

**Area 8 San Diego-Imperial
Area Committee Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023 on Zoom 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

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7:00 Call to Order – 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."

Registrar - Roll Call (Please sign in at the front) Angelina S. Please identify yourself on screen by your position, e.g. DCM 8, Chair CPC, etc.

Introductions: Welcome to Nancy, new DCM D13 and John R.-new IT Chair.

7:05 Secretary Report – Minutes of June ACM Rose P. - The June minutes were approved. There were no additions or corrections.

7:10 Treasurer's Report Rob R. - Treasurer Report / Informe del Tesorera June / Junio 2023
[Treasurer Report / Informe del Tesorera June / Junio 2023](#)

- Contributions are trending lower. We're encouraged to get the word out to the groups.
- Lynn E. has turned in her resignation to our Area Chair, Adrian, our Alternate Chair, Cheryl and our Area Delegate, Monty. Address any of your questions on the matter to those individuals.
- I (Rob R.) am the Acting Treasurer. The new Treasurer will be elected at the next assembly, the Election Assembly, on September 23.
- Rob expressed his gratitude to Lynn for teaching him about the policies and procedures of this important service position.

7:15 Alternate Delegate's Report Richard O. [Alt. Delegate- ACM Report July 20, 2023](#)

7:20 Delegate's Report Monty C. [July Delegate ACM Report](#)

Angelina just told us that we do have a Quorum!

7:30 Chair's Report Adrian O. [Chair-Report July-2023-ACM_Area-08](#)


- I want to double down on Rob 's statement and thank Lynn for her sacrifice and her service to the Area for the past year and a half. Hopefully, we'll be able to serve with her again in the future.

- My report is basically an op-ed that may inspire, may make you cry or puke but you can read it and decide for yourself. It's my view on General Service. You may have questions for me.

7:35 Two-Minute Liaison Committee Reports - Cheryl F. (Please email any written liaison reports to Nihura at alt_secretary@area8aa.org) (NP/NR - not present/no report)

GSDYPAA-NP/NR

Coordinating Council SD - Andrew K.;

 ACM Report - Coordinating Council - July 2023.doc

NC Intergroup-NP/NR

ACYPAA - Shawn ; Oral Report, August 12 is the 17th annual AA, dodgeball tournament.

EC Intergroup-NP/NR

Native American-NP/NR

Hispanic Women's Workshop-NP/NR

7:45 Unfinished Business

- **Structure & Guidelines Revision Motions** - Adrian O.

- Adrian is working with District 15 on a motion related to interpretation. It will go to the Policy Committee and the Finance Committee and you should see that motion at the August ACM.

- **2024 Budget Update** - Rob R., Acting treasurer; alt_treasurer@area8aa.org

[Budget Update/Spanish translation July/Spanish Translation 2023](#)

Email Rob with your questions.

- **Newsletter Committee (Revised)** - **Adrian O.** The Area Chair reads for Bill S., the Newsletter Committee Chair

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MOTION-Newsletter-Amended-SG-Proposed-Amendment-7-9-2023.pdf>

Name of Motion: Revise and Update Newsletter Committee Structure & Guidelines

6-2-2023 Submitted to the Area Chairperson and Policy Committee

6-2-2023 Sent for Translation

6-15-2023 Reviewed at the Area Committee Meeting:

Should this motion go forward with a recommendation to the Area Assembly in September?

Follow the link to read the posted motion. All proposed new text is presented with an underline. All proposed deleted text is presented with a ~~strikethrough~~.

Ques.: What is the cost of printing a newsletter? Will it be 5 copies for each GSR? If there are 20 GSRs at an Assembly, 5 copies each would be 100 copies. A budget of \$1,000.00 was

proposed. Will that be enough? How many copies are adequate?

Ans.: We will have an opportunity to share through our vote of recommendation or non-recommendation.

Are there any members of the Newsletter Committee present who can answer the question of how many copies of the newsletter would be printed?

No members were present. The former chair, Roxane, was asked to respond.

Roxane: The cost varies. Are they in color or B+W? Are they stapled or do we have an open page? We can adjust the cost according to our budget. In the past we always published the newsletter in print. At times it was 17 pages long. Spending money on a nice publication, that is in two languages, has its value.

Chuck, Chair of the Policy Committee: There has always been a big budget for the newsletter committee. Now the budget seems to have been exceeded. If we publish in color we'll have a more expensive publication.

Adrian: A reminder concerning our budgets. They will all be vetted as we create our 2024 budget. The group conscience will still have a say in this, as will the ACM.

Paul launched a poll. The motion was on the screen.

The link is posted above.

Should this motion go forward with a recommendation to the Area Assembly in September?

POLL: 19 Yes; 8 No; 2 Abs.

(This next item was added to the agenda very recently.)

Upcoming Event: DCM Sharing Session: John O. DCM and Committee member of the event.

The committee met and heard questions on the amount of money Area 8 would be contributing. We had committed to \$400-\$500. The committee wanted a specific amount because they will be hiring two interpreters from 11am - 4:00pm. They also asked about the translation equipment. We agreed to bring our equipment.

Adrian: We did say if we have interpreters there keeping an eye on our equipment it will be fine to bring it.

8:00 Upcoming Area 08 Events <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/calendars/> - Richard O.

See the calendar on the Area 8 webpage.

8:02 Birthdays since last ACM (6/15/23) Lee - 38 yrs, and Enrique - 6 years.

8:05 BREAK

8:15 Area 08 Structure & Guidelines Review:

- XIII - Districts of the Area Assembly - Carrie E.

