

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the February 19, 2015 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm by Roxane R., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read in Spanish by Brenna and in English by Jerry. 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, 19 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 December 2014 & January 2015 Area Committee Minutes: Monty C, ( Secretary)**

Minutes are available in digital format. Contact Area 8 Secretary 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.

The minutes for December 2014 were sent out for review. A vote was taken to approved the minutes as presented. The motion was approved. The minutes for the January 2015 were sent out for review. A vote was taken to approved the minutes with changes. The motion was approved with changes.

*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 M, Treasurer ([\*Written report submitted as his official report\*](#)).

- The Area website has a document called, *How to read a Financial Report*.
- Officers/Committee chairs please check your email and turn in your 2016 budget requests as soon as possible. If you need any explanation, please email or call me.
- Please ask groups to attach their email address to contributions so a confirmation can be sent via email.
- The 2014 Budget is on the Area 8 website in English and Spanish [www.area8aa.org](http://www.area8aa.org).

| January 2015                          | January 2015 | YTD       | 2015 Budget | Variance with Annual Budget |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Group contributions:                  | 3,347.88     | 3,347.88  | 43,367.00   | -40,019.12                  |  |
| Individual contributions:             | 97.00        | 97.00     | .00         | .00                         |  |
| District contributions:               | 125.00       | 125.00    | .00         | .00                         |  |
| Total contributions:                  | 3,569.88     | 3,569.88  | 43,367.00   | -39,797.12                  |  |
| Total budgeted expenses:              | 5,605.18     | 5,605.18  | 43,367.00   | 37,761.42                   |  |
| Contributions less budgeted expenses: | -2,035.30    | -2,035.30 |             |                             |  |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|
| Total unbudgeted expenses:         | .00       | 0.0       | .00       | 0.0        |  |
| Trustee at Large Nom. To PRAASA    | .00       | 0.0       | 750.00    | .00        |  |
| Total expenses:                    | 5,605.18  | 5,605.18  | 43,367.00 | -37,761.42 |  |
| Contributions less total expenses: | -2,035.30 | -2,035.18 |           |            |  |
| Total Cash Balance: January 2015   | 9,476.76  |           |           |            |  |

### **Master Calendar - Roxanne R., Chair**

The calendars can be found on the area website in [English](#) and Spanish.

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

**Delegate's Report: Dean B.** See the Delegate's report on the website in English and Spanish.

**Alternate Delegate's Report: Jane G.** See the Alternate's Delegate report on the website in English and Spanish.

**Chairperson's Report: Roxanne R.** See the Chair's report on the website in English and Spanish.

February 2015 Chair Report Serving our area these last two months has been a lifesaver. I have always thought that God gives us exactly what we need, exactly when we need it. I am looking forward to hearing what Conference Advisory Actions will be presented at the upcoming Pre-Conference Workshops. I am so pleased when I hear a group member announce their district's workshop at a meeting, encouraging ANYONE to attend. I am not always convinced that the person making the announcement actually knows what pre-conference means, but my heart is still warmed. It's appropriate that February's Concept 2 highlights what the General Service Conference has become: Our voice. Tonight we plan to spend a few minutes in a sharing session centered on what Concept 2 has taught us. Several of our trusted servants will have an opportunity to talk about their experiences in General Service so please stay to take part in this vital conversation. As Liaison to the IT Committee I am privy to the work the committee is involved in regarding our upcoming move to a new website and our continuing efforts at getting districts into the 21st century with available web technology. The Area's IT Committee takes great measures to protect our anonymity and secure our information. They are actively pursuing a tech plan that will keep our hardware up to date and in good working order. Experience shows us that this is how we will stay connected to AA as a whole in the years to come. Most of the committees in our area have seen growth by two or more members over the last 2 months and we can thank the "blind pick" process for these additions. Many committee rosters dwindle in the late \_\_\_\_\_ months of the year only to see resurgence as new GSRs take up their positions. At the last Area Assembly I appointed Karen P. as Interim Literature Chair when she graciously volunteered to take this commitment after Lloyd stepped down due to personal problems. Please feel free to drop Lloyd an email or phone him with well wishes and please wish Karen well as the new committee chair for Literature. Tonight we conducted a panel review for a new webmaster and I am pleased to announce that the panel chose to install Wendy H. as our webmaster for the next two years. Wendy will have to give up being DCM to take on the webmaster position and her alternate is poised for this transition. By the next area committee meeting I will have been to PRAASA in Utah. I look forward to learning and gaining experience as I have done for several years. In the years I have attended PRAASA I have not served in

any capacity so I was mildly surprised when PRAASA Utah emailed me with an invitation to moderate the Friday night session. I am thrilled to be of service and I can thank Dean for submitted our names as viable candidates for these opportunities.

