

**Area 08 San Diego-Imperial A.A.
Post-Conference Assembly (Hybrid) Minutes
Saturday, June 4, 2022**

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Kings of Kings Lutheran Church
2993 MacDonald Street
Oceanside, CA 92054

8:00 - 8:45 New GSR School - Orientation Richard O., Alt Delegate

Please Note: For those on Zoom, after completing the school you will need to sign out and re-sign in for the Assembly

For GSR School At the Church – Please follow the signs for the GSR School towards the end of the Main Assembly Hall

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8:30 – 9:00 Registration: At the church, please register at the tables at the entrance of the building

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On Zoom, please identify yourself by your position – DCM 7, GSR D-6, Chair CPC, Alt. Secretary, A.A. member, etc.

09:00 Call to Order - Adrian O. – Area 8 Chair

A moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, and *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.

09:05 Opening Roll Call - Angelina S. – Area 8 Registrar / Alan R. - Alt. Area 8 Registrar.

Roll call consists of the number of DCMs present plus the number of GSRs present from their district. Roll call also counts Committee Chairs and Liaisons.

Our Registrar then determines quorum. She also asks that members on Zoom identify themselves by their service position or as a member. i.e. Joe S., DCM, D25 ; Sally X., Member

Twenty-One of twenty-three districts were represented. Nine of the thirteen standing committees were represented and the liaison to North County Intergroup was present.

09:20 Traditions: Tradition 9, long form: English - Hank S; Spanish – TBD

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c6x7cqO6MqtbNJ-RMh0uKtIKw_NZe9YVVsvw5eGQLq0/edit

09:30 Introductions: New GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs/Alternates, Past Delegates, Guests. New GSR from D23 (name was not clearly heard); Paula, D5, Esther, GSR, D18; Nancy, new liaison for the Hispanic Women's Workshop; Craig, GSR, D2; Demesis, GSR, D12; Antonio, Chair of NorthCounty Intergroup; Juan, GSR, D8; Allison, GSR, D11; Danny, GSR, D3.. Past Delegates: Jerry S, Roxane R, Paul C.

09:40 Secretary Report -- Rose P. – Area 8 Secretary

Minutes of June Post Conference Assembly. The minutes have been sent out in English and Spanish to the ACM mailing list. If you did not receive them please let me know. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? I'm entertaining a motion that the minutes be approved. Motion, 2nded. Do we have anyone opposed to approving the minutes? No.

09:45 Treasury Report - Lynn E. - Area Treasurer

Treasurer Report / Informe del Tesorera June Assembly, 2022

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Treasurer-Report-June-Assembly-2022_v2.pdf

San Diego & Imperial Area Assembly / Asamblea de área 2022 Budget and Finances / 2022/ Presupuesto y finanzas.

Lynn's report itemized contributions and expenses for the 1st quarter.

Where does your 7th tradition go? What is your group contributing to? Is there something else you want to consider contributing to? See the final report:

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Budget_Finances-12-Mo-CURRENT.pdf

Basically you have a treasury report here. It has a nice summary if you're a GSR reporting back to your group.

We are looking for committee budgets. I'll be sending a packet out to everybody after this meeting all the committee chairs. I want to remind everybody that you have resources available for you. Rob and I are available to you, to answer your questions. Our contact information is in the Treasurer's Report. The Committee Chairs are meeting on Wed, June 22 at 7 pm. Bring any questions you have. You are welcome to attend the Finance Committee meeting too.

Regarding the Area's Venmo account, some groups are using the account to make contributions saying its for their district. We have no way of transferring money from a Venmo account. Please stop trying to make contributions that way. The Area Venmo

account is only for making contributions to the Area. Please provide your district's mailing address to your groups so that contributions can be mailed.

For many years we have had a professional tax preparer who has volunteered their time to do the areas tax returns at no cost. That person is not going to be able to do that anymore. Our taxes are not very complicated but it is very good to have a third person do the taxes. We were very fortunate to have that person for so many years. We'll need a new person for the 2023 taxes. If you know anyone who would be willing to perform this service for us please contact me or Adrian and we will get in touch with them.

