

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting  
June 17, 2021 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 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 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's Report: Bill S.: Quorum was met //**

I have been working with IT to bring an online interactive registration system//for a secure sign in online to get Area communications/So the DCMs should know this is coming//this will be thru the website//If any of you haven't received your welcome kits from GSO, let me know//Will GSRs have access to the database-no//I have been working with the I.T. for the past few months to bring to the Area an online "interactive" secure registration and communications system.

This system will permit everyone; the GSRs, DCMs and Chairs and Alternates to securely register online, and allow for automated deliveries of communications, such as tonight's meeting documents, assembly documents, event announcements and periodic text reminders.

It is hoped to be completed and rolled by years end.

**Introductions: new members**

**Approval of the May 2021 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)*
- May 2021 ACM Minutes; One correction to the Minutes-\$4,000 added by the IT Committee was incorrect, Secretary will look into this to find the correct number.

**Treasurer's Report: Cheryl (Treasurer)**

Cheryl did not have time during the last week to send out the May 2021 Finance Report//the Budget for 2022 should be finalized tonight//I need to know how many Committees are returning to in person meetings at Central Office in person instead of meeting on Zoom because of rent//Questions: This is for rental of using Central Office for Standing Committee meetings//By when do you want that info-Policy committee with continue to be virtual//Vito-we will be hybrid-CPC,-some meeting at Central Office and some on Zoom.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Spending-Plan-Request-4-Area-DCMSS.pdf>

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Spending-Plan-Request-DCMCC-Training.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.

May 2021	May Actual	YTD	2021 Budget 58,395.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	1,507.28	14,356.18		
Individual contributions:	391.27	2,005.60		
District contributions:				
Total contributions:	1,898.55	16,361.78		42033.22

Total budgeted expenses:	2,522.12	8,998.53		-47,010.47
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-623.57	7,363.25		
Total unbudgeted expenses:				
Total expenses:	2,522.12	10,918.25		
Contributions less total expenses:	-623.57	5,443.53		
Total Cash Balance: May 2021	26,775.66		<b>25% of budget</b>	
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	5,000.00			

**Total Special Line Items**

**1,087,349**

**4,667.50**

Questions:

**Chairperson's Report: Blaine H.** Well, as of now California is "Open", whatever that means. Seeing our friends and newcomers who will become our friends in three dimensions will be a welcome change. And how about the long overdue hugs! There are some in our midst who never stopped meeting in person and yet others who haven't been inside a church for non-religious purposes in the last fifteen months!

Recently I attended a hybrid meeting in another city. There were eight of us in the live room and another eleven on Zoom. There was no camera in the live room so those on Zoom couldn't see us, but otherwise things went well. Everyone could hear the shares. Doing this with a significantly larger group might be a problem.

As far as H&I is concerned, there are currently several virtual panels and some facilities have opened to live ones. Up until now all correctional facilities have been inaccessible to H&I and security concerns have prevented virtual attendance. We have been informed that in-person panels at the Brig on MCAS Miramar will resume as early as August.

Despite whatever the Governor says, we are still bound by the requirements of the facilities in which we meet. The fact that they can now pack Petco Park with 40,000 fans does not mean that we can assume our popular Tuesday night meeting can operate as “standing room only” even though it had done so in the past. Acceptance is the key!

As to Area 8 functions, we have already decided to hold our ACMs virtually through 2022 and to have some of our assemblies virtual as well next year. If you recall the distant past when our districts got together and hosted the in-person assemblies, rest assure that will happen again.

It is Areas 8’s turn to host the Four Area DCM Sharing Session this year. Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon is the selected date and time. The content will focus on the theme and items from next year’s General Service Conference. DCMs from the participating areas have decided on a PRAASA like format. There will be two speakers first and then three sessions during which several questions will be addressed. Following an introduction, there will be open sharing (going to the mic).

I would like to thank Carlos and Esther from District 18 who attended the most recent planning meeting and contributed to the design of the event. The next planning meeting will be held Sunday 6/27 at 4:00 PM – Zoom 919 2712 1685 PW: 2021DCM4.

Thank you all for your service.

**Delegate’s Report:** Jerry S My name is Jerry, and I am alcoholic. I am currently honored to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area08 Delegate.

I have a very limited report this month.

Since our last meeting, I have visited 8 Districts and look forward to another 8 over the next two months. The discussion and feedback have continued to assist me in sharpening the presentation and I am grateful for the enthusiastic participation.

