

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the July 18, 2013 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jane G, Area 8 Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read in English by Tom M. and in Spanish by Fernando. Several guests 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. Eight Officers were in attendance, 20 DCMs, and nine Committee Chairs were present.

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

Approval of June 2013 Area Committee Minutes: Gonzalo C. Alt. Secretary

- Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the June, 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.
- June 2013 ACM minutes were accepted and approved by the committee as presented. An addendum to the minutes will be available with the July ACM minutes per committee discussion.
- *It is time effective to 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.*

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.
- No matter how little or large, 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
La Vina Workshop	Dist 18	July 28	2013	Vista- 644 E Vista Way 92084
Women Sponsoring Women Workshop	Dist 16	Aug 17	2013	10:00a Comm Ctr-1140 Oak Crest Park Dr-Encinitas
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) for the most up to date information.

Delegate's Report: Tom M. (Written Report Submitted)

We are able to change the date because the Coordinating Council graciously gave up their time at Torrey Pines ChTom began his report with a quote from the Grapevine regarding how Service adds to sobriety in a positive way.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services- One of AAs most high profile examples of the spirit of rotation took place at the General Service Office on July 15 when eleven staff members assigned to be contact points for the various committees and regions rotated to new assignments. The purpose of the rotation is to make sure the staff members on assignment have experience in all the assignments and that no individual becomes vital to the existence of AA. The General Service Conference Coordinator asks that all areas submit area newsletters to help share AA service experience throughout the

US and Canada. I've notified the committee chair (Raphael) of the request. Final conference reports should be available in late August or early September and I will distribute them at the September Area Assembly.

The suggested contribution to cover delegate expenses to the General Service Conference increased to \$1600.00 in 2013 but the Conference Coordinator asks that each area consider contributing more than the minimum since actual costs per delegate are closer to \$5,400.00 each.

Grapevine, Inc. - One on One is a new book released by the Grapevine in print and digital format. It is an anthology of Grapevine articles dealing with sponsorship with stories on choosing a sponsor and acting as a sponsor. It is currently available from www.aagrapevine.org for \$10.99 and for download from Amazon for \$9.99.

Grapevine circulation continues to decline and is now about 79,000 but La Viña circulation has increased again to 9,531. The Grapevine is approximately \$97,000 ahead of budget forecast for 2013 but this is mostly due to the time of the year and this level of profit probably won't be sustained for the entire year. La Viña is running about \$2,500 below a budgeted loss of \$44,606.00.

The Grapevine board will present a report sometime in 2013 on the feasibility of producing one book in ASL format. Grapevine management will visit the offices of La Vigne, the French Canadian newsletter that is similar to Grapevine, for the purpose of gathering information on the distribution model used in French speaking Canada. Management will also be developing recommendations on reducing La Viña costs as a way to reduce transfers from the General Fund of the General Service Board. Grapevine management has submitted suggested copy for an opt-in letter that could possibly be sent by AAWS to General Service Representatives and Group Contacts to obtain permission to use their contact information in the AAWS data base. You may remember this was an issue we discussed after the General Service Conference in May.

Grapevine Quote of the Day circulation is now 19,456 subscribers.

District Visits- Dean and I continue to make visits to districts to highlight some of the actions of the General Service Conference and to remind GSRs that summaries of the conference actions have been posted in English and Spanish on the area website, www.area8aa.org.

Thank you so much for the privilege of serving as delegate from Area 8. *If you have questions, e-mail delegate@area8aa.org.*

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

I know it's unusual but I'll be brief tonight. Arturo and I got together and finalized the Unity Program budget for 2014. Some of that carries over from 2012 and we ended up being \$200 in the positive. Thanks to all the hosting groups. They'll receive reimbursement checks in about a month. Tom and I are visiting groups to discuss the upcoming Assembly topics, including the 2014 Budget.

Area 8 Chair: Jane G.

Guidelines vs. Bylaws

The question of whether Area 08's Structure & Guidelines are bylaws or guidelines leaves me to believe we must take them for the word "guideline" in the title.

The IRS Form 1024-Application for Recognition of Exemption, in the records held by the Area Treasurer, indicates a two-part Statement of Policy filed as SDIA's bylaws in June, 1980. The Operating Principles are listed as one part of the bylaws and the other part are A.A.'s Twelve Traditions. A hard copy of the Form 1024 is held in SDIA's records; however, the page that holds the Operating Principles is missing.

