



# CNCA COMMENTS



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**California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous**

PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

June 2013

Hello Panel 63 Trusted Servants

At the May 25th Area Committee Meeting (“ACM”) we passed a housekeeping motion. “That CNCA fund one member of the BTG committee to attend the BTG workshop the weekend of Sept 6-8, 2013, in Schaumburg, IL. Not to exceed \$700.” – BTG Committee. We also had two Assembly bids for the 2014 Summer Assembly Dist 09 Solano South and District 10 Marin, The bids were tabled for next month to allow districts to update information.

The Summer Assembly is on Saturday August 10 at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds. This is one of the best opportunities to participate as a part of CNCA. There will be various workshops, that would allow us to hear from others sharing experience, strength, and, hope. If you happen to have a topic in mind for a workshops please feel free to send your idea to any of our Area Officers. Be sure to have your topics in by June 22nd ACM.

“Assemblies and district meetings provide an ideal time to find out what problems and solutions are shared by A.A. groups everywhere.” (S39)

July 20th and 21st La Viña 17th anniversary in Fullerton Ca, Area (09 Mid-Southern CA), members of our CNCA 06 including our Delegate have been invited to participate at event.

So I hope to see you all at the Summer Assembly, I have a collection of lost and found . and when we mean don't forget your FM Radios we also mean don't forget to take them back home. I am having such a blessed time serving. Can you believe we're half way into the first year of this panel? I want to thank all of you.

With Gratitude in Service,  
Raymundo L, Area Chair

Greetings Fellowship,

I am so glad to have a chance to catch up with you!

I wish to again express my gratitude for the terrific participation at the Post Conference Assembly in Livermore. The host district did terrific work on both the Pre- Assembly dinner and the Assembly. There were many new folks there to experience first hand the gratitude we share in service to Alcoholics Anonymous, and I thank you for the wonderful loving "Welcome Home." It was a journey of a lifetime and one I hope to share it with as many of you as possible.

In our A.A. Service Manual on page S38, it reminds us "That the most productive Conference sessions are of little value unless area committees and groups back home hear about them." As delegate, my job of reporting to you is just as important as participating at the Conference. My "Reporting" journey began at the Post Conference Assembly and will continue over the next 6 months in most of your districts. Please encourage everyone to participate in your event: sponsors, sponsees, newcomers, long timers and those in the middle of the Herd! For me AA service is most exciting when we include all members and I really look forward to these visits.

It's OUR Anniversary! By the time you get this newsletter, A.A. will have celebrated its 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! I am in AWE of the continued dedication of our fellowship. Chair of the GS Board Ward Ewing shared at the trustees' breakfast, that AA continues to have clarity of purpose and membership; and our adherences to our 12 Traditions guide us successfully as a movement. Recently I saw our three legacies in action at a Friday night group. We had a woman, 70+ years of age and a teenager, both receiving 30 days of sobriety acknowledgement and support from the group. The sharing of gratitude and hope expressed that night by members for our Steps, Traditions and Concepts was amazing.

Serving as Delegate at the 63<sup>rd</sup> GS Conference, I witnessed how it takes ALL of us to support A.A. and carry our message of Hope into the Future. I encourage your groups to begin sharing on the new Conference theme- "Communicating our Legacies-Vital in a Changing World." Your groups' participation in our legacies "Recovery, Unity and Service" are so essential to our fellowships existence. I look forward to our sharing them together!

With Love and Gratitude,  
Padee

### CNCA Motions – June 2013

#### Area Committee

##### **Assembly Bids**

To Host Summer Assembly 2014- Dist 09 Solano South or Dist 10 Marin

##### **Housekeeping Motion:**

##### **Guidelines**

##### **Presentation of New Business**

##### **Other:**

##### **Old Business at Area Committee Meeting**

##### **New Business at Area Committee Meeting**

##### **Discussion Topics**

#### Area Assembly Motions

##### **Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly**

##### **Old Business at Area Assembly**

##### **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

## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 2013

### CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 18, 2013

The CNCA post conference assembly was held at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting at 10:08 AM followed by the Serenity Prayer. Denise M of District 12 read the AA Preamble. Manuel R of District 20 read the 12 Traditiones and Victor W of District 15, the 12 Traditions. There were 8 past delegates: Diane O (P45)Bob K (P47),Nancy H (P49) Doug G (P53),Francisco A (P55), Sharon A (Panel 57), David N (P59 and newly appointed trustee), and Ken M (P61) Also present were our Pac. Regional Trustee, Rod B, Nancy H, trustee, Greg M, Past Regional Trustee and Past GSO mgr The pre-conference assembly minutes were accepted and the financial report was accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments*. Registered attendance: Voting: 214, Non-voting: 83.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Padee M*: I really missed you guys and the ACM. I sat in a room with a 150 guys just like you. We are taking a daring move this year in talking about new topics. It's hard to start a new panel. Thanks to the officers for their help and to the past delegates. Communication has been our chief challenge and one we have taken seriously in our area. I hear a lot about us from other delegate members and it makes me very proud. Please begin discussing the new theme and discussion topics for next year: I am excited to serve on this committee.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Jeff O*: Thanks to all who shared at the preconference: it was a joy to just sit and listen. Thank you for this great opportunity to serve. I have sent a memo to the PI/CPC committee on who/where to contact while I am on vacation early in June.

