

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the May 17, 2012 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, then A.A.'s Declaration of Unity.

The Twelve Concepts were read in English by Jennifer and in Spanish by Pedro.

Introductions and AA Birthdays, Voting Procedures

New DCMs, GSRs and Committee Chairs, Alternates, Guests and Past Area Trusted Servants introduced themselves. Birthdays occurring since the April Area Committee meeting were celebrated.

Roll Call

Monty C., Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 8 Officers were in attendance. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: Alt. Secretary, Gonzalo, Treasurer, Arturo, Dist. 6, Renee, Dist. 17, Santiago, Dist. 20, Margo, Agenda, Barbara, Native American Liaison, Jeff, NC H& I, Richard, Translation, Ruben, NSDYPAA, N.C. Intergroup, Janine.

Approval of April Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R., Secretary

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the April 2012 minutes please contact the Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email. If your alternate would like a digital copy, let the secretary know, via email. MSP to approve April 2012 minutes with corrections of month under approval which should read "March" and under roll call, Tom, our Delegate was in New York, therefore he was absent.

Treasurer's Report: Arturo L., Treasurer

- Written report.
- Ask groups to get their contributions in each month. Note to Groups: Attach email address to contribution so confirmation can be sent via email to save cost of postage.

| April | April 2012 | YTD | 2012 Budget | Variance with Annual Budget |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Group contributions: | 2,853.14 | 10,901.32 | 38,480.00 | -27,578.68 |
| Individual contributions: | 369.29 | 757.13 | | |
| District contributions: | 0.00 | 32.47 | | |
| Total contributions: | 3,222.43 | 11,690.92 | 38,480.00 | -26,789.08 |
| Total budgeted expenses: | 1,769.43 | 12,639.14 | 38,480.00 | -25,840.86 |

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| Contributions less budgeted expenses: | 1,453.00 | -948.22 | | |
| Total unbudgeted expenses: | 0.00 | 730.00 | | 730.00 |
| Total expenses: | 1,769.43 | 13,369.14 | 38,480.00 | -25,110.86 |
| Contributions less total expenses: | 1,453.00 | -1,678.22 | | |
| Previous month ending balance | 9,853.61 | | | |
| Cash on hand: | 11,306.61 | | | |

Master Calendar

| Event | Host | Date | Time | Location |
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| Delegate's Report (Post Conference) Assembly | Dist 16 & 23 | May 19 | 2012 | *8:30a Encinitas Community Center |
| Unity Day | Area 8 | June 9 | 2012 | 10:00 a Admiral Baker Park, S.D. |
| Sponsorship Workshop | Dist. 4,5,6,14 & 19 | July 22 | 2012 | 9:30 a Marina Village Conference Center |
| Women Sponsoring Women | Dist. 16 | Aug 18 | 2012 | TBA Encinitas Community Center |
| 6 th Annual Foro | Dist. 15 | Aug 26 | 2012 | TBA Balboa Park-War Memorial Building |
| 40 th Hispanic Convention | | Aug 31- Sept 2 | 2012 | Radisson Hotel-Los Angeles Airport |
| Regional Forum | GSO | Sept 14-16 | 2012 | Fairbanks, Alaska |
| Big Day Business Assembly | Dist 4,11,15 | Sept 22 | 2012 | *8:30a Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla |
| Southern California Convention | | Sept 28-30 | 2012 | San Diego-Town and Country Resort |
| Serenity Cruise-A Musical Event | Dist. 2 & 23 | Nov 10 | 2012 | Carlsbad Community Center |
| November Assembly | Dist 21, Dist 3 | Nov 17 | 2012 | *8:30a TBD |
| ROOTS (Remember Our Old Timer's Stories) | Archives | Nov 18 | 2012 | 2-4 pm Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla |

Note: ****Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated March 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.

No written report until Saturday. Area 8 website chair, Steve, posted advisory actions that came from the Conference. You can download them and forward to your GSRs. Saturday will have all the results but if you want a complete list go to the website. Also there are the committee recommendations and what did not pass. All of this will be out in the

Conference Report in August. AA.org website now has a button to click on each day's "Daily Reflections." Grapevine will soon be offering a "Quote of the Day". You can sign up for email delivery of the "Quote of the Day." You do not have to be a subscriber. There is also from AAWs a new "self-support" initiative. The trustees are looking ahead on trying to become self-supporting through member contributions. The print world is giving way to the digital world. This will eventually affect Big Book sales. Our literature sales have always helped to support the groups. With vision we must look to the day when literature sales will not be able to do this. We need more financial participation from the groups. We are about 50% short of supporting group services. Member contributions must increase if we are to keep AA afloat.

