**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting**

**June 18, 2020 Minutes**

**Meeting held by ZOOM due to a State & Federal mandate of not holding gatherings of more than 50 persons and the personal safety of each Committee Member**

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*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.

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| *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: Bill ( Registrar)**

 Quorum was met: 7 of 9 Officers//20 of 23 DCMs//13 of 14 Committee Chairs//1-2 Liaisons

 **Approval of May 2020 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*
* May’s ACM minutes: approved unanimously as written.

**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: Ernest-Is this calendar or fiscal year-both//how is our revenue doing-we are doing well, Venmo has helped//June has been a little slow but May was good//we are trending normally//Archives has excess $800 for Archives Conference we will not be using//Paul-Delegate, could he get reimbursed for his zoom account because he didn’t go to the conference? If the Delegate has excess money, we could perhaps re-delegate that to those in need//Katherine-if we have less expenses than usual, I thought we cannot reallocate funds from one line item to others//Are there any groups that are in need of funding right now-ans: not that I know of//It is mid year and perhaps re-adjustments are possible//we are still fiscally responsible//GSO is recalculating it’s budgeting//$1800 that goes to GSO should be reimbursed//Natalie-perhaps we can use the money for tech equipment, invest in Area stuff//Jerry should be reimbursed for his food while doing the conference//

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|  **May 2020** | **May Actual** | **YTD** | **2020 Budget****61,860.00** | **Variance with Annual Budget** |
| Group contributions: | 3,211.79 | 17,425.62 | 61,860.00 | 44434.38 |
| Individual contributions: | 385.00 | 2,867.50 |  |  |
| District contributions: | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |  |
| Total contributions: | 3,596.79 | 23,503.12 | 61,860.00 | 38,356.88 |
| Total budgeted expenses: | 939.81 | 18,564.99 | 61,860.00 | -43,280.91 |
| Contributions less budgeted expenses: | 2,656.98 | 4,938.13 |  |  |
| Total unbudgeted expenses: | 0.00 | 236.00 |  |  |
| Total expenses: | 939.81 | 20,589.99 |  |  |
| Contributions less total expenses: | 2,656.98 | 2,913.13 |  |  |
| Total Cash Balance: May 2020 | 21,102.50 |  | **25% of budget**  |  |
| **Prudent Reserve Balance** | 5,000.00 |  |  |  |

Treasurer’s Report accepted as written.

**Chair Report;** Blaine H We, in Alcoholics Anonymous, have been experiencing changes similar to those going on in the world outside. Will things ever return to the “old normal”? No one can say. The General Service Conference has taken place on Zoom and we have found that the most high profile (should we say contentious?) items were referred to committee for future consideration. Next year should be a blast! Today we face many challenges brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, we also reap the benefits of the technology which has enabled us to stay connected.

Reopening our meetings is currently underway. Before we can do so safely, I would encourage groups to check out three items on the area website <area8aa.org>. The “Group Reopening Document”, the “Safety Card”, and the suggestions on conducting a “Sharing Session”. As there is a lot to consider and in order to reach a group conscious on the subject, it might require supplemental business meetings in a sharing session format. State and local rules as well as restrictions placed on us by our host facilities need to be considered.

At the present time all Area functions are being conducted on Zoom and I would encourage all entities (districts, standing committees, etc.) to have their current meeting information AND Zoom instructions posted on the Area website and in the Calendar.

The Membership Survey is underway. The information it generates will allow us to better tailor our efforts to provide services to the Area membership and to maximize the efficiency of expending our 7th Tradition funds. The survey information is posted on the website with links to both the individual member and group secretary pages.

Several exciting events are coming up in the near future. Sunday, June 28th will be the Four-Area DCM Sharing Session, this year hosted by Area 93. A flyer with Zoom information is posted. Saturday, July 18th will be another Four-Area event, a Unity Day Celebration. Information on that will appear soon.

Looking forward, we have our Big Day Assembly scheduled for September 12th. Although no one can predict the state of our reopening efforts at that time, no doubt there will be a need for Zoom. However, the possibility of returning to a live assembly is real and will be pursued by our hosting districts – 6, 8, and 11.

