

# Abbreviated April 2020 ACM Minutes

## 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.

Questions/ discussion: Cheryl will appreciate from her on out-that inputs for check requests require an invoice and/or receipts with your check request//If I haven't received your check request please get them in and the ones for over \$150 require Blaine's (2) signatures as well!!//Venmo amount of \$40 went into the bank, reconciliation in Quickbooks-because wasn't entered at first into Quickbooks//Venmo info detailed on Chat//Districts that need their checks, send Cheryl a physical address to which she can mail out checks.

March 2020		YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,212.50	11,965.03	61,860.00	3,450.48
In dividual contributions:	265.11	1,568.20		1,568.20
District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00		0.00
Total contributions:	2,477.61	16,743.23	61,860.00	5,228.68
Total budgeted expenses:	3,063.96	15,476.01	61,860.00	-46,384.81
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-586.35	1,267.22		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	100.00	336.00		
Total expenses:	3,163.96	17,601.01		
Contributions less total expenses:	-686.35	-857.78		

Total Cash Balance: February 2020	18,066.05		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

**Chair Report;** Blaine H No Report-prefers to hear from all ACM members about self quarantine.

**Delegate's Report:** Jerry S: I would prefer to keep my report brief for the sake of spending as much time together sharing the concerns and developing solutions that we are seeing throughout our Districts & Committee's.

I forwarded the Highlights from AAWS and although much was approved for printing prior to the health crisis, there was one very telling and concerning piece of information: Revenue and contributions were down in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. I look forward to the Financial Presentation that is very much still on the abbreviated schedule for the Conference to confirm if the trend continues. However, my suspicions are that there will be a continued dip due to how groups, districts, areas etc. are or are not capable of fulfilling their traditional offering to GSO. We'll see. In the meantime, please be sure to connect with your GSR's to ensure that they are aware of the options available to them to pass the virtual basket. Area 08 is now setup with VENMO. Please direct your groups to the Area08 website for more information.

So I have been informed that the 2020 General Service Conference will be held from Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will coordinate through 6 hour days over those 4 days to conduct all critical business of the Conference. A variety of Pre-Conference Committee work be coordinated from now until then to determine what business of the committee's will be managed. So yes, much more will be revealed. So what exactly will be done during the Conference? I'm not too sure. Although, the fact that we are a day at a time program, a 24hours at a time program and that our conference has been reduced to just 24 hours in total seems oddly poetic don't you think?

So through one of the most tumultuous and challenging months of my time in service to AA, our Pre-Conference Assembly was a roaring success! We clocked in over 200 participants from across the country and Canada. Our guest speakers were true gems to the experience! We collected a ton of data that will support my efforts as the delegated voice at the Conference. I cannot put into words how truly grateful I am for all the sacrifices and efforts that our GSR's, Districts, Committee's and Area Officers put into coordinating such a successful day! Can you believe we broke into 16 round tables and produced over 20+ pages of notes on Literature Agenda Item: K alone? I feel overwhelmed with love and support through a demonstration that as far as the movement of AA here in San Diego Imperial is concerned... we are a resilient movement that has confirmed with grace and integrity the lengths we are willing to go to

to ensure that the hand of AA, albeit digital for a brief time, is still held out searching and hoping to be met by the sick and the suffering alcoholic.

Please use this time to continue your practice of inventory, prayer and meditation. Stay close to your Higher Power. Stay safe. Stay healthy and please stay in touch on how I can better support you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

**Alt Delegate Report:** Monty-none submitted

### **Old Business:**

- **Military Outreach Tiffany** we had an additional meeting because of the need//chaplain at March Air Force Base-Area 9-sent an email chain-163 air wing//the decision is up to the commander//and AA meetings are already at bases, but there might be a meeting implemented at this air wing//aware of the value of AA to military and families//up to the Wing Commander whether to have AA meeting on that base//encouraged by commanders//open to doing Skype or zoom for the time being//went to the Pentagon-values the AA program and 12 steps and put their approval on it//I have been asked to join with them and be the voice of AA as representative//meeting will start with Zoom//greenlighted from the Pentagon//Camp Pendleton-a marine requested for PSA on base on electronic billboards-can't be done until details taken care of//Billboards will go up around the installation//this continues to grow.

### **New Business:**

- IT Report on Zoom already shared in Chuck's IT Committee Report//Blaine will forward info on an all area Chair sharing session
- Creation of a Master Roster-HELP NEEDED Bill S-GSO system upgrade//Greg Tobin-communicated to Registrars-the company was let go that was working on the new system and a new company hired//GSR registration and online contributions//this had made it difficult for Bill to make a roster of groups and GSRs//this will enable communication with all groups and members//this would also be of help to get group Registrars, Treasurers and other officers//Bill also requested District Rosters, he has received 12 out of 23, so this is a partial list//Bill is again requesting this info from the DCMs//group names vary from different lists-i.e. Central Office, GSO, and other locations//please all members review their meetings with the names and select the correct one//also what kind of meeting is it? Open, closed....//this contact information would be helpful with the survey that the Young People's committee wants to send out.
- Notice of election of a new alternate Registrar: those who are eligible to stand for this position are the same ones that were eligible for panel 70//post conference assembly
- Archives Committee Presentation (Mike S not present) John B//Archives needs it's own storage space//the archives budget contains a request for a 7 x 10 storage space//archives space in the Central Office has cabinets that stores some things-somewhat climate controlled//we also have and gather a lot of stuff such as old speaker tapes//scrolls//these items are not centrally stored//and

stored at various locations and these items would be more secure if located at one central place and better if not dependant on one person//So Archives is hoping the Area afford the space//the Area storage space wouldn't work because it's not secured with the traffic of many persons//John would like to look to 2021 to do this//and for 2020 this would be spent collecting everything together and storing at John's house//should be in storage for 2020 so it can be insured//maybe this could be put under Area Administration costs and budget-therefore the Area chair would have access and this way it isn't hidden in the archives budget.

- Assemblies-9/12/2020 and 11/7/2020 Sept- District 8 & 6 November-

**The Next Area Assembly? Post Conference Assembly June 20**

Respectfully submitted by Renee R.  
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