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November 21, 2021 Area 93 Assembly Minutes

Our Chairman called the Assembly to order at 1:01 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Concepts were read in both English and Spanish.

Officer Reports

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Aimee T.): Good afternoon Area 93. I am Aimee Torres, your Alcoholic Area 93 Panel 71 Secretary. I sent out the August assembly minutes last week & hope that you had a chance to review them. I also put some copies in both English & Spanish on the back table. Thank you to Pablo & his team for translating the minutes into Spanish. They have a mighty job to accomplish. They are much appreciated.

Since our last Assembly in August, the officers have met a couple of times via zoom to discuss items, such as the agenda items, getting items out in a more timely manner, and web content.

Most of the officers make district visits. There is a tentative schedule out there that Norm had sent to all DCM's. I am eager & willing to set up a visit to your district meetings. Please email me or see me during the break. I was invited by District 22 for an officer visit to their district meeting on September 12th.

Thank you Bonnie for inviting me. That district is doing great work & is very organized & involved.

Also in September, I attended the archives event via zoom. I love AA history & they did a great job with the presentations. Thank you to John & his committee for putting on such a lovely event.

On October 10th, I attended the FORO in Canoga Park. What a lively event, a DJ, and very enthusiastic speakers. Karla spoke. The food was great as usual. Thank you to the DUH for putting it on & inviting the officers. Now I know what it feels like to have translation & the difficulties that it entails. Thank you to all who put on the event & had a commitment there.

I've had a couple of phone calls with other officers over the past few weeks to prepare for today & discuss agenda items or questions. It's been a while since we had an in person event, so I just needed some help refreshing my memory on some things. Thank you Norm & Danielle for taking my calls.

Committee Chairs, please send your reports to me either in word format or in the body of an email. My email address is area93secretary@gmail.com or secretary@area93.org. You can screenshot your written reports also, but I do prefer them to be typed up. You can use our Area Report Form, that can be found on our website at area93.org/forms. You can leave your reports in my secretary basket on the stage. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 93.

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ROLL CALL: Was taken – there were 162 present in person.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all celebrating sobriety birthdays in September, October, & November.

AUGUST MINUTES: Were approved with two modifications.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT (Tara K.): My name is Tara and I am an alcoholic and I am grateful to serve as the Area 93 Registrar. I'm so very happy and grateful to be here in person and to see all of you...whether in person or on Zoom. It's been a long time coming and I hope we will all continue to be safe and take the necessary precautions so we may continue to meet in person. I hope the registration process this morning went without too many problems. I've had a whole year to get everything prepared but just like all my college term papers, I waited till this week to do everything so I hope any suggestions for improvement are made with love. I want to thank Sandra the Registration Chair, Marina the Alt-Registration Chair and any District Registrars for their efforts this morning in getting everyone registered and signed-in. As of now there are 42 GSRs and 6 Alternates in person.

Since the last Area Assembly, I've visited Districts 11, 16, 28 and most recently I had a really lovely visit to District 22. Thank you Bonnie, Judy, and everyone at District 22 for a terrific meeting. An added blessing was a wonderful concert on Bonnie's front porch...a great way to end the weekend. I attended the Archives event on ZOOM and the FORO in person which was a wonderful event and a great experience to hear from the Hispanic groups. Visiting districts is a highlight of my service and would love to connect with some DCMs today to try and schedule some visits.

As far as registrar business, Fellowship Connection now has included a field for us to indicate whether the new GSR would like to receive their GSR Kit by mail, digitally, or to opt out and not request a Kit.

