

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting  
August 19, 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](mailto:chair@area8aa.org) to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area's standing committees. The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members.*

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:00 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.: Rename yourself so we know who you are. DCMs and all members, I can use assistance registering our service members. Still seeking group contacts for every group in every area so we can reach out to them. Announce it at meetings. Quorum was met with 28 voting members in attendance.

**Introductions:** Gerardo, Coordinator, Spanish Central Office; Sutton, District 2 DCM (fulfilling Jeremy's term.)

**Approval of the July 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)*

July minutes were **approved unanimously** (approved unanimously or not approved or approved with corrections)

**Treasurer's Report: Cheryl F. (Treasurer)** Buenos noches, mi familia! I can hardly believe it is the end of a second post Covid-19 summer. I have been too busy to enjoy our beautiful beaches. But I am very happy that our hard work has resulted in the 2022 reallocation that we will review, and I hope, forward to the rest of the area. I appreciate all the work this body has done to get us to this point. This year we studied our finances in a different way and I pray that in doing so we all understand the process better than in years past. Now let's get out there and help the GSRs and their groups get educated!

I have been speaking lately about a 2021 reallocation and have had very few submissions. Tonight, we will be reviewing one submission and deciding how we would like to proceed. Do we want to reallocate money this year? How can we best use these funds?

At the end of July, we had \$29,736.99 cash on hand. \$3773.75 of that money is earmarked for the 2020 reallocation. I have been told that the newsletter has purchased a computer and software, once that money is disbursed and if no further 2020 reallocation money is spent, we will be sending the remaining \$3273.75 off to complete our 2020 GSO send-off (Dec 31). That leaves \$25,963.24 of 2021 money to consider for reallocation.

As the 2022 budget stands now, one quarter of the annual budget will equal \$11,655.50. Subtract that number from \$25,963.24 and we have \$6,4991 for possible reallocation or GSO send-off.

Finally, I would like to mention the Group and District Treasurer's Hybrid Workshop which will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This event will be live and virtual at the addresses that will be found on the flyers. Special thanks to Women In Harmony Group for sharing their venue, hybrid equipment and IT support for this event.

I will now answer any questions you may have regarding the July finance report. I believe we will discuss the 2022 spending plan later in our proceedings.

<b>July 2021</b>	<b>July Actual</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2021 Budget 58,395.00</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	\$5,396.76	\$20,783.66		
Individual contributions:	\$671.35	\$2,814.71		
District contributions:	0	0		
Total contributions:	\$6,068.11	\$23,598.37	\$58,395.00	\$34,796.63
Total budgeted expenses:	\$968.80	\$15,715.89	\$58,394.95	\$(40,986.06)
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	\$5,099.31	\$7,882.48		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Total expenses:	\$968.80	\$17,635.61		
Contributions less total expenses:	\$5,099.31	\$5,962.76		
Total Cash Balance: July 2021	\$29,736.99		<b>25% of budget</b>	
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	5,000.00			

**Total Special Line Items      YTD: \$1,670.24      2021 Plan: \$3,773.75**

#### July 2021 Finance Report

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/July-2021-Finance-Report.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/July-2021-Finance-ReportSpanish.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.

#### Questions:

Jo Ann Z.: Does that mean we are not intending to spend any more money this year?//No, the slide I shared is what we have at the end of July and it will change as we approach December.

#### **Chairperson's Report: Blaine H.**

We live in uncertain times. Currently, as the A.A. community attempts to move to more traditional methods of gathering, the damn virus mutates to a form which causes yet another wave of illness and death across the country. In response governmental organizations are again placing restrictions on how and where we can meet and, if we do meet in person, whether we must mask up and space ourselves.

Alcoholics are not fond of change, but we must adapt and deal with life on life's terms. At least during the past 18 months we have become reasonably adept at conducting our meetings and our business virtually. We may not like the circumstances, but many are staying sober and welcoming newcomers who may never have been to an in-person meeting! Hybrid systems have been developed to allow attendance virtually and in-person at the same meeting. This technology will likely remain with us.

Area 8 business goes on and up next is our bi-annual election assembly on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Those who are eligible to stand for the ten officer positions have already been notified. If you are one of them, please consider being willing to continue your service to Alcoholics Anonymous and particularly to the San Diego/Imperial Area. A great joy of service, at least for me, is being able to work with wonderful people as part of a team. Try it, you'll like it!