AREA CHAIR *Raymundo L*: I would like to remind everyone to speak slowly for the translators.

TREASURER *Agustin L*: We have spent 4,173 for this assembly so far, plus whatever expenses come up today. Expenses run about \$20 per person, so if you can con-

tribute, please do. You will see contributions and expenses in my report. In April we took in over 7k. We have two more assemblies coming up. Keep the 7th tradition in mind and remind your groups to participate. REGISTRAR *Michael Q*: 190 voting, 58 non-voting so far (248). If you haven't registered yet, please do. We use these numbers for planning. A member of the facility asked me if I was in charge and he told me what a wonderful group of people you are.

RECORDING Secretary *Judy W*: We had a wonderful pre-assembly dinner and if you were not there, please find a moment to talk to our Pac. Reg'l. Trustee, Rod B, who was our fantastic speaker. Please speak slowly and into the mic so we can hear you. It is an honor to serve you, thank you.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Phil B*: It's a pleasure being here. I'm much more comfortable that at the preconference. Thanks to Bryan and George and everyone for their help. I'll be traveling to Crescent City to help plan the summer assembly. All the dates for 2014 are booked except the summer and we expect bids at ACM.

LITERATURE/GV *Ray W*: Next year's wall calendar is now available. The daily planner and a new book called ONE ON ONE, available. La Viña looks like it will continue to be published in its current form until next year. Come take a look at some of the Big Book translations at our display table: it is now available in 69 languages. AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Laura W*: We are open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month. Sat June 8: next workshop. We are trying to add meeting schedules to our archives and would like to add to our collection. In April we had an open house and many first time visitors came.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Claudia N*: We continue to experience growth. The more we reach out the more we accomplish. We've had 457 contacts through April. We are excited about our workshop coming up in September.

FINANCE *Bob K*: I would like to introduce our members: Agustin L, Ginger O, Chauncey H and Jennifer B: please stand up. Any questions, see any one of us. We will be begin putting together the 2014 budget.

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: One of my goals is to have every group involved in PI/CPC. Another goal is to inform members of the importance of maintaining our personal anonymity.

### Looking for Something?

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## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Please don't take any photos while here. Latest Box 459: more on anonymity. Avoid contacting media and using our last names. The key is awareness. We will have a training session in July.

WEBSITE *Mary Lou M:* Please visit at our table on the back wall. We are looking to keep our site current with all information. Our area officers have selected someone to fill a vacancy.

INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION *Richard H:* I've got the easiest job. We are the complaint committee, so come see one of us. We welcome Gil S to our committee. Looking forward to the summer assembly. Our equipment is available on a first-come first serve basis.

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA/ LITERATURE SHARING SESSION *Ray W:*

AREA BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

That CNCA cease production and copying of hardcover versions of CNCA Comments/Commentarios except when individually requested. – Web Committee

This is now available on the web page and anyone can download them. This will save a lot of money.

**Q.** Did you say they are currently available on the website? **A.** Yes **Q.** I just downloaded and couldn't find it. **A.** Don't know where you are looking but the current version for May is available. We can show you where it is. **Q.** How many people are going to prefer a hard copy? **A.** There are no statistics on that. People tell me they don't open the mailed copies but check on line and are comfortable with that environment. **Q.** Are we talking about the report form the area meeting? **A.** We are talking about the CCA Newsletter. **Q.** Does stopping production mean we are stopping this forever. **A.** No. **Q.** What notice will be given to those who don't have internet access and how will they be informed and able to do this? **A.** There are two ways to do this. Contact your DCMC for a copy or contact the area. **Q.** What is the current cost of copying and mailing? **A.** Over \$1000 per month. **Q.** We need to amend this to omit the word production especially if some copies will be mailed. **Q.** What is the projected saving to the area? **A.** \$1000/mo. **Q.** What is the percentage that CNCA would save by not sending them? **A.** \$1000/mo. **Q.** Is there a person or committee who can make sure that each individual knows where to go and when and if it will be available on each website? **A.** That's not about the

