this up in our Audit Subcommittee report. The reason she was mentioning these checks that were written a long time ago and not cashed yet was that they were still on our books and at the beginning of the panel, they totaled to something like \$3,000, and we had been carrying them for 8 to 10 years without paying much attention to them until an Audit Subcommittee member brought it up. Is there a way or a goal for us to try to clean it out by the end of the panel so that the next treasurer did not have to worry about \$3,000 floating around?

Answer (Zoraida R.): I actually did clear out a lot of that already. I don't remember the exact amount that it is now, but the remaining amount that is left over is actually money that is owed. We paid it out and even though the recipient didn't cash it, it is still an expenditure

to the area. With the research that I've done, per California law, we need to write a check to the Secretary of the Treasury of California for the amounts that are owed, and if people ever claimed the money, it would be there for them, so that's how we would legally clear it out.

Registrar, Miguel M., reported:

He thanked Joe and Alan for helping him at the registration table today. Today, we had in person 6 District Committee Members (DCMs), 4 Alternate DCMs, 9 General Service Representatives (GSRs), one Alternate GSR, 8 committee chairs, and 7 officers. That was as of around 12 o'clock or so. On Zoom, there were 49 voting members and 6 visitors. The voting members were a mixture of DCMs, GSRs, Committee Chairs, Alternates, and Past Delegates.

He thanked the Registration Committee. Nineteen months into the panel, they were able to reach 13 districts and 3 combined districts. They had visited 5 Spanish-speaking districts and had 1 to go. He thanked the Registration Committee for the work they had been putting in.

He attended some meetings regularly, including a monthly Registrars Sharing Session which included all 93 Registrars from the US and Canada, but there were usually 40 to 45 people in attendance. They discussed things about registration and how they were dealing with challenges on Fellowship Connection, the database that they used to communicate with the General Service Office (GSO) directly. It was a relatively new system, so they were learning. GSO also had a quarterly Registrar Sharing Session that was specifically about Fellowship Connection and included staff from GSO including workers from Member Services to help with registration of groups.

His visits last month included Districts 55 and 3, and a visit to District 49 was in the works.

If anyone wanted him to visit their districts or groups or had any registration needs for their groups or members, they could reach out to him at registrar@area05aa.org. He put an updated Area Roster in the chat in English and Spanish and also had printed copies available on the table in the back. He thanked everyone.

Chairperson, Nikki U., reported:

It had been a long day. Since she was the one with the key to the venue, she had been there since 7am, but that was neither here nor there.

Since the last assembly, she attended the Not a Glum Lot service event. She had only been able to attend via Zoom and could hardly wait to be able to attend in person so that she could see what it was like.

She was also a member of the Hybrid Area Meetings Ad Hoc Committee. She thanked Brian, Claude, and Kyle for working so hard to try to get this thing going. It was very difficult to balance everyone's needs and desires in getting together along with safety concerns. Us cutting in and out and having people freeze on the screen was also another challenge, but we just went through it.

She had also been our unofficial Southern California Area Assembly Newsletter (SCAAN) Chairperson for the last few issues. People might have noticed that the Winter and Spring issues were very stripped down with no additional stories, but now that Jo was our SCAAN Chair, our latest issue had an additional story and looked very nice.

As the Area Chairperson, so arranged the schedules for the Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings, and she just realized that this was her actual last assembly since the October election assembly was going to be run by our Delegate and the Pacific Regional Trustee. She wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their patience and understanding and for the opportunity for her to grow. It had been a challenge and she had

grown. Though it might not have looked like it, she had grown.

Unfinished Business

Hispanic Women's Workshop

Olga M., Area 05's Liaison to the 2022 Hispanic Women's Workshop, reported the following: The 7th Hispanic Women's Workshop was going to be held on 12/3/22 in San Diego, CA. Participating areas were Areas 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, and 93. The event was going to be hybrid on Zoom and in person at the First United Methodist Church in San Diego at 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108. They were meeting the second Saturday of each month to discuss the activities of the workshop. Area 05 was supporting with a contribution of \$758. Special room rates were available at La Quinta Inn, 641 Camino del Rio S, San Diego, CA 92108. They distributed flyers for the workshop to the participating areas at the La Viña event in Las Vegas today, but she could not go, so she was going to pick up the flyers and deliver them to districts and Spanish-speaking groups in our area. On 7/16, the area liaisons discussed selling badges on the day of the event for \$10 to help become self-supporting.