So, as we in California much like our counterparts across the country and especially in New York begin to tiptoe out of shelter in place orders and begin to taste the sweet sense of normalcy, please know that our General Service Board and the Group Service that our Board provides are still in special need of our collective support. So, here is a little history and a creative idea to help keep the foot on the pedal as we transition out of this challenging chapter in our fellowship and world history:

Five years ago, the Oregon Area 58 delegate issued a challenge to Alaska’s Area 02 to encourage groups to send an extra contribution to GSO. The amount would cover each member’s share of GSO group services. At that time, the annual cost of providing services to groups was \$7.14 per member. Just for fun, the challenge was for each area to collect this amongst its groups and send it to GSO before 7/14.

Groups in Oregon and Alaska loved the idea. As flyers circulated, more groups joined in the fun. Other delegates asked for a flyer, and soon the Chairman of the General Service Board called and asked for permission to translate and send flyers to delegates of all the other areas. That first year almost \$20,000 was collected by

groups.

By the next General Service Conference, even more attention was given to the Financial Report by delegates. They relayed to groups that the Challenge that year was \$7.27 on 7/27, and groups responded with \$76,829 sent back to GSO.

Groups started asking their delegate "What's the Challenge date this year?" In 2018 it was \$7.40 on 7/04. The following year it was \$8.06 on 8/06. In the pandemic year of 2020, the cost of group services was not known in time to send out a flyer. But this year we know the cost is \$7.34 and the nearest date is 7/31. I hope members in your area will continue to enjoy this innovative way to unite groups and unify them with Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Many members have found that it is easier now to make personal online contributions regularly rather than drop it in a separate can at their group, so individual contributions have increased because of the Challenge. That is a good thing, but let's remember that this started out as a group recognition of services received and, as a result, members took up the challenge to support their groups and GSO in a simple and fun way. And, because of the enthusiasm and discussions involved, lots of A.A. members now know that when they receive services from GSO, they have an implied individual responsibility to their group to support those services.

So, unless there are any objections, I would like to post the following flyer in support of this effort in unity to the website and challenge each of us (DCM's especially) to spread the word over the next few weeks. Btw, this challenge is specifically annotated when showing the collective contributions from within all Areas. So, let's rock the boat and win one for the Gipper!

Are there any questions?

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Challenge-734-on-731-ENGLISH.pdf>

**Alt Delegate's Report:** Monty C. *(I just attended my first in person work event! Thank you all who attended the Unity Day virtual event! There will be an in person event where all the Standing Committees will be represented//We are looking for collaboration between the Intergroup Committees and Area Committees//I have looked at the GSR manual to bring it up to date and bring it parallel to the S & G//DCMs ask your GSRs to look at the Area 8 pamphlet-what changes would they like to see//we are looking to make a list of Service Sponsors).*

First I would like to thank each of you who participated in the Founders/Unity Day event. A special shot out to Central Office and the entire Intergroup family, San Diego H&I and North County H&I. Our speakers were great. It was really nice to see San Diego come together as one for a common purpose.

With the county opening up, now starts the planning of doing the event in person later this year. As more details develop, I will be sure to let you know. I can tell you that each committee will be asked to participate.

Since the beginning of the year, I have started looking at the GSR Manual. After looking at the manual, I noticed that there were a few changes that needed to be made to it. Some typographical and formatting. My changes were presented to the Policy committee. The Policy Committee has suggested some other changes. We are working through it to make sure it parallels with the S&G.

As we continue to go thru this area pamphlet, we will need more help and input. DCM, please ask your GSR to review the pamphlet and let me know what is important to them. What is missing from the pamphlet? Please email me your input.

We are still looking to obtain a Service Sponsor List. If any of you would like to be add or know any of your members who would like to be added, please let me know.