Despite the restrictions placed on us by the pandemic, our Districts and Committees having been working hard to carry the message. Upcoming events:

- 8/22: Linda L. speaking at Old Town Speakers Meeting (United Methodist Church)
- 8/28 Grapevine/La Vina Writers' Workshop
- 9/18 Underserved Communities in A.A.
- 9/19 Step 11 Workshop
- 9/25 AREA 8 ELECTION ASSEMBLY
- 10/2 Unity Day II (Collaborative Intergroup/Area Event)
- 10/9 Group and District Treasurers' Workshop
- 10/19 H&I Fall into Service Event
- 10/24 – 10/27 International Seniors in Sobriety Convention – Bahia Hotel

Questions: None.

### **Delegate's Report: Jerry S.**

Side Notes:

I have visited 15 out of 17 districts to debrief on 71st GSC.. Had a lot of robust feedback at these meetings that are conference-related. So much of the GSC report has transitioned from what happened at the conference to what is happening since then. There is a lot of action being taken from the GSC Report.//Reminded everyone to go to the ACM documents on [area8aa.org](http://area8aa.org) to retrieve any documents that are shared at the ACM.//Hard copies of the 71st GSC reports are delayed due to publishing but will be mailed to DCM as soon as they are available.

My name is Jerry, and I am alcoholic. I am currently honored to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area08 Delegate.

First off, I sent a broad email last night to the local fellowship that included links to the Trustee Report (included in our ACM documents) and the recently published Final Conference Report (also included). If you did not receive it, it is probably in your junk folder. Please take a minute to find it and pull it to your primary folder.

So there is just a ton of new updates and available information that has come through this past Board weekend. Rather than put it all down here, I thought I would just share a few highlights:

### **A.A.World Services, Inc.**

- Contributions year to date are \$4,976,316, which is 51% of the 2021 budget of \$9,725,000 and \$911,513 more than this time last year.
- Gross literature sales year to date are \$5,735,705 which is 65% of the 2021 budget of \$8,865,000 and \$837,572 more than last year.
- June gross sales were \$981,496, just missing becoming the second month over a \$1 million since February 2020. (Not counting February 2021, which was skewed by recognizing the pre-order revenue for the souvenir book.).
- Gross sales in July as of the 16th are \$587,275, placing literature on track for a \$1 million month in July.

### **GSO**

- Bob W has reported in as the new GM of your General Service Office and is diving right in and getting down to business.

- Member and Customer Service: This new team was launched June 28, 2021. Hopefully this will improve the communications and service with the fellowship. One call does all!
- Mail and Shipping: Great news!! After more than a year of being conducted remotely at the mailroom manager's home, the receiving, sorting, distribution and shipping of mail is now being done at GSO.

#### Publication Updates

- September
  - "Hispanic Women in A.A." new pamphlet
  - "Our Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions" new pamphlet
  - "Your G.S.O. and AA Grapevine" new video on DVD
  - Sample text portions for the Plain & Simple Big Book will be submitted for review
- October
  - The Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, in English, French, and Spanish – new recordings in CD sets (possible mid-September)
  - E-Book of Our Great Responsibility (in English, French and Spanish editions)
- November
  - A.A. Service Manual – new design! – fully revised and updated 2021-2023
- December 2021 -or- January 2022
  - Experiencia, Fortaleza y Esperanza (newly completed Spanish translation of the English-language title Experience, Strength and Hope)
- Forthcoming (pending editorial and translation completion)
  - "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix," with revised Contributions text
  - Corrections materials (with "inmate" replaced and reworded to reflect "people in custody" – via a rolling schedule, as revisions are completed
  - Revised A.A. Preamble items – placard, parchments, and in pamphlets— via a rolling schedule, pending reprints

#### Licensing & Translations.

- Big Book
  - 72 translations, 73 languages total
  - 27 languages pending at various stages of completion which includes 19 new translations in progress and 8 revisions/re-translations
- Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions
  - 52 approved translations with 3 translations pending
- Daily Reflections
  - 38 approved translations with 2 translations pending
- Living Sober
  - 37 approved languages with 5 translations pending
- Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age
  - 19 approved languages with 2 translations pending

#### Podcast Update

There are x2 sub-groups coordinating and working hard. As part of researching pilot podcast ideas, the team will be providing considerations for many Podcast aspects such as: music, recurring segments, integration of AAGV and A.A.W.S., audio assets, talent/hosting needs, translation considerations, etc. The Creative Team will work with the Equipment-Logistics team as their ideas develop, so that the Equipment-Logistics team can research things such as: cost, logistics, talent/voice needs etc.

