

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123
Minutes of the January 16, 2020 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 7:01 pm by Blaine, Area 8 Chair, 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 the 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: David (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. The Area Registrar conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, 9 Officers were in attendance, 19 DCMs and 9 Committee Chairs and 1 Liaison were present, a total of 35. A quorum was met. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to the registrar as well.

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

Reflection

Concept 1 presentation: English Joann Z read Spanish Valentino

Approval of December's Area Committee Minutes:

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, Renee R. 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*
- December's ACM minutes: approved unanimously with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl (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 their GSO six digit code is. It will help the incoming Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

Question/ discussion:

December 2019		YTD	2019 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	4,010.41	48,539.89	59,884.00,	-11,334.11
Individual contributions:	517.27	2,953.38	0.00	2,953.38
District contributions:	210.00	503.64	0.00	503.64
Total contributions:	4,737.68	52,016.91	59,884.00	-7,867.09
Total budgeted expenses:	4,916.57	48,657.82	59,884.00	-11,320.41
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-178.89	3,359.09		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	1,428.37	2,524.39		
Total expenses:	6,344.94	51,182.21		
Contributions less total expenses:	-1,607.26	834.70		
Total Cash Balance: December 2019	16,760.64		25% of budget 14,971.00	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

[2019 quarterly report- English](#)

[2019 quarterly report-Spanish](#)

Send off for last quarter of 2019 was discussed//quarter measured against the 2020 budget or the 2019 budget//this should be a pattern to begin for the future//the send off will be done according to the S&G for

previous years and the future will be done according to the send off motion passed in the January Orientation Assembly (send off done at the end of the year according to ¼ budget amount).

Chair Report; Blaine H.:I gave a report to the Assembly last Saturday and I stand by that report.

I am working on an easier to comprehend form of the motions brought up at the Orientation Assembly

I will use my time to address some administrative matters.

Request for a district or two to sponsor the DCM/Committee Chair Workshop
2/15/20 8:30 AM – 12 Noon in this location. Continental Break fast & Program
Districts 12 & 8 volunteered

Request officers to complete the custody form for Area equipment, hardware (computers, printers, etc.) and software. If you do not know cost/value just leave it blank. If you have no equipment please submit a form anyway saying that fact.

Officer liaison assignments. Some of us have liaison assignments that automatically go with the position, others may be filled by any officer.

The opportunities are presented at the bottom of the agenda. Please see what works best for you, let me know, and we can divvy them up later.

PRAASA Friday night dinner//prices go up during Spring training//\$50+ cheapest//will continue to look for a lower cost location because this was too costly last year.

SoCal H&I Conference – April 3 -5 at the Holiday Inn in La Mirada

Delegate's Report: Jerry S.: I want to thank everyone who contributed to and supported our Orientation Assembly. I'm grateful for the inspiring attendance and participation of our members and especially our Committee's!!! Thank you for your enthusiasm when speaking to your committee work and vision moving forward.

- Regarding the Approved Motions to the Conference presented by Jane, the letters of support were submitted, received and promised to help the agenda items gain traction during the upcoming Trustee weekend.
- As Delegate, I want to keep you up to speed with all things happening at GSO with our Area in mind:
 - First off, I emailed last year's Conference Report not to overwhelm but to maybe nudge you to do a quick peak back on some of what was discussed last year. You will find as we move forward topics evolve and grow, and we are simply responsible to carry the baton for the time we have.
 - Upcoming Trustees Weekend will confirm the final approved agenda items for each committee
 - As a reminder, I am on the:
 - Grapevine Committee – We have an upcoming conference call
 - Archives Committee – We had a conference call yesterday
 - DCM's, please take note of where your first roll and responsibility falls into the pathway moving forward:
 - Steps 1 & 2 – Receive and disseminate: Its Hot Potato people!
 - How can you be impressively effective and supportive in those first steps? Please take this time over these next few weeks to ensure you have a strong finger on the pulse of your District email list. I always found it helpful to have x2 list:

- One for District wide communications to any and all interested in hearing about what's what in the District/Area
 - One of all active GSR's and Primary Group Contacts
- Committee Chairs, right around this same time, I will disseminate the agenda items that impact your committee so that you can begin to discuss and familiarize yourselves with the information. During our Pre-Conference Workshops I will be asking your committee's to shoulder the burden of presenting on the agenda items that we deem the greatest need to discuss.
 - How can you be impressively effective and supportive in those first steps? Start the discussion now on who can attend the Pre-Conference Workshops within your committee and those persons in turn ought to be your pick(s) to serve as presenters.

QUESTIONS???

