



CNCA COMMENTS



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Preview of the Area Committee Meeting September 2014

Hello trusted servants of California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA),

In our last Area Committee Meeting on August 23rd we passed three House Keeping Motions.

1. **"That CNCA Fund the BTG Committee to hold a Forum to be held November 1st in District 12 not to exceed \$700.00"**- By Finance Committee
2. **"District 04 requests that its new sub-district boundaries be approved."**-By Dist.04
3. **"That CNCA purchase a new coffee pot to replace broken coffee pot, not to exceed \$175.00."**- By Assembly Coordinator. There was a presentation of New Business:

"That CNCA reimburse up to \$100.00 for qualifying hotel stays." -By Finance Committee.

The two items of New Business that were tabled to this month (ACM) were withdrawn;

1. **"That CNCA approve the posting anonymity protected General Service Conference results to the CNCA website."** – Presented by The Web Committee
2. **"That CNCA approve the posting of the Area Job Descriptions to the CNCA website"** – Presented by The Web Committee

There were two presentations of job descriptions for Comments and Comentaríos, next month we will be hearing from our coffee committee. We started the discussion on "Should we discontinue the CNCA practice of limiting Area Officer Eligibility". And our second discussion topic was, As we are ending our Panel it is time to discuss our Standing Committees whose members are appointed to by the Area Officers, The Committees are Finance, Web and I&T. The intention is to inform all of our members who are making themselves available to serve for next panel on these Committees. Please share this information with your Groups and Districts. We had an Assembly bid for the 2015 Post-Conference Assembly submitted by District 15 and was approved. We will continue discussion on the two items of the Assembly old Business I'd like to remind you to please bring your Group & District Conscience to the next Pre-Conference Assembly.

- **"That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete "of the opposite sex" from p117 in the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions."** – District 04.
- **"That future printing of the A.A. Service Manual includes blank Group Change and New Group forms on the last page of the service manual."**- District 06.

There was a presentation of New Business as well, which will be discussed at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

"That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces." –Presented by CNCA PI/CPC committee

September Officer Job Description will be the Alt. Delegate. This takes place before the DCM Sharing Session at 10:00am. We have elected our new CNCA steering committee for the 19th Anniversary of La Viña; we will be electing the remaining positions in the Lit/GV/LV meeting room at 9:00 am everybody is welcome to participate.

Please bring your FM Radios!

With Gratitude, Raymundo L.

Hello Fellowship!

It seems just a short time ago I was a new GSR serving my home group and after my term, I happily rotated out. Still interested in GS I attended the district conference report by our delegate. Her experiences from the conference seemed so interesting, and she even mentioned there might even be a future delegate in the room that night.LOL. Later a GSR suggested I return to GS. I was then elected by the gsr's to be DCM. Thus began "My" journey down the A.A. triangle of service.

I certainly had "Contempt Prior to Investigation." I barely knew how to make copies, didnt have my own computer, was nervous about lots of driving and was very timid talking to unfamiliar folks. I received some encouragement and support, so with enthusiasm and love I dove into my district, the Concepts, and our AA. History.

Soon a few big controversies arose in my district. In the past I would get all- rilled up and involved, however; I made a conscious decision to not participate. Here is where I began finding the stepping-stones across the "Principle River" from the banks of Controversy towards the shore of Integrity. A motion came along I didn't like and I almost left. My sponsor directed me to Concept 5 Right of Appeal. Instead of "quitting 5 minutes before the miracle", I studied our literature, consulted widely and reached out to GSO to be more informed. I had a choice to share a minority voice. The next meeting I spoke without being punitive, I was happy to be heard. I had courage and trust in the process, I didn't quit!

As I continued to serve as DCM, DCMC, and Area Officer the growth process continued and I explored even more in the practice of Concept IX. Out of conflicts and the work to find Unity and peaceful solutions, there grew a dedicated and willing A.A. trusted servant and leader. Our 12th Step "Carrying the message" our principle aim, has been my goal throughout my years of service and sobriety.

May I encourage you to consider how you can best serve A.A. in 2015/16. Discuss this with your sponsor, family and work place, there are sacrifices involved in service work. Your group, district and area have supported you on this journey.

Like Dr Bob and thousands others- I am alive because of AA, I am full of gratitude, and I am able to serve with love. As a result I have become an esteem able member of A.A. and society. That is a dream come true!

With a heart full of love and gratitude,

Padee

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Aug. 23, 2014

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on Aug 23, 2014, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12:32PM. The AA Preamble was read by Katie S, D90, Ron B of D03 read Tradition 8, and Lisa H of D07 read Concept 8. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O, p35 and David N, p59 and current non-trustee director of AAWS. There were 3 new DCMs. July minutes and financial statement were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays:16/182 yrs. Registered attendance: Voting= 65; Non-voting= 35.

OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE Padee M: Assembly was incredible: thanks to D90. Workshops were awesome: have had great feedback. GSO: Registration for Int'l Conf is Sept 3. Looking for more young peoples' videos. Rec'd all but one survey: thank you for participating. I have emailed your DCMCs the AAWS highlights and the request for the 2016 GS Conference Theme, presentation and workshops. These suggestions come from your groups. GSR's can go to their groups to get suggestions for these topics. Deadline is Dec 15th please contact me if you have any questions. New staff assignments have been sent to your DCMCs. E mails: challenging year. You are getting some bounce backs: resend: the problem is on my end. Conference Reports will be out next week. We will do the best we can to get them to you. AAWS report: contributions from groups in CNCA have decreased by .35% the first 6 mos of this year.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Jeff O: Please do not respond or get involved if someone breaks their anonymity. Refer to me.

CHAIR Raymundo L: We had the chair job description today. Next month will be the alt. delegate. The coffee committee will make a presentation at the ACM.

TREASURER Agustin L: \$10272.51, income 4711.35; spent \$5561.16. Spending +/- \$8.5k, \$12,135.21 left in checking. PR \$8705.00) is intact. Thanks everybody for participation/contributions.

REGISTRAR Michael Q: Great summer assembly: we broke records of all kinds. Thanks D90. Our Area appears to be healthy: hosting an assembly helps: consider doing so.

RECORDING SECRETARY Judy W: Thanks D90 for a wonderful assembly. Waiting for two more reports from breakout sessions at assembly so I can type them up and send them out to DCMCs. (Barb will also send to DCMs).

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Phil B: Multiple interest in bids for assemblies. D15 will be making a bid today for a new site.

LIT/GV/LV Ray W: New GV book: Sober and Out. New pamphlet on spirituality. Lit prices going up Oct 1. Shipping going down slightly. La Viña: Happy Joyous and Free. CNCA Comments: we will need someone new.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

01 MONTEREY: (Kris B) No report

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Ric B: (*Mark C*) Discussed summer assembly and spurred interest in the "opposite sex" motion. Reported on Summer Assembly. Progress report on Gratitude Dinner. Thanks to visiting area officer.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Scott B:* Filled our alternate DCMC position and filled most DCM positions. Discussing reimbursing dist officers. Traditions workshop Oct 11.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Robert E:* Treasury back up to over \$4k. Many thanks for contributions (and being repaid): glad we took spiritual route. Voted to modify sub dist. boundaries. Began dist officer job descriptions. Palo Alto having 73rd anniversary Sept 19.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Jim A:* (Miguel H) Reports, job descriptions, report from Reg forum. Formed a finance committee. Unity Day was a huge success. Sept 6: Conference Report Workshop. Planning for fall assembly well under way; dinner flyers here.

05 SAN MATEO *Joseph D:* Great share from area officer. Two GSRs gave great shares on assembly experience. Bus placard project proceeding well. Moving dist elections to Oct for longer pass it on period.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Teddy BW:* Assembly bid co-chairs will work on presenting bid. Visiting officer spoke on "Am I available?" Passed two motions: add a monthly service share; revise election proceedings. Starting quarterly "hot topic" discussions.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Eric A:* (Tom V): Area officer provided background on summer assembly: we had a fair amount attend and group consciences were given. Unity Day Aug 30. General Service table and delegate report.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Heather M:* Great summer assembly: had new GSRs who were excited. Coordinating with D07 for Unity Day. Discussing our financial responsibility and need for second check signer.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Robert S:* (Laura W) Discussed 2 motions: continue bulletin/update Prudent Reserve. Beginning job descriptions. Unity Day in Oct. Submitting a bid with Dists 20 and 70 for assembly.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Renee S:* Unity Day: Sept 20. Monthly birthday meeting.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Laurie J:* Thank you for making summer assembly such a success and wonderful spiritual experience. Sharing officer job descriptions. Looking for anybody to share how you share your presence on web.

10 MARIN *Allen G:* Unity Day Sept 6. Panels at noon, delegate report, speaker dinner. Began job descriptions. Ad hoc intergroup committee working for unity. Looking

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to bid for an assembly.

11 NAPA *Thom H*: We have a presence on intergroup website. Working on a motion for pamphlet B16.

12 SONOMA *Joann L*: Unity Day Oct 11 in Sebastopol. Doing job descriptions and pass it on. Sept: look for info on website for traditions play.