4-Area District Committee Member (DCM) Sharing Session

Alex H., 4-Area DCM Sharing Session Chair and District 30 District Committee Member, reported the following:

He was joining us from San Diego, while fulfilling a decade-old promise to his daughter. He was grateful for AA and grateful for his sobriety that he got to be there today. He was sorry he could not be with us in person.

On August 13th, we were going to be having our 40th annual 4-Area DCM Sharing Session, where we brought together DCMS from the 4 Areas – 05, 08, 09, and 93 – which comprised the areas that covered Southern California all the way out to the Mojave and down to Mexico. We were going to be meeting in person and online, so it was going to be a hybrid meeting. It was going to take place 8/13/22 from 9am to 3pm with a break for lunch. Food and snacks were going to be available for all. The event was open to District Committee Members (DCMs), District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs), and all who were interested in general service. He invited all General Service Representatives (GSRs) who were interested in learning more about the problems and issues that confronted DCMs to attend.

They to use the presentation theme for the upcoming General Service Conference, "General Service – Our Mighty Purpose and Rhythm" as the event's theme. Discussion topic areas were going to be "Making the Fellowship Connection," "Declining Participation," and "Pre-Conference in the Post-Covid World."

They were going to have two guest speakers, Riley K., the newly minted Pacific Region Trustee who had been serving since the DCM Sharing Sessions began. She was a DCM for District 52 when the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session began. It was going to be interesting to hear her perspective on how things have changed and how some challenges have remained the same. They were also going to have Joel C., a Past Pacific Region Trustee speak to us.

He hoped everyone could attend and looked forward to seeing people there in person or online. Nikki printed flyers and they were also posted on the Area 05 website. The flyer had a scannable QR code and URL for a web page where they would be posting information about the specific schedule and participation. He hoped he would see everyone there and that people would share their experience, strength, and hope in general service. He thanked everyone.

Nikki shared that it was going to be located in District 30 which was our easternmost district. It was located where all 4 areas touched, near the center of the 4 areas. Flyers were available in the back in English and Spanish.

43rd Foro de Servicios Generales (Hispanic Forum)

Antonio M., 43rd Foro de Servicios Generales Chair and District 34 District Committee Member, reported the following:

The host district for the 43rd Foro de Servicios Generales (Hispanic Forum) was District 34. The event was going to be held at 320 N. Orange Place, Azusa, CA 91702 on Sunday, 11/6/22 from 10am to 5pm. They were currently working on the topics and questions. They were going to give more information to the area, and also wanted to ask the area to help them with the sound system for the event.

New Business

Hosting Bids

Nikki U., Chairperson, presented the following:

Nikki had concerns because we had not had in-person assemblies for almost two years now. At the last Area Committee Meeting (ACM), she had hosting guides available. She had extra printed ones in the back along with hosting bid forms for districts to take back with them. Our contract with Westminster Presbyterian Church ended at the end of the year. So, next year, we were going to go back to the way it used to be, which was for districts to bid to host area events and arrange for the venue, food, and other things. Since we had not done it in two years, we kind of lost that historical or generational memory, which was why she had the hosting guides made available.

Her concern now was that we did not have a host for the next ACM on 8/21/22. She had a hosting district for our October election assembly and for the November ACM, which was going to be District 30, and District 3 stepped up and said they would host the Winter 2023 assembly. We were going to try to get Westminster Presbyterian Church for that assembly since it was within District 3.

She wanted to get the areas feedback or a sense of the area for the future Chairperson who was going to be elected in October so that they were not going to be coming into this blind. She wanted to invite people to come up to speak, and she was going to alternate between in person speakers and speakers on Zoom.

