

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the June 18, 2015 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:01 pm by Roxane R., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read in Spanish by Steve and in English by Raul. 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: Michelle (Registrar)

Michelle, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 8 Officers were in attendance, 20 DCMs, and 11 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 May 2015 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 ACM minutes were emailed out. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for May 2015 as amended. The motion was approved as amended. *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at mcavalier2004@gmail.com.*

Master Calendar

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

Treasurer's Report: Butch, 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.

May 2015	May	YTD	2015 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,219.36	13,365.36	43,367.00	(30,001.64)
Individual contributions:	40.00	465.25	.00	.00
District contributions:	795.00	1,387.00	.00	.00
Total contributions:	3,054.36	15,217.61	43,367.00	(28,149.39)

Total budgeted expenses:	3,066.54	16,935.26	43,366.60	(26,431.34)
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-12.18	-1,717.65		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	2,080.87	.00	0.00
Total expenses:	3,066.54	19,016.13	43,366.60	(26,431.34)
Contributions less total expenses:	-12.18	-3,798.52		
Total Cash Balance: May 2015	5,678.24			

Alternate Delegate's Report: Jane G. See report attached in English and Spanish

Liaison Committee Reports:

Coordinating Council: Steve: Since group contributions are in line with the budget we are continuing the 10% discount through August. The June book of the month is "Living Sober" on sale for \$3.25. The June pamphlet of the month is "Problems Other Than Alcohol" for 5 cents each. The July book of the month is "Experience Strength and Hope" on sale for \$5.00. The July pamphlet of the month is "This is AA" for 5 cents each. Also there is a need for daytime phone volunteers on alternate Saturdays 1pm to 5 pm anyone interested should call Central Office. The Founder's Day Picnic on June 13th was a success in the South Bay. After the Area assembly in May the extra water was donated to us for the picnic. I want to thank the Area and the hosting districts for their generosity.

North County Intergroup: Not present

East County Intergroup: Gary: The last Business Meeting of the East County Intergroup was held on June 11, 2015. The Business Meeting time has been changed to accommodate more members' schedule. Discussed contribution to Unity Day

The Intergroup was invited by District 11. The next meeting will be on July 9th, 2015 at the *Step by Step Serenity & Beyond* Shop in Santee @ 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Oficina Central Hispana: Leticia: Not present

Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Raul: We have 18 which are will represent. We meet every Wednesday. Four committees are working will. 15 to 20 calls per week. We get English calls also but are forwarding to English central office. We have the events working on our anniversary party on July 19 at the Intergroup office in North County.

Oficina Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Not present

NSYPAA: Riley: We are still around. We meet this Sunday. We could use some support. We are willing to help with the area events if necessary. We have meeting at all of our events.

Bid for ICYPAA: not present.

Native American Liaison: Daniel: Not present

Birthdays: Two 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: 8:30pm Resumed Meeting at 8:45pm

Concept 6 was read in long for in English by Bill and Spanish by Alex.

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

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District 1: Jerry: We had 15 attendees at our last meeting, including Paul, our finance committee. Paul explained how budget requests are reviewed and changed by the Finance committee. Our GSRs have difficulty reading the financial reports with the minus signs. We're looking forward to the upcoming "Meet the delegate" workshop on Saturday June 20th and our Delegates visit to an upcoming District meeting.

District 2: Scott: Nothing new to report. District is helping other districts with events. Doing great.

District 3: Guy: Discussed the miss communication between Districts on who was going to Host the Election Area Assembly. Received word that District 21 will be the host and 3 and 22 will assist. 2. Penciled in Monday July 6th as District Meeting for visit of Finance Committee visit. 3. Penciled in Monday August 3 for Delegate to visit our District 4. Discussed and voted on a Picnic Speaker Meeting at Dixon Park on July 12th, 12:00 to 3:30. Food, Speaker, & Friendship, bring a dish to pass if you like. 5. Discussed items that District 3 GSRs may want on the Area Website. A work in progress.

