

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123
Minutes of the February 21, 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 7:07 pm 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: Julie (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, 9 Officers were in attendance, 19 DCMs and 11 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 39. 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 2 presentation: Dixie M. (Agenda Chair)

1955 the groups confirmed the permanent charter for the General Service Conference, giving GSO complete authority for the active maintenance of World Services// They also have the authority to delegate responsibilities to trusted servants.

Approval of January 2019 Area Committee Minutes: Tanya T.. (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*
- Changes to make: page 3 in the Delegate's section. Chairman → to Chairperson; invited → to elected; panel → to agenda committee

- January ACM minutes approved with changes.

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.

January 2019	January 2019	YTD	2019 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	4,112.37	4,112.37		4,112.37
Individual contributions:	79.84	79.84		79.84
District contributions:				
Total contributions:	4,192.21	4,192.21		4,192.21
Total budgeted expenses:	6, 88.23	6,088.23	59,074.00	-52,985.77
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-1,896.02	-1,896.02		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	0.00		
Total expenses:	6,088.23	6,088.23	59,074.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	-1,896.02	-1,896.02		
Total Cash Balance: December 2019	10,722.72		25% of budget 14,768.50	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

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

Alt. Delegate Report Jerry S: What a whirlwind it has been thus far!!! Imperial Valley Roundup was a success attending in Roxane's steady as she was at the Board. Weekend: o Intimate, simple and really fun

participation. o I was asked to design and moderate an hour dedicated to General Service – Great Q&A
 A 4 Area DCM Sharing was another great and intimate event though a terrifying drive home in the storm.
 Our DCM & Committee Training was another successful event... chock full of learning about my
 character defect of over controlling and roll playing as an obsessive taskmaster. I have been asked to
 speak at a few of our districts and though a great success was had with Rick and District 21... o Brian and
 District-1... mistakes were made. o Don't kill yourself with the 2nd Arrow

Delegate's Report: Roxanne.: Our Delegate just spent 5 days in New York for a Board Weekend. "Board Weekend" goes down in the books as a true learning experience. The Delegate Chair involvement was empowering and humbling in equal parts. The Orientation began with introductions that included our favorite "service" memory. I was charmed by all the illustrious stories of how service in AA has affected each of us. We spent a great deal of time on Concept 9 for it covers the attributes needed for carrying out our work: Tolerance, Resourcefulness, Flexibility and Vision. Though these attributes are in evidence, we often miscalculate the future. The General Service Conference is our 12 step call on the future. During the meeting, held at the Riverside Church, we were seated at tables in a large room with a wooden panel across the back that had doors leading to another room. Carole B, Chair of the Trustees Literature Committee and Vice Chair of the Trustees Conference Committee chaired the orientation. She was hilarious. When the Non-Alcoholic Trustee and Chair of the General Service Board, Michelle Grinberg, was delivering her address, the old furnace in the ancient room gave up a loud, repetitive puff, and Carole said to the group, "That was her, not me," and the room exploded into laughter.

Most of the Conference background Information has been separated and distributed to all our committees. If you are interested in receiving anything else, or having a discussion, please don't hesitate to call or email me. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve you as your Delegate. [Delegate's-Report February 2019](#)

Report: Monty Chairperson's .: In the world of General Service, lots have been going on. At the end of January, the Imperial Valley Round Up happened. I didn't make it out this year. I hope that in the future that I can make it out and join in the festivities. At the beginning of February, a few of us were in Buena Park for the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session. This was a great event. The first speaker spoke about how God gave us AA. His talk was very powerful and energetic. The day continue with various topics concerning AA as a whole. It was wonderful seeing different people that I know in General Service that I have meet over the years. Last weekend, we had our own DCM/Committee Training Session. If you missed the event, you missed out. I understand that some had prior events and life going on but you missed a great event. We had a great turn out. A special thank you to everyone who spoke, attended, and brought food. On the 23 rd, there are two events that are happening. First, the Finance committee is helping the budget request. If you need help, this will be the place to drop in and get some input. At One in the afternoon, the East County Intergroup is hosting a workshop call "12 Step Call". I hope most of you will be able to make the event. Be sure and mention it in your groups about the event and ask for people to participate. PRAASA is just around the corner. If you haven't registered, please do so. I hope that we will have a large turn out from Area 8. It is a tradition that the Area gets together on Friday evening for dinner. We have chosen a restaurant. You will be receiving a menu very soon. We need to get a head count for the restaurant. The restaurant will be a short walk across the street. We are looking forward to having fun and seeing old

friends and meeting new ones. We moved the storage this past weekend. A special shout out to everyone that come out and helped. We choose a bigger unit in the same storage location. The rent was raised on the unit. We got a bigger unit for just about the same price. Literature and Grapevine will be moving in. This way the Area's stuff isn't in someone's garage. As you leave here today, look at what you are bringing to the table. The steps allow us to work on ourselves. The traditions allow us to bond with life around us. The concepts allow us to put the two together. I will encourage each of you to rotate on and instead of rotating out. You have a lot of knowledge that will be useful to the area in many ways.

