

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the October 18, 2012 Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer and a recital of the Declaration of Unity. The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish by Cruz, and in English by Tim.

**Introductions**

New Committee Chair, Alicia, introduced herself. Guests, GSRs, introduced themselves.

**Roll Call**

Hamm, Alt. Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. Eight Officers were in attendance. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: Area Registrar, Treasurer; Districts 5, 9, 16, 17; Finance, Remote Nations, Archivist, Director H & I, GSDYPAA, Oficina Central Hispaña, North County Intergroup, NSD

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

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the September 2012 minutes please contact our 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 September, 2012 minutes *with amendments* by Jennifer and Gary regarding past additions, to be added. Gary submitted that the section in the *August* ACM minutes regarding "The Ad Hoc Committee" showing an inconsistency about a report made by finance regarding "...how the budget is created." Near the end of that report a motion was mentioned and written as if the motion was already brought to the ACM. It was NOT brought to the ACM until September. *Please note this correction. \*\*In reviewing the August minutes I see no reference to this motion. (AS)* Correction to page 9 of Sept. ACM minutes removes the word "maintained" from Gary's motion re: Prudent Reserve.

You may submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at [roxroll@aol.com](mailto:roxroll@aol.com). Reports should contain your first name, district, committee or liaison, date and report. Keep it simple.

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

- Written report.
- Area 8 is behind the trend for the first nine months as compared to 2011; all districts and a few groups have been visited with a 2013 proposed budget presentation by members of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
- Alt. Treasurer fielded a question about running out of money for a committee's expenses (bring a motion for unbudgeted expenses to the Area Chair/Finance Committee to be added to the ACM agenda).
- Keep reminding your groups who contribute to the Area to include an e-mail address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, at a lower cost.

September	Sept 2012	YTD	2012 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,558.49	22,563.25	38,480.00	-15,916.75

Individual contributions:	104.14	1,454.48	00	
District contributions:	25.00	1,192.47	00	
Total contributions:	2,687.63	25,210.20	38,480.00	-13,269.80
Total budgeted expenses:	2,862.13	23,519.24	38,480.00	-14,960.76
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-174.50	1,690.96		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	.00	80.00	.00	80.00
Total expenses:	2,862.13	23,602.92	38,480.00	-14,877.08
Contributions less total expenses:	-174.50	1,607.28		
Previous month ending balance	12,183.62			
Cash on hand:	12,009.12			

### Master Calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Emotional Sobriety Workshop	Dist. 12	Oct. 27	2012	1-4 p Parish Hall, San Carlos
Traditions Workshop, "Traditionally Speaking"	Dist. 4, 14, 19	Nov 10	2012	9 a-12 p Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach
Serenity Cruise-A Musical Event	Dist. 1, 2, 3, 23	Nov 10	2012	3:00-6 p Carlsbad Community Center
November Assembly	Dist. 3, 21	Nov 17	2012	*8:00a Community Lutheran Church-Escondido
<b>ROOTS (Remember Our Old Timer's Stories)</b>	Archives Committee	Nov 18	2012	2-4 pm Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
Potluck at December Area Committee meeting		Dec-TBD	2012	TBD
New Year's Alkathon	Dist. 6, 7, 19	Dec. 31	2012	Church at 6 <sup>th</sup> and Penn, San Diego
Orientation Area Assembly	TBD	Jan 5	2013	*8:00a Methodist Church, Mission Valley
DCM/Committee Chair Workshop	TBD	Jan 26	2013	8:30 a First United Methodist Church, Mission Valley
4-Area DCM Sharing Session	TBD	Feb-TBD	2013	TBD

Note: \*\*Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated Sept. 22, 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.

- Spanish translation of this report available after the meeting.

- Still not able to get the Delegate's report translated, so it is not presented in writing. Practicing our legacies of service and unity, report not circulated unless it's produced in English AND Spanish.

*Additional Comments:*

- Grapevine has memorial reprints (1951/1971) published after Bill W. and Bob's passing available through the [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) in a protective sleeve for \$5.99 each.
- There is an option to purchase them bundled, making great gifts. Two print subscriptions are \$42, a \$16.00 savings. Grapevine Online combines audio, digital and LaViña.
- Photographs for the wall calendar are being solicited until Dec. 1, 2012. "Bridging the Gap" articles are being called for. If you were 12 stepped through this process, submit your story now for the April edition of Grapevine/La Viña.

