

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:04 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 Crystal and in Spanish by Cruz.

Introductions and AA Birthdays, Voting Procedures

New DCMs, Committee Chairs, Alternates and Guests introduced themselves.

Birthdays occurring since the December Area Committee meeting were celebrated.

Jane explained the 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: Alt. Registrar; District 2, 8, 10, 17, Native American Liaison, Translation Chair, Archivist, N.C. H & I, GSDACYPAA, S. D. Central Office, E.C. Intergroup Chair, N.C. Intergroup, NSCACYPAA.

Quorum was met with 20 Groups represented by DCMs or Alt. DCMs, 9 Officers and 13 Committee Chairs.

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

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the Dec. 2011 minutes please contact the Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email.

MSP to approve December minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Arturo L., Treasurer

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

December Financial Report	December 2011	YTD	2011 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,323.71	29,481.10	37,959.00	-8,477.90
Individual contributions:	138.93	1,503.73		

District contributions:	00	351.04		
Total contributions:	2,462.64	31,335.87	37,959.00	-6,623.13
Total budgeted expenses:	2,813.60	30,421.40	37,959.00	0.00
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	350.96	914.47		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	219.56	1,919.30		
Total expenses:	3,033.16	32,340.70	37,959.00	166.26
Contributions less total expenses:	570.52			
Previous month ending balance	10,064.28			
Cash on hand:	9,493.76			

Master Calendar

Event	Host	Date	Time	Location	
Area Committee / DCM Training Workshop	Area Chairperson	Jan 28	2012	8:00a	Mission Valley – United Methodist
Imperial Valley Round Up	Dist 9	Feb 10-12	2012		Brawley Recreation Center
4 Area DCM Sharing Session	Areas 5, 8, 9, & 93	Feb 12	2012	9:00a	Area 93
Pre-Conference Workshops	Varied	Feb 24-28	2012		TBD
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-Reagan Comm. Center
<i>Women Sponsoring Women</i>		March 17	2012		Chula Vista
<i>North County Traditions Breakfast</i>	North County Intergroup	March 25	2012	9:00a	Camp Pendleton
Pre Conference Assembly	Dist 5, 14, 18 & 12	March 31	2012	*8:30a	El Cajon -Reagan Community Center
<i>San Diego Spring Roundup</i>	—	April 5-8	2012		Town & Country Hotel, Mission Valley
<i>H&I Conference</i>	<i>So Cal H&I</i>	April 13-15	2012		San Diego – Bahia Resort
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	TBD
<i>Southern California Convention</i>		<i>Sept 28-30</i>	<i>2012</i>		San Diego
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</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.

Tom's written report is submitted as his official report:

Orientation Assembly- At the January 7th Assembly, Art L., alternate Accessibilities Chairperson, approached me to ask if Grapevine, Inc. had ever considered producing an ASL version of the print magazine. I turned to Jennifer D., Grapevine Conference Committee Chair and delegate from North Carolina who responded that declining subscriptions had all current and proposed projects at Grapevine on hold. There has been sacrifice at Grapevine Inc. over the last few years including layoffs of staff and reduction in corporate directors from 9 to 7. If our fellowship actively supports the magazine by returning subscriptions levels like the late 1990's we can approach the Grapevine again on this question.

Grapevine Inc. - The quarterly report from GSO contained news we've seen recently from Grapevine. Cash orders for subscription products are ahead of September YTD projections by \$221,000.00 with books and other products behind September YTD projections by \$68,000.00. End of the year projections for Grapevine are \$38,000.00 ahead of budget. However, subscriptions declined 2,534 and La Vina subscriptions declined by 204 in the 3rd quarter of 2011.

AAWS- The third quarter finance report from AAWS shows literature sales ahead of budget by \$46,000.00 but contributions down by 2% (about \$96,000.00).

PRAASA 2012- The PRAASA organizing committee has asked for a list of volunteers willing to be timers, panel moderators, or panel presenters. Please sign up if you would like to participate, and please check the box if you have never presented before. You MUST be registered for PRAASA by January 31st to be considered. PRAASA will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue Washington Friday March 2- Sunday March 4th. The room rate is \$109.00 until February 1st. This year there will be an orientation for first time attendees facilitated by Ruth J, a past Pacific Regional Trustee, held on Friday morning at 9am in the main ballroom.