### **Two minute Liaison Committee Reports: Joann Z.-**

- **Coordinating Council-SD: Aleksey K. /Susan-** It's been an extremely busy month for Coordinating Council. We received a letter of resignation from our Administrative Assistant. This came before our June Business Meeting where we reviewed the results from an HR consulting firm, and voted to accept an increase in pay ranges for both our Central Office Manager and our C.O. Administrative Assistant. The review was the first to be conducted in over fifteen years. The changes were introduced at our June Coordinating Council Meeting and, per our guidelines, were set in a motion to be presented by Coordinators to their respective meetings for a vote at our July meeting. We want to thank the North County Central Office Manager and Administrative Assistant, who have agreed to be part of the initial review process for job applicants.
- Our Program Committee worked with Alternate Delegate, Monty from Area 8 to present a Founder's/Unity Day virtual event that was successful, heartfelt, informative and fun! Our committee is moving forward with plans for our Central Office November Breakfast, scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Phone volunteers have returned, in person, to Central Office.
- Public Information is looking forward to getting involved in in-person events as soon as possible. They expect requests to increase, as things open up.
- Our outreach committee has signed on new members, and are looking forward to visiting more in-person meetings.
- Our Orientation/Guidelines Chair has begun a process to have Committee Chairs review their part of the Guidelines and Procedures to correct them to reflect exactly what their groups are doing. We have a volunteer who works in HR, and has agreed to assist in the updating process.
- Ad Hoc CEC Committee is working with the Seniors in Sobriety International Hybrid Conference being held at the Bahia Hotel October 24-27.
- Our Business Committee will be holding our semi-annual inventory this Saturday.
- I am conducting research on the probability & costs of holding Coordinating Council Meetings hybrid style. We will be discussing this at our July meeting.
- **North County Intergroup:** Mike M.: NP
- **Oficina Central Hispana-SD:** NP//

- **Oficina Intergrupar Condado Norte:** NP Esther-
- **GSDYPAA:** NP
- **NSDYPAA ::** Jeremy-NP
- **Native American Liaison:** Wolf:
- **East County Intergroup:**
- **Spanish Women's Workshop-Alicia:**

#### **Old Business:**

- **Status--Ad hoc Committee Area Inventory on Communication: Shone S.:**

We decided to connect with past Chair people to find out what other committees they needed to connect with//most committees need to interact with the IT committee more than any other committee//GSR kit is a great way for the Area to communicate//people experience resistance with what they experience on their committees-communication breaks cause this//committee chairs should see if there is a manual for their committee and have their members read it//Committees need to communicate with other committees when they are holding an event//how are we communicating technically? What is the proper way to do this//Registrar should control one database with people's contact information//we are looking at how things are done//Shone will be moving out of the Area.

- **DCM Group-Terri H./Maira**

Last week we had our meeting//Michelle made a report//only 8 DCMs showed up//next presentation is on how to prepare Workshops//please attend the July presentation//

- **Committee Chair Group-Chuck P.:**

No notes! This is for the Committee Chairs to share what they are doing and how they might work with other Committees//it's about sharing information//4th Wednesday of each month

- **Structure and Guidelines Revision Update- Ernest D.:**

Update on the S & G: We intend on letting you all know what we are up to//the purpose to the update was to improve readability//align roles and responsibilities of Area Officers and Committees //To add all motions approved by the Assembly since 2017//Ernest shared a chart illustrating the Timeline for the S&G approval//Information for

Sense of the Body-Position of Web Servant-not listed as a voting member of the Area not just Assemblies and of the IT Committee//To reconcile the S&G consistent and add the Webservant to the voting section.

Poll taken Yes 86% No none Abstain 14%

Electronic Disbursement-the future should include electronic disbursement of funds Section VIII, IX XII, would be changed to include electronic so currently disbursements were only allowed by check

Sense of the Body- Yes 96% No 4% Abstain

Standing Committee Volunteers//Voting Status of Committee Volunteers is unclear in the 2017 motion, should they be able to vote on their respective committees?

Sense of the Body- Yes 80% No 12% Abstain 8%

Ernest thanked the members of the Policy Committee for their work.

- **Spending Plan/Budget Discussion-Cheryl F & Cindy:**

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Spending-Plan-Request-4-Area-DCMSS.pdf>

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Spending-Plan-Request-DCMCC-Training.pdf>

Proposal to fund the DCM and Committee Chair Training should be held in person//traditionally in February-any discussion?

Sense of the Meeting to pass funding for the DCM & Committee Chair Training

Yes 86% No Abstain 14%

4 Area DCM sharing session//contribution for planning meetings and session-estimated \$450

For mileage and rent, planning might be virtual even if event is live//

Yes 95% No Abstain 5%

ROOTS (Archives Committee) \$900 total for Rent, translation, refreshments

Cheryl requests that the Interpreters portion \$300 be put in an Area line and not part of the Committee payout because of tax purposes-reporting interpretation payments and taxes with invoices from interpreters

Request amended by Blaine to \$600//Bill thinks that consideration should be made for monies collected in the 7th tradition during ROOTS-shouldn't be so much money// Motion should include adding \$300 to Interpretation line in budget//Perhaps a line should be added for any money returned at the end of an event such as ROOTS (excess funds collected)//Perhaps the Committee needs the funds up front and then can return the excess//In the Current S & G excess funds over budget go to GSO.

