

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the April 16, 2015 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm by Roxane R., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish by Alex and in English by Karen. 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.

**Roll Call: Peggy Rose (Alt Registrar)**

Michelle, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 7 Officers were in attendance, 15 DCMs, and 10 Committee Chairs were present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar also.

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

**Approval of March 2014 Area Committee Minutes: Monty C., (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.
- March 2014 ACM minutes will be emailed out when they become available. They will be posted on the website
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at [mcavalier2004@gmail.com](mailto:mcavalier2004@gmail.com).*

**Treasurer's Report: Butch, Treasurer**

- Written report submitted.
- March financial report the same as the April Assembly report.
- 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.
- Please submit your budget request for 2015. The treasurer needs that as soon as possible.

<b>Mardch</b>	<b>March 2015</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	3,489.81	8,231.02	43,367.00	(35,135.98)
Individual contributions:	27.30	200.25	.00	.00
District contributions:	217.00	342.00	.00	.00
Total contributions:	3,734.11	8,773.27	43,367.00	(34,593.73)

Total budgeted expenses:	3,588.60	11,121.97	43,367.00	(32,244.63)
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	145.51	-2,348.70		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
Total expenses:	3,588.60	13,202.84	43,366.60	(32,244.63)
Contributions less total expenses:	145.41	-4,429.57		
Total Cash Balance: March 2015	5,047.19			

### **Master Calendar**

The master Calendar was emailed out by the Alternate Chair. It's posted on the area website.

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*Note: Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated March 2015. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website ([www.area8aa.org](http://www.area8aa.org)) for the most up to date information.*

**Delegate's Report: Dean B:** At the General Service Conference

**Alternate Delegate's Report: Jane G.**

**Unity Day Planning Committee:** We will hold the first Unity Day planning session on May 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM at San Diego Central Office. We will not hold a picnic event this year as San Diego Intergroup is holding their picnic on June 13, 2015. Also to consider in the scheduling of the event is A.A.'s International Convention, which is the 4th of July weekend. I look forward to planning an unusual event with all who wish to participate in developing a Unity Day program. Please know all members are welcome to participate in the planning.

### **Update on the audio version of The Twelve Concepts in English and Spanish:**

Producing an audio format of the Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W. (BM-32) in English, French, and Spanish is currently on the list of Publications Department Unfunded Projects Requests. A.A.W.S. regularly reviews the list that is created from member requests and moves projects into publication as soon as possible. Additionally, the Conference Coordinator has noted this request, which is not considered a Conference matter. The correspondence will be added to the background for the A.A.W.S. Board to consider regarding audio format for the Twelve Concepts for World Service. The eBook versions of PASS IT ON and DR. BOB AND THE GOOD OLDTIMERS will be available in Spanish. The publishing dates have not been determined; there is hope they will be announced at the Conference.

I also got news from one of our sister areas they will be submitting an agenda item to publish a Commemorative Edition of the first edition of the Big Book in Spanish. (NOT the First Edition of the English Big Book in Spanish.) This is a reminder Conference agenda items are generated all through the year.

**At the New GSR Orientation**, I give out the following items in both English and Spanish:

Service Manual - I write the URLs for Area 8 and AA.org in the front cover  
GSR Representative Pamphlet (P-19)  
Circles of Love and Service Pamphlet (P-45)  
How We Do Business - Explains Area 08's use of Modified Robert's Rules  
A Glossary of A.A. Terms - This comes out of our Area 8's DCM Manual  
Area 08's GSR Manual  
A.A.'s Legacy of Service (P-44)

DCMs and Standing Committee Chairs, please know you are welcome to attend and speak to the new GSRs at any New GSR Orientation. Last week, Emily, Policy Chair and Peggy Rose, Alternate Registrar each spoke to the group about their work. I think it is helpful to GSRs to understand the Area does a lot of work. I carefully explain that no one is born knowing all about service and how our positions are designed so that we rotate once we know what we are doing.

DCMs: I tell GSRs that you are their most important resource for questions and answers on general service.

Standing Committee Chairs: I tell the GSRs about the blind pick and I explain that if they ever find themselves stretched by making a commitment to a committee in addition to representing their group, that there is no need to give up being a GSR. At that point I explain the benefits of getting the group to elect an alternate GRS and to invite all their group members to participate on any of our Area's Committees. I also explain that only the GSRs appointed to the committees have a vote on the committee.

### **Chairperson's Report: Roxane R.**

The Chair used her report time to share about exploring the new website. Her search lead her to find some wonderful items. One was a report from District. If you want to know what the report talks about, visit the website. Look under District 19.

