

Abbreviated Minutes of the May 21, 2020 ACM

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: Do we make a quarterly send off? No we passed a motion to send off at the end of the year//Reminder to districts for checks to send in Treasurer of district's address and checks need to be cashed within 90 days//submit check request forms by this Sunday-two signatures are needed and I would prefer to do this only once a month//What do you suggest to meetings with no GSO number for check contributions-name the group and it will be attributed to that group-meetings that have been created on Zoom with no GSO number or name can be made as an individual contribution-this is a new situation//Are the individual contributions up because people don't have group numbers? Yes//Venmo-in memo field I put the name of the person who sends contribution//individual contributions are shown an individual not specific names of contributors//

April 2020		YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,248.80	14,213.83	61,860.00	-47,646.17
Individual contributions:	914.30	2,482.50		2,482.50
District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total contributions:	3,163.10	19,906.33	61,860.00	6,142.98
Total budgeted expenses:	1,922.73	17,812.77	61,860.00	-44,046.41
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	1,240.37	2,093.56		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	236.00		
Total expenses:	1,922.73	19,837.77		

Contributions less total expenses:	1,240.37	68.56		
Total Cash Balance: February 2020	23,535.57		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Treasurer's Report accepted as written.

Chair Report; Blaine H Wow! The A.A. world is changing pretty rapidly for this old man! Since our last meeting I have attended Area Chair sharing sessions hosted by Area 19 (Chicago) and Area 43 (Northeastern New York), a symposium on digitally carrying the message to alcoholics confined in treatment and correctional facilities (Austin TX), an A.A. meeting in Brooklyn NY where medical personnel shared on caring for COVID-19 patients in NYC ICUs, and just last Saturday an Area 9 workshop on the Concepts which included a presentation by our own Past Delegate, Dean B. Tonight we will hear from our current Delegate who has just finished "attending" the general Service Conference without leaving the confines of San Diego County!

Obviously the use of Zoom has broadened our horizons. An ever-increasing number of our regular groups have been conducting meetings in this fashion. This has not occurred without problems. I am sure most of you have experienced a meeting which has been "bombed" and just this past Saturday I attended a business meeting of one of our largest groups where the subject of the chat feature in Zoom being used for harassment was addressed.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST THIS MONTH:

Compiling an accurate roster of individuals in all of our area service positions. This particularly applies to GSRs. I would ask the DCMs to cooperate with Registrar Bill in making this information as up-to-date as possible. Thank you.

It appears to be certain that our post-Conference Assembly (6/20/20) will be on Zoom. At that assembly we will also conduct an election for an Alternate Registrar. Those eligible to stand will include those who were in qualifying positions during Panel 68 as well as those currently serving – Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and DCMs.

The Four Area DCM Sharing Session is scheduled for Sunday, June 28th on Zoom. This year it will be hosted by area 93. In the past attending this event has, at times, required a long drive. Now we can attend from the comfort of our own homes. Y'all come!

No one can predict the social distancing circumstance at the time of our Fall assemblies scheduled for 9/12/20 and 11/7/20. We need to at least plan for the possibilities that they will at least in part be live. Right now I only have one district volunteering for the September date (Thank you District 8!). DCMs please take this need to your groups! Thank you.

Delegate's Report: Jerry S : Honored to serve//No formal report tonight//The General Service Conference has come to a soft end//this weekend voting will occur on conference agenda items//details to come//I can't share on this until the vote//Sat to Tuesday-56 hours//on Zoom//“Pandemic Pane” we were named// We got a lot of work done and pushed some ahead to next year//“You are who you go with” a quote I remember and thought of all of you//I felt like you were with me and participating with me//I referred to you all as “my area” when sharing//I raised my hand as often as I felt appropriate//we participated in “raw” conversations with many different points of view//it felt safe and to participate enjoying our diversity which is our strength//This was very inspiring to me//Our region-Pacific Region-is very strong and well informed- because of PRAASA//Our Pacific Regional Trustee was involved and we really operated well//I highly recommend participating and attending PRAASA//The conference was in my living room, in my chair//This was the best General Service Conference that I have ever been through//there were a few hick-ups technological-but they were on it right away//the Trustees (21) some are like us and others non-alcoholic//some rotation of the Trustees happened//The Staff of the General Service Office-they would chime in and add in information//“We are all working to keep AA strong and working in the future”.another quote that I took with me//Interesting info-alcohol sales are way up as are requests for beds in detox-which must socially distance so there are many in need of help//the suffering of our disease that is wrecking on the world is amplified//How can we be helpful and supportive to recovery homes and detox centers//There are service positions in our Zoom meetings-not the usual like coffee maker, but virtually with literature, etc.//“To serve AA is to Live”, by Bill W.//I am so grateful that there are so many ways to give back to AA, because of what was given me.