Please stay Safe and Sober!

**Delegate’s Report:** Jerry S : What a magnificent time to be in service to Alcoholics Anonymous! Each and everyone of us was chosen to serve now. Now at a time when so much of how we do what we do and how we define ourselves as a fellowship is in flux and unknowable.

How many of you have been looked to and sought out for information? How many of you have had to learn a new way and define a new length that you are willing to go to be helpful to your groups, your districts, and/or your committees? How many of you have been asked more than you could have imagined at this time of your service and at this phase of your journey? I know the answer. All of you. All of us. Each and everyone of you have in some way expressed the deepening weight of your cross during these trying times. It is during these hard times and challenging circumstances that I am reminded of the gift of purpose and I pray you have come to know a deeper purpose yourself. You were chosen to help and to lead now. Now during the hard times. Now in the pit of calamity and challenge. Now when many around us are losing their minds and blaming things on others. You are our beacons. You are our sources of sanity and grace. You were chosen to serve now, and I pray because of that fact you are more deeply fulfilled in purpose than you ever could have imagined.

And so my simple suggestion is this. Keep imagining. Keep dreaming with your Higher Power into this Great Reality. Keep seeking to help and keep finding others to do the work that is available. Each of you are tasked to serve as a Delegate in how you connect others to the threading grace of service. If one commitment is dying on the vine such as the coffee commitment, dream into reality a new one like weekly group email coordinator sending reminders of that weeks meeting. Or how are your literature reps keeping our literature in digital print available to the meetings in a streamlined and simple way that can be copied and pasted in the chat bars. See the links below as reference and I will put them in the chat bar now. These are filled with every pamphlet available, access to the Big Book (both in print and audio) and so much more. Having these bullets locked and loaded should be a participating service that each of you might share with another. This might be a great way to invigorate new ways of imaging the old ways.

ENGLISH:

<https://area8aalinks2aalit.glideapp.io/>

ESPANOL:

<https://area8aafolletos.glideapp.io/>

Btw, Karen is currently developing a link exclusively dedicated to the new person. We will be sure to share her successes ASAP.

Just imagine. That is all you need do... ever asking for that intuitive or creative thought. Just imagine!

So, I would like to transition to a few points:

1. With the Assembly upcoming, I am asking our DCM’s for time on your upcoming District Agenda’s to further share on the Conference Report. When can I visit? Do you even want me to visit? I have sent an email to you all asking just this question. Do you want me and if so, when?
2. Committee Chairs, same question: Do you want me and if so when? I have sought some of you out directly as much of the conference items recommitted in turn invite us to further discuss them throughout the coming months. How can I participate and support your committee’s?
3. DCM’s, our Grapevine Committee caught the virus and has been on a respirator for the last few months. However, it is back on its feet and seeking support. Please spread the word that our Grapevine Committee needs participation.
4. Our Member and Group Survey efforts have been strong and yet falling short of the numbers we had hoped. Especially from group secretaries. This is a request to you all, if your group secretary has not or will not complete the survey, please manage the effort in their stead. We currently have only 42 group surveys completed!!! That is embarrassing! As we forge our 12 Step efforts moving forward with over 1200 active groups in our Area, only 42 just does not cut it as a fair cross section. We need more participation. Please continue to spread the word.

Finally, I just want to say thank you to each of you that have been tirelessly working, serving and supporting one another. Our Translation Committee just won’t quit and has been managing their burden with smiles and graceful communications. Thank you! Our Paste Delegates and Area Officers have been banding around the conversation of group reopening support materials... thank you! Our YPACC and Survey Committee has been visiting each and every district... thank you!!! Our Armed Service Ad-hoc is vibrantly growing through the lens of service and unity... thank you!!!

We have so much to be thankful for. So thank you for choosing me to serve now. The experience has been transformative and fulfilling within the rapture and wonderment of my imagination. Thank you!!! I love you all!

**Alt Delegate’s Report:** Monty C**. :**Hello Family,

The planning of Unity Day is in full swing. We just completed the flyer in English and Spanish. I sent them earlier to post on the website and to add the event to the calendar.

