

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:08 pm by Roxane R., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read in Spanish by **Francisco** and in English by **Wendy**. 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. 10 Officers were in attendance, 18 DCMs, and 9 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 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.

The minutes for December were not sent out for review. They will be done and sent out prior to the next area committee meeting next month.

*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*.
- 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).

<b>December</b>	<b>December 2014</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	3,008.41	33,471.25	45,450.00	-11,987.75
Individual contributions:	10.00	810.30	.00	.00
District contributions:	0.00	955.00	.00	.00
Total contributions:	3,018.41	35,236.55	45,450.00	-10,213.45
Total budgeted expenses:	4,4042.12	32,758.39	45,450.00	-12,691.61
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-1,023.71	2,478.16		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	102.00	.00	102.00

Trustee at Large Nom. To PRAASA	.00	750.00	750.00	.00
Total expenses:	4,781.60	33,599.87	45,450.00	-12,589.61
Contributions less total expenses:	-1,763.19	1,636.68		
Total Cash Balance: December 2014	10,565.57			

### **Master Calendar - Gonzalo C Alt. Chair**

The calendars will be attached 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 report attached in English and Spanish

**Alternate Delegate's Report: Jane G.** This year, I will propose we develop a new format for Area 8's Unity Day event.

There is obviously a conflict with one of the partners in holding a picnic on or around the same date.

I have already contacted that partner about dates.

I informed them I will soon begin planning the event and I was thinking of either June 13 or June 20.

I offered the partner the first right of refusal and they selected June 13, 2015 as the date for their picnic.

This is the date closest to A.A. birthday.

During the next couple weeks, I will be in contacting all the event partners to begin planning

To distance the Area's Unity Day further from the picnic event, I will begin working with any of the usual entities who wish to partner on Unity Day.

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

The DCM/Standing Committee Chair Workshop and Training will feature the theme, "Circles of Love and Service". This Saturday I still need volunteers to share their experience on a variety of topics, for instance, "The Roles of the Standing Service Committees in the District." If you received an email asking for you to participate, please accept this opportunity and email me with a topic that interests you. It's only 8 minutes and it is always good to get involved in leadership at the Area level. Concept 9 is alive and well in our area.

Thank you to Jim from the North County Intergroup meeting for making our coffee tonight—it's stout but good. Thank you to Paul, Agenda Chair, for keeping me cool headed when I realized we had no key or set up person on the premises. Everything thing turned out okay.

As a "sneak peek" into the Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Area Orientation Assembly, I am pleased to announce that everyone will have a small but vital role at the assembly. Our Regional Trustee, Joel C., will MC "Standing Committee Roundtables" where assembly members will be able to visit, ask questions and take away something from each area standing committee from Archives to Policy. This experience with Roundtables should take less

than an hour and will familiarize GSRs, old and new, with the process and the committee work we are involved in at the area. It is also good to know what resources are available in the area.

Many AAs embark on a journey in sobriety that leads up a well-worn path towards General Service. Some of you will find the work worthwhile and it will enrich your existence in meaningful ways. Others will marvel at how a GSR ever figures out where to be and what to do. They will think that an Area Assembly is a dreadful way to spend a Saturday. My hope is that every alcoholic who seeks a way of life that is spoken of in the Big Book, and is laid out in the 12 steps and 12 traditions, will continue to trudge and pursue a worthwhile service commitment—not one that is easy or requires less effort but one that is put in your path by a power greater than yourself. As a GSR you really become the voice of AA. There is no greater calling than to speak for others on their behalf and becoming the “collective conscience” of our whole fellowship.

#### **Area Committee Meeting**

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is 2650 Melbourne, San Diego, CA. **All AA members are welcome to attend.** To get an item on the agenda, please contact [chair@area8aa.org](mailto:chair@area8aa.org) to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area's standing committees.

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

#### **Liaison Committee Reports:**

**Coordinating Council:** Jim: January book of the Month is "As Bill Sees it" Reg \$8, Now \$6

January pamphlet of the Month is "Many Paths to Spirituality" 5 cents each

February book of the Month is "Came to Believe", Reg \$4.25, now \$3.50. February pamphlet of the month is "The AA and Medications" 5 cents each.

The Central Office still has the 10% discount on literature until the end of January. The discount is being reduced to 5% for February and March. While the contributions we up for the entire year of 2014, they are more in line with the budget the last couple of months.

As the Central Office needs to restock books, the prices will rise to match the new GSO price list. Current increases are: Hard Cover Big Books are now at \$9.50, Large print Big Books are now at \$10.30, and Daily Reflections are now at \$10.25.

The New Years Eve Party took place at the Scottish Rite Center and was fun for all who attended.