Pre-Conference Workshops- February 24th-27th Dean and I will conduct 90 minute workshops around the area to present selected topics from the 2012 General Service Conference Agenda so that attendees can then present them to their groups for discussion. We've also added workshops in Spanish at 7:00pm on March 9th at Oficina Central and March 12 at 850 East Vista Way, Suite 116.

Talk about the workshops with GSRs in district meetings and standing committee meetings and explain the importance of attending the workshops to be able to carry accurate information to the groups they represent. The groups deserve a fully informed report on topics that may affect the future health and unity of AA. We will help the GSR with some methods of presenting agenda items. Though some groups do not want to hear about General Service Conference items

just making an attempt at presenting this information will raise awareness. By making the presentation this year it may become easier to make the presentation next year.

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

Contributions Report- For the first three quarters of 2011 slightly more than 37% of registered groups in Area 8 sent contributions to the General Service Office which is about the same as 2010 when about 62% of registered groups did not send contributions to GSO. In 2010 the cost of service per member was \$6.29 and the cost of service per group in 2010 was \$137.45. One of the delegate's duties listed in the Service Manual is to help area committees obtain financial support for the area so I'd like to pass on this story so that maybe a few GSRs hear it. Larry N., past Trustee at Large, once said that the custom of putting money in the basket can become so automatic that we don't have a connection with what happens to that money once the basket leaves our hands. His jaw dropping recommendation to overcome the disconnection is to try putting \$20.00 in the basket once and see how much more attentive I am to what is done with the money at all levels of service.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

Dean's written report is submitted as his official report: Welcome to "Panel 62". I am extremely blessed to serve Area8 as your Alternate Delegate. I don't have much to report on. Some of the standard duties for the Alternate Delegate in Area 8 are to support the delegate, being available to step in to primary duties as needed, conduct GSR orientation prior to assemblies, participate on the planning committee for the Southern California Convention (every other year when held in San Diego), & attend monthly Southern California H&I meetings held in various parts of southern California.

Other shorter term responsibilities include reviewing the conference agenda items in preparation of the pre-conference workshops and yes...UNITY DAY PICNIC PLANNING!

The Alternate Delegate has an informal title: "Area Cheerleader" now modified to "Unity Cheerleader." Promoting and participating in Unity is not of minor importance if you believe why Bill and Bob gave us general service and why we eventually adopted our "Declaration of Unity". It's for the future of AA, and "upon unity – depends our lives, and the lives of those to come. The planning for the Unity Day Picnic, held around the Birthday of AA, June 10, needs support. We had a wonderful picnic last year at Admiral Baker Park and I know we can have another wonderful day of fellowship and UNITY this year.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO HELP. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the picnic and to help in UNITY DAY PLANNING. Representatives of San Diego Coordinating Council Planning Committee and the Area 8 Grapevine/LaVina Committee are already part of the planning. The more areas of San Diego – Imperial County represented the better!

The first UNITY DAY PLANNING MEETING will be held:

February 4, 2012 9:00a – 10:00a

San Diego Central Office - 7075 Mission Gorge Rd # B, San Diego, CA 92120

Contact: Dean B 760-274-5309c

Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

Jane's written report is submitted as her official report: Thank you to all who attended the Orientation Assembly. This was an exciting time to see that about one-third of those attending the assembly were new GSRs.

Orientation Assembly

Finance Motion Passed - The first item of business at the January 7, 2012 Area Assembly was to hold the second and final vote on the motion to amend the Finance section of Area 8's Structure & Guidelines (S&Gs). The motion passed revising Section VI. G. of our S&Gs -- to allow the Treasurer to manage certain line items, as approved by the Area Committee, to allow for line item specific contributions through reimbursements or targeted donations. There is also verbiage that states those line items will not be used in the calculating the quarterly excess funds.

