

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123
Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Meeting

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is pending as of right now. 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.

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:15pm by Monty, Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. Followed by the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were offered for any new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and their Alternates. Guests and visitors also stood up. All were welcomed to Area Committee.

Declaration of Unity This we owe to AA's Future; To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come

Roll Call: Linda R. (Alt Registrar)

Roll Call was done on sign in sheets at the Registrar's table at the back of the room-no verbal roll call was done. Area Registrar conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, 7 Officers were in attendance, 18 DCMs and 16 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 42. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar as well.

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

Reflection

Concept 1 presentation: DCM: Ginger (DCM 8)

Service Manual pg. 4//Trustees set up after the Alcoholic Foundation//guarding against the collapse of our society//Trust was placed in our Higher Power keeping our program on track//but when Dr. Bob became terminally ill//Trad. 2 was examined at the first Conference// to carry on Alcoholics Anonymous for the future.

Approval of December 2018 Area Committee Minutes: Renee., (Alt-Secretary)

- Minutes are emailed out in both English and Spanish to all DCMs, Chairs, and Officers and their alternates. DCMs and Chairs please send the minutes out to your committees and GSRs. If you are not receiving the minutes and would like a copy emailed to you, please email the area secretary at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com Please keep your information updated with the Area Registrar.

- It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com /altsecretaryarea8@gmail.com
- December ACM minutes approved with minor corrections to page 2 and 9, motion carries, 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Efrain (Treasurer)

- Written report submitted.
- Remind groups who contribute to the Area to include an email address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, and at a lower cost.
- Have your group get or find out what there GSO six digit code it. It will help the incoming Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

December 2018	December 2018	YTD	2018 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	4,858.94	48,070.66	52,930.00	-4,859.34
Individual contributions:	281.00	2,855.91		2,855.91
District contributions:	100.00	2,884.98		2,884.98
Total contributions:	58,239.94	53,936.55	52,930.00	1,006.55
Total budgeted expenses:	3,633.87	43,466.00	52,930.00	-9,369.48
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	1,606.87	10,490.55		
Total unbudgeted expenses:		300.00		
Total expenses:	4,301.79	51,990.71	52,930.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	938.15	1,945.84		
Total Cash Balance: December 2019	12,618.74		25% of budget 13,232.50:	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

[2018 Last Quarterly Report for the year](#) [Spanish Quarterly Report](#)

Alt. Delegate Report Jerry S: Orientation Assy was wonderful. We just completed our first full year of GSR School orientation. We had over 80 persons present for GSR School at the Orientation Assembly. I am so grateful to be able to participate in Assembly. Roxane and I attended the Spanish Workshop the next day after the Assembly. The weekend was so full of service and this last week I have felt a let down. I am thin skinned and very emotional right now. So I went back into inventory. I read my first inventory and know it is time for me to write another one.

- It is a new year and new have a lot of work to do. With everyone in this room, we are all here to help. I am hear to help.
- DCMs: I sent out the Learning Modules that can help you in your position. I challenge everyone to have a sharing session at your next district meeting.
- Make sure you get your new GSRs registered with GSO. With the great turnout at GSR School I am worried we are going to run short on Service Manuals so I am thinking that if we can get everyone registered then maybe we can get those Service Manuals they send out in the GSR Kits filtered back into the Area. Or maybe we can have a manual drive.
- Questions about how to get GSRs registered//advised DCMs to send forms to GSO or get it to our Area Registrar
- District pen pals-wherein GSRs visit their pen pal's District meeting//the person from the other District becomes the liaison to that District-queried ACM DCMs if they are in first or second year and if they are onboard with this program//Some uncertainty

District Pen Pals: To participating DCM's:

1. Please confirm a District liaison / point of contact (Name/Email/Phone#)
 2. Please advise that coordinated efforts will ensure that they are included in district related correspondences
 3. Please take time periodically to allow the liaison to offer a report of correspondence.
 4. Finally, plan to visit the other district monthly meeting (as a district) 1-2 times over the next year
- Unity Day-wanting to set up planning committee at the next ACM//first year members who have not participated in Unity before.

