

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the August 15, 2013 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jane G, Area 8 Chairperson, with a statement about “Why we are here.” Jane G. shared that several people from her home group have relapsed, causing her to reflect on why we are here. She reminded us that this is a business meeting but we have a spiritual agenda with a spiritual aim. Focus tonight on staying away from group opinions. Ask questions and remember the 3<sup>rd</sup> step. Set aside prejudices and listen openly. We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Twelve Concepts which were read in English by Hugo and in Spanish by Cruz. The new chair and alt chair of the Translation Committee introduced themselves. The new Liaison for the Native Americans, a new DCM and one guest also introduced themselves. Peggy Rose requested volunteers for cleanup.

**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. Nine Officers were in attendance, 21 DCMs, and 13 Committee Chairs were present.

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

**Approval of July 2013 Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R. Secretary**

- Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the July, 2013 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, add their email address to the Registrar’s roster and/or let the secretary know.
- July 2013 ACM minutes were accepted and approved by the committee as presented. An addendum to the minutes was not available with the July ACM minutes as information submitted did not exceed what was already reported.
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at [roxroll@aol.com](mailto:roxroll@aol.com). Reports should contain your first name, district, committee or liaison, date and report.*

**Treasurer’s Report: Arturo, 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.
- Any amount contributes toward carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

June	June 2013	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,237.81	15,400.30	45,932.00	-30,531.70
Individual contributions:	160.00	680.11	.00	.00
District contributions:	10.00	495.37	.00	.00

Total contributions:	2,407.81	16,565.78	45,932.00	-29,366.22
Total budgeted expenses:	3,499.27	21,335.69	45,932.00	-24,246.31
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-1,091.46	-4,769.91		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	400.00	.00	400.00
Trustee at Large Nom. To PRAASA	.00	750.00	.00	.00
Total expenses:	3,499.27	21,335.69	45,932.00	-24,246.31
Contributions less total expenses:	-1,091.46	-4,769.91		
Total Cash Balance: June 2013	885.57			

## **Master Calendar**

EVENT	HOST	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Women Sponsoring Women Workshop	Dist 16	Aug 17	2013	10:00a	Comm Ctr-1140 Oak Crest Park Dr-Encinitas
Labor Day Picnic	Dist 16	Sept 2	2013	10a-4p	
Labor Day Picnic	Dist 2 & 23				
Seniors in Sobriety Convention	SIS	Sept 5-8	2013		Town and Country Resort-Mission Valley
Budget Assembly	Dist 10 & 12	Sept 21	2013	8:30a	Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
So Cal AA Convention		Oct 3-6	2013		Westin Resort and Spa- Rancho Mirage
Accessibilities Workshop	Access Comm	Oct 5	2013	10:00a	Deaf Comm Services-1545 Hotel Cir S. 92108
Emotional Sobriety Workshop	Dist 12	Oct 12	2013	1:00p	Church- 6556 Parkridge Blvd San Carlos 92119
3rd Annual Cruise Ship Serenity	Dist 2	Nov 2	2013	3:00p	Carlsbad-Harding St
Election Assembly	Dist 8&13	Nov 9	2013	8:30a	Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
Roots	Archives Comm	Nov 24	2013	2:00p	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 July 17, 2013. 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: Tom M.** (Written Report Submitted)

**Grapevine, Inc.** – AAWS and Grapevine have worked out an agreement to share contact information for groups listed in the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) data base. I reported in my General Service Conference Report that AAWS was hesitant

to release information that was gathered when GSRs and Group Contacts listed their names on the Group Information Form for privacy reasons. A procedure has been worked out for AAWS and Grapevine to work together notifying Group Contacts of the opportunity to receive information from Grapevine and to opt in to future emails on Grapevine and La Viña publications. *DCMs may want to inform GSRs in their districts that they will be contacted by AAWS initially and a follow up contact from Grapevine.*

As a result of the changes in practices instituted prior to the General Service Conference Grapevine Board members are now regularly attending AAWS Board meetings. This practice was implemented to increase communication between the two corporations. AAWS will reciprocate by sending a representative to attend GV board meetings and both boards will exchange board meeting minutes.

The AA Grapevine Board is currently discussing a possible price increase for La Viña and asked for a presentation on the impact to subscription rates from increased prices be brought to the September AAGV Board meeting.

**Grapevine, Inc.** is accepting resumes for a non-trustee director to fill the current vacancy on the board. Grapevine has announced that one of the desirable qualities in a candidate is "...close ties to the Spanish speaking community".

