

SCAAN Summer Issue - July 22, 2023

# SCAAN

Sunlight of the Spirit

#### FROM THE DELEGATE'S DESK.....

Hello Area 5!

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I'm honored to serve as your Delegate for Panel 73 serving on the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee.

As you know, I recently attended the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Conference was an amazing experience and I'm privileged to have represented the Southern California Area Assembly (aka Area 5), and all the districts, groups, and members of our Area.

From the A.A. Service Manual, Page 36, "REPORTING BACK":

Reporting to groups, districts, and the area back home following the annual meeting is a vital part of every delegate's job. Some call this report, which can take a variety of forms, the "report-back."

Hopefully, you attended our Spring Assembly on May 21<sup>st</sup>, where I gave the "Delegate Report Back" to those in attendance. In addition, my goal is to visit each district and/or combined districts to deliver a tailored "report-back" to your respective districts. As of this writing, I have delivered 11 district report backs, with one more to be completed before the Summer Assembly on July 22, 2023.

I'm still waiting to hear from some of the DCMs to schedule a report-back. Please contact me on my mobile (see the Area Roster/Contact list) or via email: <a href="mailto:delegate@area05aa.org">delegate@area05aa.org</a> at your earliest convenience.

Please encourage your GSRs to review the Reference Guide of the Results from the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference I have provided. They should deliver a report-back to their respective group selecting items of relevance to focus on. Contact me with any questions you/they may have. There are details on the agenda items that couldn't be added to the reference guide due to the volume of data.

Recapping the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference: The Conference conducted a lot of business during the week. The days were long, exhausting yet very fulfilling. The Conference members heard reports from the Corporate Boards, AAWS, Grapevine and the General Service Board, completed all our respective committee work, made many recommendations, with multiple committee considerations. The Conference passed twenty-nine (29) Advisory Actions with some significant changes tied to those.

One of the more exciting things that occurred during the week was the opportunity to review the draft of the plain language Big Book translation. Each Conference member had one hour to read the Preface, Forward, Doctor's Opinion, and the first six chapters that were available for review. It was exciting to see the message of Alcoholics Anonymous conveyed in simple terms while maintaining the core message of recovery and hope. We had a two-hour sharing session on Friday where all Conference members were given time to share their experience, impression of the draft translation, and provide constructive criticism, too. All comments were recorded and shared with the firm performing the translation.

In addition to each committee providing reports, we spent a significant amount of time discussing the actions of the Board following the resignation of our Chair. The Trustees Committee report and sharing session went more than five hours. Many Delegates, Staff and Board members spoke about the circumstances. While it was emotionally draining to experience, the message was loud and clear, the concern of the Fellowship was heard, and numerous Advisory Actions resulted. There will be improved communication this year in the form of online

meetings with conference members, quarterly finance reports, and, with guidance from current seated Delegates, a Board inventory will be conducted prior to the 74<sup>th</sup> GSC.

I had the pleasure to meet most of the Trustees with the opportunity to speak one-on-one. I have no doubt we all love Alcoholics Anonymous and will work very hard to ensure its continued success.

Please review the document I prepared (*Reference Guide to Results - hyperlink below*) that contains the results from the conference. It contains all the recommendations, whether they became Advisory Actions or not, Committee Considerations and Floor Actions. In addition, I included the vote count so you can easily see how we voted on respective items.

English: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KRxEZdl0AbR3Tl8jCz0eshmmSoGKlhpY/view

Spanish: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKT2nZ2-IF1zHOzlkmfnPR6RwSFdGO\_J/view

In addition, my wife, Sue S., and I had the opportunity to visit Stepping Stones and Bill & Lois Wilson's Brooklyn, NY, homes during the trip. What a blessing to have seen where they lived and fostered the beginnings of A.A.!

Lastly, I'm excited to be one of the co-chairs for next year's Remote Communities meeting. That will be a highlight for me at the 74<sup>th</sup> G.S.C.

I look forward to being with you at our Summer Assembly on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to share more information about the conference. I plan to provide details on the Grapevine and La Vina apps that I didn't get to during the May Summer Assembly. I covered the A.A. Finance Report at the June 24, 2023, Area Committee Meeting (ACM). If you missed that report, contact me for details you can share with your group and members. That report was printed in the June 2023 Edition of our newsletter (SCAAN), which can be found our Area 5's website.

Here's a list of items shared with the Area (via email) that I received from GSO, AAWS, Grapevine and La Vina, that you should share with your districts, committees, GSRs, groups and members:

- 1. Grapevine and La Vina newsletters (June 19)
- 2. GSC Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form emailed (June 22)
- Insurance Settlement from 2020 A.A. International Convention (June 9)
- 4. District Quarterly Contributions Statements (June 23)
- 5. Service Position Working Group on the Update of the Pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic" (June 23)
- 6. Update on printing delays and backorders (June 15)
- 7. 8th Hispanic Women's Workshop Flyers (June 15)
- 8. Executive Summary of AA Financial Statements March (1st QTR) 2023 (June 14)

The General Service Board (GSB) meets the end of July (28-31), 2023. We will receive a report from our Pacific Region Trustee, Reilly K., soon after that. This will be the first GSB meeting following the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC. I will share details once I receive her report.

Lastly, I was able to attend the Westside Combined District's Not a Glum Lot Service Festival on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing in-person event, and everyone had a wonderful time!

