



# CNCA COMMENTS



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**California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous**

PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

June 2012

At the May 26 **Area Committee Meeting** (“**ACM**”), we passed a housekeeping motion (“**HKM**”) to continue funding an Area BTG Chair representative for travel to the H&I General Committee Meetings, though the reference to H&I Steering Committee Meetings was not included. The latter was included in the latest motion that addressed this issue in 2004. This intention of this current HKM is to align the motions books to reflect CNCA’s current practice, rather than to change policy.

The Interpretation and Translation (“I&T”) Committee presented their revised I&T guidelines for approval. Since there was an objection this will be new business in June.

We finished discussing the report addressing electronic distribution of the *CNCA Comments*. The report will automatically be added to the motions book. The Web Committee informed the ACM that they will post “anonymized” *CNCA Comments*. After consulting with the ACM later in the day, they confirmed that the newsletter will be posted in its entirety as a PDF, which the report suggests. Implementing other portions of the committee’s recommendations besides those regarding the website requires motions because the other recommendations differ from the relevant motions already approved. Future motions could request implementing all the recommendations in their entirety, only some of the recommendations, or perhaps all recommendations with the exceptions of others. Anyone considering a motion should contact me ASAP. Please join me in thanking the ad-hoc committee for researching the issues and compiling the report.

We discussed two items of new business. This first one requests reimbursing the PI/CPC Chair for travel expenses to PI/CPC exhibit events. The phrase “when possible, a HKM will be provided” was deleted from it via requests for and acceptance of an amendment. One might suggest that the amendment was “organic” as it were. I suppose you had to be there to appreciate it fully. The second motion is Marin’s re-sub-districting request.

The motion about the Preamble as printed on the Post-Conference Assembly’s agenda had typos. Please refer to the correct wording in the *CNCA Comments* and on the website.

The deadline for submitting ideas for Summer Assembly workshop topics is the June 23 ACM. Please submit suggestions to any Area Officer.

We must get a bid for the 2013 Pre-Conference Assembly soon. Interested districts should contact Agustin.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. And have a great summer!

Jeff O., Area Chair

Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants,

The 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference is in the rear view mirror, as is the Delegate's Conference Report as delivered at the Post Conference Assembly. Of course all the Advisory Actions, Additional Committee Considerations and non actions are available from you local DCM or DCMC. For me it's always been the story behind those actions that is most interesting. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to attend their local version of the Conference report, be it at the regular District meeting or at a Special Event such as the Unity Days scheduled in many Districts in the upcoming months. These reports are an excellent opportunity to invite the AA member who may not currently be involved with General Service to "have a listen" to what's going on in AA as a whole. We never know when we can plant the seed for our future leaders. *"Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity." Concept IX, AA Service Manual pg 34*

As everyone who has heard the report on this year's Conference already knows; items of financial consideration were at the forefront of many of the decisions made at the Conference. There was a committee recommendation to spend \$75K to update the "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" video that failed because the cost seemed prohibitive at this time. There was another recommendation to remove a line of dialog from the "Hope" video that failed for similar reasons; the \$9K cost could not be justified. The Conference Finance Committee proposed recommendations that could enhance revenue and also embrace financial prudence. While these recommendations were not supported by the Conference I believe they have started a much needed dialog within the General Service Board and within the Fellowship they serve.

For the reasons stated above I was quite excited to learn that the Area Committee voted to include a Finance Section to the CNCA06.org website. This newly added area on the website provides tools to better inform the fellowship about the importance of being Self Supporting through contributions. I hope everyone takes the time to look at the "Self Support Challenge 2012" and share with their fellow members. The real challenge still being; how do we get this vital information to the 57% of AA Groups that are missing out on the spiritual connection that comes with contributing?

Please remember we have a very special event happening within our Area next month. The Spanish Speaking Linguistic District's, with help from several English speaking Districts, will be hosting a Local Forum in Daly City on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (see CNCA 06.org website for flyer). The purpose of Local Forums is to bring Forum information to A.A. members in remote, sparsely populated areas, urban neighborhoods or underserved A.A. communities. The Forum will be an excellent opportunity to get better informed while sharing with GSO staff member Eva S. and Regional Trustee Rod B. and a host of other past and present General Service Trusted Servants. All are welcome; I hope to see you there!

Now more than ever, with a full and thankful heart, Ken

# AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 2012

## CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 2012

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held 26 May 2012 at the Petaluma Community Center. Jeff O. opened the meeting at 12.30PM with the Serenity Prayer. Jennifer K. of District 10 read the AA Preamble. JB R. of District 13 read Tradition 5 and Nichole L. of District 40 read Concept 5. There were 4 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob K. (Panel 47), Doug G. (Panel 53), and Sharon A. (Panel 57). There were no new GSRs present and 2 new DCMs present. The April minutes & financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Sobriety Anniversaries totaled: 54 years.

