

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee

2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

Minutes of the December 19, 2013 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mike S., Area 8 Alternate Chairperson, (as Jane's voice is "gone") with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The *Declaration of Unity* was read. The Twelve Concepts were read alternately in English by Tom and in Spanish by Dennis. Introductions were offered and several new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and their alternates introduced themselves. Guests and visitors also stood up. All were welcomed to Area Committee. Peggy Rose requested volunteers for cleanup. We need a new cleanup coordinator for the next panel. Are there any volunteers? Bill volunteered along with Kevin. Dustin volunteered to take the coffee commitment with Collin.

Roll Call: Monty

Monty, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. Nine Officers were in attendance, 22 DCMs, and 10 Committee Chairs were present. Liaisons NC H & I, Coordination Council, GSDYPAA, NSDYPAA, Oficina Central, Oficina Sur Chula Vista and NC Intergroup were not present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit email address to registrar also.

Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.

Approval of November 2013 Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R. Secretary

- Minutes are available in digital format. Contact Area 8 Secretary and for a digital copy (via email.) Let new DCMs and Committee Chairs know to please submit email information with the Registrar as soon as possible. If your alternate would like a digital copy, add email address to the Registrar's roster.
- November 2013 ACM minutes were accepted and approved by the committee as presented.
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at roxroll@aol.com.*

Treasurer's Report: Arturo, Treasurer

- Written report submitted.
- Remind groups who contribute to the Area to include an e-mail address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, and at a lower cost.
- Any amount contributes toward carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Nov 2013	Nov 2013	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,664.33	31,029.78	45,932.00	-14,902.22
Individual contributions:	20.00	1,000.11	.00	.00
District contributions:	260.00	935.37	.00	.00
Total contributions:	2,944.33	32,965.26	45,932.00	-12,966.74
Total budgeted expenses:	3,154.37	31,108.58	42,332.00	-11,387.33

Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-210.04	1,856.68		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	496.61	913.91	.00	913.91
Total expenses:	3,890.98	34,748.58	42,332.00	-10,473.42
Contributions less total expenses:	-946.65	-1,783.32		
Total Cash Balance: Aug 2013	\$ 7,685.12			

Master Calendar

EVENT	HOST	DATE		TIME	LOCATION
Christmas Eve and Christmas Alkathon	Dist 8	Dec 24-25	2013	1:30p-11a	South Bay Pioneers-270 C St. Chula Vista
New Year's Eve Alkathon	Dist 6, 7 & 9	Dec 31	2013	2:00p	Church-6 th and Penn -Hillcrest
South Bay New Year's Alkathon	Dist 8	Dec 31	2013	1:30 p	South Bay Pioneers-270 C St. Chula Vista
Orientation Assembly	Dist 5 & 11	Jan. 11	2014	8:30a	United Methodist Church-Mission Valley
DCM/Committee Workshop	Area 8	Jan 25	2014	8:30a	United Methodist Church-Mission Valley
Imperial Valley Roundup		Jan 31-Feb 2	2014		225 "A" Street, Brawley
PRE-PRAASA Workshop	Dist 8, 15, & 19	Feb 1	2014	9:00a	Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
Dark Meeting Workshop	Dist 1 & 23	Feb. 8	2014	8p-Noon	Church – 3419 Grand Ave, San Marcos
Pre-Conference Workshop	Various Dist.	TBD	2014	TBD	TBD
4 Area DCM Sharing Session	Area 5	Feb 15	2014	TBD	TBD
PRAASA	Area 8	Mar 7-9	2014		Town & Country Resort—Mission Valley
Pre-Conference Assembly	Dist 9, 16, 17	April 5	2014	8:30a	TBD
San Diego Spring Round-Up	SDSRU Comm	Apr 17-20	2014		Town & Country Resort—Mission Valley
Southern California H & I Conference		Apr 25-27	2014		Holiday Inn, La Mirada
12 Steps & 12 Traditions Workshop	Dist 11	Apr 26	2014	8:30-11:30a	St. Andrews Church-8350 Lake Murray Blvd. San Diego, 92119
Post-Conference Assembly	Dist 14 & 19	May 31	2014	8:30 a	TBD

Note: Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated Dec. 19, 2013. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website (www.area8aa.org) for the most up to date information.