Comments. It will still be distributed by mail. **Q.** Can we change the wording on the motion to "cease mailing" of the Comments? The wording is confusing for what we are trying to accomplish. **A.** There is no set motion that requires us to mail the Comments. We are talking about cutting the mailing. **Q.** I thought we were going to ask people to request a mailed copy and it seems you are changing that. **A.** Someone at the district can download a copy. As I said we can download a copy and mail it. **Q.** What I'm hearing is that \$1000 will be saved at area and we're now transferring that cost to the individual districts if you are saying the DCM's are going to have to print the Comments. **Q.** On the archives, will the past issues be archived on the website so we can go back and print old ones. **A.** That is not the current ability, but if this motion moves forward we will create an ad hoc committee to address all these scenarios and questions and the most appropriate and streamlined solutions will be produced: we are not talking solutions yet, we are talking about the concept. **Q.** Do you have a deadline. **A.** Just like now: 2 weeks after the meeting the information is posted. This will remain the same. **Q.** What type of security do you have against hacking and viruses? **A.** Let's keep focused on the concept and not get sidetracked. They have been posted since last July and all has been going just fine. **Q.** Will there be an access problem if too many people try to access at one time? **A.** No response. **Q.** I thought I understood the concept until Bob's responses have confused me. I thought it was to cease mailing unless requested and that is the way the motion is worded. **A.** The actual logistics and process for requesting a hard copy and where it would be mailed from or handed to the person are implementation logistics and the ad hoc committee will have to look at that. Let's back up here to the concept and not the logistics. We are getting ahead of ourselves. **Q.** No we are not. My assumption is that the area will continue to publish and print and that is a question about the motion. **A.** Who gets and who wants a copy: it will be mailed. **Q.** Is this about saving money? Why didn't we think about all this before/costs etc. **A.** We're living this year with a deficit budget. **Q.**

## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Does it save volunteer work hours also? **A.** Folding and stapling Comments takes time and effort. **Q.** Can we change the last four words? From what I'm hearing the area is removing itself from the mailing. **A.** I'd be hesitant to do this at this time. **Q.** What's your plan about reminding people to go to website to download? **A.** That's part of the implementation plan that the ad hoc committee and the officers will decide.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION:

Discussion Topics

*Inventory:*

I'm not sure what inventory you're talking about. **A.** Broad topic. Keep it as broad as possible.//I really wonder if anyone has any suggestions for me for what I need for my home group.//My current home group meets 54 days of the week and we started doing an inventory. We don't always do one. We aim for every other year at about the same time the area does its inventory.//In GS we take our time to do things. We should stop comments with everyone and ask them how they feel.//I just had privilege to take notes for an inventory in my district. The beauty of the whole process allowed individual members to take ownership of their own part. I love participating in a group inventory.//I've never seen a group so talkative as when we did a group inventory. However, we didn't seem to make movement. Only a few people want to participate and continue.//I'm wondering if someone would be willing to say that whoever is in charge was suggesting that we put \$20 in the basket for the last inventory assembly. What was the meaning of that?//I facilitated an inventory and it was an honor. Many of the questions in the pamphlet were discussed. They shared their opinions and thoughts and it was thrilling to see. It was young people and they rock on.//We did an inventory for an entire month and we published the two things we needed to look at. One of the keys was to have someone totally uninvolved. A note taker and outside facilitator are important.//We did an inventory on the way to the conference. We have continued while here. We do not have one of our GSR's here because the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition of his mtg could not fund him. We need to communicate about what happens to our money. No one should be left behind. We need to talk about money and no one should be ashamed.//I had thought that group inventories would be hard to do without some visual presentation to help me help a group do one. I would love to see a skit on how to do it.//On p29 there is a guide; I've been in a

group and a dist inventory. When it happens, everyone needs to see how they are contributing to the group: no finger pointing but personal discovery.//I've attended a group inventory. No one had ever done one. I looked at the pamphlet. We picked out 3 important topics and discussed those. What became of that inventory and what rose to the surface? Each time we had different people and we discovered we need to do service: it fizzled out.//One of the things I noticed that a facilitator didn't have a format so it became a little contentious: have a timer and go about the room.//Transitioning is important. We also had an issue about cross talk and it allowed me to take a step back and helped us to turn positions over.