Old Business:

1. **4 Area DCM Training Workshop:** Rose/Richard; Both speakers were not able to attend tonight. Had small reports from those who were able to make the Training Workshop. At the workshop they talked about: how to keep people interested with service work// it was nice to hear from other areas that they are working on the same issues we are working on in area 8. // It was nice to meet other people from other areas and reconnect with old friends

Liaison Committee Reports: 2 mins; Sutton:

Coordinating Council: Wayne: NP

North County Intergroup: Tim: NP

East County Intergroup: Jack: We at the East County Intergroup really appreciate all your support that you can give in attendance on Saturday this week at the 12 Step Workshop. We ordered the large Subway Sandwich and Chips and Sodas / Water along with some other crackers / cheese etc. Come and have a great time with us.

Oficina Central Hispana: Jorge: Not Present

Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte: Moses: 19 Groups, Business meeting every Weds night at 7pm, Literature Committee and Newsletter Committee are a part of this Office//12 Step Committee carries the message to those who still suffer//There is an internet page on line//We do not have a secretary to man the office every day//But we do take phone calls//They are getting a number of English phone calls referred to the Spanish Intergroup, but we don't know why that is happening, we will guide English speaking calls to English meetings.

GSDYPAA: Quiana: This Saturday regular AA meeting downtown open to everyone, including an ASL interpreter, with a dance party to follow//Our committee is growing-largest ever//Starting a meeting for San Diego State. Meeting/Dance Location: 1446 Front St, Suite 400. Meeting at 8pm-9pm and Dance will follow at 9:30pm.

NSDYPAA: Jeremy; Bidding in April on ACCYPAA, requesting a recommendation/ letter of support from ACM in 2020// Probably a Hotel in Mission Valley//Need letter by mid-March 2019.

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

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

District 1: Toni (Brian) Helped with lunch at the Orientation Assembly, paid over \$700 for food, etc, and only received around \$200 back//Changing over Treasurer and having problems with the bank account because of changing banks.

District 2 : Bill- District unity will be realized with nine GSR's and two Alt. GSR attending PRAASA. Four of those GSR's are receiving partial funding from their home group. I believe everyone who asked received support, some chose not to ask. Previously budgeted, the District treasury shall fund the registration fee for all nine (\$225) and allocate an additional \$400 to be split equitably amongst those who opt to submit requests for expenses.

The Districts commitment to participate and connect with No. County Intergroup by attending monthly Intergroup meetings has been an ongoing effort since March of 2018. This effort will now be shared amongst the GSR's on a rotating basis. This requires one GSR to attend one meeting a year.

Next month's agenda may include a conversation about seeking A.A. members who may join an additional home group and soon after volunteer to become that groups GSR. The thought is if we can't bring the horse to the water, then let's try bringing the water to the horse. It's worth a shot!?

District 3: Steve-NP

District 4: Chuck Alt: Our district has a problem right now. We are looking for partners for events that we would like to have in 2019. We are working on outreach to get more GSRs.

District 5: Karl; Currently are district is sending 5 people to PRAASA.

District 6: Natalie:

District 7: Tina; NP

District 8: Ginger: Thanked ACM for the last 3 years she was participating//New DCM Angelina//Ginger will be at PRAASA and may be back to ACM in March.

District 9: Delores; NP

District 10: Karen:**District 11:** Cheryl; Since we last met District 11 hosted Joel from Grapevine who got us motivated about using Grapevines in our meetings and for 12 step work. Our district is focusing on bringing the "meat" to our meetings and brainstorming ideas that encourage that end. GSR reports were covered as a way to bring the meat. We discussed finding a larger room for district meetings. Saint Andrews does not have a room large enough to hold us any more! But we still want to reach the uninformed meetings in our district.

District 12: Joe;

District 13: Ronnie; NP

District 14: Sandy; In the planning of our Mental Health Issues in AA Workshop we asked Rod B. our past Pacific Regional Trustee if we could have him give his talk on PTSD via video conference or pre taped and he said he would prefer to do it in person and participate rather than an impersonal and disconnected video. So that thrilled us to no end, and we realized the cost to us for his travels will need to be addressed once we have an idea from him what that amount will be. How wonderful is that??

District 15: Valentin; We have elected a new liason for the Hispanic Woman's workshop.

