

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the May 21, 2015 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:01 pm by Gonzalo C., Alternate Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish by Alex and in English by Eddie. 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. 9 Officers were in attendance, 19 DCMs, and 11 Committee Chairs were present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar also.

Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.

Approval of March & April 2015 Area Committee Minutes: Monty C., (Secretary)

- Minutes are available in digital format. Contact Area 8 Secretary and for a digital copy (via email.) Let new DCMs and Committee Chairs know to please submit email information with the Registrar as soon as possible. If your alternate would like a digital copy, add email address to the Registrar's roster.
- March and April ACM minutes were emailed out. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for March 2015 with changes. The motion was approved with changes. A vote was taken too approved the minutes as presented for April 2015. The motion was approved with changes to be made advise by the committee. They will be posted on the website.
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at mcavalier2004@gmail.com.*

Master Calendar

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

Treasurer's Report: Butch, Treasurer

- Written report submitted.
- March financial report the same as the April Assembly report.
- 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.
- Please submit your budget request for 2015. The treasurer needs that as soon as possible.

April	April 2015	YTD	2015 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,914.98	11,146.00	43,367.00	(32,221.00)
Individual contributions:	225.00	425.25	.00	.00

District contributions:	250.00	592.00	.00	.00
Total contributions:	3,389.98	12,163.25	43,367.00	(31,203.75)
Total budgeted expenses:	2,746.75	15,949.59	43,367.00	(29,497.88)
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	643.23	-1,705.47		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	2,080.87	.00	0.00
Total expenses:	2,746.75	15,949.59	43,366.60	(29,497.88)
Contributions less total expenses:	643.23	-3,786.34		
Total Cash Balance: April 2015	5,690.42			

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 in line with the budget we are 10% discount through July. The May book of the month is "AA Comes of Age" on sale for \$7.00. The May pamphlet of the month is "Understanding Anonymity" for 5 cents each. The June book of the month is "Living Sober" on sale for \$3.25. The June pamphlet of the month is "Problems Other Than Alcohol" for 5 cents each. All after hours phones need a group to volunteer for 9 pm to 9am on the 25th of each month. Also there is a need for daytime phone volunteers on alternate Saturdays 1pm to 5 pm; alternate Saturdays 5pm to 9pm; and alternate Thursdays 1 pm to 5 pm anyone interested should call central office. Friendly reminder that the Founder's Day Picnic is June 13th 10am to 3 pm at Eucalypts Park in Chula Vista. All are welcome!!!

North County Intergroup: Not present

East County Intergroup: Gary: The last Business Meeting of the East County Intergroup was held on May 14, 2015. The Business Meeting time has been changed to accommodate more members' schedule. It has been updated on the Area website. (Thank-you, Wendi!!!)

- Discussed Frequently Asked Questionnaire.
- The Intergroup was invited by a group to their business meeting to give information on the workings of the Intergroup.

The next meeting will be on June 11th, 2015 at the *Step by Step Serenity & Beyond* Shop on 8790 Cuyamaca Street in Santee @ 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Oficina Central Hispana: Leticia: Please come out and celebrate with us for AA's 80th's birthday. We will be celebrating our 31st anniversary of the Spanish Central Office. The event will be held on June 6th at 1pm at 1805 17th Street National City CA 91950.

Oficina Intergrupala Condado Norte: Juan Not present

Oficina Intergrupar Sur, Chula Vista: Not present

Bid for ICYPAA: not present.

Native American Liaison: Daniel: Not present

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: 8:40pm Resumed Meeting at 8:53pm

Concept 4 was read in long for in English by Ann and Spanish by Angel.

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

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District 1: Jerry: We had 14 people at our last meeting. I'm pleased we have a new District Registrar. He'll be collaborating with Michelle and will speak to other districts to learn from their experiences. We are also exploring collaborating with Intergroup (North County) to identify dark meeting. We are co-sponsoring a "Meet the Delegate" workshop with District 16. GSRs will continue to poll their groups for additional workshops ideas.