**AAWS:**

- The 2016 Pacific Regional Forum location will be chosen at the General Service Conference on Wed., April 24, 2013. Separate from the International Committee, they are looking for a venue for the Regional Forum. Area 8 could host this event. Local forums scheduled for 2014 and beyond will be chosen at the GSC. They can be requested by any service entity or AA community and are attended by at least 2 GSO staff members. Host committees bear all costs. Contact delegate if interested.
- Appointed committee member opening: Trustees Committees on Public Information and Corrections have one opening each for an Appointed Committee Member, (ACM). The ACM serves for 1 year but can be reappointed for 4 consecutive terms. They travel to New York or other venues for board meetings on a quarterly basis and participate in conference calls. An official AA resume is recommended. Submit by Nov. 15, 2012.
- AAWS Publications Director: AAWS is one of the few publishing houses still open. The director is retiring and they are looking to replace her. If you are interested, you can find information about this job on the website.
- Trustees Public Information Committee and Coordinating Council are looking for sharing on whether the current language of the short form of Tradition 11 is sufficient for the digital age. Contact Tom, Area Delegate if you want to contribute to the conversation.

*PRASSA 2013 is on the Area 8 website.*

- The Boise website is not yet functioning. Registration is \$28. Airfare, (Southwest) round trip, is currently \$211. There are 5 hotels listed on the 2013 website. Rates are about \$80 at a local hotel, 2 blocks away from the convention center.

*Updated "Living Sober" is available.*

*Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Area 8! Tom M. 619 405 7777 [delegate@area8aa.org](mailto:delegate@area8aa.org)*

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

- **Last Month – Audio-Visual Presentation “Faith & Works” at Southern California Convention**
  - Heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, speakers, and planners for this event. The rough estimate of attendance at this event was near 100 attendees. A fun, educational, and at times emotional time was experienced by many. We received input from some attendees from outside of the San Diego Area that they would like to see a similar presentation in their own areas.
  - By offering a presentation that involved a focus on personal recovery and related AA history as opposed to a pure focus on AA General Service, our hope was to generate enthusiasm for General Service by demonstrating General Service is was intended to ensure the future of AA, and therefore ensure our personal recovery.( Tradition 1 longform)
  - After the presentation we had a newcomer of 6 months sobriety approach us and say, "How do I get involved in General Service?".
  - Other groups, districts, or Areas that are interested in duplicating our presentation or using what we did to generate something similar can contact me and I will be glad to share our the resources we used to develop the presentation, along with our lessons learned.
  - Area 8 traditionally provides a General Service Metting at this convention every two years when and if it is held in San Diego.

- **This Month – Alternate Delegate Activity Update**

- I accompanied the Delegate for visits to Linguistic Districts 15 and 18 to give reports and take questions and comments regarding the 2012 General Service Conference. (Linguistic districts means a that an area is defined by language rather than its geographic location. In our Area the Linguistic Districts are Spanish Speaking.)

One of the duties of the Delegate is to report to the Districts following each Conference. These visits help accomplish that, and when I can accompany the delegate, Tom, at these meetings, it gives me a chance to practice one of my responsibilities of Alternate Delegate which is to accompany the Delegate whenever possible.

**GSR Orientation at the November 17 Assembly 8:00am start – Community Lutheran Church-Escondido**  
**Consider making reminder calls or emails to new GSRs in your district who have not attended an Assembly Orientation yet.**

This orientation is not intended to duplicate or substitute for any orientation or training that you may receive at your district. The purpose of the Assembly Orientation is to lightly touch on:

- Why we have a General Service Structure
- How it all starts with the Groups / Upside down triangle / 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition
- What role the Districts, Standing Committees, and Area Assembly serve in supporting the Conference
- About today's Assembly. What are we going to do here anyway?

The Conference Report – Where is AA heading?

I encourage everyone to get a copy of the General Service Conference Report and understand for yourself where AA is going, then share those aspects you think your group may be most interested in. The reports for the 2012 are published and available.