Alt Delegate's Report: Monty C. : Hello Family,

I hope that everyone is doing okay and getting through this time peacefully. I am doing okay. I am still working. I work from home sometimes which really helps.

Since everything has been postponed or cancelled, there hasn't been anything to report. I was invited to speak at a workshop but couldn't because I had a work zoom meeting. This got my mind to turning so I reach out to the Alt Delegate's from Area 5, 9 and 93. I asked them if they would be willing to do a joint Unity Day over Zoom. All three areas have jumped on board and are ready to serve in any way possible. We will meet over Zoom this weekend to discuss the details and come up with a plan.

What does this mean for Area 8. I am not sure yet. Nothing is set in stone at this time. My thoughts are to have a panel on Unity with a speaker from all four areas with a Trustee as a guest speaker. We do not have an agenda yet. I will keep you advised as we come up with a date and program for the event.

Prior to the next Assembly, you will receive an email from about the GSR School. We will introduce the next lesson and welcome any new GSR's that may have stepped up to the call. If do you have any new GSR's in your District, please give them my email.

Thank you for allowing me to be service

Old Business:

- **Area Survey Update:** Kathyline: I sent out attachments earlier today//anyone having trouble downloading contact me//you can text a keyword to get survey link//or go to link top-for individuals second link for Secretaries//it will be live for the next 90 days//please get to this soon//we will be visiting meetings to get information//we want to get as much coverage as possible despite the current situation//reach out to groups that don't have GSRs//Do you want individuals to respond to the survey? Yes//
- **Military Outreach Tiffany** in April we had 2 special guests one from GSO and Delegate ARea 5//assisted March AFB to start a meeting//we have members attending from other areas, esp 9//growing in membership and structure//Made request for any body with extra money such as District 23
- **Finance and Treasurer Motions Update** An adhoc committee went over financials from all of 2019 and a report was generated out of that detailing where the Area monies are spent//Will we be able to discuss the report when it comes out next month-would another standing committee be best to oversee and keep up this report.

New Registration Form: Bill S: Customized Area 8 Registration Form//adds on type of meeting//interactive form//It is on the website on the Registrar's page//Increasing Group Participation for Registrars in Districts//Should there be a box for meetings that are being held digitally? No, this is not published, just for GSO

New Business:

- **Hot Stuff from the General Service Conference!** Jerry's Report above//after next Saturday I will be more at liberty to share results with you and esp committee chairs so we can continue the year round process//Mainly the agenda items were re-committed or passed forward to next year//or re-committed with additional considerations//final report will come out after Saturday//Finance report will come out at the end of the month because they are in audit//Conference will be officially closed this Saturday
- **Post Conference Assembly 6/20/2020 Jerry and Monty:** I am in the creative mode and want to have a unique experience for all//I will be asking many committee chairs to participate in the conversation//I am hoping to invite some Trustees and special guests//I was elected alternate chair of both of my committees-archives and grapevine
- **Notice of Election of new Alternate Registrar** this will occur at the next Assembly
- **District 19 Workshop 5/30/2020** Adrian-I've wanted to do this for awhile//we first wanted to do a workshop and then come up with a topic//it's been a great experience//Safety, and Anonymity// English and Spanish flyers are out there and ASL will be provided//there will be breakout rooms//outside areas can be invited to join//

- **4 Area DCM Sharing Session** in June 28 10am-2pm//Angelina and Richard have been to some of the sharing sessions//Panels and speakers
- **Area Assemblies 9/12/2020 -District 6, 8, 11 and 16// 11/17/2020-no one**

Respectfully submitted by Renee R., Area Secretary Panel 70

Next Assembly- Post Conference Assembly June 20, 2020