Motion to Revise Standing Committee Assignments - The motion was Tabled.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Report - A report requesting the Area look into creating a standing committee of Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) was delivered and followed by a discussion. The sense of the discussion was an approval for further research into if and how our Area has need for CEC as a standing committee. I am in the process of appointing an Ad hoc committee to conduct the research and the committee's objective appears under the January ACM agenda in this report.

Standing Committee Presentations

The Grapevine/LaVina, Literature, and Archives Committees presented on the specific work performed by their respective committee. The Grapevine/LaVina Committee displayed screen shots of items of interest available at www.grapevine.org. Grapevine is a good source of information for GSRs and DCMs. The Literature Committee communicated their availability for setting up their display at workshops and gave details on movies they have available for loan. Joe C. of the Archives Committee had just returned from a special meeting of Archives Committees from across the US and Canada. He discussed a couple of the personalities who were instrumental in forming AA in San Diego and relayed the experience of his tour of the Archives storage at GSO. The San Diego-Imperial Area Archives is located at our San Diego Central Office.

Presentation by the South County Coordinating Council's Public Information Committee

Sally M. gave us an overview of the work specific work performed by Public Information Committee.

Speaker

Art MacW., was our 15-minute speaker. See January Area Assembly minutes for details.

Bids for September and November 2012 Area Assemblies

Districts 4, 11, and 15 will co-host the September 22, 2012 and District 21 will host the November 17, 2012 Assembly. The locations for these assemblies will need to be secured.

January Area Committee Meeting Agenda

Policy Committee

Tonight, the Policy Committee Chair will report on their review of the 28-points presented on the final report of the Ad hoc Committee to *Review the Area Structure and Guidelines*. Policy Committee Chair, Paul K. has identified three of the points for discussion at tonight's meeting. He will also detail actions. The Policy Committee is already working with Translation to amend the December 2011 version of the S&Gs to include the Finance motion passed at the January 7 assembly. This is a change in our usual practice, which wait until November of each year to amend the S&Gs with all the motions that were passed during the assemblies of the calendar year. Since a passed motion is effective immediately, I want to express my appreciation to Policy, Translation, and IT for keeping our S&Gs updated.

If you have not taken a look at the December 2011 version of the S&Gs, please take a minute to do so at www.area8aa.org. I will pass around a color copy of the maps that are newly added to the S&Gs. The maps provide a great display of the Districts' boundaries.

IT Committee

DCMs are asked to send a copy of your District's S&Gs to the IT Committee for posting on Area 8's website.

Appointment of an Ad hoc Committee on Proposed Standing Committee Cooperating with the Elderly Community

While I am in the process of confirming a Chair for this committee, I have developed the following objective for the ad hoc: Conduct research in order to form and deliver a written report to the Area Committee on the needs of carrying the message to the elderly alcoholic residing with Area 8.

I have also listed specific items to be reviewed in the research. They are: 12-Step work involving the elderly community that is performed by Area 8's existing standing committees; if and how needs of the elderly may vary by language, abilities, cultural, and ethnic groups; practices used by other AA Areas in 12-Step work with the elderly; and any information and experience available through GSO. A target date will be set for delivering the report after the appointed committee reviews the scope of the work.

Appointment of an Ad hoc Committee for Planning Area 8's Inventory

I am awaiting confirmation of the members of this ad hoc committee. I have defined four individual objectives for this project, mainly to ensure a full-range plan is developed so that the Area can communicate what AA members can expect to accomplish. This includes a questionnaire designed to return actionable answers, an efficient and accurate means for collecting the data and reporting the results, the method for developing a plan of action based on the findings, and a time line for all steps in the process. Of special note is the third out of the four objectives, which is: "The ACM reviews and approves the finalized inventory plan." The plan will also include regular delivery of progress reports to the ACM.

