

Policy Committee Minutes  
June 2, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom: 537 774 514 PW 5890211

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by Ernest D.-Chair

**Present were:** Ernest D, Renee R., Bill S., Bill H., Blaine H., Chuck P., Jane G., Susan H., Tiffany G., Flint N. John C.

Responsibility Pledge recited

**Opening Comments:** Ernest D.-Motion for the Armed Services Committee, we need a new Secretary (Renee is stepping down), AA Pamphlet

**Approval** of May 19, 2020 Minutes-Renee R.-minutes approved unanimously

**Items for Discussion**

- a. **Armed Services Committee Motion**-Tiffany G.-Why is this motion being brought to the Policy Committee (Chuck P.)//Policy Committee reviews motions//Document presented for proposed Motion to create a standing committee out of the Ad Hoc Committee for Armed Services//Motion was read by Tiffany G//Blaine H., John C., Ernest D. and Bill S. are current members of the ASC//Ernest D-it's important for San Diego to be able to outreach to Military members in the area//show the Area Committee how serious the committee is//Officer positions are detailed//George Right is the GSO contact for the ASC is involved and supportive of the ASC, and is writing a letter for the committee//Bill H-this is a no brainer//Susan H-point of clarification-meetings aboard military installations and committee members will need to have access to military installations//what is the level of cooperation with the military//there is a stigma for military personnel to request help with their alcoholism//if this info gets to the chain of command it will go on their file//there are repercussions for attending meetings//anonymity isn't very available to military members//meetings need to be on base for those who can't leave the base//Blaine H-attended meetings when on base and started meetings on base//there are several open meetings on base now//active duty members do go to meetings on base, but AA members at large are not able to go on base//Jane G-it isn't our job here to critique the process of how the ASC will function//Chuck P.-Tiffany used military jargon in the proposed document//on board military installations-means being on base//also, question last item on document membership requirement-requiring members to be able to go on military bases//we accept volunteers on committees without any prior knowledge so it shouldn't be required to those with access on base//Item E does allow anyone on the committee, but it should include members that have access to the base//Bill S.-we are here to work on how this motion adheres to our concepts and traditions//Jane G.-it's not an exclusion of others and the CPC

committee should be able to talk to non-Alcoholics//there is a special skill required just as other Committees//Committee members should include but not be exclusive to members who are authorized to access military installations//strike number E.//Tiffany G-we do have members who are civilian and veterans who cannot get on base//this is critical for the future so there will always members with access//Chuck P-My men's group has a sub group of members who are cleared to access the sub-base, offered to give Tiffany contacts//she already has enough contacts to navigate bases and installations//Bill S-this will be brought forward to the ACM and the hope is it will be forwarded to the upcoming Assembly//it will then go back to the groups for discussion and to be voted on the September Assembly//Vote taken to forward the Motion with the one change on number E//to go to the June ACM

2. **Group Conscious:** Ernest D- We normally have once a month meetings but because of all the work we have we now have 2 meetings a month//I would like to keep this meeting at one hour (the extra meeting) and longer on the regular meeting//I like telling people how to do Assemblies and the process of Flyers but I would like to know what others are thinking about doing these guidelines//Blaine H.-where we are going with the revision of the S&G-we are doing too much//how to do Area Assy is 9 pages with too much info on each item//just as we don't need a 6 page document on how to do a flyer//for example the Finance Committee Motion is 5 pages-and I have gotten complaints on this//The documents don't need to be so long//Jane G-the document isn't to be followed word for word, it's just a document with a helpful checklist//these are not have to documents//but we have, on the other side, not put down enough information to do these//Ernest D- people will be more comfortable with these documents and these documents need to be integrated into Area Service and promote them so they will be used//Bill S- I am ok with working as long as it takes to get our work done//The information is there if people want it//the Guidelines is already lengthy but it's not a book//the importance is not the length but what is there.
3. **Elect new Secretary:** thanks to Renee-is there anyone interested in being Secretary, this is important to document//**Bill H volunteered** and all thanked him!
4. **Structure and Guidelines:** -I would like to add a section about the Right to Appeal//Can a person appeal an amount allocated to them for example for monies for PRAASA//Funding isn't always enough for PRAASA and officers can't attend//Jane as alternate Delegate wasn't funded enough and couldn't go if not fully funded//People needing to pay out of pocket to go to events eliminates some servants attending events such as PRAASA//
5. **Guidelines on putting on an Assembly:** Sutton K:
6. **Policy Committee Web:** Bill H:
7. **AA Pamphlet:** Chuck P.: I sent out the revised Area 8 AA pamphlet//I was able to edit the original document//I still have not heard back from the North County H and I//I was able to edit out the icons//I changed up the format a little such as spacing//YPAACC-is written out by their request//and there's plenty of room to add Armed Services Committee as well as other potential committees//Bill S offered to contact North Co H & I as he is the liaison to it-please share this document with them to see if they like to

language or wish to change anything//Graphics-I see where I can create 15% more space with the margins//remove the underline from the link//this won't be finalized until the ASC has been approved//this can be formalized by putting this on the website//Agenda Committee may be going away//pamphlet doesn't need to go to the Assembly only the Area Committee-doesn't need to be approved//its a service piece depending on how it is on the website it can be downloaded and printed//

**Round Robin:** Bill S-where are we going with the S&G,

Next Meeting 1. June 16, 2020  
2. July 7, 2020

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 to come.

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm by Ernest

Respectfully submitted by Renee R. outgoing secretary of the Policy Committee