



# CNCA COMMENTS



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**California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous**

## PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

August 2012

At the July 28 **Area Committee Meeting** (“**ACM**”), we passed two housekeeping motions (“**HKMs**”): One funds \$700 for a booth rental for the Area CPC exhibit at the CPPCA (California’s Probation, Parole and Correctional Association) 81st Annual Conference in Oakland in September. The other funds the 7th Annual Area BTG Forum in October 13 in American Canyon, not to exceed \$525.

Our Registrar Raymundo presented a new motion requesting a laptop computer, with wireless mouse and keyboard, not to exceed \$2,000. The other new motion listed regarding the newsletter was postponed.

We accepted a bid from Contra Costa District 08 to host the preconference assembly April 6-7, 2013 in Antioch. Napa District 11 withdrew their 2013 post-conference assembly bid which was previously approved because of considerations with the site and pricing.

The Interpretation and Translation (“**I&T**”) Committee presented a new revision of their proposed guidelines. We will discuss it again in August. The guidelines will be presented for approval via HKM procedure in September. I’ve emailed them, with a 7/26/12 revision date, to DCMCs and Standing Committee chairs. Please let me know if you’d like me to send you a copy.

An amendment to add the phrase “professional quality” to the current motion from I&T was accepted. Hence it now reads: “That CNCA provide two *professional quality* Spanish/English interpreters at each summer assembly workshop, to avoid more than 30 minutes of continuous interpretation.” To an observer that might sound like a banal addition— but that was hardly the case. There was much lively discourse around the concepts of “professional” and “professional quality.” Plus, this involves money which typically spurs loving discussion.

We’ll introduce a discussion topic in August about Area Standing Committees whose members are appointed by the area officers at the turn of the panel. The appointed committees are: I&T (of which you’ve already read much herein), Web, and Finance. The intent is to inform members about the committees. This topic should be of particular interest to those considering making themselves available to serve next panel as an appointed committee member.

I encourage all members of the area, including GSRs, to come hang out with us at the ACM to see just how fun, exciting, and in vogue it all is.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Jeff O., Area Chair

Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants:

I recently attended the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA) to give a General Service Conference report. Prior to my report the program included a Service Panel titled "The State of Our Unity". All the panel presenters did an excellent job describing the state of Unity in various aspects of our fellowship. I have distributed audio CD's of this panel to our Area, ask your DCMC for a copy.

As we're all aware, Unity is one of our three legacies, along with Recovery and Service. While listening to the panel I thought **Unity** might be the least talked about and the least understood of those three legacies. We all have to "work the steps" in our lives to obtain that all important base of **Recovery**. Many of us hear the importance of being of **Service** by getting a job in A.A., making coffee, secretary a meeting, Intergroup, H&I, General Service and sponsoring the newcomer. But I think the Unity of our Fellowship, as protected by our Twelve Traditions, sometimes can get the short shrift. I wanted to share with you one of my absolute favorite passages that comes from a talk given by Non-Alcoholic General Service Board Chairperson, Bernard Smith, at one of the first General Service Conferences regarding Unity and true fellowship:

*Three conditions are necessary for true fellowship: The possession of a common ideal involving a complete release from selfishness and division. The discharge of a Common task big enough to capture the imagination and give expression to loyalty. And the comradeship, the "togetherness," thus involved as we find out the joy and power of belonging to an organic society and engaging in a whole-time service. We can find it at its fullest extent where the ideal is highest and most exacting, where the task extends and integrates every ounce of our strength and every element of our being, where the comradeship is so solid and deep that we respond one to another without conscious effort, realize the unspoken need, and react to it spontaneously and at once. Under such conditions, all the vitality that we usually waste upon our jealousies and our vanities-upon keeping up appearances and putting other people in their proper place-becomes available for creative use.* (British religious leader, Canon C.E. Raven)

*These words have meaning for A.A., I believe, not only as a definition of a true fellowship and of our goals and attitudes but as reminders that A.A. is not a static, passive social organism but, in its largest sense, a dynamic, creative force that releases our latent power to live and act constructively.*  
(Bern Smith) A. A. Comes Of Age - page 276

I thank you all for allowing me to be a small part of that dynamic, creative force as the fellowship releases **our** latent power to live and act constructively. Making a difference in this world as **we** "Carry the A.A. Message" of recovery to those who still suffer.