#### Finance & Budgetary

2021 budget reforecast: For the year 2021, there is a reforecast of the AAWS budget. This budget includes new higher revenue estimates and increases in expenses. Total operating revenue is projected to be \$17,084,572, an increase of \$1,490,572 which is 10% from the original budget. Total operating expense is projected to be \$16,416,862, an increase of \$764,048 which is 5% of the original budget.

The trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the re-forecasted budget, which reflects gross sales of \$11,400,000, contributions revenue of \$10,000,000 and a bottom-line surplus of \$667,710. This was approved by the GSB.

**The trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board approve an immediate transfer of \$250,000 to the Reserve Fund.** This was approved by the GSB.

Reserve Fund: On June 30, 2021, the Reserve Fund balance was \$12,537,739. No additions or withdrawals have been made during this year. The current balance covers 8.41 months of expenses calculated based on the original expense budget for 2021.

Please note that there is quite a bit more information in the available Trustees Report. However, for our time together tonight, I believe that is quite enough for now.

#### GSC 71st Final Report:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/71st-GSC-Final-Report-AP-English.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/71st-GSC-Final-Report-AP-Espanol.pdf>

#### Trustee Report July

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Trustee-Report-July-August-2021.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Trustee-Report-July-August-2021-ESPANOL.pdf>

#### Questions:

Lynn E: Excited to see replenishment of the reserve funds. How much was drawn down from the reserve fund? \$4 million dollars was drawn from the reserve. At this time, the prudent reserve is at approx 9 months of operating expenses.

Additional comments: Jerry encouraged everyone to stand for positions at the upcoming Elections Assembly.

#### **Alt Delegate's Report: Monty C.**

Hello Family,

It is a joy and a pleasure to see AA flourishing in many different avenues within the area and aboard. The Grapevine committee is having a workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup> this month. District 7 is putting together a 11-step workshop on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Districts 6 & 19 are having a workshop on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. I hope that you will hear more about these workshops tonight from the different districts or committees.

It is also my pleasure to let you know that we have been asked to participate in an event with the Intergroup on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be called Unity 2.0. This will be a day of fun and celebration. We have been

or will be asking the committee that would like to participate to come out and set up a table for a few hours. There will be committees from the Area and Intergroup at the event. A flyer has been created and finally submitted to the Alt Chair and Policy to post on the website.

DCM and Committees please have your GSR's and volunteers share this event with their homegroup members. It will be a casual day of games, mixing and mingling about service work within the region. There will be one speaker at the event. It will be held at Camino Ruiz Park. The address is on the flyer. It will go from 11am to 3pm. There is still room if any of the committees would like to participate.

This will not be a hybrid or zoom event. We understand that everyone is not comfortable with being in this type of setting. If you are, we would love to have you.

Our elections are just around the corner. If you haven't decided to stand at this time, it's okay. Let your heart and the spirit of AA lead you to what is best for you. If you are not standing, please consider helping out in some kind of fashion. We will still need our help and input to do the everyday tasks within the Area and committees.

I will also ask that you please give the person taking the position a proper pass down. Please review the Service Manual. Check out our Structure and Guidelines. Know what the duties are and what you are getting into. Most of the positions take a lot of time. Some do not. They all take willingness. I don't know about you, but I can't do this alone.

Since we last met, I have gotten to visit two districts this month. This was an awesome experience to talk one on one with the GSR and ask questions. I attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session. It was really nice to hear the voice of AA being carried throughout in many different forms.

I am very grateful to be of service to AA and San Diego.

Questions: None.

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

- **Coordinating Council-SD:** Aleksey K./Susan- Coordinating Council has two new experienced, and very capable committee chairs. Renea has taken over After Hours Phones. There are two nights currently open: the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> nights. If you'd like to be available for calls coming to Central Office after hours, you can reach Renea at [afterhoursphones@asandiego.org](mailto:afterhoursphones@asandiego.org). Sallye M. is the new chair of Public Information, starting pretty much from scratch. You can reach Sallye at [publicinformation@asandiego.org](mailto:publicinformation@asandiego.org).