Delegate's Report: Tom M. (Written Report Submitted)

Oral remarks: The Delegates job is to be a conduit of information between our area and the General Service Office in New York. I write the report 10 days before the meeting and sometimes more info comes in.

The new service manual is in. You can order one through www.aa.org or at your local Central Office.

Grapevine: 70 Years of Grapevine is a special edition coming out in June. If you want to contribute to this issue, your submission should be in by Jan. 5, 2014. If your group is interested in participating in the celebration of 70 years of AA Grapevine you can search a dedicated information page starting Jan. 15 at www.aagrapevine.org/GV70 or contact the Grapevine at 212-870-3406. (See written report.)

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B. (No Written Report Submitted)

DCMs please keep in mind, January to February 2014 is a very busy event schedule for area events. Before rotating out, please remind your districts that attendance at the Pre Conference workshops are critical for GSRs to attend. The Delegate and Alt. Delegate travel to groups of districts to present the agenda items to group members. Specific dates have not been confirmed; however we foresee the workshops for English speaking meetings between Friday, February 21st and Monday, February 24th. Spanish workshops will be held following PRAASA. For those who are rotating out of General Service positions this year please keep in mind that both Intergroup and H&I have service opportunities and need the help. There are many other services opportunities in our area if you are interested in staying active in A.A. I really appreciate Tom's efforts and guidance. I have no written report. We have a lot of overlapping business and activities. I am handing out a panel participant volunteer form for PRAASA. If you have never done this, please put your name down. There are many who have done this before, but if you are green to PRAASA please mark the date and get ready for the ride of your life, especially group members. In the next two weeks I will present area highlights. They are printed in the next GS Conference report. They are shared live at PRAASA. A highlight is you share about your area. DCMS could email me one or 2 sentences that describe your area. It might be how you carry out the purpose of GS or why. It will give you a part in this process with me. I want this to come off the cuff. I will try to match it to what you will see in the Conf. report. Pre conference workshops happen in the last 2 weeks of February. We will convert the GSC materials (65 items) we received to 8-10 items to present at the preconference workshops. Usually these workshops will occur over the four days, Thurs-Sunday.

Area 8 Chair: Jane G. (See Area Assembly minutes for full report of Chair activities) Jane's report read by Mike:

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS FOR GROUP CHECKING ACCOUNTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE

MATERIALS: Tonight, I want to give you two important pieces of information:

How to get an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS so a group can open a bank account; and
How Service Materials are created and shared throughout the fellowship.

This information is important as it may be effecting the speed at which groups make contributions in support of Tradition Nine, which includes our central offices, districts, the area, H&I, and GSO. I say may because we really do not take surveys to make actual determining statements about what or what is not going on regarding group contributions. We rely on our two-way communication system within our service structure.

For such communications on this specific topic, I want to say a special thank you to two of our districts, 4 and 8, for putting on Secretary Workshops during this year. A participant at one of the workshops reported that he was having trouble establishing an EIN for his group because he did not want to give his personal Social Security Number and full name as the responsible party for the number. I made note of his concern because I had just come from a group conscience meeting of my home group that was continually running a balance of \$500 or more in cash. The group secretary was not making regular, timely contributions because she believed her personal checks could remain outstanding for an extended period of time.

For those of us who may not know, banking accounts for groups require an EIN. It is easy to understand why no one individual would be willing to be personally accountable to the IRS (and possibly the State of California) for a group's checking account money.

At the workshop, I explained my interest in finding a resolution to the matter. I researched the matter with the IRS and I was able to obtain an EIN for my home group without naming any specific individual as responsible party. The bank

account was successfully opened and the individuals responsible for the account will rotate amongst the individuals who serve as the group's Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer.

Because I promised to report my experience to the district, I wrote a summary of my group's experience in obtaining the EIN. I have delivered the instructions to our area's Translation Committee and they will be available at the January 2014 ACM.

The instructions are important because an EIN without a responsible party cannot be obtained online. A phone call must be made to the IRS. That means waiting to speak to an IRS employee. Also, the EIN will not be delivered over the phone; it will come through the mail with instructions on the responsibility for tax filing on the account. These are not difficult or complicated tasks. But, they are not self-evident through the IRS website.

