

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting  
October 21, 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.

**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**

Introductions were offered for any new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and their Alternates. Guests and visitors also identified themselves. All were welcomed to the Area Committee.

**Registrar's Report:** Bill S.: **A call for help to Area Committee Members:** Please review the list of Area groups (posted on the website [area8aa.org/area-information/registrar/#directory](http://area8aa.org/area-information/registrar/#directory) and confirm the meetings that you know are active or inactive. The only way the Area can accurately report to GSO the number of groups and a member count is with your help. Please ask your GSRs and all of your fellows to follow suit. 10-21-2021

**Introductions:**

**Secretary: Approval of the September 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 elect, Rose P. 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)*

September minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: Cheryl F.**

Happy Halloween to you all! I have a ghoulish report for you. (Aren't they all rather ghoulish and boring?)

This is the last report I have for you before the Budget Assembly in November. This one is going sound a lot like the last few. I want to make sure you are well informed so that when we meet next month at the assembly our group conscience is an informed decision. I can not tell you exactly what the numbers will look like come December but these past few months reports will give you a general idea.

At the end of September, we had \$37,926.02 in the bank. \$5,000 of that money is our prudent reserve. This number has remained constant each month since we have not had a reason to use those funds. Our operating budget will then be \$32,926.02. If this was the end of the year (December) and I had to prepare our accounts for 2022, I would start by subtracting the unspent 2020 reallocation money and sending that sum to GSO. Referring to the September finance report, our unspent reallocation money equals \$3,021.50. This money was targeted to be spent locally in 2021 instead of sending it as a 2020 contribution to GSO. It will be retroactively sent to GSO. Bringing the actual 2021 finances to \$29,904.52,

According to the current Structure and Guidelines I will need to retain \$11,795.75 which represents

one quarter of the 2022 spending plan. This is the money that we will use to pay our expenses for January through March. This is another number that has remained constant over the last few reports. Finally, I will subtract the money that represents uncashed checks that have as yet been processed.

On September 30, we had \$250.73 in uncleared transactions.

\$29,904.52 (2021 finances)  
 Minus \$11,795.75 (first quarter operating funds)  
 \$18,108.77  
 Minus \$ 250.73 (uncleared transactions)  
 \$17,858.04 (2021 surplus)

This gives us a surplus of \$17,858.04 which by Structure Guidelines is forwarded to GSO as a contribution from Area 8. Over the last five or six months we have been requesting projects for a possible 2021 reallocation. Tonight, we will be discussing further reallocation proposals. Please pay attention to these proposals and discuss them with your districts. We will be voting on a 2021 reallocation at the November Budget Assembly as well as approving the 2022 budget.

I will now answer any questions you may have regarding the August finance report or the information I covered in this report.

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.

September 2021	September Actual	YTD	2021 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	\$1,765.03	\$25,950.33		
Individual contributions:	\$205.00	\$3,327.71		
District contributions:				
Total contributions:	\$1,970.03	\$29,278.04	\$58,395.00	\$29,116.96
Total budgeted expenses:	\$646.79	\$14,739.90	\$58,394.95	\$41,872.05
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	\$1,323.24	\$14,538.14		
Total unbudgeted expenses:				
Total expenses:	\$646.79	\$16,659.62		

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Contributions less total expenses:	\$1,323.24	\$12,618.42
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Total Cash Balance: September 2021	\$31,175.74	25% of budget \$11,795.75
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Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00
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**Total Special Line Items September: --: \$3,776.06; 2021 Plan: \$3,021.50**

### Finance Report

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/September-2021-Finance-Report.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/September-2021-Finance-ReportSpanish.pdf>

### Contributions Report:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/September-Contributions.pdf>

Spanish: Not submitted to translation..

Questions/Comments: [None](#)

### Delegate's Report: Jerry S

What's new with literature:

- ☒ "Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions"

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-91\\_An\\_Introduction\\_To\\_Our\\_Twelve\\_Traditions.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-91_An_Introduction_To_Our_Twelve_Traditions.pdf)

- ☒ "Hispanic Women in AA" [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-90-HispanicWomeninAA.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-90-HispanicWomeninAA.pdf)

- ☒ The updated 12 & 12 with revisions from this past years Conference including updated language and additions

- ☒ Please stay in touch with Central Office stock to source these new pamphlets and publications for your home group. You can also access them through the online bookstore at [aa.org](https://www.aa.org).

