

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee

2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

Minutes of the June 21, 2013, 2013 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jane G, Area 8 Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Declaration of Unity. The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish and in English.

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 May 2013 Area Committee Minutes: Gonzalo C. Alt. Secretary

- Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the May, 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.
- May 2013 ACM minutes were accepted and approved by the committee as presented.
- *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.*

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.

May	May 2013	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,339.38	13,162.49	45,932.00	-32,769.51
Individual contributions:	202.68	520.11	.00	.00
District contributions:	0.00	475.37	.00	.00
Total contributions:	2,542.06	14,157.97	45,932.00	-31,774.03
Total budgeted expenses:	3,529.48	17,986.42	45,932.00	-27,595.58
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-987.42	-3,828.45		

Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	400.00	.00	400.00
Trustee at Large Nom. To PRAASA	750.00	750.00	.00	.00
Total expenses:	3,529.48	18,736.42	45,932.00	-27,195.58
Contributions less total expenses:	-987.42	-4,578.45		
Total Cash Balance: May 2013	1,966.83			

Master Calendar

Event	Host	Date		Time	Location
Movie Night	Dist 9/Area 8 Lit	June 22	2013	5:30p	298 E Ross, El Centro 92243
GSR-Get it Done Workshop	Dist 16	June 22	2013	10:00a	Church- 170 Calle Magdallena-Encinitas
Unity, Recovery, Service Workshop	Dist 3	June 22	2013	1:30p	Escondido Alano Club-Escondido
Sponsorship Workshop	Dist 4,5,7, & 14	July 14	2013	9:00a	Marina Village Conference Center
La Vina Workshop	Dist 18	July 28	2013		TBA
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
Emotional Sobriety Workshop	Dist 12	Oct 12	2013	1:00p	Church- San Carlos
Election Assembly	Dist 8&13	Nov 16	2013	8:30a	United Methodist Church-Mission Valley
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 June 21, 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.

Box 459: The summer issue of Box 459 is available for download at www.aa.org. The issue is devoted to the 2013 General Service Conference and contains an excellent article describing the origin and timeline for the Conference Inventory scheduled from 2013 through 2016. Box 459 can be a useful tool for GSRs when reporting to their groups. It can be printed from the website and circulated through a meeting if the GSR does not already receive it in the mail. A subscription form for electronic delivery can be found at the aa.org website directly under the "Past Issues" menu. I emailed Box 459 and the newsletter, AAWS Highlights, to DCMs, committee chairpersons and officers and will forward the Archives Newsletter Markings when the Spanish Translation is available. However, you can visit aa.org to download and print copies of all the newsletters now.

Opening for Staff Member at the General Service Office- An opening on the paid staff at the General Service Office exists for an AA member with strong service background and good people skills. The position includes managing a staff assignment such as the Public Information, Literature, or other assignment and includes answering inquiries from the fellowship, managing information related to the assignment and arranging events. Qualifications include 6 years continuous sobriety, good communication and computer skills and the willingness to relocate to New York City. Deadline for application is August 1, 2013.

Opening for Class B Pacific Regional Trustee- Our current Regional Trustee Rod B. will rotate out of his position following the 2014 General Service Conference and the Areas of the Pacific Region can offer nominees for his replacement. Area 8 will conduct an election for our nominee at the November 16 area assembly. Qualifications include a suggested 10 years sobriety and a strong service record including General Service Conference experience but In Area 8 we allow all AA members, regardless of type of service, to be eligible for election as a Class B trustee. Please contact Jane or myself by mid-October if you are interested or know someone who is interested.

Opening for Non Trustee Director at AAWS- An opening for Non-Trustee Director at AAWS will exist when Joe D. rotates out of his position following the 2014 General Service Conference. One of the qualifications for this position is past service as a delegate to the General Service Conference so the pool of candidates in Area 8 is small but circulating this information through groups may be a way to passively inform the at large AA member of the existence of this position and provide an avenue for those interested in more information to ask questions of GSRs and DCMs. I've sent an email containing the announcement and the resume sheet to DCMs. The deadline for submitting an application and resume to the General Service Office is July 15 2013.

District Visits- During the summer months I'll be making visits to districts to encourage GSRs to make reports on the 2013 General Service Conference or to hear any reactions the groups had to conference actions. I have sent out a document to all DCMs and Committee Chairs that summarizes the conference actions on the specific items we discussed at our Pre-Conference Assembly. The full list of 2013 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations is posted on the www.area8aa.org website for download and for use in reporting to groups.

Grapevine- The new audio portal landing page is now live at www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal. The sample stories on the website can be downloaded to your phone, tablet, or laptop as mp3 files and played for GSRs at district meetings or at groups. If you are a DCM interested in adding a new dimension to a district meeting why not consider downloading one of the sample stories and playing it to inform GSRs on the Grapevine Audio Project.

Thank you 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.

