

## **San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**

**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**

### **Minutes of the July 16, 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 Efrain 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. 6 Officers were in attendance, 18 DCMs, and 7 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 June 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.
- June ACM minutes were not emailed out. They will be emailed out once they are translated into Spanish. *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at [mcavalier2004@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- 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.

<b>June 2015</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	2,503.30	15,868.66	43,367.00	(27,498.34)
Individual contributions:	35.00	500.25	.00	.00
District contributions:	10.00	1,247.00	.00	.00
Total contributions:	2,548.30	17,615.91	43,367.00	(25,751.09)

Total budgeted expenses:	1,782.51	18,717.77	43,366.60	(24,648.83)
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	765.79	-1,101.86		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	2,080.87	.00	0.00
Total expenses:	1,782.51	20,798.64	43,366.60	(24,648.83)
Contributions less total expenses:	765.79	-3,182.73		
Total Cash Balance: June 2015	6,444.03			

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

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

**Chairperson's Report: Roxane R.**

Having arrived home two days ago from a two week adventure beginning at the AA International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, I am happy to share that AA is in very good hands. According to the 7<sup>th</sup> Concept, the Conference Charter is not a legal document, unlike the Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board. But it does rely upon tradition to run AA. This sounds conflicting but I am finding many conflicting things in AA General Service. We are bound to hear and see things in AA that don't match our own experiences. Ultimately the Trustees are protected by us and through us so the members are now and forever will be the caretakers of the Conference Charter. Essentially, we rule AA.

If I had to choose one story to take away from the convention it is the story of Sammy who shared his experience, strength and hope with us on a panel which our Regional Trustee, Joel, facilitated, called: Pacific Region-Meet Your Neighbors. There was a large group of San Diego attendees at this panel and I think many of us thought we'd hear Joel speak at the conference. We were laughing and joking together beforehand and giving snide looks towards Joe C. who chose not to sit with our bevy. This was not our first panel, in fact for me it was my 6<sup>th</sup> panel, and we knew there would be the usual 5 minutes of disclaimers. When we finally settled down we heard first from a man who got sober in Hawaii where he had landed with the Marine Corps at the end of his drinking and quite possibly the end of his career. Next we heard from a long-timer and Past Delegate who came from Idaho and had a poignant story about complacency and resentment in sobriety. She was hilarious.

When Sammy came to the podium my preconceived ideas kicked in and as I noted his bow tie and perfectly groomed hair I smiled to think I had figured out this effeminate man's struggle to be accepted and how it drove him to drink to cover up his unease at not belonging. There. Story over. How quickly our minds take over when we have the luxury of sitting with over 30 years of sobriety, seemingly immune to this deadly disease.

I watched Joel who never took his eyes off Sammy and I even thought, "He's enraptured by this boy's history." Sammy told of the father who did not accept him and how leaving his family was the best thing he could do for himself because it forced him to reckon with his sexuality, his drug addiction and his alcoholism. It was a similar story to many of us who have sobered up early—how we can pack a lifetime into about 6 years of hardcore drinking. So many of us never make it out alive. And here is Sammy—another success story.

By now he is explaining his relapses and the only really sober periods he had in AA was when he was involved in General Service. I loved this part. He tells us about his relationship with Joel and how Joel came along when he most needed the guidance and helpful push to keep committing to service work even when others were uncomfortable with his change. This is the part where we all perked up. We know about change but it was the way Sammy said it—his change. I realized it was a noun, not a verb. I was quickly rethinking his previous comments and berating myself for not listening, truly listening to this precious boy who it turns out, was born a girl. He was a she and now she was becoming a man and suddenly I had no cliché ending for this remarkable story. His articulate, brave, and endearing story will stay with me for a long time to come. I know I heard him and because I heard him I will share the love.

I hope your summer is shaping up into one of those where you get to hang out with family and friends, read a good book or two, work in your garden, build something big and take a pleasure trip to learn something new about yourself. I am honored to be your chair on this panel.

#### 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.

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

**Coordinating Council:** Steve: Since group contributions are in line with the budget we are continuing the 10% discount through August. The July book of the month is "Experience Strength and Hope" on sale for \$5.00. The August pamphlet of the month is "This is AA" for 5 cents each. The June book of the month is "Daily Reflections" on sale for \$3.25. The August pamphlet of the month is "Is there an Alcoholic in Your Life?" for 5 cents each. Also there is a need for daytime phone volunteers on alternate Saturdays 1pm to 5 pm and 5pm to 9 pm anyone interested should call Central Office. The PI committee will man a booth along with the North County PI committee at the San Diego Pride Festival, as well as attending the Veterans Stand Down the same weekend.