District 16: David; The District discussed planning and arrangements for attending PRASSA and for supporting the Pre-Conference Assembly. D16 will pay for or supplement the travel/lodging costs for GSRs interested in attending PRASSA. DCM has made lodging and carpooling options available for District GSRs to use during PRASSA. DCM began the practice of communicating with the District via email using a group email under a "bcc" address GSR Reports provided by all in attendance. Highlights included the shift in location of the Saturday morning Swami's meeting to Eve Encinitas (575 S Coast Hwy 101, Encinitas). 7:30AM Sat Surf Dogs meeting moved to Venture Church (777 Santa Fe Dr, Encinitas)

District 17: Santiago; present

District 18: Abraham; Just formed a sub-committee for translation//we have bilingual persons on this committee//People are welcome to join//and we will start working in unity with other Districts, Monty requests that they provide a liaison to the IT Committee to get the website updated.

District 19: Rose D19 will be one of the co-hosts for the pre-conference workshop on April 7. Adrian O is our new Alternate DCM. PRAASA: 8 rooms have been reserved at the Marriott. We have roommates and carpooling all set. Thanks MacKenzie. Alkathon funds: Discussion re: setting aside funds for next year's Alkathon. A motion was passed to confirm that the donors are in agreement. The other district is not in agreement as unforeseen expenses have come up for them. Our guest was Esther E. She was interviewed regarding the Hispanic Women's experience in AA as she knows it. We have had a healthy rotation of services for secretary, registrar, and Alt DCM. Our attendance has increased with 17 present at our last meeting.

District 20: David; The District's Alkathon was a big success featuring ham and turkey with all the fixings A talent show including live music, poetry, and a magic show. We spent \$127.00 of the budgeted \$125.00 and received \$48.00 in contributions for a net cost of \$79.00. We co-hosted with District 3, a First Step Workshop which was held February 2nd at the Escondido Alano Club. It was a big success. District 3's report covers it. Cost to District 20 was \$52.00. We are also planning a Picnic for August and we will be co-hosting, the 2019 Post-Conference. Assembly at a location to be determined in July.

District 21: Rick;(Wigs) Last meeting more GSRs than ever//attending PRAASA//Jerry spoke at their District meeting. Terri gave the report of our last ACM. Noted a very positive reaction to the GSR classes at the beginning of each Area 8 Assembly. Again, reminded all that PRAASA 2019 is in Irvine at the beginning of March. District 21 will have good representation. Both the DCM and Alt DCM are offering rides. The To-Go-Box for portable literature was passed on to Dave E. (Sun 9:00AM Men's' Closed). The District-21 sponsored event for 2019 has been agreed to be a picnic either in the Peñasquitos or Poway areas. Investigating the location and date now. We covered the upcoming Pre-conference workshops in April. Our speaker this month was Jerry S, our Alternate Delegate, who discussed how service has enhanced his sobriety to include: o GSRs, "come all the way in and sit all the way down" in service. o He acknowledged that the area officers meet regularly to discuss progress and learn from any mistakes made. o He explained General Service Conference activity is worked all year long and described briefly how the conference is constructed. o He also distributed agenda items and explained how the agenda process works (flow of information, workshops, etc.). o Currently, workshops are planned for Carlsbad and Chula Vista; North County workshop location is not yet identified. We concluded with the reading of Tradition #2 & Concept #2.

District 22: Lynda

District 23: Darryl;

Standing Committee Reports: (Accessibilities, Agenda, CPC, Finance, IT, Newsletter, SD H&I)

Accessibilities: Robert; Jeffrey (alt. chair) they are working together//Wanting to Archive ASL in San Diego//Roxane attended out meeting last month//next week Jane and Archives committee members will join to discuss how to develop this deaf members Archive//New flyer how to send funds for ASL//Info is available on the AA Central Website//they will attend PRAASA.

Agenda: Dixie; Elections at the last Agenda meeting//John L. is new alternate Agenda Chair// Adrian O will be the new Secretary//Alt Chair will attend PRAASA

Archives: Makenzie; Old Business: Oral history update from Kevin P., in progress plan to be 3 to 5 open-ended questions to collect detail and record story, to do vetting process on acceptance to San Diego history.// Area 8 inventory follow-up: Mike looking into skit to be done at April 27, 2019, Pre-Conference Assembly, awaiting update from Mike. District Meeting outreach being done by committee members. Conference Agenda items concerning Archives Committee: (a). Request to add 1940's home movie of co-founders and their wives to the video "Markings on the Journey"; (b.) Review Archives workbook
New Business: Oral Histories to be collected at San Diego Round-up. // Sorting-review Archives material for display/presentation at Round-up and other AA events.