Registered attendance: Voting=43, Non-voting=30.

### OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Ken M.*: Thanks to District 05 for the assembly. PRAASA 2016 will be in Spokane, Washington, I have sent out all reports that deal with any actions at the conference, some of which had no action taken. The item of "spirit of rotation" will be put in the service manual. AAWS is looking for Non Trustee Directors, and Class A Trustee's (non-alcoholic). I will be visiting districts for the Delegates conference report and encourage you to invite all non-general service people to attend. We need to have more dialogue on self-support, and not let it pass by the way side.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Padee M.*: Grateful for all of your support and truly missed you all at the assembly.

AREA CHAIR *Jeff O.*: Deadline for assembly topics is due by June ACM. Oliver G. was hospitalized with a collapsed lung is better and at home now.

TREASURER *Stacey S.*: \$9,500 Checking Account Balance, Contributions \$5,469, with expenses \$8,000 leaving us with \$7,964. Post-Conference Assembly was \$400 under budget which is less than originally reported of

\$900. Nice contributions from Districts 12, 17, 20 and ICYPAA event.

REGISTRAR *Raymundo L.*: Sent out Assembly registration numbers, and if you hold more than one position –Please only sign in on one space, so not to mess with the final numbers.

RECORDING Secretary *Richard H.*: Make sure you sign in on the voting sign-in sheets and on the right side.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Agustin L.*: Thanks to District 5 for the post-conference assembly and the summer assembly is District 40 San Jose. Please bring your FM radio.

LITERATURE/GV *Tony R.*: Pamphlet for Armed Services was approved. Twelve Concepts for World Service will be added to the book "As Bill Sees It." Final revision of "Living Sober" with minor changes due out.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY *Sean W.*: no report

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Mark C.*: We had small turn out, added one GSR, with one joining next month Unity Day next week.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Russ A.*: Great meeting had good participation at all levels. Reconfigured sub-districts for better sub-district coverage per DCMs. 13 June for pot luck and delegate report with District 01. GV subscription drive starting in September.

04 SANTA CLARA NO. *Shannon S.*: Finding out how to get GSR representation for groups that don't have GSRs. Looking into insurance policy to cover all groups. One group had to close because of high insurance costs and two other groups had hardships with the same.

40 SANTA CLARA SO. *Chauncey H.*: Hosting for summer assembly, H&I group doing well, PI/CPC committee working hard, 100 took part in PI/CPC workshop, need for participants is great.

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

05 SAN MATEO *Steve*: Lost coffee pot has been found, misplaced in wrong box. Looking forward to Summer Assembly.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Karen S.*: 4 items took up most of the meeting.

07 ALAMEDA No. *Bobbie A.*: District pleased with having motion for Area officer travel presented.

70 ALAMEDA So. *Ray W.*: Motion to bid on assembly in 2013 is in front of district. Delegates report this Monday.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Debbie D.*: 3 people to participate as liaisons in local forum. Presentation for district newsletter, which would combine numerous emails, more to come. 12 June for delegates report and pot luck.

09 SOLANO So. *Dave W.*: no report

90 SOLANO No. *Pat H.*: Unity day 9 June in Vacaville. Trying to get greater attendance and interest with GSRs.

10 MARIN *Carolyn M.*: Registrar is auditing and finding out which groups have GSRs and which don't. Treasurer is staying, crisis over. Twice as many people attending assemblies this year as compared to last year.

11 NAPA *Randy C.*: Unity Day and delegates report on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Working on signage for the bus system, taking our time on what has become a sensitive issue.

12 SONOMA *Michael Q.*: Held third legacy election and have new liaison for district 18, Barbeque and delegate report is next District meeting.

13 LAKE *Phil B.*: The honeymoon is still going on after the assembly and we have 2 new GSRs and new BTG Chair.

14 MENDOCINO *John W.*: no report given

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Heather P.*: 2 new GSRs, Del Norte (Crescent City) next district meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> June for celebration day.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Juan Carlos A.*: 16 June for Unity Day. 25 for local forum

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Sergio B.*: Working with groups who do not have GSRs and we have 2 new GSRs. Motivating groups to work towards local forum.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Isidro T.*: Continues to working with our committees and working hard with district 12 to get them going forward. Every year after our anniversary we send money to GSO and sent \$240 to GSO and \$180 to the Area. We want to thank the area officers for helping us.

19 SPANISH So. SOUTH *Adrian*: Great turn out at assembly, 24 June for Anniversary, PI booth will be set up @Greenfield Health Fair. District asked for help from English speaking community and received it. District 14 will host next inter-district meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

20. SPANISH EAST *Javier L.*: Working for the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Vina', also our GSRs working with groups with no GSRs.

### AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *PETER M.*: A lot of districts are having Unity and Founder days on the same day and we are trying to accommodate all of them. We are investigating the history of CNCA and Districts and trying to get a list together. We are working to get all information into digital format.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Mary Lou M.*: Presentations 34, with 109 requests. The Petaluma mail box had not been picked up and requests were not being met. Some inmates were released and not being met at a meeting. We are discussing changes and to insure this will not happen again. Q. Were all districts affected? A. District Eureka, Ukiah, this report will go to all BTG Chairs.

FINANCE *Sharon A.*: Looking over the 2013 budget process May thru Dec. We will be asking standing committee chairs for a few minutes next month for a brief presentation on how to complete the budget worksheets. We will have the worksheets for each committee and they will be due at the Summer Assembly.

PI/CPC *Padee M.*: An anonymity break at SF.com with a marriage that has happened and is being followed up on that. Next month we meet with H&I and BTG on how we work together on things. Q. Next month 1&1/2 hour meeting? A. no-it will be 1 hour.

WEBSITE *Bob K.*: We had discussions about: Putting the CNCA Comments on the web site is to be in what format? PDF or other? Either way we can do. Working on addresses for archive material to be sent. We had a discussion about having the motions book on the web site. Discussion about "Pass it on".

INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION *Teddy W.*: Written "Pass it on" for next panel is being prepared. The ASL conference report is available, Contact "INTchair.p61@CNACA06.org" for ASL Video. Discussion about having two more translators for Summer Assembly.

CNCA COMMENTS *Scott G.*: 118 First Class mail, 1331 total mailing 1178 Bulk mail, 1450 total printing

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Juan G.*: 225 Comentarios printed, 75 distributed 75 at Post-Conference Assembly, 100 mailed.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Judy W.*: General Service: the noun vs. General Service: the Verb by Susan S. Dist. 07. Next month: Making General Service Accessible: by Jennifer B. Dist.12

NCCAA *Diane O.*: 65<sup>th</sup> Summer Conference in Auburn July 6, 7 and 8; same weekend as Local Forum.

H&I Diane O.: Steering Committee discussed reimbursement of steering committee members (doing business for H&I) going to and from meetings and will be going on for awhile. 5 Spanish regions 100 have been divided into 5 smaller regions. Chairs will be elected for each region. 42<sup>nd</sup> annual H&I Conference to be held in Foster City April 5, 6, and 7, 2013.

LITERATURE AND GV SHARING SESSION *CARLTON R.*: Richard W. presented on Literature Agenda topics and what happened to each one. Next month Carlton to present on G.V. Agenda topics.

LOCAL FORUM: Adrian: Flyers have list of hotels and district 40, district 70, and district 8 helping and thank you Contact us for tables for H&I, PI/CPC, Literature and other. 9<sup>th</sup> June for next meeting, 3458 Caesar Chavez St. San Francisco @9:00a.m. Web>> [www.aasf.org/localforum.cfn](http://www.aasf.org/localforum.cfn)

YPAA REPORT *Nick M.*: 9<sup>th</sup> June speaker meeting, dance to follow, \$10 suggested donation, in Los Gatos at the Los Gatos Masonic Lodge, 131 E. Main Street Los Gatos, Ca.

### HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

“CNCA eliminate the reference to H&I Steering Committee Meetings from motion 0402-3 as follow: The Area BTG Chair or his/her representative be funded by the area for travel to the H&I General Committee Meetings at normal reimbursement policy rate.” Presented by BTG Committee.

**Explanation:** H&I have two different meetings: 1. General meeting 2. Steering Committee meeting. BTG does not attend the steering committee mtg. and has not previously. BTG attends the General Meeting.

**Discussion:** Q. what does the motion currently say and when was it passed. A. It was passed in 2004 and it says General and Steering Committee meetings, this is just to clean up the motion. Q. Can we change a motion in the past or the previous motion? Is this a replacement? A. No this is a new motion. Q. We use to attend both meetings BTG and H&I meetings A. No- BTG shouldn't go to

the steering committee mtg. Q. This motion will not cost the area any money correct? A. that is correct—it was budgeted but not spent. A. This will change the amount of money spent. A. This will change the amount of money spent. (because it is not spent)

**NO OBJECTION :** >>>>MOTION PASSES<<<<

**Guidelines:** Interpretation and Translation Guidelines. – I&T

Q. Page 2 number 6 b: All other resources be exhausted? It almost sounds like offensive language and doesn't seem like it belongs in an AA document, unenforceable; I will be objecting to this motion. In our committee we want this to be a HK motion. Q. Item 6 –a thru f, if all those requirements are met will the IT committee need to bring a HK motion to loan out the equipment or would it be just up to the IT committee? A. Then it would be just the IT committee. Q. If those requirements aren't met would that require a HK motion? A. If the requirements aren't met then we would weigh that and bring forth a HK motion where the AC could decide. Q. Area chair should have contact with all districts and there should be an area officer to lend the equipment out at that time.

