

Area 8 San Diego-Imperial
Area Committee Meeting Agenda
HYBRID Holiday Potluck
December 15, 2022 on Zoom
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

In Person: 4545 Viewridge Ave., San Diego, CA 92123

Online: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91206902733>

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7:00 Call to Order – A reminder to mute yourself when you do not have the floor **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 Report – Roll Call - Angelina S. Please identify yourself on screen by your position e.g. DCM8, Chair CPC, etc.

Introductions: New DCMs, Committee Chairs, Alternates

New Chairs, DCMs, GSRs - Tom Quick, new DCM D21, Maren, new Grapevine Chair, Sarah P., new Accessibilities Chair, Teresa Waller, new Finance Committee Chair, Ray M, new DCM D4.

Guests: Rae, member of the Business Committee of Central Office; Kristin, Treasurer of the Business Committee and Judy, Central Office manager.

7:10 Secretary Report – Minutes of October & November ACM - Rose P.

Two sets of ACM minutes were presented tonight, Oct. and Nov.

Maren motioned to approve the Oct minutes, Rick seconded.

Rick motioned to approve the Nov mins; Terry seconded.

Any additions or corrections? There were none.

7:15 Treasurer Report - Lynn read through her report which was posted on the screen and on the Glide app. There were no unbudgeted or reallocation expenses.

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Treasurer-Report_Informe-del-Tesorera-Dec-ACM-2022.pdf

"Pass through Balance" – Lynn explained that these funds were received by the Area but were intended for a District or for GSO. They were sent on Venmo. All of these funds need to be cleared. Checks are being sent to the districts who sent the money to us/the Area,

When making contributions to the Area please send us a check. Do not use Venmo.

Last call for 2022 payment requests. All payment requests for 2022 expenses are due in December.

Submit a **payment request form**. They were available at the front table or email Lynn. Find it on the website, area8aa.org, *Area Information*, *Treasurer's page*, scroll down to *Treasurer's Forms* and click on *Area Payment Request v2 2022. pdf*. or use this link:

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Area-Payment-Request-v2-2022-Solicitud-de-verificacion-v2.dated_.pdf

2022 Finances and Budget_Finanzas_Presupuesto 12 Month Report - Lynn read and explained the contributions, expenses, reallocations, and unbudgeted expenses..

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-Finances-Budget_Finanzas_Presupuesto-12-Mo.pdf

7:20 Alternate Delegate Report Richard O. was sent in English and Spanish

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Alt-Delegate-ACM-Report-Dec2022.pdf>

7:30 Delegate Report - Monty C.

- 184 agenda items this year for the GSO conference.
- The General Service office is open but you need to make an appointment.
- 12/15/22 was the last day to participate in the survey on the prayer method. There were questions about which prayers, if any, were preferred at the end of a meeting.
- **Financial notes on GSO. See Monty's report.**

See the Glide App for Monty's December ACM report.

7:40 Chair Report - Adrian O.

Reading from his report, referring to general service,

"When we know that we're supported we just need to take the leap!"

Adrian covered a lot of important material in his report. Follow the link below to access it:

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Chair-Report_December-2022-ACM_Area-08.pdf

PRAASA - Our first live PRAASA in three years is a good time to send as many members as our district is capable of financially supporting, whether they are GSRs or not. The Pacific Rim AA Service Assembly is a game changer!

Every three months our ACMs will meet in person, with continued hybrid access.

Adrian shared the Conference themes he brainstormed:

- Opening the Doors to the Fellowship Ever Wider
- Securing Our Future Through Action and Love
- A Message of Recovery on the Cutting Edge
- A Spiritual Experience in the 21st Century
- Bringing Our Three Legacies Full Circle
- Love and Tolerance 12 Steps at a Time
- We are Responsible
- Fulfilling the Vision of Our Founding Fathers
- From the First 100 to the Next 100

Angelina, our Registrar let us know that we have a **quorum**.

