

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee - Minutes of the February 18, 2016 Meeting**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**

The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members. The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is 2650 Melbourne, San Diego, CA. All AA members are welcome to attend. To get an item on the agenda, please contact [chair@area8aa.org](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.

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm by Emily B., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Tradition Two was read in Spanish by Alejandro and in English by Monty. Introductions were offered and several new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and their alternates introduced themselves. Guests and visitors also stood up. All were welcomed to Area Committee.

**Roll Call: Alicia H. (Registrar)**

Alicia, Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 10 Officers were in attendance, 20 DCMs, and 13 Committee Chairs were present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit email addresses to registrar also. *Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.*

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

- I am still trying to get my arms around December 2015 and will send them out by digitally in English and Spanish hopefully in the next week or so. January 2016 minutes were distributed per the roster on February 15, 2016. *All District, Standing Committee, and other reports may be submitted at <http://www.area8aa.org/districtcommittee-electronic-submission-form/> or directly to via email at [balkybetty@gmail.com](mailto:balkybetty@gmail.com).*

**Treasurer's Report: Hugo, (Treasurer)**

- Written report submitted.

January 2016	January	YTD	2016 Budget	Variance w/ Annual Budget
Group contributions:	3605.90	3605.90	42,500.00	-38,894.10
Individual contributions:	122.66	122.66		122.66
District contributions:	472.00	472.00		472.00
Total contributions:	4,200.56	4,200.56	42,500.00	-38,299.44
Total budgeted expenses:	4,984.35	4,984.35	42,500.00	-37,515.65
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-783.79	-783.79		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	0.00		
Total expenses:	4,984.35	4,984.35	42,500.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	-783.79	-783.35		
Total Cash Balance:	10,455.64			

### **Master Calendar, Colin M., Alternate Chair**

- Officers met and agreed to continue to steer as many people as possible to the website for the most current information. There will be some positive changes to the DCM Workbook to better align it with the website.
- The Master Calendar was emailed out by the Colin, Alternate Chair. It is posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website ([www.area8aa.org](http://www.area8aa.org)) for the most up to date information.

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

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

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

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

**Coordinating Council:** Precious: February's Book of the Month is "Came to Believe" on sale for \$3, regularly \$4.75. March's Book of the Month is "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" on sale for \$7.50, regularly \$9.50. Phone volunteer shifts available at Central Office on alternate Fridays from 1pm-5pm and from 5pm-9pm. Free email subscriptions to the Coordinator Newsletter: send an email to [sdaaco@aol.com](mailto:sdaaco@aol.com). Your creative submissions are welcome. April's Theme: "What Does Autonomy Mean to Your Group" Founder's Day Picnic will be either Saturday, June 11th or 18th, at location rotation of Clairemont/Mira Mesa. Thanks to Colin, Area 8 Alternate Chair, for his attendance and liaison report.

**North County Intergroup:** Ralph: 37th Annual NC Intergroup Traditions Breakfast April 10th, 2016 llocation: Camp Pendleton (access form must be filled out online tp be admitted on base) <http://www.mccsp.com/new-base-access-procedures> tickets \$25.00, info: NC Central Office 760-758-2514

**East County Intergroup:** no report

**Oficina Central Española:** Bibiano:

**Oficina Intergrupual Condado Norte:** Pedro: Last mtg held 2-17-16, our business mtg is every Wed 7pm-9pm. We have 18 groups who represent their groups. We have the following committees: 12 Step, Literature, Newsletter, Committee of Convention, Vacancy are the following events. We have volunteers to answer phones. Intergroup is the 20th of Feb. Next mtg will be the 27th of Feb in Chino, Ca.

**Oficina Intergrupual Sur, Chula Vista:**

**NSYPAA:** Riley: NSDYPAA is hosting our Scavenger Hunt on Saturday February 27th. We will meet at the Pier Plaza Amphitheater (200 N the strand, Oceanside CA 92054). There will be BBQ, fellowship, and registration from 1pm-3pm. The scavenger hunt will go from 3pm-6:30pm. It will all be on foot. People will be assigned to teams randomly, so if there's anyone who wants to go but doesn't have a group to go with, don't worry! This will prevent cliques and allow everyone to meet new people. There will be eight-man teams and the suggested donation is \$5. After the scavenger hunt ends at 6:30pm we will meet at Tri-City Medical Center (4002 Vista Way Oceanside, CA 92056) for a speaker meeting which goes from 7:30pm -9pm. NSDYPAA is also still talking about hosting a cultural diversity workshop in May and we are still looking for co-hosts so if any district is interested in possibly co-hosting that event with us please contact me.