09: 50 Area 8 Chair Report - Adrian O.

Adrian's report covers today's topics with an overview of the activities of Area 8. He has also made personal observations on AA service and our circles of support. Follow this link to his complete report: https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Chair-Report_2022-Post-Conference_Area-08.pdf

09:55 Area Alt Delegate Report Richard O. - Alt. Delegate Richard shares his alt-delegate work over these past six months. He is available to visit groups' and districts' meetings. Read his full report at this link: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Alt-Delegate-Report-June-2022-Assembly.pdf>

10:00 Unfinished Business - Area Chair, Adrian O.

Announcements

1. Last Call on Resumes for Area Archivist position
2. Motion to Address Lack of Quorum will be on the September Big Day Agenda <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JMt3Yl-mcS0IBSMNELUqDgWWS-s26jiFJJbYE3MfopM/edit?usp=sharing>

Discussion – Development of a Pamphlet for the Asian American / Pacific Islander Alcoholic. The motion: Suggested conference agenda item: to do a pamphlet for the Asian American alcoholic submitted by South Oceanside Men's Group, District 2, SDIA-AA, December 2021. Would you guys like me to read the whole motion real quick?

Here's the motion, ***Suggested Conference Agenda Item to Develop a Pamphlet for the Asian-American Alcoholic***, from our Area 8 website: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Proposed-GSC-Agenda-Item-Asian-American-Alcoholics-12-21.pdf>

So with that, do you have any questions on clarification or otherwise?

Q: Does this mean that Area 8 will be publishing? The submission form is the goal here. We will not be planning on publishing this pamphlet.

If we vote in support, then we complete that submission form with all relative information, the most comprehensive information that we can. And then submit to General Service in New York by the deadline of September 15th of this year so that it

will be considered as an agenda item for the 73rd general service conference, which is next year.

Discussion:

Alternate GSR for the Oceanside Men's Group began the discussion with this statistic, 99.8% of agents of Asian Americans with an alcohol disorder. Did not receive treatment in 2016. Another statement he quoted, "while Asian Americans have the lowest prevalence of alcohol use disorders. Three percent compared to six percent overall. They're the least likely to get help.'

This is a very short summary of the many perspectives presented by members offering support or not in support of the Asian American pamphlet.

Susan H questioned the procedure and how it involves the groups.

Michael H., "Our culture stigmatized addiction and mental health issues"

Esther spoke in support of what Michael said and reminded us that the pamphlet represents a remote community.

Ed feels addressing various groups as this pamphlet does is ultimately divisive.

Sasha shared that the stories in our pamphlets communicate relatable messages.

Caroline, GSR D4 – in our literature diversity is supported - inclusivity, never exclusivity.

Follow this link to read the full discussion:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rq3C-DMkEkhl4kRD3jVWtQ3IagMzv9uh/edit>

10:45 BREAK

10:55 NEW BUSINESS Adrian O.

Special Election -_Alternate Secretary

There was support for holding an election for an Alternate Area Secretary.

Adrian read the Area Structure and Guidelines and either volunteer meets the guidelines.

Cheryl said that when she went to the Election Assembly we did elect one officer this year who did not meet the qualifications listed in the Structure and Guidelines, who had not served prior so precedent has been set. She suggested that we entertain that thought tonight.

Adrian spoke about the importance of having an alternate especially when there's a family emergency and an alternate can step up and take over.

So there was a vote to see how many were in favor of making an exception.

There was an overwhelming response in favor of making the exception.

Adrian asked the secretary to speak to the body about what the responsibilities are, which I did.

The two members who volunteered to run for Alternate were given a minute each to speak.

Nihura gave her qualifications on the phone at the microphone. She has had quite a few service positions in both Spanish and English meetings. Peggy Rose was also a candidate and she has quite an extensive resume of service.

Our Wi-Fi was difficult during this time.

Raised hands are being counted. There's also an online vote. For an Area officer we have to do the Three Legacy process. We may have to go to a second ballot. Nihura 56, Peggy rose 35. We don't have a two-thirds so we're going to the second ballot.

On the second ballot Nihura received over 2/3 of the vote.

