

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the February 21, 2013 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish by Rosia and in English by Eric.

**Introductions**

New DCMs, new GSRs, and new Committee Chairs introduced themselves. Birthdays since January were celebrated.

**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: Alt. Secretary, Area Treasurer, Districts 2, 6, 9, 12, 17, 20; Newsletter, (needs Chair), Native American Liaison (Needs Chair), Archivist, North County H & I, GSDYPAA, NSDYPAA, Oficina Central Hispana, Condado Norte Intergrupo, North County Intergroup.

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

- Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the January, 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, let the secretary know.
- MSP to approve January, 2013 minutes as corrected. Corrections were month and year on treasurer's report and change Remote Nations to Native American Liaison.
- *You may 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. Keep it simple.*

**Treasurer's Report: Butch, Alt. Treasurer**

- Written report.
- Mentioned footnote about "restricted cash" versus "cash on hand" appearing on the financial report.
- 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.
- Please submit new budget requests to Area 8 Finance Chair and Treasurer this evening.

January	Jan 2013	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,171.06	2,171.06	45,932.00	-43,760.94
Individual contributions:	10.00	10.00	.00	
District contributions:	75.00	75.00	.00	
Total contributions:	2,256.06	2,256.06	45,932.00	-43,675.94

Total budgeted expenses:	5,826.03	5,706.03	45,182.00	-39,475.97
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-3,569.97	-3,449.97		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	400.00	400.00	.00	400.00
Area 8 Contribution to GSO	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total expenses:	6,226.03	6,106.03	45,182.00	-39,075.97
Contributions less total expenses:	-3,969.97	-3,849.97		
Restricted Cash on Hand (Designated)*	5,850.00			
Unrestricted cash on hand:**	2,259.51			

\*Restricted cash on hand=designated for a stated purpose.

\*\*Unrestricted cash on hand= not tied to a specific obligation.

### **Master Calendar**

Event	Host	Date		Time	Location
Pre Conference Workshops	TBD	Feb 22-24	2013	Various	Various Locations/See Flyer or Website
Pre Conference Workshops (Spanish)	Dist 15 & 18	Mar 8, 18	2013	Various	Various Locations/See Flyer or Website
4-Area DCM Sharing Session	Area 8	TBD	2013	TBD	TBD
PRAASA	Area 18	Mar 1-3	2013		Boise, Idaho
San Diego Round-Up		Mar.28-31	2013		Town and Country Resort-Fashion Valley
Pre-Conference Assembly (w/GSR Orient.)	Dist 4, 14 &19	April 6	2013	9:00a	Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla
H & I So Cal Convention		Apr 12-14	2013		Orange, CA
Traditions Breakfast	NC Intergroup	April 14	2013	9:30a	Camp Pendleton SNCO Club
Post-Conference Assembly	Dist 2, 16 &23	May 18	2013	9:00a	Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla
Unity Day Picnic					Admiral Baker
Seniors in Sobriety (SIS)	SIS	Sept 5-8	2013		Town and Country Resort, Fashion Valley
Budget Assembly (w/GSR Orientation)	Dist 10 & 12	Sept. 14	2013	9:00a	TBD
Election Assembly (w/GSR Orientation)	Dist 8 & 13	Nov. 16	2013	9:00a	TBD

Note: Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated Feb. 21, 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.**

**AAWS Financial Report for 2012 and Projection for 2013-** Contributions for 2012 were \$6,565,600 , 0.6% greater than budgeted and 4.8% higher than last year. On-line contributions amounted to approximately \$231,500 compared with \$156,000 during 2011. Unaudited net profit for 2012 was \$160,450.00. The approved 2013 AAWS budget shows a projected loss of \$611,240 which, if the loss materializes, will require a withdrawal from the Reserve Fund. The withdrawal may be larger if La Viña losses are higher than projected or if there are expenses connected with the 2015 International Convention that must be prepaid. A further increase to the withdrawal of as much as \$360,000 may be realized if the GSO computer system is updated and if proposed capital projects are funded.