Deadline for submission of resumes is September 9. Anyone interested in this position can contact me.

Grapevine circulation continues to decline and is now about 6,600 subscriptions below last year at this time but La Viña circulation has increased about 450 over the same period. Grapevine eBook sales are about \$8,000.00 below last year.

Grapevine Quote of the Day circulation is now over 21,000 subscribers. Audio Grapevine has now collected 46 stories.

**PRAASA 2014-** New rates have been established at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley for PRAASA. The Tower room rate is \$119.00 and the Garden room rate is \$129.00. Since PRAASA is here in San Diego many of us will not be reserving rooms but I want to keep you informed in case you get inquiries from outside our area. Dates for PRAASA are March 6-9, 2014. More information will be available as planning for the event continues.

**Alcoholics Anonymous World Services-** I received a letter from Phyllis H, the general manager of GSO describing a petition for the U.S. Postal Service made by a group outside AA to develop a Bill Wilson commemorative stamp with his photograph on it to be unveiled at the 2015 International Convention. Here is the eloquent and direct memorandum she sent:

*"We have recently been made aware of an effort by several non-AA organizations who have petitioned the US Postal Service to develop a Bill Wilson commemorative stamp (a photo of Bill).*

*... We are writing to let you know that the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and the General Service Office, which coordinate the International Convention, have not been contacted directly regarding this. Furthermore, there are no such plans in place, nor will there be, to include this as a part of our upcoming convention."*

The memorandum went on to describe a letter sent by Alcoholics Anonymous to the Postal Service describing our tradition of anonymity and clearly stating that AA does not endorse or support the commemorative stamp proposal.

Ending the memorandum: *"Bill W. wrote that before Dr. Bob died, they both firmly agreed that neither one of them would accept public honors for AA work. Bill felt that such an example, set before future generations of power-driving AA members, might prove to be worth more than any prestige which such honors could confer upon either of us. This was our estimate, and I still believe it to be the right one."*

The memorandum refers to protecting our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Traditions which deal with anonymity but I was also struck again by the power of our Traditions after 63 years to continue to guide us away from situations that may pull Alcoholics Anonymous into controversy. Turning down a commemorative stamp proposed by an outside group honors our Tradition of non-affiliation and our Tradition of not engaging in outside issues as well as helping to remain anonymous at the level of press, radio, and film and it upholds the spirit of anonymity that Bill said was the single most important factor in preserving AA into the future.

Thank you so much for the privilege of serving as delegate from Area 8. —Tom M.

### **Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.**

We are making informal visits to groups, particularly focused on the conference. We think there are groups that may be interested in what the conference does. You can submit agenda items as a group. I am hearing that it is not so easy to stimulate interest. We hear that some groups may not report. There is information available for GSRs so they can give good, concise reports. In several weeks there will be a conference report available. This report helps us decide "where the ship is going" and the agenda topics help groups decide how they can help steer the ship. After hearing a couple of districts who have challenges, it can be a little daunting, so it was communicated with all the Alt Delegates and

we had a conversation about these challenges. When you communicate like this an email trail starts and we have several people joining the conversation. We get more experiences to share and take back to our area and to the GSRs and DCMs. One of the most important year round things is for the Area to visit the groups regularly. I participated in the La Viña 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was awesome. Emphasizing how important this work is. In preparing my talk I learned so much. I was reminded that LaViña is a piece of literature that saves lives. We get to hear the language of the heart. GSR orientation takes place before each assembly. There has been a ramp-up of this process this year. It is helpful for the new GSRs to attend these orientations because it gives the area a chance to accomplish something that often does not get accomplished at the district. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

### **Area 8 Chair: Jane G.**

I have located the statement of policy. It has been an interesting journey. There were no Structure and Guidelines in 1979, just the statement of policy. In the bylaw chapter there are our steps, our traditions and our concepts. This made me think about how important it is to practice these principles in all our affairs. The group structure and the service structure are copied side by side. As the decision process moves, it changes, becoming the best decision for aa as a whole. You work together to make the best decisions. At the Area Assembly that is what we do. Everyone wants their voice to be heard. We always leave possibilities open. We leave openings so our higher power can work. No matter what position you take, always find reasons for the position you take. Listen well. The same consciousness that developed the problem cannot solve the problem. When my brain is saying, "I know, I know" then I am in trouble. Reading the motions takes me on an interesting journey. You are qualified to make the decisions to be made. Picture the time when the area was born. There were Intergroups but can you imagine when they had to "split" that money. We trust the principles of our steps, traditions and concepts. No decision is ever final because the world keeps changing. We remain intact by referring to our steps, traditions and concept. We only learn these by applying them. When a motion comes through, it is really the author's opinion that is being expressed. Each of us who votes is responsible for knowing if that opinion is correct. The only way to know this is to examine each motion. Policy says if a motion is prepared, each part of the motion is checked for accuracy. Policy does not validate the motion but it will check for accuracy.

