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PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

October 2012

At the September 22 **Area Committee Meeting** (“**ACM**”) we approved a bid from District 70, Alameda South, to host the post conference assembly May 18, 2013 in Livermore.

Please continue to have 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.

The ACM passed the Interpretation and Translation (“**I&T**”) Committee’s guidelines.

The Registrar presented a motion requesting that GSO send packets to new DCMCs. The presentation process revealed that some DCMCs received packets while others did not. The ACM clearly expressed that new DCMCs should always receive packets. We terminated this discussion because the chair perceived that the ACM was speaking its conscience unanimously. I have subsequently contacted a staff member at GSO. I will keep the area informed.

The motion to eliminate the motion to email *CNCA Comments* will be amended for the October ACM, worded as follows: “That the motion passed at the May 2011 Area Committee Meeting to allow for the option of receiving the CNCA Comments via email [1105-1] be rescinded.” It will continue to be new business since it really hasn’t been discussed yet.

We continued discussing but did not vote on the following: “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 the August ACM and are discussing it with your sub-district or group, you might consider asking someone who attended to explain the impact. 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 passed the motion requesting a laptop computer for the area registrar, with wireless mouse and keyboard, not to exceed \$2,000.

We continued the discussion topic to increase awareness of Area Standing Committees, in preparation for Panel 63. The area chair and assembly coordinator used a provisional illustration to add context and explain the intent of this discussion topic. Please talk with any area officer or anyone from your district who attends the ACM about what all this means. If you are available to serve on the Web, Finance, and/or I&T committee next panel, please submit your name to any Panel 61 or Panel 63 area officer.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Jeff O., Area Chair

Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants:

“No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A.A. can be no exception.”

As we approach election season in AA I'm drawn to our Service Manual and the many “nuggets” Bill W. left to the fellowship relating to leadership and the selection process of those leaders.

With leadership we shall have a continuous problem. Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity. It is therefore a problem that in its very nature cannot be permanently solved. We must continuously find the right people for our many service tasks. Since our future effectiveness must thus depend upon ever-new generations of leaders...

Regarding leadership in A.A.:

- ***Our leaders do not drive by mandate, the lead by example***
- ***Personally put principles , plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him and help him with his job***
- ***Good leadership originates plans policies and ideas for the improvement or our fellowship and its services***
- ***Good leadership never passes the buck***
- ***Give and take, the ability to compromise cheerfully***
- ***Often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism***
- ***Vision***
- ***Continual need of these same attributes – tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision-among our leaders of A.A. services at all levels***

Are these qualities that you already possess? Or are willing to work towards? My hope is, in addition to the honest, open, loving discussion with our Service Sponsors, families, significant others, and employers we're all doing the Step 10 and Step 11 work necessary to answer the question: Am I available?

Bill also had much to say about the selection/election of our trusted servants:

- ***Great care needs to be taken...***
- ***Hit of miss methods should be avoided...***
- ***Who are the best qualified people we can name?***

One thing that I've learned in my service as Delegate is the importance of electing the absolute best people available. There should be no: “well, it's his/her turn, they've been around for a long time”. Especially at the Delegate level it's important we elect leaders we *trust* to have the *character* to stand up and act on their beliefs. Because in the end, no matter the level of knowledge and preparation, it comes down to the individual's ability to make decisions based on their own character and willingness to put principles before personalities.

All ***bold and italicized*** text is taken from the A.A. Service Manual/12 Concepts for World Service, the Concept IX essay and LEADERSHIP IN A.A.: AN EVER VITAL NEED starting on page 34, highly recommended reading for all AA members this election season!

Living the Dream, Ken

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR SPETEMBER 2012

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

The CNCA monthly committee meeting was held *September 22, 2012* at the Petaluma Community Center. Jeff O. opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, at 12:30PM. Chery G. of District 11 read the AA Preamble. Simon I. of District 19 read Tradition 9 & Nora H. of District 70 read Concept 9. There were 5 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob K. (Panel 47), Doug G. (Panel 53), Sharon A. (Panel 57) and David N. (Panel 59) and one visiting There were 4 GSRs present and 1 new DCMs present. The *August 2012* minutes & financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Sobriety Anniversaries totaled: 125 yrs
Registered attendance: Voting=**54**, Non-voting=**37**.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Ken M.*: This month I have sent out 2 emails to the DCMCs. Final Conference reports and most districts have them, there are whole bunches here and I don't want to take them back to my house, a fun "How to" read the Conference Report document. Some French Final Conference reports are here. GSO staff position is available, Information and packet together for bidding on 2025 International Convention. Trustee position is available for the up coming vacancy. Pacific Regional Forum was AWESOME! Self Support Challenge—Green "Did you know" cards are available.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Padee M.*: Flyers for pre-assembly dinner are here, limited copies are available. GSO would like to hear about the membership survey form that was just sent out.

