

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the March 15, 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 Renee and in Spanish by Pedro.

**Introductions and AA Birthdays, Voting Procedures**

New DCMs and Committee Chairs introduced themselves.

Birthdays occurring since the February 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. All Officers were in attendance. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: DCM, Dist 22, Lit. Chair, GSDYPAA Chair, NSDYPAA Chair, Coordinating Council Chair, Oficina Central Hispana, N.C. Intergroup, Español and N.C. Intergroup. Quorum was met with 22 Groups represented by DCMs or Alt. DCMs, 10 Officers and 9 Committee Chairs.

**Approval of February Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R., Secretary**

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the February 2012 minutes please contact the Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email. If your alternate would like a digital copy, let the secretary know. MSP to approve February 2012 minutes as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report: Arturo L., Treasurer**

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

<b>March Financial Report</b>	<b>March 2012</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	2,713.63	7,094.29	38,480.00	-31,385.71
Individual contributions:	81.36	250.76		
District contributions:	32.47	32.47		
Total contributions:	2,827.46	7,377.52	38,480.00	-31,102.48
Total budgeted expenses:	1,760.47	6,739.73	38,480.00	0.00
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	1,066.99	637.79		

Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	480.00		480.00
Total expenses:	1,760.47	7,219.73	38,480.00	480.00
Contributions less total expenses:	1,066.00	157.79		
Previous month ending balance	9,675.18			
Cash on hand:	10,742.17			

## Master Calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Congresso</b>	Oficina Central Hisp	<b>March 17-18</b>	<b>2012</b>	East African Comm. Cultural Center-S.D.
<i>Women Sponsoring Women</i>	Dist. 8	<b>March 17</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>9:00 a</b> Swiss Park-Chula Vista
<i>North County Traditions Breakfast</i>	<i>North County Intergroup</i>	<i>March 25</i>	<b>2012</b>	<b>9:00a</b> Camp Pendleton
<b>Pre Conference Assembly</b>	Dist 5, 14 , 18 & 12	<b>March 31</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>*8:30a</b> El Cajon -Reagan Community Center
<b>Spring Picnic</b>	Dist 13 and 21	<b>April 1</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>9:30a</b> Lake Miramar
<i>San Diego Spring Roundup</i>	—	<i>April 5-8</i>	<b>2012</b>	<i>Town &amp; Country Hotel, Mission Valley</i>
<i>H&amp;I Conference</i>	<i>So Cal H&amp;I</i>	<i>April 13-15</i>	<b>2012</b>	<i>San Diego – Bahia Resort</i>
<b>General Service Conference</b>	GSO	<b>April 22-28</b>	<b>2012</b>	New York
<b>Delegate's Report (Post Conference) Assembly</b>	Dist 16 & 23	<b>May 19</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>*8:30a</b> Encinitas Community Center
<b>Unity Day</b>	Area 8	<b>June 9</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>10:00 a</b> Admiral Baker Park, S.D.
<b>40<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Convention</b>		<b>Aug 31-Sept 2</b>	<b>2012</b>	Radisson Hotel-Los Angeles Airport
<b>Regional Forum</b>	GSO	<b>Sept 14-16</b>	<b>2012</b>	Fairbanks, Alaska
<b>Big Day Business Assembly</b>	Dist 4,11,15	<b>Sept 22</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>*8:30a</b> Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
<i>Southern California Convention</i>		<i>Sept 28-30</i>	<b>2012</b>	<i>San Diego</i>
<b>November Assembly</b>	Dist 21	<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>*8:30a</b> TBD
<b>ROOTS (Remember Our Old Timer's Stories)</b>	<i>Archives</i>	<b>Nov 18</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2-4 pm</b> Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla

Note: **\*\*Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated March 17, 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 presented a motion that came from the General Service Board that will be presented to the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference regarding a plan to restructure AA Grapevine, Inc. The delegate stressed the importance of passing this on to your GSRs so that we can have some conversation about the issues involved at the assembly.

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 the 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. "13<sup>th</sup> 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 the Delegate can collect the views of our groups.

## **Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.**

Thank you to groups that hosted Pre-Conference Workshops. A date has been set for Unity Day Picnic-June 9. Flyers for Unity Day available at Area Assembly. Need help at the planning meetings. See schedule below. We also need moderators (not affiliated with Area 8 Committee directly) PRASSA rocked this year. Many from our area were present and some were presenters. There are many things we take from PRASSA—mostly that we all have much we can learn.