With a full and thankful heart, Ken

# AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2012

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

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held 28 July at the Petaluma Community Center. Jeff O. opened the meeting at 12.30PM with the Serenity Prayer. Mauricio M. of District 12 read the AA Preamble. Jose P. of District 7 read Tradition 7 and Mary A. of District 15 read Concept 7. There were 3 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Sharon A. (Panel 57) and David N. (Panel 59). There was 1 new GSRs present. The June minutes (with the correction of the Unity Date of District 40 is on the 19<sup>th</sup> August and not the 18<sup>th</sup>) & financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Sobriety Anniversaries totaled: 60.

Registered attendance: Voting=52, Non-voting=29.

### OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Ken M.*: Big Book was selected for being one of the most influential of the 88 books that shaped America. Highlights from AAWS Board Mtg. were sent out. Since last ACM 5 more reports given with 4 remaining.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Padee M.*: Thanks to you Ken for letting me participate in the forums and the hardest part was picking up Eva and Rod from the airport. Giving Kens report to the Spanish group was especially rewarding.

AREA CHAIR *Jeff O.*: Thanks to everyone who sent in the work shop topics and we were overwhelmed with them. We picked 6.

TREASURER *Stacey S.*: Started out \$10,300 in checking and contributions were \$6,830, with estimated expenses of \$10,300.

REGISTRAR *Raymundo L.*: I have found 22 service numbers on FNV and still missing 28 numbers with another 25 groups needing numbers.

RECORDING Secretary *Richard H.*: No report

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Agustin L.*: Summer Assembly in District 40 is ready, 6 presenters with 6 topics. District 11 is withdrawing bid for 2013 assembly. Don't forget to bring your radios for summer assembly

LITERATURE/GV *Tony R.*: You can get free Daily GV Quote on your mobile devices. New eBooks are out-Young and Sober, Step by Step and Emotional Sobriety.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY *Sean W.*: No report given.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Mark C.*: No report given.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Russ A.*: Elected new DCMC Alternate. August job descriptions are beginning for District officers. County wide subscription drive underway for GV. Reconfiguration of sub-districts in regards to DCMs being able to handle them will be voted on in August.

04 SANTA CLARA NO. *Shannon S.*: 19 August for Unity Day, 3 speakers, free breakfast, free lunch, free dinner workshops (panels) followed by dance.

40 SANTA CLARA SO. *Chauncey H.*: Sharing excitement with the new GSRs and we are ready for the summer assembly. 19 August for delegates report and Unity Day.

05 SAN MATEO *Alex S.*: \$250 for workshop in MN so we will have someone there, and looking for volunteers for PI/CPC. Following the lead from the area about the birthday envelopes and will be handing them out at districts meeting.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Karen S.*: New chair for PI/CPC, have 7 new GSRs, first Pizza dinner served. Passed web site guidelines. 14 August for the next district meeting at St. Mark's church at 1111 O'Farrell.

07 ALAMEDA NO. *Bobbie A.*: Elected new Alternate DCMC. We continued the discussion on excess funds and the distribution of them. Started bi-annual District Inventory and the process will continue for next couple of months.

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

70 ALAMEDA SO. *Ray W.*: Actually had 2 district meetings since last ACM. One new GSR.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Debbie D.*: Light in attendance, 5 new GSRs with one new Alternate GSR. Had a loving a discussion about sending someone to the regional forum in Alaska and one was elected to attend. Preparing folks to think about the next panel.

09 SOLANO SO. *Dave W.*: Want to thank the host districts for the local forum, Unity day in September underway with a chance to hear the delegate's last report. Questions about the districts ability effectiveness continue, and recognize the need for an inventory.