PRAASA

- Who's going? Blaine, please add to your list of insane responsibilities the traditional Area gathering on Friday night. Its never too early to book a reservation.
- I will be picking on some of you to participate in a variety of ways... as readers, timers, moderators, scribes, etc.
- During PRAASA I am responsible for reading our Area Highlights... typically those that are submitted and published in the Conference Report.
 - YPAAC & Our Member & Group Survey Campaign
 - We are one of the Meccas for services to our Deaf Community
 - The inspiring Hispanic Women's Workshop continues to thread support and
 - I am hopeful to offer a comment honoring and respecting our 19 Native American Tribes here in Area-08. I'll be consulting widely to ensure any statement made is appropriate.
 - We are home to 3 major military base installations within our Area and as such we are growing our outreach to our Military, to our men and women in uniform. There are whispers of creating an ad-hoc committee directly responsible to serving those on base.
 - Please share with me any highlights that I might have missed our completely forgot. I want to get this responsibility right!
- International Convention
 - Who's going and how can we stay in touch with one another?
 - Coordinating Committee? Cooperate w/ Central Office & Intergroup?
 - Extra Room – 4 nights @ the Motor City Casino Hotel – Downtown
 - It is a 1.5 mile 30min walk to the Convention
 - King Bed
 - \$250/night w/ Taxes TOTAL: \$1,140

Alt Delegate's Report: Monty C. :As we have done in the past, 2020 is no different. I hope that you are finding general service rewarding so far.

One of first things that I have been asked to do is put together a general service panel for the Spring Round. The Spring Round up will be weekend of April 11th. The general service panel will be on the 11th from 9 to 10:30am. This year participants are required to register for the roundup. If you register before the end of February, you will be refunded \$5 so they can effectively be registered at the early bird rate of \$24. There is a deadline is January for submitting panelists. I will need names and their cities. There are seven slots that we need to fill. Leader, How it works, 12 Traditions, A Vision for you and 3 speakers.

If you would like to volunteer, please email me or let me know before the 31st. Our Imperial Valley needs our help. I hope that you will join me and do a 12-step call to the region. The Imperial Valley round up will be the last week of the month. It's too my understanding that there will be a general service panel/participation discussion. I hope to see a few of ySou during the weekend. On the 26th, I will travel to Long Beach to participate in the So Cal H&I planning meeting. I reached to some other Alternate Delegates and they will be there. I will let you know how it turns out. I meet the coordinator for Founders Day at the Coordinating Council meeting. I am getting together with the committee to talk about Founders and Unity Day being done together again this year. We will meet at the end of the month Timeline to the Conference. This was mention at the assembly. We are looking for a few districts to host the workshop. On March 14th Distrtricts 1 & 23 we will be in North County. On March 15 (District ?) we will be in South County. On March 21st Districts 10 & 14, we will be East or Mid County. If a couple districts would get together, it would make the load a lot easier and offset the cost. District please get the word out and let me know which workshop you would like to host. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Discussion of Post Conference Assy-May 16th//avoiding holiday weekend of Memorial Day (May 25, 2020)

Two minute Liaison Committee Reports:

- Coordinating Council-SD:NP
- East County Intergroup: Jack NP
- Oficina Central Hispana-SD:NP
- Oficina Intergrupul Condado Norte
- Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
- GSDYPAA:field day this weekend.
- Native American Liaison: Duncan NP
- NSDYPAA-new rep ill tonight looking for letter of support for ACCYPAA//
- North County Intergroup-Mens' Sponsoring Men Workshop Feb 22 830-1130//Traditions Breakfast-CA Center for the Arts, Sunday March 22

Old Business:

1. **Audio Equipment Ad Hoc Committee-we** need consistent members to take care of our new audio equipment//to set up for each assembly because this equipment is new and expensive//this committee has already met once and they had the opportunity to set up at that Assembly//most other areas have this type of committee whose sole job is to set up and take down this equipment//the committee should meet a couple more times so that Monty can bring forth a proposal to make this committee a standing committee//previously met via zoom prior to the last IT Committee meeting//Young people are interested in participating// Mira Mesa area-Denny's 9898 Mira Mesa BLvd, Feb 5th decided to have in person meeting at Denny's (Wednesday)

Master Calendar: Jo Anne; 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.

Birthdays: 6 people 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 8:17 pm ended 8:35 pm

Tradition 1 Presentation; English John

New Business:

