

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee - Minutes of the March 17, 2016 Meeting
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

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

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:06 pm by Emily B., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Tradition Two was read in Spanish by Efrain and in English by Gerry. 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: Alicia H. (Registrar)

Alicia, Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 9 Officers were in attendance, 18 DCMs, and 8 Committee Chairs were present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit email addresses to registrar also. *Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.*

Report on December 2015 and February 2016 Area Committee Minutes: Heather S. (Secretary)

- December 2015 minutes were distributed per the roster on February 18, 2016. February 2016 minutes were distributed per the roster on March 17, 2016. Both were approved. *All District, Standing Committee, and other reports may be submitted directly to via email at balkybetty@gmail.com or at <http://www.area8aa.org/districtcommittee-electronic-submission-form/>*

Treasurer's Report: Hugo, (Treasurer)

- Written report submitted.

	February	YTD	2016 Budget	Variance w/ Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,345.38	5,951.28	42,500.00	-36,548.72
Individual contributions:	188.70	331.36	0.00	311.36
District contributions:	195.00	667.00	0.00	667.00
Total contributions:	2,729.08	6,929.64	42,500.00	-35,570.36
Total budgeted expenses:	1,821.21	6,805.56	42,500.00	-35,694.44
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	907.87	124.08		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	100.00	100.00	0.00	
Total expenses:	1,921.21	6,905.56	42,500.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	807.87	24.08		
Total Cash Balance:	9,671.85			

Master Calendar, Colin M., Alternate Chair

- DCM and Officer Workbooks were distributed. The Master Calendar was distributed by email. It is posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website (www.area8aa.org) for the most up to date information.

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

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

Chairperson's Report: Emily B. See report attached in English and Spanish.

Spring Round Up: Mike invited all to join in the spirit of unity to attend Jane's talk on Friday night.

Liaison Committee Reports: (Submitted reports digitally or on report form)

Coordinating Council: Precious: April's Book of the Month is "Daily Reflections" on sale for \$8.25 regularly \$10.25. Remember to donate your old Grapevines. Myself and Elke the DCM for District 10 made a presentation for a group who wanted clarification as to the meaning of "Conference Approved Literature" and the status of other materials generated by our local entities.

North County Intergroup: Linda: NC Central Office has free 2016 calendars. Public Information Chair Bob needs young people to go into HS, 1 yr sobriety requirement, also volunteers needed to Del Mar Fair AA booth. Alexandra new Outreach Chair will be visiting Districts to see where 12 Step work is needed. Ken G. NC Phone chair can always use volunteers for NC after hour phones.

East County Intergroup: No Report

Oficina Central Hispana: Bibiano: The San Diego central Office has 24 groups we meet every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We have 6 committees, step 12 Committee, literature, X Congreso, events, newsletter, and Corporation. Each working autonomously. Our business meetings are every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm we visited 3 groups per week, to inform them about our service and to motivate them. On January 23 we had our intergroup meeting, the Congreso Committee is working on their event that will take place on October 15 and 16. The events Committee is planning its AA # 82 event in conjunction with the 32th anniversary of our Intergroup Office of San Diego. That's all for now.

Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte: Pedro: We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We have a total of 19 groups, (only 13 with representation) including a new women's group recently open they meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at 534 W. Vista Way, Vista, Ca. 92083(Melrose Plaza). For more information contact Esther (Spanish) Bryana (English) or the (760) 547 – 6678 to the (760) 213-8356. Visit 1 group per week, we currently have 4 committees actively, Working Committee of 12 step literature, newsletter, Congress Committee and the Committee of the Corporation. We have volunteers for phone calls 24 hours a day. With an average of 8-12, 2-3 in English and Spanish.

Oficina Intergruppal Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: Attended their business mtg, which are held every Tuesday at 7:30-9pm. Working on 21st anniversary, March 23. She has invited the chair to attend Area Committee and she did last month.

NSYPAA: Riley: We are still planning our Cultural Diversity Workshop. The idea for the workshop is to have different speakers from different cultural backgrounds and have them talk about cultural barriers they've faced in Alcoholics Anonymous and in trying to get sober and how they've overcome those challenges. We are still seeking district co-hosts so if you're interested and would like us come pitch the idea at your district meeting please contact me. NSDYPAA will also be at the Spring Roundup. We will have a booth there and some of us will be speaking. We will also have our annual Dodgeball event likely in late June.