90 SOLANO NO. *Pat H.*: District 90 did not hold a July District Meeting.

10 MARIN *Carolyn M.*: Had annual pot luck, GSRS found new table and encouragement. We voted to buy new microphone and stand. 8 September for unity day, with delegate report

11 NAPA *Randy C.*: Did get approval for placards for buses and will be printing shortly in English and Spanish. Withdrawing bid for 2013 Post Conference Assembly and will rebid in Aug.

12 SONOMA *Michael Q.*: I&T Guidelines were accepted w/ quarterly budget of \$100. Unity Day will be 29<sup>th</sup> September in Sebastopol, election assembly plans are moving forward. Many thanks to the Spanish Linguistic districts for the Local Forum they put on.

13 LAKE *Phil B.*: Sober fest was great with a good crowd. Unity day is started for Oct 6@ Big Valley Grange in Finley. PI/CPC slow and we still need Archives chair.

14 MENDOCINO *John W.*: no report given

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *John L.*: Unity day was well attended, Area Archives and PI/CPC provided materials and equipment. We are digitizing reel to reel tapes from various speaker meetings. Several requests for PI Presentations but have no funding to carry that out. HCYPAs are very active with new YPAA meeting in Arcata.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Juan Carlos A.*: Celebrating 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August @ Grupo Central. Visiting groups thanking them the districts for assisting with the local forum. Looking at moving Geographical boundaries to align with map.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Sergio B.*: no report given

18 SPANISH NORTH *Isidro T.*: After the local forum we went out and thanked the local groups. We invited them to Summer Assembly. 15 July elected breakfast, setup, coffee and cleanup coordinators.

Election Coordinator met with district 12 about the up coming election assembly.

19 SPANISH SO. SOUTH *Adrian*: PI/CPC had presentation to the rotary club and was questioned about meeting the existed before and would like to get it going again. PI/CPC will have booth at South County Health and Safety Fair. Discussion about meetings for Alanon and whether to leave it on or take it off. Marina National Night Out will have booth by PI/CPC in Marina Police Department.

20 SPANISH EAST *JAVIER L.*: We continue working to assist with the summer assembly, Shared Unity day with District 17. Literature coordinator -- for La Vina' anniversary we sold \$774 -46 subscriptions, 222 voluntary cooperation with district getting 14 more subscriptions. Motivating groups to get alternate GSRs.

### AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Cynthia H.*: We can visit even if the district has no archive chair also looking for librarian for our AV and Digital archive material. Next work day 4<sup>th</sup> August. Elected Laura for Archives Work Shop In Florida.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Mary Lou M.*: 8 Districts report with 37 presentations and 119 requests. Distributed newly published BTG workbook, and new work book being translated into Spanish. Looking at having one centralized BTG contact phone number with Districts getting their own. Questions about handling Correspondence Secretary position, 2 are doing the job now, 1) doing the email and the other picking up the correspondence in Petaluma PO Box.

FINANCE *Sharon A.*: Projection for July August and September and we are looking good. We would like budget work sheets by summer assembly, 11<sup>th</sup> August.

PI/CPC *Padee M.*: District 10-Jim M. gave presentation on "How to make effective presentations to HS and Grammar schools". District 10 has moved forward on the bus placards. Parole and Probations, Corrections are having their conference in Oakland. Spanish Districts moving forward to work with Halfway houses and now have committee for women's outreach. HK motion today to request money for a CNCA PI/CPC exhibit at the CPPCA (California Probation, Parole and Correctional Conference) in Oakland.

# AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

WEBSITE *CAROL T.*: WEB editor should have help on who can update the web site, also who should be contacted in the event the web site is compromised again. Concerns were shared about a qualified editor for the next panel. Suggested, that we start to ask districts to put the word out for editor.

INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION *Teddy W.*: Amended guide lines to be presented next month. Next month will be a discussion about providing radios at the assembly or not.