Delegate's Report: Roxanne.: I did not write another report since I wrote a report for the assembly just a few days ago. See link for that report. [Delegate's Report- Spanish](#) [Jan Delegate Report- English](#)

I would like to submit a request for San Diego to be the site for the Regional Forum in 2022//Show of hands in favor//Roxane has been invited to be the Chairman for a panel at the Board Weekend//July 13 won't work for Post Conference-same date as local forum at Area 5//Regional Forum-we need a Hotel and Date in advance for her to present at Conference//selected by a presentation and a vote at the luncheon//Roxane thinks that it is not at a cost to the Area to hold Regional Forum.

Report: Monty Chairperson's .: If you miss the Area Assembly, you missed a great event in my opinion. Thank you to everyone coming out and help out in a variety of ways. Districts 1, 5, and 21 did a great job.

We covered a lot of ground and handled some business. I have been given a lot of feedback on how the day was conducted. The members are very pleased and happy. I meant a brand new GSR that didn't know what to expect but love the energy in the room. She seems very interested what happens here in AA. As a DCM and committee chair, this is where you come into play. We gather at the ACM to get information to take back to your districts. Take back what your districts are interested in and ask for input from them. If there is something going on in the meeting, the Delegate can assist. This is the venue where we communicate with each other and inform the Delegate of traditions that are being missed used or broken. Find out what your GSRs are interested in and wants to hear. Visit your underserved group. Find out what other districts are doing and how they are reaching groups that do not have a GSR. For the committee chairs, the education of work on the committee and the willingness to extend the hand of AA is vital. Building the General Service pipeline is one item that gives the Area strength. Without the pipeline, we will not be able to carry out the mission of AA as a hold.

The planning for the next assembly is full swing now. District 8 and 16 are looking for a location now. Once a location is chosen, a flyer will be created and sent to Policy and Translation. Welcome to the new DCM and committee chairs. You will embark on a journey that can be rewarding and painful at the same time. When you done with the position, you will have a full understanding of what you are supposed to be doing. Please remember we are here to help. I would encourage you to reach out to a second year DCM and attend their District meeting. Set back and listen and watch how they conduct their meeting. Attend more than one District. Take bits and pieces and come up with your own agenda. Blend this what your District is looking for and wanting to hear.

There are a couple of events at the beginning of February that you should be attendance. The 4 Area DCM Sharing Session and our DCM/Committee Chair Training Session. I hope to see you at these events coming up soon. I am working on a flyer for the Training Workshop. As we start of the year, we have some housekeeping things to take care of. If you are new and haven't registered with the Registrar, please do so! We need to move the storage items to a different unit. We are getting a slightly bigger unit for just about the same price we were raised too. For those who do not know the storage is located in Miramar which is somewhat centrally located for everyone. I will need some help and set up a date to get everything moved. We have a projected date around February 12th. The IT committee is working on the website and email listing. Please bear with them while they work on these and many other projects. Tonight, we will take about the purpose of the ACM and Native American Liaison position. The discussion on both topics will be fairly brief.

Liaison Committee Reports: 2 mins; Sutton:

Coordinating Council: Heidi: No report for this month. DON'T FORGET - check out <http://www.aasandiego.org/>. In particular, the new "Interactive Map". Help your newcomers to find those meetings.

North County Intergroup: Tim: Had to stop the PI committee, because of lack of participation//Traditions Brkfst March 17, 20198-Escondido Center for Performing Arts.

East County Intergroup: Jack: 12 Step Workshop on Feb. 23//we are meeting on a monthly basis//Workshop is 1-4pm

Oficina Central Hispana: Jorge: Not Present

Oficina Intergrupala Condado Norte: Benjamin: Not Present

Oficina Sur Chula Vista: NP

GSDYPAA: Quiana. We had our 2nd Annual Burning Bear Event in December. Despite the cold it was a huge success. We actually made a profit and will be sending off a donation to GSO soon. We will be having our annual dance in February. We are also hosting SOCALYPAA-Submit event on May 11th. We currently have a H&I Panel monthly in La Jolla.

NSDYPAA: Jeremy; We have a casino night coming up on Feb 2nd but it is more of a Game Night. It is more of a game night. There is a speaker at 7:30 and the Game Night starts at 9pm. Event details can be found on the master calendar.

Native American Liaison: Duncan: to be discussed under new business.