AREA CHAIR *Jeff O.*: No report

TREASURER *Stacey S.*: \$9,973 Checking Account Balance 9-1-12, w/ contributions \$3,894 as of 9-21-12. Est. expenses \$7,376 leaving us with \$6,491. Reminder, that we are running on a deficit budget of about -\$9,500. YTD contributions are -\$7,000, with expenses at -\$8,000 (had \$8,900 in checking at beginning of the year). We re-

ceived \$100 from our neighbors CNIA towards our booth rental and several contributions form YPAA service. Officers and committees are practicing prudent cost saving measures helping to keep costs down. Costs to run CNCA (Area 06), breaks down to \$55.37 per group (1,900 groups) and \$1.85 per member (57,500 members). ---- IF ALL CONTRIBUTE.

REGISTRAR *Raymundo L.*: All District Registrars required to attend this election assembly to verify the members eligible to vote and verify who is eligible to become an area officer. If not available then notify me ASAP. I emailed the eligibility list last month.

RECORDING Secretary *Richard H.*: Quarterly reports due for this issue and that the "report backs" from the Summer Assembly to be in this edition of the "Comments".

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Agustin L.*: Bid for an Assembly today for Panel 63. We have two assemblies approved for 2013 – the pre-conference and summer assemblies. If your district needs help with bidding – I will be glad to help. 3 November for the election assembly make sure you are there.

LITERATURE/GV *Tony R.*: Translation for "How to read the Final Conference report" will be sent out tonight. Subscriptions for Box 459 are available online.

DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY *Scotty*: 5 new GSRs, and we are building communication with intergroup.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Mark C.*: Have added 4 new GSRs, doubling our active attendees. Gratitude dinner to be held 10th November in Salinas, speaker will be our Delegate, Ken M.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Russ A.*: Officer Job descriptions updating is done, and nearly finished with the process of presentations at the district. With school back in session we had a net loss of 6 GSRs and 2 DCMs to education commitments. Discussion about how best to support the "Grapevine".

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH : *Shannon S.*: 4 new GSRs, our district is reaching out to our "Dark" meetings. Several groups are suffering because of insurance requirements required by landlords. Job descriptions are being presented.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Chauncey H.*: 2 new GSRs, makes 10 in the past 3 months. Conference Report Workshop on 28th October. We have only one more business meeting this panel. October and November is elections.

05 SAN MATEO *Alex S.*: Motions are coming out, 6 motions in one meeting, Big Book and 12&12 will be available in Libraries, Bus placards are a go. PSA to be purchase for use in our County.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Teddy W.*: Job descriptions are done for our trusted servant positions and the review is complete. We reached an informed group conscience on the Area motion of continuous interpretation.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Brian K.*: District has not had our September meeting yet, and we are in the middle of our District inventory.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Ray W.*: 4 new GSRs and 4 Alternates. We have met weekly and have put together an assembly bid for today. Looking for Archives and BTG chair positions.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Herb*: Creating a district bulletin, to include District events, information and minutes from previous meetings. Preparing for District Elections and have been orating job descriptions.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Dave W.*: Unity day was a great success and Delegate gave informative report. We went through 2 and half questions, out of 8 for our inventory. Parking for the BTG forum is being set up around the corner for the CNCA BTG Forum on 13th October.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Pat H.*: Reviewing our district guidelines.

10 MARIN *Carolyn M.*: Unity day was celebrated with entertainers from the southland. Funding for computer and PA equipment, plus a balanced budget (and on time) was produced by finance committee. There is increased interest of DCM Positions with our re-districting.

11 NAPA *Cheryl H.*: Bus placard are to be installed,

12 SONOMA *Michael Q.*: Unity day is in Sebastopol, first time there. Conversations on email format of newsletter are taking place. Several groups are discussing short form wording of Tradition 11.