They've also added a field that will let me know when the Kit was ordered so we'll have a better idea of when the GSR can expect to receive their Kit if it was requested by mail. Otherwise, I continue to get information from District Registrars regarding new GSRs and new Groups and staying on top of getting the Fellowship Connection system updated. Please continue to send me your information or contact me with questions. As always, I am here to assist you as best I can and it is a pleasure to do so. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Danielle A.): Good morning! My name is Danielle and I am an alcoholic. I am also your Panel 71, Area 93 Treasurer. Since our Assembly in August, I have been experiencing some major health issues, as evidenced by the oxygen hose that I'm sporting. My pulmonologist is still trying to figure out what's wrong with me. However, the extra oxygen has helped a bit. Now, Murphy's Law states that whatever could go wrong does. We're not completely sure, but it seems the oxygen has given me a never ending bloody nose. I was in the emergency on Tuesday when they put this thing in my nose that is called a Rhino Rocket. The Rhino Rocket is a long, skinny balloon that serves a packing and forces the balloon to pressurize inside the nasal passage. I went back to the ER on Friday to have it removed, but it continued to bleed. So they put another Rhino Rocket in and told me I needed to see an ear, nose, and throat specialist. Let's just say that this is incredibly painful.

Earlier this month, I ran out of deposit slips. I took inventory of our checks and saw we had about 60 left. Now, due to Covid-19, I have only written 57 checks all year. But when we decided to have this assembly in person, I looked back at the past few years. Last year, we met twice before we decided to meet virtually and only 77 checks were written during the same time period. So I had to go back a couple more years. In 2018 and 2019, from January to right before the November Assembly, we used 153 and 225 checks respectively. Suffice it to say that I had fallen behind recording 7th Tradition contributions. I have completed recording all the checks I received through the end of October. I did receive a new batch this past week, but due to this stupid bloody nose, I just haven't had the energy to deal with them.

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TREASURER’S REPORT CONTINUED: On September 6th, Angel invited Norm and me to visit District 3. I really enjoyed myself. I’d like to thank Angel and District 3 for the invitation, as well as Rudy for translating. I really wish my high school Spanish was better. There really is no substitute for a one-on-one conversation with another alcoholic and General Service nerd.

Last Sunday, I attended the Foro along with the other officers and a few others. Thank you, Pablo, for translating for us. Again, I wish my Spanish was better. I’d also like to commend our Spanish speaking General Service members for putting up with that static. Your dedication goes above and beyond. I’d also like to thank Rudy for assisting me with finding an extension cord and plug.

Lovely Past Delegate and Kinda Tech Person, Jeff G, purchased the new treasurer’s computer. After doing his thing, he handed it over to me earlier this month. Honestly, though, I haven’t had the energy to work with it, yet. I hope to transfer everything over to it soon so that Jeff can clean up the older new one and Norm can decide how best to use it. Now onto the numbers...our bank balance as of today is **\$18,114.18**. However, I have upwards of \$9,000 to deposit tomorrow. And I will deposit them this time. I also have two more deliveries from the UPS Store that I have yet to record into Quickbooks. Our current bank balance is inside the upper limit of our Guidelines of holding our balance between \$10,000 and \$25,000, but it won’t be after I make the deposits. It looks like our contributions are trending up now that many meetings are moving back to hybrid and in person.

If everyone would take a look at the Third Quarter Report:

Line Item 5070: Our August Assembly went long, so we needed to pay overtime to Patricia and Todo al Espanol.

Line Items 6015, 6019, and 6030: I will go over this in more detail during the Presentation of the Third Quarter Report.

Line Item 6450: Most of this is for our PO Box in Solvang. I’ll explain more later.

Line Item 6400: Treasurer’s Expenses – Other This \$760.99 was issued to Jeff G for the Treasurer’s new computer.

Line Item 7042: This is the \$1000 approved at our August Assembly for the Carry the Message Project.

Line Item 7600: This is reimbursement to our Delegate for a hotel room for PRAASA.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Norm S.): Good Morning, my name is Norm and I’m an alcoholic, grateful for my recovery. It is an honor and privilege to serve Area 93 as your Panel 71 Chair. Welcome to the last Assembly of Panel 71 of the year, our first Panel to start out on a virtual basis, and...most importantly, **OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY IN PERSON IN OVER 21 MONTHS** and our very first hybrid Assembly. I cannot express how good it is to see all of you in person again and to meet many of you in person for the very first time. I want to thank our Co-host Districts 15 and 2 for hosting today’s Assembly and to our technical crew including our sound dude for also handling the hybrid Assembly, welcoming members on Zoom. **Communication:** All your officers make an effort to stay in communication with our fellow trusted servants. In my case, if you want to get my attention quickly please text me at my phone number and let me know who is texting. I respond most quickly to texts. Thank you for helping me serve.