7:45 Two-Minute Liaison Committee Check-In – Cheryl F. [Please email any written liaison reports to Nihura at alt_secretary@area8aa.org.](mailto:alt_secretary@area8aa.org)

LIAISON Reports, ACM December 15, 2022

GREATER SAN DIEGO YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA: Not Present / No Report

NORTH SAN DIEGO YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA: **NSDYPA: Christine.** Holiday Hoopla was a great Event, Carrie Helped. January 14-18th is our annual Dodgeball tournament.

EAST SAN DIEGO INTERGROUP: Elke; Not Present / No Report

NORTH SAN DIEGO INTERGROUP: Patrick,

NC Central Office - Linda, newly elected manager. Call North County Central Office regarding a paid position for a co-manager. Shifts are available. The Office is asking for group histories. Margaret T, of the Outreach Committee is looking for help as she goes out to East County meetings. You can call her or call North County Central Office. New book: The North County Grapevine Stories will be available after the holidays.

COORDINATING COUNCIL SAN DIEGO: Aleksey, Oral Report/ no written report. Much of the information from Aleksey's report can be found at aasandiego.org, Coordinating Council's meeting

minutes. <https://aasandiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/coordminutes1222.pdf>

OFICINA CENTRAL HISPANA SAN DIEGO: José, Not Present / No Report

OFICINA INTERGRUPAL CONDADO NORTE SAN DIEGO Not Present / No Report

“HWW” HISPANIC WOMEN’S WORKSHOP : Nancy, alcoholic, Liaison 7th Hispanic Women workshop. The event was held on December 3rd. Here in San Diego and it was very successful, with an attendance of about 140 women from several states, Arizona, Georgia and many others from the participant areas. We had a programmed a virtual meeting on December 2 with about 80 women in unity. The committee wants to express their Gratitude to Area 8 and all the other areas that participate, the Groups, Districts, and AA members that helped to make this workshop possible, and to welcome all those who came with the purpose to stay sober. The formal and more detailed report would be submitted at the beginning of January 2023. Thanks for your support, Happy 24

NATIVE AMERICAN: Wolf, Not Present / No Report

8:00 Unfinished Business

- Ad-Hoc Committees Update –

Ad Hoc Committees:

Assembly Checklist Ad Hoc Committee - no response

Mock Assembly Ad Hoc Committee: Monty explained that our Pre-Conference Assembly will be opened as a **mock general service conference**. If we did a formal dinner the night before the assembly, like we do with PRAASA, would you attend? Email Monty with your feelings about this.

Structure and Guidelines on Reallocation Ad Hoc Committee: Cindy is the chair. The members of the committee want to start it in January.

Calendar: Paul, IT Chair. Paul posted the Area Webpage and scrolled down to the calendar. Monty has ideas and topics for workshops. He’ll work with any committee or district. Reach out to Monty.

8:10 Master Calendar – Reminder to please use [area8aa.org](https://www.area8aa.org) as a **RESOURCE** Cheryl F. <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/>

8:15 Birthdays since last ACM (11/17/22) - Arian O. Birthdays since Nov 27th:

Adrian: 11/19- 7 years; Tonya, 11/18 - 23 years; = 30 years of sobriety. We sang. 🎵

8:20 BREAK

8:35 Area 08 Structure & Guidelines Review:

Pages 14-15 - VII. Area Assembly Standing Committees and their Composition - **Blaine H.**

· Discussion / Examples of Practical Application

- We have 12 standing committees.
- San Diego and North County H&I.(Hospitals and Institutions) are exempt from the guidelines. They were functioning before the Area guidelines started. They are financially independent. They are also unique in CA.

Highlights about the standing committees:

- The Chairs are elected in alternate years. The list of evens and odds can be found in the structure and guidelines.
- A member cannot be a DCM and a Chair at the same time but a DCM can be a member.
- The committee design was for nine members. The members were all GSRs. That is now flexible.
- The volunteers for committees must be members of AA and they will have voting privileges on matters of concern to the committee but not at the Assembly since they are not GSRs.
- If a chair is absent from three meetings in a row they can be replaced.

