

Budget Assembly Minutes (Hybrid)
Area 08 San Diego-Imperial Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturday, November 11th, 2023

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San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024

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

On Zoom – Meeting ID: 815 2501 5257 Password: 2023 GSR

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8:30 – 9:00 **Registration for the Assembly –**

At the Church – Please register at the tables at the entrance of the building

You will register upon entering the Zoom meeting

On Zoom – Meeting ID: 863 9194 1442 / 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.”

09:03 Opening Roll Call Angelina S. - 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. **14 DCMs, 61 GSRs, 13 Committee Chairs.**

09:15 Introductions: New GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, Alternates, Past Delegates, Guests - Adrian O., Chair

Colleen R., GSR, D21, As Bill Sees It

Reilly C.- GSR, D10

Briana - Alt. GSR, D23, Women Living in the Solution.

Gavin - D19, Alt GSR, State and Date

Paul, R - D23 or D22

Doris, D15, Alt DCM

Joey - D6, DCM

Karl - D6, GSR, North Park Men’s

Jolene, D13, GSR

Roxanne, Past Delegate, Area 8

Jonathan, D14, GSR, O.B. Mens

Barbara, D12, Alt GSR, becoming a GSR in Jan. for Battery Chargers

Tristin, GSR, D21

09:20 TRADITIONS: English- Sharon; Spanish- Doris

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/en_tradition_longform.pdf

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/sp_tradition_longform.pdf

Ask It Basket - Adrian. Please put something in this basket!

09:25 Secretary Report – Minutes of the September Election Assembly - Rose P. - Secretary

We're looking at the minutes from the Election Assembly. You may have read them in your email.

You might have a hard copy that you picked up on the registration table.

I'm looking for a motion to approve the minutes. Yes, thank you, and a second, yes. Any additions or corrections? There were corrections. Adrian's last name was misspelled. It's been corrected.

Christine, Chair of YPAACC, had her name corrected. And others were corrected.

Minutes were approved as corrected.


https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/MINUTES_Election-Assembly-2023.docx.pdf

09:30 Treasurer Report - Rob R. - Treasurer Elect - [Treasurer's Sept. 2023 Report](#)

09:35 Alt Delegate Report - Richard O. - Alt. Delegate


[Alt-Delegate-Report-Nov-2023-Budget-Assembly.pdf](#)

09:40 Delegate Report - Monty C. - Delegate

 Delegate Report_November Assembly 2023

09:55 Chair Report - Adrian O. - Chair

Adrian's poem (report):

 Chair Report_November 2023 Budget Assembly_Area 08

10:00 MOTION – 2024 Area 08 Budget – Presentation, Discussion, Vote to Adopt - Rob R.

[EN-2024-Budget-Presentation.pdf](#)

The Treasurer presented the budget, and made a motion for its approval. The Assembly has the option to make amendments, or accept it as is. A vote of 2/3 is required to pass the budget.

Floor motion from Parker - The GV/LV Chair motions to add \$400.00 to the 2024 annual budget of the Grapevine/La Viña standing committee.

Their budget has been cut by almost 50% and they will need these funds to do their service work.

Questions: What will this \$400 be used for?

The \$400.00 will be spent on Grapevine/La Viña workshops on a Writer's Workshop, an Audio Workshop, and a Grapevine Representative Workshop. In addition we would like to have ASL and Spanish translation at all of our workshops.

Motion approved.

Floor motion from Suzanne - To add \$300.00 to the Newsletter budget. The decrease in our budget limits our ability to fulfill our goals. The Treasurer accepts the friendly amendment. The budget for the newsletter would be increased by \$300 to \$1156.00

Motion approved.

Ques from the floor regarding the cost of ASL interpretation and Spanish translation and where those funds come from. Response from the Chair: Committees are responsible for these costs for their workshops and meetings.

The Chair asks: Would you accept this in the form of a friendly amendment to the budget?

Yes in the room and Yes on Zoom. So as a body we have accepted this.

Neither a motion nor a second is required for a friendly amendment.

The Friendly Amendment will add \$700.00 to the 2024 budget.

Discussion followed concerning reasons for the drastic cut in committee budgets and what specifically the needs are for more funding.

Is there anybody who has changed their mind and become opposed to this Friendly Amendment, either here in the room or on zoom? No. If not, we'll just accept this and proceed. Applause.

Rob, Area Treasurer: **The 2024 Area Budget was \$56,508.68. Adding the \$700.00 brings it to \$57,208.68. The Budget was approved with the friendly amendment. 94 in favor; 2 opposed.** One of the 2 No votes expressed a minority opinion about the amount of money we spend (not sure if I got this right?)

No votes were changed.

10:30 BREAK

A question for the floor:

Who has voting rights here at the Assembly?

Answer from the Chair: "If you are an Officer or a Committee Chair and at the Assembly, the Archivist, or the Web Servant or a DCM or a GSR then you have a vote here. If you are an Alternate DCM and your DCM is not here, or if you're an Alt GRS and your regular GSR is not here, then you are voting. You have voting rights here in place of the person who is not here."