District 4: Kevin: Our meeting day has changed to the 1st Tuesday instead of Wednesdays each month. Lots of discussion o Post Conference Agenda items that were approved and those that did not have action taken. We also assigned servants for the Sponsorship workshop for parking. We are hosting along with districts 5, 6, 14 & 15. Jason from Finance will be out the visit the district to discuss the Area 8 Budget.

District 5: Colin: There was no May meeting due to a conflict with Memorial Day. Colin visited the District 14 Those Too" planning meeting to coordinate Inclusion efforts in the Area. District 5 will focus its efforts on an Inclusion Writers Workshop to be held on December 5th from 9:00 - Noon at a venue to be announced.

District 6: Helen: Small meeting, Karen from Literature came to the district to visit. New Alternate, minutes and agenda are posted on area website, tested google list, planning sponsorship workshop.

District 7: Dennis: Received a visit from the Literature Committee Chairman Karen, who gave a very informative report. Next month's meeting will be on the second Friday instead of the first Friday because of the holiday and the International Convention. Next meeting will be July 10th.

District 8: Chris: Not present

District 9: Lorie: Not present.

District 10: Allan: We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We quickly voted and approved participating in "Donuts with the Delegate" in September. Butch gave a very thorough budget presentation.

District 11: Janedra: The GSRs expressed an interest in asking an East County Intergroup representative to attend our next meeting so we could learn more about what to do. We've issued and they've accepted our invitation. We are planning 3 events: Movie Night "Bill's Story" July 17th, Donuts with the Delegate in September (date to be announced) and a Meditation Workshop in November (date to be announced) Lucky (who is a GSR and on the finance committee) will discuss the Area budget at our next meeting.

District 12: George: We met on 6/4/15 at 6:30 pm. There were 12 in attendance. Jeremy did a presentation on concept 6. Shelli agreed to chair the Emotional Sobriety Workshop in October.

District 13: Julie: Discussed Area Assembly Planned Secretary workshop we are holding at Mira Mesa Alano Club July 11th, 2015 Flyer created. Tasks distributed

District 14: Eric: 7 attendance, discussed sponsorship workshop, those too workshop, budget assembly, our involvement and tasks at hand. C.E.C. Reported. Revised intro letter for potential facilities and contact with area 5 gave ok to use power point presentation.

District 15: Roberto: We are meeting every week. The committees are full. Five committees at the our district participate in the district. Discussed various topics

District 16: Linda: We meet the 1st Monday of the month @ 6-7:30pm, we had 15 GSRs & 1 new alt GSR, our guest Paul K Finance Chair went over the 2016 Area Proposed Budget with us, the GSR's had many questions which Paul answered. "The ROOT BEER FLOATSOCIAL w/ Delegate" this Sat. June 20th 1-3pm, is ready to go, District 1 is hosting it with us. Also District 16 is having a "Torrey Pines Walk" Sun June 28 @ 7:30am, if good participation we will plan one a month. Labor Day Picnic coming up and another workshop design for the members of the groups in Oct.

District 17: Not present

District 18: Efrain: The committee on General Service has formed, there will e information on function of the GSR. GSR's are keeping their groups informed on General Service. We are also keeping busy for the Area Assembly in November. We have the following committees: Archives, PI, H&I, La Vina, CPC.

District 19: Harlan: 16 GSRs and officers attended the District meeting held on June 2, 2015. The district approved a working budget and a fiscal year running from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The Concept Boot Camp committee has received support from groups in the district to pursue a series of concept workshops to be held on four consecutive Saturdays in October 2015. The district voted to extend its monthly meeting to 90 minutes, beginning in June. The district co-hosted the Post-Conference Assembly held on May 30, 2015. 1 officer, 15 GSRs and 2 guests attended the Assembly while nearly 15 volunteers showed up to help with the set-up, lunch and break down after the event.

District 20: Eddie: Not present

District 21: Brian: DCM Report - Jill attended the ACM and Area Assembly as Alternate DCM in my absence. Most of the Assembly was devoted to Dean's report back from the conference. One item of note, however, was from our Regional Trustee, Joel, who proposed a writers' workshop for a future Area activity. Topics presented at the past Area Committee Meeting were: the Central Office needs phone volunteers for alternate Saturdays, so call them if interested; more discussion concerning an increase for oral translation payment by 25%; District 18 will host the November Election Assembly, so we will host the January 2016 Orientation Assembly along with Districts 3 & 22; The Proposed 2016 budget for the Area was presented and a member of the finance committee will attend our district meeting to present/discuss the proposed budget; Unity Day plans are still being discussed – targeting a date in August and will probably take a workshop format, with all the Area Committees participating in some way.