13 LAKE *Phil B.*: Final touches for Unity day taking place. Discussion of the wording for "Short" form of Tradition 11 is taking place.

14 MENDOCINO *John W.*: No report

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Heather P.*: Discussed final conference report. Web Site went down for a day and many calls ensued. Unsure of what to do with excess funds, and we are intending to spend that on literature purchase. Ad-hoc committee formed to find new mtg. location for District 15. H&I General Committee meeting is on 14 October. Need chair of Del Norte H&I.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Juan C.*: We have elections in October. Pi is working, doing a lot of DUI classes. Looking to assist with the election assembly in Cloverdale.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric*: 9th Concept and 9th Tradition on the 29 September

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector*: 16 September was meeting. Unity day 29 September and working toward the election Assembly. We are hoping everyone in District 18 will be available for participation.

19 SPANISH SO. SOUTH *Mario R.*: Analyzing information for the assembly, talking about the translators

20 SPANISH SO. SOUTH *Javier L.*: 11 November the first anniversary of our group. Working with groups that do not have GSRs, and working on the autonomy of our District, elections 15th October. We are looking forward to attending the autumn assembly.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Peter M.*: 7 members in attendance; we attended Marin Unity day, we will be at Lake County's Unity day 6th October and San Francisco's Unity Day on 10th November. Open House is Sunday 11th November. Service positions are coming available; elections are 24th November here in Petaluma.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Mary Lou M.*: 5 District reporting with 17 requests for presentations with 64 contact requests. I attended the BTG in Minneapolis and received many ideas on how BTG can better serve Corrections and Treatment facilities. Job descriptions are being presented and looking forward to elections in December.

FINANCE *Sharon A.*: Review August financial statement. The budget process is going forward with a copy going to Area Officers next month with presentation to ACM in November with approval in December.

PI/CPC *Padee M.*: Short presentation on Parole action Committee, Heard news about it but bad news as well.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

The CPPCA (@200 members) convention was well attended and we were stationed next to the cocktail lounge, we had plenty of members stopping by. GSO wants to hear back on the Membership Survey that was just sent out; and how they can serve you better, even though they only gave us 20 days to respond they will want to hear from us.

WEBSITE Bob K.: Talked about the mechanic's of getting the "Comments" on the web site and getting them posted in a timely manner, total implementation is before the 2013 Pre-conference assembly.

INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION Teddy W.: Written pass it on with pictures for the next panel. Extensive information on "Professional" and "Professional Quality"

CNCA COMMENTS Scotty G.: 1350 Printed with 1100 going out via bulk mail and 120 First Class mail.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA Juan Saule : 200 Printed - 179 Mailed first Class.

DCM SHARING SESSION Judy W.: "Choosing our service leaders with care" Presented by Marichuy L. / District 40

LITERATURE/GV SHARING SESSION Tony R.: Judy gave presentation on how to give a Grapevine presentation. Bring Literature display and handouts, GVR needs to have subscription to have a copy to bring to the meetings. Told how to become a GV rep online and how to give a GVR report to your home group.

NCCAA Diane O.: NCCAA Conference to be held at Woodlake Inn on Leisure Lane in Sacramento on 5th, 6th, 7th October. Same place as the first Regional Forum.

H&I Diane O.: 8th September was Steering Committee meeting in Sacramento. Proposal for reimbursement is moving forward for those service members doing H&I business and for gas mileage only, regional chairs are taking this to their area's and will give feed back at the General Meeting in Crescent City on the 14th October. "Pink Can" donations are strong and new volunteers keep coming (we always need volunteers).

LITERATURE GV SHARING SESSION: Tony R.: Tony W from District 90 has a story in GV. Judy W. gave a presentation on how to give a Grapevine presentation (Bring Literature and Handouts; the Grapevine Rep needs to have a subscription to the GV.)

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

Guidelines for I & T for approval are being presented.

Q. 7/26/12 the most recent one? A. Yes//

>>>>> No Objections [Motion Passes] <<<<<

ASSEMBLY BIDS:

District 70 bid for the Post Conference Assembly on 18 May 2013 at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Livermore, CA. Total bid cost \$5,152.

