

**San Diego/Imperial Area 08
First United Methodist Church of San Diego
Minutes of the January 13, 2018
Orientation Assembly**

Meeting Called to Order

- Meeting called to order at 9:23 am by Monty., Area Chair, opened with the Serenity Prayer, then led the group in the recitation of A.A.'s *Declaration of Unity*.
- The Twelve Traditions were read in English by Gerry and in Spanish by Ronnie
- Memory of former DCM who passed-Randy District 22
- Introductions of new GSRs, DCMs, Past Delegates and guests
- Various birthdays were celebrated since the November Assembly.

Roll Call/ Quorum/ Duties: Julie M.(Registrar)

Julie, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 8 Officers were in attendance, 20 DCMs, 98 GSRs, 10 Committee Chairs, 6 liaisons were present. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar also. (*See Quorum Report below.*)

Please check with your district registrar and verify your information so that your meeting is updated with Area 8 Registrar. Updating lists will indicate whether meetings are active or actually without representation by GSRs.m

Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.

Roll call report: We have 98 GSRs present with a total of 142 total members so quorum was met.

THE DUTIES OF THE AREA REGISTRAR: The duties of the Registrar will be to:

1. Keeps track of all members, who you are and what your position Getting an accurate count during roll call. Maintain a current list of all Area Assembly Members, and their Alternates, including Past Delegates in the San Diego-Imperial Area
2. Notify members of all Area Assembly and Area Committee meetings

Treasurer's Report — Paul K., Treasurer (*Written report submitted as his official report.*)

December	December 2017	YTD	2017 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	4,335.74	43,135.66	47,003.00	-3,867.34
Individual contributions:	243.60	2,120.31	0.00	2,120.31

District contributions:	20	1,415.12	0.00	1,415.12
Total contributions:	4,599.34	47,003.09	47,003.00	-1.91
Total budgeted expenses:	3,749.84	35,610.50	47,003.00	-11,392.50
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	849.50	11,390.59		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	884.03	2,620.77		
Total expenses:	5,406.79	39,004.19	47,003.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	-807.45	7,521.96		
Total Cash Balance: December 2017	11,750.75		25% of budget: 11,750.75	Prudent reserve: 1,391.94

General description of what the Treasurer does: Attend Finance Committee meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. Pick up mail from the Area P.O. box. Make deposits into the Area 8 bank account. Pay Area expenses. Report tax info to the person who prepares Area 8's taxes. Insures we are properly covered with insurance. With the aid of the Finance Committee, creates a budget for the following year (2018). Also smooths out and finance issues that come up throughout the year.

Election for Alternate Chair: Joel C.; Unfortunately our Alt. Chair had to resign for family reasons. So today we will be holding elections for that position. **Members standing for Alt Chair:** (first ballot) Cindy H., Dennis J., Sutton K., Dixie M.-no one had 2/3rds on first vote. Sutton K. became the Alt Chair of Panel 68, decided by second ballot.

How the general service board fits into the structure: We have 21 trustees. Those trustee are broke into 2 groups. A and B. A Trustees are nonalcoholic and B Trustees are members of AA. Trustees meet 3 times a year. The beginning of the AA structure began back in the 1930's. In 1938, the Alcoholic foundation was formed. In the late 1940's Bill, Bob and other founders came up with the idea of an Annual Service Conference meeting was born in hopes that the message of AA would be carried on to future generations. In 1951 the first General Service Conference was held. In 1955 the General Service Conference was adopted as an annual event.

Approval of November Big Budget Assembly Minutes/ Duties – Tanya T., Secretary. Minutes are published in both English and Spanish on our area website: www.area8aa.org. Minutes are emailed to all DCMs, Chairs, and Officers and their alternates. DCMs and Chairs can send the minutes out to their committees. If you are not receiving the minutes and would like a copy emailed to you, please email the area secretary at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com Please keep your information updated with the Area

Registrar. -Monty-motion to approve, Ernest (DCM D6) moved to approve minutes as written, Mike seconded (D6), approved by vote of assembly.

