San Diego-Imperial Area Committee

2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

Minutes of the January 17, 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 Cruz and in English by Linda.

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. Registrar, Area Treasurer, Districts 2, 5, 17, 20; Remote Nations, Archivist, GSDYPAA, Oficina Central Hispaña, Condado Norte Intergrupo, North County Intergroup.

Approval of December 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 December, 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.
- Please submit new budget requests for 2014 by March 21, 2013, the March ACM.

November	Nov 2012	YTD	2012 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	1,891.09	30,173.42	38,480.00	-8,306.58
Individual contributions:	.00	1,602.98	.00	
District contributions:	25.00	1,286.67	.00	
Total contributions:	1,916.09	33,063.07	38,480.00	-5,416.93

Total budgeted expenses:	3,591.09	30,048.86	38,480.00	-8,431.14
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-1,675.00	3,014.21		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	369.71	453.39	.00	453.39
Area 8 Contribution to GSO	.00	2,389.12	.00	2,389.12
Total expenses:	3,960.80	32,891.37	38,480.00	-5,588.63
Contributions less total expenses:	-2,044.71	171.70		
Previous month ending balance	10,229.13			
Cash on hand:	8,184.42			

Master Calendar

Host	Date		Time	Location
TBD	Jan 26	2013	8:30a	First United Methodist Church -Mission Valley
	Feb 8-10	2013		Lion Recreation Center-Brawley
TBD	Feb - TBD	2013	TBD	TBD
SDIAIC	Feb. 17	2013	10:30-12	Machinists Union Hall-Kearny Mesa
TBD	Feb 22-24	2013	Various	Various Locations/See Flyer or Website
Dist 15 & 18	Mar 8, 18	2013	Various	Various Locations/See Flyer or Website
Area 18	Mar 1-3	2013		Boise, Idaho
	Mar.28-31	2013		Town and Country Resort-Fashion Valley
Dist 4, 14 &19	April 6	2013	9:00a	Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla
	Apr 12-14	2013		Orange, CA
Dist 2, 16 &23	May 18	2013	9:00a	Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla
SIS	Sept 5-8	2013		Town and Country Resort, Fashion Valley
Dist 10 & 12	Sept. 14	2013	9:00a	TBD
Dist 8 & 13	Nov. 16	2013	9:00a	TBD
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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.

Delegate fee for conference

I've shared a letter from GSO with the Treasurer and Finance Committee detailing the contribution to cover the delegate fee for the 2013 General Service Conference. Each area is asked to contribute \$1,600.00 with many areas making additional voluntary contributions. The estimated cost of the 2012 conference was \$5,400.00 per delegate. Our contribution is due at the General Service Office by March 1, 2013.

Pre-Conference Assembly and Workshops

- Dean and I are in the planning stages for the Pre-Conference Assembly to be held on April 6. We are interested in a format that would allow for the greatest participation by all and would like to hear your suggestions.
- The plan includes asking some of the standing committees of the area to make presentations or write summaries on agenda items that will be discussed by their corresponding conference committees. DCMs and districts are also welcome to be a part of summarizing and reviewing agenda items.
- The area committee is the steering committee for assembly planning so any input you have on the assembly is welcome now or contact me by the end of the month if you are interested in participating.
- The dates, times, and locations for the pre-conference workshops are listed on the flyer. Please inform your
 GSRs and committee members of the importance of attending one or more of these workshops. There is a flyer
 posted at www.area8aa.org, select the Pre-Conference workshops from the master calendar to open the flyer.

PRAASA

- This week the PRAASA host committee in Boise will start mass mailing to previous PRAASA attendees which usually triggers a flood of hotel reservations so please think about getting a hotel room reserved. The Grove Hotel is now full.
- The host committee switched the payment option to PayPal, smoothing out the checkout process from the website.

New Publications Director at AAWS

The general manager at GSO, Phyllis H., announced that Greg T. has been hired as the new Publications Director, replacing the recently retired Valerie O. Greg, a past general service trustee. He will begin work early this year.

GSO has added two new A.A. members to the staff that you may come into contact with; Clay R. on the Cooperation with the Professional Community desk and Steve S. on the Literature desk. Clay replaces Adrienne B who is moving to the Nominating Assignment and Steve replaces Gayle R. who is retiring in February.

GSO Services

- Past issues of Box 4-5-9 in English, French and Spanish have been added to the Web site going back to 1980.
- After consideration of a request from the trustees' Archives Committee, the A.A.W.S. board approved the concept of posting selected archival audio recordings on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site.
- A.A.W.S. approved the Committee's recommendation that funding for the oral translation of the Navajo Big Book be included in the 2013 A.A.W.S. budget.

