

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm by Colin M. Alt. Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read in Spanish by Delin, Colin asked if we could dispense the English Vision of the Twelve Traditions, all agreed.

**Roll Call: Alicia (Registrar)**

Alicia, Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee. Suzanne R. kept track of who was present. *Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.*

19 DCM's, 7 Officer's, 12 Committee Chair's

**Report on April Area Committee Minutes: Linda, Alt. Secretary**

- April minutes were received from Heather, Area Secretary in English and Spanish
- Linda announced May minutes are in translation.
- *All District, Standing Committee, and other reports may be submitted at <http://www.area8aa.org/districtcommittee-electronic-submission-form/> or directly to via email at [balkybetty@gmail.com](mailto:balkybetty@gmail.com). Or [roysdon45@yahoo.com](mailto:roysdon45@yahoo.com)*

**Treasurer's Report: Hugo, (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.
- Have your group get or find out what there GSO six digit code it. It will help the incoming Treasurer.

<b>May 2016</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	2,719.07	15,406.32	42,500.00	-27,093.68
Individual contributions:	0.0	501.28	.00	501.28
District contributions:	0.0	857.55	.00	857.55
Total contributions:	2,719.07	16,765.15	42,500.00	-25,734.85

Total budgeted expenses:	196.70	14,707.29	42,500.00	- 27,792.71
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	2,522.37	2,057.86		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	100.00	.00	
Total expenses:	196.70	14,807.29	42,500.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	2,522.37	1,957.86		
Total Cash Balance: May 2016	12,413.50			
Spanish Women's Workstop	0.00	300.00		

### **Master Calendar**

- The master Calendar was emailed out by the Colin, Alternate Chair. It's posted on the area website.
- 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: Jane G:** "No report, I want you to talk to me". "Let's focus on how we have less than 10% of groups that don't contribute to Area. These groups may not know what the Area does with 12 Step work in our committees." "What does GSO for the Individual or the Groups" do. I like the fact that the Delegate got right into the point//Can you explain the process of the GS Conference//WOW it takes \$7.14 contributions from each person to be self supporting// On July 14 it is suggesting for members to send \$7.14 to GSO// Re-districting may help with participation See attachment for English and Spanish.e report

**Alternate Delegate's Report: Roxanne R.** Colin M. read Roxanne's report. See report attached in English and Spanish.

**Alt. Chairperson's Report: Colin M.** Implementation of motions that past at the June Area Assembly, there will be a report back in July. The Nov 12th fis the date for the Budget Assembly has no venue yet. Colin will reconfirm the Policy for the bidding of Area Assembly's, check with the S&G to make sure we follow through with the Policy, he will make sure it's on the July ACM Agenda. See report attached in English and Spanish.

**Coordinating Council:** Precious: Liaison Committee Reports: July's Book of the Month is "Experience, Strength & Hope" on sale for \$5.00 regularly \$7.00. After Hours Phones is looking for a group to take the 9pm to 9am shift on the 4th of each month. Mid-term elections were conducted in order to refresh and fill our Standing Committee service positions

**North County Intergroup:** Linda R. NC Intergroup Liaison: New Outreach Chair is trying to reach out to Districts for Intergroups Reps, she will come to your District & group mtgs to explain the responsibilities as an Intergroup Rep. Contact: [alexandrap@nosdco-aa.org](mailto:alexandrap@nosdco-aa.org) or 760-815-3164, also the NC After Hour Phone Committee needs 12th Step-Carrying the message- volunteers. Contact: [keng@nosdco-aa.org](mailto:keng@nosdco-aa.org).

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: Attendance Officers and 3 IGR's, last mtg June 9, 2016. We discussed 12 Step Outreach and talked about the 12 Step calls we had received last month. It was announced that the trustees' literature committee is seeking personal stories from our young members for a revised pamphlet. Gary gave a short Post-Conference Assembly report. Good news-Our finances are in the black.