**Grapevine Financial Report for 2012 and Projection for 2013-** The 2012 net income for Grapevine, Inc. was \$257,000. Print circulation declined by 7,325 from December 31, 2011 which is almost twice the anticipated decline. Online circulation was ahead of budget by 1211. **La Viña** ended 2012 with a net loss of \$115,820 which was \$10,152 more than budget. The 2013 Grapevine, Inc. budget is projected at almost \$12,000 but print circulation is expected to continue to decline to about 79,000 which is 4,600 less than 2012. La Viña's budgeted loss for 2013 is expected to be about \$127,000 which is an increase of about \$12,000 from the 2012 actual results. La Viña is published by Grapevine, Inc. and financially supported by the General Service Board General Fund as a service to the fellowship.

**Reserve Fund-** the Reserve Fund balance is \$17,214,802 which represents 11.3 months of operating expense. The Reserve Fund exists to continue essential services from GSO and Grapevine during an interruption of the flow of contributions and can be used for extraordinary capital projects.

**EBooks at AAWS-** Late last year the General Service Office suspended the development of platforms other than the iPhone for AAWS published books. Since then there has been an agenda item prepared for the 2013 General Service Conference to grant permission to AAWS to use outside online store to sell and distribute digital AA literature. These stores will take a portion of the purchase price for themselves. In Service, Tom M. [delegate@area8aa.org](mailto:delegate@area8aa.org)

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

- **PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS** – The delegate Tom, and I have been sharing the work to review conference items and prepare documentation for the workshops. We also were able to divide the workshop reminder visits to districts. At each of my visits there were allot of good questions and interest in participating in the process provided to us, to help preserve the future of A.A.. That process is the General Service Structure and Conference.
- **FOUNDERS DAY PROGRAM / UNITY DAY PICNIC PLANNING HAS STARTED**–The first planning meeting was well attended. Thanks to all who attended and all who called and committed to attend in the future. We discussed what worked well and what didn't work well at last years picnic, along with sharing on new fun things to try this year. The two options for picnic dates are Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> or June 15<sup>th</sup>. Next month the confirmed picnic date will be announced. PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING MEETINGS STILL WELCOMED BY ALL. If you signed up on the volunteer list but didn't make it to the planning meeting, You will be contacted by team leaders for volunteers closer to date of picnic.
- **Remaining planning meeting dates are set for Saturdays 9:00a, San Diego Central Office :**
- March 16, April 20, May 11 and June 1<sup>st</sup> (on site at Admiral Baker Park)

My phone is 760-274-5309. If you have any questions or interest in helping, please call.

### **Chairperson's Report: Jane G.**

- No written report.

Remind groups that Area is in need of chair for the Newsletter Committee and a liaison for the Native American groups.

#### **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.***

**Break: 8:30p Resumed Meeting at 8:51**

**Report from Dustin:** ADHOC Committee: Fact-Finding mission looking at the operating principles in the S & G. Eliminates the words "Ample reserve" and go through financial guidelines in the S & G. Checking to see if they are in line with the spiritual principles of AA. Email: [Dustin@DCBhauling.com](mailto:Dustin@DCBhauling.com). Meet in Carlsbad 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 6:30p. Looking for participants for the committee.

Jim T: ADHOC Committee to Review C4 : Final report on Tax Exempt Status. Jan 27, 2013. Wes B chaired. Purpose is to develop questions in three primary areas: Evaluate changes, assess the degree to which changes can be made.

- Can you review section 11 of the S&G?
- Can you advise the Area on compliance?
- Can you suggest written instructions to our finance committee.
- After reviewing our chart of accounts...
- Can you provide recommendation for retention, storage and destruction of materials?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages?
- Is Area 8 currently fulfilling...
- Committee viewed "with alarm" the lack of access...
- Committee recognizes that this has been a long term issue...

**Liaison Committee Reports**

**Coordinating Council:** Ray: Phone commitment full after the last Area Assembly. Encourage your GSR's to ask their groups to send representation to the Coordinating Council, we did not have quorum so no business was conducted. Coordinator Newsletter: Sign up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email to [sdaaco@aol.com](mailto:sdaaco@aol.com) or call 619-265-8762. Coordinator's April's Theme: "Attraction Instead of Promotion". Submissions: 500-1000 words. Coordinating Council finance summary: 2012 revenue was up \$8,627 expenses were down \$7,737 = \$16,364 difference between 2011 excess expenses and 2012 excess revenue.