Old Business – Nominations/Election for new Treasurer: Harry will be moving, so we nominated and approved a new treasurer – Simon Bailey from the Wednesday Beginners Meeting at St. Bart's.

Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings – Brian went to the Poway Women's Meeting on Saturday and provided the GSR recruitment documents to a member to present at the meeting. No report back from them.

New Business – Our Delegate, Dean, reported to us on his conference experience. He brought his newsletter, which is a good tool for bringing the conference information back to our groups. Dean stressed the importance of the GSR report on the conference and suggested reviewing his entire summary before making a report to our groups – to try to pass on the "spiritual experience" of the conference rather than just the business aspect. He stressed that the reason we have a conference is to be able to help the alcoholic who is still "out there"...

There was further discussion of the agenda item about raising the limit for individual contributions. Some thought that this would make the individual contribution "more important" in some minds than the group contributions. Also, the total number of these contributions is not great – there is very little impact on AA as a whole. We also discussed the "new generation" in AA – using the current technology to support sobriety, with texting, reading the BB on electronic media, etc. Thank you, Dean, for taking the time to share your conference experience with us!!

Round Table Sharing – Was cancelled due to time.

The Big Day (Budget) Assembly will be on September 12th.

Our next meeting will be postponed one week from our usual time to July 9, 2015 due to some members attending the International Conference and others being absent/out of town.

District 22: Daniel: Discussion on hosting assembly. Discussed possible movement of meeting location.

District 23: Heather: We were very grateful to have Paul from the Finance Committee join us to present the proposed Area budget for 2016. We took that opportunity to review the AA Guidelines on Finance and the pamphlet "Where Money and Spirituality Mix". I presented the status of our treasury as we are still without treasurer. I expressed that I am very uncomfortable with the fact that I am the sole signer on our account. My expense report from PRAASA and General DCM activities was approved. As I am in the position where I had to write a check to myself, I had a GSR sign my reports and a statement that she was present with me as I wrote the check for treasury records.

We had old business that dealt with group treasurers' concerns that they have uncashed checks written to our district. I explained that this is likely due to the vacant treasury position and that I am in the process of sorting those checks out and will provide a detailed report to the group next month. This gave us a great segue into the Area's lost mail situation. I printed a copy of the email for GSRs to deliver to their treasurers (omitting the last names of the area chair and treasurer) and will provide them to each treasurer of unrepresented groups as I visit them. Also, we voted to develop a brief informational flyer for our district to invite unrepresented meetings to our district meeting and to provide general district information and basic general service education.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Renee: The Accessibilities Committee continues to be well attended and we are keeping busy with our many projects. We have decided on the time, place and topic of our annual October Workshop. It will be held October 24th at the Deaf Community Services Building from 10am until 1pm and the title is "Reaching Out with Meetings To Go." It will be instructional about this program and there will be refreshments and a skit included.

Agenda: Paul: May 2015- Reviewed the Agenda for the May 2015 Area Committee Meeting with the Alt. Area Chair Gonzalo C. through the committee process and discussion, it was recommended to follow with the 2016 ACM Budget Presentation and discussion after the Treasurers Financial Report • Reviewed the Agenda for the Post-Conference Assembly with Area Delegate Dean B.

June 2015- Reviewed and discussed the Agenda for the June 2015 Area Committee Meeting with the Alt. Area Chair Gonzalo C. • Reviewed and discussed the Agenda Committee's 2016 Budget Request • Review the 2016 Conference Theme, Presentation/Discussion Topics and the Workshop Topic Theme for the 2016 General Service Conference: "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts." Presentation/Discussion Topics for the 2016 General Service Conference: a. Connecting With the Newcomer: 1. All Inclusive – Never Exclusive 2. Are We Doing Enough to Help the Newcomer – Are We Going to Any Length? 3. Home Group – Where It Begins b. Connecting With Each Other: 1. Singleness of Purpose – Staying Pertinent in a Changing World 2. Informed Group Conscience – The Key to Unity 3. Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service c. Connecting With A.A. as a Whole: 1. Participating in All of A.A. 2. Understanding Self-Support 3. Reaching Out to the Next Generation of A.A.s The workshop topic for the 2016 General Service Conference "Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation."

