

District 2 DCM - GSR Report

November 4, 2019

News from District 2

Efforts to carry the message and support A.A. meetings at Camp Pendleton are ongoing. Meetings are Mon. 6:30 PM, Wed. 6:30 PM and Friday 4:00 PM.

On Wed. Oct. 30th, A.A. was invited and well represented to address officers and enlisted marines and sailors on base at their annual Safety Stand Down event. Approximately 400 were in attendance and the message of A.A. was delivered in the form of public information. Best of all, was making known of the *Meeting Guide App.*, North County's Central Office's website and 24 hour support telephone number, and the knowledge that A.A. members are available to make 12-Step calls.

All members who desire to participate in this effort (attending meetings or at committee level) should inquire with your General Service Representative (GSR) or your District 2 Area Committee Member (DCM.)

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News from Area 8

Area 8 held it's last of five assemblies of the year on November 2nd. The 7 hour assembly referred to as the **Area Budget Assembly** hosted approximately 140 area members consisting of past Delegates, Area officers, District Area Committee Members (DCMs,) Standing Committee Chairs, General Service Representatives (GSRs) and other interested A.A. members.

- **A budget for 2020 of \$61,860 was discussed, amended and successfully passed with substantial unanimity.**

Please note that 2019 group contributions to the Area for its 12-Step efforts are far less then what was projected at the beginning of the year, and therefore budgeted. Consideration for groups to review their allocated pie chart percentages of contributions (and to learn of entities in need and those who may not be) is suggested a prudent task. Group treasures and all members are encouraged to attend District, Area or the Finance Committee monthly meetings to learn more. Schedule committee meetings can be found at area8aa.org or ask you General Service Representative (GSR) for information.

Proposed Amendments to the Area Structure & Guidelines brought forward.

- **Appropriate Servant Leadership Qualification**

To increase the time limit of possible servant leaders available to stand for local Area 8 Officer elections from 12 months to 24 months. **Passed with substantial unanimity at Area Assembly Nov. 2, 2019.**

The following proposed amendments will be voted on at the next (January 11, 2020) Assembly (group conscience needed.)

- **General Service Office (GSO) Send-off**

[Summary] Currently the Area treasury will donate (send-off) funds to the General Service Office (GSO) that exceed 25% of the annual budget at the end of each quarter. The purpose of this is to not accumulate funds beyond the needs of the Area, in alignment with A.A.'s experience regarding corporate poverty.

The proposed amendment changes the frequency from each quarter to a ONE TIME – ONCE A YEAR donation at the end of the 4th quarter *should reserves exceed 25% of the budget*. Reason being is that Area contributions are not received in equal amounts each quarter and may result in a shortage in the following quarters.

- **Finance Committee added Duties and Responsibilities**

[Summary] Redefining the duties of the Finance Committee is proposed in order to add a layer of oversight and checks and balances; specifically an added review of the receiving source of disbursements and contribution accuracy.

Additional consideration is forthcoming to redefine the duties of the Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer's roles. It's been discussed to have equal responsibilities (co-treasurers so to speak) between these two Area officers by dividing the account payables from the account receivables. Please note this proposal has not been suggested due to distrust of our current servants. This consideration is mirrored after other Areas that have implemented the same.

- **Operating Account (i.e., purchasing of capital equipment)**

[Summary] The Area Committee's trusted servants (made up of 10 Area Officers, 23 DCMs, 14 Standing Committee Chairs, Webservant & two Liaisons) shall be authorized (by a vote within) to purchase "replacement" capital equipment (e.g., computer, software, copier, printer, translation equipment, etc.,) greater than \$450.00 as the need arises.

Currently, the Area Committee is authorized to make purchases up to \$450.00, with a requirement to bring needed purchases above \$450.00 to a vote at the Area Assembly. The benefit is to purchase equipment when its needed, and not be delayed having to wait for the next scheduled Assembly.

To review these proposed amendments in their entirety, please visit the area website at area8aa.org, Link / Tab: Motions.