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PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2012

At the August 25 Area Committee Meeting (“**ACM**”) we approved a bid from District 15, Humboldt / Del Norte, to host the summer assembly August 10, 2013 in Crescent City.

Along those lines, please consider having discussions in your districts about placing bids for the following service commitments during Panel 63: *CNCA Comments* production, *CNCA Comentarios* production, coffee at the monthly ACM in Petaluma, and hosting an area assembly.

We briefly discussed the Interpretation and Translation (“**I&T**”) Committee’s proposed guidelines. They’ll be presented for approval via housekeeping motion (“**HKM**”) procedure in September.

The Web committee presented the following as a HKM: “To eliminate the motion to email *CNCA Comments* and all it encompasses.” Since there was an objection and the ACM subsequently voted to keep it at the ACM, it will be new business in September.

The Web committee presented the following item of new business: “That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of *CNCA Comments/Comentarios* except when individually requested.” The ACM voted to move it to the assembly.

Using a provisional illustration, the assembly coordinator and area chair attempted to clarify the impact of this motion: “That CNCA provide two professional quality Spanish/English interpreters at each summer assembly workshop, to avoid more than 30 minutes of continuous interpretation.” If you did not attend this ACM and are discussing it with your sub-district or group, you might consider asking someone who attended to explain the impact. Numerous questions have been asked about this. Simply put, the motion would double the amount of interpreters at each workshop from one to two. There are six workshops total spread between two sessions. The financial impact may vary greatly.

We discussed the new motion requesting a laptop computer for the area registrar, with wireless mouse and keyboard, not to exceed \$2,000.

We introduced a discussion topic about Area Standing Committees, similar to what was done two years ago. To help clarify the intent, it will be reworded for September: “Awareness of Appointed Area Standing Committees: Web, Finance, I&T.” Anyone who is unclear about the spirit of this topic should feel free to contact me or any area officer anytime.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Jeff O., Area Chair

Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants:

As I sit down to pen this month's Delegate's Corner I have just received the 2012 Final Conference Reports. The reports were delivered a bit later than I had hoped, but they're still here in plenty of time to be put to good use. Put to use you say? Just how am I to do that? Well, like almost everything else we do in General Service, **Communi-
cate!** I have an idea to help with that, but first a bit about the look and contents of the latest Conference Report.

This cover of this year's report booklet is an attractive "baby blue", or is it "powder blue", I'm not sure which, an eye pleasing "light blue", for sure. Depicted on the cover is a sketch of the exterior of the Hilton Rye Town, the sight of this year's General Service Conference. Inside you'll find all the usual array of information including: Conference Advisory Actions, Additional Committee Considerations, Presentations, Board Reports, Trustees' Committees, GSO and Grapevine Reports, information on all Conference members, a very extensive Financial section and many other interesting and informative tid-bits! This year's report also includes a generous amount of drawings from our sketch artist, depicting conference people, places and things.

So, how does one go about getting the average A.A. member interested in hearing about, or even reading for themselves this often misunderstood piece of literature? Well, a few years back a member from Contra Costa Co. came up with a rather clever document that outlined a "How To" method for reading the Conference report while keeping things fresh and interesting. I have been updating and passing around this document, with permission of course, ever since. While very unofficial, it's a fun way to "keep it interesting"! To get yours ask your DCMC or send me an email at: delegate.p61@cnca06.org I hope all of us do our part to encourage everyone to delve into the 2012 Final Conference Report, in whatever method they choose.

And now for something completely different!

At the recent CNCA06 Summer Assembly I had the good fortune to attend the workshop titled: "Talking to Your Group about Self-Support – Getting over the Awkwardness". The presentation and discussion that followed was excellent. I was able to share my own experience talking about the 7th Tradition in a meeting I attend regularly. After reading from the 12 & 12 on Tradition 7 I shared with the group the 2 numbers that most A.A. members never hear about; only 42% of all groups in the U.S. and Canada contribute to support General Service and for only \$6.32 per member, per year, A.A. could sell big books for \$2. After the meeting several people approached me asking where they could learn more. That's when it dawned on me that a business card with those two facts on one side, information on how to access the "Self-Support Challenge" on the CNCA06.org website on the other side, could be a very useful tool. A card to hand out at the groups and meetings we attend could help GSR's, and all of us, to get over that awkwardness of talking about Self Support. So, before rotation I hope to distribute a new "green card"!

Love and Service, Ken

AREA OFFICER JOB DISCRIPTIONS

Area Chair

Chair attends & chairs all Area Committee Meetings & Assemblies, & Area Officer Meetings. Responsible for producing & copying the agendas for all of those meetings: 24 Area Committee Meetings, 7 Area Assemblies/Business Meetings, & 24 Area Officer Meetings, totaling 55 agendas. Chair also prepares a summary of the Officer Meeting for the other officers. Receives and stores all "Lost & Found"

The Chair writes a preview of the Area Committee Meetings & Assembly Business Meetings and the panel calendar for the "CNCA Comments". Chair either serves as or appoints another officer to serve as the CNCA Comments/Comentarios Advisor & or Archives/web posting material.