- The Area Registrar's computer was stolen. It was password protected and all vital information was on a thumb drive and not on the computer. Access to our information was on the world wide web and only accessible using passwords.
- There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

7 people celebrated birthdays since the last meeting. Congratulations!

Break: 8:40

### **Resumed Meeting:**

**2014 Calendar:** At the June 2013 Area Committee Meeting, we set the following dates:

- Orientation Assembly - January 11, 2014
- Pre-Conference Assembly - April 5, 2014
- Post-Conference Assembly - May 31, 2014
- DCM/Committee Chair Workshop - January 25, 2014

### **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.

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

Points of contacts are in need of updating. Members should not be contacted by

## **Liaison Committee Reports**

**San Diego Coordinating Council:** Jerry: The 818th meeting of the Coordinating Council was held on Aug. 8th, 2013. Your Representative from the Area, Butch M., gave a report on the area activities. Blaine H., representing H&I reported on their work. Our daytime phone volunteer shifts have all been filled. The book of the month for Aug. is "As Bill Sees It", with a special soft cover price of \$6.60. The Council Standing Committees gave their reports.

**After Hours Phone Committee** reported all evenings are now fully staffed.

**The Public Information Committee** is refilling literature racks at schools, hospitals, and emergency room. They made a presentation at a senior center for outreach to the elderly.

**The Program Committee** is working on the Anniversary Breakfast celebrating AA in San Diego since 1940, with a program of history and our Founders in San Diego. The Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 16th. Flyers will be out soon. Planning for the New Year's Eve dance and party is in full swing.

Our other Committees of Business, Newsletter, Outreach, and Orientation/Guidelines have been working hard. The Coordinator Newsletter is available FREE with a subscription by email. Submit your information to [sdaaco@aol.com](mailto:sdaaco@aol.com).

We will continue to offer Hard copy" available at the Central Office.

**North County Intergroup:** (Currently need new liaison.)

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: *We meet at Denny's in El Cajon.* [www.eastcounty.org](http://www.eastcounty.org) Last business meeting held July 16. We had book orders from El Cajon Alano Club. Some literature can be ordered through website. The ECI had 18 calls for meeting information and one 12<sup>th</sup> step call in June and July. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions and literature sales for June/July were \$275.52. Expenses for Virtual Office phones and literature were \$299.61. Total in account plus petty cash is \$1,832.77. No new business committee recommendation were made at the last meeting. Minutes and treasurer's report available upon request.

**Oficina Central Hispana:** Fernando, chair. 6 members present. We now have a Hispanic liaison convention wing of the U.S. and Canada. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:30 pm. There is an attendance of between 12 and 20 groups represented. Literature Committee has 11 representatives. Step XII Committee has 4 representatives. Events Committee has two representatives. We continue to send \$20 to the area each month.

**Oficina Intergrupual Condado Norte:** Juan: Aug. We will have meeting of all the central offices. There are about 12 or 13 Intergroup Reps. We have covered 12 step calls and we continue to work. The committee is visiting new groups, less than 3 months old.

**Oficina Intergrupual Sur, Chula Vista:** Magdalena: Not present.

**NA Liaison:** Jim: I was adopted into the Chumash tribe in 1995. Most of the sober native American people in the county. I have done service on the reservation for about 5 years. We took meetings out there as well as a "talking circle". I am a little nervous but I hope to do a good job in being of service.

**GSDYPAA:** Jason: Event on Aug. 25, North Park, 12 Step Yoga event. 1:30 – 3:30. 1<sup>st</sup> hour, Yoga flow on steps 1-11 and last hour a 12<sup>th</sup> step meeting.

**NSDYPAA:** Chelsea: NSDYPAA meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 5pm at the Moose Lodge in Oceanside. We currently have several open positions and always encourage any alcoholic to attend.