Corrections

Past issues of Sharing from Behind the Walls are available from the Corrections Desk at corrections@aa.org.

The Grapevine magazine seeks stories about your AA Twelfth Step corrections service and sharing from inmates for the annual prison issue. The deadline for submissions is February 10 and articles can be 300-1500 words.

The Corrections Correspondence Service offers the opportunity for AA members to share experience strength and hope with incarcerated alcoholics and to hear how the program is practiced behind bars. There is an urgent need for men on the outside to write to inmates. Please contact the corrections desk at GSO or talk to me at the break.

Native American Recovery Stories

Native American General Service Office (NAIGSO) is requesting Native American recovery stories for mailing to chaplains, wardens, & etc. about the Inmate Correspondence Program. If you would like to submit your story please email it to: generalmanager@naigso-aa.org

Alcoholics Anonymous cooperates with NAIGSO and other groups that help alcoholics but is not affiliated with those groups. Area 8 maintains a Native American liaison committee and several districts include reservations within their boundaries.

2013 Agenda Items

Area 8 does have one agenda item submitted for this year's conference so far. It is from District 2.

In Service, Tom M. <u>delegate@area8aa.org</u>

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

- **PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS** The Area Delegate, Tom and I are planning pre-conference workshops for the area. It may be helpful for DCMs to keep in mind the workshop for your district may be in a different location than it was last year, and start communication with GSRs early and often regarding the time, date, and location of the workshop in your area.
- FOUNDERS DAY PROGRAM / UNITY DAY PICNIC PLANNING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER —The picnic is
 usually held on the weekend closest to the official AA anniversary birthdate of June 10, or the Saturday
 following. More to come on the date. It is likely to stay at Admiral Baker Park as well.
 - Last year's event was a blast! We are asking for help from all districts, committees, intergroups, and members join in on the planning and make this years event another success.
- The first planning meeting will be February xx at San Diego Central Office at 9.am. A volunteer signup sheet is being sent around tonight. Please indicate if you can commit to be a planner or a day of event volunteer. My phone is 760-274-5309. If you have any questions or interest in helping, please call.

Safety in AA –Problems at the Group Level

Making AA Safe is an emotional topic. There are many differences between facts and traditions. There are many opinions on dealing with unsafe situations in AA. Providing leadership is part of our traditions. The Delegate is a neutral party who can be brought in to help the group to a solution.

Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

No written report.

Our budget is determined a year in advance. We do not know when we take on the jobs as officers to Area 8, who we will be serving with and what committees we must attend and how often visitation occurs. It is helpful to have a strong budget but unbudgeted requests are bound to happen when we are projecting our expenses such as mileage, copies and other expenses. Ask your predecessors what the pitfalls were when they were in your position. We can only strive to create a budget that works for the year.

Unbudgeted expense request: Alt. Chair request for \$400 towards airfare to PRAASA. Finance committee discussed it at the last meeting and after discussion there was a vote to recommend bringing this amount to vote at Area Committee.

Discussion: What are primary reasons for the Alt. Chair to receive funding to attend PRAASA.

I have self-funded this event every year for several years. This year I am unable to do this this year. We are hosting this event in San Diego next year.

The alternate serves and should be able to step into the position if necessary. Alternates do attend PRAASA to gain experience.

Last year the DCM to 16 by herself. This year the DCM requested that the alternate attend so that more information can be gathered.

This plan confuses me a bit. I am only an Alt. but I have been to PRAASA for 15 years. But I cannot attend this year. Mike came to the finance committee so does that me I can do the same?

We didn't budget for you to go this year?

I make a motion to approve the \$400 for Alt. Chair to attend PRAASA.

Motion carries.

Minority can speak.

I agree with what has been said. Can we afford to send all the officers to PRAASA?

We wound up creating a budget that is over what we receive. The ASL situation going on. They have already allocated like \$5K as a projected amount we will be short. The area cannot afford it. I think we should put out a "PRAASA Can" at the next meetings to see how much we could get.

I am not sure that amount is correct.

There are 2 lines at the bottom of the budget that says we are expecting a shortfall.

We have a deficit budget right now. We are now going to add to that.

We are not in a deficit position. It is possible we have to cut some of our line items.

We have a projected budget we cannot meet.

On paper we have this but it is an arbitrary number. Last year we made a donation to GSO. When things come up we have a need and a primary purpose and we must put our faith in the groups. We are having this conversation a little early.