Chair also shares the Area Officer district visits. The Chair (or designee) provides fellow officers with a map book of district meeting sites and a spreadsheet to track the district visits. .

Very helpful to have a working knowledge of the *CNCA Motions Book*, Roberts Rules & Chairs Rules. Helpful to have computer skills & familiar with email. Approximately 10 hours a month, some months significantly more.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2012

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2012

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held 25 August at the Petaluma Community Center. Jeff O. opened the meeting at 12.30PM with the Serenity Prayer. Margret B. of District 9 read the AA Preamble. Susan W. of District 6 read Tradition 8 and Helmut S. of District 01 read Concept 8. 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 6 new GSRs present and 1 new DCMs present. The July 2012 minutes & financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Sobriety Anniversaries totaled: 166 years.

Registered attendance: Voting=45, Non-voting=33.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE Ken M.: GSO getting out of eBook distribution, looking for 2014 GS Conference theme. Group contribution 2012 YTD was sent and only 47% of groups are contributing from our area, this YTD and at the end of the year it seems groups contribute more. GSO staff position is available. E mail came out about the wording of the short form of Tradition 11 and the effectiveness of it. Have received hard copy on how to bid for the 2025 International Convention, might be that Area 06 would be interested in this. Thank you district 40 for Summer Assembly. Reminder for the Class B Trustee at Large U.S. so far I haven't received any interest. Election is coming up in November in Cloverdale and hope everyone is contemplating their next AA service position. Q. I missed out on the eBook email. A. I will resend it.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Padee M.: No Report

AREA CHAIR Jeff O.: No Report

TREASURER Stacey S.: \$9,123 Dollars in checking account; Contributions \$5,607; Expenses \$8,076; leaving \$6,654. Contributions are under our budget number for Aug. and ranged from \$0.13 to \$150.00 dated from

4/15/12 to 8/18/12. Summer Assembly translation is \$300 under budget and the host district came in \$144 under budget.

REGISTRAR Raymundo L.: Making progress on service numbers and found 27 still waiting on 26. Making list for who is eligible and can make themselves available for election to Area position. It is required that all District Registrars attend the Election Assembly as the host district does not supply volunteers for registration. If anyone can't make it please send a substitute and let me know beforehand. Q. Is a previous DCM, DCMC eligible or a person from another Area? A. No, they have to be a member of his panel (61).

RECORDING Secretary Richard H.: I have some hard copies of the minutes from the Summer Assembly; I will send the others out tonight.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Agustin L.: Thanks to district 40 for the great Summer Assembly. Election Assembly Nov.3 in Cloverdale hosted by Districts 12 and 18. Flyers need corrections and will be posted on web site ASAP. All assemblies are open for Panel 63 except the Pre-conference Assembly.

LITERATURE/GV Tony R.: "Into Action" book is not available on eBook yet, but should be soon. "Young and Sober" is available in eBook. GV is developing the audio action so you can record your stories.

DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY Scott: We have a small growing group of people in General Service and trying to get more members to participate.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C.: We didn't attend the Assembly but did have an Area officer report back. Had a 3 day rally with a table set with GSR literature and has generated interest.

03 SANTA CRUZ Russ A.: We have reconfigured our sub-districts so they are balanced with the DCMs, and active with PI/CPC, 3 new GSRs. We have 61 GSRs active in

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

the district. BTG and PI/CPC have been very active in Santa Cruz.

04 SANTA CLARA NO. *Mary Ann S.*: New budget committee for 2013. 3 new GSRs, and 2 new DCMs, and district Treasurer. Still working on insurance for groups and district.

40 SANTA CLARA SO. *Chauncey H.*: Catching our breath from the summer assembly. Unity Day was wonderful. New Treasurer and CPC Chair have been elected.

05 SAN MATEO *Steve C.*: 4 New GSRs. Our Central Office is celebrating 50 years. Having a raffle for conference in Hawaii. Bus placards are going forward - 320 English and 320 Spanish, we have active PI/CPC

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Karen S.*: 11 new GSRs. Elected people to get bid in for assembly before the end of this panel. Unity Day 10 November from 9 to 4 at the Urban Life Center, S.F.

07 ALAMEDA NO. *Brian K.*: Heard about motion to disburse excess funds and didn't have any progress. Continued our District's Inventory.

70 ALAMEDA SO. *Ray W.*: No district meeting since last ACM. Looking into presenting assembly bid in September and have formed Ad-Hoc committee to search for site and prepare bid.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Debbie D.*: Our meeting is one and half hours and could go for three hours. Officer presentations started and could only go thru 2 of 5 intended. Presentation of new business on producing newsletter for minutes, events, etc.