CNCA COMMENTS *Scott G.*: 114 first class, 1177 bulk mail, with 1350 total mailing.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Juan G.*: 200 copies printed and 145 Mailed.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Judy W.*: Bob W. of district 08 gave presentation of educating dark meetings.

NCCAA *DIANE O.*: 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Sacramento @ Woodlake Inn. GS Panel @9:30 am—speakers from CA.

H&I *Diane O.*: Steering Committee to be held in Sacramento on 8 Sept.—Crescent City for the next H&I meeting, on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Literature and GV Sharing Session: Traffic caused the presenter to be delayed and we read a story out of the book “Young and Sober”, next month will be Laura--from “Young and Sober”.

## HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

CNCA fund the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Area BTG Forum to be held on October 13 in American Canyon – not to exceed \$525. - Bridging the Gap Committee

**No Objection**

>>>>>>>Motion Passes<<<<<<<

That CNCA fund a booth rental for the Area CPC exhibit at the CPPCA (California’s Probation, Parole and Correctional Association) 81st Annual Conference in Oakland, CA

September 18-21, 2012, for the amount of \$700. –Padee M. CNCA 06 PI/CPC Committee

**No Objection**

>>>>>>>Motion Passes<<<<<<<<<<

## ASSEMBLY BIDS:

District 08 bid for the Pre Conference Assembly 2013 on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April in Antioch @ Contra Costa County Fair-

grounds. Total bid cost \$5355. Questions: Same week-end of H&I conference? A. The other dates available by CNCA were already booked by fairgrounds.

>>>>>>>Bid Accepted<<<<<<<<

(SEVENTH TRADITION & BREAK) 2:00 to 2:15pm)

## AREA BUSINESS

### Presentation of New Business:

#### Motion:

That CNCA purchase a laptop computer, with wireless mouse and keyboard, to replace the Area Registrar’s computer, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. –Raymundo L., Area Registrar

We definitely need a new computer.

**QUESTIONS:** Separate mouse and key board? A. yes, due to the amount of data to be entered. Q. Does this include soft ware? A. We have the software already. Q. Does this include a wireless card? A. Yes

>>>Committee agreed motion should be Committee business.

**\*\*New Business at the committee next month\*\***

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

### NEW BUSINESS:

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

**Discussion:** Group or individual Questions>> this would be professional quality and not Professional. Q. We could have members translate? A. Don’t ask me that? Q. It is professional quality or professional? I am confused. Q. This motion is for the future and we have three interpreters for this summer assembly. A. Yes Q. How much is this going to add to the budget? A. Over \$2,000 Q. After a certain amount of time you get a little dizzy. Q. If we are going to provide this service then it should be of professional.

New Wording: “That CNCA provide two professional Spanish/English interpreters at each Summer Assembly workshop, to avoid more than 30 minutes of continuous interpretation.

Q. 9.7 percent of budget is for translating and if we go up \$2000 then it would be 11 per cent. Q. It finds it very difficult to understand them with Spanish being spoken and listening to it in English in my ear. // this is estimating

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.) ~ DCM SHARING SESSION

on costs and that it does not include extreme distances, overnight stays and etc.? Q. Our Spanish members feel that the translators are not speaking from the heart like our members. Q. The difference is always professional vs. professional quality. The interpretation committee is working hard to bring this service to our area. The assemblies that are held in our districts that are far from the interpreters could be expensive to the area. Q. When I got paid for translating – I donated it back to the district. Q. I don't think that relying on volunteers is a good idea. Q. The primary reason was brought to the area was because that the members that were already in service could do their service and not have the burden to translate. Asking someone to participate in GS and then translate at the same time was too much of a burden on them, and then that is the reason we wanted to bring in external translators. Translators that have been with us for a while do speak the language of the heart. We are having a lot of conversation about money! What is the service we are trying to provide? Q. What I see is the only difference is that we are paying them vs. volunteers. A. No Q. Trying to get the terminology right, because we are paying everyone the same, that other part is that we don't have go scrambling around to find volunteers to fill in at assemblies for those translators who don't show up. Q. Translating and getting the language of the heart is

the hard part. Our people should I am not sure that volunteers can adequately do that. Q. The intent of the motion is to have the people that translate is to give them a break. Having to translate that long is hard. Relying on volunteers is a might not work thing. The volunteers might not show up.