*Anonymity:*

In my service position I get involved in a lot of practical applications: the principle of anonymity permeates all levels of our legacies.//I was wondering if I can add one more thing about inventory? I've noticed that only focusing on related things destroys the big picture.//In joining GS I've noticed that service I do or give is not about me. I can do it anonymously and receive the joy. I become less focused on myself in doing things anonymously.//I am from a very small town and my anonymity was broken many times. It's not about me. It's about AA. I have found that people who are breaking anonymity are not the ones I want to have come to mind.//I take it very personally in my heart. I had a big ego. After realizing anonymity has led to gossip as to who is breaking anonymity.//I go on You Tube a lot. I see videos with faces, usually in Spanish. I think we should talk about anonymity more in our groups.//I'm throwing this out for more feedback: my fellowship right now is kind of divisive on one issue: how to honor members dying: making flyers with names, etc. Is this breaking tradition? Is a Memorial meeting not at the fellowship okay? We've had numerous meetings. How do we keep the group together and follow the purpose?//I have to break my anonymity when I introduce myself as a member of AA to outsiders I deal with so I remind them I will respect yours and I hope you will respect mine.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 with the responsibility pledge.

Submitted with love and gratitude by:

Judy W

CNCA Panel 63 Recording Sec.

## Expense Report January—April 2013

|                                 | Jan - Apr 13 | Jan - Apr 12 | \$ Change  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense         |              |              |            |
| Income                          |              |              |            |
| Assembly Contributions          | 3,558.91     | 3,150.00     | 408.91     |
| Group Contributions             | 33,605.18    | 25,715.84    | 7,889.34   |
| District Contributions          | 1,756.56     | 3,029.53     | (1,272.97) |
| Tradition 7, Area Committee     | 1,093.96     | 1,033.25     | 60.71      |
| H & I Archives Rent             | 500.00       | 500.00       |            |
| CNCA Comments Subscriptions     | 12.00        | 12.00        |            |
| Personal/Misc. Contributions    | (396.27)     | 1,639.85     | (2,036.12) |
| Interest Income/Prudent Reserve | 0.03         | 2.20         | (2.17)     |
| Total Income                    | 40,130.37    | 35,082.67    | 5,047.70   |
| Expense                         |              |              |            |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies    |              | 18.89        | (18.89)    |
| Delegate Expense                | 2,619.95     | 3,078.14     | (458.19)   |
| Officer Expense                 | 7,722.78     | 9,740.02     | (2,017.24) |
| Committee Expense               | 3,016.15     | 6,801.51     | (3,785.36) |
| General Expense                 | 12,466.20    | 13,790.23    | (1,324.03) |
| Total Expense                   | 25,825.08    | 33,428.79    | (7,603.71) |
| Net Ordinary Income             | 14,305.29    | 1,653.88     | 12,651.41  |
| Other Income/Expense            |              |              |            |
| Other Income                    |              |              |            |
| Refunds/Rebates                 | (127.06)     | 349.44       | (476.50)   |
| Net Income                      | 14,178.23    | 2,003.32     | 12,174.91  |

## Balance Sheet April 2013

|                                       | Apr 30, 13       | Apr 30, 12       | \$ Change       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                  |                  |                 |
| Current Assets                        |                  |                  |                 |
| Checking/Savings                      |                  |                  |                 |
| B of A Checking                       | 14,045.21        | 9,515.12         | 4,530.09        |
| B of A Savings                        | 9,485.16         | 8,888.39         | 596.77          |
| Total Checking/Savings                | 23,530.37        | 18,403.51        | 5,126.86        |
| Other Current Assets                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Assembly Deposits                     | 10,847.55        | 5,910.00         | 4,937.55        |
| Prepaid Insurance                     | 122.79           | 859.29           | (736.50)        |
| BTG                                   | 120.00           |                  | 120.00          |
| CNCA Comments                         | 2,453.91         |                  | 2,453.91        |
| ACNC Comentarios                      | 164.00           |                  | 164.00          |
| 1499 · Undeposited Funds              | (3,021.60)       |                  | (3,021.60)      |
| Total Other Current Assets            | 10,686.65        | 6,769.29         | 3,917.36        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>34,217.02</b> | <b>25,172.80</b> | <b>9,044.22</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       |                  |                  |                 |
| Equity                                |                  |                  |                 |
| 3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted     | 9,147.99         | 14,836.48        | (5,688.49)      |
| Prudent Reserve                       | 9,485.16         | 8,333.00         | 1,152.16        |
| Net Income                            | 15,583.87        | 2,003.32         | 13,580.55       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>34,217.02</b> | <b>25,172.80</b> | <b>9,044.22</b> |

# AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 2013

## CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 25, 2013

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on May 25, 2013, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12:30pm. The AA Preamble was read by Bonnie P of District 10. Rick P of District 90 read Tradition 5, and Cindy L of District 12 read Concept 5. There were 4 past delegates present: Diane O P35, Bob K P47, Doug G, P53, and David K, P59. There were 2 new GSR's and 1 new DCMC and 1 new Alt DCMC present. April minutes were amended to eliminate "AA confidential" (accidentally included in the D15 report), and the financial report. (Q. Expenses seem high and contributions were high; what is the discrepancy? A. That reflected the end of the month so the contributions have now been added. Q Why are our expenses \$8,000 higher than last year? A. I'm going to review all this information and work with who's helping me to come up with an answer.) Birthdays: 7/92 years. Registered attendance: Voting = 64 Non-voting = 41

### OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE Padee M: It was a great post-conference assembly and I was grateful for all your comments and was moved by the tears of those who are not GSR's yet. It was a moving experience and I was really nervous. My reports to your districts will be shorter. I appreciate the opportunity to share what happened, and what it was like. Thank you. Please remember the dates of the International Conference

July 2-5, 2015, Atlanta our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Eva S thanked us for forwarding the topic of rotation. Start talking about a theme and presentation topics for next year. I've sent info to all DCMC's on final topics/considerations. Foster City NCCA/delegate report from Lela of CNIA at 1pm. My calendar is now scheduled for every district. Special Needs video: hope to show at next mtg. (Q. Is video available on line? A. It's in the lit catalogue; not streamed on line but working on it. Q. We never received Spanish translations of the Advisory Actions. A. I have sent it and if you didn't get it please contact me. Q. Is the DVD translated in other languages? A. Subtitles in Spanish and French.)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE JEFF O: No report.

CHAIR: Raymundo L: Workshop topics on back of agenda. We need topics for summer by June mtg next month. I have lost and found: Contacts, Jacket, Lunch bag FM radio.

TREASURER Agustin L: Income: \$1842; Group contributions: \$7788; Expenses: \$7877. Balance: \$10,507.06 We paid rent and will spend about \$7,000 today in reimbursements. Thanks to all groups for contributing.

REGISTRAR Michael Q: The final attendance totals in 214/83 grand total 297: a little low for the past couple of years but still above average. Thanks to D70 for a wonderful assembly and to EBYPAA for manning registration tables.

RECORDING Secretary Judy W: Thank you to all for a wonderful assembly. Please be aware that I must have a first and last name of the presenter speaking at the mic, and your report must be turned in to me. If not presented at the mic, I cannot include your report. Additionally, please sign the voting/non-voting forms that are on each table: that is our record of attendance here.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Phil B: Thank you Alameda South: it was a pleasure working with you. We will be accepting bid presenta-

tions from D10 and 09. Looking forward to visiting D15 and working with them on summer assembly.

LITERATURE/GV Ray W: I looked at all the agenda topics re: lit. Looks like La Viña will continue for another year. I have new stuff from the GV: calendars, planners, and a new book One on One (print and e-versions available). Language of the Heart, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition: only difference is the cover. Subscriptions are growing for GV.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY Scott P: I'd like to thank our visiting officer; our PI/CPC is doing phenomenal work making lots of presentations. We have a new DCM, new GSR's and more contributions.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C: Our district has grown considerably. We are excited about talking about the agenda topics. 4 people attended the assembly. July 6, our delegate will give her report.

03 SANTA CRUZ Scott B: We started having DCM/officer mtg last month and they are well attended. June 8, we will have a table available @ Spring Fling. June 12, pot luck and delegate visit.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Robert E: (Eric L): We discussed the Comments; our Intergroup will be purchasing an umbrella policy for every group

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Jim A: We had to move mtg this month to one of our Spanish groups and it was fantastic. We elected an assembly chairperson: Kate R. D40 will now implement GSR reports at district meeting. Unity Day is Aug 18: mark your calendars.

05 SAN MATEO Joseph D: Last month I announced we had passed a budget and this month, we rescinded it. Our new budget committee will work on a budget for the next two years. Aug 17: General service sharing day in South SF

06 SAN FRANCISCO Teddy W: (Andy T). We started a special DCM orientation. Good turnout. We had a great visit from an area officer who presented on minority opinion. We issued a letter of support to our YPAA to host a conference.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH Eric A: The theme of our meeting on Wed was "fresh start": a lot of new GSR's, DCM, and a new DCMC. We will hold an election next month for an alternate DCMC. Finance committee still working on a budget. East Bay Intergroup planning a carnival. I have fliers for Yuba River campout

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Byron B: All officer positions are still filled. Summer assembly: our dist is planning to camp out. Thank you for allowing us to host the assembly.

08 CONTRA COSTA Robert S: (Laura W). Our visiting officer gave a wonderful report about the upcoming post conf assembly. Lots of loving discussion about our finances. Looking forward to our delegate report, June 4. Discussing a liaison position to D20.

