

**Area 8 San Diego-Imperial  
Area Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2022.  
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

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**7:00 Call to Order Adrian O.**

- -A Moment of Silence followed by **Serenity Prayer**... Then the **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."

**7:05 Registrar's REPORT Roll Call (Registrar) (Please sign in) – Angelina S.**

Please identify yourself on screen by your position e.g. DCM8, Chair CPC, etc.

- **Introductions:** New DCMs, Committee Chairs, Alternates

**7:10 Secretary Report – Minutes of April ACM - Rose P.**

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**7:15 Treasurer's Report - Lynn E.**

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**Finance Report**

[https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Budget\\_Finances-12-Mo-CURRENT.pdf](https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Budget_Finances-12-Mo-CURRENT.pdf)

**7:20 Alt Delegate's Report Richard O.** Richard's report can be found in the Glide App on area8aa.org or follow this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C1MRZhQm1nSQOMzgHXvQwMZAj9UQJOQX/view?usp=drivesdk>

**7:30 Delegate's Report Monty C.**

Monty told us what we have to look forward to at the area assembly. In his report the Chief Financial Officer at the General Service Office described something called the Grassroots Challenge. The challenge is if every member of AA would send \$6.06 to GSO by June 6th our headquarters in New York would be out of debt. If you miss the deadline You can certainly still donate. The flyer with the

address is on Area 8AA.org.

The 73rd General Service conference is already being discussed. The theme will be our common solution .

Hospitals and institutions had a conference in Big Bear the weekend of May 27th to 29th. This is the first time in two years they've been able to have this conference. It was also offered as hybrid.

Monty has a goal of visiting every district in the area. To make this a little easier for him districts in the same areas can meet up together and invite him. He has a great deal to share about the conference he is full of gratitude for the way general service has enhanced his life.

You'll find the rest of Monty's report at this link.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r\\_XdFtHAqPBsfpoplLElmmQZbAtazrq3IV6qgAS2bf8/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r_XdFtHAqPBsfpoplLElmmQZbAtazrq3IV6qgAS2bf8/edit?usp=drivesdk)

#### **7:40 Chair's Report-Adrian O.**

Adrian went out to Imperial County to visit District 17 to let them know that Area 8 is thinking of them. We would love to see them represented in our general service structure. He has reached out in numerous directions concerning the discussion on the proposed development of a pamphlet for the Asian American / Pacific Islander Alcoholic. An invitation has been extended to members from the other Areas in the Pacific Region to participate. To read Adrian's full report follow this link to the Area 8 website Glide App:

[https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Chair-Report\\_May-2022-ACM\\_Area-08.pdf](https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Chair-Report_May-2022-ACM_Area-08.pdf)

#### **7:45 Two-Minute Liaison Committee Reports Cheryl F.**

- (Everyone should submit written reports to Google Drive or to Rose via email, [secretary@area8aa.org](mailto:secretary@area8aa.org). I want to remind everyone that on all of our reports we give half the reports one month and half the reports the next month. All reports are welcome to be put in the minutes every single month.

**GSDYPAA,Trixie**, We are hosting an event tomorrow called the 12 Step Scramble t'll be 10 am to 1:00 pm,The speakers don't know what they're speaking on until they pull it out of the basket. So we're gonna keep them on their toes as the young people do. I can put the flier or let me know if you'd like a digital flier. **Officina Central Hispana-SD,NP,NR; Officina Intergruppal Condodo Norte,NP,NR;, Coordinating Council-SD,NP,NR;, North County Intergroup-NP,NR; NSDYPAA-Christina**. We're hosting an event on Sat, May 28,We'll have a speaker meeting, games, and a dance.if you are young young at heart or you've got sponsors, who are young or young at heart, please send them my way.I'll put the flier in the chat. **East County Intergroup,NP,NR., Hispanic Women's Workshop**,My name is **Nancy**. I serve as the liaison for Area 8 for to the Hispanic Women's Workshop, We've been working on finalizing the location for the workshop have meeting a couple of the areas. One of the areas is starting their own standing committee for Hispanic Women. Another area is sending a motion to their area so they can have the same kind of standing committee. We have been invited to speak in a couple of areas. We'll be going to the La Viña event in Tucson and to the Hispanic Women's Regional

Forum in August, also to the Pacific Region Forum in Salt Lake City, Utah. We're planning special panels for Hispanic women.

**Native American Liaison, NP,NR.**

**8:00 Unfinished Business**

- **- Post- Conference Assembly** – Districts 4. 18. & 19 **Maureen G. / David A.**
- David said fliers are up for the Post Conference Assembly at the King of Kings church in Oceanside. The wifi and data connections are being checked. They are coordinating with the Pre Conference Assembly to repurpose extra supplies.

