

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl (Treasurer) January was a month of ups and downs in finance. We took in a number of sizable contributions and have paid most of our reoccurring annual bills. A few checks written in December towards the reallocation were cashed in January and are accounted for under Line-Item R.11 IT chair and webmaster computers. R.01-R.10 are 2020 reallocation funds and are accounted for separately.

On the down side, we had the detection and investigation into the fraud case stemming from the theft of checks from the US mail. Although two checks totaling \$6945.09 have been recovered and returned to us, there are still three checks that have yet to be recovered. The remaining three checks come to a total of \$2231.96. Bank of America has credited us with \$1000.00 which leaves a possible loss of \$1231.95

We ended January with a corrected (due to fraud) cash on hand of \$25,391.33. It should also be mentioned that according to our Structure and Guidelines we have a pending GSO send-off of \$1919.72. As your treasurer I feel that the area is financially stable at this time and we will not suffer by sending those funds.

February is the month that the Finance Committee provides you with the budget time line for the following year spending plan. This month is no exception, although the process this year is somewhat different. We have heard that the assembly is interested in being a part of the spending plan development. With that in mind, we have developed a process that we hope will provide Officers, Committees and Groups the time and opportunity to be more intimately involved. You should have been provided a copy of that process timeline I can answer any questions you may have. In addition, I have provided some guidance on preparing project submissions along with samples. That guidance can be found on the Treasurer page of the area website. Here is a link to the document:
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SubmissionSamples.pdf>

The Finance Committee and I have received

some questions and some feedback on the reallocation process. I am sure you have questions on the new budget process as well, we invite you to send us e-mails, call us or join us at the scheduled budget workshops or any finance committee meeting.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/JanuaryContributions.pdf>

- 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 code is. It will help the Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

January 2021	January Actual	YTD	2021 Budget 58,395.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	4,095.66	4,095.66		
Individual contributions:	751.40	751.40		
District contributions:	0.00	0.00		
Total contributions:	4,847.06	4,847.06		53547.94
Total budgeted expenses:	1,842.84	1,842.84	58,394.95	-54,409.11
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	3,004.22	3,004.22		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	0.00		
Total expenses:	3,531.90	3,531.90		
Contributions less total expenses:	1,315.16	1,315.16		
Total Cash Balance: January 2021	25,391.33		25% of budget	

Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			
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Questions: Is there a spreadsheet on the re-allocation funds//they are listed on item R on the Finance Report//What annual payment were not paid in January-ans: Everything except Storage//this year we are using the old budget information from officers and committee chairs will be carried over to next year//this will not include any discretionary funds for special projects//"Barebones" budget will be presented next month//L.19 has already been paid from the reallocation funds//please send me your check requests by the Sunday following the ACM.//May 10 and June 14 will be the Budget Workshops this year.

Chairperson's Report: Blaine H. Tonight will mark the 12th virtual Area Committee Meeting to be held during the pandemic. The IBEW has returned the monies we had previously paid as our rent on their facility. They have said they would let us know when they will again be open for our business. They, as well as Alcoholics Anonymous, will be guided by CDC, state, and local regulations regarding the ability to gather in person.

Our organization has suffered as a result of having to do business on a virtual basis. Last month we mentioned the fact that were only two thirds the number of GSRs attending the 2021 Orientation Assembly as compared to the in-person one held in January of 2020. That decrease in participation has also occurred in our standing committees and our districts. While we can do business on Zoom, we have lost some of the magic of one alcoholic working with another. An in-person assembly might require the cooperation of three districts, maybe 15 – 20 people working together to direct traffic, set up the room, make coffee, prepare and serve food, clean up, HUG, etc. A virtual assembly needs only a few techies and a computer. Relationships develop in those in-person events that strengthen our sense of belonging to the Fellowship. Much of that is gone now. Let us all try to keep that connectivity going!