**North County Intergroup:** Terry: Introduction of the NC Intergroup Business Committee Co-Chairperson. Help with DCM 1 Jerry M., We've created a NC list of DCM/GSR meeting dates and addresses and have placed that information on our web page. With plans to add that information to our printed schedules. Purpose is to aid the GSR's and any interested AA person to attend. 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.

**East County Intergroup:** Gary (absent): Literature sales are going well. The committee hasn't meet this month. A hospital called the committee and asked for support. They have started and looking for support.

**Oficina Central Hispana:** Not present.

**Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte:** Victor:

**Oficina Intergruppal 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: Not present

**Native American Liaison:** no present

**4 Area DCM: Karen:** We attended the finally planning meeting. We need more volunteers. If you would like to go and need help with transportation, let us know. If you are not currently serving as a DCM please consider serving as a volunteer at this annual event, maybe recruit a member of your home group to volunteer with you. DCM's this event is for you. The primary purpose is for incoming DCM's to gain insight into their new role. For veteran DCM's it is to share your experience, strength, and hope with the incoming DCM's. Its for all DCM's to banter about a variety of topics in a roundtable setting.

We know that its a lot to ask for a valuable Saturday time, then burden you the expense of the long drive. If we can be of help in coordinating carpools, let us know your needs.

We do not have funds to reimburse volunteers for mileage but Linda and I are willing to coordinate some ride sharing. If anyone has a desire to volunteer but transportation is an issue let us know.

**Birthdays:** Five person celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. Congratulations! There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

**Break: 8:35 pm Resumed Meeting at 8:58 pm**

**Concept 12 was read in long form in English by Emily and Spanish by Ricardo.**

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

District 1: John: no report

District 2: Scott: Not present

District 3: Daniel: Not present

District 4: Kevin: Our transition of officers into Treasurer and Registrar. Positions are complete. Bank accounts has been transferred from old Treasurer to new Treasurer. PRAASA expenses to send DCM to Utah in Mach were approved. Discussion on establishing guidelines for mileage reimbursement at IRS guidelines for AA service work.

District 5: Colin: We had 5 GSR in attendance and done our annual potluck.

District 6: Helen: Discussed the New Year's Eve Alkathon. Working with District 5 with the sponsorship workshop in July 2015. Developed a plan for which Area Committee members (officers and standing committee) we would like to invite to our meetings over the next year.

District 7: Dennis: We continue to have a small by active groups of GSR's. We welcomed 2 new GSR's at our last district meeting an went over the duties of the position. We also co-hosted the New Year's Alkathon with District 6 and 19 which was a great success. We will be looking again this year at possibly heling another district sponsor a workshop. I would like to invite any committee chairs who may be looking for volunteers to visit our district.

District 8: Louie: Had 15 GSR's show up We had discussed all upcoming events and our upcoming 7th tradition workshop. We also discussed our budget and have decided to put on another workshop in addition to the one we're hosting at the end of this month.

District 9: Lorie: The Wednesday Night Primary Purpose meeting is official closed

Attendance for the entire Valley has increased due to Snowbird population

The Annual Round up will be held January 30,31 and Feb 1 at the Lions center in Brawley . COME ON DOWN!!!

Registration forms available on the back table. Theme for the event is A NEW DIRECTION

The District has a new secretary, Art S and a new member volunteering to do service for CPC in the Imperial Valley, Freddy C. Mr. Freddy also has volunteered to help the Dist 9 get more involved with establishing positive interaction with District 17.

Lou J. reports that the number of persons wanting to attend AA meetings at the Centinella Prison has prompted a second meeting to open on Thursdays. The meeting will rotate the 75 prisoners wanting to attend each week to provide a meeting for who want to attend. The group will register as "Pathway to spirituality." Still need persons to volunteer to facilitate the meetings. Books are abundant.

The next District Meeting will be held January 22, 2015 at the Arc Training room , 298 E Ross Avenue.

District 10: Allan: We discussed the budget for committee. Had 6 people in attendance.

District 11: Wendy: 10 new gsr's, 2 new. We elected a new registrar and archivist. We reviewed articles 4, 5 and 6 of our structure and guidelines. Our goal is to be more financially responsible going forward as a district. We are working on a budget to be presented in

January. We will be working with dean and districts 10 and 12 to sponsor the pre conference workshop. We also will be working with the over the bridge group to present a steps and traditions workshop in June.

District 12: George: Presented a budget. Talk about inputting PRASSA as a line item.

District 13: Julie: We met January 13th. 6 in attendance. Discussed purpose of Pie Chart and sharing information of said chart.

Discussed Area Assembly coming up on the 24th and what that entails. Between old timers and new GSR's we had quite a lovely discussion. Also discussed possible workshops we can put on.

District 14: Eric: Talked about funny primary and alternate DCM to PRASSA. Talking about the Sponsorship with District 5 & 6. Would like to do some other workshop. Open to ideas.