Old Business:

1. **Area Inventory:** Jerry S.; GSR School, GSR Penpal,, invite Committee Chairs to your District meetings for your District members to learn something about the different Committees//get your FNV meeting file for meeting reach out from the Registrar for the groups in your Districts//It is our job to diversify participation for the betterment of the collective group conscious.
2. **4 Area DCM Training Workshop:** Rose/Richard;
 - Planning meeting was today, Richard attended//sharing of personal experiences in general service, all GSRs, DCMs and their alternates are welcome to attend//Program-8am to 3pm//lunch break//speaker-Area 9 Delegate, Concept 12 and warranties//3 round table sessions//topics-how to form group conscious//communication and technologies//importance of districts to AA//Social Media and AA//What should we do when newcomer identifies as an addict//with subtopics to these//small budget was planned to meet needs of the day//Italian lunch//coffee, drinks and snacks//Area 8 provided insurance for venue//6 volunteers acting as facilitators and scribes for round tables//Located in Buena Park.
 - Budget is \$1875, area 8 contributed \$450 plus insurance for the venue

DCM/Committee Training Session: Monty; We are working on a program right now for the event. It will be Feb 9, 2019, See Master Calendar for details.

Master Calendar: Monty.: The master Calendar was emailed out by the Chair. It's posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website (www.area8aa.org) for the most up to date information. *Please email all updates to Monty to get Master Calendar up to date.*

Birthdays: 3 persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. Congratulations! There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

Break started 8:48 pm ended 8:58 pm

Tradition 1 Presentation by Committee Chair : Richie (Translation): NP. We will double up on traditions next month.

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

Concept 2: Rose (D19)

Tradition 2: Dixie (Agenda)

New Business:

1. **Motion to move Native American from a Liaison to a Committee:** Jeff S.; Duncan-both he and Jeff have been discussing making the Native American Liaison into a Standing Committee of the Area-largest number of reservations in one area in the nation. Should be a committee of Natives and non-Natives//recommended to start as an ad hoc committee of the Area-response that this was started at the Local Forum//Remote Nations Area Committee//Recommended that this group meet regularly for a year as an ad hoc//next step is to take to policy.

Background: Reservation meeting are geographically and sometimes culturally remote, however a network of sober, dedicated, service minded people are available to reduce the remote nature, people willing to give their time to travel, start meetings provide service talks etc.

Area 8 established a Remote Nations Committee in the early 2000's. After a completion of that committee's major project, a pamphlet of Native American recovery stories, the committee disbanded, though a Native American liaison was established. The Liaison has never been a funded position and the Liaisons acted mostly alone. See links for motion details: [Motion Background](#)

2. **Area Committee Meetings:**

1. What is the purpose of the ACM?

- To handle area business// unity// to insure 12th step work in the area// safe place to come up with solutions for our problems and concerns.//to inform other Districts and Committees what they are doing//to inform the Delegate of what is going on in the Districts

2. Is it desirable to have ample time during the ACM's for an "open" session for members to ask questions to the officers, committee chairs, or DCM's to bring about a discussion, offer suggestions, bring about change, and / or address potential issues or concerns during the ACM?

- I think it is a great idea// it's important and would be best to do at ACM rather than the assembly// asking questions is the only way to learn how the area works// I think this is needed but I don't know how we would fit this in to our ACM mtgs.// an active steering committee for area assembly meetings.

And if not, where and when?

- **Timing Ideas-** Consent agenda// prioritize agenda items// have some sort of limit on reports//
- We will continue to have discussions like this in the future. Thank you for your feedback.

DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form) 2 min. - Even # districts report this month. Other districts and committees that feel need to give oral reports.

District 1: Toni (Brian) No Report

District 2 : Bill-Priority #1 this year is to endeavor to enhance the sobriety of some members by carrying the message of the 7th Tradition in terms of "being of service." In particular to encourage the groups to actively and financially support their GSR's efforts (e.g., events, assembly, standing committee meetings, even printed materials, etc.) and to invite the participation of the Alternate GSR; "as if" they were a co-GSR

instead of a fill-in. We hope this approach may open the door for some to participate in general service who currently are not and increase 7th Tradition effectiveness and of greater understanding.