She was going to have pre-registration for attending the ACM, with the rationale that she wanted to make sure we had enough food but not too much food and enough printed materials but not too much printed materials. We decided not to do that, and essentially because we did not have that historical memory, what happened today was that we had enough food for 100 people but there were only around 50 in person attendees. The ask for the food kitty would have been at around \$10 per person at 100 people which would have been reasonable, but we did not have 100 people. So, we needed feedback on whether we should pre-register. How do we handle the situation where in the past, the area decided to keep passing around the food kitty until the expense for food was covered? She had been to those meetings where we passed the thing four times. Today, we were not going to pass it more than twice, but she wanted everyone's feedback. How were we going to deal with those situations? We were probably also going to have a lot of extra printed materials that were going to go home with someone to be recycled. It was very important that when we asked for RSVP information, like how many people were going to show up, that we had the number we needed to know, but how could we get that number from people? We had been doing it on a very informal basis, and we now had all of this food and printed materials. She

did not feel it was how we should be spending our seventh tradition money that was supposed to go towards reaching out and sharing the message.

She wanted to get our feedback and spend 20 minutes entertaining people at the mic and on Zoom, alternating back and forth.

Comments:

Amy O.: I really liked your point because our money is not well-spent on food. I think it's a good idea to send out an invite like say on Facebook and create an event so we can get a head count for in-person attendance.

David W.: I'm an alcoholic and have the privilege, pleasure, and responsibility of serving as the DCMC for the Westside Combined Districts. I appreciate this is a difficult issue, and I appreciate Nikki taking it on. I came down with covid on the 14th, and I still have it. In LA County, we're seeing an uptick, and it is likely there will be another indoor mask mandate by the end of the month. It is difficult to predict what the situation will be in 2023. We've seen the tech committee doing an admirable job addressing tech issues. Picking up on the difficulty of estimating the amount for costs and number of copies and so forth, it is really difficult right now as DCMC to make any commitments whatsoever to host any kind of live event in 2023. It's not prudent. That is my position, but I won't be making the decision. Ultimately, it will be up to the incoming DCMC and officers who will need to deal with the particular health issues presented at that time. I conclude by saying I love this meeting, I love alcoholics anonymous, my name is David, alcoholic, and I will be back. Thank you.

Lauren A.: I have to disagree about printing. I know that we don't have the same deal we used to have, and Nikki and I have both talked to the accounts guy, and we're going to talk to him again because we were overcharged again, I think. I made about 50 copies of everything for today. There are about 50 people here. Our job is to communicate what goes on in our conference to our GSRs. We do general service work, so flyers, considerations, advisory actions, and calendars – those all have to be printed. If we don't have the best deal, we still need to print these things so that you can take them back to your group. Maybe it was expensive right now. Maybe we need to re-budget. We also might need to re-budget for food and look at the hosting guidelines again. I like your idea of registration. The only problem I see is if people had to be a GSR or DCM to register. Anyone can come to these meetings, so I just ask that the registration not be restrictive at all and only for the purpose of getting a headcount. Communication is key. If you're the host, please check with Nikki to find out how many people are coming, because I'm sure it was not guaranteed that 100 people would be here today. Thanks.

Jenny P.: When I was a brand-new DCM, our district was asked to host the January assembly, right at the beginning when I first stepped in. I was not able to find a place that was affordable, and it was suggested that we go outside of our district, so we went to Westminster Presbyterian Church. It can be very challenging to stay within the amount that is budgeted for the food kitty. Given the cost of living, that needs to be increased to a reasonable amount. I think Nikki did take a head count and asked all committees and DCMs how many people would be coming. I think it's excellent how many people did show up, but that's a lot of food! I wish I was there to help with that. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Thomas B.: I think it's eminently reasonable to have a registration so that we can anticipate what the intent is going to be so that we can plan reasonably and so we don't end up in situations like these where we overspend for food for people who are not going to be in attendance. Thanks, that's all.

