



## Monterey and San Benito Counties Area Service Committee

Meeting Minutes September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. Meeting Start: 6:33PM
2. Chair, Diego, opens the meeting with serenity prayer. Cole reads 12 traditions. Mika reads 12 concepts.
3. Diego reads the opening statement.
4. Kevin reads the purpose of the area service committee.
5. Kevin reads what a GSR is and their duties
6. Introduction to new GSRs and Visitors
  - a. Ken – addict/visitor
  - b. Belinda – addict, new GSR Sunday night/visitor
  - c. Jo – addict/visitor
  - d. Tony – addict/visitor
  - e. Nick – addict/visitor
  - f. Joy – addict/visitor
  - g. Joyce – addict/visitor
  - h. Evelyn – addict/visitor
  - i. Mike – addict/visitor
7. Milestones
  - a. Lydia – 1 year (September 30)

- b. Mike – 31 years (August 8)

## 8. Approval of Minutes

- A. Corrections: Timothius name spelling corrected to T-I-M-O-T-H-I-U-S
- B. Old business corrections: MBCNA (not NBCNA)
- C. Motion to approve July & August minutes: Phil, Rich (second)
- D. Vote: None opposed

## 9. Additions to Agenda

- a. No additions

## 10. Roll Call - General Service Representatives (GSRs) Check In: See Attendance/Roll Call in google drive

## 11. Area Service Committee Reports

- a. Chair: Diego: shares report (see google drive)
- b. Vice Chair: Kevin: shares report (see google drive)
- c. Recording secretary: Kristina - shares report (see google drive)
  - a. Lewis: “Just wanted to clarify something — you mentioned going to the drive to do our reports. Well, I go to the web page on my phone under 'service' and it brings up the monthly GSR report. Is that the same thing?”
  - b. Kristina: “Yes, towards the bottom there’s a link where you can fill out that report.”
  - c. Lewis: “Okay, good then. Thank you.”
- d. Treasurer: Anne shares report (see google drive)
  - a. Question: “Is there a day we can meet or set aside for subcommittees for training on how to do the reconciliation?”
    - Anne: “Sure, no problem. Let’s set something up that works for everyone.”
    - Mike: “Well, we know who your boss is—we can get you some time.”
  - b. Question (Mike): “Who does the H&I order?”
    - Anne: “The H&I literature person—currently Peter.”
    - Mike: “Does H&I keep tabs on your own money, or rely on Area?”
    - Nick (H&I Chair): “We keep a running tab. Since I’ve been involved, it’s always shown a positive balance. We don’t have full records from 2022, but I’ll try to pull 2023 and 2024.”
  - c. Anne: Explains discrepancies in record-keeping, citing a \$4,200 order in September 2024 that wasn’t properly categorized in QuickBooks.
  - d. Ken (previous H&I chair): Confirms the large annual September order and notes past tracking was on paper and passed forward.

- e. Question: "Do we have the money to cover the latest order?"  
Anne: "Yes, plus there will be more funds from the upcoming pig roast donation."
- f. Max: "Can I make a motion that we cover the \$782 from Area and reconcile everything so the balance is zero?"  
Follow-up question: "Are we taking that from Area funds or 2025 pig roast funds?"  
Answer: "As of today, it would come out of ASC funds; the donation hasn't come in yet."
- g. Assistant Treasurer: Stepping down.

e. Literature: Raichel shares report (see google drive)

f. RCM 1: No Report - Position Available

g. RCM 2: "Since I wasn't here last month, do we have a donation for RSC?"

h. Anne: "Yes, we donate automatically. I write a check for any extra."

i. RCM 2: "Okay, perfect. Then I'm good. That was my only question."

## 12. Subcommittee Reports

a. H&I: Nick shares report (See Google Drive)

Mike: "If someone wanted to be part of the pig roast, when does that committee meet to vote?"

Nick: "November. They reconcile in September, last meeting is in October, and they vote in new members in November."

Barbara: "I had it in my calendar to make the flyer for January. So is January correct?"

Kenny: "That's how it's been done in the past, but it could change."

Question: "Does the pig roast meeting have to be on Thursday?"

Nick: "I don't know."

Kenny: "You can hold it any night, even at your house."

Question: "The current H&I flyer is outdated. Can you print new ones?"

Nick: "Yes, I'll take care of that."