### **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](mailto: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.***

### **Liaison Committee Reports:**

**Coordinating Council:** Jim: Book prices will increase as we sell the inventory and have to order new books from GSO. Since group contributions are strong we are 10% discount through June. The April book of the month is "As Bill Sees It" on sale for \$6.25. The April pamphlet of the month is "12 Steps Illustrated" for 5 cents each. The May book of the month is "AA Comes of Age" on sale for \$7.00. The May pamphlet of the month is "Understanding Anonymity" for 5 cents each. All after hours phones are covered by the groups, but there is a need for daytime phone volunteers on alternate Saturdays 1pm to 5 pm.

**North County Intergroup:**

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: The last Business Meeting of the East County Intergroup was held on March 18, 2015. The next meeting will be on May 20th, 2015 at the Step by Step Serenity & Beyond Shop on 8790 Cuyamaca Street in Santee @ 7:00pm. Literature Prices have been updated on the East County Intergroup website. Hardcover Big Book are \$9.00. Easy Does It Speakers Meeting will have its 43rd Anniversary with potluck starting at 5:30pm and Main Speaker will be Keith D. at 7:30p tomorrow night April 17th.

**Oficina Central Hispana:** Fernando, chair. Not present.

**Oficina Intergrup al Condado Norte:** Juan Not present

**Oficina Intergrup al Sur, Chula Vista:** Not present

**Bid for ICYPAA:** not present.

**Native American Liaison:** Daniel: I spoke with some of the groups from the reservation. They would like me to be the representative. They are armed with the Big Book. The meeting are well. Most of the meeting are open but you have to gain access to the Indian reservation. Please contact me if you have any questions or need help to attend a meeting. We are practicing the traditions of AA.

**Birthdays:** Five 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: 8:04pm Resumed Meeting at 8:17pm**

**Concept 4 was read in long for in English by Sandy and Spanish by Alicia.**

## **DISTRICT REPORTS** (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form)

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**District 1:** Jerry: I'm pleased with the level of involvement and interest in General Service by our new and returning GSRs. Attendance at District meetings is up and 10 GSRs attended the Pre-Conference Assembly. We're currently looking for a District Registrar to work with the Area Registrar. This week we voted to collaborate with District 16 on a "Meet the Delegate" workshop. Our GSRs are also soliciting feedback from their groups on ideas for additional workshops to help us carry A.A.'s message, infiltrated with subliminal messages on supporting our General Service Office, the Area, and District.

**District 2:** Scott: not present.

**District 3:** Guy: Discussed the upcoming Area Assembly Discussed offering District 3 assistance to one of the remaining area assemblies.

**District 4:** Kevin: Not present

**District 5:** Colin: Propose an Inclusion Workshop to be held in early December on a Saturday or Sunday. We will start the planning for the sponsorship workshop on Monday April 26.

**District 6:** Helen: We are helping District 5 with the Sponsorship workshop in July. We discuss what documents we want to start posting to our district page on Area 8 website. 1. List of District Officers and GSR's 2. List of current groups listed in District. 3. District 6 meeting agendas.

We are working to get all district members who attend our district meeting regularly into the District Google Group. We hope to use this as a means of communication between district meetings to facilitate actions taking place quicker. We will also be sharing documents before our meetings to cut down on printing.

We would still love to have any standing committee chairs or Area committee officers come to our meetings.

**District 7:** Dennis: Had an excellent report on PRAASA from the one GSR who was able to attend this year. Discussed upcoming Area Assembly. Will be inviting officers and committee chair to give a presentation.

**District 8:** Chris: 13 Outreach continues to the under represented meetings in the district. District 8 would like to thank the Area and District 16 for making the Pre-conference Assembly a big success. Thanks to all who attend and all who volunteered. The

accessibilities chair will be coming to our next meeting on May 4, 2015 for a brief presentation. For any who would like to attend, the address is 580 Hilltop Dr. Chula Vista, 91910 St Mark's Lutheran Church (use the lower meeting room and parking lot).

**District 9:** Lorie: Not present.

**District 10:** Allan: Not present

**District 11:** Janedra: Voted to adopt "Meeting of the Month" where a group of GSR would attend a dark meeting (an idea from PRAASA) District is planning movie night (went very well last year) and is planning a meditation workshop during the holidays

**District 12:** George: Not present

**District 13:** Julie: Review Area Assembly take forms Create a packet for visiting dark meetings - to be ready for next month. Most of meetings at Alano club. Discussion of Secretary Workshop.

**District 14:** Eric: The DCM and the Alternate attended PRASSA. It was a great experience. We had about 7 GSR at our last meeting. The meeting is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. We appointed a new Registrar.

**District 15:** Roberto: Our last meeting, we had 13 GSR's. Various topics were discussed. Discussion on the area assembly topics were talked about also. Five committees at our district continue to participate in the district. We will giving a written report to the groups.