As a note, three more groups have asked me for these same instructions. It occurred to me there are many groups that may benefit from this information. This may be a great example of how our changing world affects A.A. as a whole. I reviewed the A.A. Guidelines on Finance, revised August 2012 - http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/mg-15_finance.pdf. This revision of the guidelines does include an expansion to include the group's need for an EIN. Then, I noticed the online listing of the contents of the DCM Packet includes a document called, "One Area's Experience for Opening a Group Checking Account." The item is not available on the website; so, I contacted Groupservices@aa.org for a copy. They did explain the material was outdated. So, I wrote up our group's experience and GSO will edit or revise as necessary and add it to the Service Materials.

I am sharing this with you so that you can be watchful for groups that may be carrying large balances in their hands because they are unaware of how to get a checking account for the group and this shows how and why the participation in our two-way communication process is vital to A.A. as a whole.

Ad hoc Committee to Research and Propose Structure to Area 08's Administrative Support Committees:

At the November ACM, we discussed the proposal to purchase a new projector. There were many important questions that were not submitted during the conversation. The discussion ended with the suggestion to send the idea to the Finance Committee. However, our S&Gs do not provide clear instructions on how the Finance Committee should respond to the idea. We are also missing some very important internal checks and balances regarding monitoring our finances.

I am asking for two or three individuals to take charge of this ad hoc, review how and in what manner structure can be helpful to enhancing our area's two-way communication in the service structure and expand our ability to carry the message. I will email this report to each of the volunteers. I ask that you reach out to all the current and past service-experienced A.A. members for help. Be sure to take consult and work to understand the efforts of the current Chairs of these committees.

As a first step, attend the PRAASA roundtables for these committees. We are fortunate to be hosting PRAASA in early March of next year. Let's use this time to learn as much as we can about how the other Areas in the Pacific Region structure the functions of their IT, AGENDA, POLICY, and FINANCE COMMITTEES to enhance communication and provide a smooth running of the area and especially the assembly.

From the PRAASA information, the committee may consider a second step of defining a survey that can be sent to the areas outside of the Pacific Region to discover an even wider body of information. Once enough information has been discovered, the final deliverable will be motions that insert or form out S&Gs to guide our communication behavior in an effective manner. Please consider holding a Sharing Session on the collected information prior to presenting any motions. An additional idea to consider is using some of this information for an Area Inventory.

Agenda Chair: George: There are a couple of projects we are working on is a way to make the motions easier to follow at assemblies. We also solicit suggestions for the themes and the workshop topics. We just did the ones for 2015. There are different ways to do this. We solicited the entire Area Assembly. Then we turned them into our delegate who sent them on to GSO. We meet on the 2nd Thurs of the month at Central Office at 7 pm. The whole committee is rotating out so we really need some people to step up for this committee. If you are rotating out and can make yourself available for the agenda chair, please. Paul K stepped up and we thank him.

Translation Chair: Hugo: We organize the translations for various members of the committee. Mostly we are translating the ACM minutes and the Assembly minutes. We also translate the Delegate and Chair report. We make sure the work

is disseminated to the various translators. The Chair will take the translations and put them together to make sure they are cohesive. The chair should be bilingual.

Our shift to publishing in digital format will require us to move towards independence from Literature sales as a way to keep A.A. self-supporting.

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is 2650 Melbourne, San Diego, CA. **All AA members are welcome to attend.** To get an item on the agenda, please contact chair@area8aa.org to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area's standing committees.

The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members.

Birthdays: One person celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. Congratulations! There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

Break: 8:30

Resumed Meeting at 8:40

Liaison Committee Reports:

San Diego Coordinating Council: Steve: The 822nd meeting of the Coordinating Council was held Dec. 14th at the first Methodist Church in San Diego. Sadly, there was no area representative to report on activities of the area again this month. Elections for officers will be held in January for service in 2014. The Dec. Book or the Month is any "Grapevine Book" and is on sale for \$1.00 off while supplies last. 75th Anniversary Big Books may be ordered through the Central Office, thus saving the \$10.00 shipping charge from the GSO.