09 SOLANO SOUTH Renee S: Thank you so much to our visiting officer who helped us to know what to expect at the assembly. We talked about money and a wonderful thing happened: we agreed to disburse our excess funds. Unity Day: Sat June 13 in American Canyon SOLYPA Jan 22 first dance and speaker mtg.

90 SOLANO NORTH Laurie J: We have a core group of committed service members. We are hosting a trip to a ball game. We have a group of AAers who have started a summer series of speaker meetings. See me for fliers. Aug 3: ice cream social to hear our delegate.



## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 2013 (Cont.)

10 MARIN Rebecca C: We had a really nice presentation on BTG from Claudia, the area chair. We had a couple of reports on the post conf assembly. Area officer helped us prepare our bid for the summer assembly. We have fliers for June 15 workshop for secretaries and treasurers. Unity Day, Sept 14

11 NAPA Thom H: (Jeff D): We decided to buck the trend and passed our budget using ideas stolen from the area. Unity Day: June 29, St Helena at Native Sons' Home. Discussed date and format for district inventory.

12 SONOMA Joann L: (Jennifer B) June 3: delegate's rep't at our bbq. We had a housekeeping motion to purchase a cordless mic. We had a discussion to change the name of our group concerns mtg to a GSR sharing session.

13 LAKE John O: (Dwight O) I want to thank D70 for the enthusiasm you have inspired in us. Our Soberfest celebration is June 14, 15, 16.

14 MENDOCINO Robin T: (Mark D) June 16, Willits Ice cream social and delegate's report. Two Spanish meetings now listed on schedule.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE John L: Heather is healing well and can now put 100% weight on her leg. July 13, Unity Day. Del Mar intergroup putting on a free bbq the night before the assembly/ bonfire beach mtg. Crescent City June 8, dist mtg. Campout/ Eureka: July 4, hosting an alcathon.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL Mario S: Past a motion to contribute \$600 to area; July 28: district anniversary; two district vacancies: archives and literature.

17 SPANISH SOUTH Eric M: We were visiting the groups in the sub dist. Had a health fair in San Jose. Dist mtg with 11 GSR's. Planning anniversary celebration June 30.

18 SPANISH NORTH Hector A: We visited a group in Ukiah and other groups sharing information. We talked about the monthly Comments and majority in favor to eliminate mailing. Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at end of Aug. Working on Intradistrictal with D20.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH Adrian C: Sunday June 9 we will begin at 9 instead of 10. We went over advisory actions and additional considerations. Thank you to Dist 70 and to our delegate.

20 SPANISH EAST Martin V: Visiting groups went to assembly. PI visited Concord. July 7: Intradistrictal in Pittsburg. Planning a liaison to D8. Thanks to our visiting area officer.

### Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES Laura W: Wonderful meeting. Preparing for displays at lots of places. Discussed national Archives workshop in Sept. Collecting schedules: 1994-2010 and need info from Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa.. Oregon archives gave us a box of California archives.

BRIDGING THE GAP Claudia N: 13 districts reported; 44 presentations and 161 requests for contact. We are still growing and reaching out to our Spanish community, and are reaching out to dists without chairs. Will be presenting a motion to fund someone to attend a conference in IL. in Sept.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Bob K: We began to initiate the 2014 budget process. We are fighting with ourselves about the budget as we are in a deficit budget. I'll share more at another time. (Q. Is finance committee going to ask for a feeling on the result of the motion? How the savings will be applied? A. Our current budget is a 14k negative budget, so if we save 10 or 11k we can take

care of our other area functions.)

PI/CPC Jeff O: A lot of the local PI committees are very active in visiting police, etc. Thanks to Santa Clara County for doing a lot of work around the American Indian Health Fair. We will be discussing anonymity breaks. We would like to have a joint PI/CPC/BTG/H&I mtg. July: an education and chairing session on how to organize and run PI/CPC.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE Mary Lou M: Our committee welcomed a new member today: Spencer P. An enhancement was made and there are now headings for the Comments and Commentarios (see our handout). You can access the info. I encourage all of you to go to our website and see how easy and user friendly it is: go to the home page. Ask any of us questions. (Q. Is your meeting going to continue to be closed? A. Yes. Q Were questions brought up at assembly discussed today? A. No.)

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION RICHARD H: We are investigating providing radios for committee members. Nicholas is compiling a list of people who are willing to help with interpretation. The Williams equipment for Unity Days etc. is available on a first come, first serve basis.

CNCA COMMENTS Richard W: Two Thursdays after the ACM is our dist lick and stick. 1300 printed/1099 bulk, and 102 mailed first class. Web comments edited on May 10.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA Ramon G: Printed 200 and mailed around 192. Thanks to all who translate, send emails, and who help out.