**Oficina Central Hispánica:** Leticia:

**Oficina Intergrupar Condado Norte:** Raul: N/A

**Oficina Intergrupar Sur, Chula Vista:** Adalberto:

**NSYPAA:** Riley: We are holding it's annual Dodgeball event this Sat June 18th @ Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Oceanside, suggested donation \$10. We are continuing to help plan and participate in District 5 annual Sponsorship Workshop on July 31st. We are also excited to be a part of an event being held by District 1 & 2. We are also involved with filing up the young people's mtg slots for the SCAA convention Sept 23 & 24 @ the Town & Country.

**GSDYPAA:** Gabe: N/A

**Native American Liaison:** Daniel:

**Birthdays:** Three 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:** 8:35pm, resumed meeting at 8:50pm

**Concept 6** was read in short form in English by Jerry and Spanish by Breana.

**Colin M.** passed around a sheet to circulate to DCM's and Chairs to update their locations and times.

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

**District 1:** Jerry: Our last District mtg was June 14, 2016, with 10 GSR's, DCM, Treasurer & Registrar. We discussed the GSR Workshop in Oct. sponsored by District 19, voted to contribute \$50. We reviewed the 4 pg :Delegate's Report to Area Committee" and discussed it's use in GSR reports. Also copies were available from the General Service Conference "Report of Additional Committee Considerations" & "Conference Advisory Actions". Our new Workshop sponsored with District 2& "young people" is scheduled for Sept. 10. We reviewed a slide decl entitled "Our 7th Tradition: Is AA Really Self-Supporting"

**District 2:** Sutton: We had 6 GSR's & 1 visitor, last mtg was 6/6/16. Group discussed Workshop to be held tentatively on Sept 10th @ the Carlsbad Senior Center. This workshop will be hosted by Districts 1, 2 & YPAA, topic "What I Know Now That I Wish I'd Know in my 1st Year of Sobriety." In addition District 2 will be hosting the Labor Day picnic in Carlsbad @ Calaveras Park on Monday, Sept. 5th. GSR's volunteered to be on the planning committee for both the workshop and picnic. Lisa our visitor from District 1 shared her experience from the last workshop District 1 held. Handouts for the Sign Language Fund was disturbed. GSR's will report back next month after presenting the idea of the Gold Can to their groups.

**District 3:** Maureen: N/A

**District 4:** Jason: N/A

**District 5:** Tanya: 1 new GSR. Discussed all the motions that were presented at the June Assembly, discussed the progress of planning the Sponsorship Workshop & talked about the importance of getting the Master Calendar out to our groups. It's not only important to encourage attendance to events but it shows our members what 12 Step work the Area and Districts are doing, as well as how their 7th Tradition is benefiting the area.

**District 6:** Renee: We met June 13th. 7 people were in attendance. We talked about the Sponsorship Workshop, discussed going to other mtgs, seeing about their mtgs being represented by a GSR. We talked about inviting guest to our District.

**District 7:** Dennis: District 7 met on June 3 with 5 people present. Sponsorship Workshop and how much we wanted to contribute with no decision made due to questions GSR's had. Our next mtg will be on the 2nd Fri. in July rather than the 1st Fri due to the Holiday weekend.

**District 8:** Chris: will send

**District 9:** Art: N/A

**District 10:** Elke: The last Business mtg of District 19 was on June 14, the next mtg will be on July 12th at the St Alban's Episcopal church @ 5:30. We read and discussed Tradition 6 and Concept 6. GSR's gave their reports. 2 new GSR's. Registra emailed updated group reports with contact information. There are still some "Dark" mtgs. To visit. Elke gave an ACM/DCM report and informed the District about a recent visit at the Accessibilities Committee. Jo Ann DCM District 12 visited and asked for \$100 to fund ASL expenses at the Emotional Sobriety Workshop. A motion was to contribute \$50 was seconded and passed.

**District 11:** Cindy alt DCM: Due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend, our May mtg was moved to June 6th. 11 GSR's were in attendance. We confirmed the invitation of the past Delegate to attend our next mtg to share with us their experience with guiding a group conscience. The group voted to add an additional 30 minutes to the normal mtg time for this purpose. Next mtg June 27th.