Please pass the information also as it will be a workshop that you will not want to miss. Our Pacific Regional Trustee Kathy will be present. We will also have two Class B Trustee that will be our guest speakers. I will not tell you who right now. You will have to show up.

The event will be on July 18th from 10am to 1pm. We will have speakers from Areas 5, 9 and 93. We thank that you will love it.

In case you were aware, our assembly will be Saturday. We will have the GSR School / Orientation as usual. DCM and Committee Chairs, please ensure your GSR’s come to the school. It will be a quick 45 minutes of fun and networking.

If you would for me to attend your district meeting, please reach out.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

JoAnn

**Two minute Liaison Committee Reports:**

* Coordinating Council-SD: Pete:NP
* North County Intergroup: Mike H.: North County H&I is still on stand-by awaiting hospital and institution facilities to OK our return. We have explored alternative ways to share the message to alcoholics who cannot get to a meeting with limited success. We have successfully delivered Big Books and 12x12 to several facilities. We continue to be on stand-by and research ways to be of service. Thank you so much!
* Oficina Central Hispana-SD:
* Oficina Intergrupal Condado Norte: NP
* Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
* GSDYPAA:.NP
* NSDYPAA Andy: Katharine-noon meeting is now in the afternoon on Sundays and there will be a musical event in July via Zoom
* Native American Liaison: Wolf:
* East County Intergroup: NP
* Hispanic Women’s Workshop-Alicia is the contact person for 5th annual Women’s Workshop//Esther from LA is chair//we don’t know who the next liaison will be-this will be discussed at the next D15 meeting

**Old Business:**

* **Area Survey Update:** Katharine M. The flyer is on the website//so far 447 responses to English and 4 Spanish//42 English group and no Spanish groups//Please spread the word to all of your groups//we will try to make a printable version of the survey//how long will the survey be open? 90 days,because we aren’t using mileage we may be able to extend it//how do I find the meeting number for the Secretary survey-you need to log into making a contribution on the group portion of GSO, you can look up it by the name and address of the meeting//the Registrar can help, as well//are these questions coming from GSO or our Area-our Area//why are the questions so specific? The questions were written by Jane G. to get specific info about our Area//questions can be skipped//Is there a way to have a link on the Area 8 website to get group numbers-Karen responded that if that info could go to IT committee//Registrar needs help from DCMs to get rosters of GSRs//who should fill out the group survey? Only one member of the group, it doesn’t matter who does it-GSR or Secretary//
* **Finance and Treasurer Motions update:** Blaine H.: These will be discussed at the Big Day Assy
* in September//Jane G has created a review of the 2019 Finance report to help come to a group conscious on these motions
* **Postconference Assembly & Election 6/20/20** Jerry S. & Monty C.: Please remind your Districts to get all of your GSRs to attend//we will have great speakers//
* **Four Area DCM Sharing Session- 6/28/20-** Blaine H.:Flyers have been sent out//Jane G will be the keynote speaker//June 28-Sunday

**Master Calendar: Jo Anne;** The master calendar is non-existent but flyers for workshops were emailed out by the Chair. Zoom numbers may be posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website ([www.area8aa.org](http://www.area8aa.org/)) for the most up to date information. Corrections will be made by tomorrow. Send any changes or corrections to Joann.

Calendar will be updated to include upcoming events including the International Convention zoom numbers.

**Birthdays:** 2 persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting.

Break Time 8:13-8:25 pm

**New Business:**

* **Motion: Armed Services Committee to be Standing Committee-**John C.

Tiffany, Lucas, Bill and Blaine have made this ad-hoc committee happen, Bill W was a vet of WW1//a moment of silence for persons who gave their life in the line of duty//John C is a Vietnam war vet//combat medic//I had alcoholism and ptsd//we are proposing an amendment to the Area Assembly -The Armed Services Standing Committee//Motion presented to the Area Committee and need Committee approval to move forward to the Assembly for consideration//motion was read by John C.//