1. **Discussion of an Armed Services Committee** Tiffany-Committee for the Armed Services//since I came to the ACM I have been working and meeting as a committee//military installations and veterans//to bring the message to the alcoholic members of the armed services and veterans and their families//4 documents passed out with statistics on numbers of military personnel-60% of US Navy//Veterans-3rd highest number of vers in SD County//also a young population//currently 6 meetings on Naval bases//we spoke at a Safety Stand Down//H & I brings 16 meetings weekly SARP//I need help from Young People's//Goals and Mission statement are outlined in paperwork//bridge the culture gap between AA and military 858-282-8700 (Tiffany's contact) tgosset@gmail.com// cultural gap is that the military speak their own language//we need to meet them where they are//military smoke cigarettes//Is this an ad hoc committee of ARea 8//we have been an unofficial Ad Hoc Committee//on base meetings need support from persons who have access//getting access on base is doable, but may not be in a timely manner//the committee meets 2 times a month at Tiffany's house-there is no time or date for meeting//Bill-are you prepared to make a motion tonight to become an ad hoc committee//Blaine passed around a clip board for those interested in helping out and support
2. **Budget Timeline**
Cheryl: 2021 Budget timeline: Budget prep workshop with officers//timeline presented today// to be sent out by email by Secretary//Mira Mesa Alano Club Officer & Committee Chair prep workshop March 1, FEB-May officers will forward their budget forms @treasurerarea8aa.org//to Joshua or Cheryl//persons submitting budgets may have to meet with Finance persons to defend//June draft budget to be prepare and June 18th budget will be presented to ACM// it then goes back to groups after ACM//modified budget to be presented at the July 16 ACM//Aug 1 Finance committee begins visiting Districts//Nov is Budget Assembly

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: Brian

***District 2 :**Jeremy L.-

District 3:John:

***District 4:** Chuck: NR

District 5: Dave

***District 6:** Natalie: new treasurer//Alkathon budget discussed//rented house in Tucson for PRAASA

District 7: Allison;

***District 8:** Angelina NR

District 9: Lorie

***District 10:** Paul K.:5 GSRs//elected a treasurer and discussed preconference workshop//will confirm date of the 21st//discussion that this date is too close to the Assembly.

District 11: Lynda

***District 12:** Cindy ; Our monthly meeting was held January 2nd @ 6:30 in LaMesa. 1 DCM & 9 GSRs were in attendance. A line item has been added to our S&G stating that we will pay \$200 to the Thanksgiving Alkathon every year for ASL interpreters. We will vote on the same thing for the Holiday Alkathon after the GSRs report back from speaking with their groups

District 13: Ronnie;

***District 14:** Patrick; Hello Area 8 I'm Patrick, district 14 DCM. And this will be a brief introduction and report. As of last listing ,district 14 has 35 groups registered. Currently 9 general service reps are registered and will attend our district meeting on 1/22. Three of those 9 GSRs just attended their first Area Assembly, so we have a nice mix of old hats and brand spanking new. With the alt DCM I am putting together the agenda for next week's district meeting. I invite any and all to attend next Wednesday at 6:30pm. All Souls Church on Catalina Ave in Pt Loma. I look forward to carrying AA's message with you all. Love and tolerance of others is our code.

District 15: Valentin;

***District 16:** Ted: rep came from Meetings to Go// pre Conference Assy at Reagan Center participating

District 17: Santiago;

***District 18:** Carlos: this was my first Assembly and had 5 new GSRs without experience//we would like to do a local Forum//to create more servants//we would like to regarding financial support of committees and we haven't had a workshop including all the districts//to create more awareness of the service positions

District 19: Adrian:

***District 20:** Flint: we had our first district meeting we have a lot of new officers, but only one has had experience with area service-there are about 6 of us.

District 21: Rick;(Wigs) District Summary:Wigs opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

9 GSRs were present which included 2 new GSRs: Fess and Kenny.They replace Lou and Matt respectively. Thank you, Lou and Matt, for your great service!! We had no birthdays this month. December's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Balance on hand as of 1 January is \$5,484.27.Discussions regarding District contributions took place. This will continue to next meeting to determine a value for our prudent reserve.Reemphasized the \$3.60 Challenge.

Registrar: Terri to contact Gwenivere at PAC re bringing service concept to PAC meetings.

Wigs recently visited a PAC meeting and discussed service with the group secretary.

Gwenivere and Wigs discussed a presentation to the next PAC Secretary's Meeting regards the position of GSR and Service.DCM Report:December ACM Attended by alt-DCM Terri.

Jerry, our new Delegate, has been assigned to the Grapevine committee by GSO.

The Meeting App re-emphasized: enter your zip code to find a meeting anywhere in the U.S.

Timeline for GSO conference discussed (preconference is March 28, conference is July 2-5.)

Wigs will resend meeting app survey info to GSRs.

Other Business A discussion of who is attending PRAASA in Tucson (Wigs is already registered but may need to hand off trip due to possible surgery). Last year we were able to fund the DCM's trip as well as some other expenses. Rooms will be expensive!

Imperial Valley Roundup end of January.

The Delegate's Report is available on the website: area8aa.org under "Delegate's Corner"

Old Business: Educational Workshop concept is still in progress.

New Business: Final duties assigned for January 11 Assembly. Districts 5, 4, 19, and 21 will host.

Check out new and enhanced Area 8 website: area8AA.org.