We gratefully welcomed our newly hired Administrative Assistant, Lisa Ann. Central Office will be closed on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Daytime Phones can always use volunteers. If you're available, please contact Judi or Lisa Ann at (619) 265-8762. We're in the process of getting a new Voice Over IP phone system. The Business Committee approved selling back issues of Grapevine at a reduced rate and also at a discount in the bookstore. We currently have 1,015 meetings per week: 302 online, 601 in person, and 112 hybrid. In answer to many requests, Central Office will begin printing schedules, again. Our target date is Sept. We will print smaller batches more often because of the continuing changes. You can reach Judi, our Central Office Manager, at [asandiego](mailto:asandiego) or me, Susan G, at [councilchair@asandiego.org](mailto:councilchair@asandiego.org)

- **North County Intergroup:** Mike M.- NP
- **Oficina Central Hispana-SD:** Gerado - Central office gets together every Thursday with approx 13 representatives. We are going to the intergroup office every Saturday
- **Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte:** Esther- NP
- **GSDYPAA:**
- **NSDYPAA:** Jeremy- NP
- **Native American Liaison:** Wolf-
- **East County Intergroup:**
- **Spanish Women's Workshop-Alicia:**

#### Old Business:

- **DCM Group:** Terri H. - Scheduled for second Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. 12 in attendance last month. Discussed mid-year state of affairs. Blaine spoke about financial reallocation or request for reallocation. Then we did a round-robin with DCMs. Reported that there is some slow down in participation due to COVID and reluctance to participate at the District level. Agreed to keep meeting monthly.
- **Committee Chair Group:** Lynn E.- Attendance has been low. 4 in attendance last month. Question raised whether we should consider not having the meeting.//Should be left up to the Committees.//Numbers are low across the Committees and it's hard to add another Zoom meeting onto our schedules right now.//Before you disband, reconsider. As an Alt Delegate I meet with the other Alt Delegates every month and it's important for me to participate.//Was excited to participate initially but have not been able to come.//Same 4 people are meeting every month. Suspend the meeting for the short-term and then revisit in 2022. It's not that the 4 individuals attending don't want to meet but there is not enough support.// H&I Committee goes to a monthly meeting with other H&I committees.//Sorry to see it disbanded and offered IT help.//I normally have other commitments on that night but I would attend if I could.//Attended the first two and was not able to commit afterwards.//An Alternate Chair can attend in the Committee Chair's place.//Maybe we need to discuss a different meeting day and time. Committee Chairs can communicate internally to come up with a day and time that works.
- **Spending Plan/Budget Presentation to the ACM - Follow-up:** Cheryl F. & Cindy H. - Version 8/18/2021. Shout out to District 15 for Spanish translation!. We reviewed this last month and there were some errors and changes needed. Overall budget is \$46,742.00 which is a \$10,625 decrease from 2021 (19% reduction). Some changes include drop prep mileage reimbursement, decreased ROOTS budget, increased Unity Day budget, removed Spanish Women's Workshop budget. In addition, the Area Assembly rent was decreased by \$1,000 due to Zoom format, Area committee meeting supplies have been decreased. In July, the UPS Box was renewed for \$106. It will increase to \$146 in 2022.

#### Questions/Comments:

- IT Committee requests to add \$441 to continue the texting messaging service.//6 months was given for any changes and additions so if it's added now the final proposed spending plan will not be completed and reviewed in time for the November Budget Assembly. IT Committee should submit a reallocation request for this next year.//If this is something that the Area wants to have it should be included in this budget vs an unbudgeted expense. We have not actually finalized the budget and will be handing it out at the Election Assembly so it's not finalized.//Is this an annual expense?// If it's been helpful to the Area then it should be handed over to the care of the IT



Committee.//Who gets this messaging service?//It is available to everyone and it sends mass texts that are reminders for ACMs, Events, etc.//Who do those texts go to?//Currently, the Registrar sends them out as he receives requests. All Officers, Chairs/Alt Chairs, DCMs/Alt DCMs, 300 GSRs and group contacts receive the text messages.//Is this a cost effective way of communicating or is it duplicative?//Excellent resource for communicating.

