

**Area 08 San Diego-Imperial
Big Day Assembly Minutes
September 12, 2020**

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Zoom ID 979 3829 6005
Password: EYEloveA8

Assembly called to order at 9:15 am by Blaine H. Area 8 Chair
Remember to mute when not sharing, please rename yourselves by first name and position held.

A moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer**

Declaration of Unity-"This we owe to AA's Future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

Introductions: New GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, Alternates, Past Delegates, Guests

Secretary's Report: Minutes of June Post-Conference Assembly-Renee R, Secretary.

Motion to pass, Seconded, Minutes passed unanimously

Treasurer Report-Charyl F., Treasurer

July 2020	July Actual	YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	3,305.73	22,854.05	61,860.00	39005.95
Individual contributions:	273.55	3,296.05		
District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00		
Total contributions:	3,579.28	29,700.10	61,860.00	
Total budgeted expenses:	569.39	22,951.68	61,860.00	-38,908.32
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	3,009.89	6,748.42		

Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	406.00		
Total expenses:	569.39	23,357		
Contributions less total expenses:	3,009.89	6,342.42		
Total Cash Balance: July 2020	22,199.98		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Bill-Registrar: quorum for the day//introduction to the process via zoom//business voting requires a quorum//a poll will be posted for various offices//
57 % GSRs vs. 26% Officers, Committee Chairs, DCMs out of 117 participants
Quorum was met.

Plan for the day//Area Business

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Motion to Change the Duties of the Finance Committee-Jane G.

(Discussion and Final Vote)

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/EnglishMotion-to-Change-the-Duties-of-the-Finance-Committee-Split-copy-2.pdf>

Motion read by Jane G.

Discussion: Joshua-(Finance Chair) the Finance Committee agree there should be a new set of guidelines for what the Finance Committee does, and some points are great and others go to far like an audit committee, requesting numerous reports and charts//the Finance committee believes it should set its own duties and requests a no vote on this Motion//Cheryl F. (Treasurer) the author of this motion is the only one who understands the motion, there are some good points included in the motion but the Finance Committee would prefer to look at each point and determine whether they wish to utilize the suggestions//this motion is over-reaching//the Finance committee already does many of these suggestions//this motion was written for the GSRs to better understand where money is spent-12 Step work done by the Groups//this is a beginning, it is sweeping and as implemented changes will begin to happen//this is for GSRs and members to understand what is being done with their 7 tradition monies//Finance committee meetings go

at least 2 hours and they are doing more work than they used to, as an accountant I see where this motion is going but I think this should be paid work, more than what the voluntary service should do//is this motion meant to make the Finance committee and reports more transparent? Yes, there might need to be additional members on the Finance Committee to do this work//we will be paving the way for great things to come in the future//
Discussion ended

Vote to be conducted by a pole:

140 attending

Yes: 46%

No: 44%

Abstain: 10%

Motion Fails due to lack of 2/3rds for the motion

Minority Opinion- GSRs are telling us that they would like more clarity about their monies and how they are spent-what happens now that the motion wasn't passed//will anyone look at the better points that the motion brings up in the future or does it all just go away.

Ques: Does anyone wish to change their vote from no to yes?

Vote stands, no-one wishing to change their vote.

Presentation of the Motion to Change the Duties of the Finance Committee - Final Vote September 12, 20202

The table below shows that before the pandemic, there were over 1640 meetings listed in the directories of our local central offices. The following number is presented to give you an idea of the strength of the current ability to reach groups in matters about AA as a whole. Groups need a General Service Representative, commonly referred to as a GSR, to be informed on matters affecting AA as a whole. Pre-pandemic 14% of the listed meetings were represented by General Service Representatives; this means 85% of the meetings listed are likely to be out of the communication loop. The numbers and varieties of meetings appearing on the websites of each central office are displayed. It is noted the total of the Post Pandemic meetings is 29% of the number listed Pre-Pandemic. What this means for the number of represented groups is unknown. I want us all to think about what this may mean for the future of AA and its service committees. (This table was created on 8-25-2020. The data changes daily.)