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CHAIRMAN’S REPORT CONTINUED:

Assembly Bids:

· DCM’s please keep in mind that all our in person Area events are hosted by Districts. Some Area events that are Zoomed will also need District hosts. If you need help or have questions on what it is you need to host an Assembly or Area event please see me or one of my fellow officers we are all here to help you.

Officer visits to the Districts are happening both by Zoom and in person, depending on how each District is conducting its meetings.

We still have a couple committee chairs open and we’re working on defining the roles of other committees. We need a Newsletter Chair and our LPD Debbie J is hoping someone can fill the Seniors in Sobriety Chair so I can fire her!

Please send updated information to Tara K, our Panel 71 Registrar for the roster.

Since our last Assembly

· **Officer Meetings** - My fellow officers and I communicate on a regular basis, in person, by phone, by text and by Zoom for discussion of ongoing Area business.

· **Third ACM** – I attended the third ACM of Panel 71 last month

· **Events Attended:** I have had the privilege of being welcomed by Distrito 2, DUH, Distrito 3, District 1, District 11, District 16 and District 17. Thank you to all for the invites and to Rudy and Pablo for doing the translation at the Spanish speaking events! I am looking forward to starting the New Year with a visit to District 22. Thank you Bonnie for the invite! In addition I attended the Archives event and the final Spanish Foro planning meeting and the last part of the Foro itself (I was attending my High School reunion the weekend of the Foro). That’s my report for today. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments don’t hesitate please let me know. I’m here to listen. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to grow in service.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE’S REPORT (Rudy M.): Good afternoon Trusted Servants, area 93 Members and guests. My name is Rudy Mejia. I'm an alcoholic, my home group is the Despertar Feliz from Van Nuys, CA. It's truly an honor and privilege to serve you as your panel 71 Alt Delegate. It's great to see everyone again in person. Since our last Assembly in August, I have attended my NAAD Meetings each first of the month with most of the Alt Delegates from US and Canada, the purpose is to share information on how the other areas are working and to keep a good communication, by the way they are creating a Website where future Alt Delegates will have the opportunity to utilized and find information related to GSO. I was invited to be a speaker in Woodland Hills Friday Night group. I was part of the H&I meeting as Liaison for Area 93, on August 24th in Canoga Park in person and I was part of the September meeting in Morro bay and October meeting was in Bakersfield. These meetings were Hybrid. Chairman Doug K. started the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the statement of purpose. Christy read the 12 Traditions. Treasurer Jackie reported a balance of \$5,283.43, any contributions please use the Venmo account: @jackie-davis-66 If someone from any H&I, Committee needs literature they can help up to \$800.00. High Desert meets every Thursday; County jails are open beginning July 2021, also San Bernardino County Jails.

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ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT CONTINUED: Los Angeles meet via Zoom but they bring panels to LA jails, Juvenile halls. They have three panels they go to in person.

San Diego Imperial meets every Sunday 1100 am, via zoom but August meeting was in person, they continue doing online orientation.

San Diego North has sufficient literature and they visit three facilities in person.

San Fernando Valley meets via zoom they are hoping to be in person, also Northridge Hospital requested help.

San Fernando BTG Chair is not responding calls they are looking for a replacement

Temecula H&I meet every first Monday of the month, they have 8 active members working, and they sent a \$2,000.00 contribution to GSO.

LA county jails need orientation but still not in person they have a venmo account for donations.

South Bay meets at Alano Club Hermosa Beach. Ventura County (Megan) said, "we are active. We have "in person panels". Our next meeting will be in Bakersfield. John R. said he will bring a lot of literature in case someone needs it. GSO requested help for an inmate looking for a meeting, they will take care of it.

John R., the conference Chairman, told everyone that he will step down from this position, he tried to do it in 2020 and because of Covid was not possible. 2021 same situation, he does not want to continue. We talked about the possibility of doing a one day event via zoom. David P. will find out the date for a possible one day event in the Inland empire area, it looks like the hotel is available except April 14, 2022. I continue bringing information to H&I Inter group SFV Spanish.