- ☒ The Grapevine has a new podcast episode every Monday... check out the first three – <https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

- ☒ The first communication from our GSO General Manager, Bill W. can be found by [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_FirstCommunication\\_from\\_GM\\_BobW.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_FirstCommunication_from_GM_BobW.pdf)

- ☒ The CPC (Cooperation with Professional Committee) Desk at GSO is asking for our experience with sharing the message into professional communities. Do you have experience connecting with...

o Judges o Lawyers o Psychologists o High School Principals o College Counselors o Recovery Home Managers o Detox Center Supervisors o Etc.

The CPC Desk wants to hear from you!

- Please send your email communications to: [cpc@aa.org](mailto:cpc@aa.org)

A quick what's up with Finances (Jan-June 2021):

- ☒ Gross Literature Sales: \$5.7M (65% of 2021 Budget)
- ☒ Contributions: \$5M (51% of 2021 Budget)
- ☒ Total Revenue: \$10.9M
- ☒ Total Operating Expenses: \$7.6M (53% of 2021 Budget)
- ☒ A re-budget shows projected revenues to be \$17M (10% increase from previous budget)
- ☒ Reserve Fund Balance: \$12.5M or 8.41 months of expenses based on original 2021 Budget

• Want more? Check out the Quarterly Report from GSO –

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-14\\_QtrlyRep\\_august2021.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-14_QtrlyRep_august2021.pdf)

COVID has hurt our groups, our districts, committee's and our Area Assembly. These following months, if not years, will demand a significant sacrifice for all of our efforts to heal and support regrowth.

Nearly 40% of our groups here in San Diego / Imperial went dark following shelter in place orders nearly 18 months ago. Participation was immediately impacted and our ability to fulfill our purpose and connectivity with our groups suffered. I've been taught by those that have gone before me, that any problem in service is really just a problem of recovery and that any problem of recovery can be overcome through the primary principles we hold dear, none so vital as an honest, fearless and thorough inventory.

I know we will entertain a report on our upcoming Area Inventory, but I wanted to ensure I shared my two cents on this vital and caregiving exercise to the pathway of our Area moving forward.

- ☒ What have we learned, what have we lost?
- ☒ What assets and successes need massaging and what practices need excising?
- ☒ How are we coming up short in serving our groups; what is handicapping us?
- ☒ I pray that you have prioritized this three-hour event in just over a week from now. Its vital that all of us attend and bring an open heart and open mind. Its not up to me. Its not up to you. Its up to we. Its up to us to define what unity means today. Its up to our shared experience strength and hope to define what the hand reached out to the suffering hand of alcoholism looks like today and into the future tomorrow. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Are there any questions?

Jerry S.– Delegate E: [area8delegate70@gmail.com](mailto:area8delegate70@gmail.com) Questions/Comments: [None](#)

**MOTION: Create a Procedure for Business Without a Quorum - Jerry S.**

**Jerry's motion is a proposed amendment to the Area Assembly Structure and Guidelines.**

**Name of Motion: Addressing Lack of Quorum**

***Motion: It is moved that language be added to our Area Structure & Guidelines to assist the Area in its proceedings in the event that a quorum is not established. (see 1 - End Notes, pg. )***

Current Text: N/A - There currently is no text regarding procedure that ought to be taken if a quorum is not achieved.

This motion will go to the Assembly. We (the ACM) will either recommend it or not recommend it. In order that the body will have a method of doing business, of having elections, and of making

decisions at our Budget Assembly we will consider a vote of confirmation by simple majority.

**The motion passed:**

**48% in favor; 43% opposed; 4 abstentions.**

Jerry described it as a temporary circumnavigation due to the apathy in general service.

The Policy committee does not endorse the motion.