Feel free to contact me at any time via my email address: <u>delegate@area05aa.org</u> or my mobile number listed in the SCAAN.

I look forward to representing the Area!

Respectfully,

Doug S.

Delegate Area 05 Panel 73

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19 Su Area Committee Meeting

March
3-5 F-Su PRAASA - Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (Host: Area 05 Southern CA)

25 Sa Steering Committee Meeting April

1-2 Sa-Su Pre-Conference Workshop
23-29 Su-Sa General Service Conference (Brooklyn, NY)

May
21 Su Area Assembly (Spring)

June

10 Sa Steering Committee Meeting
24 Sa Area Committee Meeting

July
22 Sa Area Assembly (Summer)

August
20 Su Area Committee Meeting
September

9 Sa Steering Committee Meeting
October
15 Su Area Assembly (Fall)

November
5 El Foro de Servicios Generales
18 Sa Area Committee Meeting
December

TBD Hispanic Women's Workshop (Host: Area 05 Southern CA)
9 Sa Steering Committee Meeting

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### **AREA 05 COMMITTEES**

- Accessibilities
- Area Archives
- Audio Visual
- Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC)
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
- Cooperation With the Young Community
- Corrections
- Finance

- Grapevine/La Viña
- Guidelines and Policies
- Interpretation
- Literature
- Newsletter (SCAAN)
- Public Information (P.I.)
- Registration
- Translation
- Treatment Facilities
- Website/Tech (AREA05AA.ORG)

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

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

<u>area05aa.org</u> - Southern California Area Assembly ( Area 05)

<u>aagrapevine.org</u> - A.A. Grapevine (A monthly journal of A.A. stories articles of interest.)

<u>aalavina.org</u> - A.A. La Vina (A.A.'s Spanish Language Magazine)



14th GENERAL SERVICES WORKSHOP

**AREAS: 05 & 93** 

**HOST DISTRICT #5** 

#### UNITED BY THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023** 

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 36 FIGUEROA ST.

VENTURA, CA. 93001

9:00 TO 3:30 PM

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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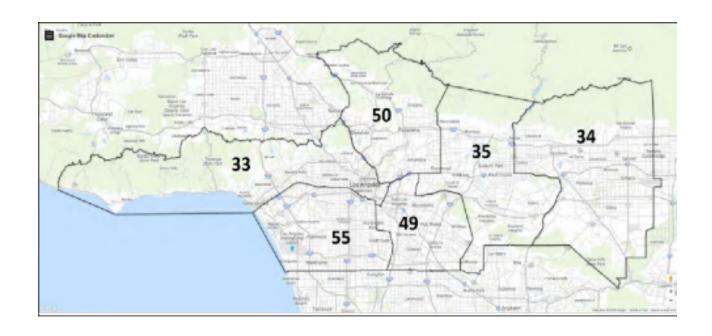
SANDRA S. (805) 746-2300 Secretary

MARTIN (805) 946-9616 Treasurer

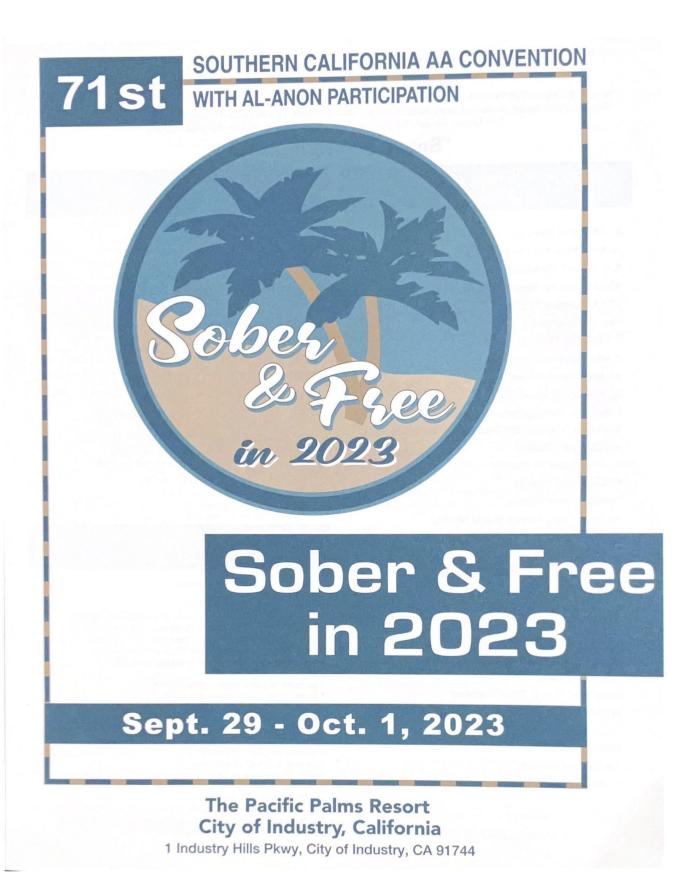
#### Area 05 Maps



AREA MAP (English-Speaking Districts)



AREA MAP (Spanish-Speaking Districts)



# \*\*OPPORTUNITIES FOR 12 STEP SERVICE AWAIT MEMBERS OF AA!\*\* PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL AA GROUP MEMBERS