- **Motion Passed: Place texting message service into the IT Committees hands and place it on the 2022 budget for \$441.00. Yes: 22 Opposed: 2. Motion passed.**
- Alt Chair/Treasurer mileage went to \$0, why?//This was discussed at a number of ACMs and it was because we have all been using Zoom so transportation reimbursement has been decreased.
- Spanish Women's Workshop - Has the planning committee said they are self-supporting or was this decision just made by someone else.//All decisions were made by consensus of this body.//Concerned about defunding the workshop because we have not discussed it with the planning committee to see if this will be an issue for them.//Treasurer discussed the workshop funding while attending the District 15 meeting and asked them to submit a proposal if they wanted funding.//Lynn E. is willing to reach out to the planning committee.// Delegate will email the planning committee and ask if they are fully funded and will bring an answer to the next ACM.
- Delegate reminded everyone that receipts can be submitted monthly at the ACM as long as it is not over \$450.
- According to the S&G, the guidelines say that we cover the Delegate to attend PRAASA. Will \$700 cover this?//Delegate confirmed that this should be sufficient.
- Section K: DCM Sharing Session - can we use a different name so it's obvious what this line item is for?
- **Motion Passed: Approve 2022 Proposed Spending Plan as Cheryl outlined including the \$441.00 for the text messaging service with our recommendation. Yes: 24 Opposed: 0. Motion passed.**

2022 Proposed Spending Plan: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2022ProposedSpendingPlanAug18.pdf>

- **Structure and Guidelines Revision Draft - Presentation to the ACM - Feedback:** Ernest D. - Reviewed slide deck on S&G. Received input from different positions in the Area. Document is in English and the committee is experiencing difficulty getting it translated into Spanish. Goal is to present the most recent draft at the Election Assembly in Sept. for feedback and present the finalized version at the Budget Assembly in Nov. There will be a S&G Workshop on 10/30/2021 to gather input as well. Some comments have been snide and the authors of these critiques should be more aware of how they might affect other people.//Maybe we should look into the cost of an outside translator because this is an important document.//Any documents that need to be translated should be sent over with enough time to complete the project. Richard is the contact for translation.

Area S&G: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Area-SG-Aug-17-2021-Final-Draft.pdf>

**Break: 9:50 pm**

**Master Calendar:** JoAnn Z- 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-(July 15, 2021):** Jo Ann Z. - Renea, 9 years on August 7th!

**New Business:**

- **Possibility of an In-Person Budget Assembly:** Blaine H - Response has been fantastic! Districts have started to contribute funds towards a live event.. Have a potential venue. Decision will be made closer to Saturday, November 13th.
- **Reallocation of Funds for 2022 PRAASA:** Use excess funds from 2021 budget to pay for Area Officers to go to 2022 PRAASA in Portland, OR.//Beneficial to look at the proposals as a group. If we have \$14,000 and we receive 15-20 proposals then we should review them all together.//The proposals from last year were presented and reviewed by everyone and this will be conducted the same way. No vote is being asked for now. It is informational only.//With new officers coming in next year it's important that we give them this experience.//Delegate has posted the Save-The-Date 2022 PRAASA flyer in the Chat.

Reallocation for PRAASA <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/EReallocation-PRAASA.pdf>

PRAASA Save-The-Date Flyer: <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/#FLYERS>

- **Election Assembly 9/25/2021:** Blaine H. - Scheduled for Saturday, September 25th. Encourage all who are eligible to stand for a position.

Area Election Assembly Flyer: <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/#FLYERS>

- **Area Inventory:** Blaine H. - 2018 Area Inventory was sent out. It is a 22-page document. Resulted in a lot of good recommendations of how we can do things better in the Area. One of the results of that inventory was the creation of GSR School. Area should conduct an Inventory in 2021.//We would be remiss to not have an inventory of us as a group.//Feel strongly that we should do an inventory, especially with the elections coming up and younger individuals taking officer positions.//Delegate volunteered to chair an AdHoc Planning Committee.//Due to the pandemic, the inventory might have a more negative tone.//District 6 completed an inventory via Zoom over 5 separate sessions. It requires a lot of planning. Might be a crunch to fit it in this year.//Valuable use of time looking at our Mission Statement
- **Motion Passed: In favor of conducting an Area Inventory in 2021. Yes: 19 Opposed: 1.**
- Members interested in participating in an AdHoc committee should contact the Delegate directly.

Area Inventory Final Report May 2018: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Area-Committee-Inventory-Final-Report-May-2018.pdf>

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

**District 1:** Josh- NP

**District 2 :**Jeremy-

**District 3:** John- Meeting in person outdoors. Informed GSRS that we might be putting on a Budget Assembly in November.