The duties of the Secretary will be to: (taken from Area 8 Structure & Guidelines)

1. Take minutes of the Area Assembly and Area Committee meeting
2. Distributes the minutes and the agenda of the Area Committee to all Area Officers, DCMs, Committee Chairpersons, and their respective Alternates to be received prior to the next Area Committee meeting.
3. Present the Area Assembly minutes to the Newsletter Committee of the Area Assembly within 30 days after the Area Assembly.
4. Have custody of all current Area Assembly and Area Committee documents of the last two years, including minutes, committee reports, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and reports from other Area Officers, and any other relevant documents, including flyers and announcements, and insure their timely transfer to the Archives Committee.

Welcome message to new GSR's: Roxane & Monty; Roxane made herself approachable for all GSRs with any questions or comments at all times. Monty: Welcomed all new members. All this information can be overwhelming but don't worry. I encourage you to ask questions. Today I have asked the Chair of each committee to come up and give a brief description of their committee.

Area 08 Standing Committees and why do they need GSR Participation?

- **Accessibilities:** Renea C.-9 ASL interpreted groups, Gold Can contributors appreciated, Meetings to Go for those unable to attend meetings, we welcome all volunteers for our committee.
- **Agenda:** Dennis J.- Reviews proposed Conference presentation, discussion and workshop topics, recommended by the General Service Conference. Reviews and makes recommendations regarding Conference presentation, discussion and workshop topics, as suggested by members of the San Diego-Imperial Area. Suggests possible Conference Committee agenda items. Assists the Chair in preparing agendas for the Area Assembly, requests new members.
- **Archives:** Mackenzie; We collect, organizes, preserves, stores, and displays records of A.A. History. We are trying to find new and exciting ways to share historical information in our area. This year we want to update archives on the website and come up with new fun events like movie night.
- **CPC:** Jo Ann Z.-meets 4th Monday of the month. Has monthly telephone calls with other Area CPC Committees. Needs volunteers to man tables at events. Works with Literature; lots of fun participating with this committee
- **Finance** Joshua H.-3 main objectives: 1: advise Committees and Area Assembly on budgets, make decisions on monies, maintains and develops next year's budget in advance. Tries to create reasonable budget for Area. Requests persons with financial backgrounds to serve on committee. Looking for an Ad Hoc Committee-send in applications for resumes with Quickbooks experience, to better serve Area, for 2018 and 2019.
- **Grapevine/LaVina:** Joel; Reviews all matters relating to La Viña and Grapevine publications. Considers and makes recommendations regarding proposed additions to and changes in Grapevine and La Viña publications. Informs Assembly members, through displays and other

suitable methods, of all available La. We want to make this fun for all and I challenge all GSR's to volunteer for one of our committees.