09 SOLANO SO. *Dave W.*: Three hours is not enough for our meeting, this month must be the month of publication problems. The Unity day flyers are flawed and the Unity Day is September 8, in Benicia. September 29 workshop on what Public Information is all about.

90 SOLANO NO. *Pat H.*: Job descriptions are being presented, still have BTG chair open.

10 MARIN *Carolyn M.*: All a flutter preparing for our unity day, September 8; Dinner –movie and entertainment. Our literature chair is now General Service Advisory Board member.

11 NAPA *Randy C.*: Bus placard should be in place by mid-September and thanks to officers to move this along.

12 SONOMA *Michael Q.*: Thanks to District 40 for the summer assembly. Election Assembly planning committee is in full deployment and hard at work for the up coming assembly. Some confusion about flyers, new ones

are here. Sonoma County Unity Day 29 September is in Sebastopol.

13 LAKE *Phil B.*: Unity day committee formed, flyers are here with full color. Discussions about available/unavailable were discussed. Participating at BTG Forum.

14 MENDOCINO *John W.*: No report given.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Heather P.*: Had 2 new GSRs from groups that have been around for a long time but did not participate in GS for awhile. Regional General Meeting for H&I will be held in Crescent City later this year. Had contact from an organization that is not a locked down facility and helped to start a meeting there. Fire Camp meeting is being held once a month.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Juan Carlos A.*: Celebrating 26th Anniversary of District 16 on the 19th of August. New group formed in Half Moon Bay. Working with groups on the Concepts. Helping translate for DUI classes.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric*: Visiting groups in the District helping with Tradition 8 and Concept 8. Getting ready for the election in November with officer presentations.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Isidro T.*: Getting ready for the election assembly. Participating in Unity Day on 29th September.

19 SPANISH SO. SOUTH *Adrian*: PI had participation in Greenfield and set up info booth. Sparked the idea of starting an English speaking meeting in Greenfield. PI working with professionals in Salinas. We are to continue to print district schedules with AI-non information. 2 new GSRs. Waiting for Final Conference reports, groups Nueva Vida and El Salvador made the coffee for today.

20 SPANISH EAST *Javier L.*: Helped district 16. Working to celebrate our first anniversary. Working with groups to get GSRs, and new elections coming up.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Cynthia H.*: We had visiting DCMs and DCMCs to see what is available and the positions that will come available. Work Day 8th from 12 to 4 @ 193 Mayhew, Walnut Creek. Special Open House@ 193 Mayhew on 11th November. Attending Unity Days in Marin (Sept 8th) and Lake (6th Oct)

BRIDGING THE GAP *Mary Lou M.*: 5 Districts reporting and 27 presentations given with 75 contact requests. Pass it on was discussed and the job positions coming available. Possible combining of job positions and possible split of another, to be decided next month. 7th Annual BTG Workshop in American Canyon on October 13th is coming up.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

FINANCE *Sharon A.*: Review the financial statement and reviewed the first draft for 2013.

PI/CPC *Padee M.*: Great attendance about 30+ people, shared about tradition 11, so we can talk about it to our groups. Oakland inter-group will be setting up for the CPPCA workshop, and will have a presentation in Marin for their Unity Day. General surveys are available for GSO.

WEBSITE *Bob K.*: The CNCA comments are on the web site. Motion to eliminate previous motion about emailing "Comments and Comentarioros" to be presented.

INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION *Teddy W.*: Guide lines are under review (discussed –talked about- etc.) will be voted on next month. Discussing FM radios at the assembly, and decided that it is an individual responsibility. The term is "Professional" and "Professional Quality" is being interpreted and a definition will be available before the end of this panel.

CNCA COMMENTS *Scott G.*: 116 First Class, 1173 Bulk, total mailing 1289 with 1300 being printed. We need a bid for the "Comments/ Comentarioros" for the next panel.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Juan G.*: 200 Printed and 170 sent through mail, 30 copies are on the table.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Judy W.*: "How the Election Assembly Works" by Bob E. District 4. Next month "Choosing our leaders with Care" by Mike T. District 40

NCCAA: *Diane O.* – 65th Annual Fall Conference in Sacramento on October 5, 6, and 7. Panel @ 9:30 Saturday and Sunday with four speakers and an H&I Panel. Our first forum was held in 1978 in Sacramento.

Literature SHARING SESSION: *Tony R.*: Laura District 08 gave presentation on "Young and Sober". Story from SF by Susan C. in GV.

H&I: *Diane O.*: Saving on Shipping and handling, pink can contributions are generous. All facilities are covered, but always looking for volunteers. Steering Committee meets Sept 8. General Meeting to be held on 14th October in Crescent City.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

To eliminate the motion to e-mail "CNCA Comments" and all it encompasses- By Web Committee. "Comments" are already on the web site. Last year there was a motion to email the "comments" out and a committee was formed to see how that would be performed. That committee came back and gave the report that it would be very hard to accomplish that and not feasible to do.

