

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting  
July, 2020 Minutes**

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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](mailto: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 7:00 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*

**Registrar Report** submitted by Bill S. Hopefully, everyone is aware of an ongoing effort to record / register "all" of our area groups, at the same time to collect a group contact for each group absent of a GSR. The purpose for this is so the General Service Office and the Area Committee may have an accurate record of our groups within Area 08 and the means to communicate with them all. We are still waiting from a few Districts who have yet to complete and / or submit their District rosters to the Registrar or Alt. Registrar.

- To date 304 contacts have been collected.

This accounts for 268 groups – from an approximate areawide total of 1,639.

- All but 3 (of 23) Districts are reporting – excluding (1) other [District 17] rumored to be seeking to move to Yuma AZ.

- Thus far 211 GSRs are accounted for.

Excluded from this sum is 16 known Alternate GSRs.

- This currently calculates to 12.8% of groups known to be represented by a GSR. The number of unreported /

registered GSRs is estimated at 40, potentially raising the total group participation to 15.3%.

The next measure to complete the areawide group roster is to seek A.A. members throughout the area (beginning with

you – area service members) when attending meetings to inquire if the group is without a GSR. And if so, to request (to

help the area document) the groups information (e.g., type of meeting: open, closed, discussion, speaker, step study etc.,) the approximate number of group members, and of course a group member contact (again – in the absence of a GSR) e.g., group secretary, treasurer or long standing group member, to offer their name, email and telephone number in order to receive information on behalf of their group members. Just to be clear, this contact roster is strictly for the use of GSO, our area Officers and Committee Chairs ... so to provide occasional and useful information to our members throughout the area. A members contact information shall be held in confidence.

Thank you.

Group Change Forms, GSR and Group Contact Registration Forms can be found on the area website:

<http://www.area8aa.org/area-information/registrar>

Please email Group and Contact Information Forms or otherwise to:

Registrar: Bill S. [registrar@area8aa.org](mailto:registrar@area8aa.org)

Alt. Registrar: Richard O. [alt\\_registrar@area8aa.org](mailto:alt_registrar@area8aa.org)

### **Approval of June 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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary.area8sd@gmail.com)*
- June'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.

June 2020	June Actual	YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,122.70	19,548.32		42,311.68
Individual contributions:	155.00	3,022.50		

District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00		
Total contributions:	2,617.70	26,120.82	61,860.00	35,739.18
Total budgeted expenses:	3,999.00	20,894.64		-39,321.26
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-1,381.30	5,226.18		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	236.00		
Total expenses:	3,999.00	22,919.64		
Contributions less total expenses:	-1,381.30	3,201.18		
Total Cash Balance: June 2020	20,216.39		<b>25% of budget</b>	
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	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. I hope you have been able to access the Virtual International Convention at <aa.org>. Lots of the items are "quickies" if you just have a few minutes. Yesterday I was able to listen to our own Vito P.'s story. Lots of other virtual stuff is out there. I am looking forward to the Four Area Unity Day celebration on Saturday.

We mentioned last month about reopening our meetings and you can check to the Central Office website to see the ever increasing numbers of meetings that are doing so. Of course day to day things change as with the Governor's recent order to close back down places, such as churches, which had just recently opened up. Again, 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".

At the present time most Area functions are still being conducted on Zoom and I would like to thank the standing committees which responded to the request to update their presence on the Area website by including Zoom information on monthly meetings on their

individual page and on the monthly calendar. We are missing only a couple now. If you wish to do so now, I am sure that Karen would be happy to take that information. Some districts are meeting in person but currently only four of our districts have their Zoom information posted. If your district meetings are occurring on Zoom and not posted that way on the website please let Karen know.

We will hear from Katharine later about the Membership Survey. I understand that the response from the membership has been very good, but that from our groups has been less robust. The group response does not have to come from the GSR or even the Group Secretary, any member can complete the survey for the group. I have heard some grumbling about the survey questions. It should be remembered that it is anonymous and that taking the survey and choosing whether or not to answer individual questions is entirely voluntary.

IMPORTANT: I am sure not to be the only one to mention it, but declining contributions has put the General Service Office in a fix – having to withdraw from its prudent reserve just to make expenses. Please make sure your groups are aware of the need for some extra help.

