

**Area 08 San Diego-Imperial  
Orientation Assembly Minutes  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**A HYBIRD EVENT**

**St. Michael's Church**  
Holy Family Center Building  
15546 Pomerado Road, Poway, CA 92064

**8:00 - 8:45 New GSR School/Orientation**

**Richard O., Area 8 Alternate Delegate**

**WELCOME GSRs! SIGN IN FOR GSR SCHOOL**

Zoom Meeting/ Reunión ID: 815 2501 5257 Password: 2022GSR

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81525015257>

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**Please Note: After completing the school you will need to sign out and re-sign in for the Assembly.**

**8:45 Assembly Sign In**

Join Zoom Meeting/ Reunión ID: 946 1777 1564 Password: ASSY2021

<https://zoom.us/j/94617771564>

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**09:15 Meeting Called to Order – Reminder to mute when not sharing**

**Adrian O. - Area 8 Chair**

A moment of silence followed by the SERENITY PRAYER

DECLARATION OF UNITY – “This we owe to AA’s future: To place our common welfare first;  
to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.”

**TRADITIONS: English Kendall read the long form. Spanish \_\_\_\_\_**

**09:25 Introductions: New GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs/Alternates, Past Delegates, Guests**

**New GSRs: Bruce, D21; Mitch, D19; Jim, D5; Charles, D11; Diana, D23; Hank, D12; Maren, DCM D12; Richard R, DCM D8 and Translation Chair; Bryan H, Accessibilities Chair; Sarah, Alt. Accessibilities Chair; Jerry, past delegate, panel 70; Roxane, past delegate, panel 68.**

**Panel 72 Delegate/Alt. Delegate & Area Officers/Alternates**

Introductions & Brief Reports

**09:35 Secretary Report – Minutes of November Budget Assembly**

**Rose P. - Area 8 Secretary**

Minutes were mailed out in English and Spanish to all DCMs, Chairs, Officers, and Alternates. We ask that all of you who receive the minutes share them with your GSRs and committee members. If you are not receiving them please email me to have a copy sent to you. [secretary@area8aa.org](mailto:secretary@area8aa.org) Are there any additions or corrections? (wait) Minutes were unanimously approved. (unanimously approved, or not approved or approved with corrections)

**09:40 Treasurer's Report**

**Lynn E. - Area 8 Treasurer and Rob, Alt. Treasurer**

The treasury team presented a “preliminary” spending plan. It is preliminary because the Finance Committee has not had a chance to look over it. They will meet on Monday. If nothing is changed the documents presented will be the final reports. Lynn explained the report that you can find in the glide app, <https://area8aaassemblydocs.glideapp.io/>, as “**2022 Approved Spending Plan Prelim**”. Lynn's report cited the effects of Covid, our tradition of corporate poverty, and our prudent reserve that keeps us solvent.

**09:45 Registrar Report**

**Angelina S. - Area 8 Registrar**

Our Registrar is keeping track of the number of voting members, especially GSRs, to determine whether we have quorum.

Please identify yourself on screen, in your Zoom square, by your name and position e.g. DCM8, Chair CPC, etc.

**09:50 Chair Report**

**Adrian O. - Area 8 Chair**

This is our new Area Chair's first address to an assembly. Adrian shares his vision for our fellowship and his responsibilities as Chair with the assembly.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aZf9EnLuVcSV\\_227jRNvhaFBZ8AHoCP9VaRc1pdXAbw/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aZf9EnLuVcSV_227jRNvhaFBZ8AHoCP9VaRc1pdXAbw/edit)  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o-rvU54vq5EA6AZCPhsAgvB-c-IOXtExPvnVe1CwPCg/edit?usp=sharing>

**09:55 Alternate Delegate's Report**

**Richard O. - Area 8 Alt. Delegate**

Our new Alternate Delegate, Richard O., shares his new responsibilities and enthusiasm with us. He is looking for volunteers for the General Service Panel at the Spring RoundUp, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Morning.