Count of Groups in the San Diego-Imperial Area

PRE-PANDEMIC		
Listed	1640	
GSO & Central Offices		
General Service Structure		
Represented	225	14%
Unrepresented	1415	85%
TODAY*	San Diego Central Office	North County Central Office
Zoom Only	210	230
Room & Zoom (Hybrid)		
Room Only		12
Phone Meetings	10	
Outdoor Meetings	20	
Total Today		482

It has now been 10 months since this motion was first heard by our assembly. This motion was met with strong objection by the Treasurer and Finance Committee. This motion directs the Finance Committee members to have access to all the area's financial information so they can insure GSRs are provided with accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports. If GSRs do not have accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports, GSRs cannot inform their groups on the 12-Step work performed by the area.

Groups need to understand how to participate in local 12-Step work, which includes their responsibility to AA as a whole. AA areas are the entities of the service structure that serve their local groups by performing the 12-Step work in their local geographic area. GSO is simply the resource provider of literature, service materials, and other information in order that assists areas in their 12-Step activities. GSO does not do 12-Step work. 12-Step work is performed by the standing committees of local areas. Like GSO, Area Assemblies and Area Committees are necessary to simply provide the structure for the coordination of 12-Step work.

I saw **three** key reasons for submitting this motion:

1. In the 10 years I have been in service to this area, the area inventories have consistently and repeatedly held the voiced request from GSRs for accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports. The failure to respond to this request means the area is ignoring the key principle of our service structure - the Right of Participation. If GSRs do not understand the work of the area and how its money is spent, they cannot inform their groups on the work of the area or AA as a whole.
2. 12-Step work maintains AA as a movement. Its performance keeps our membership active in their sobriety while they extend the hand to those who will grasp it in the future. The area continues to expand its 12-Step work. Our area currently has **14** service committees. The area directly finances **12** of those committees, and the body of the assembly is considering the proposal to add another. Let's think about how the delivery of accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports would assist to replace the fear and confusion in growing the area's 12-Step work. Reliable financial reporting would help to include the balance of cash available in the checking account as well as the budget. We need to replace the reaction of confusion and fear of growing 12-Step work with the confidence provided by the details of the total work performed through the support of the groups.
3. Rotation of our voluntary service workers is the primary reason for this motion. GSRs, you have a vital decision to make on this proposal because adopting this set of duties, or even simply making them an experiment, directs the work of the currently serving Treasurer and Finance Committee members as well as those who come in the future. It is the groups through their GSRs who direct the work of the area in creating accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports.

The work outlined in this motion simply allows the members of the Finance Committee to access the area's financial information for their participation in creating accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports. The duties in the motion are simple, commonly-found accounting practices used in any responsible organization. Most of us are familiar with asking someone to proofread our type-written reports. The duties in this motion essentially allow the Finance Committee members to proof-read the area's finances and assist GSRs by developing and delivering to them the accurate, detailed, and easy-to-understand financial reports they need to inform their groups on the 12-Step work activities of the area and AA as a whole. The adoption of these duties helps to insure the Right of Participation, which is probably the primary spiritual principle of the service structure is practiced in all the areas affairs.

Passing of this motion simply allows the Finance Committee members in this and future rotations to access the area's financial information. Without inserting these duties into the guidelines, future rotations will not be informed of this work assignment and the access to the financial data. If this motion is passed, the Area Chair will be asked to appoint an Ad hoc Committee to initiate an implementation process. This will take a lot of work and provide an active partnership with GSRs in order to serve their informational needs. The reporting on the active exploration process will provide insight into all the work the area has been doing as well as discovering new ideas for 12-Step work.

Submitted by: Jane G., Past Delegate of the San Diego-Imperial Area, Panel 66

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Motion J: To Change Titles, Duties and Responsibilities of Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer

(Questions of clarification only)-Jane G.

