

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123
Minutes of the April 18, 2019 Meeting

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. 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 7:05 pm by Jerry, Alternate Delegate, (in place of Monty, via remote) 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, 18 DCMs and 11 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 38. 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 any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.

Reflection

Concept 4 presentation: Joshua H. Right of Participation//Participation in reasonable portion//All members at the conference have a vote// Each body defines which persons attending have a vote//the right of participation goes two ways//

Approval of February and March 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: ACM Location is no longer pending
- February ACM minutes: approved with changes.

- March ACM minutes....March changes: District 1 change over to Brian as DCM//Removed Sutton for Area Calendar//ACM facility is no longer pending (temporary)
- March 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.

Question/ discussion: Where is the \$400 we allocated last month to the YPAA committee? I do not see it on the budget under unbudgeted expenses.//We have not added that into the budget but will for April.

March 2019	March 2019	YTD	2019 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	1,515.31	9,990.71	59,074.00	-49,083.29
Individual contributions:	300.20	575.84		575.84
District contributions:	37.00	47.00		47.00
Total contributions:	1,852.51	10,633.55	59,074.00	-48,440.45
Total budgeted expenses:	4,382.83	17,395.09	59,074.00	-42,008.81
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-2,530.32	-6,761.54		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	-2,530.32	-6,761.54		
Total expenses:	4,382.83	17,395.09		
Contributions less total expenses:	-2,530.32	-6,761.54		
Total Cash Balance: December 2019	5,857.20		25% of budget 14,768.50	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Delegate's Report: Roxanne.: Welcome to the busiest season in Alcoholics Anonymous! Today I led a conference call with the members of the Conference Agenda Committee. It was great to hear how their Pre-Conference Assemblies and Mini Conferences were going in other parts of the U.S. We also discussed how we wanted to handle voting (simple majority) and discussion (everyone shares in turn) which was another way to get to know your committee before you actually meet them. This conference call was the result of a new policy put in place from action taken at the 2017 General Service Conference.

We just finished a series of Pre-Conference Workshops with the help of several officers, committee members, and districts from Area 08 and I am quite humbled by your selfless efforts. I could not have managed without you. I am also grateful for the large numbers of you who participated in the discussions, which has encouraged me greatly. As I move towards our next Assembly and the Conference, I am confident that our voice will be heard. This year I have learned so much more about the way things work and who is doing the work.

This weekend is the San Diego Round Up. Jerry and I have been invited to an early dinner tomorrow night and then I will speak for 15 short minutes, presumably on the upcoming General Service Conference Agenda. Then Saturday morning a group of your friends will be presenting on a General Service Panel at 9 am. If any of you are attending the Round Up, it would be nice to see you.

I have a draft agenda for the Pre-Conference Assembly in the works, which no one has seen, much to Monty's dismay. I missed the last agenda meeting due to a speech competition so I hope the committee is not too disgruntled. I am wanting our members to look over the Area 08 submissions to the Conference Agenda Committee regarding the 2020 theme, topics and workshop. Your attendance at the Pre-Conference Assembly tells me that you plan to participate in the day's presentations. I want to put your name on the agenda. In some cases I already put your name on the agenda--I just need a commitment so I can print and distribute it. It was very apparent after the 3rd Pre-Conference Workshop (District 18) that the underlying theme of these selected agenda items is "Participation." We must participate if we want to be part of the voice of A.A. I am humbled to be your voice at this year's conference, but I have no voice to carry if you do not participate in the discussion.

I have the latest "Contributions Quarterly Reports" for Area 08 as of Mar 31, 2019. They arrived today. I will send them out digitally as well. It is well past midnight and I am nursing a cold I picked up somewhere so I must put it to bed. I am blessed to be a part of something that does so much for so many and gives us hopeless drunks something to keep us sane and sober. Thank you for allowing me to share.

Alt. Delegate Report Jerry S: I have visited 7 districts in the past month. It was nice to see the unique features of each district//pen pal program is working really well for those participating//alt DCM can do a boil down of the district meeting-3 points//numerous Workshops over the last few weeks//communicate with your GSRs to get with their groups to get the conscious for the Pre-Conference Assy.

Founder's day/ A Day of Unity: Sat. June 15, 2019, @ Harry Griffin Park in La Mesa. Please connect with your GSRs, committees and other members of AA. Get the word out. I want this to be fun for all. I need volunteers for the planning committee, once a month until Unity Day. A roster will be passed around for volunteers. The two events Area 8 will be in charge of. Horseshoes (D21) and three legged race (D10). For

committee chairs, we will have a "Committee Row" set up at the event to inform others of what each committee does. I am asking committee chairs to come up with a riddle that will be used in the scavenger hunt.