Questions: Joshua H.-Is this premature-it is typically for an ad hoc committee to operate for a calendar year? Perhaps this should be held off until the January Assembly//John C.-I don’t think so because we have such a large number of military personnel in Area 8//the Ad Hoc committee has all of the same privileges of a standing committee including budget//Let’s see this out for a year to get a report back of their activities//Katharine-I don’t think that it says anywhere there needs to be a year of waiting//this committee is already doing good work and it isn’t rushing//Jeremy-I agree with Katharine-there is so much of a military presence in our area, this committee had demonstrated a need//this could bring in a larger number of younger alcoholics who are in the service//Ernest-in all of the service work I have done, this has been the most rewarding work I have done, as a worker that serves the Armed Services I know the need is there//I ask all to support this committee//we could also serve as an example to other areas about this great need// military members are afraid to get help for their alcoholism//Rose P. I am in favor of this motion//I was asked to help with getting literature to a warship and it was difficult//Cheryl-22 years in the Navy and many in Civil Service,as treasurer I was given an input for a budget for this committee for the 2021 budget but couldn’t include it because it is not a committee//many groups object to the spending plan or budget and this committee will add to the already full budget I have prepared for 2021//Tiffany-the reason why we are hurrying is so we can have a budget//if we don’t become a committee we will have to wait 2 years for a budget//Rick (Wigs) we need this committee right away, I totally support this committee//Jerry S-in all service we pose the question if it is really needed, I speak strongly to this body to pass this motion on to the Assembly//they have organized very quickly//they have sent out many liaisons out to various service entities//Sandy-the composition of the committee looks like it will be broader than the GSRs, asking for special abilities such as ability to go on base, if one of these persons became chair without being a GSR would they be available for an Officer Position//Marc-I got sober in the military//I can see the value in having this committee and we have had ad hoc committees that have lasted for several years//the finances-ad hoc committees should have a budget//they will need time to form the committee and this should move slower in AA//They should be able to have a budget//**Call the Question Vote taken poll created- yes** 29 **73% no** 10 **27%** total at vote: 50

* **2021 Budget-**Cheryl F: proposed spending plan

Goal- $54,000 was gotten by going over the last five years of contributions on average 2% increase each year which would be $52,000// actual $58,153//there are 2 new lines for alternate//Standing committees monies have been broken down into line items//Grapevine needs seed money for Literature line J2 needs to be populated-this money will need to be approved by the ACM//this fell out because previously there wasn’t good accounting practices//requesting $100 to add to J2//How do we populate the Alt Officer’s positions? This can be changed during the next month, after July there can be no more changes//contact Cheryl or Joshua to move monies into Alternate positions//This is a spending plan and we cannot spend more money than we have//this $54,000 goal is about where we are operating// we would like to do a mid year reconsideration of the monies that haven’t been spent//this would bring us to a more reasonable calculation of what the groups send in//No one was cut in their 12 step work//PRAASA was removed from the budgets of the Standing Committees because that is not really 12 step work//we will be bringing something to the Assembly in September about spending money now to bring in money in the future//how will monies be reallocated mid year-move monies from unused lines to where it’s needed//Chuck-are we making line item transfers with a fluid budget//giving us flexibility during the year//how do we get these transfers get approved?

**DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form) 2 min. -** Even districts report this month.

**District 1:** Brian- NP

**District 2 :Jeremy-lower attendance at our zoom meetings and we are looking forward to in person meetings//we are looking to co-host workshops**

**District 3:**John: NP

**District 4:** Chuck P.: we were very pleased to support the Armed Services Committee with funding and a send off to GSO//we have a budgetary surplus//invitation to Jerry to join July meeting

**District 5**: Dave: We voted to co-sponsor the November assembly at our May meeting

* The inability to physically visit meetings has hindered our ability to enroll new GSRs and also to replace those who have rotated out of service
* Several meeting locations are set to allow “face to face” activities in the near future. Most have set strict guidelines on spacing, capacity and cleaning requirements. Larger meetings will be challenged with how to limit number of members with restricted seating requirements.
* Roughly 50% of groups have voted to continue only on Zoom for another 30 days.
* Contributions continue to be a problem due to resistance to Venmo - unemployment also an issue. Still hoping for “makeup cash” when physical meetings resume.
* Jerry S, area delegate will join us during our June 22 GSR meeting!