Our next event will be the Big Day Assembly on Saturday 9/12. Although our hosting districts (6, 8, 11) attempted to find a live venue, it appears that it will be all Zoom. The flyer was distributed with the agenda for this meeting and DCMs please encourage your GSRs to attend both GSR school and the Assembly proper.

**Delegate's Report:** Jerry S : This past month has been wonderfully busy visiting our Districts and Committee's. I believe I have met with 6 Districts and 3 Committee is thus far. Report backs have been expeditious and follow up discussion engaging. Thank you to all the DCM's that adjust their respective District agendas to accommodate me. I had a wonderful time visiting with our Archives, Grapevine and YPAAC Committee's... I look forward to the potential follow up activity that was discussed! To those DCM's that I have not yet scheduled a visit with, I am waiting on your follow up. I will not force my visit. Please reach out and let's get our calendars synchronized! DCM's & Committee Chairs, I implore you to spread the word that our committees are struggling with participation at a time when their work is arguable more valuable today than ever before. Please be sure to integrate into your District agenda's a sharing session on how we can all redouble our commitments to our Area Committee's. Emphasize to your GSR's that at a time when many of our groups are struggling to offer a sound platform for members desiring to fulfill their legacy of service through group commitments, that our Area Committees are a great way towards fulfillment. What a wonderful time to participate in the conversation of accessibility, and reaching our professional communities, hospitals, detox centers, local therapist offices, churches. We are finally in the grip of realizing a need to fulfill a mid-year budget adjustment. Thank god for our enthusiasm in our Finance Committee! Policy seems to be up to its eye's in projects. And of course, our Armed Service Ad-Hoc continues to plug away and forge a unique demonstration of resilience!

Spread the word! Encourage your GSR's to fulfill the additional responsibility of service on our Area Committee's and of course an encouraging reminder that you do not need to be a GSR to do so... all members are welcome to participate!!!

Unity Day is this weekend. Be sure to come through and support Monty and all his efforts. I'm stoked!!! Most especially because I have not been asked to do anything... 100% passenger! Woot woot!!!

The International Convention continues through the month and is free and available online via GSO's website. Sign in and listen to our very own Vito share his experience, strength, and hope! What a surprise Vito!!! I was super pumped when I saw your name! We have a special sharing session around our Armed Services Ad-Hoc Committee on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm. Please spread the word to all those that would like to participate in the discussion.

On a personal note, my wife and I are heading out of town next week for some much needed one on one time to celebrate our 1-year anniversary. Can you believe it!!! Married, bought a house, Panel 70 delegate, Pandemic, got a dog... and we did not kill each other. Thanks AA!!!

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

We are down to the final stretch of our Unity Day Celebrations. If you haven't heard or been told, Unity Day will be this Saturday starting at 10am. This will be an event that you will not want to miss. This will be the first time every that I can recall us doing Unity Virtually.

I have always been told to reach out and ask for help. I reached out to Area 5, 9 and 93. They all have graciously jumped on board. This has been a collaborative effort by everyone. I would like to thank all the volunteers that have stepped up to help and everyone will step up to help in some kind of fashion.

Some of the speakers that will be featured are Brenda B from GSO. She currently resides at the Corrections Desk. There will be two Class B Trustees that will be speaking. Cathy Bechkam and Francis Gilroy. Our Pacific Regional Trustee Kathy F will be present. There is a host of other members from speaking. I will be sending the agenda for posting on the website.

We will still need some help on the day of the event. We have some volunteers Translators for ASL and Spanish. I am working with the Areas to get additional help. If you would like to help, please let me know.

DCM and Committee Chairs, please email the flyer and the agenda to your GSR. Let's make this a very large Area 8 attendance.

If your district or committee needs ideas, help or suggestion about putting together a workshop. DO not be afraid to ask for help. The Delegate has given numerous topics that we can do virtually as an area or region.

This has been a great learning experience for me. There were times where I felt like I was losing my mind, but I kept going. I am available and many of us are here to listen and help wherever possible.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Monty C

Alt Delegate Area 08

JoAnn Z.