The Remote Nations Committee (formerly called The Native American Liaison Committee) met on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The Remote Nations committee held a meeting prior to the Monday Night Carry the Message to the Native American meeting at Pala Monday night. Three committee members and various members of the Pala meeting were in attendance. We briefly discussed four subjects of interest to Native or reservation AA members:

1. Propose a second addition of the very well accepted Paths to Recovery pamphlet of Native American AA recovery stories. This project has the most impact on Native American AA's.
2. On an ad hoc basis, the members will continue to support existing reservation meetings that ask for it or may need it. Several members of the committee have actively supported the Mesa Grande reservation One Two Many meeting. The

Mesa Grande rez is off the beaten path but we all know how to get there and have attended the meeting several times. We encourage support from Area members and usually meet at Packard's Coffee in Ramona to caravan to the meeting.

3. Support other new meetings and stay abreast of when and where they start. One committee member is active in conversation with various tribal leaders and encourages them to support the formation of AA meetings on the reservations. He will keep us abreast of any new meetings.

4. Without affiliating with the Native American Indian General Service office, we will maintain a dialogue with them and two members will attend the next quarterly meeting. In this respect, our sole goal is to help the reservation alcoholic (white black brown or any other color) who still suffers, support AA reservation meetings, and encourage cooperation from NAIGSO in that endeavor.

Recovery on the reservation is the same as recovery in the rest of Area 8. We share the same malady and solution. Thank you for your attention to this service opportunity.

January 28, 2012 DCM/Committee Chair Workshop

We have a full agenda of sharing and learning set for the workshop. Please be sure to pick up a flyer for the workshop. I will ask for three volunteers to shop for and set up the continental breakfast.

Continuing Needs

- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The DCM/Committee Chair Workshop is January 28, 2012 @ United Methodist Church in Mission Valley. Look to area8aa.org for flyers and future event information details.

Alt Chairperson's Report: Mike: New GSR Workbooks NOW Available!

Liaison Committee Reports

Coordinating Council: Rick: SDAACO@aol.com **BUSINESS COMMITTEE & MANAGER'S REPORT:** Pass it On (Bill W. Story) for sale this month. Regularly \$10 now \$9.25. Will be receiving CA Public Utilities CTF program (50%

telephone discount offered to 501C3 orgs.) 2011 year-end Literature Inventory-\$330 net loss, old schedules, bad stock, & shrinkage. Central Office offers Gift Certificates for \$10-\$25 increments.

Coordinator Newsletter: sign-up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email to sdaaco@aol.com or call 619-265-8762. Hard copies will continue to be available at Central Office. Currently emailing 1,350. Sending group contributions receipts, with current event flyers by email.

Public Information Committee: Public Information Racks have been placed in over 7 different facilities. Working on placing 22 racks in San Diego High School District, Driving Schools and an Elder Care Medical Facility. Received an email from Sweetwater High School facilitator expressing appreciation for the AA Big Books PI provided for their school libraries. Approved Brad J. (7/18/04) to serve on committee.

Program Committee: New Year's Eve Event was enjoyed by attendees. Tickets sold were 353 and needed 410 to cover expenses. There was a \$986 shortfall. Committee will look at using smaller room. Committee plans 3 annual events: Founders Day Picnic, Anniversary of AA in San Diego and New Year's Eve Event.

Old Business: Motion to amend Council Guidelines Section V paragraph D2, Coordinator Newsletter Committee, to add "and to ensure that any topic or monthly theme for the newsletter be limited to those subjects addressed in AA Conference approved literature." 13 y 14 n Motion fails.

Council considers an organized awareness campaign about the 7th Tradition tabled to next month

New Business: All approved unanimously to serve.

North County Intergroup: No one present.

East County Intergroup: No one present.

Oficina Central Hispaña: No one present.

Oficina Intergupal 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 Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: 7 groups represent the Chula vista office, PI Comm, LIT Committee are working together at the CV Central Office.

GSDYPAA: No one present.

NSDYPAA: No one present.

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.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Blain: *written*: Kelly I. resigned as Alternate DCM for personal reasons. Mike C. was elected to replace her. We are planning a workshop in March to discuss controversial issues in AA: 13th Stepping, Court Cards, and Outside Issues. The workshop will also feature food and a band.

District 2: No one present.

District 3: Guy: nothing to report.

District 4: Michelle: New officers have been elected. Ongoing outreach to dark groups.