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

Hello Family,

As I continue on this journey, my willingness grows stronger everyday. Since last month, so much has happened or changed. Our elections at the end of the September were conducted. This area has decided that I will make a great asset to the structure of this area. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to continuing to serve AA. A special thank you for Dean B and all the invited guests for standing in and helping out with the GSR School/Orientation.

I got to be in two places at one time. For those of you who know me, you know I love camping. I try and attend this campout at Lake Henshaw every year. I was at the AA camp out while the elections were being conducted. I was surrounded by some of closest friends. It was a wonderful feeling. They were there to cheer and give me support where needed.

Some of you joined me along with the Central Office crew for Unity 2.0. This was a day to be outside and celebrate recovery. We felt like the event was successful. I would like to personally thank each and every person that showed up, helped out or participated in some type of way. The camaraderie and laughs can still be felt weeks later. I meet a newcomer earlier in the year that has been coming to one of my meetings. It was this person's first time at an in-person meeting or meeting an AA member in person. It was very exciting to see her in person and watch what we do. AA continues to live on one day at a time.

I started back traveling for work. It was good to get out and see some of my friends. I went to Dallas for a couple days and came back over the weekend. On Sunday, a few of us road up to Buena Park for the Area 9 for their elections. We got to participate in a hybrid election. There were a few kinks that needed to be worked out. They knew they would have some but didn't know when.

Area 9 has some of the same issues that we have. For some of the positions, there was only one person standing. This has never happened in my recovery. I didn't know what to do. I was standing in for Kathy and almost messed it up. We got thru it and completed the elections process.

With less people standing for positions, this raises questions: **1. Why are our members not interested in standing for an officer position? 2. Has Covid played a role in members not getting out and participating in the service structure? 3. Is AA losing its attractiveness? 4. Is there something going on that I do not know about? 5. What can I do more to encourage members to stand and participate?**

These are just a few questions that come to mind. I do not claim to be able to answer any of the questions, but I would hope that this starts you to thinking about how we can have a greater conversation to help the still suffering alcoholic.

In other news, I got to visit a couple districts since the elections. District 11 and 3. It was great to speak with and interact with the members from the groups. Lots of positive enthusiasm and great energy. I am still available to visit your districts if you would like.

I have created area pin for the conference. I will be unveiling by next month.

I will be ordering more GSR material within the next few days. I will find out when we can order the new service manuals and see if we are able to get anticipated date of arrived.

I have asked service people to speak at the next GSR School/Orientation. Please respond and let me know if you available or not. I have got some responses but not all.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Monty C Alt Del P70**

**Chairperson's Report: Blaine H. Eng/Span.**

I am sure most of you were present for the election Assembly last month. We should be grateful to those who stood and congratulate those who were elected. We should even more grateful to those who came to the Assembly without the notion of standing and later, when the need became apparent, volunteered to serve. Thank you all!

The Assembly experience also uncovered difficulty with the quorum for our body. Our guidelines clearly say that the establishment of a quorum needs to take place before we can do business. At the onset of the election – a quorum had not been achieved. At the time it was felt that, for very practical reasons, the election needed to take place on this date. Tonight, we have a motion to address what should occur in the future when a quorum has not been achieved in a situation where the assembled body feels that business should proceed and be confirmed at a later time and date when a quorum is present.

We will decide tonight as to whether our Budget Assembly next month will be a hybrid meeting or another virtual gathering. The desire to meet in person is strong, yet there are some who have told us they are still hesitant to gather in a large group even if masked (which will be a requirement for using this facility). We need to respect that view.

Earlier in the year we made the decision to hold two or three of our assemblies virtually, and the other two or three live. The decision as to which assemblies will be which has not been made. If we go hybrid next month, the degree of success of that venture may lead us to an easier decision.

In order to have successful in-person assemblies we need to be able to deploy our Area Sound System. The system is relatively new and proven to work well in the past. PROBLEM: We need a few people to be responsible for testing it, and then setting it up properly on site and monitoring its use during assemblies. It is a commitment which only require action a few times each year. PLEASE HELP!