### **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:** Steve: Book prices will increase as we sell the inventory and have to order new books from GSO. Since group contributions are strong we are continuing the 5% discount through April. The March book of the month is "Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers" on sale for \$8 regularly \$9.50. The March pamphlet of the month is "A Member's Eye View" for 5 cents each. The founder's day picnic will occur on June 13th in the South Bay. The exact location is being selected from 5 different choices. Last year the picnic was held in the East County and this year in the South Bay. The program committee wants to move the location each year to make it available to a different region of the city. The anniversary breakfast has reserved Linder hall at the Methodist Church on November 14th. It will be a pancake breakfast like last year.

**North County Intergroup:** Terry: 36<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Intergroup Tradition Breakfast, Speaker Charlie C from Burbank. The event will be on Sunday March 22, 2015 at Pacific Views Event Center (formerly So Mesa Staff NCO Club) at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside. Breakfast will be served at 9:00am. Its a great event, please attend. We are looking at our by-laws. Its been about 10 to 20 years. It is very painstaking.

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: **The last Business Meeting of the East County Intergroup was yesterday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

**The next meeting will be on March 18th, 2014 at Step by Step Serenity & Beyond on 8790 Cuyamaca Street in Santee at 7:00pm.**

**Please, have the Area's webmaster update the change on the Area's website from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the above address.**

**I would like to report that Literature Sales are going well. We discussed Tradition 11 and how this tradition has been violated by local A.A. members as well as members with national name recognition. We welcomed new IGRs at the last meeting.**

**Oficina Central Hispana:** Leticia. First time here. Just wanted to introduce and make our present known.

**Oficina Intergrupual Condado Norte:** Victor:

**Oficina Intergrupual Sur, Chula Vista:** Not present (Alicia filled in) The committee meets every Tuesday. The committees is having some issues but they have been working through everything. The committees officers positions are filled.

**GYPSAA:** Not present (Michelle filled in) There will be a winter formal on January 31<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome. They meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each.

**Bid for ICYPAA:** Josh: Sober Olympics event January, Saints and Sinners event Valentine's Day weekend. We are looking to do a Big Book Trivia event at the OC convention center on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. We are hosting panels at ACYPAA called "GSR: whats going on behind the scenes to keep AA alive?" on Friday at 2:45pm.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, we are holding a meeting at Tri-City hospital, then holding a burning desires bonfire at the warm waters beach in Carlsbad.

We will be writing prayers to sufferign alcoholics & sending them away in Chinese lanterns at the bonfire.

We are constantly work with AOCYPAA, ALACYPAA, GSDYPAA, SFVYPAA, SOBYPAA, HASBYPAA.

**Native American Liaison:** Daniel would like to join the committee and work toward being our representative.

**4 Area DCM: Karen:** The event was a huge success. There were over 120 people in attendance. Thank you.

The Area Chair has appointed with the approved of the Area committee that Karen P be appointed to the Literature committee. Welcome.

**Birthdays:** Three 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: 8:45 pm Resumed Meeting at 9:00 pm**

Concepts was read in long form in English by Dennis and Spanish by Leticia.

### **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

ICYPAA Bid Liaison: Looking help and ideas to host a workshop that is tailored to the service work to young people. Looking to get districts to help co-host the events. Dates were suggested. Comments were made that were helpful for ideas. You can contact Josh at Jbjames9891@gmail.com or 760-218-0388.

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

District 1: Jerry: Happy to be hosting one of the Pre-Conference workshops. We have many new, enthusiastic GSR's.

District 2: Scott: Not present

District 3: Guy: We had no treasury report. The Treasurer resigned due to illness. A new Treasurer to be voted in at March District meeting. General discussion Picnic flyer District 3 Winter picnic on Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon to 330pm. Dixon Lake picnic area, area speaker Cookie Jim. Area assembly passed unbudgeted item for \$1000 for Trustee at Large visit in September. Area assembly passed unbudgeted item \$2084 for new translation equipment.