The District likewise is preparing to annually budget / contribute towards the GSR's travel and related expenses to events such as PRAASA, regional forums and neighboring District and Area events, when their groups cannot. A call to all Area 8 Districts and committees to consider a collaborative effort is sought. All members would be well served to learn of the standard that Area Officers, DCM's and Committee Chairs have approved budgets that fund nearly 100% of their Twelve Step efforts (travel and related expenses) and that groups who are financially able, be encouraged to do the same.

District 3: Steve-

District 4: Chuck No Report

District 5: Karl; Due to the holidays we did not meet last month. No report this month.

District 6: Natalie: We held our elections for Treasurer during this month's meeting. We meet on Mondays //Separating ASL funds from D6 account//Renea is incoming Treasurer//changing signatures on account and making 3 persons as signatories//7 new GSRs. We also voted to pay for the DCM to attend PRAASA

District 7: Tina; No Report

District 8: Ginger: This appears to be the largest year on record for contributions for District 8. Discussed Group Pie Chart should be revisited often, GSR's are asking for more information about how the finances are for Area, District, GSO, AA Central, **H&I, and ASL**. PRAASA, PRAASA, PRAASA! Discussed upcoming Assembly. Discussed our role in the upcoming Assembly in May. And the continuation of our visiting of our groups to verifying the accuracy of our meetings.

District 9: Delores; No report sent in

District 10: Karen: Our last meeting was Jan 12 th 2019. Six members attended. We welcomed 3 new members. Business: A motion passed to increase district-10 mileage reimbursement FROM \$.29 to \$.35. per mile. Upcoming: Increase our effort to reach out to the meetings in District 10. We meet 2nd Tuesday of each month – 6:30pm – 7:30pm – at 115 Cajon View Dr in El Cajon.

District 10 is a poor district and some members are not happy that D10 spends money to send DCM to PRAASA//they are requesting help with funding.

District 11: Cheryl No Report

District 12: Joe; District 12 meets on the first Thursday of every month. This month we had 8 GRS in attendance. The topics were the upcoming Area Assembly, the districts upcoming events for 2019, ASL, Emotional Sobriety workshop, and a financial report and projections.

District 13: Ronnie; We lost one GSR due to money issues from the Women's Empowerment Workshop. The women's empowerment workshop had a budget of \$350, and the workshop went over budget by \$300. We gained another GSR from the Wed night women's group. My two GSR's entrusted to put on the Meeting Fundamentals Workshop did not fulfill their responsibilities and we are not able to put on the workshop.

District 14: Sandy; Our District held a holiday potluck. Not as many members could come, and there were but 6 of us. With no planning ahead of what to bring, we had beverages, 2 appetizers, a salad, a meat entree, a side dish and vegetable and a dessert. How does that perfect balance and variety happen? It's just magical. So it is with our Mental Health Issues in AA workshop. We have the leadership to fill every responsibility with ease and balance. I am so grateful for the amazing AA members who grace our District with their time and talent; their willingness to lead and serve. Our new tentative date for our Workshop is on

June 15 from 9-1. A seed is germinating in our District to form and support a bilingual women's meeting. I became aware of a woman who freshly out of treatment, in need of a sponsor, is being taken to the Spanish speaking meetings near her by her daughter. Her daughter described behavior in the meeting that was not conducive to recovery and when I asked her what geographic area her mother lived in, she said Ocean Beach. That's my District. There is much to investigate before it happens, but to meet this need is the desire of our District and it has the support of our GSR's.

District 15: Valentin; We had 6 new GSRs at our district meeting, totaling 20 GSRs, Committee chairs, CPC, PI, La Vina, IC and IT. We worked on a PRAASA Budget and was approved for \$515.00. We have started to visit our groups. Two of our groups contributed to the area.

District 16: David; Last met on Jan. 7th with 14 people in attendance. A presentation by Dana H. was provided regarding the inaugural North County New Year's Eve Bash. It was widely viewed as a success, with 385 registered guests that attended and very good post-event reviews. The expected turnout was much greater than expected and, as a consequence, a decision was made to order additional food "on the spot" to provide food for everyone. This decision carried a large expense that ran the event over budget by over \$3000. While a mistake was made, it was presented with humility and honesty and the organizers of the event have learned valuable lessons to take into the next year for planning. One AA member is currently carrying the burden for this decision on a credit card and District 16 decided to issue an additional \$1000 to help with this debt. The District decided to bring the issue to their groups to see if they would be willing to step up to help with an additional contribution.