Question: "When is the next pig roast meeting?"

Nick: "September 25th at 5:30 PM."

Kenny: "You didn't say if the Monterey Jail coordinator is for men or women."

Nick: "It's for the men's jail. The women's role is already filled."

Brian: "What are the coordinator responsibilities?"

Nick: "You coordinate with the jail and the volunteers to bring meetings in. I can connect you with the previous coordinator to help with the transition."

Patrick: "When is the next H&I meeting?"

Nick: "Thursday the 25th at 6:30 PM. We're starting early to welcome new people."

John: "Is it the same date for Pig Roast and H&I?"

Nick: "Yes. Pig Roast at 5:30, H&I at 6:30."

Question: "Someone's interested in taking over the prison commitment—who should they contact?"

Nick: "Contact Stan directly—his number is on the flyer."

b. PI/PR: John Paul shares report (see google drive)

Corey: "I have a meeting change form—can I give it to you?"

Joanne: "Absolutely, or give it to JP."

Mike: "Is Kathy on your committee? Should people send meeting changes to you or her?"

Joanne: "Kathy is the Meeting Guide Coordinator. If people can't reach her, they can send changes to me and I'll pass them along."

Rick: "I'm going to send around the meeting guide list. Cross out what's wrong. If you need help, see me after the meeting."

John Paul: "Flyers should be approved by the PR Chair before I upload them. For example, Lawrence texts them to Carrie and includes me in the thread, which works great. I'm also working on an online form for meeting changes to replace the paper version."

Question: "What are you looking for in approving a flyer?"

*(Response not recorded, presumed discussed live.)*

John Paul: "The PI Chair looks at multiple things. Some include:

- Are phone numbers being used (which we're not supposed to do)?
- Are pets allowed at the event (if applicable)?
- Other guidelines I'm not personally aware of.

A flyer checklist could help avoid confusion during meetings."

Suggestion: "Can we get a flyer checklist sent to the subcommittees so these questions don't take up meeting time?"

Response: Agreed – printing and sharing the guidelines would be helpful.

c. Activities: Lawrence shares report (on the google drive)

Christina: "Just a correction — first meeting date is Sept 18, not Sept 24. Same location: 404 Lincoln."

Aaron: "Will you send a rep to discuss the Spaghetti Dinner?"

Lawrence: "I'll bring it up to the group Monday night."

Activities Committee may take over Sponsor/Sponsee Spaghetti Dinner. To be discussed at next meeting.

John: "The men's meeting that previously held the Sponsor/Sponsee Dinner is no longer doing so. Activities should consider taking it over."

Lawrence: "Christina and I are interested but need to confirm with the full committee."

Question: "Was the report uploaded with financials?"

Lawrence: "Yes, report is in the drive. I just didn't print copies due to poor internet."

Talent Show: Postponed until October 2025.

d. MBCNA Chair: Tish - shares report (see google drive)

Mike: "We didn't receive financials for Cycle 9 or 10. We asked someone to come and report, but nothing came back. That's why the Area asked our RCM to take it to Region."

Rosie: "I took it to the Region. The Region asked the BoD, and the BoD said if there are no financials, it's a rogue convention. That term came from them, not me."

Unnamed MBCNA Member: "It felt personal, like you were trying to shut down the convention."

Mike: "Absolutely not. This Area loves the convention. We just wanted transparency."

Evelyn: "Is there a protocol in your Area to reach out to subcommittees when there's no communication?"

Mike: "We did send someone — Aaron — but the information brought back was the same as the month before. No reports, nothing changed."

Diego: "Did you bring Cycle 9 financials today?"

Richomatic: "Yes, I have Cycle 9's closing books right here. I'll give them to the secretary to upload or scan."

Unidentified Member: "We still haven't seen July's report, though, right?"

Rich: "Correct. I didn't bring July, but I brought what I had."

Area Member: "What about the \$5,000 seed money? Was that ever returned?"

MBCNA Member: "Yes. It's noted in the Area Treasurer's Report from October 2020 — the check was deposited in November."

Unidentified Member: "We heard someone was calling the committee 'rogue' — was that from you, Mike?"

Rosie: "No. That term came from the Region. I was just the messenger. I've been asking for financials for nearly two years."

Evelyn: “Just to clarify, your Area and Santa Cruz are both supposed to vote in the MBCNA Vice Chair, right?”