Old Business:

1. **Budget Request forms:** Joshua H. Finance Committee needs all Committee and Officer Budget Request forms in May, because they will be preparing the Area Budget for 2020 to be presented at the June ACM.
2. **Capital Equipment:** Monty C. Requesting all Capital Equipment held by Area Committee Chairs and Officers, including photos, and last time it was replaced.

Report: Monty Chairperson's .: I am reaching out to touch base with you in regards to Capital Equipment. If you have some type of capital equipment, please send me email:

1. with the equipment
2. picture of the equipment
3. if no know, when was the last time it was purchased or replaced.

Liaison Committee Reports: 2 mins; Sutton;

Coordinating Council: Wayne: Our last meeting was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019

It was our 883th meeting. Committees Reported:

* April's Book of Mo: "Dr. Bob & Good Oldtimers" sale: \$8.30

* April's Pamphlet of Mo: "Problems other than Alcohol" sale: 5¢ ea.

* May's Book of Mo: "Pass it on" sale \$9.00

* May's Pamphlet of Mo: "The Jack Alexander Story" sale: 5¢ ea.

NEW PAMPHLETS: "The 'God' Word (Agnostic and Atheistic Members in AA)" .35¢

"AA for the Alcoholic with Mental Health Issues- And their Sponsors" .40 ¢

Coordinator Newsletter: FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email to sdaaco@aol.com.

ALL Coordinator Newsletters have been uploaded to our aasandiego.org website 1952 to 2017.

Coordinator Outreach: 54 out of 82 Registered Members attended our Council. We encourage meetings to have a coordinator. Public Information: 1. April 3 & 10: Presentation to bar owners of what the

AA program is and is not. It went well and had a lot of questions asked. 2. April 13: South Bay Health Fair

3. April 27: NAMI PI Booth. Orientation: 6 New Coordinators!! After Hours Phones: All nightly

commitments ARE FILLED!!!! Central Office: Connie renegotiated the lease structure for central office with

an immediate decrease in monthly rent. DON'T FORGET - check out <http://www.aasandiego.org/>. In

particular, the new "Interactive Map". Help your newcomers to find those meetings. REMEMBER TO

DONATE YOUR OLD GRAPEVINES at Central Office THANK YOU!

North County Intergroup: Tim: NP

East County Intergroup: Jack:

Oficina Grupo Central: Jose: first time

Oficina Intergrupala Conidado Norte: Moses: will email report...never received

GSDYPAA: Quiana: May 11 event SOCALYPAA Summit-330-12am in Little Italy// Burning Bear III

Campout in September in Anza//Conference in November on the Queen Mary//Workshops will be coming up that are non specific for Young People.

NSDYPAA: Jeremy; Was not awarded our bid for ACYPAA this year. It was awarded to Sacramento, where we plan to attend & bid again. Our elections on May 5, 3pm. If you know any young people in North

County that want to be of service, please send them our way. Upcoming: Workshop 1st weekend in June "Now What".

Native American Liaison: Duncan: NP

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: Brian NP

District 2 :Bill- NR

District 3: Steve-Discussed and divided up the Conference Agenda Items at last District meeting

District 4: Chuck Alt: NR

District 5: Karl; We are discussing having a concepts workshop. We also spent most of our time at our last meeting discussing Conference Agenda Items.

District 6: Natalie: NR

District 7: Tina; NP

District 8: : NP

District 9: Delores; The District is very grateful to Jerry S, Monty C and Karen P for coming to the Valley to provide their experience of doing service for their districts and the area.. and a result members of AA are passing the word and stepping up to service their groups. The meetings have decreased slightly due to the loss of snowbirds, the district will continue to hold their meetings every third Saturday at 4 p.m. , rotating between the three main buildings of the Triangle, Alano Club in El Centro and the 151 Club in Brawley. Currently a feedback questionnaire has been circulated to all the meetings to get responses to provide at the Area Assembly on April 27. Our PI team will be putting together information packets and distributing them to various organizations in the Imperial Valley.

District 10: Karen: NR

District 11: Cheryl; Covered the upcoming pre-conference workshops and the role of the GSR//Co host the September Assembly

District 12: Joe;

District 13: Ronnie; never received

District 14: Sandy; District 14 welcomed Jerry S. our Alt. Delegate to our meeting and thoroughly enjoyed our discussions about the process of getting the group conscience on the agenda items. We hosted the Pre- Conference Workshop on April 7 th at South Bay Pioneers along with Districts 19, 4 and 5. Our date for the mental Health Issues in AA Workshop is on August 17 from 9-1. If you would like to part of the planning committee please give me your email address and I will notify you of the next meeting. We continue to do our footwork to establish a bilingual meeting in our District. We look forward to participating in the pre-conference assembly and hope to see you at Round up this weekend.

