

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee

2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

Minutes of the December 20, 2012 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer and a recital of the Declaration of Unity. The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish by Carmen and in English by Peggy Rose. The meeting was preceded by a holiday potluck.

Introductions

New DCMs, new GSRs, and new Committee Chairs introduced themselves.

Roll Call: Monty

Monty, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. Eight Officers were in attendance. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: Area Alt. Secretary, Area Treasurer, Districts 17; Finance, Remote Nations, Archivist, Oficina Central Hispana, North County Intergroup. (Unconfirmed at this time.)

Approval of November 2012 Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R. Secretary

- Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the December 2012 minutes please contact our Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email. Let your 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, let the secretary know.
- MSP to approve November, 2012 minutes
- *You may submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at roxroll@aol.com. Reports should contain your first name, district, committee or liaison, date and report. Keep it simple.*

Treasurer’s Report: Butch, Alt.Treasurer

- Written report.
- Keep reminding your groups who contribute to the Area to include an e-mail address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, and at a lower cost.

November	Nov 2012	YTD	2012 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,392.50	28,282.33	38,480.00	-10,197.67
Individual contributions:	65.000	1,602.98	00	
District contributions:	69.20	1,261.67	00	
Total contributions:	2,526.70	31,146.98	38,480.00	-7,333.02

Total budgeted expenses:	2,243.69	26,457.77	38,480.00	-12,022.23
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	283.01	4,689.21		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	83.68	.00	83.68
Area 8 Contribution to GSO	2,389.12	2,389.12	.00	2,389.12
Total expenses:	4,632.81	28,930.57	38,480.00	-9,549.43
Contributions less total expenses:	-2,106.11	2,216.41		
Previous month ending balance	12,335.24			
Cash on hand:	10,229.13			

Master Calendar

Event	Host	Date	Time	Location
New Year's Alkathon	Dist 6, 7, & 19	Dec 31	2012	Church @ 6th & Penn, San Diego
South Bay New Year's Alkathon	Dist. 8	Dec. 31	2012	South Bay Pioneers-270 C St. Chula Vista
GSR Orientation Assembly	Dist 5 & 8	Jan 5	2013	9:00a First United Methodist Church -Mission Valley
DCM/Committee Chair Workshop	TBD	Jan 26	2013	8:30a First United Methodist Church -Mission Valley
4-Area DCM Sharing Session	TBD	Feb - TBD	2013	TBD Machinists Union Hall, Kearny Mesa
Contact on Release Workshop	SDIAIC	Feb. 17	2013	10:30-12 Machinists Union Hall-Kearny Mesa
Pre Conference Workshops	TBD	Feb 22-24	2013	Various Locations
<i>PRAASA</i>	Area 18	Mar 1-3	2013	Boise, Idaho
<i>San Diego Round-Up</i>		Mar.28-31	2013	Town and Country Resort-Fashion Valley
Pre-Conference Assembly	Dist 4, 14 &19	April 6	2013	9:00a TBD
H & I So Cal Convention		Apr 12-14	2013	Orange, CA
Post-Conference Assembly	Dist 2, 16 &23	May 18	2013	9:00a Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla
Seniors in Sobriety (SIS)	CEC	Sept 5-8	2013	Town and Country Resort, Fashion Valley

*Note: **Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated Nov. 17, 2012. Information is subject to change. See the calendar on the area website for the most up to date information.*

Delegate's Report: Tom M.

Box 459, Markings, About AA- Three AA newsletters are published at various intervals and are available through the GSO website; they are *Box 459*, *About AA* and *Markings*. New issues of all three are now available for download from the website by opening the Literature menu and selecting the Newsletters tab. If you'd like to use the newsletters at a district meeting, committee meeting, or home group there is an option to subscribe to free email delivery of the newsletters at the bottom of the page. The fall 2012 issue of *About A.A.* (our newsletter for professionals) was mailed to chairpersons of Public Information and CPC committees, and is posted to the website at www.aa.org. This issue features articles about the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey and Frequently Asked Questions about Anonymity. It can be used at district meetings to describe the work of CPC committees or it can be delivered to professionals who come into contact with alcoholics in the course of their work. A fourth newsletter, AAWS Highlights, is distributed through delegates to the 93 areas in the United States and Canada on a quarterly basis and is intended to inform areas of the sharing and business conducted at the General Service Board meetings.