How does this motion affect the movement of funds such as what will be discussed later? The reallocation of funds due to Covid is a one time case and Jane couldn't answer this question//Cheryl-there is nothing that stops reallocation

What is the reason for separate accounts and passwords? // no implementation plan or outline// will be done with finance committee//will two separate bank accounts be implemented?//No.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/EnglishNew-Treasurer-Position-Motion-1.21.19.pdf>

Motion P: Treasurer/Accounts Treasurer Responsibilities-Paul K.

(Questions of clarification only)

Joshua,

Accounts Treasurer is in lieu of Alternate Treasurer? Yes, change the title of Alt to Accounts would be recommended//alt Treasurer is doing what is defined by accounts Treasurer//This motion was written to update guidelines of what Treasurer and Alt do already//

Jane, what is alt treasurer doing now?//performing duties in this motion// is that what Cheryl is doing now//Cheryl, no, not exactly.//all accounting is currently being done by Cheryl (Treasurer) due to Covid

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https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/EnglishTreasurer-Responsibility-motion_.pdf

Short Break 10:54 to 11am

Discussion of Motions J and P

Paul Ke-the issue with motion J doesn't allow for the alternate to be able to take over the other's position by not having account and passwords of each other//no contributions could be made or reimbursements made if main Treasurer or Alternate (Accounts) Treasurer is out ill//

With motion J the Treasurer couldn't abscond with Area monies//Marc-former Treasurer-neither motion should be passed//we should trust our trusted servants to split up the duties//Area 5 guidelines are detailed and take away to right of decision of area officers//Treasurer needs to be able to do both positions in case the alternate isn't available//Is this being done because of an error in the financial report//Paul Ke did a 3 year audit and corrected the error which was fortunately in our favor//Jane did a year end report as is supposed to be done annually//and there is a glitch in QuickBooks//the issues we have had in the past could be helped with an audit at each term's end//In the world of venmo during Covid-the Treasurer is able to make a report as to who sends money to the Area.

Preference Vote Between J and P

Which Motion is preferred by your group?

Jane's Motion J 44%

Or

Paul's Motion P 56%

Minority Opinion?

THE* PREFERENCE VOTE

Currently we have two motions regarding our Area 8 treasurer positions (currently a Treasurer and an Alternate Treasurer) which are coming before the Assembly for a final vote to be included in our Area Structure & Guidelines.

Motion J: To Change Titles, Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer

Motion P: Treasurer and Accounts Treasurer Responsibilities

While it is certainly possible to choose to adopt neither of these motions, in which case the Structure & Guidelines would not be changed and we would continue on as we had before, what is NOT possible is the adoption of BOTH of these motions. In essence they are competing with one another. Because of the nature of our approval process (substantial unanimity defined as a 2/3 majority), it becomes necessary for the Assembly to first choose between the two, which of the motions it wishes to vote on for adoption. Therefore we have elected to conduct a Preference Vote between the two motions. It is most important to note that a preference for one motion over the other DOES NOT necessarily mean supporting the adoption of that motion, simply that it is preferred over the other alternative. Only the FINAL VOTE on the chosen motion will determine whether or not it is adopted.

We do not wish to insult anyone's intelligence here, but we will present a hypothetical example in order to better explain the Preference Vote/Final Vote process.

Assume that the Area has an official ice cream, defined in the Structure & Guidelines as Fudge Ripple. Assume that there are two motions put forward to change that, one for Strawberry, and the

other for Mango Sorbet. Should you (your group) support the change to Strawberry, wanting it to become the official ice cream, you would vote for it in the Preference Vote and, should it win the Preference Vote, vote for it to be adopted in the Final Vote.

However, should you (your group) be in favor of retaining the Fudge Ripple, not changing the Structure & Guidelines, we would ask that you still make a choice between Strawberry and Mango Sorbet in the Preference Vote, but then you would express your support for Fudge Ripple by voting against adopting the winner of the Preference Vote when the Final Vote is taken.

Perhaps this has helped make the process clearer, but if not, perhaps it has sent you to the freezer for some cool refreshment.

Final Vote on Motion selected in the Preference Vote-Blaine H.