**District 18, DCM Roberto**, We will also be co-hosting the next Area Assembly. We met with the other districts to plan. We'll be providing the continental breakfast. Everyone has their jobs and we're ready.

- **- Area Inventory Update Cheryl F.** No news yet for the Area Inventory.
- **Committee Chair Meeting - Cindy H.** normally meets on the 4th Wed of the month. Attendance is not good. New decision to only meet twice a year. June 22 and Dec 28,

**8:30 Break**

**8:40 Master Calendar** Please check the structure and guidelines area a structure and guidelines of for the guidance on submitting, flyers for approval to be posted on the area 8 website and we will expedite those as quickly as we can. Thank you. - John

**8:45 Birthdays since last ACM (4/21/21) Cheryl F.**

Rose P-34 yrs; Maren - 30 yrs.; Rob - 11yrs.; Kenny - 6 yrs.; Chuck-18 yrs.;

**8:50 Area 08 Structure & Guidelines Review – Page 3, Sections I, II, III**

- Regarding the motion we are about to consider, We are the body. The guidelines are guidelines. If we choose to discuss this tonight. If it gets a second, then that is up to us.
- I'm formally gonna make the motion

**9:05 New Business Adrian O**

**- MOTION** - to increase the hourly rate from \$35 an hour to \$50 an hour for Spanish oral interpretation at area committee meetings, assemblies, workshops and related events.

The background: Area 8 has 3 linguistic, Hispanic districts that cover the entire geography of the area. There is a rich tradition of our Hispanic AA community participating in our area's general service structure. This community's contributions are needed in order to accurately represent their cross section of membership in Area 8. Oral Spanish interpretation is a necessary means to this end. There is no written record as to when paid Spanish interpretation of area events began. One area member from that time, who played a role in developing and presenting the motion to compensate the interpreters for this service recalls this taking place somewhere between 1994 or 1995. The initial hourly rate was established at \$35 an hour and has not changed since its inception. Based on the research, current certified Spanish interpreters are paid anywhere between \$50 and \$65 on average for on-site simultaneous interpretation which is what our interpreters do.

This rate can increase or decrease based on what purpose the interpretation supports. Area 8 currently has two Spanish interpreters serving the Area's needs in this respect. Both are professional interpreters. One is an interpreter with the immigration court and holds a law degree. The other majored in Spanish in college and has been employed as an interpreter with San Diego Unified School District and currently works as a dual language teacher. The third interpreter currently on the roster is no longer able to interpret. One of our long term interpreters retired at the end of 2021 after decades of valued service, many of which were done initially on a volunteer basis.

The tradition that applies to this - *Tradition 8, long form: Alcoholics anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services fore which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may well be recompensed. But our usual A.A> Twelve Step work is never to be paid for.* That is the motion. Do I have a second for that motion?? The motion was seconded.

A member questioned whether we were going to vote, and if we voted for it, would it then be taken to an assembly with our recommendation? Yes. If approved it would be on the agenda for the June 4th Big Day assembly. If approved at the assembly it would go to the groups. The groups contribute to our budget and this item affects our budget. They have a say. The chair if the Policy Committee clarified that this motion does not seek to change Area 8's structure and guidelines. It does not need to be reviewed by the policy committee. Lengthy discussion followed about whether it is now reflected in budget and when it would actually go into effect. The budget question was left unanswered. The salary increase for interpreters would go into effect as soon as the responses from the groups is known. which could be by the September Assembly. It would have an effect on the already established budget.

Point of order: Amendments. When can a friendly amendment be added? further discussion on amendments, as defined in Robert's Rules, the budget, and whether the budget is relevant to this motion or not.

Will the date it goes into effect be retroactive or prospective? A member made an amendment - I'd like to make a friendly amendment that the motion include a date certain and that date be June 1st of 2022. The Chair accepted the amendment.

***The amended motion is to increase the hourly rate, \$35 an hour to \$50 an hour, for Spanish oral interpretation, at area committee meetings, assemblies, workshops and related events with an effective date certain of June 1st 2022.***

Discussion continued. Is it presumptuous to set the date before the group meets to vote? You would be making a decision in September and then making the payment of the costs retroactive to June first. Now, this is not an unheard of practice. I don't know if it's been done in the assembly, but it is not uncommon in state, local and federal government because of the length of time it sometimes takes to get decisions made to make it retroactive to a certain day. So it's not uncommon..