District 2: Scott: no report

District 3: Guy: General Discussion on the Post Conference Area Assembly - District 3 is assisting Dist 21 and 22 for the Election Area Assembly in the Fall. - Discussed with the new GSR - items of interest that will assist her in doing her job. - Discussed items of interest we may want to add to the District 3 tab of the Area8AA website.

District 4: Kevin: will be alternating with Alternate. No other report.

District 5: Colin: Sponsorship workshop planning committee meeting before district meeting. Only Eric (dist. 14) attended. All is settled for food. No other issues brought forward. Great reviews of our groups. Also discussed ways to maybe increase contributions by green can, gold can and more emphasis on birthday envelopes and online contribution site.

District 6: Helen: (absent) District 6 is continuing to work with District 5 in support of the upcoming Sponsorship Workshop. We have submitted our first documents to be included on our District 6 page of the Area 8 website. The two GSR members present at our most recent meeting were very excited to hear about the real-time video being used at the ACM to facilitate those in remote areas being able to more actively participate in Area 8 activities / conscience. We are looking forward to hearing the Delegate's report at the upcoming Post Conference Assembly on 30 MAY 2015!

District 7: Dennis: Guests- Michelle, area registrar and Peggy Rose, alternate registrar spoke about their duties and about what a district registrar would do.

District 8: Chris: Our regular monthly meeting was held on May 4th at 7pm; the location is St Mark's Lutheran Church, 580 Hilltop Dr. Chula Vista Ca 91911. Our next meeting will be held on June 1st at the same location and time. A special thanks to the Accessibilities Committee for their presentation, and taking the time to describe the wonderful work being done. We all know we can do more; thanks for explaining how that can be accomplished.

At our next regular meeting on June 1st, we look forward to a visit and brief presentation from to IT committee. District 8 would like to become more digitally involved in the ever-changing future landscape and look forward to learning how to use the technology laid at our feet. The webcast demonstration at the last ACM was impressive and cannot wait for it to be widely available!

Our registrar, Kim M. continues to make progress reaching out to under-represented meetings in our district. By presenting the rest of us with an updated list of meetings contacted, we tend not to duplicate our efforts. After the initial contact, the success or failure to generate interest is in God's hands, and we have done our part.

District 9: Lorie: Not present.

District 10: Allan: Last meeting we read the tradition and checklist for tradition of the month as well as the concept. We voted to add the reading of tradition, checklist and concept each month. The rest of the meeting was devoted to visitations and guidelines for visitations. We each picked meeting and set out to attend a meeting and find out when their business meetings are too begin.

District 11: Janedra: Meeting was held one week early bc of Memorial Day weekend Working on updating our Dark Meeting list Planning the following workshops: Movie Night July 17th Donuts with the Delegate (sometime in September) Meditation (tentative date 11/28).

District 12: George: Not present

District 13: Julie: No bdays. happy to see Fran back as a GSR reviewed packet prototype for us to take when Visiting meetings in the district. Disc what to say. Will talk w Alano club re secretary workshop.

District 14: Eric: Talked about obligation to the sponsorship workshop, possibly hosting budget assembly, and hosting "those too" workshop.

District 15: Roberto: The district continues to have the business meeting along with the five committees. District 15 continues to encouraged the GSR's to the Area Assembly on May 30, 2015.

District 16: Linda: We meet 1st Monday of each month. Our last meeting was May 4th. 16 GSR and 1 visitor. Jim H. came to visit sharing his experience in general service from the beginning, his 2 years at the conference to what he is doing today. We talked about our "Root Beer Float social with the Delegate" coming up June 20. Flyers are made & being given out to the groups. In Oct we are planning a "This is AA" workshop. We will be starting our district inventory. We will start visiting inactive groups.

District 17: Not present

District 18: Efrain: The Elections of District 18 will be on October 11, 2015 (Sunday). We are inviting the officers of the area to attend. These elections will be conducted by District 15. We discussed at the business meeting about the November Assembly. The GSR's want a response to know if the district will be hosting the assembly or not.