Q. Coffee is 200 isn't suppose to be \$75. Bid is now \$5,027. Q. Is this large enough? A. Yes Q. When is deposit required? A. As soon as possible. Q. ASL fee seems a little high. A. We bid it on the high side from numbers of past assemblies. Q. This seems a little high for the site. A. the Sites we looked at either not available and the other site were not available, also were the sitting arrangements (stainless steel seats). We worked several months trying to find a facility. Q. Is there enough parking for us there? A. Yes there is more then enough parking.

>>>>>>>No Objections [Bid Accepted]<<<<<<<<

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

AREA BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION:

That GSO send service packets to new DCMCs, similar to what is sent to new DCMs. Presented by Raymundo L. Area Registrar

QUESTIONS: Have asked for service packets and past registrars have asked them also. Q. Did it just come to you, because people have come and asked you for this packet, A. Yes about 6 people have asked for it. Q. Should this information come from DCMC as a pass it on? Are asking for this from GSO or is this going to be from our Area Registrar. Q. This will be coming from GSO, a package similar to the package a DCM receives. Q. What would be different from the packet the DCMs get? A. Don't know it what Q. Why doesn't the GSO clean up their registry. would be in it. Q. Why isn't this already being done? Q. I received them=DCM packet and a DCMC packet. Q. I have been asked why they haven't received their packet. A. DCMC does not get a kit. Q. Some get them some don't, I don't really know what is going on.

>>>>>>>>MOTION WITHDRAWN<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

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 interpretation.—I&T Committee

Discussion: This service is needed and should be required.// Providing translations a key component to breaking down barriers, members want to donate their time for translation // I haven't relieved a good position on what is "Professional" and "Professional Quality" A. The difference is not whether they get paid or not paid, usually with Professional we look outside our area, with Professional quality we look within our area. // my interpretation is that "Professional" is some one who has a certificate and the Professional Quality" doesn't have they certificate. We have Professional Quality interpreters // {impact} term that "Professional Quality" should not be there is that they are both paid and that should be in the equation. Actually what we are doing is doubling the number of translators and we have 1 interpreter per workshop and what we want is 2 per workshop. (Professional get mileage and hotel/motel meals, the AA member doesn't get that) Basically that if this passes there will be 2 vs. 1 // Current "Professionals" do it because it is their job. // This motion is to provide "Professional Quality" interpretation // The world service committees provide "Professional" interpreters for the main session but not for the workshops —there they use "Professional Quality" // I am bilingual but I am not professional and I try to do it at the local forum and failed // When talking to a AA member, they understand each other and when a professional translate it is not from the heart // we had two professionals and three volunteers, it worked very well, we have translated for YPAA, and we have the people to do the job.

>>>>>>>>Continued to next month<<<<<<<<<

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

Discussion: All in favor of it, we had a member help to purchase the treasurers computer and suggest that we use him again.

>>Chair asked for a sense of the meeting. Committee was ready to vote, & agreed to require a simple majority to pass.

Minority Opinion: No Opinion

No motion to reconsider. ****Motion PASSES****

NEW BUSINESS:

To eliminate the motion to email CNCA Comments and all it encompasses. —WEB Committee

Discussion: Should be worded differently and should include the motion number. To be New Business next month

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Awareness of Appointed Area Standing Committees: Web, Finance, I&T ++ Related Aside: Archives, BTG, PI/ CPC are primarily served by District members.

DISCUSSION: Previous Panels —when we had the web page down for 6 months—we had the I&T committee chair soldering equipment. When we asked for volunteers for committees and would like to get people with a little experience for the committees they would like to be on when we ask for volunteers. Q. Who can get on the committees? A. Any one can get on, except the finance committee, that requires a DCMC, delegate, and Treasurer. Q. Availability, do they attend 4 assemblies. A. Only if needed. Q. ACM meetings A. Committees meet same day as ACM. Q. Do they stay late at the ACM. A. No. Q. I am in the archives committee and one of the members was a librarian and it wasn't necessary but very helpful. Q. How does a person make them selves available A. Give the names to an Area Officer. Q. Incoming Officers make the decision of who is going to be on the committees. Q. I am a DCM and I put name in, I will not be visible at the meetings. A. Not unless you are the chair of the committee, still no voting privileges.