### **UNITY DAY PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULE: (1 hour meetings)**

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.**

Reminder that this disease is as active and deadly and ever. Following up on last month's message about what to do about "Dark Groups" – groups that have no active GSR-Guy shared about how his district makes a group visit.

Dist 3, Guy, says his group visits have been moderately successful. They recently visited 2 groups and were able to get one GSR to step up. They use approved literature and made an announcement in the meetings. They take a pamphlet that was conceived and created by the district. They take a packet with the pamphlet reminding members about Dist 3 meetings and the "pie chart" sheet, with the GSR pamphlet. They might have a discussion with the secretary of the meeting ahead of time. We go in 2s and we are very positive and introduce ourselves to the secretary and ask for time afterwards. "Let the group know you are from the district and you have info to hand out. We give the info to the secretary if no one comes forward to accept a position as GSR. We stay afterward to answer questions. We decide ahead of time which meetings need a visit and divide and conquer." Guy also said that each part of the dist meeting is talked about such as what they were planning and how it was going. There is service material that asks, "Is your group linked to the group as a whole?" They take the new group form and the change of address form to the meeting.

Currently they have no translated forms but it being worked on. You might be met with opposition but take that in stride. Conversation is the best remedy. Show up and it works.

The Chair reminded us that if we get the GSRs to attend the District meetings the rest will follow.

### Continuing Needs:

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

*Please ask interested individuals to contact the Area Chair at [chair@area8aa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:SDAACO@aol.com)

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Book of the month is Experience, Strength and Hope.

#### **January 2012 Financial Statements' Summary:**

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| a. Our Feb. 2012 Net Revenue is \$417.95.              | d. Literature Sales Revenue and bank interest was \$2,003.78 |
| b. Our 2012 YTD Net Revenue is \$838.84.               | e. Total office and committee expenses were \$11,257.08      |
| c. Group and Individual Contributions were \$9,671,22. |  |

#### **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. April's Book of the Month: "AA Comes of Age" on sale for \$7.50, reg. \$8.50.
2. 2011 Audit completed. Balance sheet available in April Coordinator Newsletter. PDF available upon request.
3. Central Office offers Gift Certificates for \$10- \$25 increments.
4. Coordinator Newsletter: sign-up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email [sdaaco@aol.com](mailto:sdaaco@aol.com) or call 619-265-8762. May's theme: Two-stepping. Submissions welcome
5. Hard copies will continue to be available at Central Office. Currently emailing 1,400.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** *Projects we are currently working on:*

1. Researched flip charts to host Powerpoint program (on USB drive) to assist when speaking publically.
2. Sponsoring a booth at the SD County Probation Juvenile Hall Open House in May.
3. Co-hosting a booth with N.C. Intergroup at the Del Mar Fair.
4. Sending out letters to Senior Citizen Facilities along with a reply post card.
5. Continuing to solicit volunteer groups to sponsor a "rack" for a school for \$20 donation.

**North County Intergroup:** Janine: No one present.

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: We meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. We supply and deliver literature to individuals and groups.

Representative were sent to Pre-Conference Workshop. Visit our website: [www.eastcountyaa.org](http://www.eastcountyaa.org)

**Oficina Central Hispánica:** 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: Tuesday meetings, 7:30-9p, We visit groups twice each week. Most of our committees are filled.

**GSDYPAA:** No one present.

**NSDYPAA:** from Alexis: No one present

**Remote Nations:** Jeff S, (Chair) reported: Researching the original "Paths to Recovery" pamphlet project and are still acquiring details. One committee member visited Mesa Grande "One-Two-Many" group and found that meeting in good standing. Soboba support at Mesa Grande will reciprocate with Soboba. Committee meets on "ad hoc" basis at Pala Community Center each Monday. Cross reference with Viejas for speaker at Pala. ([jestruve@san.rr.com](mailto:jestruve@san.rr.com))

## **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: 13<sup>th</sup> Stepping, Court Cards, and Outside Issues. There will be brief introductions of topics, roundtable discussions, and a wrap-up, followed by good old-fashioned fun.

District 2: Wilma: District Committee covered all 8 conference questions.