DCM SHARING SESSION Barbara S: We had a presentation by Jennifer K on how the motion gets to the conference. Her charts were wonderful, even better than the one in our service manual. The process can be followed and it allows anyone to bring a motion to the floor.

Lit/Grapevine: Ray W: Gabby is here to discuss a subject she knows a lot about: July 20-21 La Viña anniversary conference for self-support. Talked this am about agenda topics that concerned literature.

NCCAA Diane O: NCCAA 66<sup>th</sup> annual conf: June 7,8, 9 Foster City and you will have a chance to hear the CNIA delegate.

H&I Diane O: Thank you for the amazing contributions. We would never be able to do what we do without your support. We are all out doing 12<sup>th</sup> step work: I think we have finally figured that out. We encompass both CNCA/CNIA and are going to have a vote to see if we can reimburse our steering committee.

YPAA REPORT Open: No report

(SEVENTH TRADITION AND BREAK 2:15 to 2:25)

### HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

That CNCA fund one member of the BTG committee to attend the BTG workshop the weekend of Sept 6-8, 2013, in Schaumburg, IL. Not to exceed \$700. – BTG Committee

I brought up this motion, which we bring to CNCA every year. It is attended nationwide and GSO is there also. We also ask district chairs to try and come also. We're talking about funds for September.

Q. I have a statement: having reviewed the budget and the deficit that we're in, but taking in the larger receipts we've received, the finance committee has no objections. Q Is \$700 going to be enough? A. Yes, I've researched it. No objections.

\*\*MOTION PASSES\*

### ASSEMBLY BIDS:

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 2013 (Cont.)

DIST 09, Solano South: I put photos on the tables and tried to make Spanish and English forms available. Under Other, please subtract the \$300. Q. The brochure and the bid have different costs. A. Yes, we are considered a local non-profit. Q. Since your cost is so low, why not consider adding A/C? //I think you need to add \$75 to the coffee. A. Add \$75 to that. Q. What is the handicap access? A. We have an elevator; it's really accessible. Q. Did you look at the facility and does it meet all the requirements in the policy and motions book? A. Yes, and we have so much parking. Q. When did you last host an assembly? A. 2010. Q. How are you going to handle the break-out sessions? A. We have the entire top floor. We have curtains available that are similar to what we had in Santa Clara, so we have 9 rooms besides the kitchen. Q. What is the total real figure? A. \$4110. Q. I did the math at the reduced rate of \$19/hr and it makes the cost a whole lot lower. Plus with A/C it's over \$1,000 less.

DIST 10, MARIN: When we have an assembly in Marin we have good attendance because of our central location. On the bid form I have estimated 450 people: a few things that can be lowered: negotiation of early entry fee, which is huge. Phil has assured me we can do it all in one day. That may be possible but I can't present it today. Non-profit status has not been applied to this bid. I prefer not to submit a bid at a very low number and then come back and say it didn't work and will cost more.

Q. When was the last time Marin had an assembly? A. 2009. Q. What I see on the paper and what I hear are that things may change. Maybe we should table these until next month to give both districts a chance to work this out. A. D09: Our numbers aren't going to change. Q. I concur that both bids seem fundable and changing to our eyes. Perhaps we should vote neither one. Tabled until next month to allow districts to update information.

### AREA BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS:

### MOTION:

### OLD BUSINESS

### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Just reminding you to bring your FM radio anywhere you go; leave it in your car//I was looking at the policies and guidelines on the website and it says the website comm. must meet 4x per year and report. Meetings should be open and anyone may attend. I'm a little confused why they are working out details on a motion that hasn't been passed.//The original direction the website committee was given was that we could explore possibilities: that has been changed and we are not longer exploring. As far as the meetings are concerned, what you are reading is outdated. There are lots of examples of outdated info//At the assembly I had an objection to using the phrase that assemblies cost \$20 and I'm not sure if everyone understands. We spend a great deal of time encouraging GSR's to come to assemblies and then we turn around and ask them to contribute \$20. Suggestions in AA are strong and I'm curious about the intent of that. I'm not really clear on that. We've had experiences where GSR's have said they could not pay that amount.//I'm grateful and glad to be here. I would like to thank D70 for a wonderful assembly.//We are talking a lot about our finances lately. We don't have a lot on the agenda and sometimes we come up with discussion topics: I encourage you to come up with topics without making a motion: Assemblies? Officer travel? Various things we've been talking about. I