**North County Intergroup:** Not present

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: The last Business Meeting of the East County Intergroup was held on June 11, 2015. I gave a short presentation at District 11 Business Meeting last month and concluded with Questions and Answers. We are continuing to ask for support for the upcoming Unity Day Celebration Workshop. Literature Sales are doing well. The next meeting will be on August 13th, 2015 at the Step by Step Serenity & Beyond Shop in Santee @ 6:30pm-7:30pm.

**Oficina Central Hispaña:** Leticia: Not present

**Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte:** Raul: Not present

**Oficina Intergruppal Sur, Chula Vista:** Not present

**NSYPAA:** Riley: NSDYPAA (North San Diego Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) is putting on our Unity Beach Day event July 25th. Everyone is welcome. We will have street tacos and drinks, games, a drum circle, and an AA meeting at the end of the night. Please come out and support.

**Bid for ICYPAA:** not present.

**Native American Liaison:** Daniel: Not present

**Birthdays:** Two 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: 8:20pm Resumed Meeting at 8:37pm**

**Concept 7 was read in long for in English by Dennis and Spanish by Roberto.**

### **Motions: Maintaining Tax Filing Records**

The motion is to add the text Sec.V.G.7 Proposed text 7. File yearly tax documents in a timely manner, and provide copies to the Finance Committee.

Questions or comments

Do you think we can do this without going to the group? It's good to be open and straight forth ever now and then.

Is there one place where everything is being kept? No, this came to light that everything was a different place. This is why this was created. We believe in the structure and guidelines, the chair has most of the responsibility but not the documents.

Are the records electronic? We may want to move to a digital means. We received an email conformation in electronic form that the filing has been done.

Who has been keeping the records at this time? We believe the treasurer has the last 7 years. The responsibility will fall on the committee and not the treasurer. There is a concern of the information getting lost.

Have we ever been audited? No, not that we are aware of. We need to have the last 7 years on hold. All of our financial stuff is at question here. This is something that we need to address. How all the financial records are keep?

In the past our process was done differently. The thought is to do differently and have in a central location. We know there are records out there and we want to bring them together in one place and protect the area.

I was a previous Treasurer from years past. At the end of my term, I turned my paperwork into Archives. Some of the records may be with Archives. We would want to keep and maintain records for 7 years and destroy the records at the proper time. Setting up a proper maintenance program to have it done in according with government regulations. Having the Archives is a good idea.

I don't think that a committee should have to maintain something they have no special knowledge of. We have an Archivist who is part of the Archives committee. This person is interviewed and trained in this area. We have a fire proof room where stuff is kept. If this goes to the Assembly, this is mostly the discussion that you will here. Officers are listed as responsibilities of certain duties. We will not have an idea that we will always have a chair with knowledge of non-profit organizations or status. We have a problem with rotation. The person that is handing off or accepting the documents, there name is not on the table. There is an investment that is not there if we have an Archivist do it.

What do other areas do? Not sure because most are 501.c3. Area 5 for example, has a Tax committee. We will need to seek out the help of a CPA or CEO of a finance firm that could help us. I know that we seek the reference of other areas. We are different. We are a charitable organization. Anyone who contributes money to us does not write it off on our expenses. We are exempt as an organization from paying taxes but anyone who contributes to us does not.

We are the steering committee and not a board like Area 93 or 5. Therefore we do not have judiciary responsibility. This is why this is important. So the next panel will have the correct status to the financial responsibility of the area and how its maintained.

It should be a officer level person who is handling this. It should be the treasurer who passes this on to the next treasurer as part of the Finance committee.

Should we set these aside for the time being? This would be up the originator. Most felt like the motions should be set into two. There are two different actions even though are talks are hand in hand with each other.

We will put this on aside.

A floor motion was made by Kevin to refer back both motions back to Finance committee. We would like to send clear message that we would like to Treasurer or the Finance Chair be responsible for this. A single person has to do this. We need clarification about the first motion to proceed.

It doesn't say anything in the second motion that the Treasurer is responsible. We need to make sure who is responsible to keep and maintain the electronic records.

It does make since that we have one body taking care of this. It makes sense that the person doing the filing should be keeping the records. We also has a password protected area on the website. We could have a backup copy on the server. If the documents got lost or transition period we need to find the information, we would have it.