**District 16:** Linda (absent): Our last meeting was Mon April 6, we had 15 GSR's and our guest Butch. Butch was there to explain contributions & why the Area couldn't accept a \$500 District check, \$100 to the Area & \$400 for the new Translation equipment. When he finished we all agreed the money in full should go to the Area. We made sure all was in order for the Pre-Conference Assembly we were hosting with D8. All the GSR's had reports back from their groups on the Conference Agenda items. We made decisions on District events one being a " Rootbeer Float Social with the Delegate". On Sat. June 20 & 1-3pm @ the Encinitas Sr. Center rm120. The Labor Day Picnic we will start panning in June. We would like to do a workshop; either a GSR or another Concept, if there is a District that would like to join us please contact me.

**District 17:** Not present

**District 18:** Efrain: Our meeting was April 13<sup>th</sup>. A new GSR present. This is because of the visit we do. They donated to the area. I GSR. We continue to promote service.

**District 19:** Harlan: 15 GSRs and officers in attendance w/one new GSR Primary focus of this meeting was on the following business items: Establishing a working budget Post-conference Assembly Developing a roster of Area representatives to visit district meeting Jun – Dec 2015. Organized outreach to Inactive Groups begins June 2015 with a target of 5 meetings a month Concept Study group committee formed to define frequency, structure and format with goal to start in July 2015 Additionally: Two GSRs active in area committees responded effectively to concerns about "Golden Cans" (Accessibilities) at meetings and timeliness in getting the Assembly agenda\* (Agenda) Keeping district groups connected via email has had some positive impact as there has been an increase in communication with group reps who do not attend the district meeting. We had 11 District 19 representatives participate in the Pre-Conference Assembly.

**District 20:** Eddie: We only have a small attendance in our area. Our meeting is next week. Thanks for having me.

**District 21:** DCM Report - I reported that the Spring Round-Up is this upcoming weekend and the Pre-Conference Assembly is the following Saturday. All GSRs should plan to attend this important Assembly. Some topics presented at the past Area Committee Meeting were: the Area's contributions are below the expenses, so speak with your groups about additional contributions to balance the budget; a motion to increase the oral translation payment by 25% was tabled; and the last two assemblies for this year need hosting districts for support.

Old Business – We discussed how the distribution of the Doctor's Opinion pamphlet was going, and to contact me if any additional copies are needed.

Visiting unrepresented meetings – We continued to review our district's meeting list to try to identify meetings to visit to offer our assistance and support. We initially targeted meetings that were listed as "active", but were not listed in the meeting directory – produced by the Central Office. The next targeted group will be the inactive or unknown meetings that are listed in the directory. I attended the Poway Alano Club's Secretary meeting to offer any support to the groups and explain about GSR responsibilities and benefits to the groups – especially the daily meetings without representation. There are some duplicate meetings on the list to be removed or merged that I will be handling.

New Business – We reviewed our District's Guidelines (last approved in 2011) and approved them for 2015. I sent it to the web servant for posting to our district page of the Area 8 website.

PRAASA Reflections: I asked some GSRs who attended PRAASA to mention any highlights. Jill stated the high point was the Past Trustees' meeting on Sunday. Rick sent his thoughts via email and I mentioned the sharing from the transgender really affected me.

Round Table Sharing – Jill said that she brought the GSC agenda items to their business meeting and had a good reception/response from them. Donna stated that the Dr.'s Opinion pamphlet has been well received and she needs more as their in high demand. The other GSRs had nothing new to report. They are motivated to carry the message and be responsible so that the hand of AA will always be there to the suffering alcoholic.

**District 22**: Daniel: Attended Pre-Cons workshop with district 21. District 22 will be holding a sharing session in Ramona for members interested in conference items.

**District 23**: Jim: We voted in a new Treasurer, Mike O. Moving forward with the planning of Labor Day Picnic. Dark meeting outreach is working. We got 2 new GSR's during our previous meeting.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities**: Renee: We voted to divide the position of ASL Fund Administrator to 2 persons: one handling the front end of processing the incoming monies and the other managing the outgoing payments to ASL Interpreted meetings. This should expedite the cashing of checks and having the money available to send out. We also may have, if we can afford it, a new interpreted meeting on Sunday nights--fulfilling our desire to have an interpreted meeting 7 days a week. This will enable the deaf alcoholic to attend 90 in 90!

**Agenda**: Paul: No report, we are looking for workshop topics or discussion for the 2016. We are looking forward to see what will come out of the conference.

**Archives**: Anne: Not present

**CPC**: Ted: CPC met on Monday March 30, 2015 at Central Office. Only 4 members of the committee were present. The new CPC letterhead was passed out to members present so that they can get started on our outreach to professionals. We discussed the request from GSO to make volunteers available for a convention of treatment professionals in San Diego in September. GSO will be funding that. We also discussed helping PI committee with the NAMI walk in early May. I attended the Area Assembly in Encinitas and received one new member to the committee.