Viña and Grapevine publications, audio-visual materials, and other special items

- **Information Technology:** Bill B.-Need to build up committee with members. Need Ad Hoc committee to keep up website and keep it up to date. Meet on 2nd Weds. of month.
- **Literature:** Karen P.; Reviews all matters relating to Conference-approved literature. Considers and makes recommendations regarding proposed additions to and changes in Conference-approved literature. Informs Assembly members, through displays and other suitable methods, of all available. Conference-approved literature, audio-visual materials, and other special items. Provides service-oriented literature and Audio-Visual Presentations to Area and District functions (Workshops, home group meetings) Willing to take videos to groups and meetings and do movie nights .
- **Newsletter:** Steve S.; Publishes the Area Newsletter. We recently put out a survey about what people would like to see for our newsletter. We will no longer include minutes in the Newsletter. Meets last Sunday of the month via internet phone conversations. Some surveys results are in: emphasize on service work and continue to have personal stories. Purpose: to service the area and shine a light on the work that area 8 does.
- **Policy:** Cecil L.-Welcome to new GSRs. We maintain and overlook the Structure and Guidelines at the Area Level. We need to have structure for our Area. We meet first Monday of the month at Central Office. We review flyers for the Area that are posted on the website and assist new members in putting flyers together for their events. Quoted the need for Alcoholics Anonymous to be there for the new members of our program.
- **Translation:** Maire H.;I just want to announce that the translation committee is accepting nominations to Area 8 Translation Committee Chair and Alternate Chair service positions. On July 1st, 2018 the current chair and alternate chair will rotate out of these service positions. Written translation of ACM reports, reports of Delegate and Alt., Pacific Regional Trustee Reports, GSO reports, so that all our district reports are included in both English and Spanish. We use translation programs to assist in translation. We work at home and welcome all persons to help this committee. We have made numerous friends in the Spanish Community. We meet every two months and have a meal and discuss any issues.
- **San Diego H & I:** Blaine H.- SDIAC (aka H&I) would like to thank the Assembly for the opportunity to share our purpose with the new GSRs and the Assembly as a whole. AA members have been doing H&I work here since the inception of Alcoholics Anonymous in San Diego in 1940. Since 1974 we have operated as a financially free-standing committee of Area 8 with a vote at the AC and the Assembly. We appreciate the efforts of the Area to support our work in "carrying the message" and always support the Area's efforts to do the same. H&I – Takes AA meetings and AA literature into places where people can't get out to go to meetings – jails, prisons, hospitals, etc. We hold orientation on the 3rd Sunday of each month at noon in the Machinists' Hall 5150 Kearny Mesa Rd, and the 3rd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM at San Diego AA Central Office. Our subcommittee, Contact on Release, matches people being released from these facilities with AA volunteers who take them to meetings in their local area. It meets at the Machinists' Hall on the 3rd Sunday at 10:30 AM. We are excited about the 2018 SoCal H&I Conference which will be held April 6 – 8 at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura. Our Saturday Keynote Speaker will be Scott Kernan - the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation who appeared on 60 Minutes with Oprah last

October. <socialhandi.org>. We ask new GSRs, and in fact all who get this message, to please carry the word back to their groups that H&I always needs new volunteers – as panel members, as Contact on Release volunteers, AND to serve on our committees that coordinate and facilitate their work. It is important that folks realize that H&I work can be done in addition to ANY other service commitment one might have. There are no restrictions based upon one's current position. Also we ask that groups be reminded of the 5th Tradition – *Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers*. An AA group can adopt an H&I panel and fulfill this purpose. If that is not possible the individual AA member can become a panel member and/or Contact on Release volunteer. The opportunity to serve is always there. Balance that triangle.

- o **North County H & I: Suzanne:** Duties are the same as above. We bring AA into Hospitals and Institutions in North County. We have a orientation coming up on Jan 29. Please come join. Our website is nchi.org
- o **YPAA Adhoc:** Riley; The area approved an ad-hoc YPAA standing committee and we need your help! If you are young, young at heart, or just looking to be of service, our goal is to bridge the gap between young people and general service. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month in North County. Our 1st event will be held in March 2018. More info and details to follow. YPAA is an acronym that stands for "young people in AA," and YPAA committees typically host events for young people to show them they can have oodles of fun while being sober. However, for many young people, general service isn't "lit" enough for them to participate! Conversely, many people in general service are not aware of what YPAA is and what it has to offer, and so we strive to bring these two AA entities together and teach them about each other. That's where we come in.

This standing committee has the potential to be quite possibly the most "lit" standing committee ever. So come hang with us! We do not have an official meeting time and location yet, so if you are interested in participating with us please email me or Rodrigo! rileymcl@gmail.com
ralbarran3d@gmail.com

Hispanic Woman's workshop: Ester; This workshop has excited Hispanic women from all over the country. The 2nd Annual Hispanic Woman's Workshop was held in Pasadena on Dec 3, 2017. This workshop was hosted by Areas, 5, 6, 8, 9, 93. Our purpose is to create a place for women to support one another in AA. We had Skype during the conference which made it possible for women to participate from all over the world. To name just a few, Peru, Chile, Bolivia. Attendance at the conference was 160-170 people which is double the attendance from 2016. A summary of this conference is also featured in Box 459.

Standing Committee Assignments/ Duties: (Monty C.) Now we will be putting blind pick forms on each table. Please consider volunteering for a committee. I will pick these up and give assignments after lunch.

Lunch Break: Start: 12:00pm End: 1:03pm
During lunch many of the Standing Committees met.