GSDYPAA: Gabe:

Native American Liaison: Position Available

Birthdays: three people 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:** 8:37pm, resumed meeting at 8:56pm Concept 3 was read in long for in English by Michelle and Spanish by Pedro.

What I learned at PRAASA Sharing Session: Higher power gave him things to work on and PRAASA was the perfect place to work them out. He had the opportunity to 'write it out' like our sponsors tell us to do. Was able to pass on information about inclusion at the open mic // Reinforced the purpose of paying people's expenses keeping the opportunity to serve AA at any level open to all // 1st PRAASA, primary takeaway was being able to reach out his hand to so many hands and feels a complete dissolution of fear to reach out his hand to the loners in the rooms. // It is our job to get GSB folks to feel what we are feeling in case they have forgotten. // 2nd PRAASA, struck this year by DCM round table meeting. Seems we are still lacking communication of how General Service works. Many were asking very basic questions and it concerned him. How are we informing our GSRs about our service responsibilities? // 1st PRAASA, It was like Disneyland. She wanted to ride all of the rides. The feeling of camaraderie with so many new people // 3rd PRAASA. Learned something about how to communicate with my friends. Went to round table in Spanish. It was very interesting. Big book revisions in Spanish version are very exciting. He is sharing all of this with his district and groups. // Isolated a bit, got to moderate the YPAA panel. One takeaway was personal responsibility. Every panel discussed it regardless of topic. // Going to the panel to hear well researched speeches and lively opinions. // This morning met with a woman who asked her for sponsorship and she put out the general service manual along with big book and 12 and 12. Highlighting that service is what we do here. // 1st PRAASA, was initially uncomfortable with getting there so early but realized her favorite part of PRAASA was Friday morning and was so grateful she didn't miss it. // 2nd PRAASA, was struck by what she learned about Grapevine and La Vina. The Spanish speaking community has a huge heart for La Vina. Was surprised to find out Grapevine is self supporting. La Vina is nearly self supporting. There are ways to donate subscriptions to people who need them and cannot afford them.

DISTRICT REPORTS: (Submitted reports digitally or on report form)

District 1: Jerry M.: We continue to experience some turnover of GSRs each month. Twelve attended our last meeting, along with all District Officers. Our main focus has been planning our "Living Without Fear" workshop, held on March 12th. It included 3 speakers, a Q&A session, and interactive breakout sessions. It was well attended (almost 80) and we received great feedback. GSRs continue to discuss General Service Conference topics, using a variety of strategies to gain feedback from those interested. We continue to educate that this is a year-round process. Our DCM recently attended a District Meeting in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. It's interesting to see differences in organizational responsibilities, management of 7th tradition funds, and level of GSR commitment to general service in other Areas.

District 2: Sutton: Pre-conference workshop for Districts 1, 2, 16 & 23 had 38 people in attendance. Reviewed Master Calendar, report on PRAASA attendance will be given at April meeting. Calaveras Park has been reserved for Labor Day Picnic September 5, committee to plan event will begin meeting in June. Discussed ideas on how to best present Agenda items to groups. GSRs reported on their groups.

District 3: Guy:

District 4: Jason: Discussed rallying participation of un-represented groups. Currently around 5%

District 5: Tanya: Sponsorship workshop: Set a date for July 31, 2016. Location: Marina Village Conference Center. As of right now Districts 14 & 15 have expressed interests to co-host. We are still looking for Districts that may want to co-host or give a small donation towards the expenses for the workshop. First planning meeting will be April 25 @ St. David's Church (5050 Milton St.) If your District wants to help support this wonderful event, please contact Tanya T, Dist 5 DCM. We read Concept 3 "Right of Decision" and had a great discussion on how it pertains to the upcoming GSO agenda items.

District 6: Renea: District 6 report. We met Monday March 14, 6:30pm at Denny's 1065 Camino Del Rio 5 were in attendance. We reviewed reports of ACM of last month. Discussion of sponsorship workshop coming with district 5. Talked about PRAASA. And discuss agenda items for groups to talk about.