"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"

Whether or not GSO can accept earmarked money from members or groups? No, they can not. // Another Assembly is on the way and the coffee commitment has not been filled // I want to acknowledge our equipment technicians for a fine job they have done //

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

Submitted by Richard H.

CNCA Panel 61 Recording Secretary

Workshop report backs from Summer Assembly Attraction rather than promotion in General Service and the Fellowship. – Eric--Without humility, AA would never have received the positive attention it has if we were to promote ourselves. We have resolved to do something different than is common. Example of “Nike” shoes who wanted our AA endorsement so that in their (Nike) shoes we could walk all 12 steps. Then “Nike” would own us and when the steps changed so would their promotion, and when their shoes changed so would our steps. Attraction means an attractive quality, while promotion means to advance with an aim (goal). We don’t want to promote general service above everything else but we would like to tell our groups that general service is one among many service entities in A.A. Lecturing is not very attractive but story telling is when approaching our groups about general service. Don’t try to sell general service, because nobody is buying. Every member should be a guard of anonymity, as the program is not anonymous but we are.

Group autonomy vs. the A.A. service structure- Shelly- A.A. as a whole is affected by everything we do vs. we can do anything we want. The more we work together and cooperate with each other the less likely we are going to be in conflict with other groups or individuals. The more we hold true to the “Traditions” the less likely we are going to be conflict with the A.A. service structure. I love to cross reference between the “Traditions” and A.A. comes of age! If somebody comes to a meeting and they can’t understand that they are in an A.A. meeting – that’s a problem! Although the “Traditions” are read at meetings, I don’t think they are truly understood or they are misinterpreted. It is very important to talk about “Tradition” breaks at the group level. The service structure is in place so that we can connect every group and every member in A.A. around the world. The process of the steps has made me think about others and how my actions affect others - the group is the same process through the “Traditions”. I can go to a meeting anywhere in the world and still feel at home – the group may run things a little differently but the structure is the same. We have a number of groups and a whole bunch of meetings; the group I attend have a strong service structure, whereas the meeting may not. I have to do my part and be the best example in A.A. that I can be. The toughest 12 step call is on a group. Bill talks about the destruction of A.A. will come from within; there is a disconnect between some groups and general service – I don’t know why – it could be geography or lack of education. Discussion is important (very important) and questions should always be asked. Match the enthusiasm.

Talking to your group about Self Support – getting over the awkwardness – Carol T. – If we are armed effectively, we can talk to our group with confidence. A pessimist or two can be helpful in regards to accountability. Share with your group the spiritual value of contributing and talk about where their money actually goes. How long can A.A. literature bridge the gap? Changing dynamics in the digital age is causing A.A. to rely on contributions more than ever. The cost per year for services per member is \$6.32 and per group is \$137.01. Actual contributions are \$4.47 per member and \$96.00 per group. 57.6% if the groups don’t contribute, our area is 2nd highest in group contributions for North America. At your steering committee meeting open a conversation and bring the pamphlet “Self-Support, where money and Spirituality mix” and the Area’s Self Support Challenge which can be found on the area website – CNCA06.org. Talk about the A.A. services and that they are not free. Start a conversation and let the group decide what services should no longer be provided should any need to be discontinued. Take a sheet to your group w/ the addresses of the services entities and a blank line for a percentage amount. Suggest that the group adjust or at least review their current percentage amounts for contributions. Suggest that if you walk in with a designer coffee or other beverage, that you should be able to afford more than a dollar in the basket. Sponsors can suggest to their sponsee’s that more than \$1 should be contributed, which they can pass on. By contributing, we are participating in our own sobriety. It is hard for us all to make ends meet – this includes A.A. It seems when the word is put out there, contributions do increase. One group wrote in to their treasurer’s job description that excess contributions get passed on. Talk about services provided by each entity. People sometimes make mistakes, it’s our responsibility to talk to our group treasurer about disbursements. Encourage your group to make it a regular practice to send contributions – even if it is a small amount. A.A. may have no dues or fees but it sure isn’t free. If everyone contributed to the Birthday Plan, Big Books would be \$2.00. Online birthday contributions can be made a aa.org and scrolling down to online contributions. Birthday envelopes and treasurer packets for GSRs to take to their treasurer are available by the box and are free, including shipping.