Al T.: For printing, I'm not sure why the area doesn't have its own printer. They aren't very expensive, and it would reduce a lot of costs. It's just something to think about. It seems

like hybrid was pushed. I was very vocal about this in our Tuesday meetings that this was premature. I wasn't against the beta testing of one, but we're seeing the results of this now, and that's why I was so vocal about it. To ask any district to bid is kind of premature at this point in time. When it comes time to get a 2/3 majority vote, maybe it's not prudent to renew the agreement with the church. Nothing against them, but we're not back at that stage. We're still in the "cootytown" stage rather than "okay, let's start reassembling back into regular society." And, if we get more things done on Zoom, why not stay there until society as a whole is more relaxed, especially our society, because it's obvious that nobody wants to go back in person, just a handful, and we avoid this kind of stuff. Thank you.

Jacobo M.: I want to congratulate you for a wonderful turnout today, and for your services – you have been awesome, a great coordinator for the area. I don't see a problem with the extra food. I'm already planning to take some home. I'm in favor of registration so whoever is in charge of buying food can choose what they need. Regarding being in person or in Zoom, I think this is the new now. Things are not going back to the way they were before. This is the new now – you have the right to be in person or on Zoom. I think it is great to be in person, I gotta say, and I appreciate that we can support this and have the opportunity to be open and have whoever wants to be in person be in person and whoever wants to be on Zoom be on Zoom. It's been great being here today, seeing everyone and being able to be part of the whole community through Zoom and in person. It's amazing. Thanks for everything, and I congratulate you for the wonderful job you guys are doing. Thank you.

Jim W.: I have a comment on proceeding forward and how we might consider the ramifications of potentially renewing or trying to pursue an ongoing situation with Westminster or some centralized location for the following year, even though it is expiring. I'd like to have more information about what the impact would be financially and what their availability would be. There might be some sort of transition still in front of us. We hear speculation about where everything is going and it's very difficult to know the future. I see the benefit of having a pathway where people can get together in person and with those who cannot for whatever reasons. Some of us are getting older, and it would be more difficult for us to participate anyway without having the opportunity for someone to drive us. It just happens – that isolation as we get older, so to have Zoom availability is quite nice. I think that perhaps the districts are not going to know how to proceed because there's a lot of complexity to it. I think we should leave the door open to districts who have the opportunity or resources to host one of these if they would like to do that, but not leave the meeting to just kind of happen because we cast out to the districts and want them to offer host when they don't have the resources or comfort with it. I think that if the area can continue to support until the districts get up to speed – until we all get up to speed about how this is going to shape out in the future, I would support us investigating continuing what we are doing now.

Zoraida R.: I'm speaking as an alcoholic and a member of Area 05. I want to thank everyone for being so flexible over these past two and half years. You guys have shown up. There's a resilience here. Everyone here is vested in carrying the message. That's something I really want to thank you guys for. There's so much uncertainty. I don't think we need to come up with an answer right now. I think we need to continue to explore this. I don't think we need to spend so much on printing and food and all those things. Ideally, that 7th tradition money would go to help the suffering alcoholic out there that hasn't had an opportunity to hear about us or reach us yet, but it is open for question. I know in my area, a lot of groups that were meeting before the pandemic are not meeting anymore. Some of the online groups are taking a different form. Maybe this is an opportunity for us to put boots on the ground and find out what meetings are actually meeting. What is the need? How many GSRs do we actually have that are active? I think registration would be a great idea, but we don't have to come up with a solution right now. I'm really glad that we're

exploring this. Prices are going up, and expenses are a lot more than they used to be. Those kinds of things also need to be taken into consideration moving forward. Thank you.

Alex H.: Not meaning to double-dip with the good and welfare portion, but just as a reminder, all of the issues involving hybrid, the planning of meetings, meetings going dark, how we maintain that connection with our GSRs and with the struggling alcoholic in these very difficult times – these are going to be important issues that are going to be raised in our breakout sessions at the 4-Area DCM Sharing session. I hope we can all attend. We need everybody's feedback. We need people's experience, people's insights into how they address them across the board. This doesn't just apply to our work in general service. We've also had issues with meetings that have disappeared that have gone virtual and back into real life and trying to maintain that link in the chain. There seems to be so many different links that are breaking everywhere. It is vitally important at this stage of development in our organization. So, to reiterate, please do attend if you can. These are very important questions we need to answer. Thanks.

