

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, then A.A.'s Declaration of Unity.

The Twelve Concepts were read in English by Susanne and in Spanish by Rueben.

Introductions and AA Birthdays, Voting Procedures

New DCMs and Committee Chairs introduced themselves.

Birthdays occurring since the December Area Committee meeting were celebrated.

Jane explained operating and voting procedures.

Roll Call

Monty C., Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: Arturo L (Treasurer), Gonzolo(Alt. Sec),

Quorum was met with 20 Groups represented by DCMs or Alt. DCMs, 8 Officers and 12 Committee Chairs.

Approval of January Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R., Secretary

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the Jan. 2012 minutes please contact the Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email.

MSP to approve January 2012 minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Arturo L., Treasurer

- Written report.
- Ask groups to get their contributions in this month.

February Financial Report	February 2012	YTD	2012 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	1,105.16	9,645.02	38,480.00	-28,834.98
Individual contributions:	184.69	184.69		
District contributions:	00	00		
Total contributions:	1,289.85	9,829.71	38,480.00	-28,650.29
Total budgeted expenses:	5,044.80	5,044.80	38,480.00	0.00
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-3,754.95	4,784.91		

Total unbudgeted expenses:	560.00	560.00		166.26
Total expenses:	5,604.80	5,604.80	38,480.00	166.26
Contributions less total expenses:	-4,314.95	-4,224.91		
Previous month ending balance	9,675.18			
Cash on hand:	5,360.23			

Master Calendar

Event	Host	Date	Time	Location
Pre-Conference Workshops	Dist 2,9,12,3,6 & 8	Feb 24-28	2012	Various – See Flyer
PRAASA	Pacific Region Areas	March 2-4	2012	12:00a Area 72 Western Washington
Meditation Workshop	Dist. 14	March 10	2012	9:30a The Centre-Hillcrest
<i>Women Sponsoring Women</i>		March 17	2012	<i>Chula Vista</i>
<i>North County Traditions Breakfast</i>	<i>North County Intergroup</i>	<i>March 25</i>	2012	9:00a <i>Camp Pendleton</i>
Pre Conference Assembly	Dist 5, 14 , 18 & 12	March 31	2012	*8:30a El Cajon -Reagan Community Center
Spring Picnic	Dist 13 and 21	April 1	2012	9:30a Lake Miramar
<i>San Diego Spring Roundup</i>	—	<i>April 5-8</i>	2012	<i>Town & Country Hotel, Mission Valley</i>
<i>H&I Conference</i>	<i>So Cal H&I</i>	<i>April 13-15</i>	2012	<i>San Diego – Bahia Resort</i>
General Service Conference	GSO	April 22-28	2012	New York
Delegate's Report (Post Conference) Assembly	Dist 16 & 23	May 19	2012	*8:30a Encinitas Community Center
Regional Forum	GSO	Sept 14-16	2012	Fairbanks, Alaska
Big Day Business Assembly	Dist 4,11,15	Sept 22	2012	*8:30a Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
<i>Southern California Convention</i>		<i>Sept 28-30</i>	2012	<i>San Diego</i>
November Assembly	Dist 21	Nov 17	2012	*8:30a TBD
ROOTS (Remember Our Old Timer's Stories)	<i>Archives</i>	Nov 18	2012	2-4 pm <i>Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla</i>

Note: ****Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated January 19, 2012. Information is subject to change. See the calendar on the area website for the most up to date information.**

Delegate's Report: Tom M.

PRAASA 2012- Visit www.praasa.org website for helpful links. Some of the Spanish speaking groups in Area 72 Western Washington will be providing transport from the airport to the hotel in Bellevue for a suggested donation of \$10.00. While at PRAASA consider gathering some information and making a report on what you learn or the kind of experience you had at the event. The report can be given to a group, district, or even submitted to the Grapevine, Coordinator, or Area 8 newsletter as a way to stimulate interest in AA service. Many of us are in the lucky position of having a group, district, or area paying for the cost of attending PRAASA and making the report is a way of passing the experience gained to the members who couldn't attend. Funding for the next person in your service position may depend on you giving a report this year so we can continue to make general service relevant to group members unaware of its existence.

Pre-Conference Workshops- February 24th-27th - 90 minute workshops to present selected topics from the 2012 General Service Conference Agenda are scheduled so attendees can present them to groups for discussion. We added workshops in Spanish at 7:00pm on March 9th at Oficina Central and March 12 at 850 East Vista Way, Suite 116.

Please talk about the workshops with GSRs in district meetings and standing committee meetings to explain their importance. Groups deserve to be fully informed if they are to make decisions on questions that affect the future health and unity of AA and the General Service Conference can only act for AA as a whole if the groups participate.