OUR GENERAL SERVICE AREA 05-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ASSEMBLY HAS A SERVICE COMMITTEE CALLED "CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE"

**OUR MISSION:** TO ENCOURAGE AND GUIDE ALL AA MEMBERS IN OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE INCARCERATED STILL-SUFFERING ALCOHOLICS IN ONE OR MORE CAPACITIES:

- 1) H&I JAIL PANEL LEADERS: PLEASE BRING ENOUGH "CONTACT UPON RELEASE FORMS" FOR THE INCARCERATED TO COMPLETE AND THEN BRING BACK TO OUR TABLE AT THE NEXT HnI MONTHLY MEETING OR EMAIL PHOTOS TO <a href="mailto:area05corrections@gmail.com">area05corrections@gmail.com</a> or text 619-946-8622
- 2) ANY AA MEMBER WITHOUT JAIL CLEARANCE: ALL ARE INVITED TO WRITE LETTERS TO INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN TO ARRANGE TAKING THEM TO THEIR FIRST AA MEETING "UPON RELEASE." WE HAVE A F TO COLLECT YOUR INFORMATION, HAVE LETTER TEMPLATES, AND OTHER RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU. email: <a href="mailto:area05corrections@gmail.com">area05corrections@gmail.com</a> or text 619-946-8622

REMEMBER: MEN CONTACT MEN AND WOMEN CONTACT WOMEN!

- **3)** ANY AA MEMBER: OUR GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO) IN NEW YORK HAS A SERVICE DESK CALLED "CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE." ANY AA MEMBER MAY SIGN UP HERE AT <u>aa.org</u> AND WRITE INCARCERATED
- **4) ANY AA MEMBER** CAN JOIN AND SERVE ON OUR **AREA 05 CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE**. WE MEET 8AM, THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ON Meeting ID: 820 9490 1678 Passcode: area05.
- 5) PLEASE COMPLETE OUR <u>COMMITTEE SURVEY</u> TO GET STARTED.area05corrections@gmail.com or text 619-946-8622

When sharing about corrections service, refer to an excerpt from a letter that our co-founder Bill W. wrote to a prison group in 1949: Every A.A. has been, in a sense, a prisoner. Each of us has walled himself out of society; each has known social stigma. The lot of you folks has been even more difficult: In your case, society has also built a wall around you. But there isn't any real essential difference, a fact that practically all A.A.s now know. Therefore, when you members come into the world of A.A. on the outside, you can be sure that no one will care a fig that you have done time. What you are trying to be—not what you were—is all that counts with us

IN SERVICE, AREA 05 PANEL 73, PAUL D. (CHAIR) AND SAGE G. (ALT. CHAIR)

# SCAAN



# SCAAN Southern California Area Assembly Newsletter

#### **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

DATE: SECOND Tuesday of EVERY MONTH - 2023

TIME: 7 PM

LOCATION: Zoom: 882 4199 7773 Password: area05

CONTACT: <u>SCAAN@area05aa.org</u>

Jo S. Area 05 - Panel 73, SCAAN Chair

213-766-8060

Email - <u>SCAAN@area05aa.org</u>

A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

Area Committee Meeting Sunday – June 24th, 2023 First Presbyterian Church 869 N. Euclid Ave Upland, CA 91786 Host: District 30

The Area Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 24th, 2023, by Gola R. Area 5 Chairperson, with two minutes of silent meditation and the Serenity Prayer.

#### Welcome and Call-to-Order.

People with A.A. Birthdays (Anniversaries) from February 19th to June 24th, 2023, were recognized and serenaded with the birthday song.

A.A. 's Declaration of Unity was read in & English.

**Gola R. Area 5 Chairperson:** Made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded. Asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Motion was voted on and passed.

**Jen C. Area 5 Registrar:** Announced the attendance numbers. 7 Area Officers. 6 DCM's. 1 Alternate DCM. 10 GSR's. 4 Past Delegates. 11 Committee Chairs. 3 Alternate Committee Chairs. 1 DCMC. 1 Alternate DCMC.

**Shawn A. Area 5 Secretary**: Made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2023, Area Committee Meeting. Motion was seconded. Asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Motion was voted on and approved.

#### **Delegate Report.**

#### Doug S. Area 05 Panel 73 Delegate.

Hello, Area 5! I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I'm honored to serve as your Delegate for Panel 73 serving on the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee.

I chose a theme for the first year of the panel and that was, Participation. I want to thank everyone that is participating in their commitment and fulfilling their obligation as General Service Representative, District Committee Member, District Committee Member Chair and Committee Chairs.

I attended the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference in Brooklyn, New York. The week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme was A.A.'s Three Legacies of Service, our common solution.

I have been doing Conference Report Backs. It's one of my duties as Delegate to make sure that the information from the Conference is shared with the Area. If your district hasn't scheduled a time for me to present a report back, please see me today so we can get it scheduled.

These are some of the activities I have been doing as Delegate. I attend a monthly Pacific Region Delegates Meeting. That's held on the first Thursday of every month. I attended the SoCal Hospital & Institutions Conference in La Mirada. I was asked to speak at Camp Spirit Fire.

Grapevine & La Vina Committee are working on smartphone apps for digital delivery of the magazines. There is new book titled "The Home Group".

The 2025 International Convention will be held in Vancouver, B.C. July 3rd to 6th.