**Two minute Liaison Committee Reports:**

- Coordinating Council-SD: NP
- North County Intergroup: Mike H.: M
- Oficina Central Hispana-SD: NP
- Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Marcela-we have reopened a group called Liberation 2
- Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
- GSDYPAA:.NP
- NSDYPAA Andy:
- Native American Liaison: Wolf: NP
- East County Intergroup: NP
- YPAA: Inside Lands event-diversity and unity in recovery, dance, July 25, 2020//weekly group meeting that is growing//successful Unity event
- Hispanic Women's Workshop-NP Nura will be the representative

**Old Business:**

- **Area Survey Update:** Katharine M. our member responses 646//only 6 individual responses from Spanish members and none from Spanish groups//65 English groups//we have been reaching out//180 surveys were begun but not finished//we would like to know how to make the survey more accessible//have you gotten responses from the deaf members? No way to filter that//Do you have any preliminary results from the survey thus far?This was advised against by a professional, so we aren't sharing that info yet//What have the DCMs done to get more participation? I have asked my GSRs what they are doing and the survey link can be put in the CHAT box and they got good results//I sent the survey link to my GSRs and for them to share this through their phone lists and contacts, asking people to go to the website doesn't seem to be the best way to get people to do the survey.
- **Ad Hoc Armed Services Committee Note** Tiffany G.I just wanted to let you all know that we are here to speak at your District meetings//we have a flyer that was sent out with ACM documents//When was this Committee added to the Website (which was removed and re-put up as an ad-hoc committee) this is misleading//Who asked Chuck to put it on the Website?Karen takes responsibility for putting it on the website//They have a page on the website and this is the way to find it//If they are approved and become a Committee then this will help the momentum//This is misrepresenting the ad-hoc committee as a standing committee//we are here to reach out to those still suffering what does it hurt to have this information available to any one going to the website//it is not misrepresented because we voted them in as an ad-hoc committee//perhaps they should be relocated to another place on the website, why can't this be walked back, they should not be under

the standing committees//all the work they are doing is worthy, will this be moving to the PI committee and Central Office//If I started an ad-hoc committee would it be on the website as well-what makes this committee more important?//Yes, any ad-hoc committee would be on the website//the question is not about whether this should be a committee or not, any ad-hoc committee should be on the website and the heading on the website could be "Area's Committees"//this is the IT committee's job as trusted servants//

- **Reminder of Four-Area Unity Day Celebration** Monty C. The deaf would like a separate Zoom meeting for Unity Day so the Interpreter will be a part of Unity Day and interpret to the deaf//Interpreter can be pinned to one's page//Monty will look into what could be done for this, Monty needs time to set this all up.

**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. I finally got a master calendar up with only 4 items//please email me if you have anything to add to it//any Zoom events can be added to the calendar//please also send to the IT committee to put up on the electronic calendar.

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

Break Time 8:12 pm- 8:20pm

#### **New Business:**

- **End of Year (2019) Report** Jane G.  
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2019-Year-End-Report-Narrative.pdf>  
 Reasons for why this report was created
  - 1) To test the duty of the Treasurer
  - 2) The motion to change what the Finance Committee
  - 3) GSRs have requested more detailed financial reports-easier to read
  - 4) I was asked to help revise the Service Manual-g geared towards the GSR

This was an ad-hoc committee (having a definite purpose and finish point) The current Treasurer turned over the Quick Books report from last year and then we made this report from that//The Area receives numerous checks per month but only writes about 20 which leaves room for error//2019 was a great year for the Area//began and ended the year with \$20,000//much cost went to the mileage of the Treasurer and alternate//We do need financials that are easy for the GSR to understand so that the GSR can explain the work done by the Area//DCMs-please discuss this report with your GSRs//We need to help our GSRs during this pandemic.

Questions: This seems to be an audit//Is there a question about how we are doing our finances?-Do you see the need to do an audit//The Area used to do an Audit

and that would be up to the Area if they want to do it//Finance Committee doesn't see this document working with their workload//I think this was a great presentation from Jane and we need a lot more work like this//I feel that the size of this document was intimidating and couldn't imagine handing this off to my GSRs-how do I present this to them? Start at page one and move through it//Thank you Jane for the work on this, I like it, The finance committee can use this as a template//I was at a meeting where the GSR sent this around on a clipboard with no explanation, this kind of communication doesn't work! Others were interested in the information this provides//wonderful job, Jane! You did a lot of hard work, took it to my district meeting and it went well with the GSRs and they were ready to take it to their groups//This might be a bit overwhelming for the Treasurer//this is great work and allows us to communicate this to the Area what the Area Committee is doing//there might be a one page document for the GSR to make a report, because they don't get a lot of time to give reports//maybe a summary//This is a full year's report and there might be a month to month report//the Treasurer has a lot to do already, this would be work for the finance committee members.