I was present at the Archives event on zoom; it's my responsibility to be supporting all area events. I was invited by District 1; this meeting was in person. Thank you Matt and District 1. I was present at the 21st Foro Hispano. I want to thank all the members who were present; it was great to see all the officers and some area members. About 225 were members present.

Thank you Anne for inviting me to be part of the Grapevine Workshop, great information. I was invited by District 4 to be a speaker at their Anniversary. Thank you Jose and District 4. I was part of District 3 Anniversary on November 13th. Districts please give me a chance to visit your Districts; for 2021 I already visited Districts: 2-3-4-8-9-11-15-16-17-22-28-DUH, District 6 in December. I want to mention one more time, when I said I was available I was very serious about it, no excuses. Service in AA is my priority. I love service and I'm always ready to help anyone that needs my help. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need anything, you can reach me 24/7. Call me, text me or send me an email. Once again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this new panel 71.

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DELEGATE’S REPORT (Karla Y.): Good afternoon my name is Karla and I am an alcoholic. My home group is “Solo Por Hoy” in Arleta, CA. Linguistic district #4. It’s an honor to serve Area 93 as the Panel 71 Delegate. I’d like to welcome everyone here today. It’s been a very long time since we last met in person. I’m so happy to see so many familiar faces, I’m also excited to see new faces. I have to say that my favorite part about being the Area 93 delegate is report backs. Since we last met I’ve been very busy and I love it. I’d like to thank Districts 6, 8, 15, 18, 17, 22, 28 and 50, for giving me the opportunity to share about the 71st GSC. All of you have made me feel welcomed and I will forever be grateful to all of you for this growing experience.

I attended the GV Workshop via zoom, the Spanish Foro, and the October ACM. My schedule has been very full but please keep inviting me whether to talk or to just sit and listen. I love you all for the life I have today. A quick shout out to all my LPD’s, my service sponsor and my recovery sponsor for listening to me and guiding me through the process. Now for a few General Service updates: The Hispanic Women’s Pamphlet is now available at aa.org as well as the new pamphlet Experience has Taught Us which is a new Illustrated version of the 12 Traditions, you can also order the new 12 and 12 with all the new revisions. The new Service Manual is now available in digital format. GV Podcasts have started and there is going to be a new episode every Monday. To hear the podcasts go to www.aagrapevine.org/podcast. New service pieces have also gone out please take a look at the aa.org website to check out what’s new. I’d like to inform the Area that I sent our proposed agenda item in regards to a pamphlet for those with accessibility issues that includes learning difficulties. I also sent out the item from District 6 in regards to a plain language BB in Spanish. I have met with Nancy Mcarthy and discussed these accessibility concerns. I met with the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee on October 20. We had an opportunity to meet prior to board weekend to give input on various items. I also met with the ICRF Committee on the 21st to discuss some proposed agenda items. It was very nice to have the opportunity to give input prior to board weekend. I met with our PRT and PRD on November 16. We had the opportunity to meet some of the new Panel 72 delegates. We plan on meeting again in December to say our goodbyes to the Panel 70’s and get to know the newly elected Panel 72’s. The new Corrections Correspondence System (C.C.S.) launched September 28, 2021. The new C.C.S. provides an expedient process whereby we can match volunteers and persons in custody automatically and manually, obtain statistics and reports, and generate personalized letters that can be sent via email to outside A.A. members and via postal mail to persons in custody. Since the launch, 267 were paired. Just a few updates on Regional Forums, in 2022 will return to in-person settings and may include a virtual component. Yay! Woot woot!!!

The General Service Office employees are back at 475 Riverside Drive. On average, about 32 employees are working from the office each day during the workweek. Due to individual circumstances, some employees continue to work from home during the transition period to a full return to the workplace with hybrid schedules.

The general manager attended his first A.A.W.S. Strategic Planning Session September 20, bringing forth goals to carry out office wide. The central theme of the goals is rooted in the development of “Service Standards” that will address how services are delivered. Emphasis will be placed on prompt response times, answering and routing calls and emails and in-depth training of the Fellowship.