The 2035 International Convention Committee has narrowed the host cities to: New Orleans, Phoenix & Indianapolis. This will also mark the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A slide show of the Conference Finance Report was shown. Slides can be seen in the Spring 2023 issue of the SCAAN.

That's it for me! Thanks for letting me be of service.

#### DCMC/DCM Reports:

**DCMC Combined Hispanic Districts**: Juan M. No show. No report.

**DCMC Combined Hollywood Districts: Monk H.** Monk is getting married this weekend and was unable to attend. Congratulations Monk!

<u>DCMC Westside Combined Districts:</u> Joe C. We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Second Sunday of every month from 9:00am to11:00am. We have new G.S.R. orientation thirty minutes prior to each meeting. We will host the Summer Assembly on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**<u>District 2:</u> Peter C.** We're working on increasing participation in our district.

**District 3:** Aidan S. No show. No report.

District 4: JoyAnna H. Stated she had no report to give.

District 5: Joe F. No show. No report.

<u>District 7:</u> Joe T. we meet the first Monday of every month. We have about six GSR's in our district. I & the GSR's are reaching out to other meetings to encourage participation.

District 8: Terry A. No Show. No Report.

District 9: Liz M. No Show. No Report

District 10: Mike R. No Show. No Report.

<u>District 13:</u> Mandy D. We have 10 GSR's and 2 Alternate GSR's. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month on Zoom. We currently do not have a Secretary but, the meeting is recorded, transcribed and emailed to all. Doug S. visited our district for a report back. Sue S., CPC Chairperson, visited to report on her committee and the work being done. We are working on a "Talk to the Doctor" project with the CPC Committee.

**District 14:** Nancy M. No Show. No Report.

**District 15:** Lester J. No Show. No Report.

District 17: No DCM.

<u>District 18:</u> Scott N. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm. Sue S. CPC Chairperson visited to a presentation on her committee and the work being done. The delegate will visit on July 6<sup>th</sup> for a report back to the district. Check our district website for more information.

District 19: Denise E. No Show. No Report.

District 25: Joan R. No Show No Report.

<u>District 30:</u> Ron H. We are grateful to be the host District for today's meeting. It's awesome to have all of you make a twelfth step call on our district. We sponsored 10 GSR.'s to attend PRAASA. One of things we are doing in our district is letting people know that they don't have to be a GSR to participate in General Service. Anyone can be a part of a committee. Either at the District or Area Level. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 262 N. Euclid. We also host a quarterly Fourth Step Workshop.

<u>District 33:</u> Carlos C. We inform you that your District is composed of 22 groups currently we have 6 General Service Representatives and 2 alternates. District 33 has 15 committees of which 10 are active. Visiting groups twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we have a study meeting on Thursday every two weeks and an internal meeting every two weeks. On a Saturday, every two weeks, we have our work meeting. In sample routine visits we motivate the service and the importance of each group having its general service representative to be the voice of its group, but nevertheless we inform of the activities that our delegate of the Area 05, Doug S., transmits to us. Soon we will celebrate the event of the 2 areas, Area 05 and Area 93. It is called the General Services Workshop and will be held on September 10, 2023.

District 34: Juan A. No Show. No Report

District 35: Carlos L. Alternate DCM English translation was not working.

<u>District 36:</u> Rachel K. We are working on increasing participation in the district. We have three new G.S.R.'s and two Alternates.

District 37/38: Daniel A. No Show. No Report

District 39/40: Steve R. No Show. No Report.

**District 41:** Taylor S. No Show. No Report.

**District 43:** Al T. No Show. No Report.

**District 45:** Becca S. No Show. No Report

<u>District 46:</u> Robbie J. No Show No Report

District 49: No DCM

District 50: Adrian E. No Show. No Report.

<u>District 55:</u> Leo B. I inform you that District 55 is working with 32 groups, we have two meetings per month, of which we visit 3 groups per week. We have internal meetings and study boards on Wednesdays. We participate in General Services. We have 11 committees in District 55 of which 10 are already working. It continues to be motivated for the missing service that remains, Historical Archives. On Saturday June 3, 2023

we had an assembly of RSG's in District 55 and we were visited by the C.I.H. total attendance 23. All reports were approved. On Sunday June 11, 2023 present at the meeting of the 2 areas 05/93 in District 33. On Friday June 16 present at the C.I.H. District 55 compartment meeting with theme 8th and 9th Concept. On Saturday June 17, 2023 we had the 2nd RGS's assembly in District 55 total attendance 19. Approved reports. Sunday June 18, 2023 Marathon in District 55. On Saturday June 24, 2023 Present at the Pre-Assembly of Area 05 and District 55 has sharing with the theme "Service" in the Renaissance Group L.A. from 8PM to 9PM. On Sunday June 25, 2023 we will be present at the C.I.H. general assembly 10AM to 1PM our Delegate, Doug S., will be present at the C.I.H.

