

**Area 8 San Diego-Imperial  
Area Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 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:

**Secretary Report – Minutes of the Jan ACM**

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

**Motion to approve the January 18, 2024 ACM minutes by Karen and Blaine seconded.**

**Motion to approve February 16, 2024 ACM minutes by Mike M. and Blaine seconded.**

**Treasurer's Report (Rob)**

February's contributions were \$4,220.42; Expenses were \$2,590.44 for a balance of \$1,629.98. 2025 budget worksheets were sent to Committee Chairs and Area Officers. A budget workshop was held on March 9. A second workshop will be scheduled. Additionally, a recording for creating budget worksheets will be produced and sent to those who have budgets. I am available to work one-on-one with those who wish. If any GSR, or member has questions regarding the two motions before the Assembly (Mileage Reimbursement and PRAASA unbudgeted expense request), please give them my name and number.

These are scheduled to be discussed and voted on at the April Pre-Conference Assembly.

I will be reaching out to other Area Treasurers to inquire if their Areas has a General Service Board Contribution (GSO Send Off) like Area 08. This is a first step in considering changes to our practice of sending large sums of money that could be reallocated to Service in our Area. More on this at the April ACM.

**Alternate Delegate's Report (Adrian)**

PRAASA was great and able to meet up with Pacific Region Delegates. Membership shows disproportionate percentage of ethnic and racial background. AA is falling behind with their use in technology. Start focusing on getting felons to the international convention in Canada. Pre-conference workshops have been well attended and there is an English and Spanish coming up. Hosting a General Service workshop at the Roundup-including yourselves; support the 4 panelists.

**Delegate's Report (Richard)**

Plain Language Big Book Information Session had 286 online attendees that Areas 5,8,9 and 93 participated in organizing. ASL was provided and more discussion will be held at the assembly. PRAASA was awesome even with the flight delays. Area 08 members made themselves volunteers at the event. Carrie E., Diana C. and Steve M. were part of the PRAASA panels. PRAASA recordings are available on the Area 08 website (password protected). English and Spanish usb's are available to be checked out from me until they are sent to the archive committee in a couple of months. Thank you to Carrie for organizing the Friday Night (traditional) dinner. Two pre-conference workshops have been held and two more are the

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schedule. Remember that there is a call for stories for the pamphlet “Do You Think You Are Different?” The deadline is April 30 2024 and I will be glad to help. Thank you to districts 9 and 17 for hosting this ACM in the Imperial Valley and we hope to be out a few more times.

**Optional Two-Minute Liaison Committee Reports (Nihura)**

**GSDYPAA** – not present

**Coordinating Council** – Jonathan-Logo contest for AA Central office was held; new tokens available at central office

**North County Intergroup** – (report was read) Becky J. requested for DCM’s to send their District Post Office addresses so that the area website can be updated (North County).

**ACYPAA** – not present

**Archives** – ROOTS on Nov. 23 at Harding Community Center

**East County Intergroup** – not present

**Native American Liaison** – not present

**Hispanic Women’s Workshop** – not present

**Unfinished Business**

**4-Area sharing session (Rodrigo)** – Next planning meeting will be April 9; will be at Pala Admin building at the reservation (flyer in the works).

**Link S.** – Sean reached out to him; gathering info in order to move forward with ad hoc com with regards to transition from 501c4 to 501c3

**Adrian** – Modification on background info for the motion regarding Spanish interpreters

**Webservant Resume** – IT Chair stepped down, Chuch is interim chair (till end of the term); have three as of now and hope to get more; IT chair, Chair, Alt. Del. and a member of the ACM will be choosing the webservant – Rodrigo will be the member from the ACM

**Upcoming Events**

March 23 – pre-conference workshop sponsored by district 16 and 23

March 24 – pre-conference Spanish workshop sponsored by district 18

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Conference Assembly – Al Bahr Shriners; GSR school at 8am

April 13 – Safety workshop at Harding Community Center, hybrid

April 18<sup>th</sup> – ACM hybrid

**Birthdays** – Steve 19 yrs; Karen P 17 yrs; 36 total years of sobriety

**BREAK**

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**Understanding the Concepts** – Richard R. shared on Concept 3  
Concept 4 will be presented by Gary

**Carrie** – all districts submit your reports every month; even districts report orally in even months and odd districts will report orally on odd months; Nihura - send text to chair and alt. chair if they are going to report so that we know what is going on in our groups.

