

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting  
May 21, 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 7:01 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.

*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 made. 42 out of 45 present**

**Approval of April 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)*
- April'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: 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//

<b>April 2020</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>2020 Budget 61,860.00</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
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		<b>25% of budget</b>	
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Two minute Liaison Committee Reports: Jo Ann Z:**

- Coordinating Council-SD: Pete NP
- North County Intergroup: Mike: our NC office is now taking phone orders for literature 10-2pm//with the shake up on contributions we received in excess of \$15,000
- Oficina Central Hispana-SD: NP
- Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte: NP
- Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
- GSDYPAA:.NP
- NSDYPAA Andy: we are really excited we have our camp in event on Zoom//lots of events//weekly Sunday meeting at noon//
- Native American Liaison: Wolf:
- East County Intergroup: NP

### **Old Business:**

- **Area Survey Update:** Kathyrine: 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 ad hoc 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.

**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.

**Birthdays:** 4 persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting.

**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

Break Time 8:10-8:20 pm

#### **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**

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

**District 1:** Brian-district meetings via zoom have been light//I have been forwarding all ARea info to my GSRs.

**District 2 :John-**

**District 3:**John: Ditto Brian

**District 4:** Chuck P.:

**District 5:** Dave: underground in person meetings are happening //hope to commit to an Assembly

**District 6:** Natalie:

**District 7:** Allison;Renea-we still have our zoom meetings, nothing to report

**District 8:** Angelina

**District 9:** Lorie HI all. The Imperial valley is still here and with the social distancing and regulations. The following meetings are still be held face to face as follows:

The Triangle daily but minimal attendance

The 151 Club in - Brawley also with very few in attendance. They are no longer able to meet at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital but at the club itself. A Sunday night Zoom meeting has been created and attendance on line has been averaging 10 to 15 people.

The Alano Club in El Centro is open but has had very few in attendance. There has been a new meeting created under the umbrella of the Triangle called Young and Thirsty. for the young newcomers and are hosting zoom meetings at noon daily and 5 p.m to 6pm. Monday to Friday.

All are welcome to attend. Birthdays are still being celebrate with tokens and sobriety cards. Hopefully when this social distancing is lifted we AA valleyites can gather for a gnarly picnic.

Finances are holding steady and a good sum was sent to promote the H & I of the area in the amount of \$256.00. Rotation of leadership for the DCM position will be forthcoming as I have served my 2 year commitment . The District will be nominating and voting once we are all able to gather face to face. . We will do our best to keep closer contact with the Area . Thank you for letting be of service . Lorie W DCM District 9

**District 10:** Paul K.:

District 11: Linda-zoom meetings are being attended by our GSRs//we want to have a Workshop on using Zoom

**District 12:**Cindy:

**District 13:** Ronnie; NP

**District 14:** Patrick;

**District 15:** Marcela: on the phone: Good evening//we have a new group that had closed and has re-opened//we have various groups that are on zoom//and a few groups meeting in person

**District 16:** Ted:

**District 17:** Santiago;NP

**District 18:** Carlos:

**District 19:** Adrian: Our District Meeting on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was attended by 18 GSRs and District Officers. Great turnout

- Created Ad Hoc Committee to host workshop. Six members of District are involved. We have created the Workshop Format and scheduled it.
- Continued follow-up with GSRs on status of Zoom meetings. Most are settling into the new normal and doing well. All meetings represented by GSRs have transitioned on line except for one, BYOB
- Discussed: Dark Meeting outreach and approach I when announcing in meetings while representing the district. Created a spreadsheet of active Zoom meeting that are not represented at the District level. The hope is that GSRs will attend some of these meetings and make an announcement on behalf of the District.

**District 20:** Flint N:

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

- Wigs, our DCM, opened the meeting via Zoom with the Serenity Prayer.
  - Zoom again worked quite well.
- 11 GSRs were present plus our Alt. DCM and a regular attendee who has awesome experience that adds to the group.
- We had one Birthday. Kenny celebrated 4 years! Congratulations to Kenny!!!
- April's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Balance on hand at end of March was \$5,709.20 and at the end of April was \$5,749.20.

Registrar:

- We sent out an updated copy of our Roster that included online meetings.