Motion P vote:

Yes: 42%

No: 43%

Abstain: 14%

Motion Fails because not a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

Guest Speaker-Dr, Al Mooney, Alcoholics Anonymous Class A Trustee

Al Mooney... grateful member of Alanon, Class a Trustee of AA. Being a friend of AA is how I identify myself. Wonderful to watch the process of what we do in service. I am struggling with the adaptation of virus times. What other times could we have the opportunity to visit other places like we do now via the internet. Going to Ghana and experiencing the issues of getting AA started in that area. One of the things I hope to convey as a non alcoholic trustee is the power of the fellowship. My Dad was a paratrooper in WWII, he went to prison and was introduced to AA. Dad was injured in the war and that is where his problems started. Al was introduced to AA through his dad. When his dad disappeared his family would tell him he was off learning to be a better doctor, when he was actually in prison. His dad became involved in prison with a group called addicts anonymous, forebearer to narcotics anonymous. In the 50s when his dad was having trouble there were not a lot of options available to get help. When his dad came home he told Al that he had been in prison. For some reason hearing that lifted a burden from Al, today he realizes that it was hearing the truth, the truth will set you free. His father was

a new man from the one he remembered. How did a new person get put into his dad's body? This is referred to as the psychic change? Since his dad was a doctor and his mother a nurse, they treated a lot of alcoholics and even started a treatment program. Because his family was immersed in the culture of AA he began to get involved in Alateen. Al does not drink, something about the experience of his family kept him from becoming an alcoholic. He asked a psychiatrist how a sociopath becomes a philanthropist. He was told this was not possible and that he shouldn't waste his time on alcoholics. His role as a non-alcoholic Trustee is being of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. With just a little over a year into his tenure as a trustee, he hopes to build on his friendship with AA. Was doing classes online with Ghana in west Africa, when covid hit they decided to turn it into an AA meeting. He has heroes in AA where he is able meet them via on-line meetings. Guy, an alcoholic from his hometown, Statewood,GA, used to say he came around AA for the huggin, the kissing and the fried chicken. After reading the Service Manual Dr. Mooney realized how important those non-alcoholic members of GSO were to AA. Bill W. is pretty specific about some leadership that was needed when AA came of age, which is why there was a need to maintain non-alcoholic trustees. As a physician he has had to learn how to utilize the Big Book to help some of his patients. Nothing in AA that conflicts with modern science. Seven Class A trustees from different professional areas, he is the only medical doctor currently. I appreciate the opportunity to be here and share with you today. //John-Archives. Being a physician, I'd like to hear more about discussions with science and evidence based therapy. // Many people, even non alcoholics will find the AA book useful. Medical people do not even pick up the big book, no man's line between the two. As of March, The Cochran library says that AA is more cost efficient treatment. Science has begun to describe the positive changes when we promote healing, the psychic change. Wonderful rat research, alcoholic and non alcoholic rats, alcoholic rats have inability for out of the box thinking. Learning defect., Element of AA that is most important, happy, joyous and free. Why should medicine just make people normal again, why stop there, why not try to make them better then normal? Until recently that has not been on the radar. Scholars are trying to define happy, joyous and free on an academic level. Emotional sobriety and a citizen of the world, putting something back into the world.//Riley, theory of the allergy.// executive function, innate immunity. Allergic reaction. //Richard, 13th step, anti AA. Do you have a short read to hand these people.// Science is not what drives these people. Dr Mooney considers it malpractice not to offer AA. We do the 12th step after talking the 5th tradition, love when people challenge him because he always comes out better in his beliefs.//

Lunch Break- 12:15 p.m. (app 45 minutes)

Birthdays-anyone with an AA Birthday since our last Assembly 6/20/20

Cheryl, Andre, Khari, Maire, Sahara, Jane, Adam, James, Lynne , Chris

Delegate's Report-Jerry S 2019 audit results have been published and presented to the board.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Delegate-Presentation-Presentaci%C3%B3n-delegada.pdf>

2019 audit results have been published and presented to the board. Scored high on the audit. New system, erp system replacing old one. Cost of services provided to fellowship \$3.1M. Budget adjusted for what Covid is doing to finance. Referred to as budget 2.0. Original budget 19M, reforecast around 16M. Estimated forecast of net lost 3M.