District 5: Vince: *written*: Looking for what approach to take to go out to dark meetings.

District 6: Renee: Alkathon went well. Hosting Sept Conference Workshop.

District 7: Richard: Pre Conf Workshop and Alkathon. New GSRs with alternates reviewed duties.

District 8: Tanya: We are having trouble with switching over bank signers.

District 9: Fred (Alt). Big deal is the Round Up next month. We're doing pretty well (4-5 hour round trip)

District 10: Not present

District 11: Al: Split surplus 50-50 (\$1700 each) to GSO and Area 8.

District 12: Dixie: New Treasurer uploaded Dist guidelines to Area 8 Website. Promoted PRASSA, District Website, developing ideas around a Dist 12 workshop.

District 13: *written*: Cohosted this month's area assembly. Cohosting with Dist 21, a picnic, for March 27. AA member and service member, Pete, passed away.

District 14: Gary *written*: Cohosting Meditation Workshop with _____. Looking forward to Tom's visit.

District 15: Nicolas: Met on December 13. With 21 GSRs and 6 Chairs of Committees. Dist 15 is working with comm. Among the district and PRASSA promotion and announcement. 11th March event—all committees to participate. Will bring flyers. 6 Local Forum event 26th Aug. and 7th Jan. Dist 15 presented their budget and district guidelines.

District 16: Crystal:

District 17: No one present.

District 18: New awakening. Working on the closing of the meeting of General Services, Jan 22 as we have 5 committees; LaVina, CPC, IT, Corrections and Archives. We have a business meeting every Monday at the District plus Step Study meetings. We visit groups weekly; 14 GSRs.

District 19: Connie: AA members can discuss any topics of any length but GSRs reported that they only have 3 minutes to report. Sponsoring an event. GSRs will collect Group Conscience. Request to borrow a large coffee pot from the area

District 20: Margo: We had a great Alkathon.

District 21: John: Making plans for hosting the Nov Assembly. We are working on a GSR survival manual. Dean allowed me to do the orientation at the Orientation Assembly. Sorry.

District 22: Tom: 9 GSRs at our last meeting. "Passing the baton" and electing officers. One Concept a month for 12 months to introduce the Concepts to the GSRs.

District 23: Mark: Will be co-hosting the Report Back Assembly. After 14 GSRs showed at the assembly only 5 attended Tom came to visit to talk about the pre-conference workshops.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Alan: No report.

Agenda: Barb: Officers being elected. Reviewed agenda for Area Committee. Timing is off. Area Chair had some ideas for an Ad Hoc Committee.

Archives: Carrie: Archives committee is bringing back the Open House. It will be the 4th Sat of every month from 1-4pm at the central office Archives room. Check out our cool archival material, listen at the listening station, or help sort through what's been donated. ROOTS 2012 will be back at Torrey Pines Christian church on Nov 18 from 2-4pm, put it in your calendars! IT committee invited to our meeting next month, so we can pick their brains about what is possible for putting material on the website. Our current alternate chair position is available. Still soliciting and accepting group histories. Will come out to visit your event or meeting, invite us!

CPC: Jeremy The CPC committee will be having an event to present to the Amer. Probation and Parole Association. We will have a booth. If you are interested, contact Jerme. Feb 26-29 at Bay Hilton. SMTW.

Finance: Paul: Finance welcomed new committee members. 4 carried over and we voted in new alternate and at first meeting discussion centered around 2013 goals and objectives. All chairs need the 4 page packet for establishing your budget. These must come back next month so Treasurer can project a Budget that reflects current economic conditions. This must be ready to go to vote in November 2012.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: We met at Area Assembly. We are involved in planning the Unity Day Picnic. Committee also formed a sub-committee to go out to groups to promote the Grapevine and La Viña.

Information Technologies: Steve: Last meeting spirited talk about Webmaster and making the position more professional. Will be present at DCM workshop. Encouraging DCMs to visit and use the website.

Literature: Ray: 5 upcoming events. Will purchase portable screens. We are ready to serve the area.