Workshops are available because 6 districts agreed to find and pay for a location. Thanks to districts 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, and 12. Because these workshops are not funded in the Area 8 budget we will pass a 7th Tradition basket at all workshops to pay for ASL interpretation at the workshop at 6th and Pennsylvania on Sunday, February 26, from 2:00-3:30pm.

Grapevine- Grapevine online subscriptions nearly doubled between October 2011 and January 2012 from about 2400 to almost 4600. The cost of an online subscription is \$35.00 and includes both print and audio. The February Grapevine magazine theme is *Now About Sex, Members Share About One of AA's Toughest Subjects*. Subscribe today at www.aagrapevine.org.

General Service Conference Workshop- The workshop topic at the General Service Conference is *Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare*. Insight is needed on this topic from members in Area 8. Questions that all delegates will answer are:

- How can we make our Home Group a welcoming and accessible place?
- How can sponsorship aid in keeping our A.A. meetings safe?
- In keeping with Traditions, how would/does my group address matters that may arise, such as:
 - Conduct that disrupts the meeting
 - Illegal activity
 - Inappropriate behavior toward vulnerable new members (e.g. "13th stepping)
 - Emergencies (injury/accident/fire/etc.)

Please share this topic and the questions with your district and committee members this month and ask if they can encourage sharing at their groups. There will be open microphone time at the assembly for sharing on this topic so that I can collect the views of our groups.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

The past weeks Dean has been traveling with our Delegate Tom to several different districts within Area 8. The primary purpose for the visits has been to give as many districts as possible an advanced reminder about the importance of the pre-conference workshops, but the secondary purpose may be just as important, and that is to just visit and be part of. It's that portion of the visit that helps accomplish a few(not all) key Delegate duties recommended in the AA Service Manual. One duty is getting to know the Area, being prepared to provide leaderships to groups when resolving local problems involving the AA traditions. The other thing accomplished by "just visiting" is encouraging district members to pass on conference information to their groups, and vice versa, being the ears and eyes for the groups.

UNITY DAY PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULE: (1 hour meetings)

Saturday, March 10	9 am	Flyer Approval
Saturday, April 7	9 am	Final Program
Wednesday, April 18	6 pm	Fold and Label
Saturday, May 5	9 am	Final Details Review
Saturday, June 2 or 9	9 am	Venue Walk-thru

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Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

Concept II : Group Visitations our Responsibility (*Content edited for size*)

A former DCMs delivered a crate of meeting materials belonging to a meeting that folded. He asked me to bring it to the ACM to decide what to do with the meeting's materials and money. The crate is symbolic of dark meetings everywhere. How many sobriety relationships were fragmented as the members went their separate ways? Did it die suddenly or was it a group conscience?

Is the ACM doing enough to extend the hand of General Service to provide the help any meeting may require? Are there meetings that are in danger of going dark that can be saved with the help of the ACM?

The Four-Area DCM Sharing Session was held in Tarzana on February 11, 2012. This was a highly informative day of conversation. I expect to receive the notes from the roundtables in about three weeks. I will distribute them upon receipt.

February 11 4-Area DCM Sharing Session: (Notes to be distributed upon receipt) Opening speaker set the focus on group visits, mentioning them countless times during the day's discussions. He said that visits to dark meetings, groups without a GSR, is a General Service responsibility according to Concept II and Tradition Two. The speaker explained how these principles identify our responsibility to actively visit groups to invite them to send a group representative. The answer is a short read in the first two paragraphs on page 10. The wording clearly indicates the power of the groups and members as "virtually supreme" in steering the service structure. It also defines the need for the group to be represented in order for its voice to be heard in the decision-making process of the General Service Conference.

The handout from the sharing session indicates Area 8 has 964 groups with 27,625 members. Looking at the number of GSRs attending the January 2012 Area Assembly we should ask if this is the ideal for our fellowship? To fail to extend the hand to each of our groups leaves us at risk to limit "God as He may express Himself in our group conscience." The decisions will be determined by only those groups who know about and desire to use their supreme power, leaving us vulnerable to the views of only a common few. The practice of continuously extending the invitation for all groups to participate helps to ensure we are practicing God's will, not self will. Calling on dark groups is asking the minority opinion to speak. This practice of inclusion has been invaluable to the decision-making of our fellowship. Think of the group visit as a 12-Step call on the meeting. These visits may extend a life line to a group that is struggling to stay alive.

Just thinking and talking about group visits is not practicing our principles be they a Concept or a Tradition. Principles are only practiced when applied in our actions. Acting according to our principles leads us to realize our ideals. Without action, the principles are purely fantasy.