District 7: Dennis: No Report

District 8: Chris: I was privileged to attend PRAASA in Washington, and was invited to present on panel 3. The experience took me back to college for a moment as I had to write a coherent research paper. I had never spoke in front of a crowd that size before, but with a little prayer and enlarged font, it was a success. District 8's regular meeting was canceled by my alternate, Ken B. The email conversation that followed pretty much covers the group's dissatisfaction with his decision. GSRs are diligently collecting an informed group conscience to bring to our upcoming assembly. Outreach to un-represented meetings continues with some success.

District 9: Art: Information about the preconference is going around to all meeting GSRs are collecting feedback Attendance is up in the Imperial Valley.

District 10: Elke: The last Business Meeting of District 10 was held on March 8th, 2016. The next meeting will be on April 12h, 2016 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in El Cajon, CA 92021 @ 5:30pm.// I would like to report following: Tradition 3 and Concept III were read and discussed. // DCM gave a short PRAASA report. // The GSRs reported on their visits to unrepresented groups within District 10 // We went over the motions to be reviewed by the groups for a group conscience vote at the June Post-Conference Assembly. // The GSRs exchanged their groups' views about the General Service Conference Agenda Items that were discussed at the Pre-Conference Workshops. The District is still researching means to get signatories off and on the bank account. // After a motion to adjourn the meeting we concluded with Responsibility Pledge.

District 11: Janedra: had a good meeting,,,good turn out,,,13 GSRs & 1 visitor,,,no birthdays,,,Lisa R, read Concept 2...Tim E. will read Concept 3 next month...I need to make more copies of the group history form to be able to give more to incoming GSRs...alt. GSR from Just Us Girls in Lakeside is praying about taking the treasurer's position because Sandi K. will be leaving us in August...all is somewhat quiet in the District...Bill H.-new GSR-Scripps Ranch Mens II-will be going to PRASSA...Carolyn W.-Just Us Girls Will be deploying soon-but alt. Cheryl comes to meetings now...Amber T.-Jump Start is having their 3rd annual BBQ in July...it states in our District structure and guidelines that we donate every year \$300 to the Xmas Alkathon...I received a financial budget from their treasurer...gave it to Sandi K...after everyone in the room looked at it...it showed that their venue rent had gone up...but it had been paid for next year and that left \$1300 not counting any donations yet to come...everyone didn't understand why we were giving them money and so was a lot of other groups...I explained that it was stated like that in our structure and guidelines...we would have to vote to strike it out...motion was made to vote...everyone voted yes but Lucky...when I asked her why...she said smiling, "JUsT cuz I'm on the Finance Committee"...everyone laughed...as far as District 12 support request...that was tabled until next month so that Joe could go back to his District and get more information...like...are they requesting funds from anyone else...we are getting tight...German was telling us that he really doesn't want to have a workshop...he can't get his person to do a workshop-just a talk-short talk...some of the newer GSRs are getting antsy about wanting to go to "dark meetings"...I'm glad...

District 12: Joe (Alt DCM), Cindy H. from District 11 was there to discuss co-hosting "Big Day" Assembly with us. The motion was brought to the floor and passed. Discussed hosting an "Emotional Sobriety workshop, what the estimated cost would be, co-hosting with other district(s), and obtaining donations to support it. How much the cost would be with ASL. Welcomed 3 new GSR's to the district.

District 13: Julie: Report from PRAASA Upcoming Area Assembly Issues coming up for vote - how to present to groups.

District 14: Gerry: At the District 14 Committee Mtg. held Feb. 24th, 2016 we had 7 GSR's present, 9 in attendance total. Read and discussed "Concept 2 and Tradition 2". Elected a new Alt. DCM, Treasurer and Registrar. Discussed the 5 pending Motions and sent out the "Pre-Conference Agenda " items and requested they be communicated to the groups for group consciences at the upcoming Area Assembly. I asked for our district support in Co-Hosting the upcoming "Sponsorship Workshop". And last but not least, I want to invite and encourage all members to participate in the Meditation Workshop this coming Saturday, March 19th, 2016 which is hosted by the Harmony Group of our district.