**Upcoming Events:**

10/24 – 10/27 International Seniors in Sobriety Convention – Bahia Hotel (Hybrid)  
10/30 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Structure and Guidelines Workshop (Virtual)  
10/30 – 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM Area Inventory (Hybrid)  
11/13 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Area 8 Budget Assembly (Hybrid) GSR School at 8:00 AM  
12/4 - 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Hispanic Women's Workshop (Virtual)

Questions/Comments: None

**INFORME DEL COORDINADOR**

21 de octubre, 2021

Estoy seguro de que la mayoría de ustedes estuvieron presentes en la Asamblea de elecciones el mes pasado. Debemos estar agradecidos a los que se presentaron y felicitar a los que fueron elegidos. Deberíamos estar aún más agradecidos a aquellos que vinieron a la Asamblea sin la noción de estar de pie y más tarde, cuando la necesidad se hizo evidente, se ofrecieron como voluntarios para servir. ¡Gracias a todos!

La experiencia de la Asamblea también descubrió dificultades con el quórum para nuestro cuerpo. Nuestras guías dicen claramente que el establecimiento de un quórum debe tener lugar antes de hacer negocios. Al inicio de las elecciones, no se había logrado el quórum. En ese momento se consideró que, por razones muy prácticas, la elección debía tener lugar en esta fecha. Esta noche, tenemos una moción para abordar lo que debería ocurrir en el futuro cuando no se haya logrado un quórum en una situación en la que el órgano reunido considere que los negocios deben continuar y confirmarse en un momento y fecha posteriores cuando haya quórum.

Decidiremos esta noche si nuestra Asamblea de Presupuesto el próximo mes será una reunión híbrida u otra reunión virtual. El deseo de reunirse en persona es fuerte, sin embargo, hay algunos que nos han dicho que todavía dudan en reunirse en un grupo grande, aunque están enmascarados (lo que será un requisito para usar esta instalación). Tenemos que respetar esa opinión.

A principios de año tomamos la decisión de celebrar dos o tres de nuestras asambleas virtualmente, y

las otras dos o tres presenciales. La decisión sobre cuales asambleas serán virtual o presencial no se ha tomado. Si nos volvemos híbridos para el próximo mes, el éxito de ese evento puede llevarnos a una decisión más fácil.

Para tener ensamblajes en persona exitosos, necesitamos poder implementar nuestro Sistema de Sonido de Área. El sistema es relativamente nuevo y se ha demostrado que funciona bien en el pasado. PROBLEMA: Necesitamos que algunas personas sean responsables de probarlo, y luego configurarlo correctamente en el sitio y monitorear su uso durante las asambleas. Es un compromiso que sólo requiere acción unas pocas veces al año. ¡POR FAVOR AYUDA!

Próximos Eventos:

24/10 – 27 Convención Internacional de Personas Mayores en Sobriedad – Hotel Bahía (Hybrid)

10/30 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Taller de Estructura y Lineamientos (Virtual)

10/30 – 12:00 Mediodía – 3:00 PM Inventario de Área (Híbrido)

11/13 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Área 8 Asamblea de Presupuesto(Híbrido) Escuela RSG - 8:00 AM

**12/4 - 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Taller de Mujeres Hispanas (Virtual)**

**Two minute Liaison Committee Reports: Jo Ann Z** (NP-not present//NR-no report)

Odd# Districts and the following 8 Standing Committees: Accessibilities, Finance, GV/LV, Newsletter, Policy, SD H&I, Translation, YPCC plus The Coordinating Council, San Diego and North County Intergroup.