10:40 Call for Resumes in December: Area Webservant - John R. - IT Committee Chair

Karen, our webservant, gave a short talk on her responsibilities and welcomed those interested to attend the IT committee meeting. Training is available for anyone interested.

Webservant's email: WEBSERVANT@AREA8AA.ORG

Resumes can be sent to the Area Chair's email: chair@area8aa.org

If anybody's interested, basically it would be a name and contact information, the person interested and anything that they've done either inside Alcoholics Anonymous or outside Alcoholics Anonymous, that may qualify them to hold the position of Web Servant. It is an appointed position. Appointed by the Area Committee.

10:45 MOTION – Structure & Guidelines: Addition – Webservant & Archivist Voting at ACM - Adrian O.

[ON-Webservant and Archivist_Voting_Final_07032023.pdf](#)

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

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

Presentation, Discussion, Vote to Adopt - Please open the link above for the section of the Area's Structure and Guidelines that this motion pertains to.

Motion carries with 85 in favor, 1 opposed

11:00 MOTION – Structure & Guidelines: Addition– Webservant & Archivist Mileage Reimbursement - Adrian O.

Motion: Mileage Reimbursement of Webservant and Archivist

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

Follow this link to the Area's Structure and Guidelines to read the proposed changes.

[ON-Webservant-Archivist_Mileage_Amended_07202023.pdf](#)

Presentation, Discussion. Vote to Adopt. **Motion passes unanimously.**

11:15 Standing Committee, Introductions & Assignments

2 minutes Per Standing Committee Chairs

The Chair and the Delegate described the Committees' responsibilities and the Blind Pick form.

Committees – San Diego Imperial Area 08 A.A.

The Chairs gave their reports, sharing their current and proposed projects.

Accessibilities- Bryon; Renea came for Bryon. The message is this committee needs more help. We provide services for all who need access - access to buildings for wheelchairs, for the blind; access to information with ASL, We are always searching for solutions. We want to ensure that our meetings, our message, is accessible.

Archives-Heidi; "We are tasked with keeping and making available and explaining the history of AA in San Diego and Imperial Counties." We have an archives room in the Central Office, there is a display of archival items there too. Travel displays are created for conferences and workshops. Our records go back to 1954.

Armed Services-Blaine, Chair; We support the establishment of meetings on military bases. There are five on Camp Pendleton. No military experience is required. Find our committee on the area website for more information.

CPC, Contact with the Professional Community- inactive;

Finance - Link, chair.

Grapevine/La Vina - Parker, chair.

H&I-North County - Hue, chair.

H&I San Diego/Imperial - Lauren, chair. Bringing the message to facilities where people are not able to get out. We establish and maintain meetings in these places. We have panel leaders, panel members and

panel coordinators. Come to an orientation and we'll tell you all about how this works.

Information Technology - Joe, Chair, Alt Chair-Chuck; Every aspect of technology is dealt with in our Area. You don't need to be an expert. We need all kinds of help - audio, communications, software development, and your ideas.

Literature - Alt Chair - Tom; Roxane - appointed Chair of Literature; This committee is very involved in the annual conference in NY. We bring literature around to workshops and conferences.

Newsletter - Suzanne, chair. The newsletter reports on the assemblies. We ask Committee chairs, area officers, and many others to write articles so that we may bring information to the groups.

Policy - Chuck, chair, stepping down after 8 years.
<https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/committees/policy-committee/>

Translation - Adrian spoke for the chair, Rodrigo; bilingual members are needed. We have a very large Hispanic community and it is imperative that we offer documents in both Spanish and English.

YPAACC - Christina, chair. Acypa 2023 will be here in San Diego. approx 2,000 people attend these conventions. YPAACC have awarded Host Privileges for the 2024 ACYPAA.

The Area 8 Pamphlet:

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Area-08-Pamphlet-Revised-02-05-2021.pdf>

11:50 A.A. BIRTHDAYS - since 9/23/22 - Adrian, Chair
286 years of Sobriety!

Carrie - 28 yrs.

Paula - 37 yrs

Roxane -40 yrs

Chuck - 48 yrs

Esther - 22 yrs.

Doris - 12 yrs.

Angelina - 17 yrs.

Jazzy - 8 yrs

Bill - 34 yrs

Lorna - 19 yrs

Amelia - 1 year

Lou (?) - 20 years

12:00 LUNCH – 45 Minutes ALL of US

12:45 CONCEPTS: English - Jacob C.; Spanish - Esther E.

12:55 MOTION – S&G Revision – Newsletter Committee / Purpose & Responsibilities - Adrian O.

Presentation, Discussion, Vote to Adopt

\$1,000 annual budget for printing

Follow the link below to read the proposed **revision** to Structure and Guidelines' pg. 24, section on the Newsletter Committee.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/MOTION-Newsletter-Amended-SG-Proposed-Amendment-7-9-2023.pdf>

S+G Section K - sub-sections on the newsletter; speaks about an informed conscience;

attend the committee meetings regularly and consider themselves a member of the committee.