Question (Shawn A.): I know the people on Zoom can't see us, but half of the attendance today was in person. But my concern, and the question I have towards the Website/Technology people. Are we certain without a doubt that no matter where the Assembly or ACM is held that all of this equipment will work? If we start meeting other places. If we're still doing hybrid, and we're somewhere out in the sticks, District 30, is this stuff absolutely going to work to where everybody that wants to come in on Zoom aren't going to have an issue?

Answer (Brian P.): With the whole setup and everything that's connected to the PA system, the one thing that's variable based on location is our internet connection. We bought a WiFi hotspot to use for this location because the church did not have WiFi that we could use, but we talked about in our Hybrid Ad Hoc Committee maybe making it a requirement when host districts look for venues that they have good, tested WiFi. Broadband WiFi that venues have are usually a lot more stable. I was also going to share some of my opinions too. I think there's the issue of being more efficient with our resources. I think pre-registration would help with that to manage expectations for food and printing. I would suggest that if we did pre-registration that we would also have a place where people can say whether they want printed copies or not. I definitely agree that the information needs to get out there. One of our primary purposes as this organization is to communicate. But a lot of people out there, like me, actually don't prefer to have printed copies. I'd rather have it in my email where I can always pull it up and search for it and actually distribute it much easier too. But if people need printed copies they should be able to have them too. Maybe in pre-registration just have a checkbox and maybe even allow people to ask for extras if they want to bring them back to their districts or groups. Also, if we were going to have pre-registration, we could track who showed up without pre-registering so we can track how we are doing with that and know if we need to get the word out that people need to register. I see that as a separate issue from hosting and asking districts to bid and commit during all this uncertainty. One solution I can think of is if we want to keep doing this in the interim while districts are kind of iffy, we could form some kind of ad hoc hosting committee made up of people in the area who are willing, because I think there are some people who really want to be in person no matter what. If those people would like to make the meetings happen and are okay with it, they can do that for now until we can figure out how we can do it with districts again. That's just kind of what I'm thinking. Thank you.

Anthony S.: There's a couple of things. On printing too many things. Our primary purpose is to bring this message to other alcoholics, so it's our responsibility to figure out the right solution here. I'm currently located in SF and my entire fellowship is in LA. My entire program is in LA. I've worked on running hybrids. I've worked on the uncomfortable conversations of breaking a really successful zoom meeting back into a zoom meeting and

a real-person meeting. I think there's a lot of work that's already been done that we can pull from to make some choices or make some first step approaches to resolving some of these things. I think from a food perspective, if you do over-order, I think it's an opportunity for us to then give back to the community, so provide that to a homeless shelter or give it out to folks. In SF, there's plenty of people on the streets. I just came back from LA and there are folks in the street there. For the paper and printed pieces, there are opportunities to just sticking to pdfs or even creating micro sites so that for any given major assembly gathering you're creating a microsite. If you want to read the content, it's there. Everybody has a phone. It's 2022. And if you don't have a phone, we will get you that paperwork if you need it, but I think cutting out that paper piece is a possibility without having problems. I've run conferences and designed events for 10 years, and these are things that are easily executable that I would recommend. Even for the hiccup today, I know it's difficult with the hotspot getting overheated. What we've done in the past is just make sure you do either the day before try to get to as many of those pain points tested in real time and then put it live. To the individual that spoke about remote locations, I think there is the idea that you split some of the things, if you have a large population of people that want to do it in person, then I would say do it in person and also run it as a separate zoom so that folks don't have to worry about the connectivity issue. Thanks for letting me share.

Bill L.: I'm excited to be here. This is the first meeting that we're having in person, so it's groundbreaking. This is all new, and we're going to learn by doing things. Correct me if I'm wrong – we need a host for the next meeting? District 33 would like to take it. We're going to try to adjust and see what we can do regarding the situation, but like I said, this is all groundbreaking, and we're going to learn as we go and try to do our best. I'm a person that can be all day on Facebook on the computer with no problem, but when it comes to an area meeting in front of the computer for a bunch of hours, I can't do it. Some people are cut out to do this kind of stuff. I'm not. I like to be person-to-person. Thank you very much.