**GSDYPAA:** Sammy: Bidding for SWACYPA. Requesting suggestions for everything bid related. coordinating with Seniors in Sobriety. Dance was well attended. Next event is a workshop Concept 9.

**Native American Liaison:** Position Available

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

8:39pm, resumed meeting at 8:56pm Concept 2 was read in long for in English by Dennis and Spanish by Roberto.

#### **4 Area DCM Sharing Session Update: Jerry**

##### **Area 8 Mileage Reimbursement Rate \$0.29/mile:**

Discussion:

- Statement: Area Officers are preparing budgets, Current panel has many North County members.
- Statement: I can not be too poor to be of service in Alcoholics Anonymous but I have found that I can be too poor to participate in General Service.
- Question: How is mileage recorded in the budget? Each position is different. Overall
- Statement: Many districts have raised the rate to the federal rate.
- Statement: It seems that people generally support the idea of raising the rate. What is our purpose tonight? To get a sense of the meeting. We would need a motion for next year. Unbudgeted expenses would be the method for 2016.
- Statement: spoke against. Stated it would impact our finances too much. Wants to know where the money is going to come from? Believes that money should come from our sense of gratitude.
- Statement: Budget is a guide, should be based on reality \$0.29 cents is not reality. Whether we can pay that or not doesn't change that it is not reality.
- Statement: We are not a business. The Area's budget is not a budget supporting a business. We are creating a detailed plan of 12-Step work we plan to do; and we are asking the groups for their participation and support of that plan. Each officer and standing committee is given a list of duties. Each submits an amount to put into the budget that funds the specific tasks and duties for which s/he is responsible. The Finance Committee and Treasurer need to inform the Fellowship of the amount of money required to fulfill those duties. The Fellowship should decide if they can support it. The groups should also be offered the opportunity to add or remove duties they feel cannot be financially supported. The groups can consider what duties and responsibilities to add or remove only if the Finance Committee stops inserting itself as the authority for what the area will receive. By taking responsibility for the budget amount, the Finance Committee is taking away and actually blocking the financial responsibility and opportunity for participation by the groups we serve.

##### **Proposed Amendment to the Area Structure and Guidelines - Establishment of an Area**

**Prudent Reserve:** (Presented by Jerry M.)

Discussion:

- Question: Why do we have a prudent reserve while we are questioning where we are going to find money for mileage reimbursement rate adjustment? Let's not have one.
- Statement: Finance Committee discussed and has been recommended to this body.
- Statement: Treasurer in favor, all of the groups that he regularly attends have prudent reserve.
- Statement: The Area's entire financial situation needs to be thoroughly examined.

A motion to recommend this motion to the Area Assembly was proposed and reached the required simple majority. 36 in favor, 6 against.

**Area Storage Checkout Procedures and Inventory:** (Presented by Colin M.)

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

**District 1:** Jerry: We had 14 GSRs attend our February 9th District Meeting.

Our District Registrar has completed updating our roster of meetings in San Marcos and Vista and it is now up to date. Our planning for the workshop on Living Without Fear is going well; the date is

March 12th from 10 AM to Noon at the Carlsbad Senior Center. We reviewed our handout on "North County Hospital and Institutions Committee". This will be used by GSRs to encourage AA members to consider becoming involved in service work outside of a meeting and helping us carry the AA message to those who are unable to get to meetings. This is our second Committee and we will continue to discuss other Area Committees to encourage participation. Our District is very pleased that the Prudent Reserve Proposal for Area 8 continues to be discussed.

**District 2:** Sutton: We had 10 people in attendance including one new GSR and one new alternate GSR. We discussed several items including calendar of events, approved budget request for DCM to attend PRAASA as well as budget for refreshments for Pre-Conference Information Workshop on February 27. Discussed goal to have contact information on alternate GSR for each group at the March meeting.