District 15: Roberto: District 15 has 5 active committees CPC, PI, H&I, La Viña y Literature all five are functioning properly and responsibly. The district meets every Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and we have the 1st Friday of the month concepts study meeting.

District 16: Dona-Marie:

District 17: not represented

District 18: Herber: District 18 meets every Monday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our past meeting we had 10 GSRs, 4 Committees: Public Information, H&I and Archives. We visit 3 groups and 1 Committee. We had an attendance of 19 between GSRs and committee chairs. We're planning in the Foro 8 which will be on August, we'll know more details in our next meeting.

District 19: Jerry S.: We formally transitioned from our outgoing DCM, Harlan B. He was emotional in his share on service and the pain involved in letting go of his post. We elected a new Alt. DCM: Rose P. and a new Secretary: Margaret. We distributed a current form of all our currently registered meetings within the district and discussed reaching out to the inactive groups. A more formal review of our course of action will be discussed next month. We formed an ad-hoc committee to create/produce a GSR Workshop. As a member of the committee, I can report that we met since the District Meeting and created a Format and Topics to address. We meet again in early April. We are working on creating an ASL fund dedicated to serving our ASL GSR's and other ASL members within the district that might be interested in General Service.

District 20: Eddie:

District 21: Brian: Hugo attended our meeting to clarify some financial history and background concerning the "Inclusion & Contributions" motion presented at the Area Assembly. In addition, he explained the concept of a 'prudent reserve' with regards to the Area treasury. The GSR roundtable was held with many positive comments about the meetings and members discussed some different plans to present the GSC agenda items to our groups.. Our next meeting will be on April 7, 2016.

District 22: Linda: Mtg. 6pm 1st Tuesday, I went to PRAASA- District gave me \$500. I went to Pre-Conference Workshop, I shared with the group my info & we met on March 14 for a talk. Our registrar had to leave office.

District 23: Jim: 8 gsr's in attendance. We discussed reaching out to previously represented meetings which are now not attending. NSDYPAA pitched us on co sponsoring a cultural diversity workshop

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Submitted reports digitally or on report form)

Accessibilities: Jesse: Alt Dixie says no report

Agenda: Paul: Working on the creation of a possible General Service Conference Agenda Item for discussion, area 08 support and recommendation of "How Much Can a Group Contribute --Is there a Limit?" // Discussed supporting and working with YPAA on the possibility of ending the use of pamphlet P-37 "Too Young" // Agenda Committee reviewed the 2016 Conference Committee on Agenda Items A, B, C and D // Reviewed and discussed the Agenda for the February 2016 Area Committee Meeting // Reviewed and discussed the Pre-Conference Assembly Agenda with Area Delegate Area 08 Agenda Committee's recommendation for the 2017 General Service Conference Theme, Presentation and Workshop Topics be: Themes: Back to Basics // I am Responsible for AA's Future // Service & Unity – Having a Life Worth Living // Presentation/Discussion Topics: Inclusion; The Key to Unity // Valuing our Primary Purpose When the Only Requirement for Membership is the Desire to Stop Drinking // Does Recovery Stop at the Steps? // The Life I've Gained Through Service // Workshop Topics: Singleness of Purpose – Preserving Our Future // Spirit of Rotating on – There's More Work to Do // All In – Inclusive Never Exclusive

Archives: Anne: Archives Open House: Took place on March 12 1:00-3:00 PM. Archives committee spent time viewing contents of boxes and determining plan to organize existing, unorganized materials. Update on former Archivists car was broken into on December 2: Joe and Mike recreated lost items

Information Technology: Bill: 9 members in attendance. Provided 2 refurbished laptops to Finance and Translation. Elected new IT Alt Chair, Secretary and Registrar. Working on a budget item for new computer purchase and replacement. Video Conf for ACM still starting up

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Ted: CPC met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday Feb 29, 6:30-7:00pm at the A.A. Central Office. The main focus of the meeting was a discussion of the 5 items up for review and change at the General Service Conference pertaining to the CPC Committee. A large majority of the committee members present voted to retain the pamphlet "Three Talks To Medical Societies" even though the committee chairman and alternate chairman voted to recommend discontinuing the pamphlet. We also voted to approve the other 4 proposed items. We will be holding another vote on the Medical Societies issue. I briefed the committee on my participation in the ABA Convention "Friends of Bill" meetings in February along with the alt chairman. Also discussed were the April chaplaincy network conference booth staffing and assisting the Public Information committee with the NAMI walk in April.