- **Request for Unbudgeted expense- \$50 to support TIAA (Technology in AA)** Chuck M. Many of us subscribe to the technology forum//a loose association with the National Technology of AA//we would like to help out with the shortfall of the forum and contribute a portion of needed funds//their server can't handle all of the emails and needs to have a higher level of email capability//we can afford this because we aren't driving all the miles//a vote was taken for this motion- out of 50 participants//motion passes
- **Presentation of Area Spending Plan for 2021** Cheryl F:  
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2021-Proposed-SpendingPlanJuly14.pdf>

Slides showing shortfall between 2015-2019-annual average is about \$4248//my budget for the spending plan is considerably lower than 2019//average over budget of 22.6% //Unbudgeted Expenses 8.4%//we are still sending money off to GSO every year//Changes in Contributions averages 10% per year//54,000 goal of next year//we have been budgeting higher than we have been needing to//we need to be sure we have enough funding for a future member that might be needing mileage or copies, so we shouldn't cut the budget too much-because I might not request money for something but someone else might//You should always request your costs so we have an accurate accounting of what is needed//that we are a bunch of amateurs, we are really doing very well by only being off by a small percentage//

2020 Spending Plan to be taken back to the groups//  
\$58,395

Largest change was item I 02: Ad Hoc Committee for Armed Services was added//Jean dropped her request for a computer and printer for the Newsletter and this money was moved to Armed Forces//Why can't we take our reserves and put it into the budget so that more can go to PRAASA for example//We have a surplus this year because of COVID, the



Finance Committee is looking into a way to spending the money on 12 Step work//How are we going to get from \$54,000 to \$58,000?//Cheryl tried to get to a realistic number without such a drastic change//CPC mileage was decreased and Area Committee rent is reduced because of credit moving forward to next year//why is this called a spending plan instead of a Budget-we will be voting in a Budget, not a spending plan!//Committees are not getting funding for PRAASA//25% of excess at year's end goes to cash on hand and the rest will be sent off to GSO//Because the Area isn't sending off excess to GSO quarterly, we have an excess of money//The Area is flush with money right now//Could we maybe increase the Prudent Reserve for a future emergency?//this could be brought up on the Assembly Floor//Rent for the ACM could be even lower as we will probably not meet thru September or longer -so monies set aside for ACM rent should be less-Flint N.-I make a motion to reduce the budget for AC< rent to \$475 in 2021//I am against lowering this amount because we shouldn't change it now//this is not written in stone and we don't know what's going to happen//vote taken 5 in favor more against//motion fails  
Motion to send the budget to the Assembly-In favor 28//against less than 28.

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

**District 1:** Brian-

**District 2 :**Jeremy-

**District 3:**John:

**District 4:** Chuck P.:

**District 5:** Dave F.: Jerry S, area delegate visited our June 22 meeting to recap GSC items

- The inability physically visit meetings has hindered our ability to enroll new GSRs and also to replace those who have rotated out of service
- Several locations are now allowing “face to face” meetings. Most have set strict guidelines on spacing, capacity and cleaning requirements. Larger meetings will be challenged with how to limit the number of members with restricted seating requirements.
- Roughly 50% of groups have voted to continue only on Zoom for the foreseeable future
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition continues to be a challenge but still hoping for “makeup cash” when physical meetings resume.

**District 6:** Natalie:

**District 7:** Allison;NP

**District 8:** Angelina

**District 9:** Lorie W. Short and sweet. We are still kicking heer in the epicenter of covid, Imperial Valley... The struggle to keep the doors open for face to face meetings is challenging.. Our district has not had the opportunity to have a meeting since February but several have kept in touch via zoom. or personal calls.I currently still serve asDCM and until September when the district members are allowed to gather formally to vote. It is at that time a full presentation to

law enforcement, legal representatives, medical personnel, mental health professionals and hopefully employers of businesses about what AA is , how it originated, and the benefits of recovery. I am hoping that Jerry, Monty , Blaine, and other representatives of the area 8 will be able to attend. . I will keep you informed of this areas continued efforts to keep our doors open . Thank you for letting me be of service.

