

Area 08 San Diego-Imperial Alcoholics Anonymous
Big Day Assembly (Hybrid) Minutes
Saturday, September 24, 2022

All Assembly audio is recorded for the purpose of compiling accurate Meeting Minutes.

Lions Recreation Center - Gymnasium
225 A Street
Brawley, CA 92227

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 THE SCHOOL

At the Church – Please follow the signs for the GSR School towards the end of the Main Assembly Hall *On Zoom* - Meeting/ Reunión ID: 815 2501 5257 Password: 2022GSR

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One tap mobile // un toque móvil: +16699006833,,81525015257#

8:30 – 9:00 Registration – *At the Church* – Please register at the tables at the entrance of the building *On Zoom* – You will register upon entering the Zoom meeting

FOR THE ASSEMBLY

On Zoom - Meeting/ Reunión ID: **828 0651 6910** / Password: **a8assembly**

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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 - A moment of silence followed by the SERENITY PRAYER Adrian O. - Chair

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. - Registrar / Alan R. - Alt. Registrar
DCMs, please coordinate with your GSRs who are attending on Zoom so that you may include them in your District count when called upon.

09:20 TRADITIONS: English-Jessica B.; Spanish-Rebecca
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6ufqvoBkOo-UWV5Tml0U0ZjV2c/view?usp=sharing&resourcekey=0-GUsxnOjigKhBMhvZv2qNJA>

09:30 Introductions: New GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs/Alternates, Past Delegates, Guests
At 9:41a.m. 92 GSRs were counted! 20 DCMs, 9 officers, 13 committee chairs, 1 past delegate, and 4 guests.

09:40 Secretary's Report – Minutes of June Post Conference Assembly - Rose P. - secretary@area8aa.org 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. Minutes approved.

09:45 Treasurer Report - Lynn E. - Treasurer

Lynn has created a chart called ***Summary of the September 2022 Area Assembly Actions and Next Steps.***

Summary Motions Sept 2022 Assembly Actions and Next Steps FINAL

It is a comprehensive chart that lists 7 items that are on today's agenda in Unfinished Business and New Business.

GSRs - Look over this chart. The column headings are: ITEM, MOTION, BACKGROUND, ASSEMBLY ACTION, which tells you whether you need to take this motion to your group, NEXT STEPS explains what **GSRs** do with this information.

2022 Budget and Finances / 2022 Presupuesto y finanzas. (May through August, 2022)

Lynn took us through her two-page monthly budget report for August: Contributions; Expenses listed by Service positions, Events, Committees, Administration and Special categories at the end. This budget report is for your background information, especially when we look at the proposed budget for 2023. Keep it handy.

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-Finances_Budget_Finanzas_Presupuesto12-Mo_Aug.pdf

One of the items listed in the Summary Chart above is **Reallocation of unspent 2022 funds**, All Officers and Committee Chairs need to submit their unspent funds by **October 6th**. This is a firm deadline.

09: 50 Alt Delegate Report Richard O. - Alt. Delegate

Richard has been busy with the many activities of Area 8, one of which was an International Corrections meeting. He also participated in the Regional Forum in Salt Lake City. To read his complete report, in English or Spanish, as he describes the joys of each and every one of gatherings follow the links below.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Alt-Delegate-Report-Sept-2022-Big-Day-Assembly.pdf>

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Reporte-del-Alterno-Delegado-Asamblea-Gran-Dia-Sept.pdf>

09:55 Delegate Report Monty C. - Delegate Monty reported on the Regional Forum. He has topics he would suggest for workshops. His report from GSO was substantial! There's news of the next International in 2025 in Vancouver Canada. Monty has lots of enthusiasm for his travels and meetings. Read his very interesting full report here:

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/September-big-day-report-22.pdf>

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/September-big-day-report-22-spanish.pdf>

10:05 Chair Report - Adrian O. - Chair

We'll have 6 motions today to get group conscience on. All the info on these motions will be in the Unfinished Business section.

Adrian attended his first Pacific Regional Forum and wrote a separate report on that experience. Find the cool one liners at the end.

Pacific Regional Forum Chair Report 09-22-22

The Chair's report dictates exactly what this Big Day Assembly hopes to accomplish and what will follow at the Budget Assembly in Nov. Follow the link below to Adrian's full report.