We would want checks and balances. If the Treasurer and Finance chair both has the authority, this almost seems better.

Are the records electronic? The documents are not electronic. We can scan them. We received a electronic confirmation that the filing has been done.

Taking the idea of taking this back to the Finance committee is best at this time. We are only taking a stab in the dark as to how we need to proceed. This is about maintaining our non-profit status. Keeping this together in the eyes of the state and government. We as a practice, we do not require special skills and knowledge of the chair or the treasure or the finance committee. The finance committees doesn't have special finance knowledge. What happens is a car pulls up and exchange of a bunch of boxes, and good luck. That is it. There is no idea what's in them. We have been in this room and the treasure announces that I got a letter from the state that we haven't filled for a three years. We need to know what the rest are. How do we build and practice the appropriate guidelines. This body will get a report that taxes have been filed properly. We should be filing a sales tax with the state. We do not owe the state but I don't think that it's being done.

We have an account that we do not pay for a few years. Is he someone that we would want to come and talk to us? We have a line item set up to pay someone. We can take a guess but this is very critical to the person or committee who stands in the duty of an officer. We do not want some officer getting in trouble for not know the correct or proper procedures.

Our guideline has verbiage that applied to a 501.c3. At one time, the error was made. We found out later that we are a 501.c4. and just replacing the 3 with a 4 and the difference is critical.

We are try to build a guideline for future trusted servants and we are not following the law. Where do we thing we are at? Should we ask the body about following the law? We should follow the law. We don't need a guideline to follow the law. What are going do in the short term?

It's about who is going to be responsible? We have heard that it "we" maintain it. It is the concern of the finance committee to come into the position and not know what to do. They will have guideline to go by for doing the position. We know for personal experiences is to have good records and keep them in a safe place. We want to bring it to the group. The first step is safe location.

Could we put the hard copy in the storage locker? No there is not enough room.

We need an itemized list of what we need to retain and what are the filings that we need to do? We are only gather information. What is that we need retain? What do we need to do to maintain our status non-profit status?

Why can't we put them on the website? If we are transparent we are following the law. No one needs to vote on that as a body. It has names and can't post. It's a legal issue.

There is a motion but it's not ready yet. Should the person who signs the tax returns be the same person who stores all the records or a different person?

The Treasurer recommends that we get together with the person that handles our accounting and come back with questions and information to present back to the committee.

Would GSO have any information on this topic? We are autonomous when it comes to this type of subject.

I run my own business, all we need to do is to go to the board of equalization. They will tell us everything we need to do. They are there to help us. All we need to do is ask for help.

monty cavalier 9/7/15 5:22 PM

Comment:

Let's send back to the Finance. Thank you for all of your help. We are holding them.

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

**District 1:** Jerry: Our July meeting had our largest attendance to date this year with 16 GSRs. International Conference attendees shared their personal highlights with the group. Our new District Registrar is making great progress in identifying new groups in our area and will share this information with the Area Registrar and the Intergroup Outreach Liaison. We talked about Unity Day and about six GSRs committed to being there. The District committed to donate \$100.00. We're looking forward to additional information.

The balance of the meeting was spent going over a presentation I developed entitled "Our Twelfth Step, Legacy of Service and Self-Support" which is actually designed to help District 1 GSRs better understand the links between our Area budget, budget process and how our Area Standing Committees support our ability to do 12th step work. This has been reviewed by a few individuals but has not been submitted to our Finance Committee or Treasurer, nor has it received approval from anyone in the area. The goal is to better prepare them to participate in budget discussion at the Area Assembly and present information on the budget and 7th tradition to their groups. District 1 GSRs gave great feedback and found it very helpful. If you'd like to see the presentation, I'd be happy to share it with you.

In our discussion, we posed the question—should the Area prepare a revised "pie chart" document that GSRs can use. The current one is very "Central Office heavy" and the language seems outdated.

**District 2:** Scott: The district is discussing matters. We are doing well. More to follow.

**District 3:** Louis: Had representative from the Finance presented the budget. Had picnic on July 12<sup>th</sup> great attendance.

**District 4:** Kevin: Paul from Finance visited our district and fully reported our proposed 2016 Area 8 Budget. Lively discussion on topic and our GSR present said it was a very helpful visit. Possibly the best meeting this year. Which I take umbrage offense to since I set our agendas! Great job Paul! Dean is scheduled to visit our district on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Another reminder to change your workbooks and website to correct our date from 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month.