**New Business:** Clearance and access to Canada

Carolyn W. Class B Trustee "... a lot of my friends are felons." Is not an expert but has experience with crossing the border; best place to get info is through General Service Office at aa.org; will be sending some slides to Richard O. and Carrie with her personal info as well; keep checking on it because the faq are constantly updated; try to avoid pardoned companies/lawyers when googling how to get into Canada because they do charge a fee; there is an application available prior to traveling so that you know if you will be able to travel (Redeemed Rehabilitation); each traveler is an individual case and can be determined by the border agent; do not lie nor go out of your way to tell the truth – just answer their questions; 50,000 alcoholics are invited

**Carrie** – review Pre-conference Agenda; new roll call process – it will be all digital in order to be more time efficient by using a QR code

-Alan the registrar will be available for questions/assistance

-voting on two motions – 1) PRAASA reimbursement; 2) mileage reimbursement rate

-our main purpose is to inform our delegate Richard O.

-conference committee (NOT standing committee) discussions

**Comments**-calling out names is a spiritual avenue and it creates unity during roll call (digital roll call denies this); this may not be a permanent process-could be reversed

**Adrian** – The round tables will have the process and layouts for committee chairs to use during the assembly; let himself, Richard O. and Carrie know if you (chair) are not going to be there.

**Carrie** – DCM and Committee Chairs should send their written reports to the Secretary and Alternate Secretary and then verbal reports are given by even districts on even months and odd districts on odd months; text Carrie or Nihura if you will be reporting verbally to help with efficiency.

**Comments** –

-reports are being sent, however in the minutes is says "see report," if we want our info to be on the minutes, it's better to give verbal report so that they get into the minutes;

-Richard R. will follow up with Angelina on this process to ensure that info is making into the minutes as well as being available on the website

-Alan needs to be contacted with updates on the emailing list if you want it updated

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**Two-Minute District & Standing Committee Reports (Nihura)**

**Armed Services**-Blaine (for John C.) moved virtual meeting to 7pm third Sunday; van is provided to all 6 meetings at Camp Pendleton; area 9 service members will cross the “border” to attend the meeting at Camp Pendleton

**CPC** - Tom M. new chair, has been inactive for over a year; we don't look for drunk professionals, we look for professionals that work with drunks; work with PATH-People Assisting The Homeless; delivered AA literature to H&I as well as Father Joe's Village; Central office has said that a DUI School is requesting help

**Archives** – received incorrect workbooks from GSO for CPC, they are yours

**Finance** – Link, normal business is reviewing the Area financials; discussed the budget workshop from March 9 and a future budget workshop video to be prepared by Rob R., Area Treasurer; ad hoc committee was formed to gather information on procedures / requirements at various San Diego banks in order to open bank accounts; will hold Group/DCM Treasurer Workshops on June 22 and 23, and possibly July 27 and 28 and will include discussion of opening bank accounts, tax-exempt status, and reporting requirements; new Finance Committee Member coming on in April, Cindy B., the GSR for the AA Workshop in Carlsbad, and may have one more member coming next month; reviewed its proposed 2025 Budget and authorized submission of the request; I learned from Rob that we were the first committee to submit our request.

**YPAA** – Christina welcomed new member Jonathan; Safety Workshop-link provided for volunteers; looking for workshop topics and cohosts; SoCal ICYPAA \*connection cut out\*;  
discussion on posting of tokens on social media; tolerance during an election year

**NC H&I** – Rick said PRAASA was great; wondering about reimbursement for him; South.Cal Intergroup is this Sunday; H&I culmination workshop

**Newsletter** – Suzanne is finishing the April newsletter and starting the May newsletter; wonderful time at PRAASA; Area 5 has large newsletter due to having minutes included.

**Archives** – Heidi was eating a snack 😊; will be at Spring Round-Up; set-up in Brawley was same display as last year and will be updating it with Jim Burwell version; Mitchell from Area 09 is asking Area 08 for material for a project that they are doing (PRAASA box)

**DCM 15** – Doris (Johnny walks back from the podium 😊) alternate dcm; attended PRAASA with 15 members; cosponsored pre-conference workshop with district 6 and 19; visited non-GSR groups so that they can provide conference topics; Del. and Alt. Del will visit on March 22

**Rick motions (several seconded) to adjourn meeting at 9:21pm with the Responsibility Statement.**