**ICYPAA-**The elections for the San Diego Bid for ICYPAA will be held at noon on Sunday, September 8th at a coffee shop at the corner of Adams and Felton in Normal Heights.

**September Dance-**Hoping to have an event in late September with a meeting and a dance. We are still firming details and will ensure the Area receives the information for the website as soon as details are confirmed.

**NSDYPAA** is co-hosting the annual 12 traditions workshop, BBQ, and dance hosted by AOCYPAA, the All Orange County Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous, on Sunday, September 1st starting at 5pm at the Canyon Club in Laguna Beach, CA. A few of the speakers are from North County San Diego.

**NSDYPAA** will be volunteering their service at the *Seniors in Sobriety Conference* September 5th-7th.

## **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Old Business:** We still need a sense of the meeting.

**Chair:** Thursday Night Mira Mesa Men's Group would like to propose the addition of a Table of Contents be added to the pamphlet, "Frequently Asked Questions About AA" (Formerly "44 Questions") This pamphlet is an excellent general service information tool.

**New Business:**

Proposed Amendment to the Area Assembly Structure and Guidelines: Creation of a Reserve

No current Text

To add New Text on pg 6, Section VI, Item j) to read as follows:

Proposed Text: J. San Diego/Imperial Area 08 establish a reserve of \$2,500.00 The reserve is to be used to cover known or unforeseen expenses if "Cash on Hand" is short at the time. Any disbursement of reserve funds will require a 2/3rds vote of the Area Committee.

*Background:* In our area cash on hand is simply the cash balance in our checking account on any date. This has been to finance and policy committee.

**Discussion:**

Suggestion: Change wording.

This is too ambiguous.

How can you say there is no financial impact?

The finance committee says there is nothing in the text, that there is no mention where the money will come from.

There is no subtext. As it reads, there is no financial impact.

Adding to what was said, recommend adding, "Cash on Hand" phrase. In our S 7 G H, 1. It says, "...maintain an operating account." I am also confused, if any disbursements require a 2/3rds vote, then this committee can make those funds available without going to the assembly. If we needed something and we wanted to access this money... but it does not allow us to create an unbudgeted expense.

Following up, I support the creation of a reserve for Area 8. It is a new concept. I don't think I have enough info to approve something like this. It is too new and we don't know how to treat a reserve. The background conflicts in some places. Further on in our S & Gs it says funding for the area is approved by the assembly but this would allow the area committee to approve emergency funding. I suggest the finance committee look at this some more. Where would the money come from and when could the money be approved by the committee or the assembly. I don't know how to implement these ideas.

As I listen I come up with this idea, isn't this "Let's just send \$2,500 less to New York?"

So, the first time this motion came up, it was in a little different format. The 1<sup>st</sup> time he recommended we strike out a whole section and this time there is no strike out but an addition. It does seem contradictory. Now just the committee could approve funding, something up to \$2,500.

As a member of the finance committee I agree with what others have said. This is too wordy and where is the money coming from?

What makes this the most clear to me is that the examples were made where we were not able to fund certain things in the area but it would be helpful to know this stuff ahead of time using the words, "such as"...

I support the idea in general but can't support submitting this to the assembly while there are contradictions.

Since this motion was made I've been here and I've seen that only one district has presented this. Part of the one or two pages in English.

The Spanish was received today.

I have a question about the S & G...Does that mean that the budget is approved at the assemblies and the reserve helped to fund standing committee work. With this reserve we could make something happen when there are up to 3 months between assemblies and sometimes decisions about money need to be made sooner.

It just increases the \$450 to \$2500?

No.

For 18 years I haven't seen any red numbers on our budget. I am against creating a prudent reserve. I think this is kind of personal. Pushing the fellowship of our area to create a reserve. To spend \$2,000 on computers or whatever...Does that mean we can spend this money without telling the groups? It was \$450 before and that is why I don't favor this. You referred to the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence. It is misleading. That leads me to believe this reserve would only be used when contributions fell below [a certain level]. It creates a circumstance when the fund could be used but it goes on to say that it could be used between the time of May and September. Can we amend this tonight?

We can carry it back to the maker of the motion.

Create a procedure for "SDIAA 8 to create or establish a reserve of \$2,500." Can we rewrite this?

The motion would be amended to say: SDIAA 8 to establish a reserve of \$2,500.

Where did we come up with the figure of \$2,500? We are going from \$450 to \$2,500. This is a question we will probably have to answer.

I am also hearing "IS this in addition to the \$450?"