*“WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?”*

Any expense is voluntary, if I claim that expense that is on me. When it comes to professional or professional quality could be explained in detail as a discussion topic. // getting ready for summer assembly dinner and have these pins for GSRs. // whether you want the money or not the expenses might effect the person behind you. We build the budget on the information you give us. // it is important to know what the services cost whether you put this in the basket or not. // Table cloths and place mats will be at the assembly tables. // the conference reports will show up soon, and hope they arrive before summer assembly. // I had a chance to facilitate an inventory last night and it was really great. // Bring the GSRs to the Summer Assembly. //

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

Submitted by Richard H.

CNCA Panel 61 Recording Secretary

## AREA OFFICER JOB DISCRIPTIONS

### ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Attend 4 assemblies, 12 area committee meetings and 12 area officer meetings each year; visit an average of 3 districts each month.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair: Chair the monthly area PI/CPC meeting (mail agenda, minutes, roster, etc.); respond to follow up requests from the GSO website for CPC contacts. Be a resource of PI/CPC information and activities for the area; coordinate services for GSO displays at national conventions held within our area. Most importantly educate yourself about what PI/CPC work is by studying the workbooks, the manuals, guidelines and other available material.

Be prepared to assist & fill in for the Delegate and do so if asked. These requests may include giving the conference report to a district, attending an H&I committee meeting, filling in at NCCAA conferences, or copying and collating handouts. The Alternate Delegate attends PRAASA each year.

Estimated time: 20-40 hours per month. Helpful to have some computer skills & familiar with email.

## AREA OFFICER JOB DISCRIPTIONS

### DELEGATE

"The Delegate", Chapter Six in the *Service Manual*, ppS44-49, is an excellent source of information about the job of Delegate. This job requires a tremendous commitment of time and service, yet no one complains because it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. In CNCA the job includes these duties:

Attend the General Service Conference, distributing the Agenda Topics beforehand reporting back afterward. Receive group consciences at the Pre Conference Assembly.

Attend the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly each March and the Pacific Region Forum in the summer of even-numbered years.

Respond to telephone requests, e-mail and correspondence from CNCA and all over Northern America, Communicate with GSO throughout the year, passing on information from GSO to the Area and forwarding items from CNCA.

General Officer Duties: Attend 4 assemblies, 12 Area committee meetings and 12 Area officer meetings each year; Visit districts and standing committee meetings each month (2-3). Be available to answer requests of GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, AA members, etc. Be available for Unity Days, district inventories, workshops, etc. Write the monthly Delegate's Corner for CNCA Comments.

Attend three Northern California Council (NCCAA) conferences each year, sitting on the steering committee. Maintain contact with the other AA service bodies, including the H&I Committee and Central Offices/Intergroups.

Time Commitment: The first three months are very busy with Agenda Topics and preparation for the Conference, April is the Conference and May through August are Conference Reports with lots of travel. The rest of the year requires less time.

### Literature/Grapevine and La Viña LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE AND LA VINA

- 1 Help members & CNCA Districts with anything related to Literature/Grapevine & La Viña.
- 2 Facilitate the Area monthly Literature/GV/LV sharing session.
- 3 Supply order forms & placing orders to keep the display table balanced and to have copies of The Big Book in different languages.
- 4 Take & set up the display at area monthly Business Meetings, all 4 Assemblies and all NCCAA Conferences in 06 Area.
- 5 Visit 2 or 3 District meetings per month.
- 6 Attend Officer's meeting after the Area Business Meeting.
- 7 The Literature Chair should encourage all Districts to have an active Literature/Grapevine and La Viña Chair.
- 8 This position takes up approximately 20 hours per month.
- 9 Helpful to be familiar with computer and email.