Questions: Q. Will we, be able to have hard copies and can we print them out, and to have them to, mail out to other people? A. Yes, It will be in a PDF format. Q. This is to eliminate the motion to email. A. This is to eliminate the old motion that requires us to email "CNCA Comments". Q. The old motion had group conscience on them is this correct to bring this forward at this time. A. I do not know the answer. Q. Is it the intent of this motion is the only way to get the "Comments" is to go to the web site? A. No. Q. Now we tell people to go to the web site to get the "Comments". Q. Originally we had a motion to email the "Comments" and on the web site. Now we want to rescind that motion, is this normal procedure on how this is done? A. I don't know what normal procedure is, but the committee has come to that conclusion. A. We now have the "Comments" on the web site so that emailing them is not necessary, less cumbersome. // I have programming experience and it wouldn't be that cumbersome.// Q. So the intent of this motion is that the only way to get the comments is to go to the web site. A. Yes

*****Objection Made*****

>>Committee agreed motion should be Committee business.

****New Business at the Committee Next Month****

Interpretation Guidelines: Discussion Questions: No questions were asked.

To be Presented Next month as HK Motion

ASSEMBLY BIDS:

District 15 bid for the Summer Assembly on 10 August 2013 at Del Norte total bid cost \$2905.

They have three breakout rooms and large facility, lots of parking, lots of Hotels, very reasonable rental rate. 19 years since an assembly has been held there.

Questions: Q. what are the options for accommodations? A. From \$60 to \$70 per night. There are all kinds of lodging and rates. Q. Is \$1475 for food and coffee? We supply all the food. A. Yes that is a set amount that is on the form. Q. Camp grounds? A. There is a camp site across from the river boat, A. Yes, we will get that information for you. Q. is there wheel chair accessible? A. Yes

***** Bid is Accepted:*****

(SEVENTH TRADITION & BREAK) (2:50 to 2:15pm)

AREA BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

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

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Discussion: Q. who would the request go through? The district registrar? The Area Registrar? A. the Area Registrar would handle that. Q. Current process is to print in bulk and mail in bulk. So this means that all of that would go away. A. Yes. Q. My understanding is that this will eliminate the mailing of all hard copies. All of the subscriptions would be canceled and how would they know that their subscriptions would be they be know that this is happening? Q. How will the people who have subscriptions to out or opt in? A. this discussion will be going on for the next few months so that they will know this going to happen. Q. If this would pass, the only version would be the sanitized version on line. Or would there be another version. Q. A. there are two versions now and the printed one is the mailed and not sanitized. There other goes on the web site and is sanitized. Q. How would this version affect the bulk mail permit and how would my people get the printed version. Q. Have you discussed having an un-sanitized version for the archives? Q. Would we lose the bulk mail permit? And how cost effective would that be? Most in my district would still want the hard copy. A. 125 Bulk mail and the 125 mailed first class is about the same. Unless you mail a large quantity then the need for a bulk mail permit is not feasible.

>>Committee agreed motion should be Assembly business

*******New Business at the ASSEMBLY*******

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 \$2,000. – Raymundo L., Area Registrar

QUESTIONS: Q. Does this include the software? A. Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION:

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

Discussion: Q. the additional costs at the assembly would be over \$2000 or more? So the assembly we just approved would be at the high end of that? A. Reasonable assumption. Q. This language sounds like it comes out of a union contract, the conversation I have with our translators does not support this and I can't agree with it. I can't justify \$2,000 for 30 minutes. Q. I heard that a lot of our members would lend their service for no compensation, could we amend this motion to pay for their travel and accommodations? Q. Has the treasury talked about this and is it feasible? A. the Treasurer has thought about it and the finance committee has talked about it and don't know if this would be feasible until it happens.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Area Standing Committees: We recognize that people on these committees have experience in that field. i.e. translation committee needs someone familiar with equipment and that someone on the Web committee needs some experience with computers.

Q. To hear that you gather names now for the selection process for the next panel is very informative. Q. Can an body put their name in for committee positions? A. Any AA member is encouraged, anyone. Positions on I&T committee is open, so is web-finance is closed. Q. anyone is invited to attend the I&T committee meeting. Q. Could you explain why this discussion could be taken place? A. We are taking this too serious. We are talking about this too much. Q. Could we get a paraphrase from the committee's? That we are looking for people to play with radios? Q. Being on the committee does not give them the right to vote, why not? A. Great topic for discussions. Q. We need a lot of people to serve on committees and people that can talk the place of people who can be there. Q. A. It is better to have two or three people such as web master. A. When I came to the area, I wasn't even a GSR. But I had technical experience skills and found out that I could use them here at the area and I wasn't even interested in General Service, but made myself available, was a very lifting experience. Q. When I made myself available for the finance committee and was turned down then they said to make yourself available for the web committee and I didn't even know about pull down menus. // I am one of the I&T techs and made myself to all committees and was glad I did , wound up on the I&T committee and didn't know a lot about equipment but found that I could work well as the tech for the translation committee.