I'm in favor of a prudent reserve to be used as a prudent reserve. Corporate poverty status says that we will only keep a reserve amount prudent to the operation of our business. It says we won't reserve money. In our operating principles we would also have to add "prudent reserve."

We had an assembly last November and we were asked why we did not send all the officers to PRAASA. Like this, there will always be reasons to need money.

The \$450 is a slush fund, right?

No. Well I am allotted up to \$10 to make various purchases for our committee. The reserve is just for emergencies. I envision the \$450 like this—just for emergencies.

It is being expressed that the motion is not clear.

Is there a possibility for amending this tonight? If we did we would have to have the originator here. The revised wording would be offered to the originator and if there was a change we could offer both options to the assembly as wording one and wording two. It could go with an amendment or not.

The conflicts are worth noting and the motion is worth sending back to the maker and to be sure that this background and the intent of the background is aligned with the motion.

I wanted to make a comment: I want to make sure the motion is in Spanish and made available to the Spanish community.

This is very confusing especially the information provided as "background" information. There was literature quoted and it was confusing to read and it was hard to understand why finance wasn't involved in it.

We are not moving on with this.

Tom has indicated that this committee does not have a prudent reserve which surprises me as many AA groups have prudent reserves.

We can only spend money on what is actually represented in the budget. If something comes up that we did not know about, we would have to request an unbudgeted expense. These often come at the end of the year. For example if we had an increase in our insurance premium then this room could approve this expense as long as it was under \$450. If we had a need between assemblies we would be stuck until the assembly could approve a request for unbudgeted expenses.

We are not taking a vote tonight. The background is not part of this motion. The proposed text is what we are voting on. The background is someone's interpretation.

How would the background be submitted to the assembly?

I am not sure about the content and whether the amended motion in alignment with the text. The author of the motion could accept the amendment.

We are just entertaining the amended motion.

**New proposed text:** *The San Diego Imperial Area 8 to create a procedures to establish a reserve of \$2,500. Any disbursement of reserve funds would require a 2/3rds vote of the area committee.*

I like this amended motion because it allows policy to get involved in implementing this change in the guidelines. As it reads, it is too vague.

No action taken. It will go back to the originator. Do we have a sense from the committee?

All in favor of calling the question? Yeas win.

Now we will vote on the proposed amendment. If the author accepts the amendment we will take it to the assembly

Vote: 23 yes 9 nos.

Amended motion moves forward to the originator. If not amended it will not go to the assembly.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS** *These reports were turned in digitally or in writing. There were no oral reports given.*

District 1: Mike: 11 GSRs present at last meeting. Area 8 Treasurer Arturo made a visit to go over the proposed 2014 budget. Several GSRs had difficulty with the lack of prudent reserve and how the Area handles running out of

money at the end of the fiscal year. Much discussion about that. Some concern with the amount spent for ASL interpretation. One GSR asked what percentage of AA members are served with ASL interpretation. Continuing to work on Dark meetings. Kind of stalled at 50% representation. One of our GSRs took the 10 agenda items taken to the Conference and went over the results. District 1 is planning to co-sponsor District 23's Dark meeting workshop.

District 2: Wilma: We are preparing for the annual Labor Day Picnic with Dist. 23. Picnic to have hamburgers, hotdogs, kids games and a speaker. Ad hoc committee excited about The Serenity Cruise, Nov. 2, a musical –comedy show by local AA entertainers. We carry the message without the bottle.

District 3: Daniel: No report.

District 4: Michelle: 11 GSRs at last meeting. We continued planning of the *Secretary Workshop* to be held October 26, 2013, 9:30-1:30pm at the Christ Lutheran Church on Cass Street in Pacific Beach. We will offer a breakfast, speakers and roundtables. We discussed topics for the workshop, breakfast planning, solicitation of co-hosting Districts, and flyer production. We had some education about the upcoming Motions to ensure that all GSRs understand the motions and are prepared for discussion and voting on the Assembly floor.

District 5: Vince: No report.

District 6: Renee: No report.

District 7: George: Our main meeting topics were the sponsoring of a Secretary/GSR Workshop, the approval of the District 7 Guidelines, and the presentation of the pending motions (the motion to revise Section XII Area Assembly Guidelines & the motion to create an Area Web Servant).

District 8: Tanya: No report.

District 9: Fred: Met July 25 and had 6 GSRs attending. Arturo and Butch presented the budget proposal to a good turnout. They did a great job. We look forward to the Delegates visit to our Sept. meeting. Plans will be presented for another movie/speaker night.