Service is the Third Legacy of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are vacancies in all forms of General Service within Area 8. Groups need GSRs and alternates. The same is true for district DCMs and our committee chairs. Last month we announced a vacancy in our officer corps, the need for a new Alternate Treasurer. Thus far, neither I, nor the Finance Committee has received notification from anyone interested in standing for that position at a special election which will most likely take place in April.

On the subject of elections, we will be having one in September to elect officers for Panel 72, who will begin their terms next year. While some gung ho service sponsors tell people to "volunteer for the next position available", it would be in the best interest of the Fellowship for potential officer holders to carefully study the duties of a particular position and assess their own willingness to carry those out for the full two years. Some positions require expertise not necessarily inherently present in your average drunk. Take the Alternate Treasurer...Please, it helps to have the ability to deal in figures with precision. A good place to look for those duties would be the proposed updates to the Area Structure & Guidelines on the Area 8 website <area8aa.org> "Helpful Resources".

We are looking forward to several upcoming virtual events:

Saturday 2/27/21 – DCM & Committee Chair Training Session

Friday 3/5/21 – Sunday 3/7/21 PRAASA – Registration open at <praasa.org>

Delegate's Report: Jerry S: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/71st-GSC-Final-List-of-Agenda-Items-English.pdf>

My name is Jerry and I am alcoholic. It is my pleasure and humble honor to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area 08 Delegate to the General Service Conference. Okay... here we go! The Conference Agenda Items are published and immediately available on the Delegates Corner along with the Background Information in ENGLISH. The SPANISH translated document is expected in early March. I will be discussing coordination's and shared efforts of support during the New Business section on our agenda tonight. So more will be revealed... like in an hour. So, our Board had its January Board Meeting which was attended by all Conference Committee Chairs and a variety of guests and possible new Class A Trustee Candidates. I have heard from multiple sources that it was a tremendous experience overall and spiritual on all fronts! Its defining quality: UNITY. Here are some highlights: • There is a slew of new hires and new candidates for hire from office staff up to Board members. • The Remote Communities Service page will soon be available on aa.org. The page will include relevant literature and access to useful links for service work. • Out of Corrections: The Winter version of "Sharing from Behind the Walls" was distributed to prisoners across the U.S. and Canada, along with requested books and pamphlets. Over 560 male inmates were matched during the period January - December 2020; 105 females were matched for the same period. • Contributions revenue in 2020 reached an all-time high of \$10,304,185, which is \$417,930 greater than the reforecast. Great gratitude was expressed to the Fellowship for contributing \$1,442,421 in December to propel Seventh Tradition contributions past the \$10 million mark for the year. • The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2021 G.S.O. budget, which reflects total revenues of \$15,594,000, total expenses of \$14,952,613 and a bottom-line surplus of \$641,387. The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2021 Grapevine budget, which reflects total revenues of \$1,358,481 and a bottom-line deficit of \$354,225. The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2021 La Viña budget, which reflects total revenues of \$62,968 and a bottom-line net cost of \$401,790. • We have coordinated with Ingram CoreSource Plus to support our literature being made available on 38 major ebook platforms and initial sales are progressing month on month and hopefully will add a much-needed revenue stream to our struggling Grapevine & La Vina. • The committee reviewed a memorandum from the senior manager of the Communication Services department regarding the "Does Alcoholics Anonymous Work?" video produced by Stanford University. The committee requested that the staff secretary craft a memorandum to the Ad Hoc working group expressing their appreciation for their work thus far and requesting that the working group continue exploring ways to use the video "Does Alcoholics Anonymous Work? • Update on Audio interviews with Military Professionals: The committee listened to one final draft of an audio interview by the appointed committee member (ACM) and an A.A. member in the military. The committee expressed appreciation for the work being done and noted the effectiveness of the interview format for carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics in the Armed Services. • Regarding Literature Agenda Item-U regarding "The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access (70th General Service Conference 2020)," a presentation video has been made available to the fellowship. You can access the video here: <https://vimeo.com/user112910871/big-book-riptab/video/500617913> We will surely be discussing its content further as we prepare for Conference. Btw,

I have created a user-friendly time slotted notes to help navigate the video relative to specific topics. discussed. Do you want my notes? Shoot me an email, and I'll attach it in my follow up. Creating a podcast seems to be gaining some steam across multiple departments. This too will come up as we prepare for Conference. As I will be discussing all things Conference related later in the evening, I will offer my report as submitted and complete. Are there any questions?