Motion to Increase Hourly Rate for Spanish Interpreters

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tR3Er4Tkp8bULKHoUuEPXFnKUO5pQke3OF7PBVhjlM8/edit?usp=sharing>

11:25 Standing Committee Reports & Assignments Standing Committee Chairs

Accessibilities:

My name is Bryan. I'm an alcoholic and the C chair of the Accessibilities Committee for the Area 8 DCM, and I am a GSR, I'm looking for volunteers for meeting to go, in particular bringing me into hospitals and homes of people who can't go to meeting, because aren't able because they're in a hospital or are physically unable to come, maybe they have some physical complications, pancreatitis, or kidney failure etc. And it is important that these people get the 12 step work. All the basic information is at aameetingstogo@gmail.com, (919) 736-7640 is the phone number, please call if you're interested in meeting to go.

Archives:

Ted an alcoholic and the Archives Chair for Area 8. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month on zoom at 7 o'clock. If you're interested in joining our committee you can email me at archives@area8.org. We love history, if anyone was down at the Round Up this year and you went to the Archive Room you might have seen some of the First Edition Big Books and some of the literature that we had displayed from Central Office. Some of the things that our committee does is we record the oral histories of the old-timers from our area. We're currently in process of uploading those to the servers so that we all can have and listen in the Area website. We also host the roots meeting every year! Remember our old timer stories yes we're currently in process of scouting venues for this year's meeting most likely going to be in November but again if you are interested in AA history at the San Diego and Area8, come see me I'm over here at the table or you can email me at archives@are8.org , thank you.

Armed Services:

Blaine and I are an alcoholic and chair of the Armed Services Committee. This Committee has two goals. One is to inform the military population, those in active duty, retired veterans and their families, about the availability of

our talks anonymously and area8. And then the other is to foster the establishment and maintenance of regular AA meetings on military bases. We have our public service announcements. These are available service specific as postcards, and also business cards, these were developed by an active duty marine officer who was a member of our committees currently at the pentagon, we meet on the third Sunday of the month, 2:30pm virtually and welcome any new members, you don't have to have military experience at all. Thank you.

CPC:

My name is Kenny and I'm an alcoholic, and the chair of the CPC committee "Cooperation with the professional community. Our goal is to help those in other professions, doctors, physiologists, ministers etc. That interacts with alcoholics way more than we do, to help them be aware of what AA does and what does not do, and how they can help people access AA. We meet on the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm on zoom. We are currently working on an initiative to help members in area 8, get the AA information to their Physicians and we'll have more to report on that. Thank you.

Finance:

The Finance Committee Chair is not feeling well so my name is Cheryl and I am an alcoholic and I want to talk to you a little bit about the Finance Committee. I was telling the GSR earlier today when I stood for a blind pick and I put my name in one of these papers to get a job, I was thinking to myself anything but finance, and that's where I landed, I was the treasurer in the last panel. The Finance Committee meets the second Monday of the month it's currently on zoom, the job of the finance committee is to be like the eyes and ears of the overseas of your Treasurer's report every month before The Assembly, you also work on the TimeLine for the budget along with the Treasurer and anything that has to do with money you're involved in it ! and it's not as boring as I thought it was! I just wanted to say one thing if you're not already on a standing committee I want to see that you take one of these papers and choose one because this is where the real work is done. Thank you.

Grapevine/La Viña:

I'm Lauren and am standing in for the Grapevine/La Viña chair, Parker Dad just recently passed, We have here in the table the Grapevine and la Viña, the books and magazines and if they're back issues we have them on sale for under three dollars, I also wanted to let you know We have the barcode for the Instagram and YouTube so you just use your phone, then you can check out the media and they also have podcast, if you go to the Grapevine/ La Viña website there's free podcast and I thought that's pretty cool you know you can listen to stories while you're driving in your car, taking walks, etc. there is going to be a celebration of La Viña on July 31

and Don is going to put a flyer out, And they're going to have interpretation so if you speak English you can understand. So our meeting is the first Wednesday of the month on zoom, thanks.