CPC: Jo Ann: We met January 28th. We had 4 new members finally got a secretary so we may be posting our minutes soon. We established a volunteer coordinator and are always actively looking for volunteers. We will be reviewing next year's budget, which I have not had help with for the last two years. We meet the last Monday of the month at Central at 6:30.

IT: Chuck; Met Via Zoom on Wednesday February 13th. We spent the entire meeting discussing the master calendar and website calendar. We were unable to come to a consensus during the meeting but decided on the following later in the week: Master Calendar, how/ when events should be submitted, what is posted/ not posted on the website and special situations. See link for details of these topics: [Area 8 Website guidelines](#)

Finance: Joshua; Sent out forms to Committee Chairs and Officers to fill out their Budgets for next year//next Saturday there will be a Budget Workshop 2 hour at Mira Mesa Alano Club 11-1//Help for persons having to fill out their forms//Central Office 2nd Monday of each month 6:30pm Committee meetings//October-group/district treasurer Workshop

Literature: John S.: This month we are preparing for our Literature workshop on June 15 in District 8 , handouts are available for this ACM meeting and the translated ones will be available next month. We will submit tonight our Literature structure and guidelines for the record to the policy committee for the record. We are working on our plans for our membership drive starting in January as we outreach to all of the meetings in our area for potential literature committee members. Tonight we will show a video to the Area Committee.

NCAIC (H&I): Danni; We meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Oceanside Alano Club. We have orientation at 9am and we're always looking for panel members. We currently have two active subcommittees, literature and technology. Our subcommittee goals are to improve the literature management system and volunteer database. Thank you for your continued support!

Policy: Cecil; We discussed reference tools for the Work of the Policy Committee. Including: Principles Policies and Practices, Service opportunity to AA as a whole, Service opportunity to SDIAA. The Review of Flyers and building a relationship with Area IT Committee.

Newsletter: Anne NP

SD H&I: Blaine; For information see <sdhandi.org> We currently take meetings and A.A. literature into correctional and treatment facilities within Area 8. We are always in need of volunteers for both H&I and Contact on Release. We are excited to promote three upcoming events: 1) SoCal H&I Conference April 5-7 in Ventura. It will feature Ralph Diaz, Secretary of CDCR as the keynote speaker as well great panels and fellowship. <socalhandi.org> 2) H&I panel at the San Diego spring Roundup – 11:00 AM, Saturday April 20th, at the Town & Country Hotel. 3) "Spring into Service" – 9:30 AM, Sunday May 19th, at the

Machinists' Hall, 5150 Kearny Mesa Rd 92111. Good Food, Great Speakers, and an H&I Orientation all in one spot!

Translation: Richard R- Gentle reminder to please get your translation requests in sooner rather than later so that the committee members have time to work on them. We appreciate it. Any concerns or contacts for more translators, please let me us know.

Young People's': Katherine is new chair of this Committee. Rodrigo is the Alt. Chair//they have submitted a Budget to Finance//April 13th Tri-City in Basement Workshop on Attraction//Flyers will be out soon.

Master Calendar: Sutton: 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: No persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

Break started 8:35 pm ended 8:51 pm

Special treat for ACM: A video brought by the literature committee on this history of AA. Video: *Embarking on the Journey*.

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

Concept 3: TDB

Tradition 3: TBD

New Business:

- 1. Motion--GSO Send Off: (Bill S.);** Motion to discontinue send-offs and implement a one time (at year end) annual sen off of excess treasury funds to GSO that exceed 25% of the annual budget. This would take the place of quarterly send-offs. The next step of this motion will be to be taken to Area Assembly.

Discussion: Does this change the amount that would be sent off yearly// that is unknown// I am in favor of this because expenses are always popping up and this motion will make things more flexible while we are still ultimately will be still contributing to GSO.// my concern that this doesn't keep in tradition with Corporate Poverty.

Sense of the meeting: Majority in favor of taking this motion to the Area Assembly

- 2. Pre-Conference Workshop Logistics: (Roxane R.)**

Date:	Event	Hosting Districts	Possible Location
April 6th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 1, 2, 23	Harding Community Center Recreation Center Building 3096 Harding Street, Carlsbad 92008
April 7th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 5, 14, 19	TBD; South County

April 13th	Pre- Conference Workshop #1	D 10, 22 (11?)	Community of Christ Church 115 Cajon View Drive El Cajon, CA 92065

Area Storage: we just moved last weekend into new storage unit//Literature also will be moving in and Grapevine//Monty is looking into insurance coverage for the unit, either by our own Insurance carrier or by the Storage Facility.

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

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

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

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

April 27, 2019

**Venue: Ronald Reagan Community Center
195 E Douglas Avenue El Cajon CA 92020**