As coffee and set up chair, we suffered a loss/theft in our shed. For this purpose I recommend we purchase a plastic or wooden box to hold supplies in access of \$20.00 in value. Discussion took place on this matter.

**District 5:** Colin: Met June 22nd. 7 GSRs were present. Heard from the Finance Committee regarding the Budget assembly background. Discussed progress on planning for the Sponsorship Workshop. Accepted resignation of our Treasurer. Nominated and appointed a new treasurer. Continued planning for our Inclusion Workshop in December.

**District 6:** Helen: This meeting we had Tanya, Alt Finance Chair attend our meeting. We were presented the current proposed budget & allowed ample time to ask for questions & clarifications. We used this meeting to visit to discuss financial contributions from groups & how we as a district spend our money. The DCM was able to share her experience, strength & hope from attending the International Convention in Atlanta, GA. The district is helping to host the Sponsorship Workshop on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The attendees at the meeting discussed the ideas of commitments & how they have played a role in our personal sobrieties.

**District 7:** Dennis: Thanks to Butch for presenting the budget. We discussed briefly the upcoming assembly. Also the district discussed whether to do lunch or breakfast at the September Assembly. (Lunch)

**District 8:** Chris: Our regular monthly meeting was held on July 6th at 7pm; the location is St Mark's Lutheran Church, 580 Hilltop Dr. Chula Vista Ca 91911. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 3rd at the same location and time. I have asked the D8 GSR's to bring their suggestions on how we, as a district, can participate in the Unity Day celebration this year. Jane G. has extended an invitation to us to participate in some way

A special thanks to Curt, from the Finance Committee, for presenting an brief explanation of the Area budget process and the proposed budget itself. The presentation was very informing and engaging questions were asked and answered.

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.

31 more meetings to reach out to! Great work everyone! Keep in mind D8 still seeks an alternate registrar!

**District 9:** Lorie: Not present.

**District 10:** Elke: The last Business Meeting of District 10 was held last Tuesday July 14th, 2015. The next meeting will be on August 11th, 2015 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in El Cajon, CA 92021 @ 5:30pm.

I would like to report following:

- District members have been visiting meetings which do not have any representation. We saw fruits of our labors when a new GSR and two new Alternates attended our last meeting.
- Group Visitation reports were given and District 10 will continue its visitations efforts.
- A motion to support "Donuts With The Delegate" with a \$30.00 donation towards donuts was made and passed.
- A motion to financially support the Unity Day Celebration Workshop was tabled for next month's meeting.

**District 11:** Cindy: District 11 is financially sound at this time. All is quiet in the district. We are hosting a movie night on Friday July 17 at Saint Andrews Church, 8350 Lake Murray Blvd La Mesa CA from 6PM to 9PM. Flyer is on the area website. We are cohosting with district 10, 11, 12 on September 26.

**District 12:** George: We met on 7/02/15 at 6:30 pm. I wasn't able to attend the meeting as I was at General Service Conference.

**District 13:** Julie: Reviewed our secretary workshop process. Welcomed new GSR Rachel of the Finance Committee gave us a Finance Report and a fine job she did, too.

**District 14:** Eric: We meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Treasurer gave a presentation. CSC will give a presentation. No location given. Helping with the sponsorship. Putting a deposit for the budget assembly.

**District 15:** Roberto: We are meeting every Friday. We meet last was with 15 GSR. Five committees at the our district participate in the district. Discussed various topics. Public information. La Vina in ahavina event on July 26, There will be a workshop on for General Service will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. Got an invitation for unity day but weren't able to discuss.

**District 16:** Linda: We had 14 GSR's and 1 guest, Tom M. explained & helped us get started on a district inventory, he suggested to start with the tradition & concept checklist. Shared the difference from a personal & district inventory. We elected a new Alt Secretary. Ours moved to service in District 4. The Root Beer Float Social went well. Thanks to district 1 and Dean. We shared pros and cons on the Root Beer Float Social. The "This is AA" workshop is on paper. This is on October 17 at the Senior Center from 10 to 1pm. There are fliers for WSW, it was brought to my attention Potluck isn't written on it. Next month we are having the Intergroup Rep from my home group, the Bell up to visit & share what the Intergroup does.

**District 17:** Not present

**District 18:** Efrain: LaVina will have a workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. October 11 will be the election for the next DCM. Officers will be invited. Last month the Treasurer came out the visit and discuss the budget the delegate talked about the conference. Sunday will have a anniversary celebration at the intergroup at 12noon.

