

**Area 8 San Diego-Imperial
Area Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024
Hybrid
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

Call to Order

- Open with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Declaration of Unity

Registrar – Roll Call

Attending:

Absent:

Introduction of first time attendees: Eric District 20 Alternate DCM; Alena, DCM District 5;
Joshua H, Grapevine / La Vina Committee Chair

Secretary Report – Minutes of the Jan ACM

Minutes were late being recorded and translated but done before this ACM and on the website.

**A motion to approve the January 2024 ACM minutes was approved. Alan R. and Rick
Motioned and second.**

Treasurer's Report (Rob)

January contributions were \$1,606.99; Expenses were \$5,186.60 for a balance of \$1,606.99.
Shawn T was elected Alternate Treasurer at the Assembly. Adrian has been added as an
alternate signer on the checking account. Rob is available to answer questions regarding the
pending motioning on providing financial support to Area officers and committee chairs
attending PRAASA 2024. The annual GSO Contribution was submitted, totaling \$12,341.23.

Alternate Delegate's Report (Adrian)

The Delegate and Alternate Delegate attended the Imperial Valley Round Up. 66 years of
sobriety

The CPC Committee elected a chair and officers. GSRs are needed on Area committees.

The preconference workshops scheduled and flyer will be out soon

He praised ACYPAA for hosting an excellent convention. The AA Literature Changes workshop
was very informative. He learned that the founders' words have been changed 97 times.

He is attending the North American Alternate Delegates' meetings.

Delegate's Report (Richard)

The Delegate is attending meetings with 150 delegates to prepare for the GS Conference. He
praised District 9's event and the spirit shown. Planning is underway for the four pre-conference
workshops. He complimented the quality and energy of the ACYPAA conference. The Delegate
recommended the Plain Language Big Book session on Tuesday. Attendees are limited to 500
people. PRAASA registrations lock on February 29th but people can register on site.

April 6th is the pre-conference assembly. There are 86 agenda items. The Delegate will forward
the list of agenda items and those selected for discussion. He will also send the list of items that
will be on the GSC agenda and those items that were not included and why.

July 12-14 is the *Regional General Forum*.

Chair's Report (Carrie)

The Chair requested that attendees arrive early to hybrid ACMs to help with the set up.

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2-shirts not picked up from the Assembly.

Two-Minute Liaison Committee Reports (Nihura)

GSDYPAA – The committee doesn't have a chair at this time. (Christine is temporarily filling in.) They are encouraging young people to become GSRs.

Coordinating Council – Jonathan explained the role of the Central Office and the importance of ties with the Area. He encouraged groups to have an Intergroup Coordinator

North County Intergroup – Linda announced that they are having a book sale through March. The traditions breakfast deadline is March 10th. Volunteers are needed for the Traditions Breakfast, as well as phone volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday.

ACYPAA – Christine – Will be supporting projects in Santa Cruz. The ACYPAA statewide conference registrations were 100 over totals from previous years. Area 8 was thanked for its support in the bidding process. For the first time, childcare was provided and expanded ASL interpretation was provided. Districts contributed over \$6000 for ASL interpretation. There were deaf participants attending from around the country.

Committee elections will be held March 10th elections in Encinitas.

East County Intergroup – not present

Native American Liaison – not present

Hispanic Women's Workshop – (Margarita Magdalena) Has the final report for the 8th Hispanic Women's Workshop in 2023. There were _____ total attendees. 40 new women attended. She reviewed the expenses and contributions. There is a bank balance of \$2046. Next year's host is Area 6.

Unfinished Business

4-Area sharing session (Rodrigo) – The planning group is meeting and creating the agenda. The location will be at the Tribal Administration Building on the Pala Reservation.

Updated PRAASA motion (Rob) – There is a pending motion asking for unbudgeted expense of \$7600 to provide partial support to the Area officers and committee chairs who attend PRAASA this year. The motions is currently with the GSR's, who are taking it with their group. Question: What happens if all the money is not spent? It typically becomes part of the GSO sendoff.

Upcoming Events

Feb 20th – Plain Language Big Book

Feb 24th – DCM-Committee Chair Training

March 9th – Budget workshop

March 10th – 1st preconference workshop

March 16th – Women Sponsoring Women

March 21st –

April 6th – Pre-Conference Assembly – location TBA

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April 18th – ACM

Information on the Pre-Conference workshops

Birthdays Allen 24 years; Suzanne 35 years; Rick W 49 years; Nihura, 33 years; Total 108 years.

Understanding the Concepts – Carrie shared on Concept 2

Concept 3 will be presented by Richard R

Concept 4 will be presented by Gary

BREAK

2025 budget timeline (Rob) – Rob presented the timeline. There's a budget prep workshop for the officer and committee chairs, who will receive their draft budget forms soon. Contact the Treasury Team for help preparing your budgets.