- Our Linguistic Districts have their own service committees.
- Services are lessening at the district level. This is common in other parts of the country.
- There are approx. 220 GSRs in our Area. There are only 25 GSRs on the committees.
- Blaine took a short poll of the Chairs. He got responses from 11 out of 12.
 - How long have you served? How many GSRs and volunteers do you have? How do you meet? What is your average attendance?
 - Chairs serve from 6 months to 42 months, average of 12 - 24 months; GSR members - 2.08; Volunteer members - 2.16; average attendance is 4.3 members.
- All the committees meet virtually except the H&I committees.
Blaine traced the communication from the ACM and Assemblies to the GSRs and expressed the need for improvement.
- In the past there were abbreviated ACM minutes that were sent out. Would that improve communication in the Area for GSRs?
- Why are the GSRs not included on the ACM email list?

8:55 New Business

- Unbudgeted Expense/ Reimbursement Request - Lynn E. / Adrian O.

A new Computer for the Registrar - \$446.75 (Computer + Carrying Case)

The motion: To approve an unbudgeted expense to reimburse the Registrar for her expense.

Motion was seconded and approved.

- Orientation Assembly Agenda - Adrian O.

It's on the ACM mailing list. The main points:

- GSR School is vitally important. 5 GSR schools, one before every Assembly.
- New business: Lynn and Rob go over finances w/ a Q+A
- Jerry will speak - GSR and Group registration and how to do it.
- Roadmap of motions
- Area 58 - specified literature into ASL
- Committees - please have something prepared on what you're working on.
 - Lunch
- Unity: Our Second Legacy - presentations by our Coordinators! getting GSRs and Coordinators together. Monty wants to talk to members who have been both a GSR and a coordinator.
- PRAASA: March 3 - 5, 2023
- Taking bids on our Election Assembly in September. Looking for new District to co-sponsor the assemblies
- Area standing committee roundtables

- Open Servant Leader Positions in Area 08 - Adrian O.

Chairs that are rotating out that don't have a replacement:

- Paul, Informational Technology Chair;
- Richard, Translation Chair;
- Sasha, Literature Chair;
- Newsletter. Roxane, former Delegate, and Sasha?
- Ask yourself: Are you willing and available?

- Proposed Agenda Item for the 74th General Service Conference –

Translation of A.A. Literature into ASL

- Bryan H. outgoing Accessibilities Chair "The motion: San Diego Imperial Area 8 will support the proposed agenda item for the 74th GSC of Translating Specified AA Approved Literature

into American Sign Language.

- The Motion that originates from Area 58 is this -
 - **To make a plan to begin translating critical AA literature into American Sign Language.**
- The Deaf community has Pamphlet 19 GSR representative, in keeping with our primary purpose,
- Currently none of the personal stories in the Big Book have been translated. Only the first 164 pages have been translated.
- District and Area business meetings have not been translated.
- A common misconception is that written text is the same as ASL. That is not true.
- American Sign Language is a separate language.
- People who were born deaf to hearing parents often suffer from critical language acquisition the first 5 years of their lives. They have language deprivation.
- Reading the Big Book is difficult, reading any AA literature is difficult.
- The Chair of the Accessibility committee in Area 58 has put this motion forward.
- There is no budgetary impact to Area 8.
- Monty is willing to write a letter of support for this motion to be heard at the 2023 GSO conference.

We voted on the **Motion**:

SDIAA Area 8 to Support the Proposed Agenda Item for the 74th GSC of Translating Specified AA Approved Literature into American Sign Language (Originates from Area 58)

By a show of hands: substantial unanimity in favor .

- 2023 DCM / Committee Chair Training Workshop – Date, Location, Flier- Adrian O.

Area 08 DCM's and Standing Committee Chairs – A Knowledge Sharing Workshop, Feb. 18, 2023
@ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; 4545 Viewridge Ave. San Diego, CA 92123

9:30 Two-Minute District & Committee Check-In (Even Districts) Cheryl F. (DCMs and Committee Chairs should email written reports to Nihura at alt_secretary@area8aa.org)

Districts, even #s:

D2, Sutton. Had a great meeting

- We had seven GSRs in attendance.
- We have one more step to take regarding our financial fitness. Our district has had to manage financially for over one year without an operating bank account. Our district treasurer and I are meeting at the bank this coming Monday.
- Our November Workshop, Mental Health Issues in AA workshop was outstanding. We had participation from all over the Area including financial contributions from fellow hosting districts 14 & 21. District 23 sponsored half the cost of translation and interpretation. Paul K. did an excellent job managing the technology for this hybrid event. In addition, we had participation the Spanish speaking community and the Deaf community. Thank you to all who participated and contributed.
- We are cosponsoring the Orientation Assembly in January.