Point of order. Minority opinion has returned to debate.

We have to be fiscally responsible. When we passed the budget, this should have been brought up at that point. When do we say who can go and who can't. It's hard to override what we have already said. I am uncomfortable amending the budget twice.

I hope you realize no one here doesn't want you to go. We want you to go.

Anyone changed your vote? Yes.

Is there a motion to reconsider?

All those in favor of reconsidering the question. 14

All those not in favor of reconsidering the question. 14. No simple majority. We do not reconsider.

In follow up to that Dustin has been asked to chair an Ad Hoc committee to find out about the spiritual principles.

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: Ray: Phone commitment full after the last Area Assembly.

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH: (Jan) New version of "Living Sober", \$3.50, reg. \$4.50. For Feb: As Bill Sees It, \$7, reg. \$8.

- Daytime phone volunteers needed for alternate Saturdays, 9am-1 pm. Please sign up for the "Coordinator" by email. Email sdaaco@aol.com. Emailing the Coordinator saved \$900.00 last year while increasing circulation from 1,000 to 2,500 per month.
- You can get published. Send your article to sdaa.newsletter@gmail.com. March theme is "Obsession to Drink" due Jan 26. 500-1000 words.

NEW BUSINESS: Cash on hand: \$

OLD BUSINESS: Adopt a literature rack for \$20.

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. Suggestions from groups are welcome. Chair gave update on Newsletter, considering articles to be printed on the website newsletter. Submit to www.eastcountyaa.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 Hispaña: Marina, chair. Not present.

Oficina Intergrupal 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 Intergrupal 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: 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: Connor: I am the new co-chair. WACPAA held in Tucson, NSDYPAA hosted a hospitality room. Dodgeball: Sun. Feb. 9 at MLK Park in Oceanside. The meeting will be from 10-11am and the tournament will begin at noon. Co-hosted with San Diego Bid for ICYPAA, as well as the ICYPAA and ACYPAA host committees.

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 Pintoresco 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.

Seniors in Sobriety: Dixie: We need a hostess and hotel liaison for our convention. Thanks to Alicia, our translation chair, for helping with translation. SIS Conference can be paid for with Pay Pal. Anyone can be on this planning committee. The conference is for seniors. 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.

<u>Mike: (Alt. Chair):</u> 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.

Break: There were no birthdays since the November ACM.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Mike: GSRs discussed the Orientation Assembly, agreeing that two hours spent on the two motions was a confusing grind. Planning strategies to reach out to dark meetings. Made a list of all District 1 meetings. General feeling is that most meetings are not aware of the need for a GSR. A generic flyer would be helpful. Planning to participate in NSDYPAA's AA in the Digital Age workshop. Showed the DVD "Your AA GSO, The Grapevine & The General Service Structure". Well received. Wondered if we could rip it and send the mp4 around. Probably a copyright issue. If we (AA) paid for it, why not?

District 2: Jeremy (Alt.) No report

District 3: Guy: We've been talking about having a workshop in North County. We hope to get some secretaries to show up that have no GSRs for their meeting. We are still getting input.

District 4: Michelle: 11 GSRs with 4 active on standing committees. Hosting Pre-Conference workshop Feb. 23. New GSRs to be trained by "seasoned" GSRs. Discussed safety in AA meetings.

District 5: Vince: Thanks for showing up for area assembly.

District 6: Renee: Welcomed a new GSR from Washington, D.C. Discussed sending one of our GSRs to PRAASA with some financial assistance. Plan to visit dark meetings.

District 7: Rich: We found our district guidelines. New DCM's first meeting. Went over several upcoming events; the GSR Orientation Assembly, the February Pre-Conference Workshops, PRASSA in March. Reviewed two pending motions to be voted on at the Jan. Assembly and what to expect. Prior to meeting, DCM organized district's materials. Guidelines will be converted into Word review, updating, and posting.

District 8: Tanya: Lively discussion on January's Area Assembly. Co-hosted the assembly and discussed how things went. District 9: Fred (Treasurer) Meetings have changed to the 4th of each month. Imperial Valley Roundup coming up. I will make sure we have a full agenda of great speakers. Bonfire is the greatest.