"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"

Had a fellow show up at our group and spoke very little English –Spoke very "Turin" please contact me—Debbie D. // 1st July did a show on the TV in India and have had over 20,000 calls, we are over worked and do not have enough service members. 1. we are 40,000 hardly 500 in Service, Calls are from places that AA isn't there. #. We are over worked and can't handle all the calls. There is politics here how do we handle that? // If you are district registrar why can't you be Area registrar? Q. I am really uncomfortable with all those snakes and reptiles. I wish there was a warning about that and would like to see better communication between the facility and CNCA. Q. How can we make this attraction rather than promotion? Q. I am not a voting member and if I had the right to vote, you would get my opinion. I would be carrying my opinion not the groups or districts conscience. // we made a motion to accept a summer assembly and we will get to find out how much it will cost, unless we get a Spanish District to bring a motion forward to eliminate travel. Q. Who is eligible for the finance? A. You have to be a DCMC or past delegate.

Meeting closed at 3:30pm with "Responsibility Declaration"

Submitted by Richard H.

CNCA Panel 61 Recording Secretary

SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES 2012

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2012 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held on 11th August 2012 at Scottish Rite Temple in San Jose. The meeting was opened at 10:05 by Jeff O., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Nancy P. of District 4. Lynn C. of District 11 read the 12 Traditions in English and Martha I. of District 16 read the 12 Traditions in Spanish. There were 4 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob K. (Panel 47), Sharon A. (Panel 57) and David N. (Panel 59).

Registered attendance: Voting=**254**, Non-voting=**109**.

Post Conference Assembly minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Ken M.*: Now the end is near----- thank you District 40 for hosting the "fun" assembly today. It is always tough to decide which workshop to attend. No final conference reports today, and should be shipped next week and should be at the ACM for next month. Regional forum upcoming in Fairbanks on 14-16 September Alaska. Reminder for the Class B trustee coming available in the U.S., I distributed job description and details of what the position entails, resume sheet and election procedures, applications are out but have not received any. Our Area could hold a third legacy election if someone makes them selves available. Phyllis, GSO manager told us about the review of the eBook project. the eBook project is not sustainable in the long run, but maintain what we have, and use established vendors for out books. Finance information is on the CNCA.org web site. Next assembly is our election assembly and hope everyone searches themselves to see if they are going to make them selves available for the next panel.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Padee M.*: So grateful to serve and it was a real honor to give some of the conference reports for Ken. Rewarding to MC the local forum, I was a bit nervous driving Eva and Rod around, that was quite the experience to take care of our trustee and GSO person.

AREA CHAIR *Jeff O.*: If you are a GSR please attend our area meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month except December which is the 3rd Saturday. We will be having discussion topic about the area's standing committee's. The committees are appointed by the area officers for the next panel by the new officers. Would like to thank everyone for the work shop topics and was over-

whelmed with them and had a hard time selecting the work shop topics. This is the last assembly for business for this panel. Make yourself available for committee chairs.

TREASURER *Stacey S.*: For the last 6 months contributions were \$49,000 and expenses were \$48,000. Excludes the prepaid expenses, such as this assembly and others from the first of the year, which were about \$5,500. Result: A little bit of a deficit. We are all going to use the tools available to us and keep our groups informed on how we spend money and where it goes. Information is on the web site for self support. The largest support is from groups. The cost of this assembly is about \$23 per person. The biggest expenses are: the standing committees at about \$28,000; officer expenses at \$27,000, excluding the delegate who runs us about \$9,000; and assemblies at \$26,000.

REGISTRAR *Raymundo L.*: We have 141 GSRs here today, 218 voting 87 nonvoting with total 305. New service numbers are being worked on, constantly correcting information and following up on getting your service numbers to you.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Richard H.*: no report given

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Agustin L.*: Thank you District 40 for hosting this assembly. The bid for pre conference assembly was approved and the post-conference assembly bid was withdrawn due to price changing. Now all assemblies are open except the 2013 pre-conference assembly. Fall election assembly 3 November in Cloverdale; please mark your calendar.

LITERATURE/GV *Tony R.*: New pamphlets "AA and the Armed Services" and the "2011 Service Survey". Alan G. of district 10 is new Editorial Advisory Board member. New eBooks "Young and Sober", "Step by Step" and "Emotional Sobriety I & II" are available now. 2013 GV Calendars are here, Photos for 2014 calendar is 1 Dec. 2012. Free daily GV quote of the day available on GV web site and is available as an email.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Peter M.*: Archives is located in Walnut Creek, we meet once a month and sort and file classify material that has been sent to us. We do presentations and take material to different events and would be glad to help any way we can. Annual event is held once a year for archivists and this one is in Coco Beach Florida, and our Laura is going.

SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES (Cont.)

BRIDGING THE GAP *Mary Lou M.*: BTG is involved in many aspects of 12th step outreach. Most are familiar with the BTG service that takes newcomers who are out of correctional or treatment facilities and take them to AA meetings. We are always looking for volunteers in all districts to help with that vital "Bridge" to AA fellowship. Another aspect is our correspondence with jail and prison inmates asking about our program. Some are getting out soon and others who won't be getting out. We have sign up forms for people interested in Corrections Correspondence for males only, as the women have enough volunteers. 7th Annual BTG Forum is 13th October in American Canyon, panels on Corrections, Treatment, BTG, and H&I.

FINANCE *Sharon A.*: 2013 Budget process is in full swing and the work sheets are due today, prelim draft is prepared and then maybe another and another then given to the officers then another is prepared and given to you in November, perhaps in December we have a budget.

PI/CPC *Padee M.*: Great opportunity to serve all of you, and I am still learning. How you got here might be via the courts, picking up a big book in the library, by the therapist; it doesn't matter; PI probably helped to get you here. Carrying the message is our primary purpose, to the general public and we help professionals, but most likely they do not understand an Alcoholic like we do, we help there. We are connected to your intergroup and help them with carrying the message anyway we can. We will be at the booth in Oakland for the Corrections, Parole and Probation conference.

WEBSITE *Bob K.*:

We have been working hard to bring the CNCA "Comments" to the web site and in two weeks they should be there.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *CHRIS W.*: We translate the committee's documents and interpret at our assemblies (English to Spanish- Spanish to English). If you need translation or equipment send a request to Teddy.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS: No Motions

AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION:

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)

DISCUSSION: Group was divided half for half against, more inclusive is the words "people of all ages" // mixed opinions-no specific conclusion and isn't this just changing colors—we should concentrate more on being self supportive, won't make a difference and should leave it alone. // we on more important things like becoming self supporting. // It is really up to the members of the group and won't make a difference. // we concede on the merit of the motion and should let the fellowship itself make that decision. // we think that this would attract more members. // unanimous in not changing it, can change it at the group level // When all inclusive it should say "people". //

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require a 2/3rds to pass.

Vote: Yes= 30 No=171 Abstain=12

MINORITY OPINION: The preamble is more then the start of the meeting, if this was in a pamphlet then perhaps a therapist could read this to a patient, if I was an 18 yr. old, young and heard that I would be turn off by that, I am no where near to be old enough to be man or woman, it sounds old, when I was young, 18, my concept of 30 years- was old, then I referred to women as girls, and men as boys,

No motion to reconsider. ****Motion Fails****

NEW BUSINESS:

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

We find it very important to keep this talk alive. I am in a district very far from hear // One of the misleading things is the way this is written and that this should make being an area officer more attractive to people, and there wouldn't be any travel, that the miss-lead is that there won't be any travel at all. // to cut this to two meetings per year is too big of a cut, and might be better to cut the visits to every other month. We then would have to ask and then we think that we would be a burden if we ask for the district officer to come, the only time we hear what AA is doing is when an officer comes to visit. // we make it an effort to have service accessible and it is important to make this available to people that wouldn't normally make themselves available. // I think it is essential that the Area officer need to know what is going on and the

SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES (Cont.)

only way that happens is when the area officers visit, if I had to invite a area officer every month, I don't think I would do that. To have people make themselves available with the thought they only have to visit twice a year is a little misleading, I think Districts are going to be asking for more visits then 2 per year. // People thought that service should be accessible and that Area Service is so important that there should be as much of a cross section as possible. We realize there are factors out there that prevent people from serving as area officers and that is hard to poll. There are other ways to communicate with the Area other than the Area Officers. I go to the ACM every month that is my service position. How much do I lean on area officer? If nothing else happens I am glad we are talking about this. // If you don't have a really good job or retired, you are handicapped trying to serve as an area officer. Some officers have resigned, as the pressure put on them was more than they could do. Some people don't have days off to travel and can't take off to do this travel of long distances. Also, maybe too much time away from our families. Broadening the way who is available at this service level, we have DCMs who attend the ACM and 4 Assemblies a year, we just don't need this many officer visits a year. // People will go to any lengths, we look forward to area officer visits and if we should change it should be every other month. // When I went to my first assembly then I met my first area officer, he said God doesn't choose the qualified, He qualifies the chosen. // Nothing works like personal contact and this works very well and the heart to heart would be missed. // In favor of the outcome, the minimum is that we can have an area officer any time we want, then it is really nice to have some say something nice. // our group realize that a lot of money went to area officers; we put this in to make available more people to serve. // is there a need for this service? The delegate report is the only time needed. For the area officer stands up and gives a little pep talk. I don't think this serves anyone. // I came in the middle of the panel, and the area officers are helping, I don't drive, meeting the area officer one on one is important. // I think it is beneficial for the area officer for visits; Some times things get out of hand and it is good to take an area officer to the side. It is nice to talk to someone that has a little general service experience. // The first time I heard was about financial conditions, and if we take the travel away then it might not be budgeted and if we don't budget it now - then how do we get it back? // It is nice to come to a place like this and recognize people here. // When an area officer comes up to our county, we have them give a half hour talk, and then in our district meeting is report time. I have no contact with people as the previous DCMs have moved away, this is the only contact of general service I have. // If you don't have the time for this commitment then they shouldn't take this commitment. It shouldn't be taken on an emotional whim. // When I came in the money was tight and if we ask people to travel far. If we make travel manda-