ERP system-software system meant to integrate all systems at GSO//this is a bit over budget because of its implementation//but in the long run it will save money//New Registrar portal in ERP to organize groups and GSRs and office holders locally will begin in December//Contributions through July-\$5,210,116//“Fellowship Rally” in May a raise in contributions from Individuals and Groups//Keep up the Contributions for Self Support!//Conference costs-outflows: 282,112 but broke close to even//Reserve Fund-was drawn down in April by 3 mil dollars//Rebudget and decrease in expenses 9.1 months reserve still exists//International Convention-there was a good insurance policy in place,we should be fully reimbursed for the cancellation//AAWS literature sales-very strong at the beginning of the year, a drop in April, but a resurgence June/July//Hazelton made a huge purchase (non-AA)//Grapevine-doing ok but La Vina is down 25% in July//La Vina has many live events that were cancelled and this affected renewals//Please try to support your Hispanic friends with subscriptions//Overall-Covid impact has not greatly impacted our Finances as long as all continue your support//Venmo won't work at Corporations-i.e. GSO, but they do have a Paypal Account//AA has thrived in uncertainty//the prudent reserve has worked as it should and will carry us through//

Questions: Special Contributions section is missing from the final report from the Conference//La Vina-is there a request from GSO for gift subscriptions?//New Online Contributions Experience is available on the GSO website//

Alternate Delegate's Report-Monty C

Monty gave his report at GSR School//I have GSR info, Service Manuals available for anyone who would like them//I have been in touch with the other Alt Delegates throughout the country//We meet on the first of the month to communicate//the Pacific Area Alt Delegates meet frequently//topic of new groups being created without ever having been registered at GSO is being discussed//the Ad Hoc committee on virtual meetings is a part of the Area but collaborating with Intergroup.

All of the Alt Delegates from all 93 areas meet recently. I wasn't able to attend. I missed the first one.

They plan on meeting on the 1st of every month. They will be collaborating on ideas of how to get through the pandemic and what roadblocks we have encountered.

The Alt Delegates from the Pacific Region have been communicating as well. We have been communicating on various topics that are affecting our areas.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Chairperson's Report-Blaine H.

Today will be our third area assembly conducted remotely. Many thanks to our IT Chair Chuck, our Webmaster Karen, our Delegate Jerry, our Registrar Bill, and all the others who have contributed to making these events run as smoothly as possible. There is a lot that goes on behind the little windows where we see our friends. At the present time the virus still has the upper hand and for the near and even the moderately distant future, Zoom is here to stay, and, as always "Acceptance is the Key...!"

Along those lines, I know that many of you were able to attend the excellent Town Hall put on 8/27 by the Three Legacies Group. How does and will Alcoholics Anonymous cope with the ever-changing requirements of dealing with the pandemic. An Area ad-hoc committee has been formed to study this question and come up with ideas and recommendations not only for our groups but also for all of our service entities. If one is interested in joining this effort, please let me know.

Between now and the end of the year we will be focusing on our area standing committees. The viral shutdown has been particularly hard on them and their ability to carry out important 12-Step work. It has been heartening to hear that at least as far as Hospitals and Institutions are concerned, that there has been progress. While correctional institutions have understandably completely shut down, the message is being carried into treatment facilities, a few in person on a limited and restricted basis, and an increasing number through Zoom. North County H&I has developed a regular H&I panel which can be signed into by multiple treatment facilities. SDIAC (San Diego H&I) will be debuting a monthly virtual orientation session on the 17th of this month.

Financially the area is facing a rather unusual problem. Because a lot of our budget goes to live events and activities requiring travel which is reimbursed to members on the basis of mileage, those funds are not being spent now because of the COVID shutdown. Also our assemblies and committees, for which rent is a significant cost, are all now meeting virtually. Bottom line is that we have budgeted funds which are not being spent and will not be spent this year. You will hear more about this a little later today from our Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. Making a large end of the year sendoff to GSO would not be wasting these funds, however finding creative ways to expend them for good purpose within the Area would also be a good solution to this unusual problem.