<u>District 56:</u> No DCM <u>District 58:</u> No DCM

#### Officer Reports

Alternate Delegate: Nikki U. I attended the L.A. Central Office Intergroup Meeting. One of the issues that all Central Offices are dealing with is updated information on groups. Since Covid it has been difficult keeping up with meeting closures and meetings moving to Zoom only. Please let your groups know to provide updated information to the Central Office so they can provide accurate directories. I participate in the SoCal H&I Conference Planning and SoCal H&I Intergroup meeting. They are working on getting panels back into facilities and institutions. If you know anyone interested have them, contact Corrections Committee Chair Paul. I attend the SoCal Convention planning meeting. The Convention will take place the last weekend of September 2023 in the City of Industry. I attend the North American Alternate Delegate Meeting on the First day of each month.

<u>Secretary:</u> Shawn A. My responsibilities include taking notes for the Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. Getting those notes translated with the help of the Translation Committee and getting them put in the SCAAN. It is recommended that if you give a report or presentation, please provide a copy to the secretary. This is helpful in case the audio file is incomprehensible. I will be presenting the draft copy of the 2024 Area 05 Calendar at the next Assembly.

<u>Accounts Treasurer:</u> Amy O. We have made a lot of progress on our reports. I have sent preliminary reports to the Audit Subcommittee. I want to thank Brian P. Contributions Treasurer. We have spent several hours on Zoom working on the financial reports.

Contributions Treasurer: Brian P. I have been working with the Website Committee to get a Captcha set up on the Area website to help prevent fraud with the contributions. I need to finish up with the Area Webmaster to get it up and running. I have fallen behind due to working on the PRAASA Finance Committee. I have updated the Contributions Receipts to include Area highlights. With the help of the Accessibilities/Interpretation Ad-Hoc Committee I have had the receipts translated into Spanish for the Spanish Speaking groups.

**Registrar: Jen C.** We currently have 726 active groups and 23 virtual groups. We have 450 inactive groups. I would like to ask all the DCM's and DCMC's to reach out to those groups to verify that they are truly inactive. We are only as good as the information we receive. Please be as accurate as possible when completing the GSR or Group Forms. I participate in the Monthly Registrar Meeting, which includes all Registrars in North America.

<u>Chairperson:</u> Gola R. The Summer Assembly will be hosted by the Westside Combined Districts at John Adams Middle School. We still have other Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings that need hosts. Contact me if your district is interested in hosting any Area Meetings.

**DCM Roundtables:** Topics discussed were "What successes have you had so far in this panel", "What things can you improve upon" and "Ways the Area can serve you better."

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Joe C. gave an update on the Four Area DCM Sharing Session. It will be held Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 4PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**New Business:** There was none.

There were Good & Welfare announcements. The meeting was closed with the reading of the Responsibility Statement in Spanish and English. The next meeting is the Area05 Summer Assembly July 22nd.

#### \*\*Published as Submitted\*\*



# COOPERATING WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (C.P.C. COMMITTEE)

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TO HELP
ALCOHOLICS

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AREA CPC MONTHLY MEETING: 2ND SATURDAY 8:00-9:00 AM MEETING ID: 868 3150 0539 PASSCODE: AREA05

# 2024 SCAA CALENDAR (DRAFT)

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#### **A Dark Room**

Some of us have heard the parable about the Blocked Window. Here is my riff on this often heard tale from the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Our lives before working the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous can be thought of as a dark room. There is a large window in this room but there is almost no light coming into the room because there are many boxes stacked in front of this window which are blocking out the light.

As we begin to move these boxes away from the window light begins to illuminate the room. The more boxes we remove the more light we let in until at last the window is fully exposed and the light flowing in illuminates every corner of the once dark room and we discover the intricate beautiful details of this room.

The room is, of course, an analogy for our lives. What was once a dark foreboding place has become a bright and beautiful place. We no longer have to live our lives in the darkness. The Sunlight Of The Spirit has been revealed by our diligent and thorough working of steps four through nine, our inventory of our moral defects, the willingness to have these defects of character removed by our Higher Power, our honest lasting of the amends to be made, the work we do to right the wrongs we have done to others have cleared away the "boxes" of our past and allowed the

Sunlight Of The Spirit to illuminate every single corner of our once dark lives!

But of course we need to keep this beautiful window clean. We need to regularly clean the glass as it were. This is accomplished with regular working on our 10th step - a regular examination of our words, thoughts and actions.

Our Higher Power even provides the tools we need to clean this marvelous window. These tools are available to us through prayer and meditation - our 11th step.

As we enjoy our now beautiful room - brightly illuminated by the light flowing in from the now sparkling window - we now can invite others into this room and help them to move the boxes that are keeping their own room dark. We invite them to bask in The Sunlight Of The Spirit! We need to show them, as best we can, that the work we have put into the 12 steps has allowed us to live in this wonderful light filled room.

Blessed be.

Bert R.

Sobriety: 35 years

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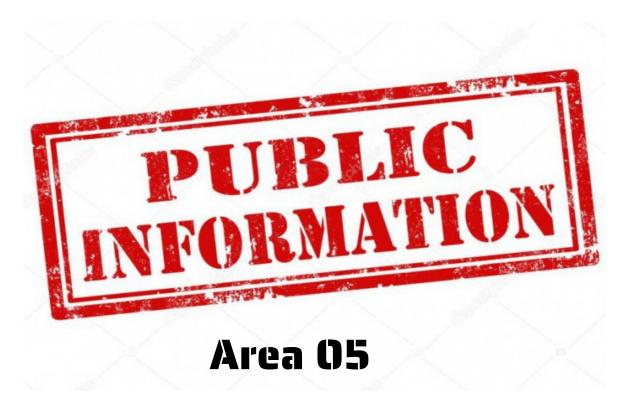
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## **Public Information Committee**

Date: LAST Saturday of EVERY month

Time: 11 AM - 12 PM

Zoom: 857 5394 5969

Password: area05

**All Are Welcome!** 



A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA SPRING ASSEMBLY AGENDA SUNDAY - MAY 21, 2023
John Adams Middle School 2425 16<sup>TH</sup> St.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Host: Westside Combined Districts

**Gola R.** Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a welcoming statement and opening comments at 9:00 a.m. Two-minute silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer and Birthdays (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>). The Twelve Concepts were read in English and Spanish. Introduction of new General Service Representatives

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Kristy L. Registration Chair conducted the Roll Call.