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10dBVwnZiP8716hEC87meLytboNjrRmshyXJkmXp1BKc/edit?usp=sharing>

**10:05 Delegate's Report**

**Monty C.- Area 8 Delegate**

Our new Area 8 delegate gave us an overview of his orientation, introductions, and varieties of experiences throughout Area 8 and the country. Monty speaks about the importance of our committees and the role of the GSR.

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[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aQmtL-410MJ8DiobrU8FWTK9b1ZHYHJ3W3CB\\_acaOkw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aQmtL-410MJ8DiobrU8FWTK9b1ZHYHJ3W3CB_acaOkw/edit?usp=sharing)

**10:15 Motion to Address Lack of Quorum** – This item has been tabled and will be discussed at the next Area Committee Meeting, (ACM), Thursday, April 21, 7-10:00pm. There was discussion on this item and the reasons for tabling it. The Chair felt this Assembly's priority is a focus on new GSRs and others who are here for the first time. It will be addressed and the Policy Committee will be involved as well. All are welcome to attend the next Area Committee Meeting – and any ACM.. We meet every month. Zoom information and other details are on the Calendar section of <http://www.area8aa.org>

**10:45 Break for 15 mins.**

**11:00 Area 08 Archivist – Call for Candidates & Resumes**

**John B., Past Archives Chair**

**11:10 Electronic Group Contributions / Group GSO Numbers**

**Lynn E. and Rob**

Our new Treasury Team has created an informative 7<sup>th</sup> **Tradition Group Name-ID Spreadsheet**. Follow the links for an English and Spanish version. Lynn describes this information as your Group Treasurer's homework. The handout is a tool that helps to identify your meeting on the check or Venmo acct so that the Area Treasurer, or whoever receives your contribution, can credit your meeting. Please keep this handout in the secretary's binder (or wherever meeting documents are kept) at your meetings. Email the treasurer with any questions: [treasurer.area8@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.area8@gmail.com)

This handout is on the Glide app on the Area 8 webpage:

Also in Google Docs:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1APQwgP5brpG6xpKoTSr8t8t7ktzWAocXFe0cCJZD2fs/edit?usp=sharing>  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dn0xFrrYiFfZHWofuf364F4Bg9a7ak-bmkEHLcKw4To/edit?usp=sharing>  
<https://area8aaassemblydocs.glideapp.io/>

**11:25 UPDATE on Passed Motion Reallocation of Funds from Budget Assembly**

**Lynn E. and Rob**

Lynn explained that funds are left over that had been allocated for PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly), an annual in-person event. The Area sends officers and DCMs to PRAASA and pays for registration, transportation and lodging. Districts that can afford it also send GSRs and District officers. It was originally in person but became virtual last minute. This year there is a balance of over \$7,000.00 that

was not spent. The Chair opened the floor for discussion, explaining that decisions such as these are made at assemblies by members.

Long open discussion on the use of "targeted funds", and the possibilities of reallocating the money meant for PRAASA. Is it illegal to use targeted funds for something else?

Are we in violation of not following our guidelines when Structure and Guidelines doesn't address reallocation? Are these unprecedented times? If so, how long will they be unprecedented?

Questions were asked about the balance, the specific dollar amount.

Points were made about sending money to General Service Office in NY.

Appreciation for our AA process was expressed.

There was a "point of order" asking if we had quorum. We did not. If we did we might have gone ahead and made proposals to use the funds for 12 step work locally.

Many members took part in this discussion. The Chair called time and ended the discussion commenting on the worthwhile time spent on this topic.

#### **11:55 BIRTHDAYS (A.A. birthdays since 11/13/21)**

**Cheryl F.**

This is a time we would like to recognize you if you had a birthday since our last assembly on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please use your Zoom reaction hand.