District 4: Kevin: Our new treasurer, Chris U is fully installed with signing privileges. Going to PRASSA. Discussion on mileage reimbursement quashed any such disbursement. DCM did not attend. Check for \$202 owed from Dist 5. Discussed date of 3/01/15 for district to provide our delegate guidance from the groups up through GSRs. Updated calender master.

District 5: Colin: Introduction of the pre-conference workshop meetings including the published schedule Kick-off of our annual sponsorship workshop in July, Linda will check on reservation for Marina Village for July 12th or 19th.

District 6: Helen: Bill H, current IT Committee Chair, visited our district meeting to update us on current works-in-progress as well as to discuss available resources for reaching our district members through the Area 8 website. We were able to test out the DCM email in real-time and found it to be in need of repair. We were educated on who to contact with documents we would like posted on our District 6 page which is already created and awaiting our use. I plan to post our agenda and other pertinent district information to the website in an attempt to cut down on printing as well as to make the information more widely accessible to AA members from meetings which may not have a GSR.

- We discussed related topics such as anonymity in the digital age and endorsed support of bringing this topic up for possible discussion at a future area assembly or workshop.

- Our district registrar was able to utilize the list sent out by the area registrar to compile a list of current known meetings in our district. We discussed dividing up the list at our next meeting in order to reach out to those

meetings not currently represented at the district level, to invite them to participate and add their voice to the group conscience towards preserving and improving AA in the Mission Hills / Hillcrest area.

- We would like to invite other Area Standing Committee Chairs or Area Committee Officers to come to our district meetings. If interested please let Helen B. (DCM) know which month you would like to schedule.
- We agreed to help support the Sponsorship Workshop coming up this summer, awaiting word from District 5 on specifics of first planning meeting.
- The GSR's voted unanimously to support the DCM's trip to PRAASA 2015 with \$200.

District 7: Dennis: We went over how to report to groups what is happening in the area and how groups handle the Conference Agenda items. We also discussed how we might get more groups in our district involved.

Finally, Dixie M., Alt. GSR for the Downtown Discussion Group was elected the new District Secretary.

District 8: Chris: As some of you may know, Louie D stepped down from his elected position as DCM. I will finish out his commitment through December, at which time bi-annual elections once again will be held. I will make myself available to serve a whole term. We are attempting to finalize a working budget all can agree on with some success. We have adopted a check request form to simplify the process of using our contributions to continue carrying the message that the district chooses to fund. A special thanks to all who attended the 7<sup>th</sup> traditon workshop on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to the team members responsible for putting this information workshop together. The registrar continues to make progress reaching out to under-presented meeting in the district. Attending the Four Area Sharing session was a wonderful experience. I found the event informing as well as inspirational. Veronica W has volunteered to represent the district at PRASSA. I will not be able to attend.

District 9: Lorie: Not present.

District 10: Allan: We got 2 new GSR's. We meet every second Tuesday from 530pm to 630pm at 490 Farragut Cir El Cajon (Saint Alban's Church). The DCM and the alternate DCM gave short reports on the Four Area DCM Sharing session that we attended. We approved our 2015 budget. Discussed pre-conference workshop and cleaning up after.

District 11: Wendy: Our district met January 26 at 630 pm. We had 10 gsr's in attendance as well as representatives from inter group. We passed final corrections to our structure and guidelines and approved funds for our alternate delegate to attend praasa. We discussed the 4 area DCM sharing session and agreed I would attend. We heard from all of our gsr's. One item that came up was concern over transgendered individuals attending meetings and how we can best be of service. I agreed to speak with our delegate and district 19 to gain more information to support our gsrs in this concern. We agreed we would start working on a budget and start setting up workshops for the upcoming year.

District 12: George: District 12 met in La Mesa at 6:30 pm on the fifth. We had 12 GSRs present and we approved the district budget, Talked about concept 2, and the upcoming PreConference workshops.

District 13: Julie: Last meeting: Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, # of GSRs: 4, Discussions: Setting up link on area 8 website. What will be the content of our link. Visiting Meetings w/o representation. Concept 2, Workshop for our districts secretaries

District 14: Eric: We talked about PRAASA , pre conference workshop, any issues from groups and upcoming workshop ideas!