Fellowship Connection Release 3.0 launched on October 14, 2021.

- New, user-friendly Dashboard
- Ability to automatically provide end dates to outgoing position holders
- Ability for area registrars to see when the service kits were ordered
- Ability to choose to receive digital or physical kits or to opt out of receiving any kits

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DELEGATE'S REPORT CONTINUED:

- Member Services - As of October 20, the department received and responded to 9,850 emails. As of September 30, the team received about 1,000 phone calls. Since the launch of Fellowship Connection on December 14, 2020, area registrars made 13,375 updates directly into the portal; the Member Services associates made 8,490 Area and Group updates in NetSuite.
- New website scheduled to launch in mid-December
- The AA message is certainly seeing growth in where and how it is carried. Additional outreach via Instagram and our new Podcast have generated fantastic traffic increases to both website and store.
- 5200 people have listened to the Podcast. The Instagram account for AA Grapevine has 4,752 follows as of today and has had 110,000 impressions to date. La Vina's Instagram has just over 500 followers and is trending interestingly at about 10% of the English version which is comparable to what we see in print and online.
- Website traffic increased by 20,000 new users since July and is holding at over 72,000 as of September. Store traffic increased from 7,893 to 10,424, to 15,064 over July into August into September.
- Outreach through our partner Ingram has added \$122,283.88 YTD sales in physical and digital books.
- Prayer and Meditation is proving to be a popular success. We have sold 4,079 at our online store and 757 through Ingram.
- Thanks to the fantastic cooperation of the Corrections Desk and Grapevine Staff, we are now directly receiving the list of inmates who have reached out for help from A.A. and can report that we are officially at a deficit of carry the message subscriptions. We received a list of over 2000 requests from the Corrections desk and have only 1,200 English Carry the Message Grapevine Subscriptions and 401 La Vina subscriptions in the pool. So please report out to those that contributed their subscriptions are making it to prisoners and the need for more is real.
- Approved a request from Chile to print and distribute the Language of the Heart and Best of Bill.

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DELEGATE’S REPORT CONTINUED: Approved a request from Columbia to reproduce and distribute Happy, Joyous and Free and One Big Tent. Approved a request from Latvia to translate Young & Sober and Voices of Women in A.A. These are just some of the updates I will send out the full trustee report once I receive the translated version. I will also be polling the DCM’s for some fun sharing sessions via zoom for the upcoming year. I have some new ideas for getting feedback for next year’s conference. One last quick PRAASA 2022 is still discussing whether it will be in-person or virtual. Please keep visiting the website PRAASA.org for updates as soon as a decision is reached they’ll post it on the website. This concludes my report for today. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES (Abel R.): Good afternoon. My name is Abel R. I am an alcoholic serving as the accessibility committee chair. The meeting started at 10:40, the attendance was 1 + 6 and 2 via zoom, total of 9. We talked about identifying groups with access to people with wheelchairs into the room and bathroom as well. We also talked about starting zoom meetings all together with the seniors in sobriety committee. This will start next year on February 11 at 6:00 pm. There will be flyers to share information. We will try to spread this information as much as possible with the GSR’s help. This was my first meeting as Chair of this committee. I hope I can count on your help. Suggestions are welcome because I just barely started serving on the accessibility committee. I will attend the zoom meetings together with the senior in sobriety committee and I will take the information to the Hispanic community. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

ARCHIVES (John S.): We had eight in attendance. The History event in September was a success, on zoom & in person. The last event of the year is 11/27/21, on zoom & in person. Flier is on the website area93.org. The archives repository is open the last Saturday of the month from 10-12. 3031 W. Fifth St. Oxnard. We have a traveling display which is available for events. We are collecting group and longtimer histories. Forms are available at the Archives and on aa.org.