**District 4:** Maureen:

**District 5:** Dave F. - Decided to meet on Zoom for balance of 2020 but kept the possibility of a "social hour" open for those who might want to attend. Invited Finance Committee to attend an upcoming meeting to answer GSR questions about the 2022 Spending Plan. We added GSRs from three different meetings in the past two months.

**District 6:** Maire:

**District 7** Allison: Renea - Hosting a Step 11 workshop on Sept 19th 2-4p.m. @ South Park Alano Club. <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Step-11-Workshop-Flyer-District-7.pdf>

**District 8:** Angelina

**District 9:** Lorie W. NP

**District 10:** .Paul K.

**District 11:** Michele NP

**District 12:** Kevin

**District 13:** Stephanie- NP

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

**District 15:** Marina V. - We have 17 GSRs and 3 Committee Chairs in our District. We continue to visit the groups. We are meeting live. Thanks to Cheryl for attending our District Meeting!

**District 16:** Ted: Diana-

**District 17:** Santiago - NP

**District 18:** Carlos/Esther:

**District 19:** Adrian O. - 20 in attendance last month. New GSRs have joined from previously unrepresented meetings. Co-sponsoring an Underserved Communities Workshop with District 6 on September 18th. It will be hybrid.

**District 20:** Flint N

**District 21:** Terri NP

**District 22:** Meegan: interim DCM

**District 23:** Carol Ann (new DCM) NP

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities:** Jeffrey/Renea -

- The Accessibilities Committee has a new Venmo for the GOLD CAN: Sign Language Fund Gold Can @ALSGoldCan
- 213-255-0571
- Please make this announcement for future contributions. This is the link to the flyer on our website: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/The-Sign-Language-Fund-8-2-21.docx.pdf>
- The Accessibilities Committee continues with outreach to districts and committees
- This is an update on the current nine ASL-interpreted AA meetings
  - Monday 7-8:00 pm Open Minded Men's (Hybrid - Live): Meeting ID: 263 543 951 Password: 339826. Christ United Methodist Church 3295 Meade Ave. San Diego, CA 92116
  - Tuesday 5-6 pm No Barriers ASL (Zoom only): Meeting ID: 356 979 6789 Passcode: sandiego
  - Wednesday 12-1:00 pm Drunks Only (Zoom only): Meeting ID: 629 462 689 Password: DO12noon

- Thursday 7-8:00 am Spiritual Awakening (Hybrid - Zoom): Meeting ID: 936-064-667 Password: @12Tried
- Thursday 7:30-9 pm Carlsbad AA Workshop (Hybrid - Zoom): Meeting ID: 829 6014 2266 Password: 473828
- Friday 9:15-10:15 am Jump Start (In-person): Church of the Nazarene 9573 Los Coches Rd Lakeside, CA 92040
- Friday 7-8:30 pm North Park Men's (In-person): John D Spreckels Lodge #657 3858 Front St. San Diego, CA 92103
- Saturday 9-10:15 am\* Women's Joy of Living. (In-person): La Mesa Central Congregational Church 8360 Lemon Ave. La Mesa, CA 91941
- Sunday 7-8:10 pm Old Town Speakers (Hybrid - Live): First United Methodist Church 2111 Camino del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 Meeting ID: 837-664-945 Password: 061035 <https://zoom.us/j/837664945>

**Archives-John B.:** Tom Alt chair

**IT Committee:** Paul K.

**Armed Services:** Tiffany

**Policy:** Ernest//Chuck- The Policy Committee discussed the comments received to date from Area 08 members (Delegate; Registrar, Chair San Diego H&I; and DCM District 5). This is the second draft of the S&G developed since the S&Gs were distributed to the Area initially at the January 2021 Area Assembly. The Policy Committee reviewed comments received and provided its response back to those submitting comments. The Committee also discussed the upcoming S&G workshop scheduled for October 30, 2021, from 0900 – 1100. The purpose of this workshop is to assist AA members to understand the (1) importance of the Area's S&G; and (2) recommended changes to the 2017 S&G. The one outstanding issue is to submit the S&G to the Translation Committee.

The Committee discussed a request made by the Alt Delegate to update the Area's GSR Manual. It was agreed that the Alt Delegate would provide recommended changes to the GSR Manual and provide back to the Committee these changes for the Committee's review.