● **Coordinating Council-SD: submitted by Susan G., Liaison**

- ☒ We have a new phone system that had some initial kinks, but appears to be up and running, thanks to our hard-working Central Office Manager, Judi, and her Administrative Assistant, Lisa Ann. It will be considerably less expensive than our old, outdated one. Calls will be automatically forwarded and forwarding cancelled by shifts, which had been a cumbersome problem with the old system. There are still 4 nights open: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Our After Hours Phones Coordinator, Renea is also still looking for individuals and groups willing to fill in for emergency situations. You can reach her at [afterhoursphones@asandiego.org](mailto:afterhoursphones@asandiego.org)
- ☒ Tom M, our Business Committee Chair reported our Sept. Financial Summary. He also announced one opening on the committee for the July 2021-Jun 2022 position. Tim from Radical Acceptance Group stepped up to fill the slot. The Business Committee Treasurer presented the 2022 Budget. Ballots were sent to Coordinators for their meetings' votes to be polled at the Nov. Council Meeting.
- ☒ Our Oct. Book of the Month, As Bill Sees It is on sale for \$7.00 Nov. Book of the Month: Daily Reflections is sale priced at \$8.25. Both are limited to 5 copies ea.
- ☒ We are experiencing approximately 10 meeting updates per week, and are posting them daily. We are in the process of printing the second run of meeting schedules. There have been approx. 80 changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> one.
- ☒ The Annual Anniversary Breakfast was cancelled by the venue. Quickly, the Administrative Assistant came up with the idea of hosting an 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of AA in San Diego Open House event, serving breakfast on Sat, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: 10am-1pm. Details will be coming on the Events section of [asandiego.org](http://asandiego.org) website
- ☒ Daytime phone volunteers are needed for 1:00- 5:00pm shift. Central Office is scheduling phone volunteers to cover Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day,
- ☒ CEC will give a presentation at the Seniors in Sobriety Convention (hybrid) on the morning of Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and at District 6 Committee mtg on Mon, Nov. 8 @ 6pm via Zoom. To schedule a presentation for your district, please email them at [CECchair@asandiego.org](mailto:CECchair@asandiego.org). That committee will need a new Chair in Jan.
- ☒ The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to spread the word about the role of Coordinators. If you're interested, please contact Brian, the Chair, at [outreach@asandiego.org](mailto:outreach@asandiego.org)
- ☒ Orientation and Guidelines welcomed a new Coordinator and thanked Dave M., the new Alternate Chair of that committee.
- ☒ Program Committee: Unity Day2.0 was a great opportunity to gather in person & gain



- momentum for future live events, Jerry S, Monty & Blaine represented Area 8.
- ☒ Public Information has been meeting monthly at Central Office. They've purchased new literature racks. Their first priority is to get drivers scheduled to fill them for schools with posters for nurse's offices, and get books into libraries. They're anticipating in-person events to open up in the New Year.
- ☒ A motion was passed to change the meeting start time from 7:30 to 7:00pm. Susan G. advised that the Business Committee was considering several proposals for excess funds from this year's budget. Their final decisions will be brought to Coordinators for a vote at the Nov. meeting.

## • Old Business:

- ☒ **DCM Group Update:** Terri H. was present. NR
- ☒ **Committee Chair Update:** Lynn Eldred. We are awaiting responses from 4-5 Chairs so that we can schedule the monthly Chairs Committee at a time that works for more members.
- ☒ **Budget Assembly 11/13/21 (Ready, set, go!):** Ted C., Blaine H.-  
**In-Person with Hybrid support.**
- ☒ At a previous ACM, we decided to make the event live with a hybrid component.
- ☒ District 3,7, 8, 11, 19 and 21 are participating.
- ☒ Ted C, D16 DCM has secured a facility.
- ☒ **St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 6th Ave, San Diego, CA 92103**
- ☒ The facility requires that everyone wear a mask.
- ☒ There will be parking issues at St. Paul's, especially for those looking for handicapped spaces. Paid parking is available at LAZ Parking, 2322 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- ☒ Parking is also available in Balboa Park across the street and a short walk. It will open at 7:00a.m.
- ☒ GSR school will be set up in a corner of the venue.
- ☒ **Area Inventory Ad hoc Planning Group 2021 Update: Adrian O.** The ad hoc area inventory group meets regularly and the workshop is taking shape. It will be a hybrid event.
- ☒ In person location: Machinists Hall, 5150 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego, 92111.
- ☒ In order for the inventory of the area to be the best and most relevant that it can be we need participation.
- ☒ We hope the questions that we're preparing will generate lively discussion about our strengths and weaknesses as they pertain to our mission to help the still suffering alcoholic.
- ☒ You are all welcome. Please pass this on to your GSRs and ask them to pass it on to their groups.