District 3: Guy: Gave group in-depth information on visiting "dark" meetings. See Chair's report.

District 4: Michelle: Temporary change of meeting location; went over conference agenda items and encouraged GSRs to take to groups; and planning with Dist 22 for Sept. Area Assembly.

District 5: Vince: Planning for upcoming assembly. We need support with volunteers and/or finances.

District 6: Renee: Discussed agenda items for Pre-Conference Assembly; encouraged attendance by new GSRs.

District 7: Richard: Alt. DCM to send out Conference Agenda items to GSRs; Voted to go in with Dist 6 for New Years Eve Alkathon at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania, San Diego.

District 8: Tanya: Nothing to report; Thank you for Pre-Conference Workshop, Feb. 27.

District 9: Fred (Alt): We hosted and attended the Pre-Conference Workshop.

District 10: Paul: We have a new GSR. Spiritual experience at PRASSA. Promoting attendance at Pre-Conference Assembly. We appreciate "How to visit a group" information and hope to put it to use.

District 11: Al: (not present) Co-hosting Sept assembly with District 4 and 22.

District 12: Connie: Hosted Pre-Conference workshop and attended PRASSA. Continuing discussion on workshop idea.

District 13: Tim F: Spring Picnic tomorrow! Mar 32<sup>nd</sup> (April 1) at Lake Miramar. Free Parking. Co-hosted by District 21. Starts at 1:30 pm. Potluck with District providing BBQ items. We welcome all in the area. There will be outreach to newcomers and meetings without general service representation.

District 14: Gary: Working on outreach committee; continuing with ad-hoc committee to review financial guidelines; Meditation Workshop was great.

District 15: Nicolas: Officers and committee members would like to thank Tom and Dean for their leadership at the pre-conference workshop. Upon our return from PRASSA we were filled with spirituality and energy for the groups. Threesome (?) committee workshop was successful. 56 members attended. The 6<sup>th</sup> local forum is in the works. We will have flyers at the next assembly.

District 16: Crystal: Committee discussed what to do with surplus funds. District 16 would like to see \$28 from the meeting that folded be forwarded to GSO and Area 8. Tabled the "Cruise Ship" event discussion until Mar. 28.

District 17: No one present.

District 18: Pedro: The DCM and Alt. attended PRASSA with support of the groups. Mar. 12 Delegate and Alt. Delegate brought the pre-conference workshop to the group. We spoke to the District about being part of the next assembly with volunteers and finances. Will have a written report to share with groups about PRASSA.

District 19: Patrick D: March 10 Pre-conference workshop successful; Included round-table discussions. GSR was funded to attend PRASSA and gave a spirited report upon his return.

District 20: Margo: Thank you to Tom and Dean for leading the Pre-conference workshop; New GSR; Two meetings not contributing to area and district and that has been resolved.

District 21: John: Jane, Area 8 Chair, visited meeting; Recovering from PRASSA; Dist 3 and Dist 21 trying to locate a venue for Sept Assembly a bit north but drawback is— there is no smoking on the premises. Need feedback about this issue in order to make a decision. Draft of GSR Handout out for GSR edit.

District 22: Tom: 11 members present at last meeting. Remote nations chair went to meeting up in Mesa Grande and it can changed your perception about meetings. A new meeting was started—long overdue. Attended PRASSA and now there may not be funds for this adventure.

District 23: Mark: not present. Sent proxy to PRASSA.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Accessibilities: Alan: Group formed to consider accessibilities needs for AA members with mental health special needs; report upcoming at the March 31<sup>st</sup> Area Assembly.

Agenda: Karen: Meeting covered agenda for the Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> Area Assembly including the motion to be discussed at the assembly regarding the plan to restructure the AA Grapevine corporate structure.

Archives: Carrie: Postponed March meeting; to meet during lunch at Assembly; Had 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House and started Archives file cabinets inventory; Get us your group HISTORIES and invite us to your next event.

CPC: Jeremy: Parole Assoc. grateful to have AA presence there. We handed out lots of pamphlets and flyers. We need new members for the committee. Need Officer liaison. The CPC committee is available to attend workshops.