**GrapeVine:** Lynn E.- AA Area 8 will be hosting a Grapevine & La Viña Writers Workshop on Saturday, August 28th from 9-12. Participants will get tips from people who have successfully had their stories published in our monthly AA magazines, work with writing coaches to prepare their story to be published, and hear inspiring stories of other participants. Register by August 25th will be eligible to be in a drawing to win either a 1-year subscription (to The Grapevine or La Viña or a book. There is Spanish translation and ASL interpretation. Please see the posted flyer. We need your help! Please distribute the attached workshop flyer to your committees and districts. The flyers are also on the Area 8 website.

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/#FLYERS>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/#FLYERS>

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Viña – The GV/LV Committee was honored to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our Spanish language meeting in print, held on July 11th. District 15 hosted a memorable event with members speaking with passion, heart, humor and honesty about the role of La Viña in their recovery journey. The celebration concluded with a Writers Workshop hosted by Area 3 (Arizona).

Upcoming: Audio Workshop The GVLV Committee will be giving an Audio Workshop at the Seniors in Sobriety International (Hybrid) Conference being held October 24-27<sup>th</sup> at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego and

on Zoom. The Audio Workshop will focus on submitting an audio story for the Grapevine/La Viña YouTube Channel. More details to come. The YouTube Channel is at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9uFLJ\\_aXT3-At0PIPWUQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9uFLJ_aXT3-At0PIPWUQ)

If you are interested in the Seniors in Sobriety International Conference, go to: [www.seniorsinsobriety.com](http://www.seniorsinsobriety.com)  
Early bird registration closes September 1. They are looking for volunteers.

**CPC:** Vito

**Finance:** Cindy H. NP

**Literature:** Sasha NP for report - We have not met in a couple months. We did meet this past Monday in person at the Central Office! I almost cried when I walked in and truly felt like I was home again.. We met to put together 5 LAAL (lending AA libraries). We have 5 (so far) local recovery homes who said they needed AA literature. Our Pamphlet review was different this month. When I was looking through AAWS I found some pre-made pamphlet kits for recovery homes and institutions! I ordered some and we deconstructed them. There were many good pamphlets and we liked the inclusions of some.. However, I didn't think it had a broad range of "inclusionary pamphlets." For instance, there was no LGBTQ, AA for Armed Service, Many Paths to Spirituality, AA for the Older Alcoholic, etc.. Ultimately, we decided to go with the pamphlets our committee chose for the purpose of inclusion and organization. I will send out a complete project breakdown when I work out all the bugs.

**NCAIC (H&I):** Michael H. NP for report - The North County H&I committee is focused on filling in-person H&I panels for 18 of our 23 facilities. We have a need for 50+ panel members. Facilities are located in Fallbrook, Escondido, Vista and Oceanside. For more information on how you can help, contact us at [northcountyhandi@gmail.com](mailto:northcountyhandi@gmail.com) or our website [nchandi.org](http://nchandi.org).

**Newsletter:** Roxane R. NP

**SD H&I:** Diana - SDIAC (San Diego H&I) Report August 19, 2021

Our policy council meetings are the third Sunday of every month on Zoom at 11:00. This time is earlier than is listed on any website except the H&I one. Access information is on our website. All are welcome. We will resume in-person meetings for Orientation and the business meeting in October, with our service event. Our November meeting will be as host committee for the Southern California H&I Intergroup, where we will welcome H&I members from committees all over Southern California. The Intergroup meeting will run from 11 – 2; lunch from 11-12 and meeting from 12-2.

Our online orientation is at the same time as the Area Committee meeting. We are hoping that on-line 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 are experiencing a great shortage of volunteers since most of our treatment facilities are now back up and having H&I coming into the facility.

We have a few 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)

We are planning the fall service event for October 17<sup>th</sup>. Flyer should be with policy for review this week. We want to know how much Spanish community participation there might be so we can plan for translation if necessary.

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.

The annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend has been cancelled this year because of lack of advance registrations. There will most probably be another virtual BTGWW day in the spring, and we are in process of planning to have the 2022 event in San Diego. Anyone interested in helping me to organize a host committee can contact me or contact us through the website.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Translation:** Richard  
**Young People's (YPAACC):** Jeremy - NP

**Closing:** Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

**Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted, Panel 70 Area Acting Secretary : Julie O.*

**Next Assembly:**

Election Assembly

September 25, 2021

On Zoom