**District 19:** Harlan: 13 GSRs and officers attended the District meeting held on July 7, 2015. Group-related issues and concerns were addressed ranging from holding a group conscience, the role of a GSR and expanding roles within groups. The Concept Boot Camp continues to develop with the committee confirming the site (United Methodist, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego) and the format we will follow each Saturday. The flyers have been posted on the website, along with an information sheet posted on District 19's page explaining the workshop series in greater detail. We talked about Unity Day and GSRs were invited to identify members in their groups who would be interested in participating on panel and/or roundtable discussions. GSRs were also encouraged to invite group members to the next district meeting to hear Area 8 Delegate Dean B. discuss his experiences at this past Conference.

**District 20:** Miles: We had a roaring at our last meeting. Our meeting is held on the last Tuesday of the month. The main discussion was how to handle the absence of the DCM. The alternate will be here in his place.

**District 21:** Brian: DCM Report – I reminded our GSRs about the misplaced checks to the Area in January and to announce it to their groups. If any checks haven't cleared, then stop payment, contact Butch and hopefully reissue them. I stated some upcoming Area events: Sponsorship workshop on 7/26; Two Labor Day picnics; and the Budget Area Assembly on 9/12. Topics presented at the past Area Committee Meeting were: Unity Day plans were discussed – scheduled on the last Saturday in August with a workshop format, and with all the Area Committees participating in some way.

Old Business – Welcome to our new Treasurer: Simon B. from the Wednesday Beginners Meeting at St. Bart's. If you plan to attend an unrepresented meeting, please contact Brian and he will provide you with materials for a brief presentation.

New Business – Unity Day discussion: Jane G., Alternate Delegate, is encouraging everyone who has an interest in being of service at the home group level (not just General Service) to attend the workshop day. Flyers, an agenda for the day's events, and a description of the various displays/roundtable discussions were distributed. We voted to contribute \$200 in District funds to this event.

Rachel, our finance committee representative, gave a report on the proposed Area 08 2016 budget. This information should be taken back to our groups to solicit their input. The groups vote on the budget, with the understanding that they will provide contributions to cover the budget that is passed.

- Rachel noted that our first obligation is to fund the Delegate's activities completely.
- We then cover our yearly fixed costs – insurance, storage and rent for Area Assemblies and Area Committee.
- We also cover the costs for interpretation – both Spanish language and ASL. The Spanish oral interpreters are asking in increase to be in line with general interpretation costs.
- This budget reflects a slight decrease in contributions from the 2015 budget. Actual contributions are less than budgeted in 2015. Fixed costs are roughly the same. Where there is a significant difference from the 2015 budget amount, there are notes to explain. Please use these notes when discussing with your group. If you have any questions during or after group discussions, please ask Rachel, any member of the finance committee, or Butch, our treasurer. Contact information for all is on the Area 8 website.

Thank you, Rachel, for taking the time to share the information about the 2016 budget!!



Round Table Sharing – Was cancelled due to time.

The Big Day (Budget) Assembly will be on September 12th.

Our next meeting will be on August 6th, 2015 – lead by our Alt. DCM, Jill (as I will be on vacation) and Duncan will record the minutes (since Diana & Sherisa will be out of town).

**District 22:** Daniel: Area Budget was presented to district. No further business.

**District 23:** Heather: We reviewed the "Circles of Love and Service" pamphlet. We elected a new treasurer. We set 2 dates, time and location for our Labor Day Picnic Planning committee meeting. Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. We were honored to have the Delegate, Dean B in attendance to provide his post conference visit. It was really great to see the newer GSR get excited about language pulled from the general service manual.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Renee: (absent-email report) I regret that due to work I cannot attend tonight's meeting. But my report is as follows: I attended the International Convention in Atlanta, as requested by my committee. I volunteered at the G.S.O. Special Needs Booth and attended several ASL interpreted meetings. The whole experience was wonderful and enlightening. The Accessibilities Committee decided to do a mass mailing to all ASL Fund contributors about the mail loss in January. Four volunteers divided up the list to get the mail out in a timely fashion. We are currently planning our Meetings To Go Workshop. Our committee continues to be well attended, having 2 new members join us last month.

**Agenda:** Paul:

- Discussed the request of the Agenda Committee participation at the Unity Day Workshop
- Reviewed and discussed the Agenda Committee's 2016 Budget Request minimum possible needs
- Preparing for the solicitation of the 2017 Conference Theme, Presentation/Discussion and Workshop Topics from the Delegate Area 08 fellowship.

