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Saturday, August 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Meeting held via Zoom
Co-Host/Secretary: Michael B.

I. Opening

a. Meeting was called to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer and reading of the Twelve Traditions.

II. Approval of Minutes

a. The August 1, 2026 minutes were approved.

b. It was noted that the July 25, 2026 meeting were approved.

III. New Attendees / Anniversaries

a. New attendees were invited to provide their contact information in the Zoom chat. A.A. and Al-Anon anniversaries since the previous meeting were recognized.

b. Chairperson's Report – Jenn G.

c. Jenn thanked the committee for its continued work and reflected on the energy, community, and fellowship experienced during Wednesday's Convention Center walkthrough.

d. The walkthrough provided an opportunity for committees to see the venue together and begin translating months of planning into the actual physical setup for the Roundup. Jenn expressed appreciation for the continued service and cooperation of all committees as MBAR moves into its final weeks of preparation.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Leslie S. & Tony I.

a. Treasurer's report for the period ending August 7, 2026 was presented:

   i. Beginning Balance: $34,371.40

   ii. Net Activity: +$1,033.19

   iii. Calculated/Bank Balance: $35,404.59

   iv. Cash Box/Change Fund: $200.00

   v. Total Registered: 254

   vi. Dinner Registrations: 117

   vii. Ice Cream Registrations: 121

b. Signage and banner needs were also discussed as part of the ongoing financial and event-planning considerations.

V. Seventh Tradition

a. The committee was reminded that contributions may be made through PayPal, Venmo, or by mailing a check to the MBAR post office box.

VI. Committee Reports / Old Business

VII. Spanish Speaking Community – Mayra

a. Mayra reported extensive outreach throughout Monterey and San Benito Counties, reaching approximately 27 meetings and distributing registration information and program guides.

b. The Spanish-speaking committee discussed its Convention Center space requirements. The updated request was for two rooms with approximately 80 chairs total.

c. Space for dancers to change clothes was also discussed.

d. A 4’ × 6’ banner was discussed, including coordination to get the banner to Chris T.

e. A question was raised regarding translation services for the main program. Carolyn confirmed that English-to-Spanish translation will be available for the Saturday night program in the main room.

f. Al-Anon / Alateen – Dawn C.

g. Dawn reported that Al-Anon speakers will be featured Saturday in the main room, with Alateen programming on Sunday.

h. Dawn is also compiling a list of logistical needs, including chairs, easels, and other equipment, for coordination with Dean and the appropriate committees.

VIII. Facilities – Brittney

a. Brittney presented detailed Convention Center schematics and floor plans developed following the walkthrough.

b. The committee reviewed proposed configurations for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including:

   i. Main Serra room/theater seating

   ii. Registration and committee tables

   iii. Literature and H&I locations

   iv. Merchandise areas

   v. Activities

   vi. Al-Anon/Alateen spaces

   vii. Marathon meeting space

   viii. Round-table areas

   ix. AV/screens

   x. Saturday evening dance transition

   xi. Sunday room configuration

c. The schematics are intended to coordinate room transitions, seating, tables, AV requirements, committee locations, and overall attendee flow.

d. The Spanish Fellowship room configuration was also discussed. Earlier estimates involving approximately 120 seats were clarified during the discussion, with the current Spanish committee request being two rooms and approximately 80 chairs.

IX. Welcome / Outreach

a. Gary and Melissa are working to organize and line up greeters for the Roundup.

b. Melissa continues promoting MBAR at meetings, while Dean continues outreach and distribution of MBAR flyers and promotional materials.

c. Coordination among Welcome, Outreach, and other committees will continue as volunteer needs become clearer.

X. Signage / Banners

a. The committee continued discussing signage and banners throughout the venue. Signage needs will be coordinated with the Convention Center layout and the individual committee requirements.

b. The goal is to provide clear navigation and identification throughout the Roundup while continuing to determine final quantities, locations, and costs.

XI. New Business

a. Planning continued regarding the remaining operational details as MBAR approaches.

b. The committee emphasized continued coordination between committees following the Convention Center walkthrough, particularly around facilities, signage, room configurations, volunteers, registration, translation, and event flow.

c. The possibility of a Committee BBQ remained an item for discussion.

XII. Upcoming Meetings & Events

i. MBAR Committee Meetings: August 15, August 22, and August 29 at 10:00 AM

ii. Steering Committee Call: August 11 at 7:00 PM

iii. Salinas Coastal Rally: August 14–16, Spreckels — volunteers needed

iv. Monterey AA Birthday Meeting: August 29 — volunteers needed

v. MBAR 2026: September 4–6, 2026

XIII. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.

b. Respectfully submitted,
Michael B.
Recording Secretary
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