D4-Ray, incoming DCM. looking forward to doing more 12 step work. We are financially stable so we'd love to be able to help. We are co-sponsoring the Pre Conference Workshop.

D6-Maire; outgoing DCM, without someone to step up - New Year's Eve Alcathon! Districts 19, 6, and 7 are co-hosting. details on the Alcathon. She does not have a replacement. The planning is just about finished. Round the clock meetings, fellowship and food, Sat, 12/31 - Sunday morning, 01/01/23.

D8- Richard: small change in D8. new Registrar. 3 - 5 members are going to the dark meetings with their kit to start meetings. They have given away 24 GV subscriptions and some AA books to prisons

and institutions, Donovan, Salvation Army and others. We are at the Spouth Bay Pioneers Club in Chula Vista.

D10-NP/NR

Angelina, our Registrar, on Dark Meetings: On the list they are called UNKNOWN. That doesn't mean they're not active. What it means is that the GSR is gone. GSO doesn't take care of it. There are 500 of them.

D12- MAREN; HAS AN ALTERNATE who is helping to chair the Christmas Alcathon in La Mesa . They donated \$800+ 8118 Univ. Ave, La Mesa 12:30 am group - Humility. 6 pm pot luck meal. Emotional Sobriety Workshop will happen again.

D14- Amber (online) They have about 5 GSRs per district mtg. They're working to get the word out to meetings that do not have GSRs. We were one of the sponsors of the Mental Health workshop.

D16- Carrie: Dec 10 potluck in person that turned into a hybrid. They decided to bid to host an assembly and talked about what kind of events they want to support or create or support.

D18-

D20-Patrick; Fallbrook area. the has been more enthusiasm

D22- NP/NP

Committees:

Accessibilities Committee - Bryan is the outgoing chair. Sarah will be the new Chair, Bryan will move to the Alt. They'll skip the Dec meeting. 8 ASL interpreters for ASL. Will help with hosting the Spring RoundUp. Deaf members from other states are flying in or virtually coming in. Accessibilities are looking for donations for Spring RoundUp ASL

Donations should be labeled as **"ASL for the Spring Round Up"**. Renea C is the Treasurer for the Sign Language Fund. Bryan is also on the Spring RoundUp Committee.

Finance-Terese, new chair starting in January. The committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

GV/LV - Maren, Alt Chair (Barbara, Chair has left) good attendance at the meetings. They usually man tables at events. Lots of books were sold at the Hispanic Women's workshop. Adon is the liaison from LaViña to GrapeVine. There will be a table at the Alcathons.

Newsletter -

Policy - Chuck, Chair. First Tuesday of each month, 7 pm on Zoom only. 4 volunteer members and a liaison. They'll be reaching out to all officers as we review the Structure+Guidelines, and the Area 8 pamphlet - to review job descriptions and more. Adrian: The Webmaster and the Archivist are not listed in the S+G.. The last time this S+G review was done was 2021.

SD H&I - Diana. 3rd Sunday of the month. 5150 Kearny Mesa Road. Contact on Release at 11:00; Policy Committee 11:30; Orientation (in person) 12:00' and the Business Meeting follows. On the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm we have a virtual orientation on. There are vacancies. They can use help at every level.

Translation - not tonight.

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."*

The next Area Committee Meeting (ACM) is January 19, 2023. **ZOOM @ Meeting ID 912 0690 2733**
Passcode: iluvacms - Jan 19 @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The next assembly, The Orientation Assembly @ **St. Michael's Church Holy Family Center (HF31)**
15410 Pomerado Road, Poway, CA 92064 - Jan 14 @ 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose P, Area 8 Secretary, Panel 72

Nihura M., Alt Area 8 Secretary, Panel 72