#### Approval of the Agenda

**Gola R.** Chairperson presented the Assembly Agenda with the following changes. Move the PRAASA 2023 Chairperson's report back to before the Delegates report. An update on the Hispanic FORO has been added. And an unbudgeted expense request by the Chairperson of Treatment Facilities Committee. Motion to approve the agenda was made. Motion passed.

#### Approval of January 21st, 2023, Assembly Minutes

Secretary presented the Winter 2023 Assembly Minutes as printed in the SCAAN.

Motion to approve was made. Second was made. Motion passed. One no vote by Jenny. Gola asked for Minority Opinion. Jenny gave the minority opinion: "There were no names listed in the minutes as to who was giving a report." The prevailing side was asked if anyone wanted to change their vote. Many hands went up. There was a motion to re-vote. That motion passed. There was another vote to accept the minutes. Motion failed. After lengthy discussion it was decided that moving forward the Secretary would include the name of the person speaking. Motion passed with that amendment. There was also a Friendly Amendment requested by Zoraida R. Committee Chair for Accessibility/Interpretation Ad-Hoc Committee. The committee was referred to as the Interpretation Committee in the minutes. She would like the committee to be referred to by the actual name of Accessibility/Interpretation Committee. Friendly amendment was accepted by the Secretary.

#### PRAASA 2023 Report Back

The Chairpersons' perspective: The PRAASA 2023 Chairperson gave a report on PRAASA 2023. Thomas B. PRASSA 2023 Chairperson reported the following:

Thanks to the commitment and hard work of volunteers and all of the individuals serving on our host committee for PRASSA 2023 was both a financial and spiritual success on a magnitude far exceeding even our most hopeful expectations.

#### **Delegates General Service Conference Report Back:**

Doug S. Panel 73, Area 05 Delegate, began his report back with his personal experience at the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference. What he saw, heard, and felt.

The General Service Conference was April 23rd – 29<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Brooklyn Bridge Hotel. My wife and I travelled on April 19<sup>th</sup> and got in fairly late. I was starving so we went to Juniors. A local deli that Lauren A. Panel 71 Delegate had visited. The first full day we were there a number of Pacific Region Delegates visited Stepping Stones. That's the home Bill & Lois lived in until they passed. On Tuesday, after the committee work was done, everyone had an opportunity to visit the General Service Office. That was a cool experience. The Brooklyn Bridge is about a mile from the hotel. I tried to walk to the bridge and back every day.

Most days started between 8-9am. And would go well into the night. We were on our own for breakfast but, lunch and dinner were provided by the Conference. I may have eaten too many desserts.

There was a banquet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> that allowed you to bring a plus one. The invitation to the banquet had come via email prior to the conference. If you had a plus one you needed to R.S.V.P. by a certain date. I missed the deadline to get my wife a ticket to the banquet. Fortunately one of our Past Pacific Region Trustees had an extra ticket so, my wife was able to enjoy the banquet. This banquet is the only event during the conference to spend time with your spouse, partner, friend or whomever you may have invited. Every other waking moment is spent doing the Conference work.

On Saturday before the conference, I attended the 1728 A.A. meeting. I also attended the Delegates only meeting later that day. That turned out to be a team building meeting.

After the Conference ended on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. My wife and I went to the theater to see Wicked. We had lunch at a nearby restaurant. Walked around a little in the rain. Then we were able to spend time with my cousin who lives in Brooklyn. We also visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum, the Statue of Liberty and Central Park.

#### Coffee break and morning stretch

#### **Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings**

Committee Chairs hosted their Committee Meetings.

**Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports**: Reports from all Committees:

#### • Audio Visual Committee

**Shlomo A.** Shlomo stated he was stepping down as Committee Chair. He introduced his replacement. The new Audio Video Committee Chair is Victor.

#### Public Information Committee

**Jenny P.** We had 18 people in attendance. The C.I.H ordered and have received the P.I. Workbooks in Spanish. We discussed the difference between Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. The C.I.H. is visiting the Midnight Mission every Friday at 7:00pm. Most of their Districts have combined CPC & P.I. committees. There was a motion to buy sixty English Language Big Books for the C.I.H. Ten books for each of the six districts. And to buy C.I.H. three P.I. workbooks. We will be meeting on the last Saturday of every month at 11:00am.

#### Guidelines and Policies Committee (G&P)

**Jim A.** We had five members in attendance. We will be meeting on a Sunday to read the guidelines and policies. We have an action item. We will be looking at what the guidelines & policies have to say about Alternates voting.