Also on the financial front, the shutdown will also affect the 2021 budget which was prepared based upon the requests submitted early this year – before the full effects of the shutdown were known. It is of utmost importance for GSRS, DCMs, or any interested A.A. members to attend one (or more) of the budget workshops which are scheduled to take place between September 2nd and October 31st. A flyer with the dates is on the area website. Please be prepared for action at the November Budget Assembly (11/7/20).

Lastly please remember that the Area Survey is still going on but will end 10/15. The flyer with links to both the Member and Group portion are posted at <area8aa.org> as well.

Motion: Armed Services Standing Committee-John C.

(Discussion and Final Vote)

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Motion-Armed-Services-Committee.pdf>

Area 8 section in the S & G-our primary purpose is to carry the message to the Alcoholic that still suffers//Our ad hoc committee has been doing its work for one month short of a year//we are not going away//Feb 20, 2020, it became an ad hoc committee of the Area//we have been carrying the message since its inception//15 military bases in San Diego & Imperial Co//the motion was read by John C.//Our armed Forces need us!
Discussion: Jeremy-we went thru this process as the Young People's Committee//this committee doesn't need to take as long to become a standing committee//Vito-not in favor of this committee-Tradition 4 and 7 contributions-Financial Impact-Armed Forces shouldn't provide literature or meeting rent//John W-military member and AA member and member of the Armed Forces Committee-I have knowledge of the lingo and access to bases that could be considered remote communities//Ernest-an Ad hoc committee is a temporary committee to handle an issue and to be dissolved when done-this is issue will not be going away, there is a need to bring the message to military members in military hospitals//there is a lack of support for these individuals//Rose-a woman in the military had a hard time getting literature or support and she didn't know to get help//Scotty-I am in full support of this committee and was let go from the military because of my alcoholism//Francisco-I believe that there is a great need that there should be groups on these bases, there will be a need to purchase computers and papers-there will be a cost for this, if there are members who want to create groups on these bases and that there shouldn't be a committee//Ted-military personnel have a fear in confiding with therapists because they could lose their standing, will this committee protect them, are there any other Committees like this-ans-one//Roxane-in favor, our resources should be used, should not there be a remote community Committee to better serve all communities in need of the message?, it's so difficult to mann these committees//Brett-the funding of starter kits for meetings, GSO might provide this, what would the major expenses be of this standing committee//Tiffany- a military member of AA asked for support, not literature//if groups ask for literature, we will provide that-the literature we need are specific pamphlets geared to the military, we are not currently allowed on installations//our service members have waited long enough for AA help//Gene-veteran-we started veteran's meetings off base, this is a unique situation in San Diego and the need is there, people will die if they must wait to go off base to get to meetings//Kristine-I want to honor all the work that has been done by this committee//Dave-this is similar to H & I that reaches communities//Sober Tom-there were meetings listed on base several years ago, but they may have required credentials to get on base, so there were already meetings on bases//Jeremy-Young Peoples had to answer many of these same questions, this Military outreach committee is attracting people to Service Work!

Vote: Is your group in favor of this Motion?

Yes 74 yes 77%

No 15 no 16%

Abstain 6%

Standing Committee Reports-Joann Z.

Accessibilities-Robert no report

Archives -John B. ROOTs is happening this year on Zoom, Flyer is out//November //It will be interview format-Gail N., Bobbie C. and Dan Duffy who got sober in the 60's//2 hr event

CPC -Vito our panel has previous members and its a great group//we work to reach out to anyone who suffers with alcoholism and work with professionals such as clergy, doctors, police and others//we are in close communication with GSO//we got really creative with the Covid situation-we sent out emails to the Clergy to provide information about AA//thank you to Jane for CEC//we do not start meetings but are willing to help//last Monday of the month we meet//

Finance-Joshua H.-2nd Monday of the Month//we make sure that every district gets the 2021 spending plan, there will be 4 workshops (one already happened), only 1 hour long//please attend//we would love new members if you are interested

San Diego H & I-Gerry

North County H & I

IT-Chuck-interesting time for technology, second Tuesday of the month//Karen is at our National Tech workshop//Karen, our webservant, is doing a fantastic job