Trustees have the custodial responsibility for our fellowship. They have had to put out fires since the recession hit four years ago and the tanking of *Grapevine*. A new vision is to leave behind those crises and look ahead and manage the fellowship the way it was structured.

On Saturday we will be serving ice cream at the end of the Assembly so there is a good reason to stay the whole day. Tom passed out buttons from the Conference that say, "Service-Whoo-Hoo!"

iPhone app for the Big Book and 12 X 12 is being reworked to improve the app. The Android app will not be available until they work out the bugs in the iPhone app.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

Besides serving ice cream, three districts will co-host a continental breakfast before the Area Assembly. GSR Orientation begins at 8 am. The "So Cal Convention" originates outside this area but Dean is the liaison. This convention has a time slot and a room set aside for a service presentation. The convention is looking for help with an archives display. It will be at the Town & Country Resort in Sept. Flyers are on our website.

Unity Day is getting close. 5500 flyers are out in Spanish and English. Last group of flyers will be put out at the Assembly. Dist. 9 may make an appearance in the spirit of Unity. Grapevine will have a skit and other service entities will have presentation. Archivist Joe C will present on San Diego AA History. "AA Gilligan Style" is a skit by Dist. 1. BBQ sponsored by SD Coordinating Council and Jay S. is speaking on AA history, called "The Miracle" a Bill and Ebbie story from the Oxford group. Sean from YPAA will also be speaking. As a reminder, no pets are allowed at the park and no glass bottles and smoking in the parking lot only. Bring a sponsee and a newcomer and have some fun.

UNITY DAY PLANNING FINAL MEETING (1 hour)

Saturday, June 2 or 9, 9 am - Venue Walk-thru

San Diego Central Office - 7075 Mission Gorge Rd # B, San Diego, CA 92120

Contact: Dean B 760-274-5309c

Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

Motions and Discussion on motions will take place tonight. Let's forget all we know about our structure and guidelines and our standing committees and look at whether it is working for you as chairs of these committees. What is working well or not? Person to person, our Area 8 standing committees are formed based on the Conference so we need some background information to help with our discussion. The Translation Chair has resigned and Raphael has stepped up to take this position as interim chair. Barbara has also resigned as Chair of Agenda. As GSRs and DCMs you serve a vital need in the area. Some behavior among the groups can destroy what we've worked hard to keep. We do need to hear the reports that affect the group. It is not known how many people who have been turned away from a meeting because of improper or illegal behavior going on amid the groups. Share your problems and your victories.

Reminder: Get the GSRs to attend the District meetings and the rest will follow.

Continuing Needs:

- ASL Interpreters
- Spanish Interpreters
- Volunteers to the Translation Committee - English to Spanish (Critical Need)
Please ask interested individuals to contact the Area Chair at chair@area8aa.org.

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.

Alt Chairperson's Report: Mike:

Dean and I took a road trip to Brawley (105 degrees) to meet with Art the DCM and GSRs from District 9. We have an appreciation for the size of this group which draws 15 members to their district meetings. We shared about what makes a group and how to save their meetings. We look forward to seeing them at the assembly and at Unity Day.

Liaison Committee Reports

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Book of the month is Experience, Strength and Hope.

January 2012 Financial Statements' Summary:

- a. Our April. 2012 Net Revenue is \$2,223.02
- b. Our 2012 YTD Net Revenue is \$3,848.61.

Manager's Report

1. May's Book of the Month: "As Bill Sees It." Soft cover on sale for \$6.60, reg. \$7.60.
2. Daytime phone shifts available: Wed. 1-5 pm. Always a need for fill-ins.
3. New 2012 Spring-Summer Schedules are here.
4. Carpet and couch are scheduled to be shampooed.
5. Coordinator Newsletter: Sign-up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email sdaaco@aol.com or call 619-265-8762. Hardcopies available at Central Office. Submissions welcome. Currently emailing 1,400.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: *Projects we are currently working on:*

1. Continue to contact driving school and have 5 requests for literature racks at 4 locations.
2. Placing books and Young Peoples Posters and pamphlet racks in San Diego City Schools.
3. Co-hosting a booth with N.C. Intergroup at the Del Mar Fair. Signups for even numbered days. Steven W. will be coordinating group signups. If interested call 619-471-5530 or email: steven.winsett@gmail.com (6/8-7/4)
4. Visited UPAC (United Pacific Asian Community) recovery center about placing a literature rack.
5. Your group can sponsor a literature rack for \$20.
6. Upcoming Events: Booth at Juvenile Hall Open House and Booth at Mission Faire at United Methodist Church.