H&I (Hospitals & Institutions)-North County:

Good morning my name is Hew and I'm an alcoholic and currently serving as the North County Area Institutions Committee Chairman and we invite you to come and join us. We do our H&I panels ranging from camp and then plan to La Jolla and from Warner Springs to the east and to the ocean in the west. North County H&I was formed in 1972 and has held these committee meetings and orientation at the Oceanside Alano Club since it's conception and that is held every third Saturday of the month at 9 AM at the Oceanside Alano Club 4198 Mission Ave, and there is a business meeting after that, that we go through each month. Please come and participate in H&I, thank you.

H&I-San Diego/Imperial:

Diana I am an alcoholic and the chair of the San Diego, Imperial area Institutional committee, better known as H&I. We are an autonomous standing committee of the area, which means two things. One is that we're not on your GSR sign up sheet, you can do that and you can do H&I work at the same time. And the other thing is that we are autonomous in our budget. I'm sure you guys know about the green can we get our seventh tradition contributions as well. All of that money, except for a little bit that we spend on renting a facility to hold the literature to take into the institutions, we meet the third Sunday of the month starting at 11am with the project of contact on release, committee policy council meets at 11:30, orientation is at noon and we have a business meeting that follows the orientation. This is at 5150 Kearny Mesa Road in San Diego, The Machinist Hall, we also do an orientation online, the third Thursday of the month. If you are interested in coordinates you can find it on our website, We also do contact on release, we are having a National workshop weekend coming to San Diego on the 30th of September, the 1st, and 2nd of October, please come and join us, we would be glad to have your volunteer help. Thank you very much.

Information Technology:

I'm Paul, an alcoholic and chair of the Information Technology Committee. We meet virtually the second Wednesday of the month at 6 o'clock, so you heard many of email addresses recited today if you go to the area8.org website and you go under contacts you can find all the different positions even the DCM's it's easy, committee chairs and officers and what we do is manage to forward so when you go to the website and you want to get a hold of our delegate and go to the delegate section and click on the email address the contact and will take you to your email and write new message and forward so that's one way to find in contacts.

Literature:

I'm Sasha and I am an alcoholic, and your Literature chair. We meet on the third Monday at 6:30 pm at AA central office, actually now it is only on zoom, we assist the districts and groups in carrying the message to the alcoholics. We represent all conference approved literature in different formats, every month we choose a piece of literature and PSA videos. And around conference time we typically take a deep dive into the lid agenda items. Come and help find ways to use literature to carry the message. Thank you.

Newsletter:

Roxanne alcoholic, serving you as your newsletter chair, and I'm going to talk to you about joining this community. One is I rotate off in six months and they're really strict about that around here, so when I rotate off I'm going to want someone just like me to take it over. Stay overnight working or last minute to make it to translation etc. We use a bubble sheet format, it's super simple, you click and move etc, if you feel you can do this please join our committee we meet on Wednesday night at 6:30pm, it's all digital we don't print anymore. Thank you.

Policy:

Our policy chair is off somewhere in Canada, i'm just gonna give a brief description of the policy committee's purpose. It is to ensure actions taken by the area, district, committees and assemblies are consistent with the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. They review things like the structuring guidelines periodically every two years and a ton of other documents for any proposed revisions and accuracy to the current way we do business. The policy community meeting is on zoom, the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Thank you.

Translation:

Hi, I'm Richard, I'm alcoholic and the Translation Chair, I just want to say that now I know that " Founders Unity Day Family Picnic" was translated into *Picnic familiar del día de La unidad* – so this is kind of cool to finally get to see your work on print, and that we can share the message and the information, out to our Spanish-speaking members. If anybody needs to reach out to me translation.area8@gmail.com, This week we had a few papers coming in at 10, 11pm and at midnight. We get to do this work and get to stay sober, providing the service. I'm joking but I'm also being very serious because how many of us have been drinking in the morning and at night! Reach out to me because I don't want anybody like me as Roxane said taking over this position. Everybody have a great day. Thank you.

YPAACC (Young Peoples' AA Coordinating Council):

My name is Kevin. We meet on the third Monday of every month at 9 PM on zoom. We are the link of the chain between Area 8 and the two young people's committees that are autonomous. GSDYPAA is the Greater San Diego and NCYPAA which is the North San Diego Young People. We do events and we coordinate with them. So if you want any information contact us. Thank you.

