

Minutes_May ACM_ 2023
Area 8 San Diego-Imperial
May 18, 2023 on Zoom
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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7:00 Call to Order – A reminder to mute yourself when you do not have the floor - **Cheryl F., Alt. Area Chair, subbing for Adrian, who is on vacation.**

- 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 - Roll Call. We skipped the roll call tonight. Angelina S. is out of town.
We did not have introductions tonight.

7:10 Secretary Report – Minutes of April ACM - Rose P., Area secretary.

The minutes from the April ACM are in the Glide App. on our Area 8 website. Are there any additions or corrections? If not, is there a motion to approve? Yes, second?

7:15 Treasurer-Report_-Informe-de-tesoreria_May-2023 - Lynn E., Area 8 Treasurer

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Treasurer-Report_-Informe-de-tesoreria_May-2023.pdf

7:20 Alt-Delegate-ACM-Report-May -Richard O., Alt. Delegate, Area 8

Unity Day could use volunteers.

We're hoping all of our standing committees will attend and set up a table.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Alt-Delegate-ACM-Report-May-2023.pdf>

7:30 Area Delegate's May 2023 ACM Report - Monty C.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/23-may-acm-del-rpt.pdf>

7:40 Chair Report / May 2023 ACM - Cheryl F., Alt. Area Chair. Cheryl read Adrian's report.

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Chair-Report_May-2023-ACM_Post-Conference-Assembly_Area-08.pdf

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

(Please email any written liaison reports to Nihura at: alt_secretary@area8aa.org)

GSDYPAA, - NP/NR

ACYPA - Christina, Chair : Upcoming Events:

-NERF WARS: 5/27/23, AA meeting 12:30-1:30pm, Nerf War 1:30-5pm @ 4198 Mission Ave.
Oceanside, CA 92057. \$15 suggested donation.

-Slip & Slide: 6/10/23. AA meeting 4-5pm, Slip & Slide 5-8pm, beach games, dogs on leash welcome,
\$10 taco plates. @ Del Mar Shores Terrace beach. \$10 suggested donation.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Seacoast Community Church in Encinitas from 4-6:30pm. Our meeting is hybrid, email ACYPAAI@gmail.com for login info.

Ways the Area can help ACYPAA host a successful 51st conference:

- Starting a district/group pre-reg challenge with an incentive provided by the area for the group/district that gets the most pre-reg. (acypaa.org)
- Encourage young people to join our committee and attend our events
- Announce our events and conference at their local meetings and post fliers at local Alano clubs/meeting halls
- Sponsor newcomers, and register themselves
- * North County SD Young People AA has been absorbed by ACYPAA

Coordinating Council – SD - Andrew, Liaison.

The Coordinating Council is now meeting at a new location (the Brown Church, 4816 Glen Street in La Mesa). The date and time have not changed (still meets on the second Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm). Attendance is both in person and online.

- REMINDER: The Central Office Bookstore hours are now Mon-Fri 10am-6pm & Sat 9am-1pm.
- The Founder's Day Picnic is scheduled for June 10, 2023.

Flyers are available at: <https://aasandiego.org/events>

- The Orientation & Guidelines committee is reviewing and revising guidelines.

Input from groups is appreciated.

Submit ideas to Joseph at: josephstaples92@gmail.com

The Guidelines are available at: https://aasandiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/SDAA-Coordinating-Council-Guidelines-03_23.pdf

NC Intergroup - Linda R., Liaison. Oral report

NSDYPAA - North County SD Young People AA has been absorbed by ACYPAA*

East County Intergroup - NP/NR*

Native American - NP/NR*

8:00 Unfinished Business

- **Structure & Guidelines Revisions**-Rescheduled S&G Workshop? -Chuck P., Policy Committee Chair
The Policy Committee is in the midst of a review of the Structure and Guidelines that is done every 2 years.

