

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2021

Machinists' Hall – 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd.,– San Diego – 92111

Hybrid Meeting ZOOM* (See instructions below)

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meeting was held in person and online to allow for participation during this time of the Covid 19 pandemic.

7:00 Meeting was Called to Order by the chair: Area chair: Blaine H.
Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer and then the Declaration of Unity.

Registrar's Roll Call: Area Registrar: Bill S.
Please identify yourself on screen by your position e.g. DCM8, ChairCPC, etc.
Introductions: New DCMs, Committee Chairs, Alternates

7:10 Approval of the November 2021 Area Committee Minutes: Area Secretary(Elect): Rose P.
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, Rose P. at secretary@area8aa.org. Please keep your information updated with the Area Registrar, Angelina, (New Registrar, 01/01/22).
Please submit your monthly report before the meeting to the Area 8 Secretary via email secretary@area8aa.org.
November ACM minutes were **approved unanimously** (approved unanimously or not approved or approved with corrections) Motion to approve; and 2nd.

7:15 Treasurer's Report: Area 8 Treasurer-Cheryl F.
“Parting is such sweet sorrow. I have been truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as the Area 8 Treasurer. Thank you for trusting me with the responsibility.”
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/December-ACMReport.pdf>
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/November-2021-Finance-Report.pdf>

7:20 Alternate Delegate's Report Area 8 Alternate Delegate: Monty C.
(Monty C. is now the new Area 8 delegate, Panel 72!)
“This year the conference is scheduled to be in person. There are 178 conference agenda items right now. Some are duplicates and some are reviewing the work that has been done on those items. The conference will be the last week in April.”
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Looking-Ahead-2022.pdf>

7:30 Delegate's Report Area 8 Delegate: Jerry S.
“Happy Holidays!!! Thank you for allowing me to serve!” Jerry ended his report with a poem.
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ACM-Delegate-Report-12162021.pdf>

7:40 Chair's Report

Area 8 Chair: Blaine H.

Wow! Has it been two years already? In some ways it seems like an eternity.

Just a little over two months into Panel 70's tenure, the pandemic hit and A.A. has never (and will never) be the same. Who would have thought that "attending" meetings on one's Portable Electronic Device would become the norm? Or that our Delegate would attend the General Service Conference in his basement, not once, but twice! And yet Alcoholics Anonymous has continued to carry its message to those who are still suffering. It still works!

At one time many of us thought that things would eventually return to normal.

An example of that has been our finances. Each of the past two years the area has budgeted as if things were going in that direction. We had to. And yet, thanks to the continued willingness of our groups to provide financial support, we have had income that has exceeded our expenses. There has been an attempt to find creative ways to utilize those excess funds within the Area. And that has been successful. The reallocation process may well be required next year as well. It is never too soon to think about those things.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for staying the course during these difficult times. With time, we have become accustomed to having this meeting on Zoom. And I believe that our first hybrid assembly last month was a success, demonstrating that we don't all have to be in the same room to get things done. The current plan is to have a similar setup for the January Orientation Assembly. And a special thanks to the volunteers on our new Audio Equipment Team. We will need your expertise soon.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow officers for their support in moving the business of Area 8 forward. Working with such a dedicated bunch was a rewarding experience. Everyone working for the common good, it's the A.A. way. Of course, there is someone absent here tonight. Renee was the epitome of humility and service in Alcoholics Anonymous. She will not be anonymous in our hearts. Tonight, we welcome the new crew of Panel 72. Your task is a challenging one. I hope that you find it as exciting and rewarding as I have.

7:45 Two-Minute Liaison Committee Reports:

This month we will hear from: GSDYPAA, Oficina Ceantral Hispana – SD; Oficina Intergrupul Condodo Norte; NSDYPAA – NP; NR

Coordinating Council – SD, NC Intergroup, We also received reports from H\$I, San Diego; and Grapevine/La Viña.

Written reports are submitted to the secretary, secretary@area8aa.org before the meeting. Thank you.

Coordinating Council SD, Liaison Report for December 2021: Chair: Susan G

H & I: We need more panel leaders and members to fulfill the requests by treatment facilities that are eager for meetings. Please encourage group members to attend orientations that are held 3rd Thurs of each month on line and 3rd Sun of each month, in person, at Machinist's Hall in Kearny Mesa. If you've already attended an orientation, you can download the spreadsheet of panel meetings at sdhandi.org and email the panel leader to express your interest.

Info for all Standing Committee Meetings can be found on the Service Meetings page at aasandiego.org Elections for Committee Chair openings will take place in January.

After Hours Phones: Renea, Chairperson, asked us to announce at all of our meetings that we still have four open nights: 3rd, 18th, 20th & 26th. The committee is in need of new members, and Renea will be stepping down, leaving a vacancy to be filled in January.

Business Committee: Chair, Tom M., has rotated off the committee, as he has met the maximum # of Service terms, per Guidelines & Procedures. There are additional openings on the committee, as well as the Committee Chair. November Financial Summary: Net Revenue is \$1,632. Our 2021 YTD Revenue is \$15,633.

