

**San Diego / Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAC)**

**San Diego H & I**

**Policy Council Meeting Minutes**

**By Zoom September 19, 2021**

- I. Meeting called to order** by Diana at 11:04. Present were Diana, Blaine, Lauren, BillTwain, Stevan, Shelley B., Mario (and members of his committee), Larry F., Chris R., Eric F., Lindsay P., Del B., Brahmkaryie, Christian T., Eric F.

A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Brahmkaryie celebrated 15 years this month! Congratulations, Brahmkaryie!

**II. Minutes** – August minutes were not approved because Diana skipped over this item. They will be approved next month (with abject apologies to Lauren, who did a great job of conducting the August meeting and doing the minutes!!!)

**Reports:**

- 1. Orientation (Del/Lauren)** – Del reported that orientation went well; there were 10 people in attendance. There were attendees belonging to groups who were bringing meetings into institutions but not a part of the H&I structure. We encouraged them to participate with H&I. Del agreed to conduct two orientations each month going forward: one in person at the Machinists' Hall on the third Sunday of the month at noon, and one virtual the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Thank you, Del!!
- 2. Librarian (Chris R.)** – Chris reported that he is distributing literature from his garage and at his home group meeting. He gave literature to a half dozen coordinators this month. He is looking forward to having in person literature distribution at the Machinists' Hall on the third Sunday of the month, and will let people who ask for literature know to show up to pick it up at that time. He will also take an inventory and place an order for more literature. We will add Chris's phone number to the panel spreadsheets so that it is readily available for coordinators.
- 3. Registrar (Howard)** – No report.
- 4. Corrections Chair (David B.)** – Larry and Brahmkaryie talked about going back into Donovan in person. Brahmkaryie will be the coordinator for the meetings themselves; Larry will coordinate the clearance process, which is complicated. We will check to see where else we might be able to go into corrections facilities. Christian reported that MCC is not yet ready for in person meetings; Eric F. reported that the Miramar Brig is also not yet ready for in person meetings.
- 5. Contact on Release (Shelly)** – We reviewed COR – We received one volunteer form, added to our master list; we received one phone request from a third party regarding an individual in Donovan no DOR, interested in COR. Passed on the information for obtaining the COR form and sending it to us once the release date is available.
- 6. Treasurer (Lindsay)** – Lindsay reported that we had income of \$2,312, expenses of \$4. Our starting bank balance was \$36,467 and our ending balance is \$38,775. Our income is slightly under budget. We have way too much money and need to place a literature order.
- 7. Treatment Chair (Open)** – BillTwain reported that he has contacted all of the facilities we go in to, and has found panel coordinators for most of the needed positions. BillTwain has been accompanying individuals in the first time, showing them the ropes, and asking that they attend the orientation before assigning them as panel leaders. Blaine cautioned that this may not be sufficient experience for being a panel leader, and that we may need to follow up with them to

be sure they are willing and able to continue in the position. Shelley asked if there were a way to determine which panels needed help. Bill Twain responded that he wasn't trying to fill individual spots, only the panel leaders. It is apparent that we are having some communication problems with some of the panel leaders/coordinators.

**8. Clearance (Blaine)** – Blaine has clearance forms. He will distribute them when/if asked.

**9. Policy and Guidelines (Larry F.)** – Larry is ready to update our guidelines in line with what happens going forward as we start back in-person. We can then proceed to approve current guidelines.

**10. Alternate Chair (Lauren)** – Lauren reported that she attended the Coordinating Council and gave our report. She announced that we would be going back to in person orientation, which was well received. The Central Office is printing directories again in limited quantities. It was suggested that Chris place an order for directories since the ones we might have are very out of date. Unity Day will be October 2 from 10:30 – 2:00. We will be participating.

**11. Chair (Diana)** – Diana reported that she attended the two ACM;s that occurred since our last meeting, and supplied a report, though did not give one. She has been responding to inquiries on the website – usually for interest in volunteering in H&I or for literature.

**11. North County Liaison (Open)** – No report

**12. So Cal H&I Intergroup Liaison (Blaine)** – Blaine reported that the meeting was held hybrid in the San Fernando Valley. Some state prisons in the northern part of our territory have started allowing volunteers to go back in. We are hoping we will be able to resume going to Calipatria and Centinela soon. The next meeting is in Morro Bay. There has been no mention of a conference for 2022....yet.

**13. Area 8 Liaison (Blaine)** – The next Area Assembly is on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom. Flyer with coordinates is available on the Area 8 Website. All are welcome to attend. This is the election assembly and will be facilitated by our Regional Trustee Kathy and the Tech people at Area 5, so we are in good hands. GSR School starts at 8; assembly starts at 9:15.

**14. Spanish Corrections Liaison (Mario)** – Mario reported that their committee will be meeting tonight; that they meet once a month at this time. He has 6 volunteers to go into the prisons, and is looking forward to going into Donovan and LaCima. The Spanish intergroup has elected a Treatment Chair. Diana forwarded a copy of the treatment spreadsheet to Mario to pass along to the new treatment chair. The Spanish H&I Conference will be in December.

**15. GSDYPAA Liaison (Open)** – No report.

**15. Imperial County Liaison (Lou)** – No report.

**16. Website (Shelley)** – Shelley reported that the website should be current. If you have anything for Shelley to put on the website, please send it to her.

## Old Business

October Service Event October 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30-1:30

Program:

	9:30-10	Meet and Greet
	10:00	Del Orientation Why? Who? When?
	10:15	BillTwain Panel choice How? Who?
	10:30	Lauren Contact on Release
ASK!	10:45	Catherine S. Coordinator? Why? What?
ASK!	11:00	Amber – Seen from the “other side:.....
	11:15	Q&A
	11:30	Lunch
	12:00	Orientation
	12:45	Business Meeting

Programs

Panel Spreadsheets

Orientation information

Diana has display materials.

Food Diana/Lauren.....check with Sherisa about coffee stuff.

## New Business

Officer slate for 2022

Chair	Diana A.
Alternate Chair	Lauren B.
Treatment Chair	BillTwain G.
Corrections Chair	ASK! David B.
Treasurer	Lindsay P.
Alternate Treasurer	ASK! Stevan S.

Budget creation: Diana and Stevan (and Lindsay, if she wants) will create the budget for 2022 and present it via email to the policy council for review and approval

Meeting adjourned with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Thank you for letting me be of service