>>There was an objection and will be NEW Business next month<<  
(SEVENTH TRADITION & BREAK) 2:10 to 2:225pm)

### Area Business

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

That the Area PI/CPC be reimbursed, according to the area's reimbursement policy, for travel expenses to PI/CPC events within CNCA, when participation is needed. When possible, a HKM will be provided. –Padee M., CNCA PI/CPC Chair.

**Discussion:** We have word smith this to death and we should just reimburse according to guidelines. Q. Does this mean the PI/CPC Chair is not getting reimbursed? A. Yes Q. When and why the chair should be needed? How often? A.

Q. This is to man booths that are not being manned by local entities'. Q. You mean the last four panels they having been doing this with out reimbursement. A Not sure if I can answer but there haven't been any reimbursements. Q. The question comes whether this is covered by area's guidelines or not. It seems that they should already be covered by area guidelines. A. this is to able people who are not financial able to go to be able to go. Some of the time the delegates fund this out of their own

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

pockets. A. This was for an international event ICYPAA in SF and there were travel expenses, mileage, parking and bridge tolls. Q. What are the guidelines? A. 0.42 cents a mile and if the trip is more than 2 ½ hours then hotel (\$75) and meal (\$10) reimbursed.

**Motion amended: “That the area PI/CPC be reimbursed, according to the area’s reimbursement policy, for travel expenses to PI/CPC events within CNCA, when participation is needed.”**

Q. The motion should say PI/CPC representative instead of area chair would make it more open. Q. I like as request because it represents more like what the inverted triangle shows that the group is in change. Q. I like the way it is worded. ICYPAA doesn’t know what they are requesting and don’t know who specifically who to ask for. Q. CPC is so diverse in this area that I just want to support what the CPC committee does.

**>>>>Old Business next month<<<<<**

### **New Business:**

That District 10, Marin, decrease its number of sub-districts from 12 to 8- District 10, Marin

**Discussion:** Q. That Marin knows what is best for them. Q. This is a district decision and should remain there. We in this committee do not know what is going on in their district. Q I am uncomfortable with plan, because I asked did you talk to all the groups and you said -No! Q. Is there a requirement for a district to change number of sub-districts for it to come to the area?

**>>>>Old Business next month<<<<<**

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

#### **Electronic Comments Ad-Hoc Committee Report:**

Comments: WEB Committee report---Does the Area want pieces put on the web site or does the area want a PDF File or something else. A. We just need to trust you guys to do it.

Q. The motion was to put the entire “Comments” on the WEB site, as this document is now. Q. Is there any reason why we can’t do both. A. It would be cumbersome to do both. A. We are going to put this on the web site and we are done with this. A. We need a sanitized version for the web site.

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

Should DCM and/or DCMC sharing sessions in December or January of the new panel be dedicated to orienting new DCMCs and DCMs?

Q. Some form of orientation would be welcome and make the new DCMs and DCMCs more comfortable. Q. Yes this is an excellent idea. We don’t have elections until December would make the new officers better informed. Q. What are we orienting to? But in the district that is in the district with a pass-it-on. Q. This should be covered at the district level! Q. Who is going to do this orientation and what are they going to cover. We all do things different things in our district. Some ideas are novel and some not. Who is to tell the new DCM what to do or what would work. Q. More important is who would do it and what would they do? Q. Why is an Area doing a district’s job? What about the districts who don’t have DCMs and who are they going to listen to? Explaining the job in ten or fifteen minutes might be better then a whole hour or more. Q. Where I learned the most was the DCMC sharing Sessions.

### ***“WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?”***

How are we going to do the CNCA Comments that is in June the way we are going to put them on the web site? // A. We have only the authority to put the comments on the web site. // Discussion about line item in the budget and about the care and maintenance of the equipment.

Meeting closed at 3:30pm with “Responsibility Declaration”

Submitted by Richard H.

CNCA Panel 61 Recording Secretary

## NOTES FROM CHAIR

Please remember to bring your FM Radios to all CNCA events for Translation & assisted listening for the hearing impaired.

# POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2012

## CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2012 POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held on May 12, 2012 at 10:00 in Daly City. The meeting was opened at 10:00 by Jeff O., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Patrick M. of District 03. Mary A., of District 15 read the Traditions in English and Ana R. of District 20 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were 6 (one visiting) past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob K. (Panel 47), Doug G. (Panel 53), Sharon A. (Panel 57) and David N. (Panel 59) Area 5 visiting Delegate Augusto.