Literature-Sasha-we have been talking about a digital outline for Literature Reps//a digital Literature Rack//we meet 3rd Monday of the month

Newsletter-Roxane: The website should have the newsletter posted//we are always looking for articles about AA Service//200 words is perfect for an article//keeps you informed about all the 12 Step work happening in the Area//we encourage all GSRs to belong to a Standing Committee//I am the appointed chair for the Newsletter committee//next newsletter Nov. 7

Policy-Ernest D. our primary effort is to update the S & G, what we do, how we do it and why//first Tuesday of the month//we have lost members recently, so we need members
Translation-Richard-Please submit your documents in Word and give us plenty of time to do translation//we need bi-lingual members

Young People's-Katharine-next workshop-17th annual beginners workshop which will be on Zoom-Dec. 7th//Membership survey has been extended//950 individual and 100+ groups//email me with any questions//2nd Friday of the month is our meeting day at 7:30pm

Special Report-Grapevine Committee-Marc J. past delegate helped pull this committee together-Lynn and Parker will be giving the report-Parker: the committee was completely defunct, so we are new members and we still need help//slide presentation-AA publication first printed 1944//sent to groups and overseas//AA's meeting in print//international journal of Alcoholics Anon//1996 first La Vina//includes current events, personal stories, burning topics of the day,jokes and cartoons, available in print or digital//committee meets 2nd Sunday of the month and we encourage GV & LV reps to come to our committee//this is a part of being a GSR/RSG//the Committee has displays at Assemblies and Roundups, Service Events//we put on Writers and Audio workshops

Lynn-Sat Oct 10 from 9am to 12pm.//zoom format//the GV is especially important for remote communities//we teach you how to target your articles to submit//we are working with the Accessibilities Committee and we would like to have the GV magazine put out a special publication with deaf people's stories//please pre-register for the workshop

Reforcasting & Reallocation-Budgeted but Unused Funds 2020-Cheryl F. & Joshua H.
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Re-Allocation-Proposal.pdf>

Cheryl: There have been concerns over monies not used and the effect of Covid on finances//we looked at the money that will not be used by this year and we created a document for a reallocation plan//about 16 thousand not being spent this year//the use of this money should be decided by groups and individuals//it could be sent off to GSO or used locally for 12 Step work//Go back to your groups and think about how we could use this money to reach the still suffering alcoholic//Joshua: does anyone wish to have us go over the reallocation plan?//Tricia: does our current S & G allow us to do this?//Cheryl: there is nothing that says we cannot reallocate monies//the groups voted in the budget, so we don't want to make the decisions as to how it should be spent//Katharine: did all of the committees agree to let go of that funding? The money hasn't been removed from anyone yet, some committees haven't responded//Please send your ideas to Cheryl and Joshua//Tiffany would like to have money to print out a service announcement for the 15 bases//could this money go to literature for the newcomer such as Big Books//Paul-in the S & G states that the limit of \$450 to make expenditures and then anything over that must go to the Assembly//do we need to make a floor motion to get this started?//Carlos-the members of the groups need to decide what to do with the money, just because we have extra money doesn't mean we have to spend it right away//If we have excess at the end of the year then it will go to GSO//
Joshua: our projected plan is to let the assembly know that we have this excess of money so that they can go back to the groups and then bring their ideas to the Budget Assy//Finance Committee knows that the Webmaster is in need of a Computer//Newsletter needs software and computer//IT Committee will need a computer//Computer storage such as thumb drives Combined this would be a \$2000+ cost//the Area needs a Zoom Account-this could be a \$3,000 cost//These are suggestions only//Jerry S: logistically there is only one more Assembly, the GSRs need these suggestions made in writing to help them when they go to their groups//Bill S-we should consider delaying the GSO send off one quarter//Finance Committee will come up with a soft list of Area needs and give to Blaine for the next ACM//

Motion X

Pizza delivery to everyone's home during the next Assembly!! Blaine

Adjourn: 3:34pm

Responsibility Declaration: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible."

Budget Assembly-Saturday November 7, 2020

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