The SDIA documents mention adopting the same Operating Principles as those of The San Diego Coordinating Council and The San Diego-Imperial Area Institutional Committee. In order to secure a copy of the Operating Principles missing from the filing, I contacted both organizations for their copy and neither has a copy that existed in or prior to 1980. I also asked Area 08's Archivist to search the Area Archives for a copy of the Operating Principles and/or its Structure & Guidelines as of 1980 or prior. The Archivist was not able to find those records. I also went to several Past Delegates requesting the same. No one has supplied these copies. The only answer I can supply is that there is no evidence that Area 08's Structure & Guidelines are bylaws. In fact, the evidence supports the Operating Principles and The Twelve Traditions are its bylaws.

One other open question is whether the Operating Principles, as they currently appear in Area 08's Structure & Guidelines, ever included the words "plus an ample reserve." Until we can recover a copy of the original Operating Principles, we may never know. There is a section in IRS Form 1024 requiring an explanation on how assets will be distributed on dissolution, and the following statement appears:

There is no plan to distribute assets. We generate only enough funds to operate on a budget basis for one year and attempt to accumulate a "prudent reserve" for that purpose. This sole asset is a commercial bank account.

I understand from one of my conversations with a Past Delegate is that Area 08's Structure & Guidelines were only a single page in 1980 and remained that size until the adoption of the Standing Committees. This search led me to, once again, review the Major Motions at the back of Area 08's Structure & Guidelines. I did note a Major Motion dated 1-11-76 regarding Policy Statement Review. The note is to disband the committee to review the Policy Statement because there was no need at present.

As a side note, it appears the Area has lost some records in the past. It is noted in the Major Motions the Major Motion records from 12/1955 to 1/1964 (8 years) are missing.

Proposed clarifying statement to the title page of San Diego-Imperial Area's Structure & Guidelines:

Contributions to the San Diego-Imperial Area Assembly of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, a 501(c)(4), are not tax deductible.

The wording in Section XI is not DIRECTLY stating contributions to SDIA are tax deductible. However, the concern that the wording may lead to the assumption the contributions are tax deductible is the CPA's reason for making the suggestion to insert and display a clarifying statement on the title page of the S&Gs. Many, including the CPA and me, have interpreted the wording to say the contributor may take a tax deduction on monies given to SDIA.

I know I took the same view you just took until I read it several times. **Here's what Section XI holds:**

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Structure and Guidelines, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- 1. by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or*
- 2. by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).*

The statement is actually talking about what activities the organization will NOT perform. It mentions 170(c)(2), which pertains to 501(c)3 organizations. It is believed this entire section was inserted in error. There was a time when the Area thought and acted as if it was a 501(c)(3). It developed that thought because Area 08 evolved from the Coordinating Council (San Diego Intergroup), which is a 501(c)(3). In fact, there were several years where the Area filed tax returns as a 501(c)(3). The story goes, Section XI of the guidelines was inserted as a copy of what was originally held in the San Diego Coordinating Council's guidelines. The existence of the phrase concerning section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 is a good indication this was the case. This was and remains to be a mistake. The guidelines have never been corrected. I am all for the correction of the guidelines. This may be a project the Policy Committee would like to undertake. However, in the meantime, adding a simple clarification of the 501(c)(4) status, which includes the fact the IRS does not allow tax deductions for contributions made to it, does serve to clarify the S&Gs. It does not in any way CHANGE the S&Gs. It does quickly answer a question of concern that may be held by an IRS agent who would call up the S&Gs for a quick read. Correcting the quick read is the main concern of the CPA.

I am all for the amendment of Section XI. However, the suggestion of inserting a clarifying statement of fact onto the title page quickly remedies any unintentional misunderstanding. As we know, an actual change of the guidelines will take many months.

Area Archivist - A discussion was held on requesting the current Area Archivist to remain in the position for the additional two years provided for in the guidelines.

Discussion: We are not a 501C3. The difference is that contributions are tax deductible for the contributors. Most of our funds come from the groups, not individuals. Our contributions are accessible by IRS. Suggesting that we put on the page that contributions page add clarification words.

If we change the wording it would require a motion.

We are just asking for your direction, as a steering committee, as a disclaimer. It would not require a motion. Tonight we could just allow policy to put the line in as a clarification.

This is the quick fix and a more formal process would follow

I think that is a fine idea.

DCMS we have many motions making their way through our ACM and we need you to make sure these motions are explained and presented to your groups.

Area Archivist: Is there any discussion about having the Area Archivist continue in his position for an additional two years. If the trusted servant would agree to continue, we can take a sense of the meeting. It would take a performance evaluation for this to happen. We might want to focus on finding an alternate. The process requires a committee and other specific ... It is alright to announce an outreach for resumes as early as one year before the archivist's term is ended.