10 min. Break

**Master Calendar: Jo Ann;** 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.

Please send me any new events you would like me to list to [joannzawacki@gmail.com](mailto:joannzawacki@gmail.com)//Blaine reminded Jo Ann to include all the flyers sent out with ACM agenda should be added.

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/8.27.2021-Calendaro-de-Eventos.pdf>

**Birthdays since last ACM (Oct. 21, 2021): Jo Ann 35 , 9/29; Jeffrey 16, 10/10; Marina 25, 9/7; Patrick 39, 9/20; Renee R. 31 10/\_\_\_ .**

### **New Business:**

- ☐ **Audio Equipment Managers – We need them!** **Blaine**
- ☐ We need help moving the equipment and operating it. If you are available and able to help please get in touch. We cannot use this great new equipment without help.
- ☐ **Assemblies 2022 – What, where, and how?** **Blaine**
- ☐ **Reallocation Request – Updated Service Manual Purchase** **Monty**
- ☐ This proposal is presented to use a portion of the expected excess 2021 funds. We have been told that a new service manual will be coming out by the end of the year.
- ☐ I would propose that we purchase 400 books. 300 English 100 Spanish 400 @ \$4.00 = \$1600
- ☐ **See Monty's written request in the End Notes**
- ☐ **Unfunded Budget Request – Word Press Plugs-in for Website-** **Paul K**
- ☐
- ☐ **Deforestation – How much paper is enough?** **Blaine**

### **Two-Minute District Reports (Odd Districts) Jo Ann**

**(Everyone should submit written reports to Google Drive or to Rose via email or at the meeting)**

**DCM reports/ the 12 Odd ## districts, 1 – 23.** Three districts submitted written reports. Seven DCMs, including one Alt., were present tonight. If you sent me or Blaine a written report that you do not see here, please let me know and I will correct the minutes.

**Districts 1, 9,13,17 and 23 – NP/NR**

**District 3 – John W, DCM./NR**

**District 5 – Dave F. District 5 Notes for October ACM**

- ☐ GSR joined from just a newly formed physical meeting; Cindy H will attend our next meeting to review 2022 spending plan; Hope to hold District elections at November meeting

**District 7 – Renea C., Alt DCM**

- ☐ Our 11th step workshop was a success with about 15 participants. We will be helping with clean up at the budget assembly.

**District 11-- Michele M., DCM** – present; NR

**District 15 0 Marina, DCM** – present; NR

**District 19 – Adrian O., DCM**

Our District Meeting on Tues., 10/05/21 was attended by 15 GSRs and District Officers

☒ Members from D-19 & D-6 have started planning the NYE Alkathon @ 6th Ave. & Pennsylvania Ave.

☒ Looking for a District to co-sponsor the Alkathon; primarily financially, but can participate if members of the District so desire.

☒ Still looking for a DCM to replace me at the turn of the year.

**District 21 - Terri H DCM** – present; NR

**Committee Reports:** This month we have Accessibilities, Finance, GV/LV, Newsletter, Policy, SD H&I, Translation, YPCC.

☒ Four written reports were submitted. We also have a report by North County H&I.

☒ **Grapevine/ La Viña Chair's Report submitted by Lynn Eldred, 10/21/21**

**Audio Recording Workshop** – The Committee is presenting an in-person Grapevine Audio Workshop at the Seniors in Sobriety International Conference being held in San Diego next week. Participants will be assisted in writing, recording and submitting their personal stories to the Grapevine or La Viña YouTube channels.

**Literature Sales Return** – The committee will be selling literature at the November Area Assembly. We should have delivery of two of the new books published in 2021 - Free on the Inside, about AA in jails and prisons and Mujeres en AA, historic writings of women pioneers in AA and stories of Spanish-language members. The new book released in September, Prayer and Meditation, sold out within weeks of its printing. We will order copies as soon as it is back in stock. PLEASE BRING CASH OR A CHECKBOOK. We will also pilot taking VENMO payments using a personal account. There are specials sales and free shipping on Grapevine and La Viña Items during November and December.