**District 6**: Natalie: we met last week//we don;t have many attendants on zoom, next month we will meet at my house outside//we sent money to GSO

**District 7**: Allison;Renea-NP

**District 8:** Angelina nothing to report//everyone's a little frustrated//hoping to have our first meeting in person in July
**District 9:** Lorie NP

**District 10**: Paul K.: Jane visited us and covered the survey//only 2 GSRs//we went over our finances//looking forward to have Jerry visit us in August

**District 11**: Linda-NP

**District 12**:Cindy: Jane attended our last meeting and explained the membership survey//we aren’t doing any workshops until Covid is over and we get our finances squared away//12-14 GSRs

**District 13:**  Ronnie;

**District 14**: Patrick; NP

**District 15**: Marcela:

**District 16**: Ted: we had a great June meeting//3 new GSRs//2 speakers-Tiffany and someone spoke about the survey//I want to get the survey done by groups//we want to make a donation to GSO

**District 17:** Santiago;

**District 18**: Esther: I am here as the alternate//we are working with Rodrigo//we are very interested in the Military Ad HOc committee//we would like her to join our forum//we have not been working on the survey yet.

**District 19:** Adrian:

**District 20**: Flint N: nothing to report

**District 21**: Rick;(Wigs) District Summary:

* Wigs, our DCM, opened the meeting via Zoom with the Serenity Prayer.
	+ Zoom again worked quite well.
* 7 GSRs were present plus our Alt. DCM and our regular attendee.
* We had no Birthdays this month.
* May’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report were approved. Balance on hand at the end May was $5,404.18.

Registrar:

* There has been one update to our Roster including online meetings. Roster has been published to the District.

DCM Report:

* Attended the ACM via Zoom. Again, very smooth. Reviewed meeting highlights.
* Our Delegate, Jerry, reported that a debrief of the GSC will take place Saturday the 20th at the Post-Conference ACM.
	+ He will also be attending our next D-21 GSR meeting on 2 July.
* The Delegate’s Report is available on the website: area8aa.org under “Delegate’s Corner”

Old Business:

* Continued to push the GSO $3.60 challenge.
* The Literature Box is being restocked and will be passed on to the next GSR as in person meetings grow.
* Teri H. has our box of Big Books and 12 X 12s ready for new AA members. One request so far.
* Poway Alano club is now open for meetings; attendance is limited to 15 persons per meeting. Zoom is setup to run simultaneously. Works well.

New Business:

* A 4-Area DCM Sharing Session is being planned, location and time TBD.
* North County Central Office has moved to: 1020 S. Santa Fe, Suite B, Vista, CA 92084

Guests:

* Tiffany from Armed Services ad hoc committee discussed progress she has already made, and presented urgent need for money, tokens, and literature. Members serving rely on literature and Grapevines. The committee has received contributions from District 4 ($100) and District 16 ($200). Motion made and passed for District 21 to contribute $500 for Literature. Also, Tiffany happily accepts old issues of Grapevine for redistribution. Contact Jill for her mailing address.
* Kay from San Diego YPAA presented current status of the Area 8 Member Survey. Jane, our recent area delegate, suggested remedies to work around problems that GSO has had with past surveys. One main purpose of the survey is to ascertain what workshop subjects are most popular, and to fine tune workshops to meet members’ needs.

Roundtable:

* Excellent GSR Roundtable.
	+ A Thursday night meeting has a large meeting area and is able to meet safely in person. Most are enjoying the zoom meetings. Some meetings have agreed to continue additional zoom meetings after the shutdown is completed.
	+ The RB Early Birds are starting combination in person and Zoom meetings as is the Tuesday evening Poway Men’s meeting at the Monday evening Rock the Talk.

The next District 21 meeting will be at 6:30pm on 2 July, 2020 at the *Peñasquitos Lutheran Church in Carmel Mountain Ranch.* If it remains closed, we will meet via Zoom. Instructions will be sent out to all in advance.

**Joke of the Month:**

**“Harrison Ford just turned up at my AA group.**

I've never seen Han so low.” **😂**

**District 22**: Lynda NP

**District 23:** Darryl: News from our Dist.23

Our last District meeting was on May 28th and was attended by 13 GSR’s.