Newsletter Committee: Current Chair, Lisa Ann, will be rotating from this service in Jan. Additional members are also needed. Lisa demonstrated the new Coordinator Newsletter Archive Website. The aasandiego.org website will have a link to the archive site. There are many, many old articles that require copy & paste & editing. Minimal skill is required for this service.

Coordinator Outreach: This committee can always use new members, who are willing to drop in on meetings that do not have an Intergroup Rep, to explain this service Position, and the benefit of being the link to Greater San Diego Intergroup.

Orientation & Guidelines: Tim M. will continue as the Committee Chair. He welcomed one new member in tonight's orientation. There are openings for this committee.

Public Information: Recently recruited Chair, Sally M., has purchased new literature racks. She needs at least 4 new members to re-establish routes that had been closed along with public spaces, such as libraries, schools, healthcare offices, etc. due to Covid.

CEC Committee (Cooperating with Elderly Community): is an adhoc committee that was started in January 2020, as a two year trial, and has been very successful, especially during Covid. They contact senior facilities to do contactless delivery of a literature rack with materials directed toward senior alcoholics, along with a large print Big Book. This committee meets every 2nd Wed at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom ID: 847 4609 7919, Passcode: SDCEC. There's a direct link available under Service Meetings on aasandiego.org website. Jean S. will be the new chair at the Jan. 12 meeting. Volunteers are always welcome! The Council will vote to determine if CEC should become a standing committee at the Jan. 2022 meeting.

Central Office: Manager, Judi T., reported Dec. Books of the Month were ALL Grapevine Books, \$2. Off ea/Max:5 Jan. Book of the Month: Came to Believe, Sale price \$3.00, Reg, \$5. Max:5 Additional Bookstore Specials All Big Books: \$2. Off, Mix & Match, Max:5, PLUS an additional 25% off all purchases, including tokens for all members of the San Diego Fellowship. This is our way of saying Thank You to the fellowship for its generosity in 2021. Pamphlet racks are excluded from the additional 25% discount.

Old Business: After much discussion to clarify confusion, Coordinators will revisit an After Hours Phones issue with their meetings for a council vote in January. We will determine if individuals, who are not associated with one specific group, can be allowed to join together to commit to cover current Open Nights on After Hours Phones, on an ongoing basis, rather than as an emergency type fill-in.

New Business: Elections were conducted to elect new Council Chair and Co-Chair. Congratulations to Aleksey, our new Council Chair, and Andrew, our new Council Co-Chair for 2022! Current Council Chair, Susan G. discussed rotation of service commitments that will be happening in January, especially, Committee Chairs, and the

impact of service on sobriety. The Council thanked Susan G. and Aleksey, outgoing Chair and Co-Chair for their service. Susan thanked everyone who worked so hard, together, to reassemble our Coordinating Council after the devastation that Covid created, and for the personal support she received during this difficult year. We made it! Thank you! Thank you!

If your group has any Agenda items or suggestions please email Aleksey, Council Chair, at councilchair@aasandiego.org or Judi T., Recording Secretary at sdaaco@aol.com
Gratefully submitted, Susan G.

North County Intergroup: <https://ncsandiegoaa.org> – **Chair: Patrick**

North County Intergroup or Central Office is holding its 42nd Annual Traditions Breakfast, March 22. See our website for details. Our H+I committee has 12 panels that have openings. Service is being done and our office is in good shape.

8:00 **Old Business -**

The DCM Group – Only 4 ½ (?) DCMs showed up. Blaine spoke for Terry. She had a family emergency.

The Committee Chairs Group: The 4th Wednesday of the month. At 7pm. Lynn presented. They discussed issues they want to address. Training and transitioning Chairs. How to learn from each others committees. The chairs plan on presenting.

Hispanic Women's Workshop 12/3/21: Doris, member of the Advisory Committee. She is here as a member of the advisory committee of the workshop. 200 women were online and over 50 in person from countries like Columbia, Argentina, Paraguay and more. They attended to learn how to do the same in their country.

CA Interior was supposed to host the next vent but Area8 WILL BE THE HOST!

We were pulled out of the hat because there were not enough Spanish speaking women in the Interior.

Doris loved a share by Kathy, the Pacific Regional Trustee, said "This is your 6th workshop". Then she asked, "Raise your hands if you have 5 years or less sobriety." Lots of hands went up!!

The Master Calendar. Area 8, Alternate Chair: Jo Ann Z
joannzawacai@gmail.com – email Jo Ann with any events for January.

Birthdays since 11/18 -12/16:

Flint – 25 years today + his 25th wedding anniversary; Adrian – 6 on 11/19; AJ - 6 on 12/21.

We have a Quorum!

New Business.

Unbudgeted Expense Request - \$283.90 Conference Camera & USB Cord DCM, D19:
Adrian (Area 8 Chair Elect)

Adrian made a motion that we purchase a conference camera, \$200.90, and a USB extension cord. Its the same camera we're using tonight, a conference camera. Its a "1080 P". The motion was seconded. Question: is that all we need? Lets get everything we need, while we can, instead of getting everything in pieces. Another item Adrian foresees us needing is a couple of hotspots so we can have our own wifi.