UPDATES

The DCM/Committee Chair Workshop was held on January 28, 2012. A list of comments to Stop, Start and Continue practicing at the ACM was collected. The listing of items was turned over to the Agenda Committee for next steps. I am distributing copies of the submitted suggestions at tonight's meeting.

There are no reports from the CEC or the Area Inventory Ad hoc Committees.

PLEASE TAKE TO YOUR GSRs:

- Discuss with your GSRs how we should dissolve the materials and finances of folded meeting. Bring back decisions for the roundtable discussion at the March ACM.

List of Materials from Folded Meeting

- A bag of tokens - 24-hour, 30-, 60-day, etc.

- A bag of “birthday” tokens for years 1-10 with the exception of the 8-year token.
- A bunch of ink pens.
- Books: *Daily Reflections, Twelve and Twelve (2 copies), Living Sober, and Alcoholics Anonymous.*
- Secretary’s binder with scripts, newcomer packet, phone list, and readings.
- Collection can holding \$28.00 in cash.

Continuing Needs of:

- ASL Interpreters
- Spanish Interpreters
- Volunteers to the Translation Committee - English to Spanish

Our Area has continues to seek American Sign Language and Spanish Interpreters to add to our availability list. There is also a continuing need for volunteers to participate in translating written documents from English to Spanish. Please ask interest individuals to contact the Area Chair at chair@area8aa.org.

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is 2650 Melbourne, San Diego, CA. All AA members are welcome to attend. To get an item on the agenda, please contact chair@area8aa.org to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area’s standing committees. The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members.

Alt Chairperson’s Report: Mike: No report

Liaison Committee Reports

Coordinating Council: Rick: SDAACO@aol.com

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Book of the month is Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers.

January 2012 Financial Statements' Summary:

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| a. Our January 2012 Net Revenue is \$420.89. | d. Literature Sales Revenue and bank interest was |
| b. Our 2012 YTD Net Revenue is \$420.89. | \$1,981.81 |
| c. Group and Individual Contributions were \$10,090.49. | e. Total office and committee expenses were |
| | \$11,651.41 |

Manager’s Report

1. March’s Book of the Month: “Experience, Strength & Hope” (stories from 1st, 2nd & 3rd Editions Big Book) sale: \$6.00 reg. \$7.00
2. Processed our 501C3 CA Public Utilities Approval Letter with AT & T to receive 50% off our phone bill on Jan 9th. Previous bills have been an average of \$240, the reduced bill received in February was \$131.
3. Quarterly & Year-end Payroll Tax Forms filed & Quarterly Sales Tax Filed.
4. Filed our CA Corporation Information Form (2 yr) & Fictitious Business Name (5yr).
5. Central Office offers Gift Certificates for \$10-\$25 increments for holiday shopping.
6. Coordinator Newsletter: sign-up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email to <mailto:sdaa@aol.com> sdaaco@aol.com <mailto:tosdaaco@aol.com> or call 619-265-8762.
7. Hard copies will continue to be available at Central Office. Currently emailing 1,400

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: We have placed a rack of literature in the Senior Center at 4th & Ash, 3 in libraries in the University Heights Neighborhood and 1 library in Oak Park. We have sponsored a booth at the Homeless Outreach Connect.

Projects we are currently working on:

- 1) Request to speak at Downtown Detention Center in March.

- 2) A booth at the SD County Probation Juvenile Hall Open House in May.
- 3) Working on a Power Point Presentation for a 5 min, 15 min or 30 min presentation.
- 4) Committee member will visit all the currently placed racks to refill pamphlets if necessary.
- 5) Committee member creating a volunteer list of available for presenters or booth participants. Will also visit Young Peoples Service Meetings to recruit younger speakers for schools.
- 6) PI member visited Area 08 CPC Committee as liaison for joint project: Outreach to the Asian Community.
- 7) We are down to 3 PI literature racks. Inform groups to possibly help fund with \$20. We want to put 22 racks in the San Diego City High Schools.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion from East Side Group presented by Lori N., Coordinator "Reconsider the selling of tokens at Central Office" Motion was second. There was discussion. Vote taken: 15 yes – 39 no. Motion fails.

North County Intergroup: Janine: Keeping it simple. Excited to help out with Unity Picnic. We look forward to seeing you at the Traditions Breakfast in March at Camp Pendleton.

East County Intergroup: No one present.

Oficina Central Hispaña: No one present.

Oficina Intergrupual Condado Norte: Malacio, chair, reported. In this office we have 24 groups and 5 committees. We have a new location: 830 E. Vista Way, Suite 116, Vista. They meet every week.