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Chair-Report_Big-Day-Assembly-2022_Area-08.pdf

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Informe-del-Coordinador_Asamblea-del-Gran-Dia_Area-08.pdf

Alt. Chair - Cheryl shared about the Ad Hoc Inventory Committee. She explained why raw data

will be shared with the groups. It has not been summarized.. She asked that it be presented to your group as it is. Please take note of their responses to this data. It's called the **Area Assembly Action Plan**. We hope it will be used as a tool to help the still suffering alcoholics, in and out of our rooms.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Area-08-Inventory-Action-Plan-October-2021-FINAL-1.pdf>

Angelina, We Have a Quorum!!!

10:10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MOTION -Addressing Lack of Quorum: It is moved that language be added to our Area Structure and Guidelines to assist the Area in its proceedings in the event the a quorum is not established.

Current text: (Not applicable) There currently is no text regarding procedure that ought to be taken if a quorum is not achieved. – Review, Discussion & Vote - Adrian O.

This motion creates a procedure only for our Election and Budget Assemblies. Those decisions will have to be ratified at the next assembly. Members have been invited to the mic to share for 1 minute.

Chuck: Chair of the Policy Committee. The Policy committee opposes this motion for the following reasons first: the quorum section is based on Robert's Rules of Order which states that business may not be done without an established quorum.

Rick: In this 21st century it is necessary to be able to - it's mandatory-that we be able to meet and do business without quorum.

Robin: D7- the Downtown Discussion group. We want the quorum to be required.

Andrea, D6: believes that a GSR quorum is necessary.

Christine, GSR D7: Our group is not in favor of this motion. With zoom we are more easily able to achieve quorum. It's a duplication of effort to have to redo at the next mtg

Caroline: If we have an issue with lack of quorum we can alter the way we do things. But to deviate from our current S+G is not the way to proceed. Make the changes at S+G.

Cat: Opposed to the motion She did not repeat all the reasons that others have said.

Charlie: D11 GSR: We should not deviate from using the quorum. But we have the same "old" rules even though our situation has changed. The term Quorum and what it means probably isn't right.

Karen D19: We should not move ahead and change the quorum requirement.

Vicki GSR D11: Are there other Areas that practice this?

Joey: practical question/concern - If a motion is passed without a quorum and it needs to be ratified by the next assembly, can the discussion be reopened or is it automatically put up for ratification?

Link: Carlsbad: 75% of our members voted in favor of this motion

Nihura: My group agrees with this motion. We cannot stop our business. AA has to go on with business. We have to adapt. Life is change, we have to find ways to keep going.

Caroline: Confirmation at the next assembly sounds "nice" but they weren't in the room when the discussion happened.

Lorena: I don't understand why we'd accept the results of a discussion without a quorum

Jerry S: The election of our current Delegate and our Alt Delegate happened without a quorum. At the following assembly the body confirmed the elections.

Rachel: It's more of a point of clarification. Zoom participants are counted and present at the assembly. So zoom will increase participation.

Chuck: Changes have been made many times over the years to the policies and procedures.

This option is an effort to work around a quorum but it does not change a quorum. We encourage a NO vote.

Adrian will call the vote.

We require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority for this motion to pass. Adrian read the motion again. Karen is preparing the Poll.

Our internet is too weak for the poll. Vote will be taken by raised hands.

Hands on zoom and in the room in favor: 39

In the room: 11 yes,

On zoom: 28 yes,

Hands on zoom and in the room not in favor: 53

In the room: 26 no

On zoom: 27 no

Motion failed. **GSRs have no further action to take on this motion.**

MOTION: Hourly Rate Increase for Spanish Interpretation - – Review, Discussion and Vote - Adrian O.

Motion to Increase the Hourly Rate from \$35/hr to \$50/hr for Spanish Oral Interpretation atg Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies, Workshops, and related Events. If approved, the new rate is to be retroactive with an effective date of June 1, 2022.

Translators are provided a 1099 and are responsible for the expenses of transportation \$35/hour was established 27 years ago.

Charles, D11 GSR: his group felt strongly that the hourly rate should be increased. Especially because the Spanish community is underserved.

Blaine: Notice that the rate of \$35/hour was established 25 years ago.

Esther: : The work that the interpreters do I greatly appreciate because I totally depend on their services because I don't speak English. We have taken way too long on this conversation. We absolutely need them at every event that we have. The work that they do is paramount, It helps us understand what is going on and what we're talking about. It helps us be able to participate. And I am in favor of this motion.