tory then we are going to lose a lot of valuable people. Also if the officers are making all these meetings are they making their own meetings? // the idea of Skype has come up instead of a visit. With a way to share the costs between districts and area // basically this topic has to do with money; you can't take it with you. Just as the aim of each AA member is personal sobriety, the aim of each is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it. If nobody does the group's chores, if the area's telephone rings unanswered, if we do not reply to out mail, then A.A. as we know it would stop. Our communications lines with those who need our help would be broken.

AA has to function, but at the same time it must avoid those dangers of great wealth, prestige, and entrenched power which necessarily tempt other societies. Though Tradition Nine at first sight seems to deal with a purely practical matter, in its actual operation it disclosed a society without organization, animated only by the spirit of service—a true fellowship. So the communication with area officers is important. // the sacrifice that the area officers drive and I can relate. I didn't realize that until I wound up in that position and the caliber of officers who make that sacrifice to drive all those miles. I drive 800 miles last year, to assemblies, work shops and meetings. It has changed me in a way that is profound. //// I like talking about this about how people with less time and money might make themselves available. I am glad we are talking about this // This motion exists as how area operates, and doesn't happen in a lot of areas, Being a GSR and having an area officer visits is sometimes the only time they see them. // this would put a big burden on the districts to have to ask for a visit every month.

"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"

Take the flowers and thank you for attending. // you are invited to the party in Cloverdale. // Next Sunday Unity day in Milpitas. // Thanks to Area Officers // thanks to all the groups for their participation in putting this assembly on. // Call up the GV for subscription forms so you can get them signed up. Start giving subscriptions to the prisons and local jails. // Return the FM radios. // Thanks to district 40 for the summer assembly. GSRs & DCMs—Cloverdale! // Thanks to the presenters for their hard work. Numbers—Performa—Cost \$6,800. —contributions 1,369. Cost = for assembly /// Thanks to the translators and we appreciate the hard work// 246 Voting, 105 non-voting with total 351. //

The meeting closed at 4:54pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted by Richard H.

CNCA Panel 61 Recording Secretary

Profit & Loss — Budget vs. Actual

6:11 PM
8/31/2012
Cash Basis

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

	YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Jan-July 2012	Jan-July 2012 Budget	YTD (Jan - July) \$ (Under Budget) \$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Group Contributions	44,922.43	43,750.00	1,172.43
District Contributions	3,440.53	3,500.00	(59.47)
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,732.27	1,750.00	(17.73)
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	40.00	(28.00)
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	2,040.00	(1,480.96)
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	3.64	4.08	(0.44)
Total Income	57,232.82	56,284.08	948.74
Expense			
Total Delegate Expense	4,559.92	5,379.70	(819.78)
Total Officer Expense	15,005.99	16,019.43	(1,013.44)
Committee Expense			
Total Archives	3,938.60	4,550.68	(612.08)
Total Bridging The Gap	1,899.05	1,693.82	205.23
Total Finance Committee	579.72	667.99	(88.27)
Total PI/CPC	201.87	816.66	(614.79)
Total Interp. & Translation Cmte	121.52	971.83	(850.31)
Total CNCA Website	656.80	839.24	(182.44)
Total CNCA Comments	3,663.25	4,708.34	(1,045.09)
Total ACNC Comentarios	1,376.75	1,484.00	(107.25)
Total Committee Expense	12,437.56	15,732.56	(3,295.00)
General Expense			
Total Assembly Expenses	12,589.41	14,185.00	(1,595.59)
Total Area Committee Expense	7,053.11	7,411.85	(358.74)
Total General Service Conference	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Insurance Expense	859.25	875.00	(15.75)
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	20.44	14.93
Total General Expense	21,762.14	23,727.29	(1,965.15)
Total Expense	53,784.50	60,858.98	(7,074.48)
Total Other Income (Refunds/Rebates)	349.44	0.00	349.44
Net Income	3,797.76	(4,574.90)	8,372.66