The Traditions and Concepts are vital to show us what has worked in the past, and where we are trying to go in the future, and how we might try to conduct ourselves as a group while carrying the AA message.

Are you OK with where AA is headed? Is your Group OK with where AA is headed? Are Groups not OK with the direction of AA but don't have to express their voice?

### **Chairperson's Report: Jane G.**

- No written report.
- Newsletter Chair, Chris, resigning. Newsletter is published 5 times a year, right before each Area Assembly. We are urging members to serve on this vital committee.
- We are looking for members for the finance committee. Even a newcomer to General Service can serve on this committee or any committee. You can volunteer on more than one committee but you have only one vote on one committee. There may be up to 9 votes per committee according to the bylaws. (Thank you, Emily.)
- Notes from Area Inventory have been typed up but we need some pages translated to Spanish.
- We are focusing on resources as part of the DCM Workshop.
- Elections are coming up. General Service Conference Report has a blurb from his Area service highlights, page 47 has a short synopsis of what our area does as service to the groups. There is also a piece on the spirit of rotation. The Keynote Address on page 4 is also recommended.
- We will be using the Membership Survey in the Area Inventory, and a copy will be available for everyone at the Area Assembly. There are 38 million binge drinkers, according to the Centers for Disease Control, and we have only 1.3 million A.A. members. Room to grow...
- Jane shared a blow-up of the Conference Structure from page S18 of the A.A. *Service Manual*, which included a "WE ARE HERE" arrow at the "Area Assemblies" level.

### **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.**

### **Liaison Committee Reports**

**Coordinating Council:** Rick: [SDACO@aol.com](mailto:SDACO@aol.com) Report by: Rick W.

56 groups were represented out of 84 registered Coordinators. There was a quorum (36).

**H & I Representative:** confined and to bring AA General Service Conference approved literature into those institutions). We currently have 400 panels. We have more requests to bring a meeting in than we have volunteers, so we are always looking for new members.

**AFTER HOURS PHONES:** Committee needs a new member to fill a section. Commitment is to check on their sections after-hours groups and assist them in meeting their phone shifts if necessary. The 16th of each month continues to be an OPEN night. Please announce this vacancy at your groups. Some groups answer by call-forwarding during the after-hour shifts. Call Ben @ 619-306-7146.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** Our September 2012 Net Revenue is \$1,101 Our 2012 YTD Net Revenue is \$10,283. Approval of 2013 San Diego Intergroup Budget to present to Coordinating Council was tabled until next month's meeting. No Quorum

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Anniversary of AA in San Diego Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 10th, 9 am– 12 noon at Admiral Baker Clubhouse. Tickets: \$16.00, available for purchase until Monday, November 5th, at 5 pm at Central Office or from Program Committee members. Groups may reserve tables of 8. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bobbie C., 1995 past host committee chair requested a "letter of support" from the Coordinating Council to include in our Area's Bid to host the 2025 International AA Convention. It was m/s/c to approve a letter.

**North County Intergroup:** Not present. (Currently need new liaison.)

**East County Intergroup:** Gary: The East County Intergroup Business Meeting is being held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside Community Center. The next meeting will be Nov. 20 at 7pm. We supply and deliver A.A. literature, as well as meeting information and newcomer brochures. It can be ordered through the website at [www.eastcountyyaa.org](http://www.eastcountyyaa.org) or by calling 1-877-993-2422 Extension 2. The ECI operates through a Virtual Office and with help from volunteers who do 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls. There is still need for several service positions. Contributions from 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, group contributions and literature sales for August 2012 were \$164.00. Expenses were for the Virtual Office phones and the County of San Diego were \$63.43. The total in accounts is \$1,540.42.

**New Business:** Proposal by GSDYPAA Rep to the ECI is to help with their next event, a Poker Run in Nov. ECI will help with donation and distribute flyers.

**Oficina Central Hispana:** Marina, chair. Not present.

**Oficina Intergrupala Condado Norte:** Melecio, chair. Our central office will have elections on Nov. 10 for new officers. Congresso event is 23, 24, 25 of Nov. We will also have a seminar at our office in Feb. A committee has been formed.