Approval of minutes from the Preconference Assembly was accepted as written.

Registered attendance: Voting=**191**, Non-voting=**51**.

### OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Ken M.*: Feeling a little uneasy without our Alternate Delegate here today. "Love is lovelier, the second time around". (Sang in off key voice)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Padee M.*: no report

AREA CHAIR *Jeff O.*: Small rooms will not be available for meeting in May, walk around the lake to senior center where the meetings will be held. Summer Assembly topics are needed turn them into any area officer.

TREASURER *Stacey S.*: \$35,000 Contributions with expenses at \$33,000. Expenses include--Assemblies about 25% of budget; (about \$20 per attendee) PI/CPC, BTG carry the msg.; Archives preserve our history; Communication I&T and WEB; conduct business at ACM. Costs: @ \$55 per group per year if all groups contribute less than \$2.00 per member if all contribute.

REGISTRAR *Raymundo L.*: Voting members 191, non-voting members 51.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Richard H.*: Correction to H&I report, as H&I does not get paid for their service, H&I is considering reimbursement for mileage in carrying out the business of H&I.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Augustine L.*: Thanks to 05 for this assembly. All assembly dates are open for panel 63 except for Post conference assembly. District 11 is hosting post conference for 2013.

LITERATURE/GV *Tony R.*: Box 4-5-9 is published quarterly by GSO of AA. If you are having problems receiving GV or La Vina' call the GV 800 number and they will contact Postal Service. Postal Service is having problems with some centers closing. Those of you who attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Vina' in Bakersfield, if no subscription information was given than you will not be getting La Vina' (the \$12 registration fee was for registration and the subscription was a bonus).

### AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Cynthia H.*: We are starting to convert some material to a digital format. Asking for group histories if that information is available.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Mary Lou M.*: Bridging the Gap is an AA sub-committee that takes newcomers to meetings right after they have been released from a treatment/detox facility, jail or prison. New comers learn about BTG thru BTG Presentations given at the facility where they can fill out BTG contact request cards.

FINANCE *Sharon A.*: Starting the 2013 Budget Process and will be asking input from the standing committees.

PI/CPC *Padee M.*: No report given

WEBSITE *Bob K.*:

Beginning to bring financial information to the WEB test site (testsiteCNCA06.org) appreciate your input.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *Teddy W.*: Facilitates Spanish to English (English to Spanish) spoken simultaneously at ACM and Assemblies and Spanish to English (English to Spanish) written translation.

LOCAL FORUM REPORT: Adrian: Flyers available on CNCA web site, registration available on line @ <http://www.sfgeneralservice.org/sfgeneralservice.ctm>

H&I: *DIANE O.*: The Northern California H&I Steering Committee currently is discussing reimbursement for trusted servants doing the business of H&I that makes possible their carrying the message of hope to the confined alcoholic.

### AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

#### PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

##### MOTION:

"That Area Officer travel to each district be limited to twice per year, unless otherwise requested by the district." (Presented by District 07, Alameda North)

**QUESTIONS:** To open officer participation to more members, to ease the area with reduced expense of area officer travel, foster autonomy and leadership among the districts especially regarding officer visits. **Q.** was the consideration about the process of the district to request a visit? **A.** No **Q.** Who is going to be paying for the Officer for visits over the period of a year? **A.** We are still going to pay. **Q.** If I was an area officer could I go to a district mtg. **A.** Yes **Q.** This won't be able to vote on this until Preconference assembly. **A.** Yes **Q.** Call on the question according to Roberts rules of order and why are we going to move this to old business **A.** We want every one to voice their opinion. **Q.** Why can't we "call the question"? **A.** We would like everyone to have a voice in this, and calling the question would not allow everyone to hear about this motion. Calling the question would not work here. **Q.** Does this include Delegates visit. If it does then that limits us to the number of visits. **Q.** If this limits Officer Visits to twice a year. **A.** No, it should not include giving the delegate

## POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY (Cont.)

report only district meetings. **A.** An area officer is required to attend district meeting each month, if the funds are not there then we cancel for the entire month. **Q.** what is the requirement now. **A.** Every district meeting has an area officer as funds allow every month if the funds are not there then we cancel for that month. We have not had to suspend any officer this year, we did last year. **Q.** Any discussion on the specific officer or is the discussion up to the committee? **A.** If multiple requests for same officer it would be handle the same as it is now. **Q.** The intent of the motion is not making new officer positions, but to allow more people to make themselves available for officer positions. **Q.** Would like to hear form the officer how much time they spend on travel. **Q.** The earliest we could move on this is next panel, how does this cut down on officer travel. **A.** Potentially it wouldn't cut down on travel. **Q.** What is the total mileage of officer travel in these two visits? **A.** The area runs from Monterey to Oregon border, that question would be hard to answer. **Q.** If I was an Area officer in Santa Clara County, would I be reimbursed for a district visit? **A.** If you visit as an area officer, if you were request, yes. Just to visit the district? No