**District 3:** Guy: Voted to pay 1/3 of amount for Area Assembly for District 3 assistance to District 21 in January 2016 Orientation Area Assembly. Discussed North American Liaison individual to attend an upcoming District 3 meeting. Discussion on what District 3 might want to add to the District 3 Tab on the Area 8 AA website. Continued discussion on which Area Committee Chairs would you like to visit District 3 Meetings. Next Meeting will be March 7th, 2016.

**District 4:** Jason: We met on the first Wednesday of the month, as usual, at 6:30pm. The meeting started on time and was attended by 3 GSRs and 2 Officers. We went over the recent Area Assembly and the motions that were voted on during the assembly. We discussed at length the motion pertaining to who the Area should and should not accept money from. We also discussed at length the issue with very low GSR participation in our district and how we can get the word out. We came up with an idea of making a flyer and taking it to all the dark meetings we could. The verbiage for the flyer was determined and next meeting we will have 100 flyers ready to go. I am currently researching how to obtain a list of meeting in our district. We are also looking into and excited to get either Jane or Hugo to come to our meeting and give a talk. We ended promptly at 8pm.

**District 5:** Tanya: Recapped on the Jan 22nd Orientation Assembly and the motions discussed at the Assembly. Discussed possible dates & locations for the Annual Sponsorship Workshop. Usual location is Marina Village Conference Center in Mission Bay. Usual date: The 3rd or 4th Sunday in July (depending on availability). Many members think the workshop has run its course and are unsure about having it this year so some suggested that the event be changed but with the same goal of reaching out to the newcomer. We talked about our involvement with co-hosting the Pre-conference Assembly on Apr 2nd and lunch ideas for that event.

**District 6:** Renee:

**District 7:** Dennis: Met February 5 with 5 GSRs present. Ted from CPC gave a wonderful report on his committee. Also, had a sharing session on giving a GSR report.

**District 9:** Art:

**District 10:** Elke: The last Business Meeting of District 10 was held on February 9th, 2016. The next meeting will be on March 8th, 2016 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in El Cajon, CA 92021 @ 5:30pm. I would like to report following: Tradition 2 and Concept II were read and discussed. DCM gave a report on the Orientation Assembly in January. Our Registrar prepared a superb list for us to visit unrepresented and unregistered groups of District 10. She identified the groups for us that need a GSO # and/or a GSR and expressed the need to explain the importance of participation and contributing. The DCM appointed Janet K. as an ad hoc Committee chair to review the District 10 Structure and Guidelines as it is directed in them to review these guidelines every even numbered year in February. Janet will report back at the April and May District meeting. The DCM passed on information about the General Service Conference and 'Why We Need a Conference?' gave a definition of Advisory Actions and mentioned a few of the 65th General Service Conference. GSRs were reminded to attend the Pre-Conference Information Workshop and the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly in April. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

**District 11:** Janedra: We discussed our upcoming workshops and events for 2016. GSRs volunteered to lead various workshops and committed to developing a budget for district review. All is good in District 11!

**District 12:** Jo Ann: Approved co-sponsoring "Big Day" assembly with District 11. District 12 will provide both financial and manpower support for this assembly. Discussion of how to provide ASL translation for upcoming emotional sobriety workshop in October. Investigate costs again and ask area. May need co-sponsor to make it cost effective. Attempting to obtain list of dark meetings and go to these groups to discuss their participation in district with a GSR.

**District 13:** Julie: We met on Feb 9th. 7 GSRs in attendance. Items discussed: 1) Secretary workshop. What was good what we'll do better next time. 2) What it means to co-host an area assembly 3) Items up for vote - how to present to groups 4) Current treasury report

**District 14:** Gerry: Concept 1 and Tradition 1 were read and discussed. Conducted my 1st District mtg Jan 27th, the District mtg is held on the 4th Wed. of the month. There were 5 GSR's, total 8 in attendance. D 14 Treasurer Laura R. reported in 2015 finances. Ask for volunteers for alt. DCM, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar. We voted and passed funds to send DCM to PRASSA and funds for the Pre-Conference workshop Feb 28th.

