

**Area 8 San Diego-Imperial County
Archives Committee Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2020 7:04 – 8:24 P.M.**

In Attendance:

John B., Committee Chair Jerry S. – Delegate
Karen M., Committee Member Alan R., Committee Member
Renee R., Area 8 Liaison

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Approval of Minutes

- John proposed approval; 2nd; So approved

Read Practical Experience from the GSO Archives Workbook

- Arizona A3 review of their guidelines and common practices
- 3 Departments: Sorting, taping/transcribing & displays
- Always maintaining the spiritual nature of the responsibilities
- John attended a meeting with the Akron Archivist
- Briefly discussed the National Archivist Convention

Special visit by the Area Delegate, Jerry S.

- Shared his experience strength and hope on Conference experience in Archives
- Discussed possibly developing a more structure driven motion around the AA History Book Project
 - Possibly grabbing the theme of looking at our history through the lens of our Principles
- John shared that the history of AA is available through 3rd party sources. Great resources and strong lessons around our history vs. the faulty memory of Bill.
 - Does not know if AA is the right entity to tell its own history
 - AA might fail to connect some of the controversial topics
- Renee brought the topic of global consideration around the presentation of our history

Chair's Activities since last meeting

1. Attended ACM via Zoom on 6/18
 - a. Reviewed notes from ACM
2. Attended the Post Conference Assembly on 6/20
3. Retrieved the Archives Committee computer password and began digitally archiving materials on the external hard drive. Started with the 2018 / 2019 Area Assembly minutes provided by the area secretary.
 - a. Began categorizing the total landscape of materials
 - b. Is collecting in a 1 terabit external hard drive
 - c. Been endlessly busy on this errand

Business:

1. Discussion of Archivist responsibilities regarding digitally capturing Area documents. Need to understand the division of duties on this matter- review of S&G.
 - a. John shared that this effort can be a labor-intensive chore if it is let go for too long.
 - b. Staying diligent in the continuous effort makes the work manageable and undaunting
 - c. A8 S&G 3.7 & 3.8: This responsibility falls on the shoulders of the Archivist & the Committee. The Archivist w/ the Archives Committee will complete this task of keeping records of the Assembly.
 - i. Minutes of ACM, Assembly, Standing Committees. Motions, Sharing Sessions, and Inventories Etc.
 - d. Should be tackled as a point of discussion with the Archivist. The Archivist has been contacted.
 - e. Discussion was confused about the end of term of current Archivist.

- f. Committee consensus that managing the digital archives of the Area Assemblies collective work should primarily fall on the shoulders of the Archivist
 - i. John is committed to communicating with the current Archivist on this topic
 2. Discussion of Structure & Guidelines revisions.
 - a. Tabled w/ request that before next meeting the committee mark up the existing S&G's with individual members suggestions and proposed edits
 3. Continued efforts to capture items relevant to COVID19 pandemic & AA
 - a. John is continuing to archive any/all materials that are revolving around this pandemic
 - i. Now that meetings are working through going live again, please send us your stories.
 - ii. Hashed around shared experience on this topic
 4. Discussion of ROOTS event. Serious consideration of committing to a Zoom format for the event.
 - a. Seriously unlikely to happen in person
 - b. Therefore... how do we reimagine the event? How do we think outside the box through the lens of a more interactive panel via interview format? This would help boil down to certain topics and ideas.
 - i. Getting Gail (founder of the event) to participate.
 - ii. Seeking out members for specific history and efforts in AA worldwide (ie: AA in Iran – contacting Sam)
 - iii. Let's come together on the format and possible speakers at next meeting
- John discussed his category filing development and need to share his progress and communicate with the other Committee's and Districts to establish a new culture that will support the Archives Committee moving forward.

Next meeting: August 6th, 2020

Responsibility Pledge

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.