- They have been soliciting feedback from area officers, committee chairs, alternates. and anyone who has something that they would like to see changed in our structure and guidelines.
- In the last two months the Finance Committee and the IT committee have given feedback.
- Chuck encourages us to take a closer look at the Structure and Guidelines, perhaps with your job description in mind. [San Diego - Imperial Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous \(SDIAA\) STRUCTURE & GUIDELINES \(S&G\) November 13, 2021](#)
- How to present your ideas:
 - Present a formal motion to the Area Policy Committee.
 - Give background information on why you think it should be changed.
 - Cite the service Concept(s) that are related to it.
 - There is a form on the Area 8 website that should be used.
 - "Motion" to amend structure and guidelines **Submission Form**

The Companion Document: [The Area 8 Pamphlet](#)

It's a brief description of all of the officers positions and their responsibilities, and also the standing various 14 standing committees. The Policy Committee also encourages us to review this pamphlet and submit your ideas for changes, following the procedure described above.

- Rescheduled S&G Workshop: The Policy committee has workshops scheduled for June 3rd and June 17th. Chuck apologized for not being able to be present at these workshops as he is double-booked.

Details on the workshops can be found on the calendar on <https://www.area8aa.org> .

- **Ad Hoc Committee** – Assembly Planning Checklist Anyone? - This committee is not represented.

- **Will Area 8 loan our headsets to the Area that is sponsoring the DCM 4 Area Sharing Session on August 26th?**

- Peggy Rose, DCM, D10 inquired about this unfinished business. She will be attending the DCM 4 Area Share and supports the idea of Area 8 sharing the equipment.
- The four areas are 5, 8, 9, and 93.
- Area 9 is hosting and is having issues with their interpretation.
- Our Area 8 interpreters will be working at the event.
- Our Alt Delegate will be attending and suggests that we loan the equipment and it will come home with the attendees. Richard O, Peggy Rose, the interpreters, and others.
- Last months concerns were reiterated by two DCMS, Rick Lee and Mike M. re: safety of our equipment, do we have insurance if it gets damaged, and will it be returned on time.
- Can we answer these questions? - Chuck
- Lynn reported that the new equipment is covered by insurance. She is willing to call in the old equipment if someone is willing to get her the information she needs to the insurance company.
- Monty - We have lent it before. It is necessary for our Hispanic members to have this equipment. We are transporting it both ways ourselves.
- Cheryl - if there is no new information. We are ready for a vote.
- **The motion: All those in favor of loaning out our equipment for the 4 Area Dcm Sharing Session, please raise your virtual hand.**
- **On zoom: 26 in favor; All those opposed: 0. The motion carries.**

8:05 Break

8:15 Upcoming Area 08 Events. See Area 8 calendar.

<https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/> - Cheryl F.

8:17 Birthdays since last ACM (4/20/23) Cheryl F.

Chuck - 19 yrs.; Rob - 12 yrs.; Rose - 35 yrs.; With only 3 people celebrating birthdays we are celebrating 66 years of sobriety today. We sang. 🎵🎵🍰🎵🎵

8:20 Area 08 Structure & Guidelines Review: Sections IX and X

IX. District Committee Member (DCM) - Page 28 **Sutton K.**

X. General Service Representatives (GSR) - Pages 28 & 29 **Christina L.**

8:30 New Business

- Unbudgeted Expense Request – Archives Storage - Heidi H., Archives Chair

- There was nothing in the budget this year for the archive storage
- The past chair hadn't asked for the money. This is the unbudgeted expense.
- **The vote here is not whether or not to pay this unbudgeted expense but whether or not this motion goes to the Assembly with or without the ACM's approval.**
- **All those in favor of approving this motion. Please raise your hands.**

- **23 in favor; None opposed. The Archives Chair expressed her thanks.**

- 2024 Area Budget Review - Lynn E., Area Treasurer / Teresa W., Finance Committee Chair

- Lynn reported that the Budget review was part of the Treasurer's report presented earlier in the meeting.
- We're waiting on 7 budgets, and if you're one of them, please get your budget in

- 2024 ACM- Frequency of Hybrids – Quarterly or more? - Cheryl F. , Alt. Area Chair

- We were entirely online during the pandemic. Then we started meeting in person once per quarter.
- How often do we want to meet in person in 2024?
- Can we afford to meet more often in person? Rent of the venues, reimbursement for gas, possibly other expenses for the technology.
- We really need to make a decision while Lynn is trying to get the budget done for 2024.

Questions?