#### • Literature Committee

**Alex H.** We had eight people in attendance. We will updating the literature in our display. We discussed what we can do to help make our literature more accessible. We will be creating a questionnaire for Groups to help determine what their literature needs are, and we can help them access the material quickly and easily. If you're interested in joining the committee and being a part of the discussion let me know.

#### • Finance Committee

**Arnulfo G.** We had eight people in attendance. I have reached out to the Committee Chairs and Officers to begin preparation of the 2024 budget. I have also reached out about the Area Inventory. We have electronics, printers, audio visual equipment that we need to have a count for. Send me a list of the items you have so I can create an accurate inventory.

#### • Grapevine La Vina Committee

Andrea D. I am currently a committee of one. I am very excited about this commitment as I get to make whatever I want it to be, and I have nothing standing in my way. I did some brainstorming on what this committee could do first. Subscriptions and along with that revenue is down. We need help to reach out at the group level and address this issue. I am passionate about getting the word out for Grapevine and La Vina. Not to mention that it is also a great resource. If you get the electronic version, you get access to over 20,000 stories dating back to 1944. I am looking at continuing the Grapevine/La Vina writing workshops.

#### • Corrections Committee

**Paul D.** We had five people in attendance. We want to encourage all Districts to have a Corrections Committee or at least get someone involved in corrections. There is program called "Contact Upon Release". Its purpose is to help people released from custody get their first meeting. We have changed our monthly meeting time from 8:00am to 1:00pm. We have letter templates for volunteers to connect with people for the contact upon release program.

#### SCAAN Committee

Jo S. We had three people in our meeting. The minutes from the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ACM meeting were not published in the recent edition of the SCAAN. We will have an issue in June to include those minutes. The SCAAN is your newsletter. If you have a flyer for an event or a committee meeting send me a copy at <a href="mailto:scaan@area05.org">scaan@area05.org</a> for inclusion in the next issue. The committee will begin meeting monthly starting in June.

#### Archives Committee

**Mary T.** We had six people in attendance. We are going to have a Workshop in mid-June on how to take an A.A. photograph at an event and still preserve people's anonymity. Everyone is invited to attend. This will be a great way for Archives to accumulate a lot of great pictures.

Another project is the District Archives project. Districts are the builing blocks of the area. We need archive materials from the districts.

#### Treatment Facilities Committee

**Mark S.** We had five people in attendance. The Alternate Committee Chair did not attend today. We discussed how Bridging the Gap and outreach to Treatment Facilities would look in Area 05. What we have done first is set up monthly meetings for the committee on the first Saturday of every month. I invite you all to go to area05archives.org and see the video we have created.

#### • Registration Committee

**Kristy L.** We had two people in attendance. I want to thank Claude for helping us with the registration software.

#### • Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

**Sue S.** There were (10) in-persons and (3) people on Zoom for a total of **(13) people** at today's meeting. The definition of CPC was given to new committee members. Lisa K. (CPC Alternate Chair) then read two quotes from our founders, Bill W and Dr. Bob.

GSO had asked Area 05 to represent A.A. at NATCON (Conference on Mental Well Being at the Los Angeles Convention Center). (13) volunteers from Area 05 manned the table on May 1 - May 2, 2023. Lisa K. gave a recap of the event and her experience being there. We reviewed what went well, didn't go well, and what we learned on preparing for future events. GSO sent us an AA tablecloth and AA banner, yet not enough pertinent pamphlets. Fellowshipping seemed to be a highlight for many volunteers/members. Could we possibly use a laptop or small TV/Audio visual tool for showing PSAs/videos? Let's create a tabletop flyer that shows a QR code to 'AA.org' or literature on 'AA.org/literature'.

Sue S. gave an inventory of stored CPC materials this committee has: many pamphlets, literature racks with side-Grapevine-holders, (10) book holders, (7) translated Big Books, and (2) large vinyl banners of "I Am Responsible" in English & Spanish. The committee voted and approved purchasing more literature regarding AA and LGBTQ+ as well as AA and Veterans to add to the already-stored materials. Districts 13, 14, 45, and CIH have all rolled out their version of the "Talk to Doctor" project. Sue gave a description of who the project was set up in District 14. (2) districts have shown interest and requested Sue to come to their districts meetings. We have a monthly Zoom meeting on the 2nd Saturday at 8:00 am for one hour. Meeting ID: 868 3150 0539 Passcode: area05

#### Cooperation with the Young Community Committee

**K'imai D. Alternate Committee Chair** We had five people in attendance. Our committee meets the fourth Saturday of every month at 1:00pm. We want to partner with H&I and the Treatment Facilities Committee to see how we can be of service to Adolescent Facilities. We discussed working with YPAA. We are working on a 'Zine that will be available at the next Assembly.

#### • Accessibilities & Interpretation Ad-hoc Committee

**Zoraida R.** I want to introduce Marylin. She is the new Alternate Chairperson for the Committee. We have a project to help non-English speaking people find meetings in their native language. We are putting

together a flyer with QR codes for different languages that will take people to the meeting list in their language. It will be available for members to take to their groups and hopefully some other committees here will find it useful as well. Also, we had four people in attendance.

#### Website Committee

**Claude D.** We have a new committee member Fidel. The previous Area 05 Glide App is no longer effective. It has been spilt in two, one in English and one in Spanish. It's more user friendly than the previous version. We are working on why some emails are going to spam floders.