North County Intergroup: Janine: Not present.

East County Intergroup: Gary: We meet 3rd Tuesday. Group contributions for April 2012, \$56.03, which includes literature sales of \$47.92. Expenses were \$395.16 for Virtual Office phone service, website hosting plan and annual registration renewal fee and literature order from WSO. Total cash on hand: \$1,397.47. Webmaster mentioned that there were about 200 hits on the ECI website each month. Webmaster will update meeting changes on the website.

We supply and deliver literature to individuals and groups. Literature is sold at cost. A flyer to reintroduce the E.C. Intergroup was discussed. Visit our website: www.eastcountyaa.org

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Oficina Central Hispana: Marina, chair, reported: We wish you all well. We have 21 groups, and in April we had 17 members attend our meeting. We visit 3-5 groups each week. The Central Office is preparing to celebrate their 28th anniversary on the 23rd of June, 12-9 pm. Next month we will bring flyers with information. The officers meet on Wed at 6 pm. Every Thurs we have our business meeting with reps. from 6:30 to 8pm. The committees are answering phones, Literature, Cooperation and the newsletter. Every 15 days we have a meeting for the phone answering committee. On June 20, 8-3 pm, there will be a Literature Committee Event. We are sending out an invitation to Area 8 for their attendance at the anniversary celebration

Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Malacio, chair, reported. In this office we have 23 groups and 6 committees. We have a new location: 830 E. Vista Way, Suite 116, Vista. They meet every week, Wed. About 15 people are in attendance each week from 7-0. There will be a celebration of 20 years of the Central Office on June 16, Sat. 5-7. All are invited.

Oficina Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: Tuesday meetings, 7:30-9p, We have approx 22 members showing up in our area as representatives. We have a literature comm., PI comm., Special Events Committee, who report each Tuesday. The Central Office of Mid Southern Ca meet the last Sat of each month. Last Sat was in Indio Cal and 23 Spanish speaking central offices were represented. They celebrate the AA anniversary in one area and our area was selected to host the next event. The person who is the Chair, Juan, already has the venue and flyers are done. June 10 is the date and next month there will be flyers for this celebration. We visit groups twice each week.

GSDYPAA: Emily: GSDYPAA is the longest standing YPAA in the country. We need support. We meet at Adams Ave at 3 pm on the last Sunday of the month. We are having a Summer Kickoff event, a bonfire and meeting at De Anza Cove in the Park. This weekend San Diego bid for ICYPAA, joining forces with other YPAAs in the area. The "Miracles of Summer" Campout is at Agua Caliente Park next weekend. Join the BBQ from 5-7, Friday night. Admission only \$5 or \$20 for the whole weekend. NSDYPAA is putting together a service fair called "Service Palooza" in July. The format will be similar to Founder's Day with booths. We are looking for districts to support up or co-host with us. Emily D contact email: mannbask@gmail.com or 619-517-1805.

NSDYPAA: (from Jeremy): Working to bring ICYPAA to San Diego. Committee is preparing bid to be awarded at the convention. Working with Mexico's young peoples' group (Mexypaa) and we are hosting an event with Mexican young people in AA. Call 760-810-4157 or email LarsenJeremy83@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on this committee or want more information. We had 3 young peoples' panels at the SD Roundup. Looking for support letters to attach to the bid. "Service Palooza" tentative date: July 14. Looking at Calavera Hills Community Park for possible venue. Requesting all service committees to have booths at the fair. There will be 4-5 speakers, 15-30 minutes each. June 29 NSDYPAA will host "Summer Nights" meeting and dance, location TBA.

Remote Nations: Jeff S, (Chair): No Report (jestruve@san.rr.com)

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Blaine: District One's workshop in April, with support from District Three, had 175 attendees and was very successful. There was good roundtable discussion about critical topics in A.A. (13th stepping, court cards, and outside issues), good food, strong fellowship, great music, and a genuine celebration. District One was asked to perform a skit for the Founders Day picnic June 9 and is working on plans for that event

District 2: Wilma: Labor Day Picnic is at Calaveras Park in Carlsbad on Labor Day. Nov. 10 is the 2nd annual Sobriety Cruise Event. We carry the message through music and comedy. Last year was very successful. If interested in

servicing, we would love to have your input, call (760) 966-1812. Monty, our Area Registrar attended meeting and gave us updates on our District 2 meeting representation. This opened up a conversation regarding meetings at the Oceanside Fellowship Center as well as the Alano Club and their lack of GSRs. They feel that one GSR per facility is sufficient, but we are going to pursue this further.