Contributions Report- I forwarded the quarterly report that details the contributions to the General Service Office by Area 8 groups to DCMs, Committee Chairs, and others in early December. It lists year to date contributions from our area reported by district and group. It may be of use to districts doing outreach to groups that don't participate in the Area 8 service structure because the report includes all groups listed with GSO whether they contribute financially or not. Groups not participating in the district could be identified through the listing in this report. If you didn't get a copy of the report and would like one please contact me. Just over 36% of groups from our Area listed with the General Service Office made financial contributions to GSO during the first three quarters of 2013.

Pre-Conference Workshops- Dean and I will hold pre-conference workshops at the end of February to inform GSRs, DCMs, and AA members at large on selected agenda topics from the General Service Conference who can then review those topics with the groups they represent. The workshops will be held in various locations TBA.

PRAASA-The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be held in Boise Idaho March 1-3, 2013. Registration is open now at www.praasa.org and costs \$28.00. Round trip airfare to Boise on Southwest Airlines is about \$400.00 and hotel rates start at about \$85.00 per night. The value of attending PRAASA is the chance to share experiences with other AA servants from the Pacific Region as well as hearing presentations on General Service Conference agenda items and AA current events. There will be opportunities for service at PRAASA that you'll be able to sign up for at the February Area Committee meeting.

Grapevine, Inc.-Beginning mid-January AA members will be able to submit stories to the Grapevine in either mp3 files or recording it on the Grapevine voice mail system. Stories can be up to 7 minutes in length and on the same topics as written stories. If you need more information on this option visit <http://www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal>. Stories for the June 2013 issue of the Grapevine are now being accepted. The theme is "How the Steps Changed My Life". Remember that Grapevine works five months in advance and that submitting your story is a great way to support GV. A few years ago during a low point in gratitude a friend recommended that I look for the joy in service every day and that simple piece of advice has served me well. My holiday wish to you is that you can find joy in your service each day.

Tom M. delegate@area8aa.org

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

Alt Delegate will coordinate orientation at every assembly. Even if you are not a new GSR you can still attend orientation. It is not a training—it does not substitute what you get from your fellow GSRs. We cover an overview on how the GSR ties into General Service. We invite a DCM who tells us what to expect from the district. They tell how service has changed their life. General Service can help you in every area of your life. Thank you for voting to fund 2

officers, the Alt. Delegate to attend PRASSA in Boise, Idaho. You can look back at the major motions passed over the years but the main thing that has been present through all the motions is that our unity has stayed intact. Sending officers to PRASSA started out as a conversation.

Pre-Conference Workshops: The General Service Conference Report from 2012 is the road map to what is going on in AA Service. You can find out about the next conference by looking at the past report. You can see items that are still hanging around. We will get the new agenda soon.

PRASSA, San Diego is in 2014: This introduces enthusiasm to others in your group.

- **GSR Orientation at the January 5 Assembly 8:00am start – 1st United Methodist Church, Mission Valley.**
 - **Consider making reminder calls or emails to new GSRs in your district that have not attended an Assembly Orientation yet.**
 - This orientation is not intended to duplicate or substitute for any orientation or training that you may receive at your district. The purpose of the Assembly Orientation is to lightly touch on:
 - Why we have a General Service Structure
 - How it all starts with the Groups / Upside down triangle / 2nd Tradition
 - What role the Districts, Standing Committees, and Area Assembly serve in supporting the General Service Conference
 - **About today's Assembly. What are we going to do here anyway?**

Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

- No written report.

On Dec. 8 we had a sharing session for Area 8. We gave out a lot of information to people who had not been involved in General Service. As DCMs you can set up your own sharing session as a way to attract others to service. The sharing session gives clarity and information about things we do in General Service. There was a "door prize" of CDs on different topics. As DCMs you are the mentors for the GSRs. This could be a helpful tool. January 26th Saturday Workshop will also have some give-a-ways.

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.**

Liaison Committee Reports

Coordinating Council: Rick: SDACO@aol.com Report by: Rick W.

53 groups were represented out of 84 registered Coordinators. 12/13/2012 There was a quorum (36).

H & I Representative: We currently have 400 panels. We have more requests to bring a meeting in than we have volunteers, so we are always looking for new members.

AFTER HOURS PHONES: The 3rd and 16th of each month continue to be OPEN nights. Please announce to your groups.

BOOK OF THE MONTH: \$1 off any Grapevine Book for December. Clearance price on "Living Sober".

NEW BUSINESS: 2013 San Diego Intergroup Budget was presented by Jerry C., Business Committee Treasurer. The voting on the 2013 San Diego Intergroup will be at the next Coordinating Council on Dec. 13, 2012. Cash on hand: \$12,019.00

OLD BUSINESS: 2012 Budget approved.

North County Intergroup: Not present. (Currently need new liaison.)