Concept 10: English Cindy and in Spanish Luis

Review "How Area 8 Does Business" Handout: (Monty C.) Handout was distributed to each district.

Chairperson's Report: (Monty C.) As we start off the year, I am both pleased and overwhelmed. I want to thank everyone who has reached out to me to offer your support and help. Everyone has a role to play. You may not know what that role is yet but it will come. Do not be afraid to ask questions. I will be attending the Imperial Valley Round Up at the end of January the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session in February. While I am there I will be asking if they would like to have an assembly in Brawley this year. It is important that everyone in our area feel involved.

Duties as listed in Structure & Guidelines-Area Chairperson are:

1. Chair all Area Assembly and Area Committee meetings
2. Prepare the agenda for all Area Assembly and Area Committee meetings
3. Act, in general, as the administrative Officer of the Area Assembly and the Area Committee
4. Prepare and present a full report of Area Committee activities at every Area Assembly

Delegate's Report: Roxane: Welcome to the first Assembly of the new year and the new panel, Panel 68. I am privileged to serve you as your Delegate to the General Service Conference. If you are not sure exactly what that is, you may want to ask a few questions today. I have come to realize there are many people in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous who have no idea about the scope of a Delegate. Today we can begin to shed light on any myths and misconceptions of what we do here.

Thank you to our host districts for making today possible. Thank you for everyone who got up early this Saturday morning, dressed appropriately, possibly carpooled, and arrived here ready to orientate themselves to the work we are doing. If you are a new GSR, I hope you attended the GSR School this morning. If you did you will be receiving your first star towards becoming a 5 Star GSR. If you want to learn more about that coveted title, please see our Alternate Delegate, Jerry S.

I don't believe there is anything more sobering than a morning spent in the Oncology Department of Balboa Hospital. Yesterday, the first day of intravenous Chemotherapy for my mother, was met with a large measure of trepidation but also a remarkable dose of hope. How can you not venture into unknown territory without hope? I believe hope is the gift of a Higher Power so that we can bear what lies ahead. Once the disappointment of my mother's diagnosis was accepted, I believe hope seeped in incrementally. That hope remains today and fuels me for tomorrow.. Martin Luther King Junior said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." Today, as we listened to many of our trusted servants reveal the work they do and aspire to do, we can rest assured, our hope is infinite. I imagine this transformative hope is what has sustained Alcoholics Anonymous since it's conception.

The 2018 General Service Conference is upon us. I have been assigned a committee and a Conference Buddy. My Committee is Agenda, and my Conference Buddy is Marjorie from Missouri. I am ready to explore the theme of the conference: "A.A. – A Solution for All Generations," and the topics:

- a. Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion
- b. Participation in All of A.A. – Is My Triangle Balanced?
- c. A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
- d. Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World
- e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

The workshop topic will be "Getting the A.A. Message Out." When the agenda topics are revealed we will look at them from this lens. We will begin our work at PRAASA, March 2-4, and I encourage you to attend. The Reno location makes it affordable so talk to your groups or districts about funding this event. The next week the first of 3 Pre-Conference Workshops are beginning. These are designed to show you how to present ideas to your group members so we can gather an informed group conscience related to the topics

I mentioned. Please look at the calendar for a Pre-Conference Workshop that suits your location and time. Flyers for all three workshops will be available soon. Remember, this is what you elected me to do and I am adamant about having you be part of this informed group conscience.

Last Sunday the San Diego Union Tribune ran a front page article entitled *Medical Revelations from "Death Diaries."* The article tells of a San Diego doctor's examination of deaths from drug overdoses which found patients mixing substances, long histories of people hopping from provider to provider, and well-meaning physicians who had no idea what was happening. If there was ever a better time for our committee, Cooperation with the Professional Community to be doing service work, it is now. If you have even a remote desire to contribute to the work we do here in Area 08, please sign up to become a member of one of our committees. Your sobriety will be enriched in ways you never thought possible. I have been a part of CPC, Agenda, Policy, H & I, and IT. I loved the work we did on the IT Committee.