Proposed GSC Agenda Item. So Oceanside Men's Group & District 2 – DCM: Sutton

A brand new, first time pamphlet - **“Consider the development of a pamphlet for Asian-American alcoholics.”** Specific marginalized populations have benefitted from pamphlets such as these that have welcomed underrepresented groups but, in fact, it won't on the GSO Conference Agenda.

Discussion Followed:

- * There are several groups in my district that have a problem with the production of pamphlets that “tribalize” alcoholics in AA. We believe we are all one fellowship.
- * I believe that women in AA have benefitted from pamphlets, new and updated, especially Hispanic Women.

Motion was made and seconded. Majority in favor. This proposal will be recommend this to the Assembly in January with a favorable recommendation.

Orientation Assembly 1/8/22 – DCM, D19: Adrian

D21, Terry DCM, is hosting and definitely wants co-sponsoring districts. They will need help. It will be at St Michael's Church in Poway and a hybrid event.. A tentative agenda has been sent out. We are asking for feedback on it from the area officers.

They plan on serving breakfast and lunch.

For our Alt Delegate, Richard O - Is there a place for GSR school? Yes. What technology is needed? Plan for what you want to use, for what you'll need and you'll get the help you need. This first GSR school will be important.

Three districts volunteered to help: D2, D11, and D4.

Adrian asked how many Committee Chairs are present. His idea is to have “brief committee meetings” at the Assembly. Adrian will write up something to help out with this effort to facilitate a rotation from table to table and to have some info on each table we're able to experience. There will be blind-pick forms handed out. We'll need to arrange for the deaf and the Spanish speaking to participate in ts committee plan. Adrian will work on it and it may not happen until the PreConference Assembly.

How to handle the Zoom portion of the Assembly? Adrian sees it happening much like the Fri night Common Solutions meeting. He will facilitate with volunteers.

Pacific Regional Forum in Salt Lake City, 2022.

Can we PRAASA is zoom only now?

Cheryl described the absolute letter of the law regarding the \$8,000.

Jerry and Bill bought added that the money is assembly money. The assembly can re-designate funds.

Various interpretations of how to use the

Blaine 2,021.00 was targeted

Maureen, we have new information. Wouldn't it make sense to let the assembly weigh in Its not up to us. Its up to the assembly.

Is there a precedent where we have sent money late to GSO? Yes.

We're in a pandemic. We have to be aligned with our needs and ___ - -???

The motion to fund PRAASA are funds slated to be spent in 2022.

Two minute reports for odd # districts.

D1 - Steve O. present/NR

D3 - JohnW announced new DCM Brian. Their plan is to go to a lot more meeting to drum up interest in general service and get more GSRs.

D5 – Dave F. is happy to have 15 GSRs. All their district positions were filled except one or two. Next meeting is 12/28. He will bring up for discussion donating to the Orientation Assembly.

D7, D9 – NP,NR

D11 – DCM Michele (with one L) introduced her new Alt DCM Michelle, (with two Ls).

D11 will be d of service to the Alkathon and the Orientation Assembly.

D13-NP,NR

D15 – Marena, DCM, presented in Spanish with Doris translating. We have 12 – 17 GSRs per weekly meeting. We have our own three committees that are working very well: 1. treatment, 2. corrections, 3. La Viña. Three other committees have vacancies: CPC (Contact with the Professional Community), PI (Public Information), and Archives. We celebrated our 27th Anniversary and 48 people attended. Thank you to our Delegate and Alt Delegate, the Area Chair and all the officers for your service.

D17 – This district is being reactivated and renewed. We have one committee.

D19 – David A, soon to become the new DCM, stepped up to present tonight. He reported on D19's sponsoring of the Alkathon and all that the event entails, including the budget.

D21 – DCM Terri H was here but had to leave for a family emergency. - NR

D23 – Rick reported that D23 gave \$120.00 to the Inventory Workshop and \$300 to the Orientation Assembly. The District has three new GSRs. Rick plans to get out to meetings to get some more.

Hooray for the ODD #'d Districts! 2/3 of the DCMs came to report!!!

Committee Reports:

Finance- Chair Cindy. Susan H is the new secretary of the Finance Committee. John has a new position. The committee only has three members. We need your support.

Newsletter -NP>NR

Policy – Chuck. We didn't meet in Dec. We look forward to rebuilding the committee in the new year.

We're hoping to have some experienced members as well as some newer to AA members.

Diana – H and I of SD - Our intergroup meeting-Hand I conference in 2022. We hope to get our 2022 budget approved at our next meeting. Officers have a one year term but are eligible for a second year.

Tiffany, Armed Services – They received support from AREA 10, which is the entire state of CO. They are interested in starting their own Armed Services committee or something like it. They have stayed n touch with Tiffany.

They had a new member come to the committee because he wanted to make amends to the Marine Corps. The committee helped him find a way to make his amends without making a donation. Our numbers are down but we're still able to provide services.

Accessibilities – Jeffrey.

Public Information -

Please register with the Area Registrar on the page with Get Info.

The ACM closed early.