Thank you to everyone for a great Unity Day Program and Founder's Day Picnic turnout. There are some suggestions for change moving toward next year's event. There will be a host committee post event meeting to hear and discuss suggested changes. Printed copies in English and Spanish of my PRAASA 2013 report are available. Anyone interested on getting an electronic copy is welcome to email me and I will provide it to them. Attending PRAASA is very helpful to the Alt. Chair in doing their job, since it provides a rare opportunity for delegate and alternate to share. Attending also allowed me to talk with several other regional servants which helps to prepare me for the upcoming General Service Conference, should it be necessary for me to attend on behalf of our Delegate. Thanks to our area for providing me the opportunity to be better prepared to serve.

Area 8 Chair: Jane G.

THE MEETING BEFORE THE MEETING

At the June 1, 4-Area DCM Sharing Session, one of the other three participating areas shared their practice of holding monthly meetings for just their DCMs. I suggested Area 08 try this as an experiment. We tried it for the first time before our June Area Committee Meeting. The invite was sent out to all on the Area Roster. Delegate, Tom, joined us to be available to the standing committee chairs. Just like any other general service meeting, all are welcome! We will try this practice until it is no longer desired. Informal discussion about participating in general service is encouraged.

Bilingual Spanish/English Public Information (PI) Speakers Wanted in Chula Vista

The PI Coordinator of Officina Sur Chula Vista has a request for bi-lingual (Spanish/English) panel speakers for Traffic School in Chula Vista. This request is to locate both A.A. and Ala-non members who are bilingual and wish to speak to a non-A.A. group. In observance of anonymity, this specific type of service asks us to steer our sharing in a manner that is very different than our comfort level in a regular meeting. Those who are interested in volunteering for this type of panel, may want to review the GSC-approved pamphlet, "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings." Here's the link: http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-40_speaknonAAmeet.pdf

If you are Spanish/English bilingual and are willing to learn and respect the boundary for speaking at non-A.A. meetings, please contact Hector at 619-666-6794.

7th Tradition Group Contributions

Sheet used by the San Diego Central Office that describes the 7th Tradition Group Contributions made available. To add to your ability to consider and discuss the 7th Tradition with groups, I will send via email the link to the AAWS pamphlet #F-3, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." Due to rotation, some of you may recall this pamphlet was included in the packet FV-19, which I distributed at one of the 2012 ACMs and to DCMs at the January 2013 DCM/Committee Chair Workshop. I added the pamphlet P-19, "G.S.R., General Service Representative" to the free packet, FV-19, with the suggestion that their combination can be a great tool for DCMs to consider using when calling on unrepresented groups. With the addition of the G.S.R. pamphlet, the packet gives a group a good overview of participating in general service in order to connect to A.A. as a whole.

Here is the link to the pamphlet: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."

http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/f-3_selfsupport.pdf

Link to the pamphlet: "G.S.R. General Service Representative" http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-19_gsr.pdf

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 Roster

Please send all corrections and updates on your contact information to Monty, Area Registrar. Also, please share with your GSRs that the Area Roster is not to be used for any marketing purposes. We have been made aware of a couple complaints about this. Please use the BCC line when communicating to all members of the Area Committee.

Area 08 Archivist

A written announcement regarding the opening of the Area 08 Archivist position will be posted soon. The term for this 4-year position will begin January 1, 2014.

Section XI of Area 08's Structure & Guidelines

An oral report to be followed by a written report regarding a CPA's answers to the questions developed by the Ad hoc Committee to Review of Section XI was delivered. The main reasons for reviewing this section is that, in order to maintain its standing as a non-profit, the San Diego-Imperial Area (SDIA) is required to fulfill regulatory requirements, such as tax filings. In making those tax filings, the area officer uses his/her full name. Tax filings for non-profits, which also disclose the full name of any area officer(s) included in the filing are public and accessible on the internet.

The CPA who was asked to answer the committee's questions was recommended by three individuals who responded to the Chair's request to the Area Committee members for CPA referrals. All three individuals recommended the same CPA. The CPA provided his services pro bono to answer the committee's questions, file the federal e-post card (2012 tax filing), and agreed to file SDIA's 1099s for 2013 in January 2014. The CPA SDIA is a 501(c)4 and is not required to file a tax return because its fiscal (calendar) year contributions are less than \$50,000. Even in years when SDIA's contributions may exceed \$50,000, there may still be no need to file a tax return. The CPA will file the e-post card and create SDIA's 1099s on a pro bono basis in the future. More details about the CPA's recommendations will follow.