NCAIC: Rich: Kick off meeting tomorrow night. We will meet at 5:30 with orientation. We are late on our schedule for 2012 but it is finished now. NC is one of the hosts involved in the planning for the H & I Conference. The next committee meets Feb 5, Sun at 10 a.

Newsletter: Chris: All officers' positions filled. Unofficial meeting was at Area Assembly. Reports and minutes ready by Jan 30 in order to get to translation by Feb. 1. Deadlines are critical. Feb. 14

Policy: Paul: Get a copy of forms (necessary)

SDIAIC: Chris: We carry the message to places where people can't get meetings. 80 cents of every \$ is spent on literature. We have flyers for the upcoming H & I Conf. There will be 12 H & I Committees represented. This is the first time in 30 years. There will be Spanish interpretation throughout. Mar. 18 mg will be having a special event—Count down to blast off with speakers and lunch provided. We are always looking for volunteers to take meetings out to others.

Translation: Ruben: Acknowledges several translators. Arturo, Rafael, and others. Very grateful for their service. Working with Chris, Newsletter Chair.

Archivist: Not present.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Paul: Policy Chair

Last year 28 points were brought up regarding the S&G. The Policy Comm. has part of it done. Policy has the ability to make minor changes in the S&G specifically when they only affect grammar, punctuation, etc. The following items are minor grammatical changes. Draft will be not be released until all items have been addressed. Policy at this point is required to go over the rest of these items and give the committee recommendations. Some things, after discussion, may require a motion but we will know more after going through other items. There are quite a few that have not been addressed. Policy has requested to vote on 3 or 4 a month until done. We may complete this by the end of the year. The items are: 23, 24, 25, and 27. 12, 26, 28 require no action. None are part of a motion currently in process. They have to do with standing committees. Tonight we will discuss Area Committee 13, Item 15 (request). We are in need of an update by individual committee guidelines. Policy needs input from the standing committees to do this.

Item 24, Sec. 9 a, Election of Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate specifies that elections to be held in November. It is suggested that we move the elections to October in order to give new officers to learn their new positions. First assembly of the year is the first week of January leaving little time to assimilate into positions.

Dixie: Great idea to give new officers time to work with outgoing officers and understand the job. They will have a chance to practice that job before the strings are cut.

Dean: I can see the reasoning behind this consideration...if it is assumed that the person taking over is not currently serving. There are some who are doing the work before they are elected into the position. We tried to establish the turn-over procedures. They would be allowed to do that but there is no time frame. Also Newsletter committee would have a great burden since Sept is "Big Day." Do we have flexibility on these months?

Paul: I would say "no". Structure and Guidelines are just guidelines. Traveling to two assemblies one month apart does add some burden. Now we are talking too separate problems. Suddenly we are going to push everything back. How are we going to shorten everything by a month? For what purpose?

Jeremy: If we were to push forward or backward...sometimes you are going to add one officer position to another. Some of the work of their old position will cause their current work to fall off.

Monty: Listening and hearing discussion...how about not having the 1st area assembly they first week of the New Year? One, some are coming off a holiday and some are working straight through. The formal pass over is the first week. There is already has too much going on. How about moving the 1st assembly to the middle or end of January, keeping the early assemblies where they are?

Gary: Tradition of keeping a thorough pass-it-on... we come into many positions completely unequipped. We have plenty of resources. I can call 6 former members who are willing to help me. They can come to my rescue. Moving the January assembly early keeps the new GSRs from getting involved quickly. The agenda topics have to be discussed and the new officers are not the critical people in the mix. The new officers only need the fine points of the new job. We should remember the new GSRs in our decisions.

Tom: We do write full rotation documents from previous officers. Everything is fully explained. There is a custom of writing a rotation document...deadline for submitting Conf agenda items Jan 15. It is usually scheduled early in Jan. We have tried to make it late causing pile ups for other events. Service events end up happening every weekend. The earlier in Jan keeps it spread out well. Officers are as prepared as they are going to be. Everything usually happens at the last minute. I wouldn't be against having the election assembly in Oct.

Arturo: I have some years of serving in the area. I feel comfortable not moving anything. Not earlier or later. I have learned the treasurer's job in one month. I had much help with past treasurers. I am not against the motion of moving the election assembly to Oct. But I am comfortable with how it is right now.