**4-Area DCM Sharing Session:** Flyer available to begin coordination. All DCM who have been involved in the past are urged to get in touch with Vince to help bring the whole package together, topics, translation (at every table) We want to stir enthusiasm to make this event in North County worthwhile.

**Oficina Intergrupala Sur, Chula Vista:** Alicia: No meeting last month.

**GSDYPAA:** Emily: GSDYPAA will be holding elections on Sunday, October 28th at noon at LeStats coffee shop on Adams Ave in Normal Heights. It will be followed by a costume contest and a panel meeting on Young Peoples service. GSDYPAA will be hosting a meeting and Poker Run event (for both cars and motorcycles) in November in conjunction with East County Intergroup.

**NSDYPAA:** Emily: Service liaison for NSDYPAA: We meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Potentially moving to Moose Lodge in Oceanside. We currently have several positions opening. Co-hosting Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween meeting and dance with AOCYPAA at Crystal Cathedral. Also hosting annual "Broom Ball" Event meeting to be held Sat. Night, Nov. 10, 10:30-12:30 am, at the Escondido Ice-O-Plex after Tri City Young People's meeting, 7:30-9. Look for flyers.

**Holiday Hoopla,**” meeting and dance set for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, with meeting at Leucadia Step House, 7:30-8:30 pm. NSDYPAA will be hosting a “Games Night” after the Beginner’s Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Tri-City Hospital. The Workshop begins at 5 pm and the “Games Night” with pizza begins at 9 pm.

**Dodgeball** Event in Oceanside, tentatively for Sat. Jan 26, 2013. Looking to be co hosted with ICYPAA and ACYPAA. *San Diego bid for ICYPAA committee was dissolved for 2012. We returned seed money to groups. Elections for 2013 are tentatively scheduled to be held in North County on Dec 2, at 3:30 pm.* [Mannbark@gmail.com](mailto:Mannbark@gmail.com), 619-517-1805

**2025 AA International Convention Update:** (Bid Committee chair, Bobby) Mike and I attended NC Intergroup and Coordinating Council to ask for support. We will request a letter from other So Cal Assemblies. Area 8 has already submitted a letter of support. Bid package sent to our delegate with instructions. Questionnaire has to be filled out and sent out by the end of Nov. Convention history for this area was easy. We believe our bid will be beautiful but we are prepared to submit a bid for 2030 in the event our bid is not accepted. We serve as the host only. The General Service Office does most of the work and we just cooperate with them.

**Seniors in Sobriety:** Dixie, We are looking for a letter of support for the *Seniors in Sobriety Convention* for Sept. 9, 2013. We are asking if Area 8 wants to put on a presentation

**Native American Liaison:** Jeff S, (Chair): ([jestruve@san.rr.com](mailto:jestruve@san.rr.com)) Not present.

**DCM Sharing Session:** Vince: Hosting this event in 2012. Looking at venues in North County and asking previous participants to contact him with sharing on their experiences.

**Liaison to the Seniors in Sobriety conference:** Dixie: Each week, Seniors in Sobriety meets, Fridays, 1:30, Alano Club at 35<sup>th</sup> and Grape, to discuss what we can do for the Senior in Sobriety and related things. The group elected Dixie as their liaison. There was also discussion about an upcoming Conference.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Break: Birthdays since the September ACM were celebrated: Tim, 28, Tom, 5, Jennifer, 24, Renee, 22.**

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

District 1: Blaine: District One is supporting the November 10 Serenity Cruise Ship event with \$300 and volunteers. The GSRs reviewed the 2012 General Service Conference’s actions and will share them with their groups.

District 2: Wilma: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> *Serenity Cruise* Event is coming along. Please join us and see fellow sober friends carry the message through their talents. Tickets are \$7.00.

District 3: Guy: Butch M., Alt. Treasurer visited to discuss the 2013 Budget. GSRs asked questions. No other business transpired.

District 4: Michelle: 3 new GSRs. Practiced “Minority Opinion” voting on some decisions regarding the “Traditionally Speaking” event to be held Nov. 10. GSR attended Big Day Business Assembly and reported on his experience.