New DCM training February 15.

District 21 monies, allocation, prudent reserve discussions: We have a significant amount left over after meeting obligations and must decide the proper way to use these funds. Agreed: we don't need a large prudent reserve. Agreed: we will not re-apportion funds to pie chart if those monies were already portioned out by District 21 groups to the pie chart (example: if a group used their pie chart to send us 5% of their funds, we will not turn around and reappropriate those funds to GSO, Area A, etc.). A proposal was made to identify area groups or committees that need a financial boost and help fund them (ex. ASL). Next month, our Treasurer, will prepare a chart of our historic expenses. From that we can determine our prudent reserve figure. We can then determine how best to distribute our excess \$\$ to flow out to those in need.

Committee assignments: The Blind Draw method was discussed and is generally not liked by GSRs.

Matt suggested each GSR instead receive a list of committees by name, place, time, and short description so that GSRs can choose for themselves. General agreement.

Roundtable:

Excellent GSR Roundtable

Next District 21 meeting will be 6 February, 2020 at the Peñasquitos Lutheran Church in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

***District 22:** Lynda

District 23: Darryl; News from GSO News from Area 8

1+8 attended Orientation Assembly// News from our Dist.23 We did not have a district meeting for December 2019. Our next meeting will be Thursday 1-23-20 where we will meet all new GSR's and make sure all district positions are full.

District 23 has been averaging about 10 to 12 GSR's per meeting. Looking forward to 2020.

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Robert; Jeffrey-we need the treasurer from groups to know how to write ASL checks to the committee using the correct title//email issues regarding separation from the chair and the gold can-a separate email is needed

Agenda: John;

***Archives:** John; looking for the Round Up chair and did anyone know Jim Burrwell

CPC: Vito- CPC: Vito, met on December 30, 2019, 6:30 PM at Central Office. CPC members present were Jo e, Ed, Jerry M., Vito Volunteer: Tiffany G. There was an event on 01/08/2020 - 01/10/2020 at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego for the 2020 National Association of EMS

Physicians. The members who assisted in this event were Carol, Jerry M., Marco & Vito. A. A. was well received. This event was coordinated with Diana at GSO and Vito.

***Grapevine:** Joel is looking for a replacement chair

IT: Chuck; Had our regular meeting on 1/8/2020 via ZOOM. Majority of the meeting was devoted to support for the upcoming orientation assembly. Picked up three new committee members at the assembly. The remainder of the meeting consisted of our regular reports from committee members

***Translation:** Richard: NR

Finance: Joshua;NP

***Literature:** Sasha.: We have had 1 meeting since the last ACM. We discussed the upcoming Pre-conference workshops and how we could best serve the area. We would like to know that the research and development of proposed presentations for agenda items will be used to the advantage of the area. There is a good amount of time spent researching and we would like to know if there is any way we can get a head-start! We had a lot of attention at the orientation assembly, and no new members. I was unable to attend the January ACM But did attend via ZOOM. Happy New Year!

***NCAIC (H&I): Michael H.:** The North County H&I committee is pleased to report we currently share the AA message of hope to those who are confined inside 22 treatment facilities and 2 correctional facilities in the north county San Diego area. We currently have 5 openings for panel members in 3 of those facilities. If anyone is interested in service work with us, we invite them to join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for our orientation meeting at the North County Alano Club in Oceanside. The meeting is at 9 AM. Our business meeting follows at 9:30 AM. For more information, please visit our website nchandi.org.

***Policy:** Ernest D.;**Greg in Ernest's place:** Looking for someone who can do html for our flyer

Newsletter: Jean S.: In the new year we will continue collecting articles. We request you send us an email describing your AA service.

AA's please come and visit our newsletter committee meeting. We posted a different time on all area websites. We hope this will boost participation.

When: 4th Sunday at 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Denny's 9898 Mira Mesa Blvd, SD CA 92131

March story deadlines are Valentines Day. ♥ The newsletter publishers look for subjects centered on AA service. Submit stories of any length maximum up to 500 words. Please email to newsletter@area8aa.org.

Yours in service, Jean S. Newsletter Chair

P. S. Agenda topic at the next meeting on January 26th concerns an observation that the newsletter has not been including minutes (although our structure and guidelines describe us this way). Possible resolution choices are listed below:

A) Change newsletter by adding a link to the minutes when posting.

B) Or, change structure and guidelines.

SD H&I: Gerry G.

Young People's: Katharine Feb 15th membership survey is going live

Volunteers for cleanup-Everyone is requested to stay to help clean up. Please help Adrian and Ted-we are all responsible.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Panel 70 Area Secretary: Renee R. and Alternate Secretary: Cecil L.

**Next Assembly: Assembly- Pre Conference Assembly, Hosted by Districts 7, 11, and 16,
Venue:TBD**