District 10: Paul: No report.

District 11: Phyllis H: No report.

District 12: Connie: No report.

District 13: Phil: No report.

District 14: Gary: No report.

District 15: Cruz: Next August 23<sup>rd</sup> begins the district inventory in order to know if we are ready to start or redo the district. There is a district committee event on September 29, 2013. Contributions were received by some groups.

District 16: Linda: 13 GSRs present. Last month Arturo came to visit and talk about the "Presenting Area Budget to Groups". Suzanne, GV Chair, gave a presentation about what is going on with the GV, asked about GVR's in groups. Our main focus was the *Labor Day Picnic*, Monday Sept 2. Getting fliers made, one GSR volunteered for this. Fliers are made and available. Aug. 28, Tom will visit talking about the Conference also Paul, Policy Chair will give a presentation. David, Alt DCM will be here in my place for this meeting. Thank you.

District 17: Santiago: No report.

District 18: Pedro: Elections for District 18 will be October 20, 2013. The district continues meeting every Monday 7-9 pm. We meet monthly to study the Concepts.

District 19: Peggy Rose: No report.

District 20: Margo: No report.

District 21: Bill: Nothing to report.

District 22: Tom: Last meeting we reviewed Dist. 22 Structure and Guidelines. We defined the GSR's role and read/discussed Concept 5. Discussed election procedures for November's election. Contributions YTD = \$306.50. Expenses: \$270.57. 11 GSRs at last meeting.

District 23: Dustin: No report.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Art:

**Agenda:** Michelle M. (Alt. Chair): Last meeting, July 11, 4 persons present. Discussed how to make committee meetings more available to the whole county. Discussed how to more effectively present and discuss motions at the Area Assemblies. Reviewed upcoming Agenda for the July ACM with Jane.



**Archives:** Allen: Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

**CPC:** Bob: We are continuing to work with the County of San Diego on two panel presentations one is directed at the Latino service community and one is for the newly coordinated Mental Health County agencies. We are working with other 12 Step programs to provide information. Our next meeting is at 6:30 PM on August 26, 2013 at San Diego Central Office.

**Finance:** Jimmy (Alt):

**Grapevine/LaViña:** Suzanne: We need 2 new committee members. We picked a date and location for the Grapevine/La Viña Writers' Workshop: Saturday, November 2, 2013 9:30am-Noon at 1475 Catalina Blvd, San Diego, CA 92107--All Souls Church. Want to include up to 3-4 speakers (both La Viña/Grapevine) with writing session. Continental breakfast will be served. Save the date. I visited District 18's workshop on the anniversary of La Viña. Thanks so much District 18 for your invite. LeVeare and I will be at the *Women Sponsoring Women* workshop on August 17th in Encinitas. Regarding visitations--We are willing to visit your district. Please call 760-271-2229.

**H & I Liaison:** Debbie: We need members. Please share this with your group. Shared purpose of H & I (to establish and maintain AA meetings in facilities where people are confined and to bring AA General Service Conference approved literature into those institutions). We have more requests to bring a meeting in than we have volunteers, so we are always looking for new members. Individuals or groups may adopt a meeting. We have two Orientation Meetings each month: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 12:00 pm Hall 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd 92111 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7 pm Central Office 7075-B Mission Gorge Rd 92120. Contact on Release's purpose is to introduce alcoholics being released from confined facilities to AA in San Diego. When notified of a release in San Diego County, volunteers contact the individual and take them to their first few meetings.

**Information Technologies:** Steve:

**Literature:** Ray: We meet at 7pm at Central Office. We could use more volunteers. Our Alt. Chair, Phyllis, will be stepping down due to work. The committee and I thank her for her service. We will be electing a new alternate at our next meeting on Aug. 19.

**NCAIC (H & I):** Rich:

**Newsletter:** Gary S:

**Policy:** Paul: Last meeting, Aug. 6. We reviewed GSO send-off motion and Prudent Reserve motion. We discussed how we review motions and their background. We informed the committee that the cover page of the S & Gs has the tax disclaimer posted on it and the copy on the website is updated as well.

**Native American Liaison:** None

**Translation:** Hugo: Not present

**Archivist:** Joe:

We need help cleaning up. It only takes 10 minutes. Next area assembly is Sep.14, Big Day, Budget Assembly.  
Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm. *Respectfully submitted,***

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