**District 10:** Paul K.:

**District 11:** Linda-not much to report//no new meetings

**District 12:**Cindy:

**District 13:** Ronnie; NP

**District 14:** Patrick;

**District 15:** Marcela: I want to report that we have opened D15 in person but we may have to close again//but one group opened their doors for us-a new group//2 groups closed their doors because of Covid//but we are looking forward to everything getting back to normal so Jerry can visit us in person//the Treasurer is coming to visit us tomorrow.

**District 16:** Ted:

**District 17:** Santiago;

**District 18:** Esther:

**District 19:** Adrian: Our District Meeting on Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 was attended by 11 GSRs and District Officers. Asking GSRs to announce the District 19 Officer Election in September. The positions rotating are: Secretary, Registrar, and AltDCM Jerry reported back to our District from the Conference Discussed how best to help Carry the Message in the District and Area by utilizing our District Working Funds

**District 20:** Flint N:

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

- Wigs, our DCM, opened the meeting via Zoom with the Serenity Prayer.
- 5 GSRs were present plus our Alt. DCM and our regular attendee.
- We had no Birthdays this month.
- We did not have a Treasurer's Report this month.

Registrar:

- There were no updates to our D-21 Roster.

ACM Report:

- Attended the ACM via Zoom. Again, very smooth.
- The last ACM minutes were distributed.
- The Delegate's Report is available on the website: [area8aa.org](http://area8aa.org) under "Delegate's Corner"

Old Business:

- Continued to push the GSO \$3.60 challenge.
- Remind Newcomers that Big Books and 12 X 12s are available free.
- 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:

- Covered the International AA Convention which is taking place virtually during the month of July. See [2020convention.aa.org](http://2020convention.aa.org).

Guest:

- Our guest, Jerry S., Panel 70 Delegate, gave a report on the 2020 General Services Conference which was held on Zoom. Jerry showed us two reports he generated from the conference: A Quick Reference Guide to the conference actions and a Results Spreadsheet. From these we can see what came of the items we had discussed and provided group conscience inputs for the Conference. The Zoom Conference was condensed to 4 days; it consisted of 93 delegates, 21 trustees, 6 non-trustee directors and 15 GSO staff members. Floor discussion was limited to 45 minutes per topic, with anything needing further discussion postponed to the 2021 Conference. Further, the agenda was abridged to about 40% of the original workload. Jerry's assigned committees are Grapevine and Archives. The Grapevine Committee has officially changed its name to the Grapevine and La Viña Committee.
- The 2019 Financial Report showed good contributions. We have a steady increase in online contributions. Jerry encouraged us to do online contributing if at all possible because the expense of doing so from the GSO standpoint is considerably less than processing a check. The final audit is still not completed (cf. Covid 19). The 2020 budget has had to be completely reworked to consider the impact of Covid 19. There has been a drawdown of the prudent reserve; and a review of expenses.
- Jerry reviewed the committees' reported actions and committee considerations, as shown in our handouts. Available under "Delegate's Corner" on the [Area8aa.org](http://Area8aa.org) website. Thank you, Jerry, for an enthusiastic and informative report!!
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Roundtable:

- Excellent GSR Roundtable.
  - Rock the Talk – Rick reported that they are separately doing Zoom and a face to face meetings. It is working well for them while in the Covid mode.
  - RB Early Birds/Just Say No to Corona – Tom reported that the Broken Yolk is open and the Early Birds have started in-person again. These two meetings are not hybrid. Each is going on. The EB meeting is limited to 25 persons; this may be a problem meeting the rent. The Just Say No to Corona will continue – probably beyond when meetings all go back. They do virtual basket on Venmo with no problem.
  - Monday Night Women's Book Study – Sahara reported that there is no current plan to resume in-person meetings. They have been paying rent to the church to reserve the space when it is possible to return. They have modified their format so that they are incorporating the Traditions in the Book rotation: a chapter from the first 164 pages; a story; a tradition.
  - TGIF – Kenny reported that on Zoom they are not getting many newcomers. The church has not reopened; no plans for returning to in-person meetings at this time. They have adjusted their service commitments to add the "host" of the

zoom meeting, so that the secretary isn't trying to be both host and secretary. They also have a slide visual for their announcements – literature, 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, etc. because putting this in the chat was becoming distracting.