Lizzy, 7 yrs on Nov 28.	Steve, 12 yrs on Dec.14	Tanya, 22 yrs on Nov18.
Rick Lee, 44 on Dec 30.	Ann, 29 yrs on Dec 21	Bruce, 7 yrs on Nov 17.
Richard, 13 yrs on Nov17.	Rosemarie, 40yrs on Dec 20	Reynaldo 43 yrs. Dec 10.
Adrian, 6 yrs Nov 19.	Linda 16 yrs on Jan 22.	Alberto, 13 yrs on Dec 12.
Gilberto, 8 yrs Dec 8th	Richard R, Friday, 13, 10 yr.	Christine, 24 yrs on Dec 27.
Angie, 14 yrs, Jan. 6	Sutton, 31 yrs, Dec 17	

**A total of 339 years of sobriety!!**

#### **12:00 Area 08 - Standing Committee Descriptions – 2 minutes reports**

**Committee Chairs**

***Written reports are submitted to the area secretary prior to the assembly. [secretary@area8aa.org](mailto:secretary@area8aa.org).***

Chuck P spoke about the importance of committee chairs showing up at the Committee Group, the Area Assemblies, and the ACMS.

Accessibilities\*, Archives, Armed Services\*, CPC\*, Finance\*, Grapevine/La Vina\*, I.T. (NR), Literature,(NR), Newsletter, Policy, Translation,(NR) YPACC (NR) SD H and I\*; North County H and I\*;

**Kenny H, chair of the CPC** (Contact with the Professional Community) Committee meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

- Meetings are virtual via Zoom

- We currently have three members (including the chair) and would like to add some additional members this year

- Activity and engagement with the professional community has been very low since the beginning of the pandemic

- There is a great opportunity to ramp up our proactive efforts and we will be identifying our key priorities for 2022 during our meeting on 1/24.

**Parker, Chair of the Grapevine / La Vina Committee.** Our committee informs assembly members of all Grapevine and La Vina publications, audio-visual materials and other special items that are available to the fellowship. We increase awareness of the way Grapevine and La Vina materials carry the message to our fellowship, including remote communities, and hospitals and institutions.

Lastly, we assist the Area delegate and the Area assembly on Grapevine and La Vina matters, including relevant general service conference agenda items. We accomplish this primarily by holding workshops, like writing workshops to encourage folks to write and contribute, to submit articles to be published, potentially in the Grapevine and La Vina magazines. We also attend events in person, and virtually where we display Grapevine and La Vina materials that are available. We are in need of folks to help us do this 12 Step work. So if you're interested well hope to see you that around table later. Thank you.

**Tiffany, Chair of the Armed Services Committee.** Our mission statement: To carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to service members, veterans and their families by organizing personnel and assets in our community and forming new relationships with our military communities. You may not be aware of it,

but we approximately 15 military bases in Area 8. I say the short version of our mission statement is that we carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic in military uniform. Our committee is open to anyone. You can be 100% civilian. We are in need of people who have military base access. We will go on base and start AA meetings or support AA meetings if they already exist. We will speak at internal briefings, if invited, and will present what AA is, what AA is not, and how and where to find AA. We created a standard AA PSA (public service announcement) for each branch of the military. Please reach out me and the Armed Services Committee. We would love to have you join us.

**Paul, incoming Archives Chair.** I would like to thank John, the outgoing Archives Chair for his service, and coming to North County to turn over the binder and show me the ropes and how everything works. I want to reach out to the new GSRs who are attending. The Archives Committee hosts the Remembering Our Old Timers (ROOTS) workshop every year in November. If AA history excites you, if you attend an AA meeting that has been around a long time in this Area, you may have a lot of old times in that meeting. We could use your support and we would love to have you join the Archives Committee. I am learning as I go from the outgoing chair. Please, if you are interested in AA history, please reach out to me and we can talk about the Archives Committee responsibilities.

**Cindy, Finance Committee Chair.** The Finance Committee helps the Area 8 Treasurer create the Area budget. At every finance committee meeting we go through the budget with a fine tooth comb. If you are having trouble understanding the budget, why money is spent on certain things and not on others, then please come to the Finance Committee meeting.