Lots more was said about the effective date, pros and cons. The Chair called for a vote and asked for a poll. Should we take it to a vote or continue to discuss? 86%. Yes 7%. No. 7% abstain. yes we have over 2/3 in favor of voting on the motion. We took it to vote 77% yes, 13% no, 10% abstain. The motion we're taking to the assembly is to increase the hourly rate from \$35 an hour to \$50 an hour for Spanish and coral interpretation at area committee. with a date certain of June 1, 2022

**9:20 Two-Minute District & Committee Reports (Odd# Districts) Cheryl F.**

Everyone should submit written reports to Google Drive or to Rose via email

secretary@area8.aa.org. **12 odd# districts. 6 reports, 6 NP,NR (not present, no report)**

**D1 -NP, NR; D3 - our GSRs were only 3, now we have 6! D5 - Tanya, DCM, 18 GSRs, good 7th tradition, discussion about non-AA announcements in meeting; D7- David, for DCM Shirin. 6 GSRs, new registrar, money for a workshop, Back to Basics, for newcomers.**

**D9 -NP, NR; D11-Michelle,DCM - no news; D13-NP,NR; D15 - Marina, DCM. 15-17 GSRs, active in committees-H&I, LaViña, PI, CPC. La Viña event on July 31, more info next time; thanks to the delegate. thanks to the chair for handling the motion on interpretation. D17-NP,NR; D19, DAvid A, DCM-10 GSRs and guest Parker from GV/LV, co-sponsoring the June 4th Assembly, and planning a community, comedy event; D21, Terry,DCM-still small group, guest Angelina, Area Registrar, GSR workshop, and mental health workshop with D14 and D20. D23-NP,NR.**

**Committees: Archives, NP, NR;**

**Armed Services, Blaine H, chair.** Tiffany G serving remotely as alternate chair. The committee met remotely

this past Sunday May 15th. Five members were present. Our current efforts continue to be supporting regular AA meetings on military bases and hoping our service, announcements and materials helps. We're explaining basically how to get in touch with AA to military personnel. We are in the process of mailing an introductory letter to all military facilities within the area making them generally aware that alcoholism exists and offering our services and materials. We have prepared a letter for Monty to send to the other 92 areas in the US and Canada. We meet on Zoom the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30.

**CPC, Contact with the Professional Committee, Kenny, Chair.** We are now up to five members on the committee which is very exciting. We made a change. We are no longer meeting on the last Monday of every month. We are now meeting on the last Thursday of every month. Thank you Cheryl for efficiently updating the calendar at our next meeting or topic is helping members spread the word of AA through their physicians and so we have a couple of ideas to do that. Our next meeting is 6:30 on Zoom on May 26th. Thank you.

**IT, Informational Technology, Paul K, chair.** We've been working on our budget and there will be a little bit of an increase in the request we submit. We're starting to do more hybrids so we're thinking about how to support that. Also we don't know if we're going back live with ACMs and also doing hybrids that will have to be considered in the budget. We'll be sending the web servant or someone from the committee to the technology national workshop. It happens annually in the fall. We're trying to get an inventory on some of the area equipment so that we know what to prepare for possible software updates and security. Karen was happy to report that she got a note from a member in New York City who asked for permission to print the QR code from our Glide app on postcards so they can distribute these cards at their meetings. They'd like to see more members using Glide the way we did for our AA pamphlets. They also invited me to work with them to do an app for their central office.

Ques -Would our person be attending the National Technology Workshop in person or virtually?

Karen is going in person. Paul will be attending virtually. Any of us could attend virtually, especially the members of the Technology Committee.

**Literature. Bob, liaison to the Literature Committee.** Sasha is looking to step down as chair. She's been doing it for over 3 years and she's willing to help me and be the service sponsor for the person who takes over. It was just Sasha and I at the last meeting on Monday. We would like to have more members.

#### **North County H & I. NP/NR**

A member spoke about the registration and zoom information for the Southern California H&I conference anyone can go. It will be hybrid. When you register you will receive the Zoom information.

**Young Peoples Coordinating Committee.** Christina. The YPAA met last Monday. We will be hosting elections next month. Our meetings occur at 9:00 p.m. on the third Monday so that will be June 20th. We don't have any trusted servants officially elected yet. We would love to see some more members participate. The goal of YPCC is to bridge the gap between young people's groups and the area and get young people more involved in literature workshops etc. If you're interested in joining YP Coordinating Committee or would like information to

pass along to sponsees please feel free to reach out to me and I will make sure you get a meeting invitation.  
Thank you Christina.

NP/NR. - not present, no report.

**9:50** Close with the **Responsibility Statement**... “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.”  
Followed by **The Serenity Prayer** .

**Next ACM is Thursday, July 21st.**

*Respectfully submitted by*

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