District 15: Cruz: El Distrito 15 tiene sus 5 comites, IP, IC, IT, Vina, CCP. Estos comites continuan Lletiendo el mensaue a los instituciones c ala escuelas de trafico a2 hospitales y ferias de salud. (please translate to English)

District 16: Linda: We met on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. We had two new GSR's. The budget was approved we were able to send \$1000 according to our pie chart to GSO. Area 8, No County H&I & No County Intergroup. The District S&G review ad-hoc committe will report back in March for any changes & discussion on D16 S&G. I am working on a timeline for the DCM that follows. We discussed goals for 2015, the GSR's are going back to their groups to see what members would like us as a district to give back. Goals are: visiting inactive groups, district inventory, workshops and meet the Delegate with root beer floats. Suggestion of reading the service manual for 10 mins to get a better understanding of what General Service is all about.

District 17: Not present

District 18: Victor: Vanos 15 AAs A PRASSA. Grupo Ramona Por el monento No esta en servicio, group 5<sup>th</sup> tradicion ceno sls puertas por motivo de faitade condienstia como distrito todo bien, 2/23/15 nos visita secretario and su alterno, 3/02/15 nos visita el delegado pre-conferencia. (please translate to English)

District 19: Harlan: We had 12 in attendance with one visitor. one new GSR was welcomed great discussion on Tradition Two questions (taken from the Grapevine series) there is interest in developing a Concept Study

Group; details will be finalized at the March, time is now given to each GSR to report on their meetings – positive feedback about this alternative DCM has resigned; election will be held in March to replace District 19 budget for 2015 will be reviewed in March Outreach to Inactive Groups was discussed with a final plan submitted to district in March district will discuss and vote on extending the meeting from 60 minutes to 90 minutes at the March meeting.

District 20: Dave: Not present

District 21: Old Business – Our district committee approved the final draft of the Doctor's Opinion pamphlet with the addition of the phone numbers of the SD & North SD Central Offices for people who might need some help or more information. Also approved was the price quote for printing 1000 pamphlets to be distributed by our members. The spanish-translated version is being created for the next round of printing.

New Business – We motioned and approved to fund the Pre-Conference Workshop and will receive some funding support from District 22. I will ask the other co-sponsor Districts (3 & 13) if they can assist with the room set-up and breakdown and purchase of 2 cases of bottled water (~ \$10).

Visiting unrepresented meetings: I presented a copy of the directory with marks showing the unrepresented groups/meetings as compared with the official registration list sent by our Area Registrar. The crucial meetings to visit first are the ones listed in the directory, but shown as 'inactive' or 'unknown' on the registration list. In addition, a GSR Recruitment "script" was distributed with a description of why it is important to have a GSR and how the group might be encouraged to elect one. The emphasis is to be on carrying the AA message, not necessarily the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition (at least preliminarily). Duncan will be speaking at the Poway Alano Club (PAC) at the Garden Variety Speakers meeting and will mention it at that time. Terry mentioned that he will make an announcement at other meetings he attends at the PAC. We will devise a more structured method to visit many unrepresented meetings at our next District meeting.

Round Table Sharing – Good reports from the GSRs (new & existing) with well-attended meetings; one is receiving funding to attend PRAASA next month. 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: Voted to contribute \$50 to co-host pre-conference workshop with District 21.

**District 23:** Heather: 11 GSRs in attendance. 4 visitors. "Bring a friend to the District meeting" was a success. We elected a new alternate treasurer and alternate registrar. Delegate, Dean B. Shared his experience outreaching to district 23 during his time as DCM of this district. We discussed what PRAASA is, encouraged attendance, and suggested letting groups know. We also suggested groups be invited to upcoming pre-conference workshops. The new guide to registraring found on the homepage of [area8aa.org](http://area8aa.org) was handed out to our newly elected registrar and found to be very helpful. Everyone was reminded of where and when the orientation assembly is and strongly encouraged to attend.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Renee: We had a large turnout for our committee meeting and lots of enthusiasm to start out the new year. The meeting was ASL interpreted for our hearing impaired members. We are looking into addressing the senior community and will be having one or two guests the next meeting regarding this issue. We are also entertaining the topic of Meetings To Go for our annual Workshop in October. We are coming in a little low for the gold can contributions to support interpreted meetings around town. We currently have 8 interpreted meetings per week and would like to add one for Sunday nights so the deaf would be able to do 90 meetings in 90 days.

**Agenda:** Paul: Reviewed to the role of the Agenda Committee with our new committee members • Discussed the Draft Agenda Committee Guidelines and made changes • Reviewed the Agenda for February 2015 Area Committee Meeting.