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

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: The East County Intergroup Business Meeting is being held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside Community Center. Suggestions from groups are welcome. Chair gave update on Newsletter, considering articles to be printed on the website newsletter. Submit to [www.eastcountyyaa.org](http://www.eastcountyyaa.org).

- Informational handouts about duties of an Intergroup rep will be given to group secretaries.
- Literature may be ordered through the website or by called 877-993-2422, ext. 2.
- Virtual office phone had a few calls asking about meetings.
- There are openings for several service positions.
- Contributions were \$177.63. Expenses were \$20.93 for Virtual office, \$30 for 2 months rent and Literature purchases, \$165.44. Total in account is \$1,490.82.
- Minutes and treasurer's report available upon request.

**Oficina Central Hispana:** Marina, chair. Not present.

**Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte:** Melecio, chair. Not present.

**4-Area DCM Sharing Session:** Vince: Target date is May 4. Looking for a North County venue which will seat 185 for this event. 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 Intergrupar Sur, Chula Vista:** Magdalena: Not present.

**GSDYPAA:** Emily: Not present.

**NSDYPAA:** Connor: Not present.

**AA in the Digital Age Workshop and Service Workshop**—We are looking 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. I am available to come to district and/or committee meetings if you are interested in more information or co-hosting. I would like to hear back from any DCMs that discussed this at their last meeting. We're hoping to use Torrey Pines Christian Church for the venue. The NSDYPAA Locations chair was able to secure the location for Sunday, March 18th. However, this is the weekend of ACYPAA so the NSDYPAA committee will not be available on that date. We've reached out to the church to change the date. We need help in finding an appropriate venue that can hold the workshop for approximately 100 people on Saturday, March 23rd. We are having a planning meeting next Wednesday at 7pm at Shawn's house, 2004 Pintesco Ct., Carlsbad, CA. I would like at least one representative from any district co-hosting. In addition, any and all background research and information gathered regarding the topic would be extremely helpful.

We will be discussing the agenda for the workshop, speakers needed, discussion topics, as well as the budget. Financial contributions of seed money are appreciated. The total cost should be around \$600-700.00.

**San Diego Bid for ICYPAA** committee has reformed and the meetings are the first and third Sundays of the month at 3pm, alternating between North County and San Diego for the meeting location.

*Jeremy is chair of the San Diego Bid for ICYPAA's Bylaws and Service Liaison and will be attending the ACM and AAM meetings in that role.*

**Native American Liaison:** Needs new liaison.

**Mike: (Alt. Chair):** Please sign up to get notification as to where our San Diego Group Dinner to be scheduled for Friday Night at PRAASA in Boise, Idaho.

## **Area Business:**

***Right of Decision:*** Round table discussions about Concept 3: Key words the committee was asked to focus on included leadership, informed group conscious, delegated authority versus ultimate authority, and trusted servants.

## ***Discussion Report Back:***

- What I understand is that if I understand the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept I can make better decisions for my group.
- In regards to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept, Right of Decision, it tells us that we as leaders need to be informed and we need to document through the 12 traditions and 12 concepts so that when we do use that 3<sup>rd</sup> concept we have limited authority but we can make good decisions when necessary and that's what we delegate through the groups. We have to act according to the principals.
- My ultimate authority is my group. I am their trusted servant. They give me instructions on how to make decisions but they realize I am the one who receives the information and I know my group and how they want me to vote. I make the decision based on my group and AA as a whole.
- Our table broke down the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept. You must know your group by taking a group conscious.
- Take input and provide them with new information. This is more than just being a messenger. A good leader is ready to make decision; Ultimate authority can counteract a poor decision. There is a balance in this Concept.