District 5: Vince: No Report

District 6: Renee: Focusing on New Year’s Eve Alkathon. Planning meeting, Nov. 7 at 6 pm, Coco’s on El Cajon Blvd. Developing flyer and delegating tasks as needed.

District 7: Rich: No report.

District 8: Tanya: We had a visit from the Area Delegate about the GSO Conference Report.

District 9: Fred (Treasurer) Meeting changed to 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. beginning Oct. 24, 2012, at Denny’s, El Centro on Imperial.

District 10: Paul: Updating visitation schedule.

District 11: Karen: Nothing to report.

District 12: Connie: Finalized plans for “Emotionally Sobriety” workshop now being co hosted with Dist. 11. Please come. Flyers available on the Area website with a map.

District 13: Tim: Area chair, Jane and Literature Chair, Ray, gave pitches on serving on committees. Jane talked about the “Spirit of Rotation” and Ray on the “Joys of Serving on the Literature Committee.”

District 14: Gary: 2 new GSRs this past month. Trying new readings before and after meeting such as “Why we need a Conference.” We are moving forward with our idea to publish a newsletter every other month.

District 15: Cruz: Every Friday we meet. Our last meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup> with 21 GSRs present. We want to thank the Delegate for visiting and giving us a report on the final Conference. We have elections coming up. We invite our Area Chair and the Alt. Delegate to help out with the elections, Nov. 18. We are working on a possible event for General Service Workshop for District 15. Chairs of the different committees and the officers meet every Friday. Thanks to all who attended the Sixth Local Foro. Thanks also to Delegate Tom for sharing at the Foro. Elections are in November for 2013-14. We have a committee working on our annual conference, next on January 19, 2013. We are hosting this Saturday’s assembly.

District 16: Crystal: Paul, Finance Chair, visited our district and gave a presentation on the 2013 Proposed Area Budget. We finalize our Labor Day Picnic plans. The GSRs are taking suggestions from their groups on establishing a district pie chart.

District 17: Not present.

District 18: Juan (Alt): Business meeting was held on Monday, September 17, and visited a group every week. We attend anniversary meetings of groups to share on a topic. Committees are doing very well. Discussed and agreed to send \$10.00 to GSO.

District 19: Jennifer: District business from this panel was placed on top of agenda. District development and outreach to dark Groups and bored old timers was the discussion. Inventory and development will remain high on agenda. Elections facilitated by two other DCMs are next month. I’m pushing the lessons in Concept IX and X before elections. We only had an alt DCM for 2 months this panel. The District asked me why no one is available. I said nothing. I’m hoping someone tonight will tell me. The “Pass It On” information for the next Area Committee Meeting Coffee maker is in pictures. I hope many will be available for this service. It has been just the Second Legacy boost I needed.

District 20: Margo: Halloween Party in Fallbrook. Raffle and meeting. Wear a costume.

District 21: John: Final planning for November Area Assembly. Flyers are available. Election will be held in December. Area officers will be asked to help with district election.

District 22: Tom: Thank you to Alicia for stepping up as translation chair and Bobby for the International bid committee. We are cleaning up our registry and Monty attended our meeting to work with our registrar to update the district database. We discussed budget and we lost a secretary but another stepped up. We also updated the literature committee’s responsibilities.

District 23: Dustin(Alt.): Preparing 2013 budget. We are below our prudent reserve but this may be because we have changed PO Box for 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 3 years. We have a new treasurer.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Accessibilities: Alan: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of the month at Central Office. ASL donations only partially covering funding of ASL interpretation for four meetings per week. We will be having elections for chair, alt chair and secretary.

Agenda: Karen: Nothing to report.

Archives: Carrie: Still collecting group histories and we can visit your group or event. Forms are on the website. ROOTS is Nov. 18, 2-4pm, Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla. We need specific help—Cookie Chair moved. We also need set-up help to make sure cookies show up and are on display for the event. Flyers are available but keep things “green” by emailing this event to friends and group members. Bring cookies!