Keeping A.A. safe for all our diverse members – Erin – We have to understand what the group is responsible for and what the individual is responsible for. We have to work together. Greatest unsafe condition is A.A.

SUMMER ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP REPORTS MINUTES (Cont.)

group is untreated alcoholism and from that stem all sorts of emotional conditions that make it unsafe for individuals. Unhealthy groups – not following “Traditions” – not united – plus the desire to stop drinking not being adhered to. If not spiritually healthy there is room for intolerance, must talk to each other and not be complacent. It is okay to say “no!” - We have anonymity. To holding hands- you don’t have to give out your phone number. Do not scare the newcomer; we need to make this a safe place to come. Walk people to their cars, being responsible as a group and making sure our primary purpose is being served. Talk to members who are making advances that are not welcomed. Love and tolerance is needed even when the person is on drunk/or on drugs. Some members don’t have the desperation we had, but they still need our help. Especially, if you don’t like them. Take a group inventory, work on the problem members. Be aware of disabilities that are seen and unseen.

Young People and General Service – What can we learn from each other? – I was young until age 35, and attended conference. 16 and 15 year olds attend meetings and are told they are too young to be alcoholics? They are putting separation between us. 1945 Young People groups started appearing in LA, Cleveland and Philadelphia. We are assisting 16 year olds in Japan. Ideas are different but the language is the same. Young people appreciate the wisdom of the older folks. Young - but no less an alcoholic. I was 45 years old when I found ACCYPAA and went to YPAA, man I’m old – my life is over. Then I came to one of these get together and had a blast. 23 when I came to A.A. and was told I still have to follow more. It is exciting to go to dances and parties sober and have fun. Young people service structure has more energy and is loud! It took me a few years to get anything out of general service. It

was a good thing there were older members to bring us the information we needed. Young people don’t need to come to general service there just needs to be more lines of communication. I needed a service position and in SCCYPAA there are always events and I became a greeter. I needed a service position and in SCCYPAA there are always events and I became a greeter. YPAA’s are more knowledgeable about “Traditions in A.A. AA’s message of recovery is timeless, go to a young peoples meetings and share a little about General service – Attraction.

Future of Grapevine and La Vina’ – How is important to your program? – Carol H.—Workshop was a little different and was started with the reading of statement of purpose. It was two presenters – Manual and Manual- It was presented that the Grapevine Representative should work with Literature Representative and that they usually don’t. Meetings can be held to discuss the Grapevine and La Vina’ at the same meeting. There are Grapevine Rep’s that announce there selves as GV Rep’s and say to see them after the meeting. There was a discussion about finances and to that I say go see Box 459 for that status. There was the gentleman who said he doesn’t get the print version any more and subscribes to the online version – says it is a better value. One member says he doesn’t read it any more - he is busy things change and it isn’t keeping up with the idea’s anymore. Thought there should be another way to get the highlights. There is the thought not every one has access to the internet and that the print version is very important to those people. The real drawback today is the content; - before it was Bill W. talking to us and now it is just stories. Might be able to put the agenda topics in there or discussion topics? One woman goes to remote locations and that the GV is her meeting in print.

DCM SHARING SESSION

DCM SHARING SESSION, SEPT 22, 2012

Choosing Our Service Leaders with Care

Presented by Marichuy L. D40

Marichuy began by reading us the salient information from Concept IX in our service manual.

Our comments regarding her share included the following ideas:

*First came recovery, then unity, then service.

*Our third legacy process is a miracle of the program.

*Are we choosing our secretaries with care? Good leadership is essential at all levels.

*Good leaders never pass the buck: they are responsible and commit to their position.

*The Language of the Heart binds us all together.

*Our trusted servants lead by example, not by mandate.

*In all areas of service, one should observe first, start small, and grow to the position.

Cheerful compromise is one of our most effective tools.

*Our willingness and spirit of service help make us effective.

*Humility is the key.

*We need to place principles before personalities.

*A good pass it on ensures continuity.

*God does not always choose the qualified, but rather qualifies the chosen.

Next Month: Evelyn O., D90: “Passing it On.”

Respectfully submitted: Judy W., DCM recording sec

QUARTERLY REPORT

Interpretation & Translation Committee

Teddy W., Chair

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We hope that over the past month everyone has reviewed the amended I&T Committee Guidelines, which are up for disapproval if any later on today's agenda. If anyone needs copies I have a few with me today.