District 19: Harlan: We met on May 5, 2015 and 15 GSRs and officers attended; we had 2 new GSRs in attendance; • Concept Study committee recommended what we've dubbed a "Concept Boot Camp" to occur over 4 successive Saturdays in October with: o a short term goal of producing a Concept Workbook and o a long-term plan of hosting 4 concept workshops in 2016; groups will report back to district in June for a final decision; • A working budget will be finalized in June with a new fiscal year beginning July 1; o new for 2015 – 2016 will be the district to send both the DCM and Alternate DCM to PRAASA 2016; o current treasurer maintains a ledger of all group donations and will begin publishing the list annually; • the district is excited about co-hosting the Post-Conference Assembly and has stepped up outreach to attract volunteers for the 30th of May.

District 20: Eddie: Our last district meeting was in May. A few of the GSRs had some problems with the last DCM. We discussed and resolved some of the issues. We encourages the GSRs to invite people to the meeting to become familiar with the general service. I visited three groups to encourage general service. I am getting accustomed to the job. I have some health issues that I am faced with. I will try to stay on top of everything if my health permits.

District 21: DCM Report - I reported that the SoCal H&I Conference is upcoming and the Post-Conference Assembly is on May 30th. All GSRs should plan to attend this Assembly. Jill, Alt DCM, will attend in my absence as I will be out of town. Some topics presented at the past Area Committee Meeting were: the Central Office needs phone volunteers for alternate Saturdays, so call them if interested; more discussion concerning an increase for oral translation payment by 25%; and we are willing to host the November Election Assembly along with Districts 3 & 22 - and will plan to do so. However, if District 18 is adamant about wanting to host this assembly, then we can defer our commitment to the next assembly in January 2016. I stated that the video conferencing was attempted at the ACM with significant success (some audio issues, clarity and how to capture translation). Equipment will need to be obtained as all was borrowed for this trial.

Old Business – We discussed how the distribution of the Doctor's Opinion pamphlet was going, and to contact me if any additional copies are needed. Jill took copies for distribution at the next CPC meeting.

Visiting unrepresented meetings – We continued to review our district's meeting list to try to identify meetings to visit to offer our assistance and support. If we plan to visit a meeting, then email the committee so we can attend the meeting in pairs (or more). There are some duplicate meetings on the list to be removed or merged that I will be handling.

New Business – Harry, our treasurer will be moving, so we need to find a replacement. We have some possibilities and will review them at next month's meeting.

Visit from Delegate – Brian arranged to have Dean visit our next meeting to provide any additional insights from the GSC.

Item for future discussion: Holding a 'Group Inventory' workshop in the area.

We had a discussion about how to find out how the entities we contribute to are doing; where we can get the information, and, at the district level, can we create a budget so we know what we need and so the new treasurer knows what's going on.

Round Table Sharing – The GSRs provided descriptions about the happenings at their meetings. 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: No report.

District 23: Heather: We had 8 GSRs in attendance. Our treasurer has resigned. No one was immediately available to stand for election but one GSR expressed interest in learning more about the position and will meet with the DCM offline. Mary was elected as our alternate registrar. Our registrar reported her progress on the task of creating an updated list of active meetings in our district from the GSO list and the Central Office directory. We also discussed taking the spirit of personal experience into the post conference assembly. We might try not to get too caught up in the specific details of the conference and to see what we can take from the experience of the fellow alcoholic we elected to represent us at this incredible service opportunity.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Renee: We had a healthy turnout for our last meeting including a guest from the Monday Night Beginner's Group. Our manner of funding ASL Interpretation was explained to our guest. We made a visit to District 8 to speak about our committee and what it does for the AA Community. We are willing to make visits to other districts to clarify what our committee does and the use of the Gold Can. We are looking forward to presenting a Workshop in October, date and theme yet to be determined. I will be attending the International Convention and have been asked to volunteer in the Hospitality room for Special Needs as Chairperson of the Accessibilities Committee. We are looking into forming a website that would be a forum to share ideas with other Areas and their Special Needs/ Accessibilities Committees about various aspects of serving special needs that are happening nationwide.

Agenda: Paul: No report, we are looking for workshop topics or discussion for the 2016. We are looking forward to see what will come out of the conference.

Archives: Anne: Archivist position - to be filled Service Opportunities page on website - would be good to have ROOTS – FYI, looking for 40+ Need contact for Spring Round up 2016 – Higher Heard of Old Timers Panel.