CPC: Bob: We met in San Marcos. We had 10 members present. Elections for coordinators for GSO event, Gerontological Society of America, Nov. 15-17. We have large inventory of literature. Our next meeting, Oct. 29, is at Central Office, 6:30 pm. We are going to have a “Show and Tell” or role playing about how to approach possible community members. We are looking for places to put literature so let us know.

Finance: Paul: (No one present) Paul is rotating out. There were 4 members. Alt. chair resigned. The committee needs ALL NEW MEMBERS.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Visitations to districts almost complete. We need a few alternate members. We will be at the Oct. 27 *Emotional Sobriety Workshop* and at Roots in Nov.

Information Technologies: Steve: We paid for Website for another year. Dustin will be doing webmaster guidelines.

Literature: Ray: We meet each month at Central Office. We continue to work on a project of creating a synopsis of all our AA pamphlets. There are newly revised and updated pamphlets and books available. Our next meeting is Nov. 19 at 7pm at Central Office. Dist. 6, 7, and 19: We can show some movies at your Alkathon!

NCAIC: Rich: Not present

Newsletter: Chris: Chair is resigning by January. Beth, currently editor, may step up to be the chair. Chair has been taking the minutes. New format for the newsletter seems well received. Hoping to have PRASSA registration forms in the next newsletter.

Policy: Paul: We are developing a DCM manual survey. Handout available tonight. Please complete and return it to policy at the next ACM. (This survey may be available via Survey Monkey soon.) Request made to Spanish speaking members to put email addresses on paper to send Survey Monkey in Spanish. We reviewed change to the motion presented last month. We discussed a development of an ad hoc committee for reviewing DCM manual.

SDIAIC: Chris: San Diego H&I takes meetings into hospitals and others places of confinement where alcoholics can't get out to meetings. There are 125 meetings per month going into correctional institutions and 250 meetings per month go into the hospital/treatment centers. There is always a need for volunteers to serve on panels. There are two orientations each month – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, noon @ 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm @ Central Office. Budget - The 2013 budget will be presented to the Business meeting in Nov. for adoption. Contact On Release and Corrections Correspondence is a part of SDIAIC. Inmates have recently requested Spanish speaking correspondence. In Nov., the election process will proceed as described in our P & G.

Translation: No report.

Archivist: Joe: Not present.

## **AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **Motion Presentations:**

*This motion is brought forward to change text on Page 3, Section III B.*

*The Ad Hoc Committee felt many AA members may not be aware that they can attend Area Assemblies. They also made reference to the General Service manual page S37 that states the following:*

*“Any AA member may attend, and in many areas members are encouraged to attend assemblies as a way of encouraging them to become active in General Service.”*

*When we looked at the original text it didn't have anything about them being non-voting members.*

*Current Text:*

*B. Non-voting member of the Area Assembly: Past Delegates of the Area Assembly have “ex-officio” non-voting status.*

*Proposed Text:*

*B. Non-voting members of the Area Assembly:*

- 1. Past Delegates of the Area Assembly have “ex-officio” non-voting status.*
- 2. Any AA member may attend and participate in discussions although they do not hold voting status.*

*(Adding a line into the guidelines.)*

*Discussion:*

- ◆ *I am so in favor of that change.*
- ◆ *Is this the only place where it says that others are encouraged to attend Area Assembly? I believe so.*



- ◆ *The voting members are the members of the Assembly but anyone can attend.*
- ◆ *We are voting to see if we should move to recommend this change to the Area Assembly.*
- ◆ *Butch proposed the amendment.*
- ◆ *Tim seconded.*

*Discussion:*

*Passes with recommendation.*

*Gary S.*

*Motion re: Prudent Reserve*

*Gary read from correspondence maintained by GSO and from Conference Approved A.A. Literature in support of the motion.*

*\*\* The SD Imperial area establish a \$2,500 prudent reserve, requiring substantial unanimity from area officers and*