We received the written Pass-It-On from our Equipment Technicians – complete with pictures – which will be added to the complete set of written PIOs that will be bequeathed to some of you here who serve on the I&T committee in Panel 63.

We reviewed the extensive research undertaken by our Recording Secretary on the terms “professional” and “professional quality” as they relate to interpretation and will pass that on to the Panel 63 I&T Committee as a resource.

We have already started to assemble a list of helpful topics for the Panel 63 I&T Committee to consider, capturing much of what we have heard expressed at the Microphone at the ACM these past months.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Teddy W., Chairperson

Bridging the Gap

Mary Lou M., CNCA BTG Chair

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For quarter July, August, September 2012

BTG Presentations: 81

Requests for Contact: 258

Julius D., a BTG Chair from Districts 04/40, was funded by CNCA and attended the 22nd Annual Bridging the Gap Weekend in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 7, 8 & 9. He gave a presentation at the event on the Do's and Don't's of a BTG Presentation. A lot of new ideas were brought back our BTG Committee.

The revised BTG Workbook was finalized and published. It combined two previous versions into one with updates for current practices. The BTG Workbook will be translated into Spanish.

BTG continues to work with the local H&I Committees to have H&I take in BTG contact request literature for the facilities where BTG does not have access.

Thank you

Mary Lou M., Chairperson

QUARTERLY REPORT

Cooperation with the Professional Community “**CPC**”- is the committee that focuses on providing accurate info about A.A. to Professionals, who through their work may come in contact with the still suffering alcoholic. Public Information “**PI**”- is the committee that has the responsibility to help carry the message about what A.A. recovery is & is not to the General Public. They make recommendations & coordinate activities to inform or educate the public about A.A..

Your Districts have participated in health fairs, Unity days, PI/ CPC workshops, speaker trainings, DUI classes, children's schools, psychologist and RN schools with presentations. Some PI/CPC committees have topic sharing sessions & 16 districts have borrowed the Area display & TV/DVDs, for local events. CNCA has had requests from “General Service Office” N.Y. to help give feedback on the newly released “2011 AA Membership Survey” and to have continued sharing about the effectiveness on the short form of “Tradition 11”. CNCA members recently participated in hosting an A.A. booth at the California Parole Probation Corrections Association this year with help from the local Oakland Intergroup and a contribution from our sister Area 07 “CNIA”. We look forward to the release of the “Tengo Esperanza” PSA in December, with its focus on Latina women; all “PSAs” on aa.org website. Coming soon is more info on the new “My Space” A.A. PSA page and a new look for the aa.org website.

PI/CPC committees are part of your local Intergroups, Central offices & General Service districts, with both Spanish & English speaking groups very involved in carrying the A.A. message. They are dedicated 12th Step workers & can always use more help. Mention PI/CPC to your Groups and members. Let them know there are many opportunities for service. Please join us in this much needed and rewarding work to carry the message to the folks that may not know about A.A. yet.

With much Love & Gratitude for the opportunity to serve with you all!