District 17: Santiago

District 18: Abraham; I just wanted to thank Roxanne, Jerry S. and Efrain for attending our workshop last Sunday. It was a big success.

District 19: Rose

District 20: David No Report

District 21: Rick; 9 GSRs were present. December's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Balance on hand for December was \$4,661.18 Our Registrar discussed several meetings in the area that lack GSR representation. We will continue to engage particularly at the new ALANO Club. Reminded everyone that we are tri-hosting the January 12 th Orientation Assembly with Districts 5 and 1. Rent has been paid and contract signed. Visited the Church and it looks like all is set for a great Assembly. Again, reminded all that PRAASA 2019 is in Irvine in March. Trying to get as many GSR's as possible to attend. The To-Go-Box for portable literature is still with Jill (Mon AM Women's' Here and Now). District GSRs were asked to think about a District-21 sponsored event for 2019. We reviewed the December ACM which included meeting streamlining, finances, 4-Area DCM Sharing, PRAASA, Master Calendar, our Area 8 Inventory and District "Pen Pals."

District 22: Lynda Explained what a GSR is and why they should go to Assys//Discussed doing a workshop//finished D22 Structure and Guidelines but don't know how to get it to Policy//

District 23: Chuck;

Standing Committee Reports: (Archives, Grapevine, Literature, Policy, Translation, & NC H&I)

Accessibilities: Robert; No Report this month for we did not meet last month.

Agenda: Dixie;

Archives: Makenzie; not present

CPC: Jo Ann: CPC committee did not meet in Dec. due to holidays. I have received requests from GSO for events in Aug and Nov. GSO is also asking for experience in carrying the message to the armed services.

IT: Chuck; Met Via Zoom on Wednesday January 9 th . Currently have five active members and could use more. The committee membership is completely new and could use some more members. We might via ZOOM on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM and all are welcome. If anyone is interested, they can contact the IT Chair or any member on the day of the meeting for the ZOOM connection information. We are currently working to come up with a list of priorities and areas of responsibility for the committee members. Our webmaster, Karen, and to lesser extent our chair, Chuck, have been working to get contacts page on the website up to date. Karen has been working to get the master calendar and the rest of the information on the website up to date.

Finance: Joshua; Timeline has been put together for the 2020 budget. On Feb 1, officers will get an email for the Finance workshop later in the month. This workshop will be to help officers and committee chairs fill out their budgets.

Literature: John S.-NP

NCAIC (H&I): Danni; Thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout this past year. In the back half of last year, we asked groups to stop their contributions to North County H&I. Today we're at our prudent reserve amount, and we've asked groups to turn their contributions back on. We appreciate your help in getting this message out. We've put together a technology sub-committee that has been tasked to see how we can securely use technology to better serve our mission. We have orientation once a month at the Oceanside Alano Club on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 9am and always looking for panel members. Thank you for your support!

Policy: Cecil; In attendance were Greg W., Ginger S., Monty, Jane, and myself. We discussed the current procedure and guidelines for submitting flyers to the area web sight, or for distribution to area events. Jane will establish a plan to move forward with implementation of suggestions from the ad hoc committee on Structure and Guidelines. No new business.

Newsletter: Bill/Anne No Report

SD H&I: Blaine; For information see <sdhandi.org> Check it out for the two orientation sessions we hold each month. H&I and Contact on Release are ALWAYS in need of volunteers. San Diego/Imperial H&I belongs to the SoCal H&I Intergroup which will put on the SoCal H&I Conference April 5-7 in Ventura. Our Keynote Speaker will be Ralph Diaz, Secretary of CDCR. For more information and registration see <socalhandi.org> and click "Conference Registration". CU in Ventura!

Translation: Richie- No report

Volunteers for cleanup-Everyone is requested to stay to help clean up.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Panel 66 Area 8, Renee R., Alt. Secretary.

Next Assembly: Pre-Conference Assembly- Sponsored by Districts 8 & 16

May 4, 2019 Venue: TBD

Date:	Event	Hosting Districts	Possible Location
April 6th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 1, 2, 23	TBD
April 7th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 5, 14, 19	TBD
April 13th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 10, 22 (11?)	TBD