**Carry the Message** - The GVLV Committee will launch its annual drive to support the "Carry the Message" project, which encourage individuals, meetings and districts to purchase gift subscriptions to the Grapevine and La Viña magazines. These subscriptions can be given though the national office to individuals who want a subscription but cannot afford one, local recovery facilities and other institutions, to sponsees, newcomers and other individuals. Email [grapevine\\_lavina@area8aa.org](mailto:grapevine_lavina@area8aa.org) to request information material.

### **Grapevine News**

The Grapevine debuted its podcast which include sobriety talk and interviews with AA members. A new episode is released every Monday. To listen to the podcast go to: [www.aagrapevine.org/podcast](http://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast)

☒ **SDIAC (San Diego H&I) Report submitted by Chair Diana Adam October 21, 2021**


We started our in-person monthly meetings this month with a kickoff celebration/workshop followed by the orientation and our business meeting. It was a great success, with over 60 people in attendance. Our meetings are on the third Sunday of the month at the Machinists' Hall, 5150 Kearny Mesa Road. Policy Council at 11:30, Orientation at noon, Business meeting following the orientation, usually about 12:45. Coordinators can pick up literature for their panels at the meeting. This month we presented a draft budget for 2022 and a recommended slate of officers for 2022 to the membership. We will vote on these in December, because..... Our November meeting will be as host committee for the Southern California H&I Intergrupp, 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. This will replace our usual meetings, which will not occur! All are welcome.


We will continue to hold our online orientation on the third Thursday of the month {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)

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. We are currently looking for a member of the deaf community to act as a contact on release volunteer for a deaf person in custody at RJDonovan. We're excited to be working with the accessibilities committee on this. Thank you for letting me be of service. Diana Adam

 **The North County H&I committee** submitted by Associate Chair, Michael H is focused on filling in-person H&I panels. We currently have a need for 31 panel members. Facilities are located in 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).

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

 **Policy Committee submitted by Chair Ernest D. October 5 and 19, 2021,** discussed the upcoming 10/30/2021 Structure and Guidelines workshop. Five members present, plus Area Liaison, Blaine and Alt Delegate Monty. The purpose of the Workshop is to 1) To understand Policy Committee's efforts to date; 2) To provide a better understanding of the updated S&Gs; and 3) To make an informed decision at the November Assembly to approve/not approve the S&G. In addition, the Committee reviewed the motion presented by our Area Delegate on Addressing Lack of Quorum. The Committee did not endorse the motion. The S&G clearly states what represents a quorum. We feel that any changes to our S&G regarding a quorum, although it may offer a short-term solution, the Policy Committee strongly believes that there will be long term consequences.

### **Close with Responsibility Declaration and Serenity Prayer.**

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

*God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
The courage to change the things I can;  
And the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Respectfully submitted, Panel 72 Area Secretary Elect : Rose P.*

**Next Assembly:** The Orientation Assembly, January 8, 2022

**End Notes:**

**1. MOTION: Create a Procedure for Business Without a Quorum.**

Proposed Text:

(PAGE – 5) IV. MEETINGS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY

C. Voting Procedures of the Area Assembly:

4. It ought to be the initial business of the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) or its Assembly to establish a quorum. Once a quorum has been established it shall be recognized as such throughout the remaining of that day's proceedings regardless of adjusting attendance.
5. In the event that a quorum is not met, all business of policy and requiring vote shall be suspended until a quorum can be reached with the following exceptions: Elections and Budget Approval. Should the business before the assembly be that of electing its servant leadership, or the approval of its budget to support funding of said leadership and the assemblies collective support of direct and indirect 12 Step Work through its committees, the presiding Chair shall call for a motion to proceed with the election, should the agenda be that of elections, or the approval of its budget, should the agenda be that of managing approval of its budget.
  1. A second is required.
  2. This motion is open for discussion and debate.
  3. A 2/3 majority is required to pass.
  4. The minor opinion shall be heard.
  5. If this motion passes, the following practices ought to be adhered to:
    1. The body shall work through its agenda. However, where a vote is required, that vote may pertain to elections and/or budget approval only.
    2. All votes shall be recorded for a final vote of confirmation at the next Assembly when a quorum is achieved.
    3. A vote of confirmation of election shall be managed in the following manner:
      1. A vote of confirmation of an election ought to be perceived as a ministerial/administrative act respecting of the Assembly conscience that managed the election and our 3rd Legacy Procedure.
      2. A vote of confirmation of an election is not open for discussion/debate.
      3. A vote of confirmation of an election requires simple majority to pass.
      4. With passage, the initial vote of election is confirmed for the record.