**District 15:** Ricardo:

**District 16:** Dona-Marie: We have new DCM and alternate DCM, Secretary. The position of treasurer has been maintained which has been really helpful.. We were requested by the Bill W. Movie committee to provide seed money for the event which will be held in June in Encinitas at La Paloma Theater. We are looking forward to participating in the pre-Conference Workshop and are sharing expenses with three other districts to provide for this event (February 27, 2016) The DCM and Alternate DCM and funded and attending PRAASA.

**District 17:** not represented

**District 18:** Herber: At this business mtg there were 10 GSR's, 4 committees (PI, Archives, La Vina, Institutions) The Central Office visited 3 groups & 1 committee. 19 at this business mtg which is held every Monday @ 7pm

**District 19:** Jerry: Our meeting was well attended and was chaired for the first time by myself, then acting Alternate DCM. One of our elegantly expressed and self-professed atheist GSR's shared on our 2nd Tradition and their share was overwhelmingly well received as he spoke to the seemingly "assisting force" that underlines all of our efforts within AA. We had a passionate discussion regarding our 7th Tradition as a contribution to the district came from an unregistered group. How cool is it that though they may not choose to register with GSO, they are still diligent at contributing to AA as a whole?! Finally, we had a passionate discussion on the delineating lines between the Green Can vs. The Accessibilities Committee. Ultimately, one of our deaf GSR's would like to see greater availability to meetings within our District. As our now standing DCM, it will be one of my 1st orders of business to establish a committee dedicated to approaching all of the "dark" meetings within our district and communicating new and innovative ways to contribute to our District, our Area and certainly AA as a whole.

**District 20:** Eddie:

**District 21:** Brian: The 4 motions presented at the Area Assembly were discussed and important points to take to their groups were clarified. The hosting of the Orientation Area Assembly was recapped with good feelings about all the excellent teamwork and assistance received from Districts 3 & 22 along with our team! We made plans for the hosting of the upcoming Pre-Conference Workshop and designated a team to arrange for some treats at the session – Thanks Diana & Terri. The GSR roundtable was held with many positive comments about the meetings and some increased attendance of newcomers. Our next meeting will be on March 3, 2016.

**District 22:**

**District 23:** Jim G.: 12 GSR's in attendance. We are currently working to fill vacant alt. positions. We voted and passed a request from District 2 to help fund conference workshop

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

**Accessibilities:** Jesse:

**Agenda:** Paul: Working on the creation of a Conference Agenda Item for discussion, area 08 support and recommendation of “How Much Can a Group Contribute – “Is there a Limit?” Discussed supporting and working with YPAA on a possible update of a YPAA pamphlet. Agenda Committee will be participating and reviewing the 2016 Conference Committee on Agenda Items A, B, C and D Reviewed and discussed the Agenda for the February 2016 Area Committee Meeting.

Area 08 Agenda Committee's recommendation for the 2017 General Service Conference Theme, Presentation and Workshop Topics be:

Themes: Back to Basics, I am Responsible for AA's Future, Service & Unity – Having a Life Worth Living

Presentation/Discussion Topics: Inclusion- The Key to Unity, Valuing our Primary Purpose When the Only Requirement for Membership is the Desire to Stop Drinking, Does Recovery Stop at the Steps?

The Life I've Gained Through Service

Workshop Topics: Singleness of Purpose- Preserving Our Future, Spirit of Rotating on – There's More Work to Do, All In – Inclusive Never Exclusive

**Archives:** Anne: Archives Open House – March 12 1:00-3:00 PM. Update on former Archivists car was broken into on December 2: Joe and Mike to recreate items/folders together.

**Information Technology:** Brian: 7 members in attendance. Working with Colin to acquire some refurbished Laptops. 1,600 website visitors in January. Video Conference for ACM starting up. Discussed putting together a webinar for using Area 8 website.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:** Ted: The CPC Committee met on Monday night Jan 25 at 6:30-7:30 in the Central Office. The CPC meeting was well attended and had 3 new members and 9 current members in attendance. We finished up some loose ends from 2015, reviewed the past year, and laid out the known commitments for 2016.