East County Intergroup: Gary: The East County Intergroup Business Meeting is being held every 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside Community Center. Last Meeting: Nov. 20, 2012. The next meeting will be Dec. at 7pm. We supply and deliver A.A. literature, as well as meeting information and newcomer brochures. It can be ordered through the website at www.eastcountyyaa.org or by calling 1-877-993-2422 Extension 2. The ECI operates through a Virtual Office and with help from volunteers who do 12th Step calls. There is still need for several service positions. Contributions and literature sales were \$56. Website has literature page now

Oficina Central Hispaña: Marina, chair. Not present.

Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Melecio, chair. Not present.

4-Area DCM Sharing Session: All the northern areas have completed their elections and now we are looking for dates for available to begin coordination. All DCMs who have been involved in the past are urged to get in touch with Vince to help bring the whole package together, topics, translation (at every table) We want to stir enthusiasm to make this event in North County worthwhile. We want the day packed full so bring your activity calendars to the planning committee.

Oficina Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: Dec. 3 elections. Officers to start in Jan. New Chair is Magdalena and Treasurer is Juan. Other committees were filled for example, Events Chair. We invited the Central Office to our elections and they ran the elections.

GSDYPAA: Emily: Scavenger Hunt event on Friday, December 28th after Pacific Beach Young Peoples' meeting. Meeting starts at 7:30pm at the corner of Thomas and Cass. Still looking for new members and meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1pm at LeStats coffee shop on Adams Avenue in Normal Heights.

NSDYPAA: Emily: NSDYPAA meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 5pm at the Moose Lodge in Oceanside. Currently several positions are open. We encourage any alcoholic to attend. NSDYPAA held a meeting and Holiday Hoopla Dance on Saturday, December 15th. There were over 100 alcoholics present for dance and white elephant gift exchange. We had a "cookiepalooza" unity event prior to the event. Also hosted a Games Night after the 9th annual Beginner's Workshop on Saturday, December 8th at Tri-City Hospital. Will be hosting a meeting and the annual Dodgeball event in Oceanside, Saturday, February 9th. This will be co-hosted with San Diego Bid for ICYPAA. We're looking to co-host with ICYPAA and ACYPAA host committees. We need to co-host with districts and committees to put together an AA in the Digital Age workshop in March as well as a General Service Workshop in May or June. Chair is available to come to district and/or committee meetings if interested in co-hosting. Visited the IT committee meeting yesterday to ask for help and support. First planning meeting Wed, January 9th at 7pm in La Costa. San Diego Bid for ICYPAA committee has reformed and meetings are the first and third Sundays of the month at 3pm, alternating between North County and San Diego. Jeremy is now the San Diego Bid for ICYPAA Bylaws and Service Liaison and will be attending the ACM and AAM meetings in that role. Mannbark@gmail.com, 619-517-1805

Seniors in Sobriety: Dixie: Our next meeting is 2nd Fri. Jan, 2012 at 7:30 pm. 30th Street Alano Club. We are in need of a member to be responsible for "Hospitality". The age requirement is 50 plus. We are inviting all Seniors in Sobriety to come and be a part of. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Native American Liaison: Jeff S, (Chair): (jestruve@san.rr.com) Not present.

Liaison to the Seniors in Sobriety Conference: Dixie: Nothing to report.

Mike: (Alt. Chair): Area Workbook being developed. Please submit your meeting times and other anticipated activities for this printed calendar to be distributed to each DCM and Committee Chair. This becomes a valuable resource for committee members.

Break: *There were no birthdays since the November ACM.*

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Mike: Elections held. 14 GSRs present. Serenity Cruise discussed.

District 2: Jeremy (Alt.) No report

District 3: Guy: Held Elections sent report

District 4: Michelle: 11 GSRs with 4 active on standing committees. Hosting Pre-Conference workshop

District 5: Vince: 2 new GSRs; rescheduled this month's meeting. We are co-hosting the Jan. Assembly. We are hosting one of the pre-conference workshops.

District 6: Renee: Report not received. Please check email address.

District 7: Rich: Elections held with the help of the alt. Treasurer.

District 8: Tanya: No report received. Please check email address.

District 9: Fred (Treasurer) not present

District 10: Paul: New GSR. We are hosting pre-conference workshops for Feb. 10,11,12, and 22. Tentatively at Santee United Methodist Church from 3-4:30

District 11: Karen: Elections held. District thanks Butch and Sally for hosting the elections for the district. We will be co-hosting workshops.

District 12: George(Alt.): Met on Dec. 6 in La Mesa, sox members present. Discussed Emotional Sobriety Workshop. Voted to make it an annual event. Discussed what went on at Area Assembly. We discussed and tabled what to do with the seventh tradition money that was collected.