Teresa: I just wanted to add one thing. My group is entirely in favor of this, They also were saying, Can we give them more? Can we give them more because it's been so many years?

Adrian: It's AA, you can do whatever you want. So long as you're willing to deal with the consequences.

Teresa: I would love to do that but I don't have a number. I don't want to negate this motion. I don't want to take that responsibility.

Adrian: OK. Stay active in general service and maybe someday you can bring a motion to increase it again.

The vote will be a poll on zoom, count of hands in person.

The yes vote: 90

The no vote: 6

Motion passed

10:45 BREAK

10:55 Guest Speaker: Trish L., Trustee-At-Large (Canada)

Trish is excited about our invitation to participate here. She is sharing from Canada. She is a trustee at large, one of 21 trustees. 14 are alcoholics, She has committee responsibilities. She is the chair of the International Committee and has other committee responsibilities. She was elected in 2019. She has had the opportunity/ been able to present at meetings around the world. Her 4year term will be up at the end of this year. She wants to offer her view of AA around the world.

Here are some quotes from Trish's report. The link to her complete report follows these quotations.

"I want to mention here that you have a direct impact on our international work. It is direct . . . We have something called the International Literature Fund."

"Every time your group is supporting the General Service Board, and that's the General Service Office through the General Service Board, you're continuing to help carry the message around the world. I really want you to go back to your home groups and say Thank You for me because I get to see the difference that makes."

"When we go to countries like Paraguay, we sometimes get to meet the Bills and Bobs of those countries."

In Paraguay there was actually a wonderful, beautiful nun named Sister Regina. ...She got on her motorcycle, in her white habit, and she drove the backgrounds of Paraguay, stopping at parishes and talking to bishops and anybody she could along the way and is responsible for starting Alcoholics Anonymous there."

For Trish's complete talk:

[W](#) Trish L., Guest Speaker, Trustee-at-Large, Canada .docx

11:25 Standing Committee Reports & Assignments Standing Committee Chairs

Accessibilities - Bryan -NP/NR

Archives - NP/NR

Armed Services - Blaine: *We have 4 meetings at Camp Pendleton, and 2 in Miramar. We have responded to emails from other areas interested in how to start an Armed Service committee.*

CPC - Kenny: *We bring the AA information to the professional community, doctors, corporations, etc*

Finance - (Cindy) John M. *Reported about the work the Finance committee does and explained about the reimbursements.*

Grapevine/La Vina, - Parker, *We have a table with all the Grapevine/ La vina literature. We are planning to create an APP. New book Sobriedad Emocional. The coming workshop will be on October 1st.*

H&I-North County, - Hew. *We celebrate Morning Ups, at Rainbows, 6th step house*

H&I-San Diego/Imperial, - Diana

Information Technology, - Paul. *We need more participation*

Literature, - Sasha NP - *Adrian reported. We've been visiting meeting, is a 2 year commitment*

Newsletter - Roxane- Bill S. alternate: *We are focusing on helping the GSRs with all the information to take to their groups.*

Policy - Chuck. *We have a table with all the information on Policy, Structure and Guidelines. Today's discussion is part of the policy committee. We also review all the Flyers to make sure they are conforming with our policies, before posting them in the Area Website.*

Translation - Richard NP - *Adrian gave a short report.*

YPAACC - Christine, committee secretary, *we hosted a workshop "The Digital Age"*

The secretary and the alternate secretary request that the committee reports be emailed on the forms provided on area8aa.org or follow this link. Please email the filled out forms to the Alternate Secretary -

alt_secretary@area8aa.org

11:50 BIRTHDAYS - A.A. birthdays since 6/4/22) - Cheryl F. - Alt. Chair

Link, 7/3/85, 37yrs; Kathy L, 7/1/95, 27; Susan 9/14/- Nemesis, 1 yr; Peggy Rose 9/3/80-42 yrs; Susan 3 yrs; Caroline - 28 yrs; Diana, 31yrs; Patrick 40 yrs 9/20/82; Sharon, 4 yrs; Amber 5 yrs, 9/21; Cat 6 yrs; 8/15; Lynn, 10 yrs; Monty, 19 yrs; Victor, 21 yrs; Rebecca, 6 yrs; Julio 13 yrs; Bryanna 15 yrs; Cheryl, 16 yrs; Carl, 1 yr; Andres 7 yrs; Janet, 9 yrs; Whiley, 6 yrs; Betsy 19 yrs; Carl, 4 yrs; Elena, 16 yrs; Lorena 20 yrs; Danielle, 1 year; Randy, 37 yrs; Jim G 31 yrs; Kevin, 8 yrs; Bonnie, 5 yrs; Tracey, 23 yrs; Marina, 26 yrs; **530 years of Sobriety**