Representation by districts with DCMs and Alt DCMs;

The districts mirror the area with their officers, chair, secretary, treasurer, registrar;

The structure and guidelines recommends regular meetings so that the GSRs are informed and they can report on their groups conscience;
There's a section on the District Election and its suggested that they happen in September; The GSRs can be prepared for Assemblies starting with the Orientation Assembly.
District boundaries are in this section as well as redistricting.

8:25 New Business

- Structure & Guidelines Revision Motions - Adrian O. •

- IT Committee - Paul K.

2 motions to alter the Structure +Guidelines of Area 8

- Webservant & Archivist Voting at ACM

Name of the Motion: Add the Webservant & Archivist as a Voting Member of the Area Committee Meeting

The Motion: Part 1 Modify Section V, Paragraph B, Page 6 to add the Area 8 Webservant and Area 8 Archivist to the composition of the Area Committee Meetings.
Part 2. Modify Section VII, Paragraph 12(d), Page 16. Part 3. Modify Section VII, Paragraph 11(g), Page 16

The full text:

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MOTION_Webservant_Archivist_ACM-Composition_Vote_Final_07032023.pdf

POLL: 100% Yes; 27/27

N- Webservant & Archivist Mileage Reimbursement

Name of the m\Motion: Mileage Reimbursement of Webservant and Archivist

The Motion: Modify Section XI, Paragraph L, Page 31 to include mileage reimbursement for the Area 8 Webservant and Area 8 Archivist.

The full text:

https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MOTION_Webservant_and_Archivist_Mileage_Final_07032023.pdf

A "Friendly Amendment" was added to add \$350.00 to the IT Committee's Budget.
The vote is to recommend this motion or not recommend that this amendment go to the Assembly in September.

POLL: 96% Yes, 28 votes; 0 No; 1 Abs.

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

Committees:

Archives - Heidi H.; Oral Report. We are doing an inventory, trying to save some money.

Armed Services - Blaine H.; Participated in the SERVICE PALOOZA event on June 24th. Five on-base meetings continue at Camp Pendleton, one at Miramar MCAS (virtual), and one live at NAF El Centro. We supported the Pendleton Beach Roundup last weekend however attendance was low this year. ACYPAA has been most generous to offer to co-sponsor with us an activity aimed at young people in the military. Our problem will be herding catlike sailors and marines to a fixed location off base. This may not be possible.

We meet virtually on the 3rd Sunday at 2:30 PM [Zoom # 8272 094 4400 Pss/ asc2020](#)

CPC - NP/NR

IT/Website- John R.; [w Area_Committee_ACM_Report_Form_2023.doc](#)

Literature - Roxane R.; Dear Faithful Servants, After a lengthy discussion with my alternate Literature chair, Tom Q., we have decided to cancel tonight's meeting of the committee as there is no new business and no ongoing business to discuss. If you have an agenda item you want to bring to the committee, please let me know by replying to this email. It's been a busy summer and will get busier as we head into the next phase of the Conference Year 2024. All Conference agenda items must be submitted by September 15 so if there is something you are thinking of submitting, please prepare your proposals now. The Literature Committee is grateful for all its volunteers and hopes that you will continue to help us thrive and grow in our area. Literature helps us carry the message of recovery everywhere and for that reason, we need lots of helpers to make that happen. Thank you for your service. Please mark your calendars for next month's meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:30 pm. Stay Sober!

NCH&I - NP/NR

YPAACC, Young Peoples' Coordinating Council - Shawn T.; Oral Report

Districts:

D1 - Rick Lee {reported on D1} Oral Report.

D3-NP/NR;

D5-NP/NR;

D7-NP/NR;

D9-Mike M.; Written Report: Birthdays: Steve G. 30 years, Lou J. 38 years, Jim R. 1 year
New Meeting: Woman's Big Book Study meeting every Thursday at 7:00p.m. at the Alano Club. District 9 is working to update the meeting schedule on the Meeting App. District 9 is looking forward to hosting the upcoming Area 8 DCM meeting on 8/17/2023.

D11-Michelle M.; District 11 new officers include: Demessis is treasurer and now on bank account. Butch M is now our Registrar. The Traditions Workshop our district helped host Was a great success. Thank you.

D13-Nancy G.; Oral Report: we are doing some transition.


D15-Juan O.; We meet every Friday from 7:00-9:00 pm at 1913 Euclid Ave. San Diego CA 92105. We have between 12 and 16 GSR per week. We sponsored the La Vina #27 event with an attendance of 45 persons, we are thankful to James from the Grapevine committee. Districts 18, 17 & 35 of Oregon were also at the event.. District 15 committees are active: La viña , IP, IC, IT, Archives and the GSO . As the DCM of District 15 I attended The Hesperia Ca. Forum.

D16 -CarrieE.;  July D16 report to ACM.docx

D17-Reynaldo V.; NR/NP

D19-Diana C.; We meet once a month on the first Tuesday of each month. Due to the First Tuesday of July being a holiday, we met the following week on July 11th. District 19, 8 & 15 are hosting the Elections assembly September 23rd. So far we have secured a venue, and made and sent flyers to the webmaster. The flier is available on the area website in both English and Spanish, we're doing weekly meetings to make sure we have plenty of volunteers and food.

D21-Tom Q.; Oral Report: we have new GSR's and are standing for positions.

D23 - Rick Lee;  District 23 report to ACM for July 20 . 2023.doc

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 Area Committee Meeting/ACM:

Hybrid ACM from the Alano club in El Centro on August 17th, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

@ Meeting ID 912 0690 2733 Passcode: iluvacms

Next Area Assembly: Sat., September 23rd, a Hybrid Event,

The Elections Assembly 9:00 am - 4:00 pm., preceded by the GSR School, 8:00 am.

St. John of the Cross, 8086 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86391941442>

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