Sense of the Group for \$600 Yes 96% No Abstain 4%

\$300 additional will go to Interpretation

Jeffrey-Accessibilities requesting \$851 for the Committee//this is to replace the budgeted amount already on the Accessibilities Committee Budget Sense of the Committee Yes 70% No 13% Abstain 17%



Jeffrey asked about the pay increase for ASL Interpreters and has posted how it would effect the Gold Can and Area Budget//should this be decided by the Assembly or this Committee-this is not to be voted on//so this money will come out of the ASL line item//Cheryl would like all interpreters to be paid out of the Area that would require an invoice that would capture taxes//Jerry-this should be discussed with the body of the Assembly, because this impacts the money people donate//May 15th this was brought up at the Assembly//there needs to be a vote of approval at the next Assembly//wouldn't this process be presented by the Treasurer also//the process was already begun with this at the May Assembly and should be brought back for approval//to be taken up at the next Assembly, so it is currently impossible to budget without these numbers//

**Break: 8:37-8:55pm**

**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 website ([www.area8aa.org](http://www.area8aa.org)) for the most up to information. Corrections will be made by tomorrow. Send any changes or corrections to JoAnn.

**Birthdays since last ACM-(May 20, 2021) JoAnn Z. Parker-7yrs//**

**New Business:**

- **Area Election Assembly--9/25/21 :Blaine H,: 10 positions to be filled**
- **Four Area DCM Sharing Session--7/31/21 Blaine H:**

**Two Minute District Reports-JoAnne Z.: (odd districts)**

**District 1:** Josh- not much going on, we've had more people joining//we have lost a couple of people filling certain positions

**District 2 :**Jeremy-

**District 3:**John: NP

**District 4: Maureen:**

**District 5:** Dave F.: With more meetings going live, reminding GSRs to promptly advise Central Office so the Meeting Guide reflects current status

- Continuing discussion about the practicality of holding live Sponsorship Workshop in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Looking forward to Jerry's presentation on GSC topics at our meeting this month

**District 6:** Maire:

**District 7** Allison: NP

**District 8:** Angelina-

**District 9:** Lorie W. NP

**District 10:** .Paul K.

**District 11:** Michele:Jerry was our guest speaker and we were discussing the "why" of the Conference

**District 12:** Kevin

**District 13:** Stephanie-NP

**District 14:** Patrick; //Tom: ,

**District 15:** Marina V.: we meet every Friday 7-9, we have 12-15 GSRs//we have a new Chair for H & I, we will hold a La Vina event July 11//thanks to Jerry for coming to our meeting//we have good contributions from all our groups//I would like to invite the GV and LV Committee to our event

**District 16:** Ted: Diana-

**District 17:** Santiago; NP

**District 18:** Carlos/Esther:

**District 19:** Adrian O.:NP

**:District 20:** Flint N:

**District 21:** Terri-we had a report from Jerry//we are working hard at getting new GSRs

**District 22:** Meegan: interim DCM,

**District 23:** Shone-NP

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities: Jeffery-***(ASL meetings//No Barriers will be starting a hybrid meeting//DO split into 2 groups one on Zoom one in the Park//Thursday-hybrid//Carlsbad Workshop will start meeting again maybe//2 new meetings on Friday-Jump Start & North Park Men//Old Town Speakers moving to Mission Valley-perhaps hybrid)*

The Motion for the ASL Pay Increase with supporting material has been posted on our website. Current Meetings with ASL Interpreting in Area 8: Monday - Open Minded Men's. Hybrid. Rick in the church. Tuesday - No Barriers ASL No Barriers ASL will start Hybrid and the meeting will start at 5 pm. We want deaf AA members out of SD to attend online meetings but won't be able to see the room. The video will be pointing at the secretary and leader table. We might need a second device for anyone who is called to share. It will be next to the secretary's table Wednesday - Drunks Only did split two groups outside at the park. ASL on zoom. Thursday- Spiritual Awakening will be starting Hybrid meeting on July 2 Carlsbad AA Workshop - zoom for now. The City of Carlsbad has authorized to meet in person. The Steering Committee will be this Saturday. The Gold Can is helping to start 2 ASL Interpreted meetings: Jump Start, on Friday @ 9:15 AM in person in Lakeside for the following two Fridays. Then decide how to proceed with either being self-supporting, paying half, or asking the Gold Can for support for another month. North Park Men's on Friday @ 7:00 PM in person in Hillcrest starting on Friday 6/25 then revisit in a month to decide how to proceed with either being self-supporting, paying half or asking the Gold Can for support for another month. Saturday- Joy for Living - Still on Zoom Sunday- old town speakers are planning to move to a new church in Mission Valley - in person or hybrid (up in the air). When? TBA  
Respectfully submitted, Jeffery D Accessibilities Committee Chair | Area