5. Without passage, an election for the respective position shall be held at the next Assembly.

4. A vote of confirmation of budget shall be managed in the following manner:

1. A vote of confirmation of a budget is open for discussion/debate.
2. A vote of confirmation of a budget requires 2/3 majority to pass.
3. With passage, the initial vote of a budget is confirmed for the record.
4. Without passage, the initial vote may be reengaged for discussion/debate/vote per standard voting procedures.

6. If this motion does not pass, the gathering shall refrain from conducting business requiring vote

throughout that day's agenda including that of elections and/or budget approvals.

Background: In recent Assemblies there has been a struggle to achieve a quorum and proceed into the agenda for that day. Specifically, during the election assembly 2021, when unity is such a vital and important principle to be achieved, this situation led to significant confusion and argument. It is believed that by providing guidance and suggested action within our Structure & Guidelines, unity can be more succinctly reached and maintained throughout the work of our Area.

10/20/2021 1. Submitted to the Area Chairperson and Policy/Agenda Committee's. (This is a good time to send the motion to translation.)

10/21/2021 2. Reviewed by the Area Committee

11/13/2021 3. Presented to the Area Assembly

Presented to the Area Assembly

4 Area Assembly votes - majority vote required to distribute for group consideration

5 GSR's review with Groups - Group Conscience taken

6 Final vote by Area Assembly - two-thirds majority vote required for adoption

a. All proposed new text is presented with underline.

b. All proposed deletions are presented with strikethrough.

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c. Explanations of changes are presented in [brackets].

d. Page number refers to the current location of the text in the A.A.S.&G.

e. If the proposal is new and does not alter or amend the existing text, the page number indicates the intended location in the A.A.S.&G., if adopted.

Financial Impact to the Area Assembly

Direct Costs (-) Savings (+) (Actual \$ spent by the Area Assembly to produce or secure change.)

Indirect Costs (-) or Savings (+) possible related costs to sub-committees, support costs or maintenance.)

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\$0.00	There is no perceived direct financial impact.	\$0.00	There is no perceived indirect financial impact.
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Concepts and Traditions that apply

Concept or Tradition	How it applies
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Tradition – 1	Unity is the primary principle that ought to be achieved in all of our gatherings. It is believed that by including necessary language to assist the Area should it gather without an established quorum would help foster and maintain unity.
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Tradition – 5	The Primary Purpose of the Area Assembly is to carry the AA message to the suffering alcoholic. It is believed that by offering language that can guide the Area as it supports the rotation of its leadership and the pathway by which group contributions are directed will ensure this purpose is achieved. Inversely, without guidance, the Area's Primary Purpose may be handicapped.
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Concept - 4	The Area's proceedings are one of the many vehicles by which our groups activate their Right to Participate in the actions of our fellowship. It is believed that by offering language that can guide the participation of our groups into the agenda of its gatherings will ensure this principle is achieved. Inversely, without guidance, the principle of active participation may be handicapped.
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Tradition – 9 Concept - 9	<p>“Rotating leadership is the best.” – Tradition 9 “Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety.” – Concept 9</p> <p>It is believed that the possibility that an election assembly could be derailed from choosing its future leadership by the absence of simple guiding language within our Structure &amp; Guidelines is objectionable. Furthermore, it is believed that such a scenario would handicap the “functioning and safety” of our Assembly.</p>
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## 2. Alt. Delegate Monty C. -

From: Alt Delegate

To: Area Chair

Via Treasurer and Finance Committee

Proposal to purchase Service Manual (English & Spanish) Revised

This proposal is presented to use a portion of the expected excess 2021 funds. We have been told that a new service manual will be coming out by the end of the year. I would propose that we purchase 400 books.

300 English

100 Spanish

400 @ \$4.00 = \$1600

Respectively submitted

Monty C Alt Del P70