- PQ Tuesday and Thursday – James reported that Tuesday is looking at rotating the positions; Thursday is working with a secretary who went out, but is back. They will decide what to do in the next meeting. The church is still closed with no specific plan to reopen at this time. Meetings will continue on Zoom.

The next District 21 meeting will be at 6:30pm on 6 August, 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:**

#### **“Why did the ghost have to join AA?”**

He had a problem with BOOze!” 😂

**District 22:** Lynda

**District 23:** Darryl: News from Area 8

News from other Districts.

Due to the rise in Covid cases meeting halls are reclosing.

News from our Dist.23

Our last District meeting was on June 25<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 13 GSR's.

We also had 2 guests Jane G. past delegate, and Lauren B. from YPAACC.

Both ladies explain the origins and the need for the latest survey and all the ways it can be distributed. They were very informative and helpful. We have continued to promote the survey to as many as possible.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities:** Robert NP

**Agenda:** John resigned

**Archives:** John B. ; [archives.area8@gmail.com](mailto:archives.area8@gmail.com)

We at the Archives Committee thank Jerry for attending our July meeting. Under his guidance we discussed the current AA history book project being considered.

Archives Committee is happy to announce that we are now digitally archiving Area documents, specifically, all documents that exist digitally and have been made

available thru E- mail since June 2020. The work of going back thru all the digital documents that are saved in E- mail servers that is accessible. The digital archives are being preserved on an external hard drive. As the work progresses, the Archives Committee may be reaching out to Committee Chairs / Secretaries to get historic documents, such as minutes, etc.

At this time we are not digitizing any hard copy documents stored in Central Office. Archives Committee looks forward to starting this work at our soonest convenience.

It has been decided in the Archives Committee that the annual ROOTS event will be held on Zoom. We did not arrive at this decision easily; we waited until we felt it was the last possible moment to make this decision. The Zoom platform does allow for some exciting opportunities with our format. Archives Committee is discussing making some changes to the ROOTS program that we hope will enhance the experience this year. More on this to come in future reports.

If you are a Committee Chair, please send us your minutes!

Archives Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month on Zoom, at ID: 929- 5741-2755, password: 718582. We welcome all who wish to get involved.

**CPC-Vito:**

**Grapevine:** Marc J-Grapevine Report

- We've had 2 meetings since our last ACM, and have gained 4 new standing committee members, which now gives us a total of 6 standing committee members.
- We had seven in attendance at our last meeting, including four standing committee members.
- Three of us did an inventory of Grapevine materials, and I have begun rebuilding our financial and inventory tracking systems to pass on to the new chairperson.
- Our delegate, Jerry, visited us at the last meeting, and we had a wonderful and enlightening presentation on what happened in his Conference Grapevine Committee. We will be looking at some of their actions and including them in one of our future workshops.
- One of our members has created a wonderful Grapevine presentation and will be presenting that at the Unity Day celebration this Saturday. And we are excited for that.
- We are working on some committee guidelines, especially job descriptions for the key positions.
- While we had to cancel the July 19th Grapevine workshop, we are working on doing one on October 10th, if that date works in the master calendar

**IT:** Chuck M. We had our regular meeting on 7/08/2020 via ZOOM. After a report from our web servant the remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussions of experience or issues that our members have experienced in their zoom meetings.

The Technology in AA (TIAA) forum is facing a shortfall of \$375 due to increased email costs due to the coronavirus. We were unanimous in support of sending a \$50 contribution to help offset this cost. We will ask for a \$50 unbudgeted expense at the ACM to send a contribution.

**Translation:** Richard:

**Finance:** Joshua;

**Literature:** Sasha.: NP

**NCAIC (H&I): Michael 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.

**Policy:** Ernest D.; The Structure and Guidelines continues. The current updated version includes (1) language contained in the version posted on the web site dated August 2017, (2) language contained in the Adhoc reported prepared in 2018, and (3) input received in 2019.

**Newsletter:** Jean S. NP

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

**SD H&I:** Gerry G.

**Young People's (YPAACC):** Bill:

**Last Minute Stuff:**

**Closing:** Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

**Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted, Panel 70 Area Secretary : Renee R.*

**Next Assembly: September 12, 2020  
Big Day Assembly**