Padee M., PI/CPC Chairperson

Profit & Loss — Budget vs. Actual

6:12 PM
9/28/2012
Cash Basis

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

| | YEAR-TO-DATE | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|
| | Jan-August 2012 | Jan-August 2012 Budget | YTD (Jan - August) \$ (Under Budget) \$ Over Budget |
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| Group Contributions | 50,516.60 | 50,000.00 | 516.60 |
| District Contributions | 3,634.53 | 4,000.00 | (365.47) |
| Tradition 7, Area Committee | 2,055.27 | 2,000.00 | 55.27 |
| Assembly Contributions | 6,272.00 | 6,600.00 | (328.00) |
| 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 | 689.04 | 2,332.00 | (1,642.96) |
| Interest Income/Prudent Reserve | 4.11 | 4.66 | (0.55) |
| Total Income | <u>64,892.46</u> | <u>65,526.66</u> | <u>(634.20)</u> |
| Expense | | | |
| Total Delegate Expense | 4,985.68 | 6,157.56 | (1,171.88) |
| Total Officer Expense | 17,066.41 | 18,377.17 | (1,310.76) |
| Committee Expense | | | |
| Total Archives | 4,499.60 | 5,193.36 | (693.76) |
| Total Bridging The Gap | 1,914.17 | 1,861.66 | 52.51 |
| Total Finance Committee | 652.34 | 751.84 | (99.50) |
| Total PI/CPC | 901.87 | 933.32 | (31.45) |
| Total Interp. & Translation Cmte | 121.52 | 1,166.18 | (1,044.66) |
| Total CNCA Website | 656.80 | 943.33 | (286.53) |
| Total CNCA Comments | 4,167.76 | 5,351.68 | (1,183.92) |
| Total ACNC Comentarios | 1,464.53 | 1,696.00 | (231.47) |
| Total Committee Expense | <u>14,378.59</u> | <u>17,897.37</u> | <u>(3,518.78)</u> |
| General Expense | | | |
| Total Assembly Expenses | 19,057.90 | 20,985.00 | (1,927.10) |
| Total Area Committee Expense | 8,064.99 | 8,470.69 | (405.70) |
| Total General Service Conference | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Insurance Expense | 982.00 | 1,000.00 | (18.00) |
| 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 | 23.36 | 12.01 |
| Total General Expense | <u>29,365.26</u> | <u>31,714.05</u> | <u>(2,348.79)</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>65,814.83</u> | <u>74,146.15</u> | <u>(8,331.32)</u> |
| Total Other Income (Refunds/Rebates) | 349.44 | 0.00 | 349.44 |
| Net Income | <u>(572.93)</u> | <u>(8,619.49)</u> | <u>8,046.56</u> |

Bank Accounts: August 31, 2012

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Operating Account | 9,973 |
| Prudent Reserve | 8,890 |

Profit & Loss — Balance Sheet AUGUST, 2012

California Northern Coastal Area
Balance Sheet
 As of August 2012

| | Aug 31, 12 | Aug 31, 11 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| <u>Current Assets</u> | | |
| Checking/Savings | | |
| B of A Checking | 9,972.93 | 6,722.23 |
| B of A Savings | 8,889.88 | 8,351.89 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 18,862.81 | 15,074.12 |
| <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 Summer Assembly | 140.00 | 0.00 |
| 2013 Pre-Conference Assembly | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 2012 Pre-Conference Assembly | 0.00 | 1,175.00 |
| 2012 Election Assembly | 2,081.25 | 600.00 |
| 2012 Summer Assembly | 144.20 | 500.00 |
| 2011 Inventory Assembly | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 2011 Summer Assembly | 0.00 | 597.00 |
| Total Assembly Deposits | 3,365.45 | 4,372.00 |
| Prepaid Insurance | 368.29 | 355.78 |
| 1499 · Undeposited Funds | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 3,733.74 | 4,727.78 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 22,596.55 | 19,801.90 |
| <u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u> | | |
| <u>Equity</u> | | |
| 3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted | 14,282.48 | 4,811.40 |
| Prudent Reserve | 8,887.00 | 8,333.00 |
| Net Income | (572.93) | 6,657.50 |
| Total Equity | 22,596.55 | 19,801.90 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 22,596.55 | 19,801.90 |

CNCA Motions – October 2012

Area Committee

Assembly Bids

Housekeeping Motion:

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

New Business at Area Committee Meeting

- That the motion passed at the May 2011 Area Committee Meeting to allow for the option of receiving the CNCA Comments via email [1105-1] be rescinded. –Web Committee.

Discussion Topics

- Awareness of Appointed Area Standing Committees: Web, Finance, I&T.
(Related Aside: Archives, BTG, PI/CPC are primarily served by District members)

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

CNCA CALENDAR

2012 –Panel 61

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. Distr. 12 & 18)
11 Archives Open House
193 Mayhew Way,
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
24 Area Committee Mtg

Dec. 15 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 18 Post Confer Assembly
Livermore (H. by Dist. 70)
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

2013—Panel 63

January 26—Area Committee Mtg

February 23—Area Committee Mtg

March 1, 2, 3—PRAASA, Boise, Idaho
23—Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 61 ASSEMBLY DATES

2012 Fall Election Assembly
Nov. 3: Citrus Fairgrounds
1 Citrus Fair Dr., Cloverdale, CA
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 18: Robert Livermore Comm. Centre
4444 E. Ave. Livermore, CA
Hosted by District 70

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

DCMs & DCMCs Sharing Sessions meet at 10 am.

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