*Does this committee make that decision or the area officers and alternates?*

*We are open to a friendly amendment to this ....*

**Discussion:**

*(Continued discussion from last month)*

- ◆ *Everything is important for our area but our finance committee needs people. Is it more important to establish a prudent reserve or bring people to the finance committee? Where are our priorities? Our standing committees are more important than this motion.*
- ◆ *Warranty 2 of the 12 Concepts is all about Bill W's recommendation that we have sufficient operating funds and a prudent reserve. I think it is a wise thing. We should look at this.*
- ◆ *When I came up through service...I was raised in service that had set in place a way to deal with Area needs. When we needed money we asked the groups for it. When we did this we had never been denied. This set in motion our principle of corporate poverty.*
- ◆ *I suggest we move this to the area assembly. All we can do is send it to the groups to decide whether or not we have a prudent reserve. It's not the place of this committee.*
- ◆ *For new people: We are carrying out our duty to recommend or not recommend this motion to go to the Area Assembly. Regarding the motion, towards the end, there was concern about our area already having a prudent reserve. We evaluate the budget quarterly (25% rule) to see if our income has surpassed our budget and the question is why are asking for a prudent reserve when we already have a system in place.*
- ◆ *Operating reserve is different than a prudent reserve.*
- ◆ *I believe the original motion was to replace F1 and F2.*
- ◆ *That was a misunderstanding.*
- ◆ *We could change the wording for clarity.*
- ◆ *What I remember is that we were talking about allowing area committee access to a larger amount of accessible funds for operations. I feel there is a need for a higher limit for use here at the committee. Change wording to "discretionary funds" ...*
- ◆ *I believe that is another motion. Discretionary funds are different than a prudent reserve. Is there money available at any time? We look towards a prudent reserve for this purpose. Bill Ws take on prudent reserves speaks about the need to stay solvent. When available it is made good use of. It applies at every level. I have learned from my mistakes and we learn here too. I read about it at great length and this idea runs all the way through our groups. Corporate poverty does not mean walking around without a prudent reserve.*
- ◆ *I believe a prudent reserve is only to pay for rent and operating expenses, for one month. Then you go back to the groups and ask them. It is not an amount made up.*

- ◆ *I understand with our current funding that we are not even supporting our budget right now. We need to know how we are going to populate our fund. This assumes that capital is available. Our finance committee chair and treasurer report that money does not exist.*
- ◆ *Any time a need arises we have always gone back to the groups. I was schooled by past finance chairs about the way corporate poverty works. If we would adjust our fiscal year from Oct. to Oct. we would not have this problem. Our operating account exists so we would be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and we would be accountable to the groups. This is more of a buffer between the ACM and the groups.*
- ◆ *Can you give me an example how this would help us?*
- ◆ *ASL is a great example. If we had had a prudent reserve and we didn't have time to go to the assembly. We could have gone into the reserve and used it to fund ASL. The committee would have told the assembly that we used the money and for what. It is a stop-gap measure until we have the funds. It is mostly for unbudgeted or unforeseen expenses.*
- ◆ *Notes from last month refers to a friendly amendment to go back to leave F1 and F2 as is. Disbursement of funds for unbudgeted expenses was ...*
- ◆ *Return to page 9 of last month's minutes.*
- ◆ *Motion not to recommend...*
- ◆ *Call the question. Seconded.*
- ◆ *Have we had sufficient discussion on this?*
- ◆ *If we are only deciding whether to recommend then we are ready.*
- ◆ *We are voting whether or not to vote.*
- ◆ *18 for and 6 Opposed to voting.*
- ◆ *There is more flexibility. It is the chairperson's responsibility to control the meeting...so that we have ample discussion before voting.*
- ◆ *There are too many people that are taking the motion in too many directions.*
- ◆ *I think that we are calling the question because we are tired and want to go home.*
- ◆ *The chair has the responsibility of the direction of the committee.*
- ◆ *We have the interest of the groups at hand.*
- ◆ *We started with entertaining a friendly amendment...we need to close or call the question. If we can't stay focused we need to end things here. We are only confusing each other. Can we get back to the topic? We need to clean it up. We've called the question and voted. Let's get it back to the question.*
- ◆ *There is insufficient information.*
- ◆ *If the motion has merit we will find it through the group conscience method. If the issue is so confusing it will be sent and not passed.*
- ◆ *We will adjourn.*

**Motion re: GSO Send-off Calculation**

**No Time for Discussion:**

- Tabled

**Ad hoc Area Inventory Questions: Jane G.**

- Tabled

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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