The main focus was on how to distribute the new survey effectively while attending the zoom meetings. We all agreed to make an announcement then put the link in the chat so as many people would have the opportunity to participate.

Also someone from YPAACC has offered to come to our next meeting to answer all our questions and concerns.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities: Robert NP**

**Agenda:** John; :

**Archives:** John B. ;archives.area8@gmail.com

**CPC: Vito-**

**Grapevine:**.Marc J-Happy to do service as the GV Chair//years ago when I was a GSR I got on this committee and the Chair stepped down and I was elected to be the GV chair after Bobbie stood in//we met last Sunday and did an inventory//I would like to let all DCMs know that we need members and build up the committee again//we will meet every 2 weeks//encourage GSRs to join//the people who attended the committee meeting last Sunday are going to attend District meetings to reach out for new members, send me requests for our visits//we will be having a writer’s workshop later in the year//

**IT:** Chuck M. We had our regular meeting on 6/10/2020 via ZOOM. After a report from our web servant the remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussions of the pros/cons and other issues concerning hybrid meetings. We produced a report for possible presentation at the ACM and for use by other groups in preparation for reopening. I’ve also attached a copy of the report.

 Hybrid Meetings

As we are getting ready to reopen f2f (Face-to-face) meetings there has been a great deal of discussion on the tiaa (technology in aa) forum--tiaa-forum.org--as well as at our local meeting on just what our meeting are going to look like when they reopen. We discussed this in some detail at our monthly ITC (Information Technology Committee) meeting on Wednesday June 10th. While there many issues—size limits, masks, sanitation, enforcement, etc.—we focused on the technical issues, particularly hybrid—i.e. combined f2f and zoom—meetings. We discussed three main topics: are hybrid meetings even a good idea; hybrid meeting variations; technical issues. I also added a small cost discussion.

# Are hybrid meeting even a good idea?

* They provide increased access for our members. They allow those who are at high risk or have personal concerns to continue to share in the meeting while keeping themselves safe. They also allow remote members such as friends from different parts of the country or even the whole world or former meeting attendees who have moved away to attend.
* Will hybrid meeting be too distracting? We have used hybrid meeting at the ACM (using a laptop, a camera, a projector and speakers) and some workshops for years with very good results. But, these gatherings are different from regular AA meetings. Will the problems with muting and unmuting, poor network connections, audio feedback, etc. overwhelm the f2f participants?
* How about anonymity? Although Zoom and meeting hosts have worked to improve security those of us who are participating in zoom meetings understand and have accepted the dangers of anonymity breaks—for instance, someone can take a picture of the screen with all the participants and maliciously post it on the internet. But what about those who have avoided zoom meetings due to anonymity concerns? They will probably feel locked out of hybrid meetings also.
* As you can imagine there has been a great deal of feedback on experience with hybrid meetings. Some have had very good results while others have come to the opinion that hybrid meetings are just not worth it. Ultimately it will be up to every group on how they wish to proceed. There are alternatives and variations on hybrid meetings which will be discussed next.

# Hybrid meeting alternatives and variations

* One of our committee members reported that one of his meetings has decided to run parallel f2f and zoom meetings. This will mean essentially a split into two separate meetings with separate secretaries, etc.
* Limited zoom participation in hybrid meetings. At least one person reported on the tiaa forum that for a speaker participation meeting they were streaming the speaker via zoom but were not allowing zoom attendees to participate in the discussion.
* Hybrid meetings with limited technology. For small meetings a laptop on a table or stool may be enough. The laptop camera and mike would face the meeting and the f2f participants would be able to have a small view of the zoom participants and hear them on the laptop speakers.
* Hybrid meetings with increased technology such as our ACM (Area Committee Meetings). Adding a camera on a tripod with a directional mike, a projector for showing zoom participants and speakers so that zoom participants can be heard can greatly enhance the zoom experience. There are other variations on hardware. Some tiaa participants are using Bluetooth speakers with built in mikes in the middle of the room. Monitors can also be used in lieu of projectors.