District 3: Guy: Nothing to report.

District 4: Michelle: More than 10 new GSRs at last meeting. Jane came and gave a talk to the new members. We are going to host a traditions workshop called "Traditionally Speaking" We are looking for co-host, tentatively in Oct.

District 5: Vince: Sponsorship Workshop flyer available. Trying to keep workshop on a tight budget. We are working hard on the plan to attend/visit all meetings *in the district*.

District 6: Renee: Possibility of having 3 speakers throughout the New Year's Alkathon. GSRs received a handout on visiting dark meetings. Dist. 19 offered to help with Alkathon. We discussed contributing to the Sponsorship workshop. Ice cream idea being tossed about. Discussed visitation to dark groups by dividing them up among the GSRs during the next few months. Tabled Structure and Guidelines work.

District 7: Richard: No report.

District 8: Tanya: Working on a flyer to drum up better GSR participation. Planning mini-workshop on Step 10. .

District 9: Fred (District Treasurer): No report. Thanks for your visit. The Area Officers, Jane and Mike, increased attendance tenfold.

District 10: Paul: Issues with attendance at district meeting. Talked about changing the time to avoid rush hour traffic. Dean's visit was well received. One GSR suggested to remind members of the District Meeting each month.

District 11: Al: Missed the last meeting but attended Grapevine committee and was scheduled to do a presentation. They are hosting the Sept. Assembly.

District 12: Connie: Movie night with popcorn. Watched "Markings on the Journey." We elected a new registrar. We are asking groups now if they wanted "Emotional Sobriety" as the topic of a workshop.

District 13: Tim: Reaching out to dark groups. Next month electing a new registrar.

District 14: Gary: Mailed outreach and responses are being received. Planning meeting next Wed at 5 pm for a Sponsorship Workshop scheduled for July 19 with Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 and 19. New GSR orientation held before each district meeting to give them information that helps them take on their new job.

District 15: Nicolas: Not present.

District 16: Crystal: Discussed sending Alt. DCM to Regional Forum in Fairbanks Alaska, in September. (MSP) Approached by North Coastal Men's Group to sponsor an event. Idea tabled until next month. Voted not to support "Serenity Cruise Ship" Event.

District 17: No one present.

District 18: Pedro: We are working with the GSRS to take away the "circle" from the triangle. We are supporting the Foro Regional in September. We have 12 GSRs and Chairs. representing CPC, La Viña, Public Information, and

Archives. On the 1st and 3rd Mon we have a step study meeting of the Concepts. On the 4th Mon. we have the GSRs reports. We have turned in our PRASSA report to the groups through the GSRs. We are working on a Sponsorship Committee. Corrections Committee meets every Tues. PA committee to traffic school every Monday.

District 19: Jennifer: Things are going well. We have a GSR orientation which helps get new GSRs started.

District 20: Margo: Not present.

District 21: John: No report.

District 22: Tom: 12 GSRs present at last meeting. We are working on the structure and guidelines. We have a new alt. treasurer and a new registrar. We updated Central Service Office meeting schedules.

District 23: Mark: One new GSR. 8 in attendance. We are planning and preparing for the report back assembly. We are co-hosting the Labor Day Picnic with District 2.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Alan: Sign language fund (gold can) currently funds 5 meeting each week at a cost of \$600-650 a month. Coming into April the fund was down to \$150. Any groups interested in adding to this fund, contact chair. Accessibilities is asking interested groups to add new brochure or special needs to their literature collection.

Agenda: Vince: (Secretary) Chair has health issues. We could us 1 or 2 more committee members. Agendas are fun.

Archives: Wes: We need group histories. Forms are on the website in English and Spanish. We can visit groups and put on a display or make a presentation. ROOTS event has speakers confirmed. We could use 4 members, no experience necessary.

CPC: Jeremy: Really short on help. Need GSRs or other people who can volunteer for this committee. Project are on hold until there is more support.

Finance: Paul: 2012 Approved budget. In building the 2013 budget we have budget requests that work out to about 49K. Treasurer made some cuts down to \$42K but we have to do it further down to \$40. We cannot exceed projected contributions. We are now tracking about \$33K for actual. Finance pleas for receipts keeps us below the 25% mark for GSO. This is an illusion. We are not actually that healthy. We bring money in faster than we generate receipts often coming up short. Visit your groups and speak about what the area does. Encourage groups to consider keeping a percentage of contributions at the local level. We have to generate a budget based on revenues. If our revenues remain low we cannot compensate officers at the level we need them to operate.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Planning for Unity Day's continental breakfast. Also working on a skit for Unity Day. Aagrapevine.org We are working a possible writer's workshop for August and also planning to attend YPAAs "Service Palooza" in July. Committee formalizing visitation process to districts to get more grapevine reps.