**District 12:** Joanne: Last mtg was 6/2/16, 7 GSR's in attendance, we are continuing to plan Big-Day-working on locatio. Oct 1st Emotional Sobriety Workshop in San Carlos, finalizing flyer.

**District 13:** Julie: The Secretary Workshop rehearsal and planning is how we spent our mtg.

**District 14:** Gerry: Held the District 14 business mtg May 25th @ 6:30pm. Attendance: 5 GSR's, 2 guest-11 total. Reported on the last AMC. Attended the Post-Conf Assembly and attended the Policy Committee mgt.

**District 15:** Ricard: on area 8 web page

**District 16:** Dona Marie:

**District 17:** N/A

**District 18:** Ever: 8 attendance. We had to elect an alt. DCM who is Abran. Our alt DCM Lorena stepped down from service. We are having visits to our groups and sharing flyers on our 8th Local Forum. We have 20 in attendance last mtg.

**District 19:** Jerry:

**District 20:** Eddie: We have 3 new GSR's. To gain control of our mtg, we have assigned a timekeeper, since our group is getting larger. Formed 3 committees, 1) what is the difference between a mtg and a group 2) is to create community activities based on a theme 3) is recruiting new GSR's training new members to become GSR's. We will start reading 12 Traditions and have a 10 minute discussion on all of them.

**District 21:** Brian: We welcomed Jane, our Delegate. She shared her experience from the GSC and answered our questions. Topics discussed: Feasibility Study, Plain Language Big Book, Edit of Concept XI. We discussed Area finances and why there is difficulty with the participation at the Area level as well as at the national level. This was an interesting, stimulating and informative discussion. Thank you again Jane. Our next mtg is July 7, 2016

**District 22:** Linda:

**District 23:** Chuck: We had a visit from Area 8 Grapevine Rep. Sandra A. We had a discussion of the last area Assembly and we did documentation updates for unrepresented meetings

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Renee: N/A

**Agenda:** Paul: Reviewed the progress of the draft Template for proposing a General Service Conference Agenda Item. Name the Theme for the 2020 International Convention-Deadline Oct. 3, 2016. Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about a theme for 2020 International Convention celebration of AA's 84th Anniversary in Detroit Michigan July 2-5, 2020. Send your ideas to: International Conventions, Assignments, PO Box 459 Grand Central Station, NY.

**Archives:** Rick alt. Chair: Roots- Nov 20, 2016, Paul C is confirmed to speak. Proposed- Interpreters available upon request 1 week in advance & that be an unbudgeted item.

**Information Technology:** Bill: **will sent**

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:** Ted: The CPC Committee did not meet in May. We did ask for the Area Treasurer and Finance Committee to re-evaluate the 2017 proposed budget for CPC. The proposed 40% cut in the CPC budget will not allow for seniors to attend significant AA functions nor participate in unscheduled professional conferences

**Policy:** Tony: We met on Tues June 7th @ the Denny's on El Cajon Blvd. There were 5 people in attendance. We started to revise the Area Structure & Guidelines in regards to the motions passed at the June Area Assembly. We also reviewed 2 fliers.

**Finance:** Paul: **sent**

**Grapevine/La Viña: Sandy A.:** Our committee meets on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 at San Diego Central Office and once per quarter we meet in North County hosted by a committee member. If you wish to attend our meeting, call me at 619 887-2683 to confirm the location. The area 8 website also has the schedule of when we meet. We listened to a report from our Imperial district RLV/GVR Mario who serves with Corrections at both prisons- Centinella and Calipatria, and has begun to bring meetings into the jails. He traveled 2 hours in each direction just to meet with us. His work is wonderful and he inspires and teaches us truly what it means to serve. The Grow Your Grapevine Initiative is rolling along with Western Ontario smoking everybody with 116 cards so far followed by Western Missouri with 31 and Nevada with 10. Area 8? 0 cards. The Jaywalkers and the Incomprehensibles invite you to join us or form your own team. What about an Area Committee team? We could call ourselves the On and Ons! The most popular activity is Introduce someone to the Grapevine followed by use a Grapevine book or GV daily quote for a topic in a meeting. You can buy a subscription for an alcoholic in need and give it to our Delegate and she will get it to the committee or individuals who are not capable of subscribing and desperately want it. This is a great way to use some of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds in utilizing the only way the Grapevine receives support. The newest book has arrived 'Un Dia a la Vez' for LaVina. "One Day at a Time" commemorates La Vina's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is the collection of stories from over the past 9 years from the growing and vibrant Hispanic community. It sells for \$10.99. Stories from those who have been sober in remote communities and for the holiday issue how you stay sober and are of service during the holidays. The deadline is July 5<sup>th</sup>. This month's issue for grapevine and LaVina is the Prison issue.