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 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

San Diego Coordinating Council: Jerry: San Diego is one of the only Central Offices to provide 24 hour phone answering. July book of the Month: *Came to Believe*, Sale Price, \$3.75. August book will be *As Bill Sees It*, Sale Price \$6.60. Daytime phone shifts needed Thurs, 1 pm - 5pm. Semi Annual Physical Inventory was completed June 30.

Program Committee Anniversary Breakfast will be Nov. 16 at the United Methodist Church in Mission Valley. There will be a pancake breakfast celebrating your San Diego Intergroup since 1940. More information later.

Public Information Committee is continuing the outreach to seniors with activities such as a presentation on July 23rd. The PI program places literature racks in schools and emergency rooms with great success. Thank you to all who volunteered to help at the Del Mar Fair Booth. It was a huge success. The Committee also worked a booth for veterans at the STAND DOWN event last weekend.

North County Intergroup: (Currently need new liaison.)

East County Intergroup: Gary: *We meet at Denny's in El Cajon.* 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 12th step call in June and July. 7th 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 Intergrupala Condado Norte: Juan: Not present

Oficina Intergrupala Sur, Chula Vista: Magdalena: Our meetings are every Tues at 7:30-9 pm. There are 7 reps from different groups. We have approx 6 committees. Because of health problems, the chair of the lit com had to resign. Conflicts with work also caused the treasurer to resign. The report was well given. We have approx. \$800 of lit. in our office, all paid for. We are not in the red. At our next meeting we will elect to fill vacancies.

GSDYPAA: Leah We work closely with NSDYPAA so we defer to Emily's report.

NSDYPAA: Emily: 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 International Conference of Young People in AA was held in Phoenix, AZ July 11-14. NSDYPAA participated in the San Diego Bid for ICYPAA and helped host a hospitality room, and members participated in several panels, including the Spanish-speaking panels. ICYPAA will be in Texas next year. San Diego was too close to this year's ICYPAA in Arizona. We will continue our efforts to bring ICYPAA to San Diego. The San Diego Bid for ICYPAA Committee would like to thank the Area for their lovely letter of support. It spoke to the long tradition of service between the San Diego Young Peoples committees and Area 8.

Scavenger Hunt—We will be hosting a meeting and a Scavenger Hunt event in Oceanside, Saturday, July 20th starting at the Pier Amphitheatre in Oceanside. The meeting will be at Tri City hospital from 7:30 to 9 pm and the Scavenger Hunt will begin at 3pm. This will be co-hosted with San Diego Bid for ICYPAA.

A reminder that the **NSDYPAA website** is back online. The address is www.nsdypaa.org. There are email contacts for several of our members, including the Chair, Service Liaison, and Events. We also have a Google Voice number that receives calls and texts. All events are posted. There is also a Google Calendar.

Birthdays were celebrated.

Break: Meeting resumed at 8:45

Sally: Thank you Arturo. I think the area committee and assembly is in great danger here. Half way through the year we are no way near on budget. We are ignoring the Elephant in the room. The pie chart 37% is going to administration in carrying the message. The groups are voting with the power of the purse and we are not going to be able to fund its officers and its committees.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motion Presented: Section XII, E clarification.

Current Text: (XII) E. Each committee of the Area Assembly, or any other component of the Area Assembly, including the Area Assembly itself, may adopt any guideline, bylaw, rule-of-order, or standing rule it deems necessary. As long as it does not contradict Area 8's Structure and Guidelines or any principle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Proposed Text: (XII) E. Although these Structure and Guidelines cannot be set aside or overruled while conducting the business of Area 8, each committee of the Area Assembly, or any other component of the Area Assembly, including the Area Assembly itself, may adopt any guideline, bylaw, rule-of-order, or standing rule it deems necessary. As long as it does not contradict Area 8's Structure and Guidelines or any principle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Discussion opened to be continued from last month: No discussion ensued.

Called the question.

All in favor of ending the discussion: 9

All opposed: 5

Someone please read the motion to get us back in the spirit.

Discussion:

Amendment proposed. At the end of the 3rd line, add

If the question was called and voted and in favor of ending the discussion. The vote is whether or not it is being recommended by the Area Committee to bring to Area Assembly.

All in favor: 3 All opposed: 17

It will go to assembly without recommendation. Minority does not wish to speak.

Clarification: Does this mean that if it goes without recommendation then we can change the guidelines any time we want to without going to the groups.

You might be reading more into this.

We can only vote with the people who are here.