11:50 BIRTHDAYS - A.A. birthdays since 4/9/22 - Cheryl F. - Area Alt. Chair

The first birthday by a member whose name I didn't get, May 11, 1994, 28 years; TSR for District 23 and May 23rd, 2007, 15 years; May 18, 1989; Rose P, May 4, 1988;

12:00 LUNCH

12: 45 CONCEPTS: The 12 Concepts were read in English and Spanish.

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-195_en%201121.pdf

12: 55 Delegate Report Back from the 72nd General Service Conference – Monty C., Area 8 Delegate

We have several links to the 72nd General Service Conference. This first one includes Monty's NYC photos, tables, graphs, and illustrations that breakdown the participants, ***Who Makes Up the Conference?***, an introduction article by the new chairperson, and finances - ***2021 Contributions by Dollar Value, 2021 GSO financial Highlights.***

The last section is **AA Comes of Age 2.0, United in Love and Service** - Monty's photos of GSO offices and displays. <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/73rd-General-Service-Conference-Report-Back.pdf>

For a quick reference to the conference, 2022 72nd General Service Conference, see this 10 page report.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/72nd-GSC-Quick-Reference.pdf>

The General Service Conference is a process that is ongoing. Proposals for the 73rd Conference are due by September 15th. See the form for submission with the explanation of how it proceeds. <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Standardized-GSC-Proposed-Agenda-Item-Submission-Form-1.pdf>

02:30 Delegate Q&A - Monty C. Question concerning whether printing books without the book jacket will speed up their production. Monty said just a few will be done that way to see if it makes a difference. Many thanks for Monty's service.

Angelina, our Registrar, reported the Assembly has a quorum.

02:50 Assembly Bids: Adrian O.

The Big Day Assembly is September 24th and the location is in Brawley, CA. We will be returning to Imperial County. We have District 17 out there, one of our Linguistic districts and they will be sponsoring the assembly. It is recommended that we have three districts to sponsor an assembly in order to cover everything. We have three assemblies coming up .
The Big Day, 9/24; The Budget Assembly, 11/12; The Orientation Assembly, 1/14/23.

The Orientation Assembly is tentatively on January 14th. That date looks good but it hasn't been decided upon by the Area Committee yet.
We're looking for districts to sponsor. Don't worry there's guidance on how to go about this. We have plenty of experienced districts who can help guide those who haven't done it before. Securing the location is probably the most important thing so you can get a flyer put together and get the word out as quickly as possible. Districts provide breakfast and lunch at Assemblies so handling that is something a district can volunteer for.

I want to take this time to just thank Districts 4, 18, and 19 for everything you've done for today's assembly.

You do not have the opportunity to appreciate what putting an assembly together is like until you've done it so thank you very much for all your hard work.

We are lucky that most of the venues we are picking have their own Wi-Fi, audio, video. Previously we would have to go to storage and transport our own speakers, microphones and stands.
The districts that volunteer will be having meetings where they'll be coordinating and planning. The DCMs will be inviting the GSRs to make for a successful assembly. Questions?
District 8 and District 20 have volunteered. We have three districts: District 17, 8, and 20.

Okay onto our Budget Assembly. Carrie, District 16 and District 12 would like to co-host the November Budget Assembly. Is there a third district? District 6!
The Budget Assembly is set with three sponsoring districts: 16, 12, and 6.

Now for the Orientation Assembly.
District 21 is doing it. They've done it for about 8 years in a row. Also District 2 has volunteered. We're looking for one more.

Adrian gave a plug for Unity day at the Henry Griffin Park in La Mesa.
Nihura was congratulated for being the new Alternate Area Secretary. Peggy Rose was congratulated for standing for the position.

03:05 Ask It Basket

03:15 Adjourn 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."

NEXT ASSEMBLY: The Big Day Assembly, Saturday, September 24th, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

It will be Hybrid. The location is the Lions Recreation Center - 225 A Street - Brawley, CA 92227. Check <https://www.area8aa.org> for more information

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