The Regional Forum happens every two years in Region 9, the Pacific Region. This year it is taking place in San Jose, California, Sept. 7-9, 2018. I have been fortunate to attend several regional forums in my years of general service work. Regional Forums originated in 1975. They were to be weekend-long sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to general service throughout the A.A. service structure. As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

General Description of what a delegate does: *The man or woman elected every other year to represent the area at the annual Conference meeting in New York and to bring to the area the results of that meeting (Service Manual S20). The delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experience and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense; after hearing all the points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interests of A.A. as a whole (S49). The delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure (S49).*

Alternate Delegate's Report: Jerry S.

The duties of the Alternate Delegate will be to perform:

1. The duties of the Delegate in the Delegate's absence
2. Other duties as requested by the Area Assembly

The alternate Delegate serves as a valuable assistant, often traveling with the delegate or giving reports for him or her. In some areas, the alternate serves some special function of the committee. An alternate who replaces the delegate at the annual Conference meeting will remain on the GSO mailing list as the delegate until GSO is informed otherwise by the area committee".

Jerry- "to assist", to liaise to specific standing committees, to liaise to the Southern California Convention (putting a panel together on General Service), to coordinate Unity Day, to conduct the "New" GSR Orientation (class sessions, as re-created by Jerry) at each Assembly, advance new technology forums between all Areas.

Area Inventory: Jerry M.; Last August we developed an area inventory. We looked at what we are going in the area, better ways to serve the area, how d we conduct committee work, are area meetings meeting our needs? And prioritized the issues that need to be addressed. After that, we developed AD Hoc Committees. These Ad Hoc meetings have been meeting to come up with recommendations to address issues liked the ones mentioned above. Later in the year these recommendations will be presented to the area in the form of a report.

Old Business:

- 1) **Motion for Mileage Reimbursement:** Paul K. This motion is being brought forth to add the text on: VI.K.1 to read as follows: *The Area provides reimbursement for mileage driven by Officers and Committee Chairs. The rate of reimbursement will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Area Treasurer with suggested changes presented to the Area Assembly at the January Area Assembly on even numbered years.* **Current Text:** No current text in the Structure and Guidelines that exist at this time.

Proposed Text: VI. K.1. The Area provides reimbursement for mileage driven by Officer. English link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByNuB4_PX1apdjI3OXpMN18tT1U/view?usp=drivesdk

Discussion: //mileage has being reimbursed at the rate of .29 per mile for the last 10 years. This motion would every 2 years.// general service should not be an elite position and we cannot do it on .29 a mile// Is this motion just to assess whether we should change it?// yes//

Final Vote >> Motion is approved

- 2) **Motion to change the committee membership guidelines:** Karen P. To change the Structure and Guidelines at address the membership of the Area Standing Committees. [Motion to Change Committee Membership.pdf](#) See link for the motion in its entirety. Below is text from the motion that brought the most disagreement.

Old text: 5. Standing Committees will be composed of up to nine (9) voting members, each of whom will be members of the San Diego-Imperial Area Assembly. Except for the Chairperson, a member's term of service on a Standing Committee shall coincide with his/her term of service as a GSR or a DCM

Proposed text (includes text rewording and grammatical changes) 5. Standing Committees will be comprised of voting members and volunteers. Committee Members will be made up from the group members of Alcoholics Anonymous of the San Diego-Imperial Area. Voting members of all Committees will be selected in accordance with the Structure and Guidelines of the Standing Committee they are selected to. Voting membership on a Standing Committee means that they have voting rights pertaining to Committee business on the committee they serve. A members' term of service shall not be greater than two years on any one committee. All other members of any committee are considered volunteers.

Discussion: //3 typos corrected in amendment proposed by Butch M.// 2nd by Jerry S.// length of commitment for volunteers-2 yrs?// today should be final approval or not//Karen-amendment to

motion-volunteer period of commitment shall not go beyond 2 yrs.//time limit not helpful to Committees//
2nd withdrawn by JoAnn Z.// 2nd by another member// 2 yr amendment vote-amendment failed//

Vote: For=32; against = 42

More Discussion: minority opinions expressed//Question called// more discussion//motion fails//another amendment. Striking some language in motion//clarification by Dean to end all discussion and bring motion back another time.