Oficina Intergrupual Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: Tuesday meetings, 7:30-9p, increase in participation, 12 now 18-22. Most of committees have been filled. 7 groups are part of this intergroup. We visit groups twice each week.

GSDYPAA: No one present.

NSDYPAA: Jeremy (from Alexis) Hosting Service Workshop this summer. Need topic if you have ideas or district support for this. Working with GSDYPAA to bid on International YPAA.

4-Area DCM Sharing Session Liaisons: Al: Have 8 topics, recruiting moderators. Each area should contribute a translation equipment amplifier for the day. Should have flyers in January; location chosen, more to report next month. DCM Sharing Session to be held Sat. Feb. 11, 2012, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5657 Lindley Ave, Tarzana, CA. On budget, and will need area to provide transmitter for headsets. Host Area 93 will provide the headsets.

Remote Nations: Recent meeting before regular AA meeting and potluck at Pala Community Center. Discussed idea to reprint past edition of "Paths to Freedom". One member to make a motion to move forward. Our meeting does not have a GSR. Member requested to attend NAIGSO. Needs to support the new meetings, i.e. Santa Isabelle.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Blaine: Planning a workshop with food and music April 24, 2012 at the New Community Church in Vista. Workshop will focus on three areas of controversy in AA: 13th Stepping, Court Cards, and Outside Issues. There will be brief introductions of the topic, roundtable discussions, and a wrap-up, followed by good old-fashioned fun.

District 2: Wilma: Guidelines distributed to all GSRs. Alt DCM preparing budget, Feb 24 Pre-Conference Workshop in Carlsbad. AD-Hoc committee, Serenity and Sobriety can be fun...supporting this event. We invite any other districts to join us. Approved to send DCM to PRASSA

District 3: Guy: New GSR, Cindi C., introduced. DCM discussed flyers from Jan. 2012 ACM. Discussion followed about GSRs with input notifying DCM so ideas can be put in the agenda. Also, District 3 hosting the Delegate's

Informational on Sun., Feb. 26, 9:30 to 11:00 at the Alano Club of Escondido. Voted on a budget of \$55.00 for this. District 3 would assist District 21 in hosting the Nov. Area Assembly. Discussed and voted on District Treasurer keeping \$850.00 for prudent reserve and would revisit this number every quarter. Finished meeting with discussion of GSRs and DCM attending dark meetings to offer support.

District 4: Michelle: Dark meetings discussion, Volunteering with Dist 22 for Area Assembly; Watched video, Markings.

District 5: Vince: *written*: Tom and Dean were at the mtg.

District 6: Renee: Ready to host a pre-conf workshop, also starting to construct structure and guidelines.

District 7: Richard: Pre Conf Workshop

District 8: Tanya: Pre-conference workshop, Feb. 27

District 9: Fred (Alt). Not present

District 10: Paul: 100% turnout. Treasure and DCM discussed sending DCM to PRASSA

District 11: Al: Co-hosting Sept assembly

District 12: Connie: Launched first issue of Dist 12 Newsletter. Will be hosting pre-conf workshop on Sat, Feb 25. We are developing a list of what kind of workshop the groups may want.

District 13: *written*: No meeting this month. Postponed due to Valentine's Day. March 22 Spring Picnic. All invited. Please attend. We will be the group without a keg.

District 14: Gary *written*: Meditation Workshop

District 15: Nicolas: Last meeting 10 Feb. 27 Working with groups, meeting each Friday. DCM continues to visit groups to encourage attendance at PRASSA. Will host a pre-conference workshop. Also trying to get the word out about the Local Foro. The groups action makes a report to see movies provided by the Literature Committee.

District 16: Crystal: Elected offices. Dean shared about pre-conference workshops

District 17: No one present.

District 18: No one present.

District 19: No one present.

District 20: Margo: New meeting. Young People's Meeting at Hilltop Center. 3 meetings with location changes.

District 21: John: Tom visited group. Spoke about pre-conf workshop. Discussed topics and actively seeking location for assembly. Discussed Spring Picnic. GSR Survival Manual in the works.

District 22: Tom: Tom and Dean attended discussing the pre-conf workshop presentations. Updated structure and guidelines. Elected alternate DCM. Scheduled financial meeting to discuss excess funds in the district. New meeting added in Ramona, mid-day.

District 23: Mark: 2012 Budget passed, postponed other discussion. Preconference workshop coming up. Elected a new treasurer and secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Alan: Ideas brought forward for new member orientation packet. Audio project for the blind—AA literature for the blind. Wheelchair accessibility being check into.