- How many people came in person and how many were online at the April ACM? Does our Registrar know?
- How can we increase attendance by DCMs?
- We need to look at our budget and determine what we can afford.
- Rob, Alt. treasurer made the motion:

- I propose that we move this area committee, maybe to 6 times a year every other month. Starting with January and March.

Discussion: We will all have to resubmit our budgets? What does the treasurer say?

The finance chair asked that figures be resubmitted, if need be, and the committee will work something out.

Ques. - Why aren't we meeting in person every month?

Ans. - When Covid hit we were no longer allowed to meet at our location.

We went on Zoom and what we discovered while we were on Zoom is that it cut costs quite a bit.

We started going once a quarter to start getting back in the swing. We started out once a quarter so that it could be discussed later to increase.

Discussion: One person loves driving and in person meetings. Another hates driving and loves zoom. He also points out that we meet at Area Assemblies 5X per year.

Rob clarified his motion: We would do 6 hybrids. So we still have 12 online meetings, but 6 of them would be hybrid. So it's not a requirement that you have to be there when it's in person, but it's just a option to have 6 hybrid and 6 Virtual only

This next vote is whether we call stop conversation and call the question.

All those in favor of calling the question. Please raise your hand.

23 in favor. None opposed.

All those in favor of having 6 hybrid and 6 live ACMs please raise your hand. All right - 16 in favor. 10 opposed. it's a simple majority. Motion passes.

- 2024 Assembly in Imperial County – Establish frequency of Assemblies in Imperial Co. - Cheryl F.

All of those in favor of having one assembly per calendar year in Imperial County please raise your hands. Those in favor: 26. Those opposed: 0. The motion passes.

8:52 Two-Minute District & Committee Reports (Odd Districts) Cheryl F. DCMs and Committee Chairs should email written reports to Nihura at (alt_secretary@area8aa.org)

D1, D3, D5, D7 NP/NR

D9 - Mike M. DCM : Oral report

D11 - Michelle, DCM :Oral report

D13 - Phyllis, DCM : Oral report

D15 - Juan , DCM : Present/Written report

Good evening, I'm Juan and I'm an Alcoholic, DCM District 15. Our last meeting was May 12, 2023 and 17 GSRs attended. Our District 15 meeting is every Friday from 7:00-9:00 pm. Our new location is 1913 Euclid Ave San Diego CA. 92105. We have been working with the District8 and 19 DCMs as we are hosting the Election Assembly on September 23. District 15 has 6 active committees: La Vina, Treatments, Correctional, Files, Information to the public, General Service Committee. Thanks for allowing me to serve Juan O (MCD).

D16 - Carrie, DCM : Present/Written report [May D16 report to ACM.docx](#)

NOTE: San Diego will be hosting the **61st International Women's Conference Jan 30th- Feb 2nd 2025.**

Just wanted to make sure you were all aware of it.

D17, D19 : NP/NR

D20: Greg B. DCM : Present/Written report

Last meeting on 4/24/2023. GSR attending : 4; District Treasurer's report: \$932.76;

Continued to canvas Fallbrook meetings to generate some enthusiasm for general service

Planning for a District 20 picnic either late spring or early summer.

Next meeting: May 22, 2023 , 6:00 pm at Hilltop.

D21-Tom Q, DCM : Oral report

D23- Rick Lee, DCM : Present/Written report [District 23 report to ACM for MAY 18. 2023.docx](#)

Committees reporting this month:

Archives, Heidi,Chair: Present/ Written report [5-3-2023 Archives Committee Minutes](#)

Armed Services, Blaine H, Chair: Present/Written report. We have submitted our 2024 committee budget proposal to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee. We are excited about a new A.A. meeting to be established in the Chapel at the Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro. Our first foray into Imperial County. We continue to support the meetings on Camp Pendleton and Miramar and will be sending letters of introduction to the other major military commands in the Area.

CPC: NP/NR

IT/Website : NP/NR

Literature, Roxane L.Chair : [Minutes 5-9-23 Literature Committee.docx](#)

No. Co. H&I : NP/NR

YPCC: NP/NR

9:30 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."

Next ACM in June 15, 2023

*NP/NR - Not Present/No Report

Respectfully submitted by

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