Bank Accounts: July 31, 2012
 Operating Account 9,155
 Prudent Reserve 8,887

Profit & Loss — Balance Sheet JULY, 2012

California Northern Coastal Area
Balance Sheet
 As of July 2012

	Jun 30, 12	Jun 30, 11
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Checking/Savings		
B of A Checking	9,155.44	6,208.94
B of A Savings	8,889.51	8,351.89
Total Checking/Savings	18,044.95	14,560.83
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
<u>Other Current Assets</u>		
Assembly Deposits		
2013 Pre-Conference Assembly	1,000.00	0.00
2012 Post-Conference Assembly	800.00	0.00
2012 Pre-Conference Assembly	0.00	1,175.00
2012 Election Assembly	1,481.25	0.00
2012 Summer Assembly	5,150.00	500.00
2011 Inventory Assembly	0.00	1,500.00
2011 Summer Assembly	0.00	4,077.00
Total Assembly Deposits	8,431.25	7,252.00
Prepaid Insurance	491.04	474.36
1499 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	8,922.29	7,726.36
TOTAL ASSETS	26,967.24	22,287.19
 <u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		
<u>Equity</u>		
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,282.48	4,811.40
Net Income	3,797.76	9,142.79
Total Equity	26,967.24	22,287.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	26,967.24	22,287.19

AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

CNCA Motions – September 2012

Area Committee

Assembly Bids

Housekeeping Motion:

Guidelines

- Interpretation and Translation Guidelines

Presentation of New Business

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
- 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

New Business at Area Committee Meeting

- To eliminate the motion to email *CNCA Comments* and all it encompasses. –Web Committee

Discussion Topics

- Awareness of Appointed Area Standing Committees: Web, Finance, I&T

Area Assembly Motions

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly

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

Old 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)

New Business at Area Assembly

DCM SHARING SESSION

DCM SHARNG SESSION AUGUST 25, 2012

HOW THE ELECTION ASSEMBLY WORKS Bob E. DCM D4-01

The election assembly will begin with presentations to inform the group of the making of an AA leader, the third legacy procedure, and officer qualifications. During the election process, there will be informative presentations from trusted servants. The trustee is there to assure smooth flow of the process. Officers from CNIA collect and assist in counting ballots.

Our delegate, Ken M., will preside, calling upon those who are eligible for positions to announce their availability. Qualified people are DCMC's, DCM's., and current area officers (except for the delegate).

When the ballots are counted, a 2/3 majority is required for someone to assume office. If no one receives 2/3 of the vote the lowest percentage people are withdrawn and a new vote ensues. If this process continues 4 times, the chairperson asks for a motion to go to the hat. Once that motion is passed, the candidate is selected by simple draw of the hat.

The chair directs the secretary to send a report to the GSO by Dec 1. People involved in the process have said that this is the only place where this process is used. It is a unique and spiritual experience, is humbling, surreal, and an expression of dedication and love for AA. All of us agreed it is one of the most moving experiences we have ever attended. Respectfully submitted, Judy W. DCM D13

Next month: Choosing Our Leaders With Care: Marichuy L. D40

CNCA CALENDAR

2012 –Panel 61

- Sept. 8 Archives Workday** Walnut Creek
14, 15, 16—Pacific Regional Forum,
 Fairbanks, Alaska
22 Area Committee Mtg
- Oct. 5-7 NCCAA,**
 Sacramento, CA
13 BTG Forum, American Canyon
13 Archives, Workday Walnut Creek
27 Area Committee Mtg
- Nov. 3 Election Assembly,**
 Cloverdale, CA
 (H. Districts 12 & 18)
24—Area Committee Mtg
- Dec. 15 Area Committee Mtg**

2013—Panel 63

- January 26—Area Committee Mtg**
February 23—Area Committee Mtg
March 1, 2, 3—PRAASA, Boise, Idaho
23—Area Committee Mtg
April 6&7—Pre conference Assembly,
 Antioch (H. by District 08)
21-27, General Service Conf, NY
27—Area Committee Mtg
May 25—Area Committee Mtg
June 22—Area Committee Mtg
July 27—Area Committee Mtg
August 10—Summer Assembly,
 Crescent City (H. by District 15)
24—Area Committee Mtg
September 28—Area Committee Mtg
October 26—Area Committee Mtg
November 23—Area Committee Mtg
December 21—Area Committee Mtg

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

PANEL 63 ASSEMBLY DATES

2013 Pre-conference Assembly
April 6-7: Contra Costa Fairgrounds
 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA
 Hosted by District 08

2013 Post-conference Assembly
May 18th or May 11th

2013 Summer Assembly
August 10: Del Norte Fairgrounds
 421 Hwy 101 North, Crescent City CA
 Hosted by District 15

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

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are the 4th Saturday every month. Sharing Sessions -10 am
Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am
Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

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