### **\*\*New Business at the Summer Assembly\*\***

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **MOTION:**

That the phrase "men and women" in the first sentence of the preamble be replaced with the phrase "people of all ages" to read as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people of all ages who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism." (Presented by John O. and Judy W. from District 13)

**DISCUSSION:** Some GSRs are favoring the wording because of the children in schools they would like to address. // don't change, works like it is. This change is good. Not broke don't fix it. // Not in favor of it and each group is autonomous; each group can change it any way they want. // Children identify with AA. // against the motion, some young members are saying when your ready you are ready. // was voted in favor, wanted to be all inclusive // stop being politically correct about everything. Then one group says change it if it fits everyone else. // doesn't make sense, don't change it // this is on more literature then what is read at a meeting, then is more literature with this on it // concern on how we are looking at this, common welfare comes first, when I hear about groups can do anything they want that does not promote unity, what about neighboring groups and how does this affect AA as a whole, when go to changing this literature // Did not pay much attention to the wording just that I was an Alcoholic // this all ready includes everyone and age does not matter // I wonder if we have the right to change this, because it is copy righted. // if we are trying to widen the door of AA we can do it in a different way // when this motion was presented I have heard a lot of discussion and watched as people became aware of how people looked at and discussed this motion and how we are trying to change people to fit into AA // when a new comer came in he didn't care what the preamble said just that he was a drunk and his mother was in the same room // I didn't hear the preamble the first few months, there will be other differences and other ways we exclude people // there is an idea about growing up in our literature, and the words will not assist us in growing up // might help professional people explain to young people what an alcoholic is // when I look at the service manual, the group is at the top and AA GV is at bottom and

if the groups want it then the GV would have to change it // when I went to rehab it was too white, when I went to the next rehab it was too black, when I was ready to get sober it was just right // it is not highlighted enough that we are not all inclusive and not all exclusive, when I came to AA it was for old people and that I would feel more comfortable if the words were in there // our GV has all kinds of stories and that it reaches out to everyone every month and every other month in Spanish // if we change it, it would set a precedence that we will have to change other things // we need to accept every one and by saying "people" we are including every one // we are lucky we have "women" in there when this was written, I am concerned about changing things in the past and the intent of those things, to lose those things of the past // I identify with what other people have said and it is already all there, every thing is all there already // when we come here for the first time that the preamble is the first thing we hear and is most important we leave this like it is.

**>>This will be old business at the Summer Assembly<<**

#### **DISCUSSION TOPICS: QUESTIONS FOR DELEGATE!**

Job well done // A. Self supporting in two years failed and withdrawing financial support failed also // medication pamphlet that failed, expanding SNAC pamphlet A. Floor action for SNAC failed and medication pamphlet failed there is a big need - something will come out of it //Q. Where are the trustees going with the GV? //A. Hard to say were it is going to go // Q. AA GV board missing two members? A. There is suppose to be 7 members and there were 9, but the Board went with 7 // Q. What is the progress of the atheists and agnostics pamphlet were is that at? A. Wanted more range of stories. // Q. who do we contact on working on the face book page? A. Phyllis // the wording of tradition eleven? A. we don't get to see what went on in the committee work // A. the committee that the long form covered it and took no action // did you walk around with a little note pad or what did you do? I am impressed with the report // yes I did have a pad and wrote things down after that day.

#### ***"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"***

62<sup>nd</sup> seeing the future on the way because the 61<sup>st</sup> conference showed them how // Curious why we can't we vote on call and we have these rules supersede the way things are // What is going to happen to the plants or do just take them // 27 may Del Norte inter group having bon fire // what is the answer for 8 across // Thank you for the individuals that put this assembly on // Aug for the summer assembly, District 40, great workshops // Thanks to district 5 for this assembly.

The meeting closed at 4:50pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted by Richard H.

CNCA Panel 61 Recording Secretary



# SUMMER ASSEMBLY 2012

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06  
OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE  
PRESENTS:

**THE 2012 SUMMER ASSEMBLY**  
SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2012  
SCOTTISH RITE CENTER  
2455 MASSONIC DRIVE  
SAN JOSE, CA.

Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 am  
Orientation : 9:30 – 10:00 am  
Business Meeting: 10:00 am – 12:00n pm  
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Workshop Session I: 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Workshop Session II: 2:30 – 3:45 pm

(Translation available at all workshops)  
Report back: 4:00-4:30 pm  
What's on your mind?: 4:30-5:00 pm

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SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION**

## DCM SHARING SESSION

### DMC SHARING SESSION

SUSAN S District 7

General Service the noun, versus the verb

As a newcomer, Susan remarked how impressed she was with the level of service, time commitment, and number of people involved.