I did not recommend this because it opens the door to people interpreting the guidelines to suit themselves. I can look at the 3 things stated in the background and read 3 different ways. When the people in the Assembly vote, we do what they tell us, whether we recommend or not.

We should move on to the next item.

MOTION:

Proposed amendment to the Area Assembly S & G

Motion to Establish a CEC Committee (Cooperation with the Elder Community)

(See text) Add a subsection 14 ...to establish

The finance Committee has since reviewed this. They suggested this be turned into an ad hoc committee for a 2 year period. The presenter of the motion accepted this suggestion. A friendly amendment was added to this effect. There are some concerns about budget considerations. If there is a challenge for this then all other committees might consider tightening their budgets to allow for the addition to the budget. The elder community has very different needs.

Discussion:

If it was an ad hoc committee it would not be included in the S & G. It would not need to be a motion. You could

This motion creates a standing committee.

It was recommended and it has been accepted to be willing to create an ad hoc.

Would you like to modify this language for us tonight or are you going to come back.

I'm going to ask the chair to appoint an ad hoc committee.

We do have some past experience for this. It could be an appointed committee, like the computer needs committee.

I think there is real value to take an idea like this to the area Assembly. It gets the whole assembly to buy into it. When we tried to establish the gold can. It was not agreed to let cash be handled by a committee. My past experience is that it should go through the whole area assembly process.

I don't understand how we are talking about ad hoc committee. What happened?

The process means it goes to policy and finance. Finance suggested that this start as an ad hoc. The amendment to the S & G is not necessary.

If we brought this to the assembly, then we could get committee members to join.

What about the money?

This is more about the 12 step work we perform as an area. This is an excellent opportunity to show how the 12 step work gets generated.

What is the difference?

They don't require money.

I am confused. If I understand the process. Has the motion been withdrawn? Yes.

There are two versions of this motion. One with no money and one with money.

In the past the chairperson has appointed ad committees for something that something that needed to be explored. We sometimes converted these to standing committees. Or not. The cart is before the horse.

There is no motion. The motion was withdrawn. We need to move on.

MOTION: *Proposed amendment to the area assembly S & G*

Create an Area WEB SERVANT. *There is no current text.*

Proposed Text: 11. The Area Web Servant is an appointed member of the Information Technologies Standing committee.

a. The Area Web Servant position will be a non-traditional rotating position for a period of four (4) years.

The Information Technologies Committee will review the Web Servant's performance every two years and make a recommendation to the Area Committee on continued tenure. At the end of the four (4) year term, renewal for a final term of two (2) years is permitted following such a review. The Web Servant may not hold a concurrent position in the Area Assembly nor Intergroup.

b. Appointment of the Web Servant will be made by the Area Committee by the following process:

- (1) The Information Technologies Committee will advertise the position per its guidelines.
- (2) A screening Committee composed of the Information Technologies Committee Chair, Alternate Delegate, and an Area Committee Member appointed by the Area Committee Chair.
- (3) The screening Committee will make a recommendation to the Area Committee where final selections will be made by a simple majority of an Area Committee vote.

c. It is suggested the Web Servant have at least five (5) years sobriety and have service experience at the Area or Intergroup level.

d. The Area Web Servant is a voting member of the Information Technologies Committee and the Area Assembly. We have a web master and we have to place this information into the S & Gs. (See Chair report.)

(This verbiage has been extracted from the archivist position with changes.)

Discussion:

I'd like to see the line that reads "The web servant's performance will be reviewed every two years..." I'd like to see the Area Assembly approve this.

Under the notes section it is not in sequence. Everything is number 1.

That can be amended.

All of this came from the Area Archivist position in the S & Gs.

Would this position upset the balance of voting members?

This person would be counted as a GSR. It is only two people.

What he is trying to say about the count is that it is categorized and listed at the assembly and committee differently.

The Area Archivist is counted under liaison. How would we count the Area Web Servant?

We won't be changing the balance other than we would need 2 more GSRs.

Why would it be important to have the web master be a voting member of the assembly?

I helped copy this specifically to reduce confusion. The importance is that they have a right to participate mainly because they put in many hours and many decisions will affect his servant status.

I agree that he should have a right to vote.

I would support this motion and I appreciate the effort to the importance of this position. It is a leadership role. The area puts together a selection committee for this position. We might be taking away authority from the area chair.

Friendly amendment under Item A, the first sentence remains. Strike the next sentence completely and rewrite it to state: *(Motion is written above with amendment.)*

The friendly amendment has been accepted.

Any further discussion?

The question was called.

Vote to close the discussion: 33 in favor and none opposed.

We will vote to send the motion (as amended) to the GSRs: 32 in favor and none opposed. The motion passes.