District 13: Tim: Last meeting was 12.11/2012. This is my final ACM. Phil is my successor.

District 14: Gary: 13 GSRs at last meeting. We had a potluck and an election to replace the alt. DCM. We discussed whether we needed a budget.

District 15: Nicolas: Dec. 14 was the last meeting with 23 in attendance. Meetings take place each Friday. On the 18th of Nov. we had elections. There was not too much enthusiasm for this. We have a new DCM. We do not have an alternate DCM. Jaime is the new chair of the public information committee. Another committee is the LaViña committee. Next year we will have another election to fill vacancies. We continue to visit groups.

District 16: Linda (Alt. DCM) 8 GSRs attended last meeting. Bob from the CPC Committee presented on what CPC was all about. We are visiting groups in our district. We elected a new treasurer.

District 17: Not present.

District 18: Pedro: The last meeting was Dec. 17. We had a Sponsorship workshop on Dec. 19. Our next event will be the 27th of January, Living Sober. We continue to visit our groups.

District 19: Jennifer: In January we will meet at the Plymouth Church. The GSR Orientation at 5:30 and meeting at 6. DCM to be sponsored to go to PRASSA.

District 20: Margo: Last meeting 12/18/12. 5 GSRs attended. Alkathon may bring over 150 people out from Fallbrook. A meeting will go every other hour with music and dancing between. We are hosting a pre-conference workshop in February. The GSRs are willing to take on officer commitment.

District 21: John: Area Chair administered elections. Bill H. new DCM and Diana A. new alternate. Inquires after the letter from District 22 required research on statements that the Area Structure and Guidelines are only a guide. Statements false and misleading. The Area is a California registered C4 charitable organization, registered as a tax exempt non-profit with the IRS. There are requirements for filing and registration, in our case, "Non-profit Bylaws" the guide lays out the minimum requirements which are contained in our S & Gs. Once submitted our structure and guidelines become the legally binding operational charter. The IRS requires the same type of submission to determine tax status. The area structure and guidelines are not guidelines but legal operational binding doctrine

and may be changed or amended only by the amendment process spelled out in the document as required to be contained in the document itself as part of the submission package.

District 22: Tom: Our meeting is first Tues of each month. 8 GSRs at last meeting. Meeting we discussed what occurred at Nov. Area Assembly. We update our S & G and abide by them. We discussed district financial ...

District 23: Mark: Elections were held for DCM, alternate and other officer positions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Alan: 4th Tues. of the month at Central Office etc. .

Agenda: Karen: We held elections. George is the new Agenda Chair. Michelle is the Alternate.

Archives: Carrie: New chair elected, Linda, and new secretary, Wes. Still need an alternate. Thanks to everyone who supported ROOTS this year—it was a great event. Joe, the Archivist, would love to visit your event. 2012 accomplished much.

CPC: Bob: Discussed that most areas of A.A. have combined P.I. and C.P.C. functions into the same committee. In Area 8 they are distinct and separate. In fact, P.I. is provided within the Intergroup structure and C.P.C. is at the Area level. How can we best coordinate efforts and overlap? It has been suggested that we could exchange liaisons and attend one another's meetings. We are attempting to schedule a meeting with Sharp Health to have appropriate A.A. information included in their health pamphlet. Our goal to visit districts to inform, educate and share A.A. pamphlets describing what C.P.C. does and doesn't do is on.

Finance: Paul: Officers and chairs must fill out the 2014 budgets so that the Finance committee can begin their work.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: *Gearing up for 2013. La Vera was elected as the new alt. chair.*

Information Technologies: Steve: Emily pitched her "AA in the Digital Age" workshop. Look over the calendar on the website to verify that your information is correct. Look at locations and times. If you want an "alias" on the website for contacts, let Steve know. Any suggestions for the website are appreciated.

Literature: Ray: We meet each month at Central Office.

NCAIC (H & I): Rich: We had elections in Oct. and most officers rolled over. Jan 18 is the next orientation for new members of H & I. We meet before that at 4:30.

Newsletter: Chris: Committee members will consist of a proofreader, editor, and chair. Thanks to Tom for getting his report in to the Newsletter. Will be getting the Assembly minutes well before the deadline.

Policy: Paul: We are developing a DCM manual survey. Handout available. Please complete and return it to policy at the next ACM. (This survey may be available via Survey Monkey soon.) Request made to Spanish speaking members to put email addresses on paper to send Survey Monkey in Spanish. We discussed a development of an ad hoc committee for reviewing DCM manual.