District 15: Valentin; The Delegate came to our meeting this past month and we thank her//Contribution of \$48//Roxane and Jerry visited to present the pre-conference agenda items.

District 16: David; Jerry S (Area 8 Alt. Delegate) presented to the District on the General Service Calendar and topics that will be discussed at the upcoming General Service Conference Workshops and Pre-Conference Assembly. 7th tradition contributions this year so far are on track with 2018. The District approved the purchase of the Grapevine to-go box. The District will be providing breakfast at the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly and will be providing several GSR volunteers to help with setup and breakdown at the Assembly.

District 17: Santiago; NP

District 18: Abraham; NR

District 19: Rose; I will reformat later. New address for the Gold Can - The Sign Language Fund c/o SDIAA, Accessibilities Committee, P.O. Box 34258, San Diego, CA 92163

Discussed: Pre Conference workshop – Sun. April 7 Gave info on: Where to find agenda items, Which will you present to your group, How are reports like this handled at your group. Bilingual meetings in English speaking districts: Is there interest in starting a bilingual meeting? We, as a district or group, can start a meeting in we find a need. The GSR packet – essential reading. Do we all have copies? The AA Group pamphlet and GSR pamphlet. The Delegate's Report – Feb. 2019 Can be found at www.Area8aa.org – The Delegate's Corner

District 20: David;

District 21: Rick; (Wigs) District Summary: March's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Balance on hand for March was \$4,913.69. Our Alt DCM, Terri H ran the GSR Meeting. Terri reviewed the Master Calendar, the Delegate's Notes. Sahara reported out on our District Picnic in June at Lake Poway. She will prepare a flyer and insure the details get into the Master Calendar. The Pre-Conference Workshop was discussed by those who attended. We had a representative from Grapevine to discuss the To Go Box. The Box was rotated and D-21 will purchase its own To Go Box. David H discussed the spreadsheet data on the groups in our District. He is working a plan to have our GSRs attend unrepresented meetings to encourage participation and insure we have the correct data for that group. We performed our GSR Roundtable. We concluded with the reading of Tradition #4 and Concept #4.

District 22: Lynda

District 23: Darryl; Will be making arrangements with Dist. 1 to attend each other's DCM meeting.

News from our Dist. 23: April 6 th Pre-conference workshop was well attended, over 70 people.

Districts 1, 2, and 23 all hosted. District 23 meeting was held on March 28 th 6pm. 11 people were in attendance. All positions are filled at this time. Grapevine Representative will be visiting our district next month on April 25 th.

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

Accessibilities: Robert; NP

Agenda: Dixie; nothing to report this month

Archives: Mackenzie; Items discussed last meeting. 1) Round-up: Set-up/ Manning the Archives Room, Breakdown, General Duties: ▪ Talk to visitors about stories and what we do ▪ Sell San Diego history books (\$2 each), watch over merchandise ▪ Sign up individuals for oral histories (priority is with individuals with longest sobriety) with a handout. 2) Oral History – Robert B. ▪ Mike spoke about the oral history that was just taken. Gave history of SOL (Signs of Life) Deaf Program and Robert's personal sobriety. ACTION(S): Next Oral History – May 1 st @ 6 p.m. @ Mackenzie's House with Art. 3) Founder's Day (formerly separate from Unity Day) June 15 th. Mackenzie presented riddle to the Archives committee. *"I am old but never die, I can't talk but you love to talk about me."*

District Outreach o Email template to reach out and schedule the District Meetings. o District Outreach Assignments discussed at last Committee Meeting o Talking Points for presentation to District o Packets containing copies of the following: ▪ Sample Interview Questions ▪ Group History Questions ▪ Archives Flyers for District to use at the Group/Meeting level

CPC: Jo Ann; NP

IT: Chuck; Business discussed at our last meeting: Confirmed this year's budget request. After discussion we are adding a request for funding for one committee member to attend PRAASA. All but one of our

committee members who are DCMs will be rotating at the end of the year and we feel that at least one committee member should attend. Confirmed that the Area Webmaster will be attending the 2019 National AA Technology Workshop. Discussed current status and possible improvements to the Area web site. Formed a sub-committee to explore a plan for improvements within our area//Karen is helping on the website-created a translation button which will translate entire website except for documents//looking for better ways to communicate in our Area.