New Business: We need a sense of the meeting.

Phil: 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. **Discussion:**

I think this item should get moved forward.

I think the entire area needs to see this.

Do you want this presented at the Area Assembly? No

There is a process recommended to the conference that the groups take it to the district, then to the area committee and then to the area assemble and then the delegate rights the letter. With all this history then they might get it set in the agenda. Even if we wanted to object this, if it has gone through all the proper steps it can't be rejected.

You are right. The maker of this motion can send it directly to the conference but to go through the channels then this is one way we can get something into the agenda items.

It's a great proposal.

I want to say that I am in favor of this and it is a 30 page pamphlet and not all of it is relevant to all people seeking membership in AA.

I don't think it is a matter of having greater viability if it has gone through the service structure.

We may not have that kind of weight. We are only 50 people in here.

We will postpone taking this to the assembly.

The area assembly could vote and approve this to go to the conference now or wait to take this to the groups

We can take a sense now.

Let's go home early.

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

District 1: Mike: 16 GSRs present at last meeting. Continuing to work on dark meetings with good progress. There is about 50% representation. One of our GSRs took the 10 agenda items taken from the Conference and went over the results. District 1 will co-sponsor District 23's Dark Meeting Workshop

District 2: Wilma:

District 3: Daniel:

District 4: Michelle: 7 GSRs at last meeting. District 4 is discussing hosting a Secretaries Workshop in October (versus our usual fall Traditions Workshop) with the goal of educating the fellowship about the role and duties of secretaries and to share ideas and solutions to common challenges. Discussed the 2014 Proposed Budget and brainstormed ways to present the proposed budget to groups.

District 5: Vince:

District 6: Renee:

District 7: George: 5 GSRs at last meeting. Our main meeting topics were the presentation of Area 8's 2014 Proposed Budget by Joey T. Finance Committee and Arturo Area Treasure, the Sponsorship Workshop, and the Imperial Men's Group Breakfast. We are seeking another adjoining District to help co-sponsor a Secretary/GSR Workshop this fall or winter.

District 8: Tanya:

District 9: Fred: Had good attendance and great speakers and movies for our Movie/Speakers night. About 20-25 people. Planning a Sept. activity and looking forward to Arturo's visit on the 25th.

District 10: Paul:

District 11: Phyllis H:

District 12: Connie:

District 13: Phil:

District 14: Gary:

District 15: Cruz:

District 16: Linda:

District 17: Santiago: No Report

District 18: Pedro: Last meeting held July 15 with 10 GSRs present. The La Viña Workshop will be on July 28 at the New Life Group from 7:00 a.m. to 1 pm. Elections for District 20 will be October 18, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

District 19: Peggy Rose: Last meeting held July, 2 with 15 GSRs attending. The PRAASA Workshop Committee has been formed. Treasurer and Alt. Treasurer of Area had 15 minute Q&A. Also attending was Alt. DCM, District Treasurer, District Registrar and 3 Alt. GSRs came with their GSRs.

District 20: Margo: No Report

District 21: Bill: No Report

District 22: Tom: Last meeting, July 2 with 7 GSRs present and one speaker. Discussed "Budget Breakdown"/Clarification. Q&A regarding existing budget and future budgets. Sold 3 Big Books and 4 12X12s. Suggested review of Dist. 22 Structure and Guidelines dated 5-1-2012. Thanks to Michelle from Finance Committee for coming to speak at our 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 1st Thursday of each month.

CPC: Bob:

Finance: Jimmy (Alt):

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: We discussed the future workshop with District 18--a possible Grapevine/LaViña Writers' workshop in the fall. I attended the District 18 meeting July 1st and they will be talking further about the event. We also discussed making a booth for recording of stories for the Grapevine/LaViña(—at PRAASA 2014?) I had the opportunity to attend the Sponsorship workshop on July 14th and will be bringing the Grapevine/LaViña items to the August 17th Women Sponsoring Women workshop. I will see some of you at the District 18 LaViña Anniversary Celebration Sunday, July 28. Questions? 760-271-2229

H & I Liaison: Debbie: 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: 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.

Information Technologies: Steve:

Literature: Ray: We meet at 7pm at Central Office. We could use volunteers.

NCAIC (H & I): Rich:

Newsletter: Gary S:

Policy: Paul: We met on July 2 with 4 members. We reviewed the motion to create a Web Servant for I.T. Discussed the Tax Exempt status disclaimer in the Structure and Guidelines. Put DCM Manual update off until next month. Next month's meeting to be held in private residence. If you wish to attend, contact the Area Chair for an address.

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.