13 LAKE *John O*: July 30, Service Dinner. Unity Day Sept 13: celebrating anniversary of Big Book. Recovery Happens on Sept 20. Hospice has requested members to provide meetings.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D*: Intergroup/Alanon putting on Day at the Park, Sept 20. Dist continues to bring GSRs into service. Explaining officer positions.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *John L*: Thanks to visiting area officer: what to expect at summer assembly. Ad hoc committee to look at hosting a local forum. Next weekend: Redwood Coast Roundup in Fortuna. Putting in a bid to host post-conference assembly. Thanks for assembly.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL (*Reynaldo M*): Great summer assembly with lots of information. Approved sending \$120/yr to GSO. Thanks to visiting officer. Invited to D18 anniversary.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric M*: Decided to make visits to motivate GSRs to assist sub districts. Motions to change functioning of sub districts and to have intergroup host activities and reduce load of district.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector A*: Sept 6: 21st anniversary of dist. All invited. Thanks to visiting officer.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Adrian C*: Elected rep for La Viña anniversary. Discussed opposite sex motion. Thanks to D90 for summer assembly. Last month, we discussed pro/cons of taking drunks to recovery homes and importance of letting family know difference between them and AA.

20 SPANISH EAST *Martin V*: discussed motion to co-host assembly with D08. La Viña anniversary in Santa Rosa Attended summer assembly. Dist officers giving job descriptions.

Area Sub-Committees:

Archives *Laura W*: Upcoming events: unity days. Reviewed proposal from hotel being considered for upcoming workshop. Projects continuing at workdays.

Bridging the Gap *Claudia N*: Went over job descriptions for our sub committee. 10 Districts reporting; 52 requests for contact. Third legacy for someone to attend workshop in Kansas City: Jose P. BTG forum coming up.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Jennifer B*: Hope to have a draft approved next month to present to officers for next year's budget. Will present new business today.

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: Anonymity at the public level: we don't wish to give impression we are engaging in a public controversy. We should not be involved. GSO sends out

letters to the press. Anonymity on line is available.

Some local committees are planning workshops.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M*: Variety of topics: converting to Adobe pdf, safety of member info, simplifying tasks, having a site map.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *Richard H*: Dist 90 went well. Ready for next summer. Talked about finances. New transmitter ready soon. David Woodard working on it.

CNCA COMMENTS *Richard W*: 1156. 1129 in bulk. If you have not yet licked or stucked for the area, join us Thurs Sept 4. Contact me.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Ramon G*: 190 printed, 170 mailed.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Barbara S*: Carol H gave a wonderful presentation on how to get a GSR from a dark meeting: like AA, it's about attraction rather than promotion. Matter of educating people about General Service.

LIT/GRAPEVINE *Ray W*: We had a special two hour session today. We are hosting the 19th anniversary La Viña celebration. Established a committee today: elected chair, secretary, and treasurer.

NCCAA/H&I *Diane O*: Next conf in Oct; Sacramento. Panels and speaker meetings. Soledad warden confirmed he will be speaking on a professional's panel. H&I: *Diane O*: Steering committee mtg Sept 13 in Sacramento. Updated and revised pink pamphlet(s): to be presented and on to general meeting in Oct. Please thank your groups for your support.

ACCYPAA : *Coventina W*: No report

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY REPORT: Jose A: 30 people Meeting with La Viña editor.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS: MOTION: That CNCA fund the BTG committee to hold a Forum to be held November 1, in D12, not to exceed \$700.00." No objections.

****Motion Passes****

MOTION: That CNCA approve the new sub-district boundaries of D04," presented by Eric L. Refining boundaries; no change in numbers of sub districts. No objections. ****Motion Passes****

Motion: "That CNCA purchase a new coffee pot to replace broken coffee pot, not to exceed %175.00." Presented by Phil B, assembly coordinator. No objections.

****Motion passes****

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS: MOTION: "That CNCA reimburse up to \$100.00 for qualifying hotel stays. Presented by Jennifer B, Finance Committee. Discussion. **Q.** Was any thought given, that with PRAASA or the Forum, you reimburse for the cost? How did this come up? **A.** We tried to keep it simple. **Q.** You're talking about \$100 now. When did the \$75 go into effect? **A.** 2005. Vote by simple majority to keep at ACM (1 opposed).

Assembly Bid: "That Dist 15 host the post conference

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assembly at the Redwood Fairgrounds, Eureka” Presented by John L, DCMC, D15. It’s a small site but adequate for the smaller numbers that attend the post conf assembly. **Q.** This is the site for the pre dinner? Is the cost included in the bid? **A.** No. **Q.** Is this the same place where they had the summer assembly last year? **A.** No, that was in Crescent City. This is a new site. Vote by simple majority. Unanimous. ****Bid accepted****

NEW BUSINESS: MOTION: “That CNCA approve posting Area job descriptions to the website”, Mary Lou M, Web-site chair. (Withdrawn).

MOTION: “That CNCA approve the posting of the sanitized General Service Conference results to the CNCA website”, Mary Lou M, Website Chair (Withdrawn).