CPC: Ted: The CPC Committee met in April on Monday April 27, 2015 at the AA Central Office. 5 members of the committee were present. We discussed the meaning of Concept 4 and The Right of Participation. Eric L resigned as Alternate Chair of the CPC Committee. Colin agreed to take on the role of Alternate Chair. We also discussed our participation with the Public Information Committee in the NAMI walk at Liberty Station. 3 CPC members staffed the display/information table with the PI volunteers on May 2 from 7:30-noon. Another opportunity to spread the message to professionals appeared in the form of a panel discussion at Sharp Grossmont Hospital for social workers. I was contacted by Pastor Jeff at the hospital and asked to educate the social worker staff about Alcoholics Anonymous. Three members of the CPC agreed to speak at the event on June 2 at 8am. Lastly, I gave the CPC committee a heads-up about the Employee Assistance Professionals Association Annual Conference in San Diego from Sep 29-Oct 2. GSO requested that then San Diego CPC staff a booth at this convention.

Finance: Paul K: The committee finalized the 2016 budget 2. The committee finalized two motions.

Grapevine/LaViña: LaVeare: Chairs and Grapevine and GVR can sign up at The International Convention to work a two hour Shift.

Happy Joy Free, The commutative convention book of the grapevine will be on sale 1 July 2015. You can buy on line also. It will be in english and Spanish.

The Grapevine Office is looking for an non-trustee director. It was posted after The General Service Conference 2015. All grapevine AA Members are encouraged to a resume.

Email address: jbryan@ aagrapevine.org. Dead line is 20,2015.

This month's: Annual Prison Stories. also: letting Go of Resentments:

Coming up stories:

We need stories "Surviving the Holidays" and "Your experience with the traditions"

LaVina

Visit: www.aagrapevine.org calendar-de-events to see the calendar for upcoming new calendar events.

If you would like to listen to two free audio stories free visit: www.aagrapevine.org/audio-potal

Did You Know? In 1980 the GSC's recommended

"The groups make every effort to introduce newcomers to the grapevine as one of our best tools in sobriety.

SD H & I: Diana: The San Diego H&I Committee meets the third Sunday of the month at the Machinists' Hall at 5150 Kearny Mesa Road, SD, 92111. Policy Council at 11:30; orientation at noon, business meeting to follow orientation. All AA members are welcome at both Policy Council and at the general meeting. We also have an orientation the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the San Diego Central Office on Mission Gorge Road. We are always in need of H&I volunteers; we are also in need of people who are willing to serve as committee members.

Contact on Release is a subcommittee of the SD H&I. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:45 pm at the San Diego Central Office. We are also in need of volunteers and committee members. Pamphlets and flyers are on the counter. If you know anyone who might be interested, please take them one. Or both. We are particularly in need of COR volunteers in the South and East Counties.

This month we attended and participated in the 34th annual Southern California H&I Conference, which is planned by the Southern California H&I Intergroup – a committee comprised of liaisons from each of the 23 H&I Committees in Southern California – from San Luis Obispo to the Mexican border, including Areas 8,9,5 and 93. The purpose of the H&I Intergroup is to help insure that all institutions in Southern California have H&I personnel and literature support, and to foster communication between the H&I Committees and General Service. This year at our conference our keynote speaker was Clement C., staff member on the Corrections Desk at GSO.

We will be present at the May 30th Report Back Area Assembly. Please let your GSR's know to come check us out and pass our information on to their groups. We, also, are "directly responsible to the groups we serve".

Please check out our website for complete information about our meeting schedule for 2015 and our current minutes and financial reports, including a listing of group contributions.

Information Technologies: Bill: IT Committee report for 5/21. 7 people in attendance. We discussed proposals for Computer Tech refresh and Video conferencing for ACM.

Literature: Karen: This committee is currently looking for 'enthusiastic' new members to help promote and inspire interest in AAWS literature. We also need volunteers to help with literature displays at assemblies, and bring Movie Night to groups.