Dixie: we have a DCM workshop. Why not have an officer workshop?

Jeremy: Is there language as to when the assembly should be held in the month?

Dean: I am familiar with how dates end up. It is not done in a bubble. You go through the calendar and there are many moving targets. It sets its own date by the business that is already being done in the area.

Mike: I can tell you as a DCM before I was elected as an officer...there is a smooth transition. There is a lot going on I have seen and in helping with some of the specifics of the outgoing job description.

All in favor of leaving it alone? Unanimous. MSP

Changing it? None

S&G 10 5c: Suggests we rotate half the GSRs every other year.

Unknown: In my experience GSR come and go anyways—often not staying for the full 2 years.

Tom: In everything we do we try to mirror GSO. That is how it is done at the GS Conference. In Area 8 we have tried to do it this way, in the way we set up our procedures.

Connie: We should not be dictated by the area. A motion to affect districts should be brought to the districts.

Butch: We need to be guided into conformity. We have our guidelines for a reason.

Don: I agree with Paul. I know in my district I have a new GSR. 3 months later that GSR might not be there. I get what I get, I think.

John: I am confused. Half of our DCMs rotate out every year?

Paul: I haven't researched this too much. This is right out of the service manual—a perfect storm.

Paul: I served on this committee. The concern was that the DCM rotates and his GSRs rotate with him so we kind of made the recommendation that if you only rotated half of you GSRs everyone would not turn over in one shot. It standardizes our format.

Tim: I don't know how many of my GSR's have come in and then left. Then they are replaced by new GSRs who are "finishing" terms of the previous GSR. Good Luck.

Jeremy: It seems like the thing to do is to educate our GSRs on how it works. In one year as a GSR we had new GSRs every month or the meeting lost its GSR altogether...the ones who do stay end up being a DCM. They learn by staying through their term.

Jane: I think the GSRs have problems with commitment and this is something we cannot control. We can give warnings but nothing more.

Elaine: El Centro has trouble keeping GSRs.

Consensus: NO action at this time.

Action 27 Section 11 E. Each committee of the area committee...

Paul: This sounds like some kind of a disclaimer. Does this need to be stated in the S & G? and where should it be put?

Justin: I looked at the S & G on the website and the numbers do not match.

Paul: That is a misprint. On your page it is Section 10 E Area Assembly Change Procedures

Jennifer: Why are we changing all these?

Paul: We just read through each of these sections word for word line for line and when we read this paragraph we saw

that it has nothing to do with this sub-section. It is not talking about the same thing. Where does it belong if it does not belong here?

Tom: I think it belongs. I read it "permission to change Guidelines for any comm. or the area assembly as ..." I think the wording could be cleaned up. Sec 10 deal s with changing procedures.

Gary: I think each comm. will have autonomy if it is convoluted. I understand why it is there. Recognize the autonomy of the group.

Butch: Do I have any opinion? It should be moved to VI, page 9, D3, under "standing committees and procedures".

Jeremy: It should be its own section, at best, at the beginning as a disclaimer.

Jane: How many think this belongs in this section? (We are just talking about the context staying with that wording.)

That wording belongs in the document, not necessarily there. Should that section remain where it is or moved to a new location in the document? Consensus says to leave it there.

Paul: Should policy reword this and bring it back to you? Consensus is yes.

Dean: I want to make it clear that we are not voting on a motion here. It is a proposal that may result in a motion.

Jane: If it results in a potential change it will need to go to a vote.

Jane: needs 3 volunteers to buy breakfast for DCM/Committee Chair workshop Continental Breakfast. Thank you Crystal and George.

Mike: Take out your workbooks. Corrections: March 11. Cross off 4 Area DCM Sharing session. March 10 Meditation Workshop is at 9:30 GSDACYPP does not meet in April. Sat 7th April there is no orientation assembly. 28th of Jan, no DCM Committee Chair workshop. May 13, no 4 Area DCM Sharing session.

Meeting adjourned, 9:56p.

Respectfully submitted,

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