One of the committee members reported that the American Bar Association had a convention at the Manchester Hyatt downtown with "Friends of Bill" meetings scheduled on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We decided to send representatives of CPC to participate in these meetings. The convention attendees were from all over the US so we brought local SD meeting schedules to make available which was much appreciated. We set the next meeting for Monday Feb 29, 6:30-7:30 Central Office.

**Policy:** Tony: There were six people in attendance, including the Area Chair and myself. We reviewed the Area Assembly Setup Guidelines.

**Finance:** Paul: We discussed the prudent reserve motion & went over Jan. Finance Report (Budget)

**Grapevine/La Viña:** Sandy: The long awaited results of the subscription challenge are in: for the Grapevine-the state of Missouri, and for LaVina the state of Delaware. These states won for the greatest percentage increase in new subscriptions. A section in the August issue will be dedicated to the winners.

This month's Grapevine and La Vina issues focus on staying sober through adversity. The prison issue deadline has passed and the next issue is for the winners of the subscription challenge so, Young and Sober stories are due by April 5 for the September issue and Atheist and Agnostic stories for the October issue are due by May 5th. For LaVina, the September issue will feature stories from National Convention due on April 5.

Our committee met on Sunday and was attended by 2 GSR's assigned to our committee, two GVR's from Imperial Valley that drove that distance just to meet with us and return our literature from the Imperial Valley Roundup, the Alternate Chair and myself. We discussed our proposed budget, our calendar of events, set the date for our GV/LV writer's workshop for October 8th. We passed out volunteer sheets for our participation in the SD Spring Roundup, and we outlined a plan of visitations to districts to present the Grapevine/LaVina, describe what our committee does, and encourage

GSR's to bring back to their groups the recommendation of having a GVR service position. We had a basic discussion of the 3 agenda items for Grapevine/LaVina.

**NCAIC (North County Hospitals and Institutions):** Suzanne: 1. Remember the new website. [nchandi.org](http://nchandi.org)...All our info is there for your review. 2. The H&I Conference will be the 2nd weekend in April, 2016. La Mirada CA. Many of us from North County hope to attend. 3. Please mark your calendars for the new member orientation in North County. 3rd Saturday in April.

**SD (Hospitals and Institutions):** Michelle: 12 officers in attendance. We did not have a meeting in January due to scheduling conflicts. In December, we discussed new officer transitions. H&I will be participating in the Spring Round-up with a table, as well as a panel Saturday morning. We have an orientation for members of AA looking to serve on a panel every third Sunday at noon at the Machinist Hall 5150 Kearny Mesa Road and every third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Central Office. The H&I Conference is April 8-10th in La Mirada, California.

**Literature:** Karen: We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30pm at SD Central Office. All members are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact me @ [literature8@area8aa.org](mailto:literature8@area8aa.org). At our Feb meeting we welcomed 3 new members: Brian W, Eric L, and Jerry S. Elections were held: John S. is our new alt-chair, and Jerry S. our new secretary. I attended the Imperial Valley Roundup Jan 29 – 31 in Brawley to setup the Area 8 literature display. The generated a lot of interest, and resulted in sales of both English and Spanish Literature. We discussed how to manage our surplus of Spanish literature; how to spark interest in AAWS literature by hosting a Movie night or a co-hosting a literature workshop. I am currently working on a budget forecast request for 2017. John is working on a 2016 financial plan based on the \$\$ amount allocated to us by the area for 2016. Submitted by: Karen P, Literature chair

**Newsletter:** Monty: We last meet on 1/26/16. We had two members in attendance and 1 remotely via conference call method. We discussed the committee guidelines. We are reviewing what we had. We the timeline for the upcoming newsletter submission. We would also like for each DCM and subcommittee chair to write an article. We would like to develop an archive of articles. So when we are down to the wire, we will have articles to choose from. I will be reaching out to individuals for the current newsletter. We will need submission by March 4th.

**Translation:** Alex: The translation Committee has been very active this month with some documents such as the ACM minutes from December & February as well as the delegate's report. and small emails translations. We received a large package from the San Diego Archives containing the history of AA in San Diego/Imperial Counties which is in the assignment sheet's process. The committee has grown since the last area assembly with some new volunteers, let see how we work together.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

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