- We trust that decisions will be made by consensus. It's time to get groups interested in what we do. Sometimes things go fast and servants have to be trusted. God works through discussion and understanding. Remind participants that this is life or death for most of us. Near the end of Concept 3 is about reporting back solid information.
- We figured that you had to know your group in order to get a group conscious. If you do your presentations during the meeting break up your info into bite size pieces or put in on a clip board and pass it around during the meeting. DCMs visit groups and pay attention to what the groups say and take it back to the District. Be prepared and have the info available.
- Ultimate authority: We don't do that here. Delegated Authority: Do what you think is right. The Right of Decisions and Group Conscious goes hand and hand. Put all the info out on the table to allow for changes and questions. You don't make a decision in a vacuum in AA. More is revealed. Trust the GSR to do the job they were elected to do you must suspend your suspicions.
- Importance of your group conscience. Everyone is armed with different ways to get a group conscience. Every GSR has a different group and there is not just one way to get a group conscience. Follow up may be an important component. If the GSR is not trusted by the group it could change the dynamics of the decisions. The groups need to be informed by and informed GSR and an informed DCM.
- In the tenth step we are connected to our conscience. This is the miracle of AA.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

District 1: Mike: No report

District 2: Jeremy (Alt.) No report

District 3: Guy: No report

District 4: Michelle: 10 GSRs present. We gathered volunteers for the Feb. 23rd Pre-Conference Workshop we are hosting and planned refreshments; coffee, water, yogurt, fruit, and muffins. Planned our role in the co-hosting of the Pre-Conference Area Assembly on April 6th; we will start recruiting volunteers from our groups. Discussed strategies for giving GSR reports to groups; one GSR created a flyer with important website addresses to find more information on Area and District happenings.

District 5: Vince: No report

District 6: Renee: No report

District 7: George: Our main meeting topics were GSR Reports, GSR Manual, followed by the District 7 Guidelines. Guidelines were converted into MS Word and are being reviewed. Since our last Area Committee Meeting went to 6 dark groups seeking GSR and had 2 groups respond by each voting in a GSR. Here is the question I stated asking at meetings with dark groups "If there was a movement to change the Traditions would you want your group to have a voice and vote?"

District 8: Tanya: No report

District 9: No report

District 10: Paul: The group, "Chapter 5" has voted in a new GSR to replace an inactive GSR. Starting work on our Structure and Guidelines, plus we need to create and understand budget and continue with group visitations. Have District Officer positions to fill.

District 11: Karen: 11 GSRs present. We are co-hosting a pre-conf workshop on Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> with districts 10 and 12. I will be representing D-11 @ PRAASA next month in Boise, ID. Nikki has volunteered to broadcast 'reminder' text messages to our GSR's 1-2 days before monthly meetings and area assemblies.

District 12: Connie: Co-hosting Sept. Assembly with District 10. Emotional Sobriety Workshop in October planned.

District 13: Phil: 5 GSRs attended last meeting. Visit from Delegate, Tom M. Still working on dark meetings.

District 14: Gary: No report

District 15: Cruz: We had 20 GSRs present. We have a new alternate GSR, Raul. We continue to motivate groups to attend PRASSA. Next 2/22/13 we will have an election of servants for vacancies. This group sends contributions to the area.

District 16: Linda: 17 GSRs present. We are ready for the pre-Conference Workshop tomorrow night. We will be hosting the post-Conference Assembly May 18<sup>th</sup> with District 2 and 23. Our next meeting will be to decide on menu for

breakfast and to solicit for volunteers from groups. Ham will visit with presentation on importance of registrar in District, Area and GSO. Will hold election for Alt. Sec, Treas. And Registrar next month. See you at PRASSA.

District 17: Not present.

District 18: Pedro: We meet every Monday. from 7-9 pm. The groups are working to contribute towards members who want to attend PRASSA. Contributions to the Area from district 18 are \$25 for February.

District 19: Peggy Rose: 16 GSRs present. District voted for treasurer to attend PRASSA. We are hosting Feb. 24 pre-conference workshop in North Park. We are co-hosting Pre-Conference Area Assembly. Reminder calls to service positions increases participation. 8 dark groups visited. Treas. and Reg. went to 2 men's groups. Next Meeting: How to take a group conscious.

District 20: Not present.

District 21: Bill: 7 GSRs Present. Addressing "unrepresented meetings" in our area. Presented information at the Secretaries meeting for Poway Alano Club on 2/09/2013. 1 meeting showed interest in having a GSR. Attended organizational meeting for YPAA, Anonymity in the Digital Age Workshop on 2/18/2013, scheduled for April 20. Off to PRASSA!

District 22: Tom: 14 GSRs and 4 guests present. We are grateful that our guests provided clarification and enlightenment to our inquisitive district. Guests: Tom, Dean, Jane and Mike.