Information Technologies: Steve: Please take a look at the new website because it is looking real good. Our webmaster got a job. Last meeting had 7 in attendance including Alt. Delegate, Dean. We discussed new website issues and area computers. Archiving minutes was mentioned as well as the assignment of tasks to new members and old.

Literature: Ray: We are in the process of reviewing videos for newcomers. We are reviewing "Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" We want a picture of what the videos are appropriate for in the event you want to use one.

NCAIC: Rich: Orientation meeting, 3rd Friday, in July. Oceanside Alano Club; Panels are working well and there are always openings for alternates and new members. We need a policy and guidelines person and a Spanish liaison. Our budget is \$13K and most of it is literature. We only carry one correctional facility, the Vista Jail—the rest are treatment facilities.

Newsletter: Chris: Meeting this Saturday during lunch at the Area Assembly. Latest newsletter published to the area 8 website. PDF version sent to email addresses on the committee. Acting editor is unable to make copies of newsletter without support. Former chair of committee will help out in this area to get affordable copies printed. Committee seeks new editor and registrar.

Policy: Paul: Nothing to report.

SDIAC: Chris: We take meeting into hospitals and other institutions. Corrections Chair reported that meetings are back at Calipatia and we are working with Spanish liaison regarding central detention. *We take 31 meetings per week into correctional institutions. We take 66 meetings a week into Hospital settings.* We are also working with our Spanish liaisons to bring meetings into the Miramar Brig. Treatment chair is moving and a new one will be appointed at next meeting. Contributions are down. We simple adjust our literature purchases. Unity day presentation will be to recruit panel members. We have openings on many panels. Are you willing to give as little as one hour a month?

Translation: Mike, Alt. Area Chair reported for Ruben: Ruben resigned. He lost 2 translators and translating approx. 35 pages each month, an hour per page. Minutes arriving with only a 10 day lead before due date. Continuing need for translators. Need documents sent to translation by specified date.

Archivist: Joe: No report

CEC *Ad Hoc* (Cooperation with the Elderly Community): Gary: We have gathered resources submitted by various members and asked P.I. Comm. and CPC For feedbacks and information. We will continue to discuss this among committee members. Will be connecting with other areas that have CEC Committees. This ad hoc comm. looks toward July to be able to report back. Statistic: 10,000 seniors celebrated their 60th birthday today and this will continue for the next 19 years.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Registrar

Monty: Continue to promote the election of a registrar for your district and that person could be the lead on this trek. Set that meeting up to be visited in 2 months. Once again, promote their attendance at the District Meeting.

DISCUSSION FROM ROUND TABLES:

Do GSRs understand their commitment including the standing committees? It's the DCMs job to inform the GSRs of the extent of their commitment. The blind pick does not work. They go to one and then they stop going when it does not match their expectations. It does open the door however. What is the value of the committees? Soliciting the GSRs isn't the only way to fill a committee. The system could use an update.

Blind pick: Most people felt blind pick was not working avowing that it was too much too soon. Thrown into the "fire" is the current way to introduce new GSRs to committee work and perhaps a delayed period would allow the GSR to absorb

more about how we do business at the assembly. Those new to service needs more orientation. Orientation should take place at the district level. Volunteers could be from a larger pool rather than just working with the GSRs . Announcements about area needs to fulfill positions of area service could be made. Eventually we could allow the volunteers the vote after a period of time.

Blind pick: Encourage GSRs to attend as a guest first before they are assigned. They might get turned off to all committees if they end up not “fitting” the assignment. Filling a vacant chair position is a policy decision. Why can’t a volunteer fill that position. The committee can assign people to fill vacancies. Assigning special skilled workers could be done by making a special request. Volunteers could also be solicited from the groups. The newsletter could run an ad to fill a special position.

Large groups of comm. members provide perspective but some committees don’t need a lot of members. Try to make the committee membership attractive and fun. Half of the DCMs were part of standing committees and the other half were not. If it is not fun—look at the calendars before picking a committee to serve on. Stay in touch with your committee members in order to find the right person for the job. Being on a committee enlarges your circle of friends.

Jane: We need some volunteers for clean up.

Meeting adjourned, 9:45 p.

Respectfully submitted,

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