AUDIO/VISUAL (Johnny O.): Hello, my name is Johnny O. AV Chair. It is an honor to be here and to be of service to Area93. I took this commitment during COVID, so this is the first time I am able to physically be of service to the area. I got all of the equipment from Norm last night, so I have not taken inventory yet. But I am looking forward to this new experience. Thank you so much.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) (Peter B.): Aimee T. filled in for Peter who was not present. Opened with an introduction of CPC duties & activities from aa.org. Then we went around the room for self-introductions. Talked about the CPC workbook, kit & literature you can order from aa.org. Discussion on difference between PI & CPC. How the CPC informs and assists professionals on what AA has available to assist them. Also on anonymity while volunteering & speaking to these professional groups. CAPIA (California Association of Probation Institution Administrators) holds a conference that we’ve attended in the past, to work with Probation officers.

FINANCE (Zenna B.): Meeting was called to order at 10:41 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. We reviewed the two main tasks of the area Finance committee: 1) set budget each year for later approval by assembly; and 2) inform assembly whether or not funds are available when additional area funds are requested by an area officer or committee chairman (to be approved or disapproved later by the entire assembly). Today the assembly will vote whether or not to accept the Proposed Budget for 2022. This document was previously presented to July and October ACMs as well as August CCAA for prior reading, questions, comments.

After much time and effort in trying to balance proposed budget, a \$6,010 deficit was left due to fact that

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FINANCE CONTINUED: 1) area has additional expenses every even-numbered year; 2) additional Zoom and website expenses will be incurred moving forward; and 3) we anticipate increased expenses related to continuing to meet in person. No requests for funding were brought to the committee today. Processing and acknowledging of contributions to Area 93 is taking longer than usual as the area treasurer has been ill. G.S.R.s, please let your group treasurer know this. If you don't know your new general service Group I.D. number, please contact your D.C.M. for this information. Due to G.S.O. computer system change, contributions to G.S.O. and Area 93 which reference the old number will be rejected as of January 2022. Suggested contribution for food at each assembly is \$3 for breakfast and \$7 for lunch. Collection cans on the lunch table.

A point area chairman Norm asked me to announce: If your group has slowed down on contributing to Area 93 during the shutdown because of being told we had low expenses and plenty of funds, please let your groups know that our expenses are increasing now as we go back to in-person gatherings and ask them to consider resuming contributions to Area 93.

[Area Treasurer Danielle reported later to assembly: current bank balance = \$34,420.39.]

Adjourned 11:25 a.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

GRAPEVINE (Marissa P.): Four attendees. Agenda: Workshop catchup. Carry The Message-distribute \$1K in funds. Latest for the GV. GV display board-we have a big display, but it's out of shape. Business: Anne to talk to website chair and Norm to post audio recording of the GV workshop from Oct. 16. Marisa shows the GVC plan of Outreach. Anne suggests strategy for Outreach-go to District meetings, show a plan for Outreach (as a model) and bring packets. Allow GSRs, GVR and GV Committees to do what they feel is best for their district. Reach out to A93 Registrar, get a list of DCMs. Get H&I contacts through central offices. Approach Committees Chairs (SIS, CPC/PI, Literature). Anne will create a list of Central Offices, find H&I contact. Marissa to get a list of DCMs. Start making appointments with people. Anne to send the GV Committee packet for D28 and meeting minutes to Marissa.

GUIDELINES (Ernie C.): My name is Ernie and I am an alcoholic serving as your Guidelines chair. Since there are no agenda items filtering in our committee right now, we reviewed the guidelines for cooperating with court, DQS and similar programs. The big question is when and why AA began cooperating with law enforcement agencies. Well, in 1942 members from San Francisco brought the first AA meeting into San Quentin prison at the request of Warden Clinton T. Duffy. This example led to AA's cooperation with court systems, including direct communications with judges and parole and probation officials. The sole purpose of this 12th step work, then and now, was to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. To fulfill that purpose, AA's message to AA's have learned how to share the information with court systems. Some AA members find it difficult to accept this "outside" policy in light of our third tradition. Perhaps it's helpful to remember that our traditions apply to us, and aren't affected by the regulations established by outside institutions. We cooperate without affiliating. By adhering to all 12 traditions, many groups welcome each newcomer regardless of how they got to the meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service.