The **Program Committee** is working hard for the annual New Year's Eve party to be held Jan. 31st at the Scottish Rite venue in Mission Valley. The pre party speaker meeting is free as usual; tickets for the dance are priced at \$22.00 per person. The holiday schedule for the book store is as follows: Closed Wed. Dec. 25th and New Year's Day, Wed. Jan. 1st. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jerry C., Chairman

North County Intergroup: (Currently need new liaison.)

East County Intergroup: Gary: 665 N. Paulson Ave, El Cajon. Book of the month, "As Bill Sees It".

Oficina Central Hispaña: Fernando: Not Present

Oficina Intergrupual Condado Norte: Juan: We have an average of 12-13 reps at our central office. We visit groups once a week. We had our event, the Congresso. That's all.

Oficina Intergrupual Sur, Chula Vista: Magdalena: Not present.

NA Liaison: Jim: Not present.

GSDYPAA: Jason: Not present.

NSDYPAA: Not present.

San Diego H & I (SDAIC) Liaison: Debbie: Shared purpose of H & I (to establish and maintain AA meetings in facilities where people are confined and to bring AA General Service Conference approved literature into those institutions). We have more requests to bring a meeting in than we have volunteers, so we are always looking for new members. Individuals or groups may adopt a meeting. We have two Orientation Meetings each month: 3rd Sunday @ 12:00 pm Hall 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd 92111 and 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm Central Office 7075-B Mission Gorge Rd 92120. Contact on Release's purpose is to introduce alcoholics being released from confined facilities to AA in San Diego. When notified of a release in San Diego County, volunteers contact the individual and take them to their first few meetings. Diana Adams is our new director.

NC H & I (NCAIC): Richard: Not Present.

Ad Hoc Committee Report: Dustin: A year ago I was asked to chair an ad hoc committee and do some research on Area 8's financial Structure and Guidelines. (See copy attached to agenda this month and as follows:)

Final Report: *Ad Hoc Committee on the Spiritual Principles of Area 8 Finances.*

Area 8's Spirituals Principles are directly drawn from the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of World Service. In defining the Spiritual Principles of our Area, I think it's best to start with Corporate Poverty.

What is corporate Poverty? Page 165 of the 12 & 12 implies that relying on our own contributions while maintaining "bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve" is the cornerstone of the Principle.

Area 8: "the Area will maintain sufficient operating funds for its expenses, will only hold funds for stated A.A. purposes, and will keep the Fellowship's funds at work carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous."

The roots of this Principle center on St. Francis Assisi so to try and sum up this principle would be impossible. Keeping this in mind I offer a broader definition: The state of mind of being poor.

How do we stack up (by section)?

A. and B. Two of the three main features of AA's definition of Corporate Poverty and is agreed by the committee the Area should consider adopting some form of reserve with similar regulations to those of the GSO.

D. Continually debating a reasonable amount of contributions to receive is a price we have to pay to ensure Area 8 can perform the services expressed to the fellowship we will provide. Should this be our only concern when determining a budget or do we have a responsibility to state an AA purpose requiring funds in excess of previous year's contributions (explained in the 2nd warranty)? We came to no substantial unanimity with this section. Some thought the section needed to be better defined, some thought the word "anticipated" should be replaced with a more accurately descriptive word such as "projected" or "forecasted" and others thought it should stay as it is.

E. There was long discussion on what, at first, seemed to be a simple statement of procedure. The word "responsible" was a difficult word to define in this section. Concept XI says "Every service RESPONSIBILITY should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined." Section E talks about a responsibility with no authority defined. We were unable to determine the intention of this section.

H.2 In the end, this section above all will help the area to achieve a poor state of mind. When everything is said and done, AA purposes have been expressed, a budget discussed and approved, bills come in and are paid, and the only thing left is to not be diverted from our primary purpose.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Unbudgeted Expense: \$56.28. (For printing costs for Area Chair.)

Motion 2nd and approved.

Standing Committee Form Discussion (presented by Roxane, incoming Chair.) There was an ad hoc committee that met at Central office several years ago which discussed the merits of the blind pick. The discussion is lead in the same manner as it was done at the GS office then.

It used to be a true blind pick. Later it was changed to add the day and time and whether they are available to not.

It was previously stated that there some were "sexier" options or committees than others.

There is a huge disconnect about the standing committee. Most do not know what they are. The blind pick is part failure if the GSR does not understand the intent.