NCAIC (H & I): Suzanne: We met last Saturday 5/16/15 at the H & I Conference, La Mirada. We decided to meet in June, 3rd Saturday, at the Oceanside Alano Club, Oceanside since we have so much to discuss and decisions we need to implement. NCAIC will be participating at the Unity Day event. We elected a new Treasurer Christine S. and Treatment Chair Caresse Q. It's great to have them on board. Many from North County and the NCAIC board attended the H & I Conference and learned so much. I learned it's so imperative to continue to communicate with jails and other facilities.

Newsletter: Ray: Not present

Policy: Emily: The next Policy committee meeting is Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30pm at Central Office. At our last meeting we continued to review the flyer guidelines. We discussed the next 2 documents we'll be revising. The first is the creation of a document for Area Assembly Setup Guidelines. There was a request to create a cohesive document that encompasses all the elements needed to conduct a successful Area Assembly including site selection and reservation, flyer creation, volunteers, creating a budget, and food preparation and serving. The second is the revision of the "How We Do Business" document with the changes discussed at the March Area Committee Meeting.

We also read and reviewed Concept 5. We shared experiences of the application of the "Right of Appeal" in our groups, the committee, and the Area.

Translation: Alex: Our last meeting was April 21st. The alternate resigned personal minutes. We translated many documents.

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

Alternate Delegate's Report: Jane G.

Chairperson's Report: Roxane R. (absent—emailed report)

As a school teacher my life runs on a calendar. In my experience, the month of May is the most difficult in a teacher's life. The culmination of a year is one thing but it is really the year end festivities and events that make it so overwhelming. Even veteran teachers find the students almost unbearable, with no sustainable appealing qualities, and no hope that they ever will possess any. The spring fever that was disgustingly tolerable has dissolved into an apathetic attitude that could be compared to a man sentenced to life imprisonment. Indeed, you wonder how the students can endure when they have nothing to give or receive in the way of learning. Despite these deplorable conditions, I arrive each day with my heart full of gratitude that I can be a contributing member of society and repay my drunken debts as a living testimony to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As your Chair I am particularly indebted to Concept 5, "Right of Appeal," for teaching me more than I ever wanted to know about chairing an assembly and allowing me to grow in patience and tolerance. Concept 5 has special significance in the lives of AA members everywhere. Co-founder, Bill Wilson, had much to say about minority opinion in Alcoholics Anonymous. He called trusted servants, "a small but truly qualified minority." Because Concept 3, "Right of Decision," gives the group service representative the right to do for the group what the group cannot or should not do for themselves, this naturally culminates with Concept 5. By allowing the minority opinion the last word on decisions from the groups, we have a chance to rethink a situation. How I lamented when an issue in our assembly took a turn I did not support. I would ask for minority opinion and then hold my breath until someone came forward. Listening to a heartfelt appeal after a vote and then asking the group if minority opinion had changed anyone's vote was either exasperating or exhilarating. Whichever outcome prevails, I feel confident in the power of the 12 Concepts to keep us humble and open to new ways of thinking.

To my delight, I spent much of April in contact with various trusted servants in Area 8. I am fortunate to have a panel of committee chairs and members who put AA first and have endeared me to them for life. H & I is a wonderfully hardworking group of alcoholics who do so much with so little. Policy committee is headed by a brilliant member who possesses much insight and experience about Area 8. The Information and Technology Committee who oversees our website among other jobs, never disappoints. The Agenda Committee should be given credit for the much acclaimed success we have had with this year's assemblies and area committee meetings. Most recently I have been in contact with the North County Young Peoples Committee Events Chair, Riley, who is looking for support to keep a dwindling group from falling apart. I learned here that when someone reaches out, we want the hand of AA, always to be there. For that, I am responsible.

I will be regrettably absent from the May Area Committee meeting and Gonzalo, our Alternate Chair will chair the meeting. I am obligated by contract to be present at our annual Open House at school which falls on May 21. I am looking forward to the Post-Conference Assembly where our Delegate will take us through the agenda items and what happened at the Conference. To someone like me, that is what AA is all about.

Area Committee Meeting

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

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

Announcing Next Area Assembly: Post Conference Assembly May 30, 2015 Torrey Pines Christian Church La Jolla CA.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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