Bylaws vs. Guidelines

As a follow-up question, the Ad hoc Committee to Review Section XI was asked to review this question: "...whether Area 08's Structure & Guidelines are, in fact, guidelines or are they bylaws" was presented at the Dec. 2012 Area Committee Meeting. This same question has been regularly submitted in the conduct of area business. The ad hoc on Section XI was asked to research this question and engaged in a search through the Area's records. To date, there is no evidence SDIA's Structure & Guidelines are bylaws. In fact, the June 1980 filing of IRS Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption, indicates SDIA's bylaws are its Statement of Policy. The detail of the Form 1024 indicates the (bylaws) Statement of Policy has two parts: 1. The Operating Principles; and 2. The 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The problem is the page that holds the copy of the Operating Principles is missing from the filing. The documents show the historical roots of SDIA being created from The San Diego Coordinating Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (Intergroup). Also shown is the creation of the San Diego-Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAIC). All three entities: SDIA, Intergroup, and SDIAIC were known to have the same Operating Principles. Neither the Intergroup nor SDIAIC have any historical copy of the Operating Principles existing in 1980 or are thought to be those mentioned in the filing. We request help from any past trusted servant who may know where to find a copy of the Operating Principles.

The CPA recommends SDIA maintain a copy of Form 1024 readily available in its records in order to present it at any request made the IRS. He also said the IRS would not be interested in reviewing either our bylaws or our guidelines. I will check with the IT Committee to see if a records vault can be set up in order to electronically maintain such records so they are not lost in any rotation or other unanticipated condition.

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.

Break: Birthdays celebrated.

Liaison Committee Reports

San Diego Coordinating Council: Jerry

North County Intergroup: (Currently need new liaison.)

East County Intergroup: Gary:

Oficina Central Hispana: Fernando, chair.

Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Juan, chair. We continue to do the work necessary to carry the message in our community. We meet every Wed., 7:30-9p.

Oficina Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Magdalena: Our meetings are every Tues at 7 pm.

GSDYPAA:

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. I have now moved into the role of Chair and Chelsea, our new Service Liaison, is here with me tonight. She will be the point of contact for the NSDYPAA committee and the Area.

ICYPAA-The International Conference of Young People in AA is being held in Phoenix, AZ July 11-14. NSDYPAA is participating in the San Diego Bid for ICYPAA and will host a hospitality room, as well as have members participating in several panels, including the Spanish-speaking panel.

Scavenger Hunt-NSDYPAA will be hosting a meeting and a Scavenger Hunt event in Oceanside. This will be 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. Jeremy is working with the San Diego Bid for ICYPAA Bylaws and Service Liaison and will be asking for a letter of support from the Area .

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 our events are and will be posted. There is also a Google Calendar.

Native American Liaison: Needs new liaison.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motion Presented: Section 12, E Clarification. After discussion, motion moved to next ACM. July 18
Motion was presented by Cindy.

DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally)

District 1: Mike:

District 2: Wilma:

District 3: Daniel:

District 4: Michelle:

District 5: Vince:

District 6: Renee:

District 7: George: 4 GSRs were present. Our last meeting was June 7. Our main meeting topics were the Sponsorship Workshop 7-14-13 and Outreach to Groups without a GSR. Copies of the draft District Guidelines were handed out.

District 8: Tanya:

District 9: Fred: We held a GSR's and Secretary "Fun-shop" (workshop) attended by 25 people and feel it was a success. We had 5 GSR's and total of 10 people at District meeting. Planning a Movie Night and a Speaker's Meeting for near future. Looking forward to Jane G. and Mike S. visit at meeting on May 23rd.

District 10: Paul:

District 11: Phyllis H:

District 12: Connie: Planning for Sept. Assembly. Oct. 12, 1-5 pm, Emotional Sobriety Workshop. (ASL Translation.)

District 13: Phil:

District 14: Gary:

District 15: Cruz:

District 16: Linda:

District 17:

District 18:

District 19: Peggy Rose:

District 20:

District 21: Bill: No report.

District 22: Tom:

District 23: Dustin:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Art:

Agenda: Michelle M. (Alt. Chair): We reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Area Committee meeting with Jane G., the Area Chairperson. Discussed inviting DCMs to come to the ACM early to have informal sharing. Discussed the activities of the Ad Hoc committee to discover the spiritual principles of the financial guidelines of the Area.

Archives: Linda: Meet the 1st Thursday of each month.

CPC: Bob:

Finance: Parker:

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Thanks to all who helped us with the Unity Day/Grapevine/La Viña/ Founders' Day Celebration. My committee and others really stepped up with coffee, breakfast, audio project. Hopefully, those who were new to the fellowship got to take much away from the event. Our next event will be a Grapevine/La Viña Writers workshop. Hope to have that in the fall. Let us know if you wish to get a visit from the Grapevine/La Viña

Committee. Next meeting will be Sunday, July 14, 2013 at the San Diego Central Office. We are looking for 2 new members. Questions? 760-271-2229

H & I Liaison: Debbie: Shared purpose of H & I is 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 meetings in than we have volunteers. 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, 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:

Translation: Hugo

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. *Respectfully submitted,*

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