Nikki U.: Thank you, Bill, and thank you District 33! On August 21, we're going to go hybrid again!

Preliminary 2023 Budget Presentation

Nancy H., Finance Committee Chair, presented the following:

She thanked Jacobo for going around and collecting for the food kitty. We ended up only a bit short, so she really appreciated the efforts that he made and everybody digging a little deeper in their pockets. She thanked everyone.

She moved onto the budget and said, "This is the fun stuff!" She sent out the proposed budget via email, and it was put into the chat. This was one of the pieces of paper that were printed out, so it might be something we want to talk about in the future. It was a lot of paper and maybe did not always need to be printed out.

After the last Area Committee Meeting (ACM), they had a finance meeting to discuss each line of this budget. There were 13 pages and they discussed each and every line. She thanked committee chairs who sent in paperwork to request their budget for next year. For those who did not, they put in what they projected and took into consideration the last time we met for a full year live, which was 2019. It actually took them a couple of meetings to work everything out. They wanted to make sure that all the committees requesting funds for their 12th step work received it, so in the event that anyone's budget was way off, and they felt that the next panel's committee would need more money, they could let her know. This was the proposed budget, and nothing was final yet. They tried to get contributions and expenses to match as closely as possible, but it was wishful thinking to have it balance. We were looking at possible contributions of \$50,000 and expenses at \$66,913. We were going to be discussing this more at the next ACM.

Question (Doug S.): If we received this budget, and we see things that we'd like to change, should we inform you via email between now and the ACM or just bring it to you at the ACM.

Answer (Nancy H.): If you are attending the ACM, you can bring it to me there, or you're welcome to send it to me at finance@area05aa.org. Also, if there are any additional expenses – this is something I'd already asked everybody to do before. This is just the presentation, and we're just trying to dial in the numbers as close as we can.

Question (Doug S.): So, for things like Zoraida mentioned, that the cost of printing is now higher than our prior contract with Office Depot, if we want to bump up another hundred dollars for printing or something like that we can let you know between now and the ACM?

Answer (Nancy H.): Correct.

Question (Jenny P.): For guidelines and policies, we are going to need to do some printing at the end of the year. How should I estimate the cost of printing front and back?

Answer (Nancy H.): If you go on the website, it kind of gives you an idea of what the cost would be. I know for the 13 pages of the budget, it cost 26 cents a page, and it didn't matter if it was double-sided, it was per printed page. Also, if you are using the website, make sure that you choose the 20-pound paper and not the 24 pound that it defaults to.

Unbudgeted Expense Request for 2023 Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) Chair's Attendance at the Pacific Regional Forum

Nancy H., Finance Committee Chair, presented the following:

The PRAASA 2023 Chair has approached her with an unbudgeted expense of \$1,000 to cover the cost of attending the Pacific Regional Forum. He presented this to Nancy and to the Accounts Treasurer. It was basically to cover the expenses for Thomas B. to attend the forum.

Nikki asked Accounts Treasurer Zoraida R. if we had the funds to pay for the request. Zoraida confirmed that we did have the funds.

Questions/Comments:

Comment (Nikki U.): mentioned that, as Thomas indicated before, it was very important for us to have as many in-person attendees as possible in order to have a successful PRAASA. Where did these attendees come from besides our local area? They were people that attended other regional events like the Pacific Regional Forum, so it was important for us to send Thomas there to essentially be our pitch man.

Q (Doug S.): What category number would this expense go under?

A (Lauren A.): We have a category for Pacific Regional Forum Other People, line 610-61

Q (David W.): When PRAASA is in different areas around the Pacific Region, here in Area 05, we always heavily promote it. Can't we trust the other areas to help promote the PRAASA that will be in Los Angeles?

A (Nancy H.): We would usually send next year's chair to PRAASA to promote the next year's PRAASA, but it didn't happen in person, so we couldn't send him anywhere to promote the 2023 PRAASA, so in this case, we are sending him out to the Pacific Regional Forum to get the word out live.