LA VIÑA (Ramon C.): My name is Ramon, an alcoholic and I have the privilege of serving as the Area 93 La Vina committee chair. Today we have an attendance of 30 members in the meeting. We talked about the work of RLV and how you can receive the information from the LV office. We have some questions for the LV office. What is happening with LV subscriptions that have not been sent? Why have shipments been delayed? There was a comment that LV is working at 50% of normal and there is a new company that sends LV literature. Literature is free of shipping charges from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31st. Thank you for letting me be of service.

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LITERATURE (Lou T.): Seven attended. Discussed Area 93 Literature BBQ. Planned for April 9, 2022, noon to 4 p.m. Prince of Peace Church, 7500 Rudnick Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Food & fellowship, noon to 2 p.m. Presentation 1, 2 to 3 pm. Access to digital literature, translating literature. Presentation 2, 3 to 4 pm. Changes to the AA Stories, past, present, future. I have coordinated with Area 93 Translation Chair, Pablo, to have translation equipment present. We are currently budgeted for \$750.00. The current cost projection is \$960. I will coordinate with the Area 93 Finance chair, Zenna.

NEWSLETTER (TBD): No report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Alfonso C.): Seven in attendance, with one interpreter. From districts 22,14, 15, 6, 6, 18, 3. This was the first time the committee met in person. Planning an area PI workshop in person, in English & Spanish. We will look at dates and place and bring it to the next assembly PI meeting. We want a date that does not interfere with other area events. We also want to ask the Archives if we can use their room. At our next assembly, we will have two 5 minute presentations on the topic, “Who is an alcoholic?.” One in English & one in Spanish. Plus we will firm up the date and place the area PI Workshop. We also said we are all new to PI. We all have a lot to learn. Do not be afraid to ask questions.

REGISTRATION (Sandra S.): Good afternoon fellows, I am Sandra and I am an Alcoholic . Today's meeting had the District Registrars, 7 Registrars participated. We talked about the importance of motivating our groups that yet do not have their GSR to update their contact and be connected to receive the information while choosing a GSR. We talked about the importance of the ID and the registration number of our groups. We discussed about the sign in sheet for the GSRs, the groups official form change and groups information sheet and the Area official sheet There was a lot of turnout.

REMOTE COMMUNITIES (AD HOC COMMITTEE) (TBD): No report.

SENIORS IN SOBRIETY - SIS (Debbie J.): Helen gave a report. Five in attendance, 2 by phone. We welcomed a new member of accessibilities from District 2, Able R. of the Spanish community. He will be in attendance of our first SIS meeting in hopes of sharing what he learns from the experience with his accessibility community. We will be having our very first zoom meeting for SIS in February, on the first Tuesday of the month. We've not decided on a name for our group, but a decision will be made shortly so that flyers and announcements can be made. So please let your groups know this meeting will be starting then. Flier and zoom info to follow.

TECHNOLOGY (Jeff G.): Good afternoon my name is Jeff and I'm an alcoholic. Serving as your technologies committee chair. With supply chain issues as they are in our world today it took some searching, but I was able to find a computer that fit the requirements indicated to me, and was below the price limit established by the assembly of \$800. The total was \$760.99 with necessary software. I purchased the computer on 9/8/2021. The specifications are Dell Inspiron 3501 with an Intel i5 processor and 12GB of RAM. It also has a 256GB SSD. A final note, the computer was purchased new. I was not able to find a refurbished computer that met our criteria. I installed and did basic configuration on the system and software, and delivered it to our treasurer on 10/4/2021.

TRANSLATION (Pablo H.): Good afternoon, Pablo, Alcoholic, serving as the Translation Chair. Our meeting started at 10:30 a.m. sharp, but since no one made it to the meeting, I worked together and sort of tested and went through the translation receivers. After this task, we found out we have a few receivers that went out of order. So I have to do a thorough inventory and I will be back with a detailed report at the

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TRANSLATION CONTINUED: upcoming assembly in February. As a translation committee, we have translated and emailed the ACM & Assembly minutes. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

TREATMENT FACILITIES (Jocelyn H.): There were nine in attendance, five in person, four on zoom. Discussed BTG links being added to the new Area 93 website. Discussed new flyers being translated to Spanish. Obtained emails from all committee members and will be forwarding new flyers to everyone in attendance. District 15 will be going to the Good Samaritan Hospital to do bedside 12 step work. The committee members will be taking BTG information in with them.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