Finance: Joshua; previously stated under old business

Literature: John S.: We decided to keep our workshop date as originally scheduled for 15 Jun. We hope that all of you who are interested will stop by and pay us a visit for the Literature workshop. We attended a number of the pre-conference workshops and are prepared to present on any of the topics on the agenda. Our Budget for 2020 has been submitted to finance. Our Pamphlet for this month is A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues. This Pamphlet is done a bit different than your typical A.A. Pamphlet. It is a collection of stories that talk about the AA member and their journey with Mental health issues. The afterword sums up the focus of the Pamphlet. "The subject of medication and mental health can involve important medical decisions. To help AA Members find the right balance and minimize the risk of relapse, a group of physicians who are members of A.A. developed the suggestions that follow. Additionally, to provide a professional perspective, to health care professionals who are familiar with A.A. were asked to review this pamphlet and found it to represent an accurate cross-section of alcoholics they have come into contact with in their professional capacity. This is a thick pamphlet with a lot of stories in it that we in the literature committee felt was done very well and will touch anyone who has any related mental issue and wants to stay sober. It is 41 pages and packed with great stories that relate directly to the issues. One final note: If one can work on their sobriety their mental health will improve and one who can work on their mental health will improve their sobriety. The trick is to find the balance and this pamphlet will give insight into this journey.

NCAIC (H&I): Danni; We meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Oceanside Alano Club. We have orientation at 9am, with our business meeting following at 945am. We are looking for panel members, and you can start anytime by reaching out to me, or contacting us through our website nchandi.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Policy: Cecil;

Newsletter: Anne NP

SD H&I: Blaine; For more info see www.sdhandi.org ; In fact this will take you to our new website which hopefully will provide more information, in a user-friendly format. Catch the H&I panel at 11:00 AM this Saturday the Spring Roundup. The SoCal H&I Conference, held in Ventura two weeks ago was a great success. We were blown away by a panel of 8 former CMC inmates with life sentences who found A.A. in prison and that involvement was a large part of their release and the success they now enjoy on the outside. Our "Spring into Service" event will take place Sunday, May 19th at the Machinists' Hall. Flyers are available on our website and that of Central Office. Beginning at 9:30 AM there will be dynamite speakers, great food, and a chance to go through a painless H&I orientation. CU there!

Translation: Richard R-Fonts-do not send PDFs-Fonts will be the same as received, so if sent in large print it will translate in same size//translation.area8@gmail.com

Young People's' (YPAA): We met Friday April 12 for our monthly meeting. April 13th we hosted our attraction workshop that had a good turn out with 62 people in attendance, and was over all very successful. On April 22nd we will be visiting the district 18 meeting to share some information about YPAA in the area. We will resume our regularly scheduled first Friday monthly meeting in May at 7:30pm at the Denny's in Del Mar.

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. Corrections will be made by tomorrow. Send any changes or corrections to Sutton. *Please email all updates to Monty to get Master Calendar up to date.*

Birthdays: 1 person 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 8:35pm ended 8:45pm

Tradition 4 Presentation; Rose: Group Autonomy except when it affects other groups or AA as a whole//avoid any action that may harm AA as a whole//not to break any of the 12 Traditions//some meeting rules may exclude new or existing members.

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

Concept 5: Makenzie

Tradition 5: TBD

New Business:

1. **Motion-Operating Expenses (S&G)** Paul K.; Financial impact to the area are unknown.

Motion: There is no current text. This motion is being brought forth to add the following text as: Section VI.,I.1b. → In the section 1b will now become 1c.

The Area Committee is authorized to purchase "capital equipment" that has been lost, stolen, or is non-functional. Funding will come from the line item in the current year's budget for to the specific capital equipment. Any additional amounts required for the purchase will be pulled from the Reserve Account. The expenditure should not exceed 2/3 of the Reserve Account balance. A report on such expenditure shall be submitted to the next Area Assembly by the Area Treasurer or the Area Chair.

Capital equipment is:

1. Computers and Software
2. Copiers and Printers
3. Audio Visual Equipment and Accessories
4. Translation Equipment

Background: Costs for Major Capital Equipment items usually exceeds the limit of \$450 that the Area Committee can authorize for an unbudgeted expense request. The unavailability of Major Capital Equipment can interrupt the smooth functioning of the Area Committee. For example, area officers rely on computers to perform their duties. The need to wait until the next assembly to vote to replace this equipment could be very disruptive to the operation of the Area.

See links for the whole motion: [Prudent Reserve Motion Translated](#) [Prudent Reserve Motion English](#)

Discussion: Up to 2/3 of what?// 2/3 of the prudent reserve// Do we know a full inventory of what we have?// We have one in process// this motion is important for us to access funds from the reserve if needed// the problem seems to be that we are not properly budgeting for the replacement of capital equipment.// this motion is not referring to what

is budgeted but to anything that goes above and beyond that is budgeted.// I think we need to know what our capital equipment stands at before we present this motion to the assembly//

Changes: “The expenditure **should not** exceed 2/3 of the Reserve Account balance” to “**shall not** exceed...” Next change to background: “...usually exceeds...” to “...usually exceed...”

ACM decision on this motion: 24 in favor of recommending the motion to the assembly and 12 against recommendation. Motion is going to the area assembly

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

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.

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**