# AREA OFFICER JOB DISCRPTIONS

## CNCA TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for...the Treasury! Service Manual says: "*The treasurer keeps financial records for the area and reports regularly to the assembly. In most cases, the treasurer is responsible for encouraging contribution support for area and G.S.O. services*".

Duties include:

- .. Collects the mail via our P.O. Box in S.F.;
- .. Receives and records group and other contributions and mails receipts to the same;
- .. Secures and records 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions at area business meetings and assemblies;
- .. Pays all expenses, including ensuring venues for assemblies and hosting districts are paid on time;
- .. Prepares reports necessary to advise the Area Committee, on a monthly basis, of our current financial standing including any potential challenges and opportunities;
- .. Provides the monthly Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports for CNCA's newsletters;
- .. Maintains the relationship with our accountant to ensure accurate and timely filing of all necessary tax forms;
- .. Completes annual 1099s forms and filings relative to our contract service providers;
- .. Maintains the relationship with our insurance company and ensures required certificates are obtained for assemblies;
- .. Serves on the area's finance committee, which meets monthly, in a closed session, prior to the ACM (Note: The finance committee is comprised of 5 members, including the Treasurer and 4 other members selected and approved by the area officers in January.);
- .. With the assistance of the finance committee, prepares the annual budget for presentation to and acceptance by CNCA;
- .. Performs research regarding the financial impact of CNCA motions;
- .. Visits 2-4 district business meetings per month;
- .. Attends all monthly ACMs and officers meetings; and all 4 Area Assemblies

The time commitment for this position is substantial at about 30 to 40 hours per month, which is sometimes more or less depending on whether or not it's "budget season" and how many districts are visited per month, and the length of ACMS and officers meetings Processing checks and receipts 20; Reports = 8; ACMs = 8; Districts= 8 – 20

## DCM SHARING SESSION

DCM Sharing Session  
July 28, 2012, Paul W., District 8  
Ways to Educate Dark Meetings

Why are meetings dark

- Small meetings
- Lack of awareness of General Service
- "Nothing ever gets done syndrome"
- Feeling that service is too much work, ergo a lack of willingness to commit

What the DCM can do:

- Visit all Sub-district meetings
- Ask for permission to speak

- Show respect no matter the resistance
- Explain the difference between Intergroup and General Service
- Discuss Services provided by GSO, AAWS and Grapevine
- Emphasize the benefits of service
  - New friends
  - New ideas/perspectives from other districts
  - New understanding and connection to AA as a whole

Next Month How the election assembly works:

Bob E.. District 4

Judy W., recording secretary

District 13



## PRO -VS- CON ASSEMBLY MOTION

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)***

Pro:

CNCA 06 has a large, diverse geographical area covering approx 500 miles from Crescent City in the far North to Monterey in the South and inland as far as Vacaville, with both rural and urban sections in each of the 23 districts. Travel time and range are extensive. San Francisco to Crescent City is 712 miles RT and SF to Monterey is 226 miles RT. CNCA is blessed with eight area officers who are our spiritual leaders. These elected officers set a loving example of much sacrifice for the Fellowship. Officers celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step – carrying the message. They inspire future leaders of A.A. and are role models for this unbreakable security.

I am in favor of limiting area officer visits to twice per year for each district. This change will encourage districts to support all eight officers and not just a few. The area currently reimburses .45 for each mile traveled. Each district should determine for them selves how best to utilize each officer's experience and foresight when they visit, including finance; voting at panel election times; information on officer jobs and duties; training; agenda topics workshops; supporting district inventory processes; encouraging rotation and most importantly, responsibility. If additional officer visits are warranted, as in most decisions a district group conscience is recommended.

In closing, GSRs, DCMs DCMCs, committee members and all members of A.A. would greatly benefit by attending area assemblies, local and regional Forums, Unity Days, conventions and all other General Service functions that are available. These events are where we meet these wonderful trusted servants who inspire harmonious action and encourage the unity that keeps A.A. strong.