Agenda: Karen: No report.

Archives: Carrie: IT Chair, Steve H, visited and our proposed website presence was discussed. Reviewed our first Open House and discussed plans for future work that needs to be done. Still need your group histories. We will visit your group or event and bring our archival materials or a presentation, just ask.

CPC: Jeremy: Feb 26-28 Bayfront Hilton Parole Assoc. GSO asked to have AA there. Need volunteers for the afternoon. Also Monday morning and afternoon, and Tuesday afternoon.

Finance: Paul: Need budget requests for 2013 budget. Due tonight. Make arrangements to send ASAP. Budget will be determined without you.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Redid display board and brought to Brawley Roundup. We were at Dist 19 workshop. Also Grapevine/ LaVina will be at Founder's Day. Working on visitation. Delegate to visit to discuss GS Conference items. Subscription forms are available.

Information Technologies: Steve: Jane, Area 8 Chair, visited and discussed "tabs" for each district and each committee. We will post other general ideas. These will be posted to give you ideas and set up parameters for Districts. Next Generation site with more sophistication to be announced soon.

Literature: Ray: 4 movie events and one lit event, in Brawley, We are available to serve the area with conference approved video and literature.

NCAIC: Rich: *written*

Newsletter: Chris: Area Sec and Translation Chair attended. First item discussed was reducing the length of the minutes that increases the length of the newsletter. This will help to reduce both work and space for the final publication. Last Newsletter was 25 pages. This reduces readability considerably. Deadlines for the Post Conference Assembly which will be May 19th.

Policy: Paul: Rewrote first part of flyer guidelines. Wording too strong. New flyers now on website. Sidebar on Website has guidelines now. Blank form for structure and guidelines available for future change requests.

ADHOC REPORT: Reworded item 27. See attachment. After consideration, we've decided changes and motions should be presented to the committee one month in advance, allowing DCMs to discuss them with their groups. Bring the report with you. Each month we will give you a 30 day lead on items to be discussed and voted upon.

SDIAIC: Chris: Brawley Roundup, H & I, Intergroup, and Conference planning committee. Conference will be here for the first time in San Diego in 31 years this April. Reg. is \$15. "Blasted into the 4th Dimension" Flyers available. We need volunteers to lead AA and Alanon meetings, meetings, banquet and cookies contest. Please take this back to your groups.

Translation: Ruben: Grateful for receipt of reports with a good leeway for translation.

Archivist: Joe: No report

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

DCM Sharing Session

Al reported that sharing session was incredible. 1st time to use multiple translation so all sessions were (all 8) were translated. Attendance was good. Thank you. Everyone seemed to get something from the sessions. Karen became a recorded by default and had a great experience. Long day but very rewarding.

Round Table Sharing Session:

Nicholas: Round Tables Discuss what is happening in your district , the good and the bad. Small groups formed and discussions commenced for 15 minutes.

Suzanne: Importance of communication—consistently throughout the month. Digital reminders, calls and emails. Keeping in touch with the groups. Attending the events. Attending weekly. Asking for help. One committee should delegate giving each person a job. Having an alternate. Stimulates interest in the community. Prioritize. Study the concepts and traditions service manual. One district shared about their group. Keeps interest up. Also studying the history of AA.

Ray: GSRs come uninformed. District officers inform group outreach responsibilities —throughout each month and their service commitment. Study service manual. Informative flyer—district is there to help. Comm. With AA as a whole. Outreach form—attach a pamphlet Visiting dark meetings. Workshops for fun and food attracts people and it lets people in the door of service.

Jeremy: GSR Survival Guide from Dist 21. This was a good idea. At the orientation assembly—a bare-bones piece to teach the GSRs what their commitment was all about. 6 months later have them attend a workshop to further enhance their service commitment. Wanted to discover how many groups are out there. Dist. 7 to have a movie and pizza night to encourage service attendance. Topic of AA in the digital age is very provocative and would help drum up attendance at service. Younger people know things today that would bring this knowledge to service entities.

Crystal: Poor communication between GSRS and DCMS. Is calling appropriate. Weekly contacts. Get other districts can help each other through events. Interesting to know that others are experiencing the same frustrations. If you don't know where you need help it is hard to ask for it. Many new DCMs are not well informed.

Dean: Look at the manual that is currently available to keep the amount of information not so cumbersome for new GSRs. Policy committee has some hard copies of the manual available. Check at the next assembly.

Jane: Search feature on the website coming soon. We need some volunteers for clean up.

Meeting adjourned, 9:50 p.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxane R., Panel 62 Area 8 Secretary and Gonzolo, Area 8 Alt. Secretary