Sense of the meeting: *Would you like the motion to go back to the originator and reworked?* Majority votes in favor of this.

3) Motion to consider amending “The operating principles of the San Diego-Imperial Area Assembly” structure and guidelines. Jane S. “ To amend “THE OPERATING PRINCIPLES OF THE SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL AREA ASSEMBLY” on page 2 in the Structure & Guidelines to align to Concept XII of the Twelve Concepts for World Service, by adding the words: “**Plus an ample reserve**” and removing the wording of “**Prudent reserve to Ample reserve**”. The point of making the motion is so there is something we can pass down, to start using the word ample reserve instead of prudent reserve. English link for the motion:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByNuB4_PX1apY28wZ0txQXhVQ2s/view?usp=drivesdk

Discussion: // I think the wording should not be changed. The original wording was put in there for a reason// ample reserve. Motion is taken for a vote: Motion passes to approve//minority opinion expressed//motion carries.

Pre- conference Workshop and logistics: Roxane R.

Date:	Event	Hosting Districts	Possible Location
March 10, 2018	Pre-Conference Workshop	10, 21	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 16275 Pomerado Rd, Poway, 92064
March 18, 2018	Pre-Conference Workshop	15, 14, YPAA	Linda Vista Recreation Center 7064 Lavant St. San Diego
March 24, 2018	Pre-Conference Workshop	19, 4	St. David's Episcopal Church 5050 Milton St, San Diego 91910
April 14, 2018	Pre-Conference Assembly	8, 12	First United Methodist Church 1200 East H St, Chula Vista, 91910

Hosting of Area Assembly (September & November): Monty C.

September D11, D13

November D14, D19, we will also be seeing if we can have this assembly in Brawley.

Local Forum Announcement and Update: Jane G.: Remote Communities of Native Americans-25 groups in San Diego County-more than any other area. One staff person and local Trustee to attend, we have a native American for Chair; Dates: August 24, 25, 26, 2018. Warner Springs High School will be

able to serve food from cafeteria. Campsites at Lake Henshaw also, cabins, meeting room. Warner Springs Community Center across from school.

Mileage Reimbursement amounts; Joshua H. -currently \$.29, an increase will not cause a change in the budget, amounts will remain the same in officer's and committee chair's budgets, but if needed they can ask for an unbudgeted expense at year's end if they run out. \$.32, \$.35 or \$.37 are the proposed amounts. Paul K.-motion to raise mileage reimbursement to \$.35 per mile//seconded//to be initiated this year// Discussion: Should start at initial increment//we are behind the curve because of so many years of no increases//question called//passed// Motion to increase mileage amount from \$.29 to \$.35. Motion passes by majority.Minority opinion://budget over \$50,000 Area will have to file taxes//Finance Com. has a CPA on it.// Motion carries.

Ask-it-Basket

1. Will Monty's shirt be color coordinated with the stage colors at all assemblies?? //Laughter!!
2. In order to be eligible to stand for an Area Position, you have to have served a a committee Chair or DCM. Is this correct? //Yes
3. With the above in mind, how long do you have to serve in those positions? Does it have to be the full 2yr term? Or can it be a partial term? //12 months preceding election
4. At the group level only. Why does it seem that the literature position is seperate from the GrapeVine Rep position? They should be the same person at the Group Level. That's easier to have 1 position filled than 2. That is the way they used to do it in the old days in other areas of AA world service.// each group is autonomous so it is up to each group

Thanks to District 4, 5, & 21 for supporting us today

Closing:

- We always need extra hands to help with cleanup and set down.
- At 4:05 pm the Chair closed the meeting with the *Responsibility Pledge* in *English and Spanish*

I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Respectfully submitted, Tanya T. Area 8 Secretary and Rene, Alt. Secretary, Panel 68

Next Assembly: Pre-Conference Assembly- Sponsored by Districts 8 & 12

April 14, 2018 Venue: First Methodist Church

1200 E Street Chula Vista CA 91910