Evelyn (continued): “That’s what our guidelines say. So that position should be coming from Area approval.”

Tony: “I’m the contract negotiator. I’m trying to bring costs down. I got room prices from \$249 to \$209 by moving the date.”

Tony: “Straw poll — are you okay with moving the convention from MLK weekend to the 3rd weekend of February?”

Diego (facilitating): *[Straw poll taken — consensus reached.]*

Rosie: “I’ll upload all the Cycle 9 and 10 financials and bring printed copies next month. It’s about 14 pages.”

Area Member: “Thank you. It’s not about making money — we just want to understand where the losses are and how we can support differently.”

Tony: “We’ll also bring updated guidelines and budgets next month. You’ll have everything.”

Rosie: “Please remember — the Area is supposed to elect the Vice Chair that represents us. That needs to happen moving forward.”

Tony: “Until we fill that position, I’ll come as the representative.”

Diego: “Okay. Let’s move on.”

- e. Women’s Brunch: Bryan shares report for Melissa (see google drive)
- f. Outreach: Aaron - no report in the drive just talking points
- g. NCCNA Registration: Rosie shares report

### 13. Old Business

No old business

### 14. New Business

No new business

### 15. Open Forum

Diego: “Okay, so no new business. So we’re going to open forum. Remember I said that anyone who has any topics, we’re going to keep it to a five-minute limit.”

Diego: “I have one open forum — the RCM1 position is open. Thinking maybe we can just vote RCM2 into that position and then have the RCM2 position open.”

Unidentified voice: "Yeah. Or just in the vice chair."

Diego: "Thank you. You're welcome. Smooches. So do we have to do a vote for that, Eric, or can we suggest a motion for that?"

Eric: "It should just swap around."

Diego: "Okay, thank you. Perfect. Now moving on."

Tim: "I'm just concerned that we don't have any forms online — like the change form, agenda form, motion form, etc. We use these consistently and they should probably be online, maybe in a Google Drive or somewhere on our website."

Kristina: "It is very organized and placed in the Drive. When you go to our website and click the Google Drive link, you'll see folders for all months, and at the bottom there are GSR reports, motion forms, donation logs, and even an archive. If you need help navigating it, send me an email."

Anonymous: "I have about 6 receipts for meetings. Please come get your receipts when the meeting's over."

Mike: "Do we post our area meeting minutes on the website?"

Kristina: "Yes, when you click into the Drive and open each month's folder, the minutes are there. There's also a specific button that says 'ASC Meeting Minutes' — once approved and revised, I send them to JP who uploads them. Also, I email them every month. If you're not on the list, give me your email today."

## 16. Motions

- Motion: "I move that Christina Ruiz be reimbursed for ink used for printing minutes and flyers."
- Seconded: Yes
- Discussion: Motion clarified; visitor cannot second their own motion.

## 2. Rick B. Reimbursement – Meeting Guides

- Motion: "I move that ASC reimburse Rick B. \$4,387 for meeting guides. Treasurer to write a check tonight."
- Seconded: Yes

## 3. Rick B. Reimbursement – Spanish IPS

- Motion: "I move that ASC reimburse Rick B. \$5,970 for Spanish IPS on the Pig Roast table. Treasurer to write a check."
- Seconded: Yes

#### 4. H&I Literature Coverage

- Motion: “Use the overage from the approved ASC reserve to cover the H&I literature question/order.”
- Discussion:
  - Motion needed clarification; exact dollar amount to be added.
  - Current H&I literature budget: \$2,000 unused. Latest order: \$1,112.71. Enough funds to cover.

#### 5. Prudent Reserve Overage Distribution

- Motion Maker: Kevin
- Motion: “Disperse the overage from ASC prudent reserve (\$11,126.06 minus \$7,000 = \$4,126.06). Send half to RSC and half to world services (or follow RSC fun flow). Verification to be reported next month.”
- Discussion: Kevin emphasized importance and resolution. Motion clarified; no opposition.

#### 6. Pig Roast Donation

- Motion: “I move that Monterey Area donate \$4,126.06 from Pig Roast funds. Line items as submitted by Rosie.”
- Seconded: Yes
- Vote: All in favor; motion carries

#### 7. Closing the Meeting

- Note: No motion required to close; Diego adjourned the meeting.

Meeting End: 8:01PM

Submitted by Kristina Ruiz