Finance: Paul: Discussed Panel 62 agenda items. Letter that discusses funding amounts for the delegate. Finance recommends adopting an “algorithm” that will help to automatically estimate cost per delegate annually. We also discussed the Grapevine/LaVina motion from GSO. We support the transition to the digital age.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Delegate attended meeting to go over conference agenda items with committee. We are still planning to be at Unity Day. We were at the Meditation Workshop. Let this committee know if you want us at your next event with our vast inventory.

Information Technologies: Steve: (Special Report) IT is in charge of the laptops. We have new cases for these laptops. We also provide service and maintenance for these laptops. We are shepherds for the website. Do a Google search for SD Area 8 and you will find us. We have notices, calendars, flyers for events in the area but also. Website has been around for 10 years. Until last fall we used Sharepoint and it got expensive so we shifted it over to what we use today. If members don't trust it, they won't use it. We make every effort to make it current and dynamic. We look forward to a new format that will allow us to do more with the website. Communication is one area we can improve. We will have different levels of access for committee members. This will help keep the website more efficient. DCMs can post their structure and guidelines on a specific page on the website. This page can also be used to communicate among your district's GSRs. Turnover makes this an essential tool. Discussion included questions about how it could be used. One district asked if their newsletter could be posted on their own page and the IT chair responded, “Yes.”

Literature: Ray: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, available to help you with multi-media presentation; movies can be shown at workshops or meetings; we will be at Mar. Area Assembly. We have great committee members ready to serve you.

NCAIC: Rich: Orientation meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, Oceanside Alano Club; H & I Conference at the Bahia in Mission Bay on weekend of April 13th. A new panel to begin at La Costa Glen, a senior living community in Encinitas.

Newsletter: Chris: English and Spanish version of Newsletter now available on the Area 8 website. Page count down and more readable. Deadline for next newsletter will be March 31. Members voted to move the meeting to Fuddruckers. First meeting at new venue is June 12.

Policy: Paul: (Progress on ADHOC considerations) Progress report: If you shared these 3 items with your groups. (See handout)

*Discussion:* Alt. Delegate reminded us that the Policy Committee has the authority to make grammatical corrections.

**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: April 13-15 (First time conference has been in S.D.) *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 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension” Flyers available. We need volunteers to lead AA and Alanon meetings, meetings, banquet. Don't forget cookies contest. Please take this back to your groups. Lit committee to show “Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” at the planning meeting.

Translation: Ruben: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, new location in Escondido, more central. Discussed amount of text they are translating in various documents. Please give adequate time for translations of documents BEFORE deadlines.

Archivist: Joe: No report

CEC *Ad Hoc* (Cooperation with the Elderly Community): Gary: We have gathered resources submitted by various members asked P.I. comm. and CPC For feedbacks and information. We will continue to discuss this among committee members. Will be connecting with other areas that have CEC Committees. This ad hoc comm. looks toward July to be able to report back. Statistic: 10,000 seniors celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday today and this will continue for the next 19 years.

## **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **Registrar**

Monty: The registrar is responsible for keeping a current list of all our groups. Every group has a number and this number does not come from Central Office. The number from the area does not correlate with Intergroup. If a group does not have a number the group does not exist as far as General Service is concerned. Visiting groups which are listed in the Meeting Schedule but not appearing in the Area's registry is vital. When a group has an area number but does not have a GSR it is like that group does not exist. When making announcements at any meeting that does not have a GSR be brief. Bring pamphlets and only hit target points—Informative but not talkative. If a visitation takes place, please share about how the "meet and greet" went. Keep an index card file of the meetings that need visitation. Spread the cards face down on a table and have GSRs choose one card and let the visitations begin. It is recommended that visitations take place in pairs or more. Elect a registrar for your district and that person could be the lead on this trek. Set that meeting up to be visited in 2 months. Once again, promote their attendance at the District Meeting.

Discussion: What takes GSO, New York so long to register new GSRs? Monty will research this delay. Districts can send their new GSR information to New York immediately. If you go on the Area 8 Website you can download a copy of the GSR pamphlet.

**Ad Hoc Committee for Area Inventory:** Jane working on this. Once we have a single document it will be send to the Area 8 website. No action was taken from the last inventory that was made in 2008. Area not serving the young people and elderly. Also some newsletter suggestions for collaboration. Info will go to committees ...

Jane: We need some volunteers for clean up.

Meeting adjourned, 9:50 p.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Roxane R., Panel 62 Area 8 Secretary and Gonzalo, Area 8 Alt. Secretary*