First vote:

Those in favor: (76) - 73

Those opposed: (5)- 8

Minority opinion said: it was not clear. It doesn't sound like there is enough responsibility. It should be published in English and Spanish/

Chair asks, are there any changed votes? There were 3

Monty asked that the motion be displayed on the screen. Adrian read Section 3 as it is in S&G. The motion originally had crossed out parts. It was accepted without the crossed out parts.

3. Membership (a) Voting membership shall consist of GSRs, and DCMs, assigned to the committee, and volunteers from A.A. who regularly attend the committee meetings. regularly and consider themselves a member of the committee.

Second vote: in favor:74 / opposed: 2

01:10 MOTION – S&G Addition

Section XVIII. Special Services of the Area Assembly - Adrian O.

This motion suggests a new section to Area 8's Structure and Guidelines document. The basic motion is as follows:

Motion: Add a new section to Structure & Guidelines. Section XVIII.: Special Services of the Area Assembly.

Special Services of the Area Assembly that empowers the Area to contract outside certified Spanish oral interpretation services at a rate of up to \$65 an hour for Area events. *This will be performed with the joint coordination of the Area 08 Alternate Chair and an annually appointed Interpretation Liaison from one of the Area's three linguistic Districts. The linguistic Districts will coordinate the appointment of the Interpretation Liaison amongst themselves.*

Follow the link to read the full text of the way this motion would be implemented.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/MOTION-to-Add-Section-XVIII-Change-to-AASG-2023.pdf>

Presentation, Discussion, **Vote to Adopt.**

Floor motion by Lynn E.: Table the motion to 2024 to allow for an ad hoc committee to develop the guidelines for interpreter services. Sufficient inner information to make an informed group conscience and to use a process that honors the structure of the inverted triangle. First: to have an informed group conscience decision considerations such as hourly rate, \$65, contractors may require travel time and other fees; Second, an Ad Hoc committee should be formed to develop these translation guidelines, not just two people (?) This represents 15% of the Area's budget.

Chair called time and asked that the motion be submitted in writing.

There was a second on the motion.

Discussion: Adrian asked that Lynn send a written copy of her motion to the Area secretary. We will now discuss Lynn's motion and then we'll go to a vote as to whether to accept it.

Link: I want to accept Adrian's motion even if it means lots of work down the road. I'd like to see other languages added to it. We may change the hourly rate, but go forward with it as it is today.

Rob, D23: there are only 3 districts that are affected by this motion. Reps from one of these districts have expressed a lot of concerns. I support tabling the motion. It's the first time I've ever heard about it and probably other people who aren't affected by it directly never heard of it.

Charles: Agree with Lynn that the motion be tabled. I think it needs more discussion. You can come up with a more comprehensive solution that can be worked if it's tabled.

Tom, DCM15, one of the three Hispanic districts: We spent months on this motion. We have 27 groups in D15. We were uncomfortable with our interpreters, Bryana, Doris, and __?__. We felt they were interpreting what they wanted, not what was said.

Chair calls time - One last person.

Juan, D18, Fallbrook. One of the Hispanic Districts: I brought this motion to my groups.

Chair: Is this related to why or why not we should table it?

Juan: Yes, We can table it.

Chair: Why do you think it's important to table it?

Juan: Because we as a district do not agree with what's going on.

Chair: Right now we have to do something. \$50 is the rate for interpretation. When the groups come back, We're going to do what we have to do to include everybody. So hopefully it won't cause an issue in the future.

We will go to a vote on whether to table the motion to add to the Structure and Guidelines.

Are you in favor of tabling this motion? A simple majority is required to table it. It will be on the agenda for the Orientation Assembly in January.

If you are in favor of tabling it raise your hand.

Those in favor: 53

Those opposed: 26

01:40 Sponsoring Districts of 2024 Assemblies - Adrian O.

- Orientation 1/13/2024 – 21, 23, 2
- Pre-Conference 4/6/2024 – 4, 14, 20
- Post Conference 5/18/2024 – 13, 8, 10

01:45 Ask It Basket

02:15 Thank Yous & Goodbyes Panel 72 Officers

Closing Comments by Area Officers Panel 72 from five of the nine Area officers: Monty, Area 8 Delegate; Adrian, Area 8 Chair; Rob, Area 8 Treasurer; Rose, Area 8 Secretary and Richard, Area 8 Alt. Delegate, shared briefly about their personal experience and the value of general service. This is the last Assembly of their 2 year term which comes to an end in December, 2023.

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: The Orientation Assembly, Saturday, January 13, 2024 @ 9:00 AM . Location: TBD

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

*Respectfully submitted by Rose P, Area 8 Secretary, Panel 72
And Nihura M., Alt. Secretary, Area 8 Secretary, Panel 72*