- District 10: Paul: We have another new GSR. Working on new district guidelines. Continuing group visitations. District Budget ready for 2013. DCM not going to PRAASA this year.
- District 11: Karen:
- District 12: Connie: Reviewed and approved 2014 District budget. Co-hosting Sept. Assembly with District 10. Going out to District 12 meetings in pairs. Emotional Sobriety Workshop in October planned.
- District 13: Phil: Obtained a full list of all meetings in the district and hope to start visiting next month.
- District 14: Gary: Elected new Alternate DCM and welcomed 2 new GSRs and 3 alternates. 3 groups in our area have increased their portion of contributions to the area to offset other groups' boycott.
- District 15: Nicolas: We held the business meeting last Friday with 18 GSRs. We are ready for our 23rd meeting of General Services to be held this Sat. at Don Diego Hall. (2100 Logan Avenue) It starts at 9 am. Contributions to the area were \$20. We are informing all the groups about PRAASA.
- District 16: Linda (Alt. DCM) Nothing new. Arturo was able to get us the insurance form for the Pre conference workshop for February 22.
- District 17: Not present.
- District 18: Pedro: January 27 will be the event, the 19th annual General Services event for the Sober Living Group, 29964 Valley Center Road, Valley Center, CA.
- District 19: Peggy Rose: I called all my GSRs to get feedback from Area Assembly. I visited 5 dark groups this month.

 Preparing to host Area Assembly in April. Will attend DCM Workshop next weekend. Attend standing committee.
- District 20: None Present
- District 21: Bill: Discussed helping with NSDYPAA's "Anonymity in the Digital Age" Workshop. Visiting dark groups.
- District 22: Tom: Our meeting is first Tues. of each month. Last meeting 8th of Jan. 8 GSRs at last meeting. I was able to attend a new young people's meeting that had 25 young people in attendance. Would like to talk to Connor about this meeting.
- District 23: Dustin: Still operating with interim treasurer. New thing we are doing is having a GSR study and give a report on one chapter out of the service manual. DCM also encouraging members to get a service sponsor because he had gotten so much out of it.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Accessibilities: Chas: Next Tues. will be first meeting. We are inviting Tom to the meeting to discuss the Grapevine.
- **Agenda:** George: We met at 7 pm on 1/10/13 at central office. We had 1 new member. We reviewed the agenda for ACM. We discussed some strategies to make the process of making and discussing motions flow better. We discussed the importance of keeping the ACM within the allotted time.
- **Archives:** Linda: Meet the 1st Thursday of each month. Open house...All are welcome, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 2 pm. Come help us take inventory, clean house and get ready for the Round up in April.
- **CPC:** Bob: We have not met since last area committee.
- **Finance:** Paul: Distributed S & G for our committee. Reviewing old set of S & G and adopting new one. Timeline for 2014 budget was distributed. Welcomed new members.
- **Grapevine/LaViña**: Suzanne: New members were introduced to Grapevine/La Viña--It's function and scope. A new secretary was elected to the committee. Thanks Brent for stepping up. We went over our schedule for 2013--Unity Day and Grapevine/La Viña Celebration and a possible La Viña Writers' Workshop. If you wish for us to visit your event or District, my number is 760-271-2229.
- **San Diego H & I:** 2 orientations a month. 3rd Sun and 3rd Thursday. Financial reports available. Contact on release is part of H & I. We are having an orientation part/workshop for COR. Flyers available.
- **Information Technologies:** Steve: We had our last meeting last night. One area laptop has taken a dump. We are inventorying remaining computers. Bill will be coordinating with Emily on the workshop, AA in the Digital Age. New master calendar was discussed for new website.
- Literature: Ray: We have 3 new members. CPC to come to do a presentation for us, Jan. 21, 2013.
- **NCAIC (H & I):** Rich: Our first meeting of the year is tomorrow, January 18, at 5:30, at the Oceanside Alano Club. Orientation is at 6:30. Flyer has location and map. Theme is rotation of trusted servants.
- **Newsletter:** Gary (Interim Chair): Our meeting location is moving. We are going back to Denny's on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Policy: Paul: No meeting this month.

SDIAIC: Debbie: 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. We have more requests to bring a meeting in than we have volunteers so always looking for new members. Individuals or groups may adopt a meeting. We have two Orientation Meetings each month: 3rd Sunday @ 12:00 pm Hall 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd 92111 and 3rd 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. We are having an orientation/ training workshop February 17th from 10:30am-11:50am, directly before our regular H & I meeting.

Translation: Alicia: Nothing to report.

Archivist: Joe: Not present.

Ad Hoc: Wes: We held our first meeting. We're looking into our Articles of Incorporation and S&G Section XI, the specific tax code it references, certain activities that flow through our financials to evaluate the need for professional input, and to better understand our compliance duties and unique financial structure.

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.