Cathy P. District 10

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)***

Con Argument for Reduction of Area Officer Travel to Districts

Given the economic times, the cost of gasoline and the time involved each month as our area officers travel to each District, it seems timely to ask, *Do we need this particular service?*

Let me give some background from "A.A. Comes of Age" where Bill is explaining The Third Legacy, which is Service. He says "the answer is simple. An A.A. service is anything whatever that legitimately helps us to reach fellow sufferers."\* You might think that area officer visits are not legitimate 12 step calls. Yet there are so many factors necessary to make that one on one 12 step call possible. When Ebby called Bill and then took the Subway to make his 12 Step call, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money.\* Isn't that exactly what our area officers do when they visit each District?

In that context our area officers are part of the chain of service that makes 12 step work possible and helps to ensure the survival of our fellowship. When an officer visits a District meeting, the GSR's are able to meet and hear the experience of that particular officer's service position. This helped me to make the connection between myself as a GSR, my District officers, the Area officers, our Delegate and ultimately the General Service Office in New York. I began to see that A.A. was really quite big and our chain of service connected us all.

Bill goes on to say that "the test of any A.A. service whether it is a book, a conference, or a translation, the principle is the same; the test is identical: *Do we need this particular service or do we not?* That is the only question." \* I believe we do.

\* Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, AAWS, Inc., New York

Gail M., District 12

# Profit & Loss — Budget vs. Actual

3:07 PM  
7/29/2012  
Cash Basis

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

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Jan-June 2012	Jan-June 2012 Budget	YTD (Jan - June) \$ (Under Budget) \$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Group Contributions	36,884.60	37,500.00	(615.40)
District Contributions	3,356.53	3,000.00	356.53
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,491.25	1,500.00	(8.75)
Assembly Contributions	4,854.00	4,650.00	204.00
H & I Archives Rent	500.00	500.00	0.00
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	12.00	30.00	(18.00)
Personal/Misc. Contributions			
AA Event Contribution	1,198.91	0.00	1,198.91
CNCA Motions Book	10.00	50.00	(40.00)
Personal/Misc. Contributions	559.04	1,748.00	(1,188.96)
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	3.16	3.50	(0.34)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>48,869.49</b>	<b>48,981.50</b>	<b>(112.01)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Total Delegate Expense	3,478.85	4,363.84	(884.99)
Total Officer Expense	13,518.82	14,103.10	(584.28)
<b>Committee Expense</b>			
Total Archives	3,377.24	3,951.02	(573.78)
Total Bridging The Gap	938.08	1,588.99	(650.91)
Total Finance Committee	518.44	604.63	(86.19)
Total PI/CPC	113.67	699.99	(586.32)
Total Interp. & Translation Cmte	121.52	874.02	(752.50)
Total CNCA Website	656.80	786.06	(129.26)
Total CNCA Comments	3,127.70	4,065.01	(937.31)
Total ACNC Comentarios	1,222.29	1,272.00	(49.71)
<b>Total Committee Expense</b>	<b>10,075.74</b>	<b>13,841.72</b>	<b>(3,765.98)</b>
<b>General Expense</b>			
Total Assembly Expenses	12,570.86	14,185.00	(1,614.14)
Total Area Committee Expense	6,024.82	6,353.01	(328.19)
Total General Service Conference	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Insurance Expense	736.50	750.00	(13.50)
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	17.52	17.85
<b>Total General Expense</b>	<b>20,592.55</b>	<b>22,540.53</b>	<b>(1,947.98)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>47,684.85</b>	<b>54,849.19</b>	<b>(7,164.34)</b>
Total Other Income (Refunds/Rebates)	349.44	0.00	349.44
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,534.08</b>	<b>(5,867.69)</b>	<b>7,401.77</b>