Transition the Area from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). Shawn T. presented the motion that the Area transition from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). There was no written material on the motion so Adrian addressed the difference between a 501(c)(3) and a 501(c)(4).

Shawn made a motion that the Area transition from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). It was seconded by Gary.

Rob – Proposed amending the motion to establish an ad hoc committee to look into the process and the cost. It is likely that an attorney that will be needed.

Shawn – Did not accept the amendment.

Discussion:

- Forming a 501(c)(3) is a timely process and the filing cost is \$600.
- Further investigation is needed to understand the intersection of 7th tradition and taxes
- A nonprofit status could save the Area money for renting event space, software and some IT equipment.
- The Area doesn't preform political activity so it doesn't need to be a 501(c)(4).

The Chair proposed that an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate transitioning to a 501(c)(3) and that it report back to the ACM in March.

The motion was restated that the Area transition from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3).

Vote to approve. **Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____**

The ad hoc committee is Shawn, Gary, and Link.

Off-Agenda item (Shawn) Shawn proposed that the Area begin efforts to bring the General Service Assembly to San Diego.

Discussion:

The Past Delegate and others shared that:

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- The previous panel had begun work in 2023 on an application to host the General Service Assembly in San Diego. The roadblock was that San Diego County does not have a venue large enough to meet GSO's requirements – a shaded location with seating for 65,000+ people. The Delegate spoke with GSO and learned these are firm requirements.
- It was confirmed that Snapdragon Stadium is not large enough. (40,000+)
- A suggestion was made to co-host with other areas in Southern California.

Ad hoc committee formed: Nihura, Shawn, Mike, Adrian, Angelina

DCM/Committee Chair workshop -----

Translation Guidelines -----

Create ad hoc committee for the special services motion from the last assembly - District 19 has requested that the motion to be rewritten. They believe that the background is based on gossip. Having this language in the motion is validating this gossip. Rodrigo said he doesn't think it requires an ad hoc committee. It can be resolved by changing or dropping language in the background of the motion.

Resumes for web servant – (John) – The IT Committee received 1 email and there is a committee member interested as well. The deadline for resumes is in May. The IT Committee is looking at reimagining and rebuilding the website with the current webservant. Per the Structure and Guidelines, there will be a committee reviewing the resumes. The ACM will approve the appointment of a new webservant.

PRAASA: Friday dinner – (Richard) It is traditional for Area 8 attendees to have a dinner together on Friday night. The suggestion is to eat offsite together, preferably within walking distance. Carrie will coordinate the dinner and the Area photo.

Two-Minute District & Standing Committee Reports (Nihura)

District 2: (Terra J) There is a shortage of officers and the district is looking for a new DCM. In the meantime, Terra is providing information to the GSRs. There are 10 groups with GSRs – out of 33 groups. Requests that Some of the new group treasurers are sending all of the contribution to the NC Intergroup. They need help understanding the pie chart.

District 4: NP (Ray) not present

District 6: (Joey) He submitted a report District 6, 16 and 19 are sponsoring pre-conference workshop. There will be Spanish translation and tacos

District 8: (Richard, standing in for the DCM) Some meetings are not meeting because a veteran's building is unavailable. The District is supporting the Women Sponsoring Workshop. It is sending the DCM to PRAASA.

District 10: NR (Jessica) not present

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District 12: (Demesis) – She is going to PRAASA. The District is co-hosting March 10th workshop
Issue: GSRs say their meetings are contributing to districts but are not seeing those contributions logged.

District 14: (Amber) – They are partnering with the Harmony group for a Meditation workshop on May 4th – volunteers are needed. They are deciding on a location for pre-conference workshop they are co-sponsoring with District 4. They are sending their Alt DCM to PRAASA.

District 16: (Steven) They have increased the numbers of GSRs, sponsored the Hospitality Suite at ACYPAA Conference. They will be providing seed money for June screening of “My Name is Bill W” at the La Paloma Theater, co-hosting the pre-conference workshop March 26th, and supporting their DCM to go to PRAASA.

District 18: (Rodrigo) District 18 meets every week 2nd & 4th meeting and they study the service manual. They are working at events On March 24th, they are hosting pre-conference workshop in Spanish in Vista.

District 20: (Eric) His first meeting

District 22: not present

Accessibilities – (Bryan) Need volunteers for the different positions.

Finance – (Link) see report

Grapevine/La Vina (GVLV) – (Joshua) GVLV went to the Imperial Valley Roundup.

Newsletter – (Suzanne) They are working on the April newsletter which will include articles at PRAASA. The deadline for articles is March 4th.

Policy – (Natalie) Only 2 people on the committee so they need help.

San Diego H&I -- (Lauren) Their building is being renovated so all activities are temporarily on Zoom. The literature pickup is still in person.

Translation – (Lia) She is the new chair and the committee will be holding their first meeting. There are 4 members and need more. They are working on the document flow.

The meeting closed at 10:10 with the Responsibility Statement.