District 15: Cruz: (written)

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 committee 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: (written)

District 19: Harlen: Getting a grip on duties as DCM. Most of the positions are filled. Reaching out to unrepresented groups.

District 20: Dave: Discussed our potluck, Alkathon/Dance. Lots of people were sick. The people that showed has a good time. DCM will be going to PRASSA.

District 21: Bill: 4 GSR's in attendance, working on more GSR. Still working on the Doctor's Opinion pamphlet. Looking at cost and printing. Pre-conference workshop. Will be going to PRASSA.

District 22: Daniel: We had a meeting on first Tuesday on the month. Got some new GSR. Working on the pre-conference workshop.

District 23: Heather: Eight people in attendance. Discussed the direction we'd like to take the district in 2015, potential workshop topics, how to reach dark meetings, and how to raise awareness/attendance at the district meeting.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Renee: We filled most of our position at our elections in October. We are updated our S&G to include Alternates for some positions that didn't have one. We are looking forward to addressing disabilities that have gotten much attention in the past, and expanding some of our services. Meetings to go takes meetings to home bound or hospital bound members. We could use volunteers. Please contact the committee or Jan M.

**Agenda:** Paul: Reported on discussion with Area Delegate covering what conference themes, presentation/discussion, and workshop topics that are the Area 08's final suggestion to the Conference Committee on Agenda. Reviewed the agenda for January ACM with Alt Chair. Reviewed the draft agenda for the 2015 Orientation assembly with Alt Chair.

**Archives:** Alan: Not present

**CPC:** Ted: The CPC committee did not meet in December. We had planned to meet and scheduled the date and when the time came a quorum could not be mustered. We did however order a table cloth/banner with Cooperation With the Professional Community printed in large white letters on a dark blue background. The order was placed on Dec 31, 2014 with the idea the \$493 cost would come from the 2014 CPC budget. The request for reimbursement has not yet been submitted.

Our next scheduled meeting is Jan 26, 2015 at 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: Absent

**H & I Liaison:** 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 SDIAC. 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 (absent, sick): NCAIC will holding a two hour meeting January 16, 2015 5:30pm-7:30pm discussing NCAIC structure and panels. They are also asking for more AA members to be on the board of NCAIC. We meet every month, the 3rd Friday at 5:30pm. Location: Oceanside Alano Club, 4198 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA.

**Newsletter:** Ray: Not present

**Translation:** Alex: We meet every third Tuesday of each month. Everybody is welcome. We translate everything in the same format in which is submitted. Translated the newsletter and some flyers. If you send a flyer, please send in a word format. We could use more help.

**Policy: Emily:** The next Policy committee meeting is Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30pm at San Diego Central Office. At our last Policy committee meeting we reviewed the Flyer Guidelines last updated in 2012. We had a great discussion regarding the layout, look and feel of the flyer as it is not a good representation of an effective flyer. We also discussed the policy regarding the requirement that flyers for posting to the website are translated. It was brought to the Policy committee the concern that both English and Spanish workshops may not be providing interpretation and that providing a flyer in a language that will not be supported at the workshop or event could cause issues. I am asking for feedback regarding this portion of the flyer submission policy. In addition, we discussed making the process of posting a flyer to the website and the Master Calendar involves contacting Policy, Translation, Alternate Chair, and the IT chair in a specific order. We would like to work with these parties and the Webmaster to come up with a better process for flyer submission and posting. We will continue to review the guidelines in our February meeting.

## **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Unbudgeted Expense for travel expenses to fund trustee at large to visit San Diego area in September 2015.

Motion: to fund amount of \$1000 to pay trustee at large expenses for potential visit to San Diego Area 8 (Sept Assembly). Expenses would include travel, lodging and Food 4 days and 3 nights.

He might spend more or less.

Do we have the money? In the past with people coming, will have done dinner and all kinds of stuff. I would like if we did a workshop. The primary visit is for the Area Assembly. He will be taken to a meeting and possible a workshop.

Finance is supporting this motion. He should get the person to be a speaker or something while he is here.

The motion come second. The question is called.

Voting taken. The motion passes.

Motion for an unbudgeted expense

We have been looking the Area 8 pamphlet. This is a great tool. We talked about printing on nice paper. It's not in color. It just looks plain.

We came up with a motion to fund \$350 to cover cost to do an initial printing. The finance concerns about the cost per sheet. The amount is good. The finance is recommending is good for a one time printing expense for the year.

Why are we rushing? I would recommend that we get more ideas and wait for printing. The pamphlet has been reformatted for the Spanish version.

The pamphlet wouldn't be available for sale. It would not be on the rack. It would be giving out, most at giving out at the Orientation Assembly.

A vote is taken. The motion passed.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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