Theme for the 2016 General Service Conference:

"Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts."

Presentation/Discussion Topics for the 2016 General Service Conference:

a. Connecting With the Newcomer:

1. All Inclusive – Never Exclusive
2. Are We Doing Enough to Help the Newcomer – Are We Going to Any Length?
3. Home Group – Where It Begins

b. Connecting With Each Other:

1. Singleness of Purpose – Staying Pertinent in a Changing World
2. Informed Group Conscience – The Key to Unity

3. Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service

c. Connecting With A.A. as a Whole:

1. Participating in All of A.A.

2. Understanding Self-Support

3. Reaching Out to the Next Generation of A.A.s

The workshop topic for the 2016 General Service Conference

"Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation."Archives: Linda: We met at Central Office this month, the meeting was all about ROOT'S, which is Nov. 22. We planned our committees, working off the check list to make sure all is in order. We would like to ask the Area if anyone knows or anyone with 40years + who hasn't spoken at ROOT's in the past, let us know.

**CPC:** Ted: The CPC committee met on Monday June 29, 2015 for their regular monthly meeting. The 6 bedrock committee members were in attendance. Only one of the perspective members assigned to the committee from quarterly Area Assembly's in the past 12 months have attended more than one CPC meeting. In fact, none of the people assigned from the last 2 Area Assembly's have attended a CPC Committee meeting.

During the first half of the meeting we discussed old business i.e. the Sharp Grossmont Hospital panel discussion de-brief, the NAMI Walk, a CPC stamp I purchased to stamp return address envelopes for our reach out campaign, and the upcoming Employee Assistance Professionals Association Annual Conference booth in September.

We then moved on to the IVAT conference in August and whether or not we should participate. The consensus opinion was to ask them if we could place an unstaffed information rack in the vendor area. I have asked the person in charge of vendors and have not received a response. We also discussed CPC participation in the Unity Day Potluck, and Recovery Happens event in Balboa Park. Both of these will receive support and participation from CPC.

**Finance:** Tanya: Presentation of the June financial report. (given by area treasurer)

- 2 Motions from IT Committee: After making some amendments, motions were approved to go forward

Motion 1: Funds to provide video conferencing at AMC

Motion 2: Motion to Establish a budget related to Area 8 Computer Purchases and Replacement

- Unity Day participation: 3-4 members will attend and represent the Finance committee
- Update on District visits: all district but 1 have been completed

**Grapevine/LaViña:** Sandy: We meet last Sunday at Central Office. Grapevine is having a special for the online subscriptions are \$20 instead of \$30 till the end of July.

**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.

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.

We are in process of creating a slate of nominees for our election upcoming in November. We will be hosting the H&I Intergroup meeting on August 23rd at our Machinists' Hall location. This meeting runs from 11am – 2pm and includes lunch. If anyone is interested in knowing what goes on in H&I around Southern California from San Luis Obispo to the Mexican border, please join us. All are welcome. We look forward to participating in Unity Day on August 29th. We have sent a financial contribution for this event. H&I will be hosting a "Fall into Service" workshop event on September 20th. This will also be at the Machinists' Hall, and will precede our usual orientation and business meeting. Please come and bring any friends or sponsee's who might be interested in either H&I or Contact on Release service work.

**Information Technologies:** Bill: Review a couple motions. Talk about

**Literature:** Karen: willing to visit any district. The committee needs support.

**NCAIC (H & I):** Suzanne: 1. NCAIC are working on producing its own website. 2. Treatment Chair and NCAIC currently reviewing and updating list of H & I panels. 3. They are also currently getting ready for the Unity Day event 8/29. 4. Our next meeting will be July 18th at 1pm at the Oceanside Alano Club.

**Newsletter:** Ray: Not present. Sent an email - I have not been able to attend the ACM meeting.

**Policy: Emily:** The next Policy committee meeting is Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30pm online. At our last meeting we reviewed two new motions for amendments to the Structure and Guidelines. One to add the responsibility of compiling and submitting the annual tax return to the Treasurer's job responsibilities and the other to add the responsibility of maintaining 7 years of tax returns to the Finance committee responsibilities. These motions are ready for the Area Committee Meeting to review. We discussed the research and help needed to create a document for Area Assembly Setup Guidelines. We are looking to all current and past Area officers and DCMs for any documentation regarding Area Assembly Setup Guidelines.

**Translation:** Alex: Absent.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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