Policy: Tony: No Report

Finance: Paul:

Grapevine/La Viña: Sandy: This Month's Grapevine focuses on the experience of long-term sobriety. There is a story called beautiful ripples that is not to be missed for its message. Did you know that you can try the GV out for 7 days for free? Next month the issue focuses on Relapsing. Stories about being young and sober are being solicited from the fellowship until April 5, and stories about being agnostic or atheist are being solicited through May 5. The March issue of LaVina is here and contains a special section on our service structure. Stories about the Third Legacy in the Hispanic Conventions, The principles of AA, Unity, Service and Recovery shine in the National Convention, are being solicited from the fellowship for the Sept/Oct. issue. Due by March 27th.

La Vina is celebrating 20 years! There is going to be a big celebration happening on July 23rd and 24th in Phoenix Arizona at the Holiday Inn Phoenix West hosted by District 16, Area 3 of Arizona. Lets plan to support and attend this event. Did you know that the art director for laVina is one of the most experienced and recognized in their field in the US for their work in Black and White? The Daily Quote in Spanish is available through sms texting. All you do is text AALV to 50555.

Hold onto your hats because there is a new contest going on with the Grapevine/ La Vina. Its called Grow your Grapevine. Its full of activities and events that any group, District, or Area can accomplish. The Arbor card gets filled out when the activities are done, get checked off on the card and sent in to GV. The area with the most arbor cards submitted gets a prize of a collection of literature. The contest for last year decreased the decline in subscription rate from 5% to 2%, well below the industry norm of 8%. The contest runs through February of 2017. Let's have some fun in service!

The best news of all is that the fellowship can sponsor/donate a subscription to those who cannot afford it, those who need it most, and to the committees who do the service work where the GV/LV is an essential vehicle for carrying the message such as H&I. If you, your group, your district, your area is looking for a phenomenal way to support the GV and carry the message, this is it. Remember the GV/LV is supported strictly through subscriptions, not the 7th tradition. It cannot accept donations, but we can now donate a subscription.

NCAIC (North County Hospitals and Institutions): Suzanne: 1. Our last meeting was in January so I have only a little info...Our website is live nchandi.org. check it out. Has the latest information on our panels in North County. 2. We plan on attending the So Cal H&I Conference in April, La Mirada, CA. 3. Save the Date: April 16. 2016 --NCAIC Orientation Area Assembly --starts at Noon.

SD (Hospitals and Institutions): Michelle: H&I is reviewing the 2016 Conference Agenda items related to H&I and Contact on Release and the Corrections Committee to give feedback to the Delegate. A parole officer attended the H&I Policy Council meeting to ask about starting meetings for those on parole. Our Chair, Chris S. attended PRAASA in Washington. The bank account has been transferred to the new Chair, Alt. Chair, Treasurer and Alt. Treasurer's names. H&I has orientation for AA members interested in serving on a panel the third Sunday of the month at noon at the Machinist Hall and the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 at Central Office. H&I has a panel on Saturday at the San Diego Spring Round-Up. The H&I Conference is April 8-10th in La Mirada, CA.

http://www.socalhandi.org/RF_H_I_Conference.html

Literature: Alt John: no report

Newsletter: Monty: Our last meeting was held on February 23rd. We had 4 people in attendance. The committee is currently working on the newsletter for the next Area Assembly.

We are still looking for articles from DCM, subcommittee chairs, and past delegates. Please submit an article for future use. We will also need persons who attended PRASSA to write an article about their experience. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks for allowing me to be of service

Translation: Alex: The translation committee has been grow since the last Orientation assembly in January. From 3 members to 9 which is a great relief in order to catch up with the ACM & Assembly minutes. This month we accomplished all the material sent to the committee even some with short time to turn them in.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather S, Panel 66 Area 8 Secretary and Linda R., Alt. Secretary.