12:00 LUNCH – 45 Minutes ALL of US

12: 45 CONCEPTS: English - Sharon J. Spanish - Victor

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

12: 55 NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Proposed Budget for 2023 (Area 08 Budget) – Review, Clarification, & Vote Lynn E. / Cindy H

Motion: to approve

Follow this link for the background information on this motion and the proposed budget.

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Motion_2023-Proposed-Budget-1.pdf

Follow this link to the actual proposed 2023 budget.

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Proposed-Area-08-Budget_Presupuesto-Propuesto-para-el-Area-08_09-24-22.pdf

Motion: to approve A and B -

A. Sending the proposed 2023 Area Budget of \$53,127.35 [to the area meetings to take a group conscience.](#)

B. Holding a vote at the November 2022 Assembly whether to approve the Proposed 2023 Area Budget.,

Reviewed at the August ACM.

Presented to the Big Day Assembly in Sept:: 77 in favor; 2 against.

Next Step: GSRs review with their groups. Group Conscience taken.

Final vote will be taken at the hybrid Budget Assembly, Nov. 12.

MOTION title: Budget Reallocation for 2022 - – Adrian O. / Lynn E. Review, Clarification, & Vote

Motion: To approve the reallocation of 2022 unspent funds for the purpose of supporting reallocation requests to be reviewed and selected at the November Area Assembly, based upon the group conscience of our membership.

The Assembly voted in favor of sending this motion to the Groups.

80 in favor, 2 not in favor.

For more information on the fiscal practice of reallocating funds:

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Motion_Reallocation-for-2022.pdf

REALLOCATION

	Realloc Archivist for NAAAW Sep 15, 2022	
	Realloc Armed Services milea... Sep 15, 2022	
	Realloc mileage for webserva... Sep 15, 2022	
	Realloc for PRAASA Sep 15, 2022	
	Blank form for Reallocation R... Sep 15, 2022	

Next Step: GSRs review with their groups. Group Conscience taken.

This motion will then go to the Budget Assembly.

To review the three Reallocations there's a link to the Glide App below. Scroll down to Reallocations. The 2022 Reallocation Request Form is at the bottom of the list.

<https://area8aaassemblydocs.glideapp.io/dl/375e23>

2022 Area 08 Budget Reallocation Proposals – Review, Clarification, Paul K. / Adrian O. / Lynn E. & Vote Reallocation of unspent 2022 funds.

Motion: Recommend reallocating a portion of 2022 unspent funds.

Approve forwarding 3 proposals for reallocation

funding to area meetings for a group conscience. This motion was made because the money we took in this year far exceeded our need. We reallocate money in the Area for 12 Step work locally. If we do not reallocate it locally we will send it to GSO.

Reallocation Request Forms were submitted by Area Officers and Committee Chairs totaling \$9,164.60.

GSRs can find the information they need to inform their groups about this motion on either or both of the links below.

The 3 proposals for reallocation are: 1. To reimburse the new Area Archivist's expenses at a national AA Archives Workshop; 2. To reimburse up to 19 Area Officers and Committee Chairs for 2023 PRAASA expenses; 3. Reimbursement of Mileage Expenses for two Area officers.

Also in the Glide App is the **Summary of the September 2022 Area Assembly Actions and the Next Steps**. This is an extremely useful chart that will help to clarify all of the motions that have been presented. The short title is **Summary of Motions**.
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Summary-Motions-Sept-2022-Assembly-Actions-and-Next-Steps-FINAL-1.pdf>

MOTION to Increase Check Writing Limit – Review, Clarification, & Vote Adrian O. / Lynn E.
There was a friendly motion to increase the check amount to \$300 rather than the \$200 that was in the original motion by the Treasurer and the Treasurer agreed with the friendly motion. This motion was approved to send to groups for a group conscience.