GSR SHARING (Melvin M.): We started with the Serenity prayer. Introductions were made. Justin, guest, Lynn - District 15 Treasurer, Brandon A. - District 15 GSR, Tom C. - D15 GSR, Evan - D15 GSR, Kenny - GSR, Dana - GS, Mario - D4 GSR, Javier, Lupe, Simi - D17, Kim - GSR D17, Zenna - D15 GSR. Are meetings still hybrid? We had a mixed response and may need further discussion. Zoom is becoming a regular part of our meetings. District 16 & 17 is still on zoom. Tom C. says some meetings are splitting to zoom only and in person only. Kim says it's a lengthy time between when they contribute checks and when they are cashed by the Area. There is a general lack of interest in service work reportedly by D 16 & 17. They're going to address the issue with a subcommittee. Our area has 1,978 groups, 1,004 GSR's, 10 virtual meetings & 245 unknown meetings.

DCM SHARING (Jeff G.): Twenty-five DCM's in attendance. Discussed the following topics: How the pandemic has affected their districts, how to increase GSR participation. How the District's finances are doing. How to motivate the Chairperson to remit materials & correspondence in a timely manner. During the discussion on those topics, the following main points were: Zoom tends to discourage participation. Technology issues were a big barrier to hybrid meetings. When materials are not distributed in a timely manner, it is hard to encourage GSR participation. Holding district events is a great way to encourage GSR participation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

PACIFIC REGIONAL TRUSTEE: Debbie J. made herself available. No opposition. She was approved as our nominee.

FINANCIALS: Third Quarter Financials were approved.

2022 BUDGET: Approved.

UPDATE ON FORO: Thanks to all the members of our Area 93 for giving us joy on October 10th 2021. The results were obtained through our community and we were able to participate with other members of other areas. In the last meeting, on November 7, 2021, we agreed, the subcommittees of the different 8 Hispanic Districts to implement the plan of the distribution of money leftover after the forum event and it was carried as follows: Area 93 \$251.37, GSO \$251.37, DUH \$251.37, 22nd Forum \$1,500.00. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Angel Orlando, Chair of 21 Foro.

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UPDATE ON GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP: Marisa P. said at first the zoom id didn't work. The event was recorded and will be posted on the area website. Discussed the new GV podcast.

UPDATE ON HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP: My name is Maria, I am an alcoholic, wishing you 24 hours of sobriety. I'd like to report that I have been in constant contact with the steering committee of the 6th HWW. This event is going to take place on December 4, 2021, and Area 03 of Arizona is the hosting area. I brought some flyers. This event is going to be in person and via zoom, ID: 84354903897 Pass code:121212, 3220 Fair Lane, Tempe, Az. 85282. The treasurer of the event, Monica, said that she received our contribution of \$350.00 and sent the receipt to our Area treasurer. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

UPDATES ON WEBSITE/ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS: Tabled until more information received.

FUTURE BIDS: D13 bid on the February assembly, at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Approved.
D15 & D2 bid on the Pre-conference workshop. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL SHARING: Jose, DCM D4, wanted to encourage our Chair to be careful. Emails & information reaching him late. Unable to meet with his people. Motivation for the Area that they are not reaching us in a timely manner. Past Delegates Mel & Debbie said to take note & try to get info out sooner.

Rolando from District 3 said the Area was represented today. True leaders are well trained in our area. Not just a title. In action to bring us above these times. Lack of education, lack of communication. If lazy, one doesn't come to the table. We are the custodians of the traditions. Don't be a bad example to our newcomers.

Debbie & Pablo thanked the "recycled" Sound Dude. Pablo thanked everyone for their service.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, & approved. We closed at 4:09 p.m. with the Declaration of Responsibility in both English & Spanish.

UPCOMING EVENTS: January 16, 2022, ACM via Zoom. February 20, 2022, Assembly in Oxnard.
March 20, 2022 Pre-conference workshop in Bakersfield.