SDIAIC: Chris: SDIAIC – San Diego H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) takes meetings into jails, rehabs and others places of confinement where alcoholics can't get out to meetings. There is always a need for volunteers to serve on panels. There are two orientations each month – 3rd Sunday, noon @ 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd, 92111 and 3rd Thursday, 7 pm @ Central Office, 7075 Mission Gorge Rd, 92120. Our Business Meeting is also on the 3rd Sunday. There are two

pieces to H&I - Policy Council acts as a steering committee and Business Meeting includes all members on all panels.

Translation: Alicia: Many newcomers to service often think they are capable of picking up a commitment. There are about 10 people who are willing to help with translation. I will keep working at this. The computer currently has problems but Dean and I are working on that.

Archivist: Joe: Not present.

Ad Hoc: Wes: We held our first meeting and broadly covered the agenda topics. Our focus is to review the language in our Structure and Guidelines describing the tax-exempt status of the area.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Thank you to Gary and Jennifer for taking the set up and clean up coordinators. We need someone to arrive at 5:30 pm for setup. Michelle volunteered. Clean Up needs about 3 people to cleanup. Peggy Rose, Dustin and Rich volunteered for these positions. Parker volunteered to pick up the cake each week.

Un-Budgeted Expense presented by Policy Committee

Custom for ASL Interpreters to attend December Area Committee Meetings. Unbudgeted expenses for the two interpreters in the amount of \$300 for(7-10pm) X2, \$50/hour each for 3 hours.

Discussion: We pay our interpreters \$25/hour

We did not have time to find an interpreter.

Motion: George made a motion to fund the Dec. interpreters in the amount of \$300 for ASL interpretation. Jennifer seconded.

(Alt. Treas) reminded committee what amount would be brought over to 2013.

Called the vote. Motion carries.

Request for unbudgeted expense put forth by Alan from Accessibilities.

Nov. and Oct. Accessibilities expenses including 2 meetings, 1 hour each, \$40 each, interpretation plus mileage \$370.43 (total)

Discussion: I have a concern: This amount could have been requested earlier in the year.

You're correct, I should have submitted for this earlier.

I think we should support our servant.

Motion: Dustin makes a motion that we approve the un-budgeted expense request for \$370.43.

The \$40 is for what?

1 hour each for interpretation for Oct and Nov meetings.

And for mileage it is (how many) miles (12 meetings)?

Is the math correct? $218. + 80 + 71.$ (5 area assemblies)

You will get invoices for tonight.

Have deficits caused this? And is this fixed for next year? I put in for the same request this year. Because I went over my budget this year there will be more money next year because Art lives in S.D.

I want to point out—this not a discrepancy—this is a traditional way committees are funded. If there is money, requests for unbudgeted expenses are an accepted way for committees to be funded.

Amended motion. Called the vote.

None opposed. Motion carries.

Request for Unbudgeted Expenses: Area Chair has unbudgeted expenses of \$283.62. Chair went to the finance committee as to the amount left in the budget. \$825.22 left on the budget in another area, expense not turned in from June 2012 of \$822.66. That wiped out the budget. We are asking to move money from one line to another.

Discussion: If this was approved, it would not change our bottom line?

It does change the bottom line in that I am requesting an additional amount to what was budgeted. If there is money left in copies, I would have to create an even higher unbudgeted expense request.

See S & G, 10-14, "Chair's Mileage" changes.

I am concerned that these are requests vs. motions. What I hear is that trusted servants are told their mileage is requested rather than just received.

Should trusted servants have to ask for money for mileage?

Total requested for mileage is $\$520.82 + 83.79 = 604.61$ Jane is short $\$231.30$.

Motion: I move that the area allocate $\$283.62$ for the Chair and Alt. Chair's mileage.

Point of clarification...are we amending the budget here?

The motion needs to be an unbudgeted expense for mileage.

$\$193.38$, plus $\$109.59$ for copies and $\$83.79$ for mileage We have to increase the line item for mileage to $\$241.30$.

Motion amended to read $\$325.09$ towards mileage.

Called the vote. Motion carries.

Gary presented a motion on quarterly "send off" calculation... motion withdrawn for further consideration.

Another motion presented earlier is being presented:

Motion: That the area recommend we establish a $\$2,500$ prudent reserve.

Is this a vote to take this to the assembly?

All motions of this type are taken to the assembly. Any changes to our S & G all go to the assembly.

Which assembly would this be part of the agenda?

We looked for the original motion and the discussion to no avail.

Suggestion to wait on this as there were many empty seats.

Agreement.

Tabled for January's area committee meeting.

We need help cleaning up.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxane R., Panel 62 Area 8 Secretary and Gonzalo C., Alt. Secretary.