# Hybrid technical and hardware issues

* Internet access. Does the meeting venue have internet access and are they willing to let us use it? When we have had internet access issues, I have used my phone as an internet hot spot without problem. I don’t watch movies on my phone and always have plenty of data so it’s not an issue for me, but we can’t count on someone in my circumstance to be available for every meeting.
* Room layout and setup. How big is the room? What is its shape? Will there be room to set up the hybrid equipment without interfering with the f2f meeting. Will the social distancing requirements make a good setup impossible?
* Equipment availability. Does a meeting attendee have a laptop and technical expertise that can be used for zoom? Are they willing to come back to the f2f meeting or are they willing to lend it to someone else and train them in its use? Is other needed equipment—camera, speakers, etc.—available or do they need to be purchased?

# Costs if needed

* Is a zoom license available? If license is not available can multiple meetings share the cost? A free license is probably not a good idea. The time and other limitations can be problems. At $19.95 a month the paid license—especially if it is shared—is a good investment.
* Does internet access need to be paid for? Can we pay someone for increased data on their phone or dedicated hot spot?
* How about other equipment such as cameras or speakers? Can we borrow it or does the meeting hall already have it? Since no one know how long the current crisis will last are we able and willing to pay for it? A quick check on Amazon shows:
	+ USB camera with mike roughly $40 to $50.
	+ USB or Bluetooth speakers roughly $15 to $35.
	+ Projectors $100 and up.

These topics were put together quickly in preparation for our ITC meeting and are not intended to be all inclusive. If anyone has any experience and/or thoughts on hybrid meetings, please send them to the IT committee and we will discuss them at our next committee meeting.

**Translation:** Richard:

**Finance:** Joshua; we are meeting and doing well, working on the budget

**Literature:** Sasha.:

**NCAIC (H&I): Michael H.:**

**Policy:** Ernest D.**; Next monthly meeting: July 7, 2020 (**The First Tuesday of next month.).

**Items discussed**

1. Our featured guest, Tiffany G, chair of the Area’s Adhoc Armed Services Committee, presented the Armed Services Committee motion for our review. This motion establishes a Standing Committee at the area level for cooperation with the Armed Services of the United States, which is being presented at tonight’s ACM and will be presented at Saturday’s Area Assembly.
2. The Committee discussed the direction of the Committee and discussed its future direction.
3. Structure and Guidelines still in process.
4. Area 08 Pamphlet- The committee is updating the pamphlet.
5. Guidelines on Planning an Assembly – Guidelines on Planning an Event is still under development.
6. The Committee will be meeting using Zoom for the foreseeable future.
7. Committee elected a new Secretary – Bill H. The Committee will like to thank our previous secretary, Renee R., who did an extraordinary job.

**Newsletter:** Jean S. Newsletter will be out for the June Assembly//we need articles-send

**Translation**: Richard-we have been VERY busy and we are looking for more translators me emails

**SD H&I:**  Gerry G. not alot going on in H & I//we found a webservant for H & I//Christine C will be the webmaster//Zoom meetings in facilities happening in SARP//we filled some literature requests for Las Colinas//we are still reaching out for a treasurer//haven’t found anyone to volunteer for that, elected position//Diana A is handling the responsibility temporarily//we are having our next Sunday meeting on Zoom//[www.sdhni.org](http://www.sdhni.org)

Christine C. has been appointed as our new website servant this month and will be handling website updates, posting of reports etc.

H&I Zoom meetings were started at SARP this month.

Literature request at Los Colinas was filled.

After reaching out to the area for a treasurer, there has been no response. Diana A. has stepped up to handle that responsibility until one can be found.

Our Policy Committee Mtg. will be held this coming Sunday, June 21st on Zoom as the committee conscience decided.

Please visit www.sdh&i.org for more info.

**Young People’s (YPAACC): Bill:** The committee meeting was held at the usual day and time, committee members that have visited districts had positive reports, more visits are scheduled. As of 5 days ago surve response numbers are:

Membership

English - 447

Spanish - 4

Group Secretary

English - 42

Spanish - 0

We will be having a workshop planning meeting tomorrow 6/19/20.

**Last Minute Stuff:**

**Closing**: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

**Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.**

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

**Next Assembly: Assembly- Post Conference Assembly**

**June 20, 2020**