**Archives-John B.:**

**IT Committee : Paul K.:**

**Armed Services:** Tiffany

**Policy-Ernest//Chuck-**

**GrapeVine:** Lynn E.- **Grapevine / La Viña Committee Report for June 2021.** – We are hoping to host several workshops later this year – a training for Grapevine and La Viña Representatives, a Grapevine/ La Viña Audio Story Workshop, and a Grapevine/ La Viña Writers Workshop. We welcome any help in event organizing and in publicizing these events at your Districts and meetings. We are also connecting with organizers with upcoming in-person AA events – the

Seniors in Sobriety International Conference, Pancake Breakfast, and ROOTS - planning to host literature tables at these events. We are still looking to give a GVLV presentation at the meetings of Districts: 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 15, 18, 20 and 23. Please check your email for our request and let us know if it is possible for us to get on a future agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENT - New Meeting time:** Committee members voted to move our meeting time to the first Monday of the month at 7 PM.

CPC-Vito NP

**Finance:** Cindy H.: Our Monthly meeting was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, besides myself, we had 10 in attendance. Before the meeting, we held a short Q&A about the upcoming budget. There were a few there, a few DCMs to get answers to question brought up by their GSRs, like why was the budget created the way it was & etc. In short, that went okay.

During the meeting, we went over the Treasure's report but she was unfortunately late, so we did the best we could. She phoned in on her way home & all the number matched.

We started planning a Workshop for District Treasurers, Cheryl had done one a couple of years ago when she was DCM for D11 & now there are other district going thru the same thing that prompted the first one. Cheryl won't be able to help with this one, so the Finance Committee will be hosting this one alone.

Well, there it is in a nutshell, stayed tuned for more next month!

**Literature:** Sasha.:

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

**Newsletter: Roxane R.**

**SD H&I:** Diana: Since we have not had a Policy Council meeting since the last ACM, the report for May still holds. We will be discussing going back to in-person orientation and possibly committee/business meetings at our upcoming meeting on Sunday.

Our policy council meetings are the third Sunday of every month on Zoom. Access information is on our website. All are welcome.

Our online orientation is at the same time as the Area Committee meeting. We are hoping this will continue to be a good way to introduce new AA members to H&I service. If your district or group is interested in H&I, we would be glad to come and talk to you about H&I. Please encourage any member of your district or group to participate in H&I by attending orientation and finding a commitment. We anticipate over the summer that more of our institutions will be open to modified in-person H&I panels, and are looking forward to discussions with each institution regarding any modifications.

We have some H&I Panels going on in person, following the institution's requirements for Covid 19. We have some H&I panels occurring on Zoom. We have several committee positions that are open. If you know of anyone interested in participating in H&I Committee work, please have them contact us through our website: [sdhandi.org](http://sdhandi.org)

Contact on Release is a subcommittee of San Diego H&I. We match newly released alcoholics with a volunteer AA member in the community where they will be living. This way they don't have to start their "outside" AA experience alone. This month we participated in the national Bridging the Gap Workshop occurring on line. Locally we call it Contact on Release. The national reference is Bridging the Gap. It

was a very productive workshop, with good participation. There will be an in-person workshop this year in September. Anyone interested in this can contact me or contact us through the website.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Translation:** Richard- everything's good

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

**Closing:** Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

What about the PRAASA vote? Fully fund the Delegate and Partially fund the alt Delegate and Officers//District 15 supports this//In District 15 we discussed this, traditionally the Delegate we fully fund but any other alcoholic can cover their own expenses-the groups donate some and then I cover the rest//I wanted to support the middle of the line level so many could get partial funding// Sense of the meeting: \$2900 of funding for PRAASA

Yes 95% No 5% Abstain 0%

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

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

**Next Assembly:**

Election Assembly

September 25, 2021

On Zoom