Q (David W.): It's my understanding that the purpose of trailing the prior year's PRAASA committee was learning, not promotion. The pattern in the past was to have the PRAASA group follow on to learn what the outgoing group did. That's a different issue than proposed here.

A (Lauren A.): That's the PRAASA business meeting I think you're talking about. Let's take the word promotion out of it. Let's take the word communication. He's going to be sitting at a table. People need to be aware. Sending a flyer in Washington is not necessary as

effective.

A (Mary T.): Usually, the PRAASA committee chair will go to PRAASA to distribute buttons and raise awareness, but since he couldn't do that with the virtual PRAASA it is very important that he go to the Regional Forum to distribute the buttons, hand out the save-the-date flyers, and generate excitement. You're partially right, David, that it is for trailing, but it's also to start distributing the buttons which people collect and letting them know that there is continuity of having PRAASA from one year to the next.

Q (David W.): Isn't Los Angeles by itself a draw?

A (Mary T.): No, because the price is so much higher, people will have sticker shock, so it's very important that he goes.

Delegate Lauren A. moved to give our PRAASA 2023 Chair funds not to exceed \$1,000 for the Pacific Regional Forum travel, food, and airfare. The motion was seconded by Nancy H., Finance Chair. The motion passed 40-1. Time was offered for minority opinion, but none was given.

Presentation of Proposed Changes to Area Financial Guidelines

Nancy H., Finance Committee Chair, presented the following:

There were 4 outstanding items for the Financial Guidelines and Policies. These were not the same as the Area Guidelines and Policies; they were strictly for the Finance Committee to follow. She distributed printed copies this morning. The 4 items were held over from 2016. The language and the context were already voted on and approved by the Finance Committee. They were left unfinished in 2016 due to time constraints. Today the items were presented, and they were going to be discussed at the upcoming Area Committee Meeting (ACM). She thanked everyone.

Presentation of Area 05 2023 Draft Calendar

Brian P., Secretary, presented the following:

He produced a draft 2023 Calendar in both English and Spanish and emailed them out earlier that week. He also put printed copies in the back. He spoke earlier about the schedule for approval of the calendar. He asked everyone to make sure they had copies and gave them to their committee members and General Service Representatives (GSRs) to review and let him know if anything needed to change.

He reviewed what was on the calendar. We had 4 Area Assemblies where everyone in our area (GSRs, committee chairs, District Committee Members (DCMs), District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs), officers, and past delegates) were all required participants. We also had 4 Area Committee Meetings (ACMs) which were almost the same group of people except that GSRs were not required attendees. GSRs and AA members were always welcome at any of our area meetings, however. Then, we had 4 Steering Committee Meetings, where required attendees were the same as ACMs minus DCMs and DCMCs. Aside from these 3 types of quarterly meetings, we also had the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session whose date was to be determined. We also had the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) which we had heard a lot about, and the Preconference Workshop, which was always an exciting event. We always put the General Service Conference on our calendar even though it was only the delegate that would be attending. We also had the Foro de Servicios Generales, or the Spanish Forum, which was a great event put on by our Spanish-speaking districts, and the Hispanic Women's Workshop, which was going to be hosted by our area next year. We were going to be very busy next year. He asked that everyone take a look at the calendar and let him know if they needed a copy. Today, the calendar was only being presented, and we would be voting on it at the August ACM. He thanked everyone.

Good and Welfare Announcements

Jacobo M.: He had the privilege of being our Grapevine / La Viña chair these past two years. Last year, they had a writing workshop, one workshop for both magazines at the same time in English and Spanish, in Zoom and in person. It happened in July last year. It was an amazing event. They raffled subscriptions and books and had two speakers. Most importantly, they created unity and had an amazing time all together. This year, it was happening again. He asked that everyone save the date. It was going to happen on 10/23/22 at the Comité Interdistrital Hispanos (CIH) office on Atlantic and Olympic from 8am to 2:30pm. They were going to serve lunch, which was probably going to be birria. Everyone was invited and could participate on Zoom or in person. He thanked everyone and said it had been amazing.