If the GSR goes to the orientation, they will learn.

Remember, a person can attend the orientation more than once.

As DCM, we can invite the Standing Committees to the District meetings. It is found to be a great help.

Do you think the GSR will know more and be better informed? Yes

The first two area assemblies are mystical experiences. This is probably as good as it gets. We need to pray more.

One that didn't happen at the orientation was not to over commit. Most come to standing committees with a better understanding later on. If you get on a committee just because you like the work, some will not stay. We have been by-passing the blind pick. Committees need to rely on more voluntaries to help to do the work.

There was some active work with the committees. Asking for help, volunteers work better in those cases.

The mechanics of the blind pick are great. We do not do a good enough job talking about what the committees do.

There is no connection between AA as a world and the area at all levels.

At the area level, we have to remember that we are dealing with principals. Most people have the most spiritual experience by the blind pick. Some are not using the blind pick out of fear. We are open to the guidance of a Higher

Power with the spiritual principle of Step 3. Most areas don't use the blind pick but they have the same staffing problems we do.

Just be willing to do service was the original task. The results were fabulous. They begin to love it. Half the groups don't have GSR's. It was a big requirement. Hopefully the district will give service commitments more of a focus point. It's a voluntary thing.

What I have learned, the people on the committees have been very strong. If a new GSR picked more than one block, we can put them where the most use is needed. They are not required to do this. As a GSR, Finance was not the best option for me but it worked out to be the best thing.

As I became a new GSR, I was on CPC. I didn't know a thing. There is an appointed committee member. One day I became the webmaster. It can be many things.

With the support of my service sponsor, I ended up doing 5 years with Translation. Without it I wouldn't be here. As a GSR I worked late before the Area Assembly. I have never made it to an orientation.

When we discussed this type of situation, we have to train people and learn the democratic principles that are in line with our spiritual principles.

I got on Policy, I was so bummed out. I was always on time and stayed till the end. By showing up, something happened for me that I could do for myself and I am sober.

The service manual recommends two years sober. This is why someone with 5 months is not recommended. They have to work on themselves. There are needs that need to be met such as not being resentful.

When I came to AA, I didn't know anything. This is a good process. If you have the time to come to one committee, you will learn something. It works that way.

There are only 3 ½ North County locations and it seems like we need more.

Not my experience, I live in North County. 50% was from North County. That is not the deterrent.

It looks like we will stay with the blind pick. Take this to your groups/districts and share more about it.

DISTRICT REPORTS *These reports were turned in digitally or in writing...*

District 1: Mike: No report.

District 2: Wilma: We had a District Holiday Open House and invited all Oceanside secretaries and AA members to attend. It brought together members from the No County Friendship Center, Alano Club and various other local meetings together to learn more about our District service work. We set up a table display with the AA inverted pyramid poster, flyers, literature & gave a brief overview of the structure of AA. A brief discussion followed about how groups can be more involved in General Service work. Our GSRs felt it was a successful event to pass on information about General Service. In Nov. Dean Brady, Alt. Delegate, facilitated our District 2 elections and we voted in a new DCM, Danna Sanders. We still have several other positions to be filled.

District 3: Not Present.

District 4: Kevin

District 5: Collin: No report.

District 6: Helen

District 7: Allan:

District 8: Tanya: 16 GSRs attended. Newly elected officers are: DCM, Louie D. and Alt. DCM, Chris G. We are co-hosting a Pre-PRAASA workshop on Feb. 1. We have Alkathons at Southbay Pioneers on Christmas Eve through Christmas and New Year's Eve through New Year's Day. I appreciate the opportunity to have served Area 8 and District 8.

District 9: Fred: We met this week but could not conduct elections for new Officers because we did not have a quorum. We had a Bon Fire on Dec. 14th and 31 people attended. Our district will host the April 5th Area Assembly with Districts 16 and 17.

District 10: Paul K: We had 2 GSRs present at our last meeting. We continue our work on the District Structure and Guidelines and a District Budget. We continued visitations to groups. We had a 2014 PRAASA Volunteers Presentation by Bobbie C. We held our Elections for District 10 Officers hosted by the Area 8 Delegate, Tom M. The new DCM is Alan M., the new Alt. DCM is Elke M. and the new Treasurer is Paul K

District 11: Karen P: No report.