**Finance**: Paul K: Worked on 2016 budget, reviewed all the budget request and have sent out emails asking for more information on the request presented to us by some of you. Please send in the responses to the area Chair promptly.

**Grapevine/LaViña**: Sandy: We last meet during the last Area assembly. We participated with the Spring Round. Sold lots of literature. Looking forward to the women sponsoring women workshop. We are working on our next event whatever that may be.

**SD H & I**: Diana: The San Diego H&I Committee meets the third Sunday of the month at the Machinists' Hall at 5150 Kearny Mesa Road, SD, 92111. Policy Council at 11:30; orientation at noon, business meeting to follow orientation. All AA members are welcome at both Policy Council and at the general meeting. We also have an orientation the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the San Diego Central Office on Mission Gorge Road. We are always in need of H&I volunteers; we are also in need of people who are willing to serve as committee members.

Contact on Release is a subcommittee of the SD H&I. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:45 pm at the San Diego Central Office. We are also in need of volunteers and committee members. Pamphlets and flyers are on the counter. If you know anyone who might be interested, please take them one. Or both. We are particularly in need of COR volunteers in the South and East Counties.

This month we sent out our first H&I Newsletter to the H&I members we know about. We're hoping this will be a way to stay in contact with members and help hold their interest in the 12th step work they are doing. We're hoping to be able to do this quarterly. If you would like a copy, email [info@sdhandi.org](mailto:info@sdhandi.org). We'll provide you with one.

We are always present at Area Assembly as well. Please let your GSR's know to come check us out and pass our information on to their groups. We, also, are "directly responsible to the groups we serve".

Please check out our website for complete information about our meeting schedule for 2015 and our current minutes and financial reports, including a listing of group contributions.

**Information Technologies:** Bill: will send report

**Literature:** Karen: We have changed our meeting time from 7 to 630pm. The meeting is held at SD Central Office.

**NCAIC (H & I):** Susanne: get from email

**Newsletter:** Ray: Not present

**Policy: Emily:** The next Policy committee meeting is Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm at Central Office. At our last meeting we reviewed the Structure and Guidelines and Major Motions for references to interpretation budgeting and selections. We did not find any references that address the selection process or payment of interpretation services.

We also read and reviewed Concept 4. We shared experiences of the application of the "Right of Participation" in our groups, the committee, and the Area.

Emily shared her results regarding how other Area's guidelines for tax filings and sent the information to Roxanne and Paul. 12 Areas listed in their Guidelines the position responsible for compiling and filing tax returns. All 12 listed the Treasurer as the position that compiles the tax return. 2 Areas has the Area Chair sign the tax return. The other 10 had the treasurer submit the tax return.

**Translation:** Alex: We have been assisting the area website with Translation. Let us know if we need to make changes. We got a new volunteer. We lost one person. We meet again on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

## **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Pay increase for the Interpreters for the Area Assembly and committee.

### INTERPRETATION FINANCIAL INCREASE REQUEST FOR 2015

Dear San Diego/Imperial Area 08 Assembly,

Bryana Gonzalez and I, Marie Ayon have been working for Area 08 as interpreters with wages that have not increased over a period of 8-10 years.

We ask the Assembly to take a look at the new sensible rates in order to adjust our own cost of living augment and be somewhat reasonable in salary to the most up-to-date interpretation industry.

The old rates were \$100.00 Dlls per ACM (only 1 interpreter), which takes place after normal working hours, starting at 7:00PM and ending no later than 10PM, and we are asking the new rate of **\$125.00 Dlls**. Also, the old rate of the Area Assembly were \$200.00 per interpreter (2 needed), which it starts at 8:00AM and ending no later than 5:00PM, we are asking the new rate **of \$250.00 Dlls. each**.

We ask you to consider the distinctive challenges we face as interpreters, which you may ignore. Our working/ speaking hours are long and tiresome, sometimes with poor room acoustics, excessive background noise, inability to listen to the spokesman (no microphone, not speaking clearly), constant mobility in order to avoid static on the system, continuous subtle interruptions due to lack of a leader assigned specifically to attend the different needs of the listeners and the equipment malfunction (needing batteries, change of component, etc.), and the most important is failure to get the material beforehand readily available (from the different speakers that are scanning their own written information) in order to be fully organized and give an enhanced service.

We joyfully and willingly work with the Officers and all members of Area 08, asking for conscious awareness on the above concerns, granting us the collaboration and financial request we are seeking in order to serve you better.

Discussion takes place.

Request from District 11 to have the Area 8 website solicit feedback for the Delegate conference Agenda items in an attempt to involve groups that have no GSRs.

What's on your mind? (Open Sharing)

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Monty C., Panel 64 Area 8 Secretary and Alicia H., Alt. Secretary.*