Ron H.: The 70th Southern California AA Convention was going to be held in the City of Industry 11/4/22 – 11/6/22. It was going to be a live event. Their website was live at aasocal.com. He was going to make sure the Secretary had the information for the event. They were excited to be in Area 05. Registration was going to be \$30, and parking was going to be free, so people could even just come out for the day. It was going to be a great event, and they looked forward to coordinating with Area 05 and maybe even having a launch party for PRAASA. He thanked everyone for allowing him to be of service and said it was a great meeting today.

Miguel M.: The 3rd Legacy Meeting was only weeks away, and it was either going to be on 8/20/22 or 8/27/22. They were going to send out confirmation of the date along with an agenda, and he asked that people share it with their General Service Representatives. The time was going to be from 12:30pm to 3:00pm on either 8/20/22 or 8/27/22. It was going to have Spanish interpretation as well.

Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement

Sandra, District 55, led the Assembly in reciting A.A.'s Responsibility Statement in Spanish.

The Assembly recited A.A.'s Responsibility Statement in English.

The Area Assembly adjourned at 3:05 PM

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8:00 Registration & Zoom Room Fellowship

9:00 Welcome and Opening Comments

- Call-to-Order
- Silent Meditation, Serenity Prayer AA Birthdays (July 23rd – Oct 16th)
- The Twelve Concepts (Short Form) - Spanish and English

9:20 Approval of October 16th Agenda (*Nikki U, Chairperson*)Approval of July 23rd Assembly Minutes (*Brian P, Secretary*)9:40 Presentations for November 19th ACM Voting

- 2022 3rd Quarter Contributions Report - Contributions Treasurer (*Shawn A.*)
- 2022 3rd Quarter Financial Report - Accounts Treasurer (*Zoraida R.*)
- 2023 Budget – Finance Committee Chair (*Nancy H*)

10:00 Roll Call (*Miguel M, Registrar*)10:10 Introduction of Pacific Regional Trustee & Visitors (*Lauren A, Delegate*)

10:15 Zoom Third Legacy Election Procedures - Tech 12

10:20 Third Legacy Election Procedures (*Reilly K, Pacific Regional Trustee*)

Area Guidelines & Policies VII B- Lauren Third Legacy Election Procedure (S21 & S22) - Reilly

10:35 Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Delegate

- Qualifications and Duties of Delegate (Service Manual S48, 49, 50 & III E. 2, Area Guideline & Policies)
- Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- Resumes of Eligible Candidates
- Balloting and Election of Area Delegate

Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Alternate Delegate

- Qualifications & Duties of Alternate Delegate (Service Manual SSO & III E. 3, Area Guideline & Policies)
- Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- Resumes of Eligible Candidates
- Balloting and Election of Alternate Delegate

Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Chairperson

- Qualifications & Duties of Area Chairperson (Service Manual S44, 45- III E.4, Area Guideline & Policies)
- Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- Resume of Eligible Candidates
- Balloting and Election of Area Chairperson

Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Secretary

- Qualifications & Duties of Secretary (Service Manual S45- III E.5, Area Guideline & Policies)
- Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- Resumes of Eligible Candidates
- Balloting and Election of Secretary

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Accounts Treasurer

- Qualifications & Duties of Accounts Treasurer (Service Manual S46- III E. 6, Area Guideline & Policies)
- Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- Resumes of Eligible Candidates
- Balloting and Election of Accounts Treasurer

Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Contributions Treasurer

- Qualifications & Duties of Contributions Treasurer (Service Manual S46- III E.7, Area Guideline & Policies)
- Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- Resumes of Eligible Candidates
- Balloting and Election of Contributions Treasurer

Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Registrar

- * Qualifications & Duties of Registrar {Service Manual S45, III E.8, Area Guideline & Policies)
- * Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
- * Resumes of Eligible Candidates
- * Balloting and Election of Registrar

2:30 Presentation of Panel 73 Area 05 Officers

2:45 Trustee's Report (*Reilly K, Pacific Regional Trustee*)

3:30 Delegate's Report (*Lauren A, Delegate*)

3:50 Good and Welfare Announcements

4:00 Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish & English)