**Diana, chair of the San Diego, H&I committee,** also known as the San Diego Imperial Area institutional Committee. We take meetings into institutions jails, treatment centers, hospitals where people can't get out to meetings. We coordinate this so that it's done efficiently at places like San Quentin. We're a community of contact on release. We catch people when they leave institutions and connect them with an AA member in the local community, so that person has a contact for AA meetings immediately upon release and has someone to accompany them to the meeting. We do not, as the other committees do, we do not draw from the General Service AA population. H&I draws from the general AA population. We do this by having an orientation. We have two orientations each month. One online on the third Thursday of each month. The other is in person at 5150 Kearney Mesa Road, on the third Sunday of the month at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Usually the commitment is you bring a meeting into an institution once a month. It is rewarding work, it is direct 12 Step work, you are being a member of Alcoholics Anonymous instead of just being who you are. I love this work and I would encourage anyone to do this.

#### **Bryan H, Chair, Accessibilities Committee**

Two deaf members were on the PRAASA Committee 2022. First time in PRAASA history for 55 years! A total of 1932 members registered. 119 requested Spanish translation. **31 requested ASL translation. 31 deaf members is the most we had ever seen.** It's been a great experience to serve for PRAASA and hoping to see it grow. ASL translated almost all except Round Tables. We selected 4 tables - 2 on Friday & Saturday.

San Diego Spring Round Up 2022, April 14-17. San Diego Spring Round Up Accessibilities Committee collected \$1,200 so far for the ASL budget. The estimated amount for ASL interpretation is \$2,860. 8-10 deaf AA members are planning to register. In the past, we had fundraising events to help with ASL cost so deaf members can enjoy the San Diego Spring Round Up. This isn't happening this year. The last couple of years due to the pandemic the Round Up has been on zoom. We still had meetings ASL interpretation but collection of registration and donations were very low. This year the SDSRUP is in person. Our budget and interpreter list is very low. It'll cost about \$2,860 for the 11 event meetings to be covered. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Renea C, (619) 376-5452 and email [r.i.g.c.t1988@gmail.com](mailto:r.i.g.c.t1988@gmail.com). Thank you. Love and Service, Bryan H., (831) 247-0071 Text Only (619) 550-4642 VP

**Hew, Chair, North County Hospitals and Institutions (NCH&I)** Good afternoon, everybody. I get the privilege of representing San Diego, North County in hospitals and institutions. The hospitals, mental

health centers, correctional facilities throughout San Diego of our next area. We meet at the North County Alano Club on, in Oceanside.

Everything is going well, we are celebrating the new year by getting doing a booklets and that's been really positive for us. We're reaching out to all of our actual facilities and going in person, even though there are a lot of places quarantined and locked up, they're happy to get materials. We did that throughout the Christmas season and we'll continue in January. We're carrying the message to those in need. Thank you so much.

**Other committees have shared on the floor about the important work they are involved in:**

**Newsletter,  
Policy, I.T, (Informational Technology);**

**12:30 LUNCH – 50 Minutes**

**1:20 CONCEPTS: English\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_** Gustavo read, translated by Doris\_\_

**01:30 SPOTLIGHT – Hispanic Women's Workshop** **Esther E., DCM, District \_18\_**

Esther's presentation is the story of how Spanish speaking AA women went from meeting at a kitchen table to organizing an International Hispanic Women's Conference that is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and will be hosted by Area 8 this December, 2022.

This conference has inspired so many women. In Connecticut and Atlanta, Georgia, women have started to plan their own conferences.

This is a story that Esther would like to see translated into English and posted on our Area 8 AA website. Our Area Chair

**01:45 Proposed Agenda Item: South Oceanside Men's Group; District 2 - Sutton K., DCM, D2**

Consider the development of a pamphlet for Asian-Americans alcoholics.