**NCAIC (Hospitals and Institutions): Suzanne:** We are asking for more volunteers for our board NCAIC as many officers will be rotating out in Dec. Most of our panels are full with the exception of the Women's Recovery Center, Oceanside, it is a panel that meets every Sat. at 7pm. NCAIC will be at Unity Day Aug. 27th. Check out our website- [nchandi.org](http://nchandi.org)

**SD (Hospitals and Institutions): Chris:** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2016 and our current minutes and financial reports, including a listing of group contributions. You should be able to access it directly, or through a link from either the Area website or the Central Office website. For more information or questions: [www.sdhandi.org](http://www.sdhandi.org) Chris.saindon@gmail.com or 619 928 7840. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Literature: Karen:** We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 6:30pm at San Diego Central Office. All members are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact me @ [literature8@area8aa.org](mailto:literature8@area8aa.org). This past month the committee developed a workshop for the purpose of educating AA Group Literature Representatives called: 'New Literature Person



*Orientation'*. The 40 minute workshop premiered before the start of the June 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly, it was a big hit. Everyone enjoyed the interactive format of the workshop. We just added the newly revised version of Markings on the Journey to our DVD library. This video, and several others, are available for showing at your group's' meetings, workshops or social gatherings. Contact the literature committee if your group would like to host a Movie event .Next literature meeting will be 06/20/2019

**Newsletter:** Monty: Our committee meet on 5/24/16. We discussed completing the newsletter for the Area Assembly, We have 2 new members. We are very excited. If you haven't written an article for the Newsletter, please consider writing one. It will need to be on General Service, about 750 words.

**Translation:** The Translation Committee last month translated 31 documents (21 slides) last month ACM minutes (8 pages) 1 Flyer and today's report from our Alt delegate Roxanne. Also I have an announcement, after 2 years & 6 months of serving the community as a translator chair I'm rotating out so, we have a new chair tonight and her alt. Their names are Maria H. & Joey K. they will be in charge of the translation committee for the rest of the term. I want to thank all the AMC for letting me be of service for the last 30 months in this journey and sometime challenges.

Colin: He hasn't had a chance to meet with the Insurance Ad-Hoc committee, because has been busy because other priorities came up, he can use more volunteers, so contact him if you are available.

**Motion to establish an "Ample financial reserve" for the Area,** presented by Jerry M.

Originally it went to the Feb. ACM has been in process since then. "There was additional discussion regarding the Prudent Reserve Proposal and use of the words "Prudent Reserve" versus using a term used in the Concepts of "ample financial reserve". After some discussion, it was agreed that Jerry M of District 1, as the author of the proposal, has sole responsible for any updated wording changes to the original content, based on feedback received. The purpose of the ACM itself is to offer feedback and assessing the readiness for moving the proposal forward to the Assembly. The ACM did not approve the proposal as currently written, but voted to allow the proposal to be brought to the next Assembly. The final wording will be presented to all attendees of the Area Assembly, followed by open discussion, and a vote, if a quorum is determined. If the proposal is approved at the Assembly, the next steps require GSRs taking the final proposal back for individual group votes, consistent with our policy on requirements to change any portion of the Area Structure and Guidelines. This is the same process followed for the recent changes to the structure and guidelines on financial responsibilities related to tax returns. The final proposal is then represented at the next Area Assembly for the required vote of AA group member, as carried by their elected GSRs.

**Closing:** Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Linda R., Panel 66 Alternate Area 8 Secretary and Suzanne R., Alternate Chair NCAIC*