#### Translation Committee

Jacobo M. Unfortunately, the translation from Spanish to English was garbled.

Cooperation with the Elderly Committee (CEC)

No Report

#### **Lunch Break**

#### **Delegates General Service Conference Report Back:**

Doug S. Panel 73, Area 05 Delegate, resumed his report back with the Business Report & Conference Actions. The full report can be seen at the following links.

English - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-EJJFTSg6qSK7yM56TBUFhrhI5JuApKz/view?usp=sharing

Spanish - <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKT2nZ2-IF1zHOzlkmfnPR6RwSFdGO\_J/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKT2nZ2-IF1zHOzlkmfnPR6RwSFdGO\_J/view</a>

#### **Officer Reports:**

- Alternate Delegate: **Nikki U.** Part of my duties include helping you, the Assembly and the Delegate prepare for the General Service Conference. We did this with the two-day pre-conference workshop. I want to thank all the presenters and attendees for you participation in helping our Delegate Doug S. be prepared for the Conference.
- Registrar: Jen C. No report
- Secretary: **Shawn A.** Remember that we are a two-language area. Everything you say into the microphone is translated by someone. The faster you speak the faster they must try and translate. Please be respectful to the translators. Work has begun on the 2024 Calendar.
- Contributions Treasurer: **Brian P.** Presentation of the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter contribution report. We are doing well with contributions this year. We have had some suspicious contribution activity. We will be looking into implanting a Captcha on the website to help prevent this kind of activity.
- •Accounts Treasurer: **Amy O.** Presentation of the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report. Please get me your reimbursement requests in a timely manner.

• Chairperson: **Gola R.** I want to thank the westside Combined District for hosting todays Assembly. District 30 will host the June 24<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meeting in Upland. The July 22<sup>nd</sup> Area Assembly will be hosted by the Westside Combine District again, in this same location.

#### Report back from PRAASA 2023 -

A General Service Representatives' perspective: A General Service Representative from District 45 gave a report on PRAASA 2023.

**Sue**, General Service Representative for the "Way of Life" meeting held every Saturday at 7:30pm at John Adams Middle School gave the following report.

I attended the open discussion meeting on Friday at 10:30am. It made me feel comfortable walking into my first PRAASA. I liked meeting our Trustee Riley K. Through General Service I have learned there is so much more to Alcoholics Anonymous than just going to meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of that.

#### **2023 Four Area DCM Sharing Session Update:**

The Area 05 Liaison to the Four Area DCM Sharing Session gave an update on the meeting.

**Joe.** The Four Area District Committee Member Sharing Session will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> in Costa Mesa. It will be from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

#### **Update on Hispanic Women's Workshop**

Olga M. There was no English translation.

#### **Update on the Area 5 FORO**

**Marisol FORO Liaison** The 44<sup>th</sup> FORO will be held at Rosemead Community Center in Rosemead. The date is November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

#### **New Business:**

Mark Treatment Facilities Chairperson presented an unbudgeted expense request for \$985.00. Motion was made to approve. Motion was voted on and passed.

The next Area meeting, Area Committee Meeting (ACM), will be held June 24th, 2023

#### **Good and Welfare Announcements**

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English.

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#### **SUMMER ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023

Location: John Adams Middle School Cafeteria 2425 16th st. - Santa Monica, CA 90405

[Entrance is on 17th between Ocean Park Blvd & Pearl St] Zoom Meeting ID: 891 0086 2280 Passcode: area05

8:00	Registration & Fellowship (Zoom & In-Person)
9:00	Welcome and Opening Comments  Call-to-Order  2 Minutes Silent Meditation, Serenity Prayer AA Birthdays (May 22 – July 22)  The Twelve Concepts (Short Form) - Spanish and English
9:20	Introduction of New General Service Representatives and Alternates
9:35	Roll Call (Registrar, Jennifer C.)
9:45	Approval of Agenda <i>(Chair, Gola R.)</i> Approval of May 21 Assembly Minutes <i>(Secretary, Shawn A.)</i>
10:00	Delegate's Report (Doug S.)
11:00	Coffee Break and Morning Stretch
11:15	Committee Budget Request Form Presentation (Arnulfo G., Finance Committee Chair)
11:30	Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Meetings
12:15	Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports – 2-to-3-minute summary
1:00	Lunch Break
1:45	Officer Reports: Alternate Delegate (Nikki U.) Secretary, including presentation of 2024 Area 05 Calendar (Shawn A.) Contributions Treasurer, incl. presentation of 2023 1st & 2nd Quarter Contributions Reports (Brian P.) Accounts Treasurer, including presentation of 2023 1st & 2nd Quarter Financial Reports (Amy O.) Registrar (Jennifer C.) Chairperson (Gola R.)
2:30	Archives Photo Presentation (Mary T., Archives Committee Chair)
2:45	Area 05 Service App Presentation & Q+A (Claude D., Website Committee Chair)
3:00	Unfinished Business:  4 Area DCM Sharing Session Update (Joe C., DCMC Westside Combined Districts)  Hispanic Women's Workshop Update (Olga M., Hispanic Women's Workshop Chair)  Hispanic Foro Update (Marisol, Area 05 Foro Chair)
3:30	New Business / Good & Welfare
3:45	Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish & English)