No questions

Alt Delegate's Report: Monty C. This is the time of year when General Service is in full swing. Even though we are not meeting in person, there is still lots of work to do. With the conference agenda items out now, there should be conversations that will last all through the summer and beyond. I would encourage you to attend one or both of the two planned Pre-Conference Workshop. They will be held on March 13th at 9am and March 14 at 1PM.

We have always participated in the Spring Round Up. This year, it will be held virtually starting April 1st thru April 4th. I was asked at the intergroup if the committee had reached out to me about the General Service Panel. They had not. I have since been able to confirm that there will be a General Service Panel. We are being asked to present on April 3rd from 9am to 1030am.

We will need a list of volunteers. There are 4 readings and 3 speaker spots. If you would like to fill one of these spots, please be sure to let me know. Send me an email or message in chat. If you know someone that would like to participate that is not here tonight, please have them call or email me.

We are asked to register for free on the website. The website is sandiegospringroundup.com. You will have to create an account first. A timeline of events for the round up has been posted on the site.

Registration for PRAASA is still open. If are planning on attending, please register. I am sure there will more information given tonight.

Next, I would like to mention Unity Day. I am asking for input on Unity Day. I am looking to come with a theme and start planning the event. If you have any input, please let me know.

During the course of the evening, I will be sending out emails to the DCMs. Please response at your earliest convenience about your district meeting and information.

Old Business:

- **Status-AD-Hoc Committee Area Inventory on Communication-**Blaine this was discussed last October//committee was formed//got sidetracked, with other duties and is now on hold//Is there any interest in re-upping this committee? What we are doing as far as communication is concerned and how communication might be improved: Karen P. and Paul B. are interested//Angelina is already on the list//will this utilize the communication training money as part of the reallocation-no they are not connected//Tom (D14)interested and Jeffrey from Accessibilities is interested.
- **DCM and Committee Chair Organization:** Blaine-we are no longer talking together in person, perhaps they could get together about once a month//please contact me if any of you are interested in putting this together//DCMs getting together and Committee Chairs getting together//fostering them getting together to put on workshops, etc.//for the sharing amongst themselves//Paul K is putting a list together of Standing Committee Chairs//Terri would like to lead a DCM meeting//Other Areas have DCM meetings//could we talk about this at the DCM training session? yes

- **Alternate Treasurer Search- Election possible 4/10/2021:** Blaine-Chuck has a candidate and will reach out to Blaine and Cheryl with his contact info.

New Business:

- **Spending Plan (Budget) Preparation Process:** Cindy H and Cheryl F.:the contributions list for January 2021 was provided and it will also be provided from now on.
- **The Road to the Conference:** Jerry S and Monty C. Conference Agenda Items have been sent out to their respective Committee Chairs//Literature Committee has the greatest number//DCMs are the go betweens to keep their GSRs informed//Background information in over 1,000 pages long//plus signs represent the forwarded items from last year//this year will be a full conference rather than the shorter one last year//Jerry will not bring back forwarded items if there isn't anything new about them//we have narrowed down the Agenda Items to about 20//there will be a workbook with a summary of the background information for discussion which will be ready at least one week prior to the workshops//when would you like the Committee summaries before the Workshops? Yes, I would like to get them as you have something ready, send it to me!//Could the Newsletter Committee help with some items? Yes, I have several items I didn't know who to give to, so that would be great!//
- **DCM/Committee Chair Training Session:** Blaine-Reminder that a week from Saturday is our DCM/Committee Chair training sessions//we have many presentations outreach and recruitment and technology being a couple of them//effective Communication by Bill S//talk on service opportunities//9-12am

Respectfully submitted by Renee R., Secretary Area 8