Bank Accounts: June 30, 2012

Operating Account	8,577
Prudent Reserve	8,888

# Profit & Loss — Balance Sheet June, 2012

California Northern Coastal Area

## Balance Sheet

As of June 2012

	Jun 30, 12	Jun 30, 11
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Checking/Savings		
B of A Checking	8,576.58	4,246.74
B of A Savings	8,889.13	8,351.89
Total Checking/Savings	17,465.71	12,598.63
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
<u>Other Current Assets</u>		
Assembly Deposits		
2012 Post-Conference Assembly	800.00	0.00
2012 Election Assembly	600.00	0.00
2012 Summer Assembly	3,500.00	500.00
2011 Inventory Assembly	0.00	1,500.00
2011 Summer Assembly	0.00	4,077.00
Total Assembly Deposits	4,900.00	6,077.00
Prepaid Insurance	613.79	592.94
1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,724.06	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	7,237.85	6,669.94
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,703.56</b>	<b>19,268.57</b>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</u></b>		
<u>Equity</u>		
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,836.48	4,811.40
Net Income	1,534.08	6,124.17
Total Equity	24,703.56	19,268.57
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>24,703.56</b>	<b>19,268.57</b>

# AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

## CNCA Motions – August 2012

Area Committee

### Assembly Bids

### Housekeeping Motion:

### Guidelines

- Interpretation and Translation Guidelines

### Presentation of New Business

- That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of *CNCA Comments/Comentarios* except when individually requested. –Web Committee

### Old Business at Area Committee Meeting

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

### New Business at Area Committee Meeting

- That CNCA purchase a laptop computer, with wireless mouse and keyboard, to replace the Area Registrar's computer, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. –Raymundo L., Area Registrar

### Discussion Topics

- Area Standing Committees

## 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

- Aug. 11 **Summer Assembly,**  
San Jose CA (H. by District 40)  
25 **Area Committee Mtg**
- Sept. 14, 15, 16—**Pacific Regional Forum,**  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
22 **Area Committee Mtg**
- Oct. 5-7 **NCCAA,**  
Sacramento, CA  
27 **Area Committee Mtg**
- Nov. 3 **Election Assembly,**  
Cloverdale, CA  
(H. Districts 12 & 18)  
24—**Area Committee Mtg**
- Dec. 15 **Area Committee Mtg**

## NOTES FROM CHAIR

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

## ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

### PANEL 61 ASSEMBLY DATES

#### **2012 Fall Election Assembly**

##### **Nov. 3: Citrus Fairgrounds**

1 Citrus Fair Dr., Cloverdale  
H. by District 12 & 18

#### **2014 Pre-conference Assembly**

April 5-6 or April 12-13

### PANEL 63 ASSEMBLY DATES

#### **2013 Pre-conference Assembly**

##### **April 6-7: Contra Costa Fairgrounds**

1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA  
Hosted by District 08

#### **2014 Post-conference Assembly**

May 17 or May 10

#### **2013 Post-conference Assembly**

May 18th or May 11th

#### **2014 Summer Assembly**

August 9 or August 2

#### **2013 Summer Assembly**

August 10 or August 3

#### **2014 Fall Election Assembly**

Nov. 8 or Nov. 1.

#### **2013 Fall Assembly**

Nov. 2 or Nov. 9

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**

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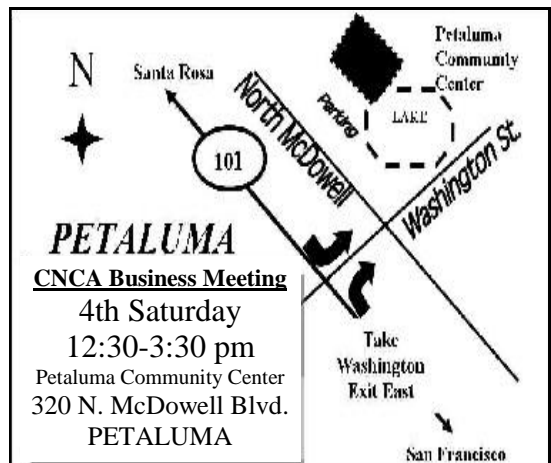
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