Archives: Linda: We met at Central Office this month, the meeting was all about ROOT'S, which is Nov. 22. We planned our committees, working off the check list to make sure all is in order. We would like to ask the Area if anyone knows or anyone with 40years + who hasn't spoken at ROOT's in the past, let us know.

CPC: Ted: The CPC Committee did not meet in May because our meeting fell on Memorial Day May 25, 2015. However three members of the committee Ted, Eric, and Jill spoke to a large group at Sharp Grossmont Hospital on June 2. We received a request from Pastor Jeff at Sharp Grossmont to come and educate the social workers about AA. Attending were about 30 social workers as well as another 10-15 people connected with the Spiritual Care office at Sharp Grossmont. Those attending received CE credit and a speaking stipend was offered which we refused.

In an effort to engage other hospitals with spiritual care offices I sent AA approved letters to hospitals making them aware of the CPC Committee and what we offer. The return address is the District 8 office which I hope is not a 'black hole'.

Finance: Paul K: Tanya, the alt chair is putting together a spreadsheet of the area's capitol equipment. She has sent out a request to several Officers and Committee Chairs asking for information on the whereabouts of the equipment and has not received many replies. Please get them back to her.

We have started our district Budget presentation and will be contacting all the DCM's about visiting your meeting. This needs to be completed no later the 60 days prior to the Budget Assembly in September.

We have gotten two motions presented to the Policy Committee and approved. They will be presented to you at the next Area Committee Meeting. They will have to do tax filing and keeping tax records.

Grapevine/LaViña: LaVeare: will email

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.

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.

We have not had any activity since the last ACM. We are looking forward to participating in the Unity Day Service Potluck in August.

Information Technologies: Bill: will email

Literature: Karen: Thank you to the districts that I got to visit. We have received a new member. The committee needs support.

NCAIC (H & I): Suzanne: NCAIC in the black for the month of June and for 2015 (Finances) Thanks Chris for a wonderful report NCAIC will be updating their website to include a possible newsletter and other items--More details in July

They will also participate in Unity Day and have voted to contribute \$250 toward the event

NCAIC will have two tables at Unity Day. 2 members will be manning the Service Fair Table and 1 member will be leading a roundtable concurrently at the Aug 29th event

The committee also discussed process of getting Literature to the Panel Coordinators

Caresse Q., Treatment Chair, had added on three new panels. One at Pomarero which will meet Wed nights 7pm. La Posada Spanish speaking panel is doing well, the same facility wants an English speaking panel as well.

There will be California Life panel in Valley Center--details will follow soon. Caresse has been busy connecting with the Panel Coordinators to make sure they have their needs met.

Newsletter: Ray: Not present. Sent an email - I have not been able to attend the ACM meeting and some assembly's.

As a chair I feel I should attend. I am willing to continue my service as chair, just thought I should let everyone know that it will probably be like this for some time. I will step down if necessary or just continue on.

Policy: Emily: The next Policy committee meeting is Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30pm online. At our last meeting we reviewed two new motions for amendments to the Structure and Guidelines. One to add the responsibility of compiling and submitting the annual tax return to the Treasurer's job responsibilities and the other to add the responsibility of maintaining 7 years of tax returns to the Finance committee responsibilities. These motions are ready for the Area Committee Meeting to review. We discussed the research and help needed to create a document for Area Assembly Setup Guidelines. We are looking to all current and past Area officers and DCMs for any documentation regarding Area Assembly Setup Guidelines.

Translation: Alex: Our last meeting was June 16th. We had lots of documents to translate. Thanks you.

Delegate's Report: Dean B: See report attached in English and Spanish.

Chairperson's Report: Roxane R. See report attached in English and Spanish

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.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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