District 23: Dustin: 8 GSRs present. Dean gave a presentation on the Pre-Conference Workshop.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Art: Discussed ASL video about Sober Living, Came to Believe, etc. to find FM in meeting room which late deaf alcoholics can go. One committee member's experience: Mental health. Also discussion about meetings for mental health where they would be comfortable together.

**Agenda:** George: We met at 7 pm on 2/14/13 at central office. We reviewed the agenda for ACM. We discussed the first draft of agenda for the Pre-Conference Assembly.

**Archives:** Linda: Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. No report.

**CPC:** Bob: We are going to do NAMI Walk in April with PI and Accessibility. We are working on a Panel for Clergy utilizing A.A. members who are also past or current members of the clergy. We will be using handouts that include A.A. brochures such as Q&A for Clergy, Membership survey, A.A. Information for new and referring to AA., etc. Attempts to attend district meetings have been preempted by busy schedules. Suggestions?

**Finance:** Paul: Started review of Finance Committee Guidelines. Need 2014 budget requests by 2/24/2013. Reviewed one unbudgeted request.

**Grapevine/LaViña:** Suzanne: Could use 3 new members. We are planning Unity Day/Grapevine/La Vina Celebration/Founders Day by forming subcommittee. It's possible we will be at the San Diego Spring Round-up. We will resume visitations for 2013. If you wish for us to visit your event or District, my number is 760-271-2229.

**San Diego H & I(SDIAIC):** Debbie: We have more requests to bring meetings in than we have volunteers—always looking for new members. Individuals or groups may adopt a meeting. Two Orientation Meetings/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: Introduce alcoholics being released from confined facilities to AA. When notified of a release, volunteers contact the individual and take them to their first meetings. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Conference is April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Hotel Anaheim/Orange County.

**Information Technologies:** Steve: Laptop inventory being conducted. Structure and Guidelines Amendment for Webmaster. New website set to launch soon. 2014 budget being prepared. Digital Workshop representation and Google rooms for online meetings discussed.

**Literature:** Ray: Struggling with members continuing their commitments. The projector is aging and being used by more than just the literature committee. Next meeting: 3/18/2013, 7pm at Central Office. Thanks to Steve for helping with an email change.

**NCAIC (H & I):** Rich: Not present.

**Newsletter:** Gary (Interim Chair): We meet at Denny's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Policy:** Paul: The committee changed the *Structure and Guidelines Motion form* to include at the top, the “Name of the Motion” and also clarified the top portion that tracks the motions progress. The new form is available on the web site under the committee documents or Policy Committee links. The committee is still working on the update and change to the DCM Manual.

**Translation:** Alicia: Nothing to report.

**Archivist:** Joe: Not present.

**Ad Hoc:** Wes: Continuing with meetings.

## **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Tonight we are revisiting the motion to create a prudent reserve for Area 8.

Gary: On page 1 of the purple handout, you will see what a prudent reserve is in the eyes of AA. If you want a digital version of this motion please email me.

*Discussion ensued regarding the viability of a prudent reserve for the area.*

### **Next Item:**

Discussion of Standing Committee Members Inventory, (Per Structure and Guidelines, VIII, C., 2.)

2. Voting members, other than the Committee Chairperson and Alternate, and assigned Area Officers, will be selected at the January Area Assembly meeting in a method determined by the Area Committee, annually, at the December Area Committee meeting.

Committee split into round tables for discussion.

### **Report back:**

- Comments about whether the Orientation Area Assembly is the right time to assign committees. Maybe the GSRs should be assigned at the district meeting rather than the area assembly. The blind pick is not serving the area well. A form should be developed that includes the times and locations and names of committee.
- One comment was that a member was assigned to the Translation Committee when she did not speak Spanish. DCMs can be assigned to committees as well as GSRs.
- We hope to talk about this at the DCM workshop next month. DCMS should discuss with their GSRs about the format of our committee. In fairness to your GSRs you may want to discuss where this item is taken from. At Agenda Committee mtg. we discuss the format that is used when a motion is presented for proposed changes. Read the entire section of the guidelines that is being affected. The DCM manual has the process spelled out. They are reviewing this process now.

We need help cleaning up. It only takes 10 minutes.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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