think it would be very healthy for us. Talking about something for a couple of months could lead to a healthy motion for the good of all.//At the last assembly I spoke at the mic about the difficulty people in our dist have in meeting expenses to get to assemblies, etc. I mentioned that there are ways to help. We are putting funding on the agenda at our next meeting. One of our members has been told that every time he pays for himself, and he makes it more difficult for the person who doesn't have money to go. We talk about money and spirituality. That doesn't mean I'm up in the heavens. We need to discuss where the funding comes from and what value it is and what our groups get from us being here. We need to discuss what AA does and what it's all about. We need to discuss this here and at our groups//GV has an article about skyping. I don't know what it would take to implement that. It seems worthwhile to me//I'm one of the people who came up in private to express my concern re people who wish to do service but who might have a limitation. A group member told me we have newcomer groups and new groups that have no leadership direction. I never knew how my \$ served AA worldwide. We need this information and people who have leadership skills to bring this info to our groups. If we reach out our hands to help we are doing a great service//Great opportunity for homework and my first way out of answering a question. There's a lot in our motions book and Comments to see what has been talked about before. Let's be more transparent. We are going to have a direct experience from a visit to Russia from our GSO manager. I want info to know how this is important. Every time we pass the basket we are contributing to someone who may not yet have been able to receive the message. We can share the message of self-support. That is the spiritual message of self-support. The spiritual message is our most important.//I forgot to give out my pins at the assembly. It's traditional for the delegate to take pins and I didn't mention my lanyard full of pins. I'm mentioning it today that I still have pins to pass out to my friends here. I'm going to put them out up there, so please take one. Give one to a new GSR. Thanks so much for your exciting expression today. Q. Padee, does the area pay for your pins? A. You know the answer why don't you tell them? A. Some areas pay; ours has never approved it.//If you're aren't going to La Viña conference, you can still pay your \$15 to support.//I wish to apologize to the area for making a mistake on our bid. We are going to meet and go over everything in our bid at least twice to get it right.//I thought there is a solution to the \$20. Be ready to do what you want: be part of the solution. You need to make your own personal decision. I'm glad my service sponsor had me prepared.

The meeting was closed at 3:10pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,  
Judy W  
CNCA Panel 63 Recording Secretary

## CNCA CALENDAR

### 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 (Hosted by District 08&20)  
21-27, General Service Conf, NY  
27—Area Committee Mtg  
May 18—Post Conference Assembly  
Livermore (Hosted by District 70)  
25—Area Committee Mtg  
June 22—Area Committee Mtg  
July 27—Area Committee Mtg  
August 10—Summer Assembly,  
Crescent City (Hosted by District 15)  
24— Area Committee Mtg  
September 28—Area Committee Mtg  
October 26—Area Committee Mtg  
November 09—Fall Assembly,  
San Francisco (Hosted by Districts 06&16)  
23—Area Committee Mtg  
December 21—Area Committee Mtg

### 2014—Panel 63

January 25—Area Committee Mtg  
February 22—Area Committee Mtg  
March 03/07-03/09-PRAASA San Diego  
22—Area Committee Mtg  
April 5,6—Pre Conference Assembly,  
Monterey (Hosted by District 01)  
26—Area Committee Mtg  
4/27-5/3 General Service Conf, NY  
May 10—Post Conference Assembly  
Ukiah (Hosted by District 14)  
24—Area Committee Mtg  
June 28—Area Committee Mtg  
July 26—Area Committee Mtg  
7/11-7/13 Pacific Regional Forum  
(Area 18,Idaho)  
August 02/09—Summer Assembly  
23—Area Committee Mtg September 27—  
Area Committee Mtg  
October 25—Area Committee Mtg  
November 8<sup>th</sup> —Election Assembly  
San Jose (Hosted by District 40 & 04)  
November 22—Area Committee Mtg  
December 20—Area Committee Mtg

## ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

### 2013 Post-conference Assembly

May 18; Robert Livermore community Center  
4444 East 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. 9; St. Mary's Cathedral  
1111 Gough St. San Francisco, CA  
Hosted by District 6 and 16

### 2014 Pre-conference Assembly

April 5-6; Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairground Rd. Monterey, CA  
Hosted by District 01

### 2014 Post-conference Assembly

May 10; Redwood Empire Fairgrounds  
1055 N. State St. Ukiah, CA  
Hosted by District 14

### 2014 Summer Assembly

August 9 or August 2.

### 2014 Fall Election Assembly

Nov. 8; San Jose Scottish Rite Center  
2455 Masonic Dr. San Jose, CA  
Hosted by District 40

If your District is considering making a bid for an assembly please contact the Assembly Coordinator Phil B at [ac.p63@cnca06.org](mailto:ac.p63@cnca06.org)

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

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**DCMs & DCMCs** Sharing Sessions meet at 10 am.

**Grapevine/La Vina/ Lit.** Sharing Session at 10 am.

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