Balancing traditions, and concepts is what service entails! We need to ask If we are doing our jobs to become a conduit in carrying the message at all levels? If ego exists, then we are blocking the process and the flow of ideas.

Concept 9: Good service leaders and how they are chosen is essential for our future functioning and safety.

The spirit or rotation is vital and ensures that we are doing the best job when we get others involved and work ourselves out of a job.

Concept 10: Every service responsibility should be matched with an equal service authority.

Learn my responsibility. What is my authority? Be conscious of my position and be a role model.

We observed that we are all continually learning, and attempting to help our GSR's to learn and grow in service. It is up to us to attract others to be in service.

For many of us, General Service was a noun, and became the verb. Direct or indirect, carrying the message is about active participation and our responsibility: we need to be informed to inform.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy W., DCM Dist. 13

Recording Secretary

# Profit & Loss — Budget vs. Actual

5:36 PM  
5/27/2012  
Cash Basis

California Northern Coastal Area  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
April 2012

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Jan-April 2012	Jan-April 2012 Budget	YTD (Jan - April) \$ (Under Budget) \$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Group Contributions	25,695.84	25,000.00	695.84
District Contributions	3,029.53	2,000.00	1,029.53
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,033.25	1,000.00	33.25
Assembly Contributions	3,150.00	2,700.00	450.00
H & I Archives Rent	500.00	500.00	0.00
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	12.00	20.00	(8.00)
Personal/Misc. Contributions			
AA Event Contribution	1,105.81	0.00	1,105.81
CNCA Motions Book	10.00	50.00	(40.00)
Personal/Misc. Contributions	544.04	1,164.00	(619.96)
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	2.20	2.33	(0.13)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35,082.67</b>	<b>32,436.33</b>	<b>2,646.34</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Total Delegate Expense	3,078.14	3,376.12	(297.98)
Total Officer Expense	9,740.32	9,902.74	(162.42)
<b>Committee Expense</b>			
Total Archives	2,275.88	2,579.68	(303.80)
Total Bridging The Gap	570.28	919.34	(349.06)
Total Finance Committee	183.84	457.18	(273.34)
Total PI/CPC	72.20	466.66	(394.46)
Total Interp. & Translation Cmte	92.31	621.86	(529.55)
Total CNCA Website	573.72	640.79	(67.07)
Total CNCA Comments	2,169.83	2,778.34	(608.51)
Total ACNC Comentarios	863.45	848.00	15.45
<b>Total Committee Expense</b>	<b>6,801.51</b>	<b>9,311.85</b>	<b>(2,510.34)</b>
<b>General Expense</b>			
Total Assembly Expenses	7,901.20	8,135.00	(233.80)
Total Area Committee Expense	4,137.66	4,235.34	(97.68)
Total General Service Conference	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Insurance Expense	491.00	500.00	(9.00)
Total Tax Fees: Federal/State	25.00	35.00	(10.00)
Total Tax Return Preparation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Returned Check/Bank Fees	35.37	11.68	23.69
<b>Total General Expense</b>	<b>13,790.23</b>	<b>14,117.02</b>	<b>(326.79)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,429.09</b>	<b>36,707.73</b>	<b>(3,278.64)</b>
Total Other Income (Refunds/Rebates)	349.44	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,003.02</b>	<b>(4,271.40)</b>	<b>6,274.42</b>

Bank Accounts: April 30, 2012

Operating Account	9,515
Prudent Reserve	8,888

# Profit & Loss — Balance Sheet March, 2012

## California Northern Coastal Area Balance Sheet As of April 2012

	Apr 30, 12	Apr 30, 11
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Checking/Savings		
B of A Checking	9,514.82	2,256.59
B of A Savings	8,888.39	8,018.89
Total Checking/Savings	18,403.21	10,275.48
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	278.70
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	278.70
<u>Other Current Assets</u>		
Assembly Deposits		
2012 Post-Conference Assembly	4,810.00	0.00
2012 Election Assembly	600.00	0.00
2012 Summer Assembly	500.00	500.00
2011 Inventory Assembly	0.00	1,500.00
2011 Summer Assembly	0.00	1,464.00
2011 Post-Conference Assembly	0.00	4,535.00
2011 Pre-Conference Assembly	0.00	400.00
Total Assembly Deposits	5,910.00	8,399.00
Prepaid Insurance	859.29	830.10
1499 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	6,769.29	9,229.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	25,172.50	19,783.28
 <b><u>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</u></b>		
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,836.48	5,144.40
Prudent Reserve	8,333.00	8,000.00
Net Income	2,003.02	6,638.88
Total Equity	25,172.50	19,783.28
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	25,172.50	19,783.28

# AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

## CNCA Motions – June 2012

Area Committee

### Assembly Bids

#### Housekeeping Motion:

- That CNCA fund one BTG Committee member's attendance at the 22nd Annual BTG Temporary Contact Workshop Weekend in Minneapolis on September 7, 8, 9, 2012 – not to exceed \$700.00. – BTG Committee

### Guidelines

#### Presentation of New Business

- That CNCA provide two Spanish/English interpreters at each Summer Assembly workshop, to avoid more than 30 minutes of continuous interpretation. –I&T Committee

#### Old Business at Area Committee Meeting

- That the Area PI/CPC Chair be reimbursed, according to the area's reimbursement policy, for travel expenses to PI/CPC exhibit events within CNCA, when participation is needed. – Padee M., CNCA PI/CPC Chair.
- That District 10, Marin, decrease its number of sub-districts from 12 to 8. – District 10, Marin

#### New Business at Area Committee Meeting

- Approval of Interpretation and Translation Guidelines. –I&T Committee

### Discussion Topics

## Area Assembly Motions

#### Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly

#### Old Business at Area Assembly

- That the phrase “men and women” in the first sentence of the AA Preamble be replaced with the phrase “people of all ages” to read as follows: “Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people of all ages who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.” (Presented by John O. and Judy W. from District 13)

#### New Business at Area Assembly

- That Area Officer travel to each district be limited to twice per year, unless otherwise requested by the district. (Presented by District 07, Alameda North)

# CNCA CALENDAR

## 2012 –Panel 61

<p><b>June 9</b> Archives Workday, W. Creek  <b>9</b> Local Forum Planning. SF  <b>23</b> Area Committee Mtg</p> <p><b>July 7, 8</b> Local Forum, SF, CA  <b>6-8,</b> 2012 NCCAA, Auburn, CA  <b>28</b> Area Committee Mtg</p> <p><b>Aug. 11</b> Summer Assembly,          San Jose CA (H. by District 40)  <b>25</b> Area Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>Sept. 14, 15, 16</b>—Pacific Regional Forum,          Fairbanks, Alaska  <b>22</b> Area Committee Mtg</p> <p><b>Oct. 27</b> Area Committee Mtg</p> <p><b>Nov. 3</b> Election Assembly,          Cloverdale, CA          (H. Districts 12 &amp; 18)  <b>24</b>—Area Committee Mtg</p> <p><b>Dec. 15</b> Area Committee Mtg</p>
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## ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

### PANEL 61 ASSEMBLY DATES

**2012 Summer Assembly**  
**August 11: Scottish Rite Center**  
 2455 Masonic Dr. San Jose H. by District 40

**2012 Fall Election Assembly**  
**Nov. 3: Citrus Fairgrounds**  
 1 Citrus Fair Dr., Cloverdale, H. by District 12 & 18

### PANEL 63 ASSEMBLY DATES

**2013 Pre-conference Assembly**  
 April 6-7 or April 13-14

**2013 Post-conference Assembly**  
**May 18: Napa County Fair & Events Center**  
 1435 North Oak St. Calistoga H. by District 11

**2013 Summer Assembly**  
August 10 or August 3

**2013 Fall Assembly**  
Nov. 2 or Nov. 9

**2014 Pre-conference Assembly**  
 April 5-6 or April 12-13

**2014 Post-conference Assembly**  
May 17 or May 10

**2014 Summer Assembly**  
August 9 or August 2

**2014 Fall Election Assembly**  
Nov. 8 or Nov. 1.  
 Underline dates preferred

If your district is considering making a bid for a assembly please contact the Assembly Coordinator Agustin L. at [ac.p61@cnca06.org](mailto:ac.p61@cnca06.org)

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Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am  
Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

**Archives** Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Cynithia H. at archiveschair.p61@cnca06.org. The CNCA Archives are located at 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065.

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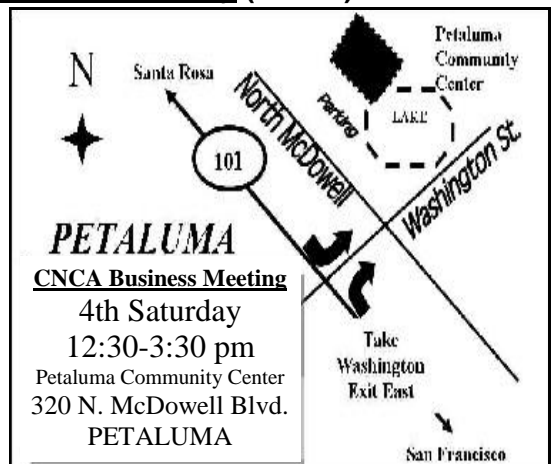
### **Interpretation & Translation**

Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact translation.p61@cnca06.org.

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