#### DCM Report:

- Attended the ACM via Zoom. Very smooth. Reviewed meeting highlights.
- Reviewed events that will now be online.
- Continued to push the GSO \$3.60 challenge.
- The Delegate's Report is available on the website: [area8aa.org](http://area8aa.org) under "Delegate's Corner"

#### Old Business:

- Continued discussion of D-21's prudent reserve which we finally locked in at \$500.00. The excess funds will be intelligently distributed within the Area 8.

#### New Business:

- There was a discussion as to when meetings will be going back to face-to-face. We determined that this was not a District issue. Rather it will be determined by the venues where that meetings take place which will receive guidance from the State.
- North County Central Office has moved to: 1020 S. Santa Fe, Suite B, Vista, CA 92084
- After the meeting, our Alt. DCM suggested a District program to provide a Big Book and a Twelve & Twelve to any group newcomer with less than 30 days and in need. This is one way District-21 will put its excess funds to good use. It was unanimously approved and implemented.

#### Roundtable:

- Excellent GSR Roundtable.
  - Good conversation regards how people are adjusting to the new world order as a result of the virus. Excellent sharing.

Next District 21 meeting will be at 6:30pm on 4 June, 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:

*"She was only a whisky maker,  
but he loved her still!"*

#### **District 22:** Lynda

**District 23:** Darryl; We did get a new GSR from Sobriety Rocks 8:30 am M-F meeting. First one since we started on zoom meetings. Our last zoom on meeting 4-23-20 we had 14 GSR's that attended. All our ZM have been well attended. I do however have a bit of a problem about the minutes after the ACM's. The

ACM is on the 3rd Thursday and my DCM meeting is on the 4th Thursday. So Im



getting last month's minutes for this month's meeting. We used to get an abbreviated version of the minutes that was like a page and a half of only the more crucial parts of the meeting that we needed to report back to our GSR's. Is there any way that would return? I understand keeping up with all these documents is no easy task, but the abbreviated version of minutes made giving my report back to group a lot more effective.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities: Robert**

**Archives:** John B.; we have now had a second meeting on Zoom//remind all DCMs that the Archives committee is trying to capture everything to do with this period of Covid-flyers, hybrid meetings, etc [archives.area8@gmail.com](mailto:archives.area8@gmail.com)

**Agenda Committee:** John-I've been the committee chair for about 6 months//the committee doesn't seem to do very much//checking the agendas for ACMs and Assemblies//Policy committee came up with various other responsibilities that may have been used in the past//I will try to pick this up and we will start meeting again on Zoom//previewing agenda items could be an added purpose//

**CPC: Vito-** NP

**Grapevine:** Joel NP

**IT:** Chuck M.

**Translation:** Richard:

**Finance:** Joshua;

**Literature:** Sasha.: we had a great zoom meeting on Monday//talking about a Workshop about the process or path of an agenda item all the way to the Conference//Asking for any members who may have created an agenda item and could share that process with us//we are going to also reach out to others outside the Area who has done this//we want to make this more comprehensible to members//Akron pamphlets were discussed, Renee did a report on that-mainly a historical piece//very interesting to see all the material that was available as a layman's guide//send me an email if you can help with our agenda project.

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

**Policy:** Ernest D.; **Chuck P.** We are working on an update on the ARea Pamphlet//we have added YPAACC//we are anticipating the Military Ad Hoc Committee will become an Area Standing Committee and it will be added later//

**Newsletter:** Jean S.

**SD H&I:** Gerry G. **SDIAIC Chair Report to the Area 8 Committee**  
**May 21, 2020**

Sent request to Area 8 membership for volunteers to fill vacant SDIAIC Treasurer and Web Servant positions and received no response.

Donated \$500 to So. Cal Intergroup for literature.

Sent copy of new SDH&I Orientation Power Point to Districts 15 & 18 for review and feedback. No response yet!

Completed and mailed 2019 Taxes and 501 C 3 biannual renewal forms to California State and Federal Agencies.

Postponed "Spring into Service" event until sometime in the fall of this year.

More info may be found at the H&I info table today or the local website at: [www.sdhandi.org](http://www.sdhandi.org)

**Young People's (YPAACC): Bill:** We met on the second Friday via zoom for our regular business meeting.

The membership survey is now live, and various committee members have volunteered to visit district meetings for outreach.

**Last Minute Stuff:**

**Closing:** Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

**Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.**

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

**Next Assembly: Assembly- Post Conference Assembly  
June 20, 2020**