**Archives:** Anne: The Archives Committee is working to secure the War Memorial Building for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ROOTS to be held Sunday, November 22, 2015. The Committee wishes to remind the Area that a new Archivist will need to be appointed for 2016. We request the candidate attend the 2015 National Archives Workshop September 24-27, in Independence, OH.

**CPC:** Ted: The CPC committee received 2 new members as a result of the Jan 24 area assembly meeting. One of the new members joined us for the monthly meeting on Jan 26. Eight members were in attendance as we discussed our goals for 2015. We also received a request from Grossmont Hospital for a panel discussion with their medical professionals on how best to serve those still suffering. We will be sharing our stories of what led us to make the decision to seek recovery with AA. Our next meeting will be on Monday Feb 23 at the Central Office

**Finance:** Paul K: We reviewed the 2016 Budget timeline. Reviewed the Trustee's expense motion and voted to recommend the motion. Reviewed the unbudgeted expense motion for printing cost of the new Area 8 pamphlet and recommend a one cost expense for the year. Reviewed the financial audit procedure that the finance committee will use the conduct and area financial audit. Voted in a new secretary.

**Grapevine/LaViña:** LaVeara:

**SD H & I:** Diana: The San Diego H&I Committee meets the third Sunday of the month at 5150 Kearny Mesa Road, SD 92111. Policy Council starts at 11:30; orientation starts at noon, with the general business meeting to follow, usually about 12:45. There is also an orientation given on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the SD Central Office. All are welcome to any of these meetings. Contact on Release is a subcommittee of the SDIAIC. They meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:45 pm at the SD Central Office. We are always looking for new members – we welcome anyone interested in going into institutions, helping people when they get out of the institutions, or helping on the committees.

Both H&I and COR are about to start going through our rosters of volunteers and updating information. We're also looking at our committee guideline and hoping to start an H&I/COR newsletter. New panel with adolescents in El Cajon are looking for young people. So-Cal H&I Conference coming up May 15-17, 2015, Holiday Inn in La Mirada. Corrections panel-LA jail program Treatment Panel-Adolescents in recovery.

We are always in need of people! And this is true 12<sup>th</sup> step work.

**Information Technologies:** Bill: Looking at possibly looking teleconference. This is just an idea. It may be helpful for our Imperial County and Fallbrook people.

**Literature:** Lloyd: Not present

**NCAIC (H & I):** Susanne: Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 21, 2015 at The Oceanside Alano Club, 4198 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92057, 1pm-2:30pm. The schedule change, we hope, will encourage more participation. I have emailed the Chair of the area our schedule change to be distributed if possible.

We are encouraging participation at the H & I Conference in May--currently discussing a scholarship program so we can attend to better do our service positions.

Lots of changes on our board--updating lists to gather emails for better communication with our panel coordinators.

**Newsletter:** Ray: emailed

**Translation:** Alex: I sent the check for the new interpretation system on Feb.09-2015 I don't have yet the delivery date. The translation committee is in full gear with the pre-conference work load.

**Policy:** Emily: The next Policy committee meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30pm at San Diego Central Office. I was sick for the last Policy committee meeting and it was chaired by our Alternate Chair Tony. We discussed possibly bringing forth a motion that states that the area chair is responsible for filing the areas tax's and is also responsible for giving the papers to the finance committee for their record keeping. We are also continuing to review the Flyer Guidelines last updated in 2012. I am still seeking feedback from all AA members of the Area regarding the portion of the flyer submission policy of requiring translation of all fliers posted to the website in cases of workshops or events where Translation to either Spanish or English is not being provided. We will continue to review the guidelines in our March meeting.

## **Committee Sharing Session**

Topic: What does the area do to support the General Service Conference and its members in its role as provider of A.A. World Services, and as guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?

(Committees Chairs will draw a related question out of the basket and share their experience for 2 minutes before allowing others to comment for 1 minute or less)

Is there a way the Area can better support GSR's in transmitting the message to their groups about the importance and need of the AA structure?

Reflecting on Concept One, how does the Area Committee ensure that is the conscience of AA as a whole?

What does the area do to support the General Service Conference and its members in its role as provider of AA World Services, and as guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?

Do our groups understand what Twelve-step work is performed with their contributions to Area Assembly?

Discussion was recorded. Topics were discussed by committee chairs.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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