District 12: George:

District 13: Phil: No report.

District 14: Jerry:

District 15: Cruz: In Dist. 15 we continue to meet every 2 weeks. We are still considering whether we should open a new district. We have about 15 GSRs.

District 16: Linda: We had 7 GSRs present. On Jan. 22, 2014 we will hold elections. Our last meeting was a "Movie Night" with Ray, the outgoing Literature Chair. We saw "Markings on the Journey" and had popcorn and pumpkin bread. Next month we will make a decision on 3 workshops we will host in 2014.

District 17: Margaret S:

District 18: Efrain: New positions elected for 2014: New DCM-Efrain A., Secretary-Lorena, Treasurer-Fortunato, Alternate DCM-Carlos B.

District 19: Peggy Rose: Bob from CPC shared about his standing committee; Our District has a DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary; Reports from 2 active committees – PRAASA Workshop and Alkathon; 3 GSRs told us the uniqueness of their Group; we studied the Service Manual for half hour prior to the meeting; there was Group Concern time; the gold can was explained; we have visited 45 Dark Groups since January, 2013.

District 20: David:

District 21: Bill: We had 6 GSRs present. Nothing to report.

District 22: Tom: 8 GSRs present. We held Dist. 22 elections and we have a new DCM, Alt. DCM, Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer. We discussed finances and the 2014 budget expectations. We are encouraging GSRs to recruit volunteers for PRAASA.

District 23: Heather: No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Art: We had the accessibility's workshop on Oct. 5 with different speakers. We have resources for alcoholics with special needs. A DVD is available for the alcoholic with disabilities. We have six meetings with interpreters each week.

Agenda: George: The agenda committee met at central office on 12/12/2013 at 7pm. There were 5 in attendance. HELP! We need members and officers. Most of us are rotating out midterm because of other commitments. We went over the agenda for the area committee meeting. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

CPC: Bob: Kevin M. will be the new Chair for C.P.C. in 2014 -2015. We did a presentation to Board Members and Staff at Jewish Family Services on November 12, 2013. They asked to keep a pamphlet rack and we provide meeting schedules and informational pieces for the Professionals for them to use.

Finance: Parker: No report.

Grapevine/La Viña: Suzanne: LeVeare A. was elected as the Grapevine/La Viña Chair for 2014-2015 and Sandra A. was elected the Alternate Chair. We had a lovely potluck and reflected on the past year and spoke of ideas regarding Grapevine/ La Viña. I thank you all for your support for the Grapevine/La Viña and hope that will continue. If you have questions, please call 760-271-2229 or email me at zaneryan@aol.com.

Information Technologies: Steve: Our meeting was last night. If you have a flyer please send it to policy and translation first before forwarding it to the IT committee.

Literature: Ray: ***We need 4 new members for our committee.*** We elected a new chair: Lloyd S. Our next meeting will be Jan. 20, 2014 at 7 pm at Central Office. It was a pleasure to serve the Area.

Newsletter: Gary S: (Alt) We had some delays in receiving our Spanish translations. There are also questions about content as articles cannot be submitted by potential candidates for the upcoming elections. As I write this report it occurred to me that it would have been nice to have some past delegates submit articles. Clearly such articles could not be about the issues of the day. Or maybe Archives could contribute some articles.

Policy: Paul: (3 members needed.) Our DCM manual update is completed and in the process of a final proofing. The ad hoc committee of Policy and Finance reviewed their recommendations with the Area and another subcommittee meeting will be held to finalize the details. The committee will review the recommendations at the next meeting.

Native American Liaison: Jim H. Not present.

Translation: Hugo: We are trying to establish a monthly meeting so we can have uniformity in our translations. We have had 2 new volunteers join us and we want to put together a workshop.

Archivist: Joe: No report.

Discussion is proposed to change the post conference workshop. The proposed date is June 14, 2014. It was mentioned that the Unity Day Picnic will be that same day.

Motion to adjourn seconded and approved.

Next Area Assembly is January 11, 2014, the Orientation Assembly.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Roxane R., Panel 62 Area 8 Secretary and Gonzalo C., Alt. Secretary. (and Monty M.)