Currently Structure and Guidelines requires two signatures on checks over \$150.00. Due to the rising costs of goods and services nearly all transactions require two signatures. Increasing the cash value of the checks to \$300 and over for two signatures would streamline the Area's reimbursements and save time and money. **This motion was approved by the assembly to be taken to the groups for a group conscience.**

02:00 BREAK

02: 10 NEW BUSINESS (Continued) – Adrian O. / Lynn E. – Review, Clarification, & Vote

What: Proposed Amendment to Established Fiscal Practice of the Area 08 Assembly
Name of Motion: Additional Funds for ASL Interpretation in 2022

MOTION:

- A. For the ACM to approve an unbudgeted expense of \$450.00 in additional funds for ASL interpretation AND
- B. To approve forwarding a motion to the assembly to add \$3,508 in additional funds to the 2022

Area 08 has been a national leader in breaking down barriers so deaf and hard of hearing members can participate in AA groups and AA general service. This is due to the work of our Accessibilities Standing Committee, the Sign Language Fund, and a team of ASL interpreters that together create a climate that seeks and values the input and active participation of these members.

For background information on the Glide App:

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Motion-Increase-2022-budget-ASL-Interpret-ENG-v2.pdf>

Currently there is a shortfall in the funds budgeted for ASL interpretation for 2122. This is primarily because the 2022 budget did not include funding for ASL interpretation at ACMs and Accessibilities Committee meetings, nor did it include the increase in interpreter pay approved in the fall of 2021.

79 votes in favor.

3 not in favor.

Motion passes. **Next Step: GSRs review with their groups. Group Conscience taken.**

Proposed Amendment to Established Fiscal Practice of the Area Assembly

Name of Motion: Hourly Rate Increase for Spanish Interpretation - Adrian O. / Lynn E.– Review, Clarification, & Vote

MOTION To approve \$1,363 in additional funds in 2022 to provide Spanish Oral Interpretation at Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies, Workshops, and related events.

Area 08 has three Linguistic (Hispanic) Districts that cover the entire geography of the Area. There is a rich tradition of our Hispanic A.A. Community participating in our Area General Service Structure. This Community's contributions are needed to accurately represent the cross section of

A.A. membership in San Diego and Imperial counties Spanish oral interpretation is essential for the voice of all members to be heard. For additional background information:
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Area-Motion-Increase-2022-budget-Spanish-Oral-Interpretation-REV2-1.pdf>

84 votes in favor,

3 not in favor. **Motion passes.**

Next Step: GSRs review with their groups. Group Conscience taken.

Assembly Bids – Pre Conference 2023 & Post Conference 2023 - Adrian O.

Looking at our 2023 Area Assemblies, the Chair asks for Sponsorship by the districts. The Orientation Assembly in January is co-sponsored. We are going to take bids now for the Pre conference Assembly. It will be the end of March, beginning of April, somewhere in that timeframe. We are going to decide these dates at the next ACM. The Post conference Assembly will take place late May to early June.

We do have a list of churches.

Our District 19 DCM did a lot of calling earlier this year and found out which churches were still renting and which weren't. I can forward that list out for event locations for you to choose from. Also, we are creating an ad hoc committee to revise our assembly planning checklist because it doesn't include hybrid.

District 5, for which one? Pre-conference. and District 7? We could use one more for Pre-conference.

District 4 for pre-conference. Okay. Thank you. 5, 7, and 4. Any takers for the Post Conference. District 10? Yes.

We need 2 more districts for the Post Conference Assembly. We're talking 8 months away. There's plenty of time. Any of our Linguistic districts?

Thank you to the 4 districts 5, 7, and 4 for the Pre-Conference, and 10, for the half of the Post Conference, that put in their names in.. Thank you. We'll go ahead and add to the list after you've talked to your districts for those who didn't volunteer.

Monty: PRAASA CDs

You have all heard about PRAASA and how valuable it's been for all of us who have attended.

I want to say, for those of you who have attended or even if you did not attend, it is a customary in our Area that we purchase the CDs from the PRAASA and loan them out to districts and groups. There are some great talks on from this last 2022 PRAASA. The CDs are now in house and available.

03:00 Ask It Basket - No questions today.

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: Saturday, November 12th, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Location: Torrey Pines Church – 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive N, La Jolla, CA 92037

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

Apologies if you had a birthday and your name was not listed in the birthdays' section. Please email me and I will make corrections to the minutes.

Wifi was somewhat weak during the birthday time, as was the sound. - Rose P.

Respectfully submitted by Rose P, Secretary, Area 8, Panel 72;

Nihura M., Alt-Secretary, Area 08, Panel 72