Discussion followed. Asian-American and Pacific Islanders are represented in numerous geographic areas in North America and Canada. Support for this pamphlet and others that target specific populations in AA was expressed by an Hispanic member from Orange County. A visiting Asian American member from Area 5 also expressed support.

The Chair of Area 8's newsletter reported on an article that was submitted to the Sept. 2020 issue by two members from Area 5. They wrote because they started a Chinese meeting. They knew there was a large Chinese population in AA and they needed to hear their own language. Since Covid thousands of Chinese AAs have been coming to meetings. Japan now has its own GSO. There is plenty of Asian interest in AA. The suggested pamphlet would support them.

**A motion was made and seconded that as an Area we will support the development of a pamphlet for Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders alcoholics.**

This motion was tabled for an assembly in the future due to lack of quorum.

**02:15 Master Calendar** **Cheryl, Alt. Chair**

Cheryl reported on North County's 42<sup>nd</sup> Tradition Breakfast, Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Area Assemblies are coming up on April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. When you make a flyer send it to the Alt. Chair.

[altchair.panel72@gmail.com](mailto:altchair.panel72@gmail.com). You can allow me to help you get your flyer through translation and policy and on to the master calendar. Thank you.

**02:20 LOOKING AHEAD - 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference** **Monty C.**

Our Area 8 Delegate, Monty C., shares about the Agenda items at the GSO conference this year.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s2q5PtUDU\\_jvL9vBB4e5KmbkmPK9CGXtaq-FzVDubg0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s2q5PtUDU_jvL9vBB4e5KmbkmPK9CGXtaq-FzVDubg0/edit?usp=sharing)

Monty now has a link on the Delegate's page, (thank you Karen webmaster), where members can leave notes on with their ideas on the conference agenda items.

Adrian asked for volunteers for sponsoring **the pre-conference workshops**. There are virtual, in person/hybrid workshops, taking place in various places of the county. So far Districts 14, 19, and 6. Also 4



and 5? 21 and 23? Plans for the pre-conference workshops were tentatively set up. Sat, 3/12, north county? 9 – 1:00, hybrid? Sun, 3/13, central area, hybrid -Machinist Hall? 1 – 4:30; Sat, 3/19 virtual, 9-1:00? These events are great opportunities for GSRs and other AA members to participate and be of service.

### **New Business**

Cheryl reported on the **inventory of equipment** and supplies at the storage equipment. She has created a sign in/sign out system. There are also forms to fill out regarding “capital equipment” that is in the hands of members who are using it. What is capital equipment? – electronic, including software, AV, furniture, translation equipment – whatever the area has spent money on.

Lynn E. made a **Motion on replacing the broken laptop**. It was purchased for the Treasurer's position and our Area's financial records are stored on this. It is taken to all ACMs, Assemblies, and other meetings where finances are involved.

**Lynn's motion is for the ACM to place the replacement of the laptop on the agenda of the next assembly. It was seconded.** Discussion followed. Can we not use the former secretary's computer? Renee R's “computer”, which was a Chromebook. No, it cannot replace the laptop. Backing up Quickbooks database is always done. Lynn is also using a mega flash drive to back up everything. We need a simple majority to determine what to do. Paul put up a survey. **The motion passed with substantial majority.**

Rob discussed the need for a Quickbooks upgrade. **The motion was to authorize the Area Treasurer to purchase an upgraded subscription to Quickbooks for \$25.00/month. It was passed with unanimous approval.**

**2:30 Disperse to Rooms for Committee Information** – Technical difficulties. We changed our names to the name of the committee we wanted to investigate.

**3:00 Ask It Basket** – A time for service related questions. Questions about the plain language Big Book at the upcoming conference. Questions about obtaining the new service manual.

**03:15 Adjourn – Responsibility Declaration**

***I am responsible.***

***When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,***

***I want the hand of A.A. always to be there,***

***and for that I am responsible.***

**NEXT ASSEMBLY: Saturday, April 9, 2022 @ 9:15 AM,  
Location: TBD**

**Check <https://www.area8aa.org> for more information**