OLD BUSINESS: None

Discussion Topic: “Should we discontinue the CNCA practice of limiting Area Officer Eligibility?” I currently see that sometimes only 3 people stand for an office, and at other areas, I see many making themselves available. In our Area, when we get to the fifth vote on our third legacy, we pull from the hat, and limit the pool God gets to choose from. I’ve also heard others talk about increasing the number of area officers.//I am the perennial limiting area officer visits guy: the idea of expanding the group of people who expand visits. We have a wealth of experience among past Area officers. The onerous nature of the job keeps people from making the commitment. Why not make a pool of past Area officers to compose a panel to come up with ideas.//I became aware that our Alt DCMC is not available to vote or stand for office. It doesn’t seem equitable. There is a huge wealth of people who should be offered the opportunity to serve.//I’ve served on a few panels and could have made myself available. I’ve seen panels where there was a crowd of people for a position and where someone who might not have had the skill set, have been overwhelmed. Our Area is strong: we have to be careful about these positions. There is a lot to consider that many don’t: there is an impact on your social and personal life. I have personally never felt that I have missed out on anything by not being an Area Officer. I think people need to think about what it means to be an Area Officer. People don’t always have the equipment they need to step up. And most of our panels have been excellent.//I think it’s a great way to have a discussion about who is eligible to vote. At our dist, it is recommended that the Alt DCMC also be a DCM so that there can be a vote to represent all.//If we expand the pool, there should be more people making themselves available. Those who are intelligently able to be available would offer a qualified pool. Get a minimum standard and see who makes themselves available.//Possibly have an at large officer pool or add alternates to the officer pool. They will know what is happening at the area

and local level and grow to serve better and step up to ease burden of Area officers.//I always like these discussions. How broad do you make the eligibility? Do you allow a GSR to be a delegate? Wow. That’s great for my ego: some of the limitations might be good. When we look at this eligibility: what do we want on our committees or as Area officers: you certainly don’t want a little dobedo like me.//I’ve been thinking of this a lot. I am a DCM and can make myself available as an Area Officer, or I can make myself available at the Dist level: I can’t be available unless I become DCMC and that could take several more panels.//Last time I checked there were 156 registered DCMs and 22 DCMCs and 8 officers: that’s a big pool. I think it would be better to have an alternate officer for some of the positions (treas/ chair).//Since I’ve been in General Service, we would always figure out ways to have our GSRs attend meetings. We don’t have space for all. If we get 1000 GSRs at our assemblies, then yes. I like the way we do it. I don’t think we have a big need to change.//This will probably be my last panel: I served as an officer and now am not eligible. I have new skills that could aid me. To have a bigger pool: you have to make a time commitment and a desire to serve the Area and AA in general. Thank you to the panel.//I don’t really believe that this body would ever elect someone who is not qualified. I don’t think most of us are in the dark about the level of commitment it takes to be an Area officer. I think there are people who would/could do an excellent job, but who are not eligible.//One time when the delegate gave a report, spoke of a delegate who had only 3 years sober: this is good to start and see how it works.//I’ve been to some meetings where holding some positions required having had a previous commitment. Perhaps becoming delegate or some other position requires a bit more experience; we should consider that.

Committee Chair Job Descriptions: Jennifer B, Finance: Primary purpose is to assist treasurer and to keep area informed. Members attend monthly ACM and committee mtg. and 4 assemblies, process receipts, collect monies, update financial guidelines. I give a report each month and mail a summary when Judy reminds me. This committee has more stringent requirements: DCMC/alt DCMC/DCM, past delegates.

Mary Lou M, Web Chair: We approve and promote content to communicate and coordinate committee info; uphold purpose of web; enhance communication; disseminate info about AA to the general public. We should be accessible and provide info in English and Spanish wherever possible. I prepare an agenda, chair meeting, give reports at ACM and assembly. Committee is appointed. Give your name to an Area Officer if interested/they appoint. Committee elects the chair.

Richard H, I&T: Provide interpretation and translation at

Balance Sheet June 2014

	Jul 31, 14	Jul 31, 13	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
B of A Checking #	16,456.36	11,953.60	4,502.76
B of A Savings #	8,705.00	9,485.16	
Total Checking/Savings	25,161.36	21,438.76	3,722.60
Other Current Assets			
Assembly Deposits	652.35	9,428.00	(8,775.65)
BTG	124.00		124.00
CNCA Comments	427.98		427.98
Total Other Current Assets	1,204.33	9,428.00	(8,223.67)
Total Current Assets	26,365.69	30,866.76	(4,501.07)
TOTAL ASSETS	26,365.69	30,866.76	(4,501.07)
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	17,883.63	9,025.20	8,858.43
Prudent Reserve	8,705.00	9,485.16	
Net Income	(222.94)	12,356.40	(12,579.34)
Total Equity	26,365.69	30,866.76	(4,501.07)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	26,365.69	30,866.76	(4,501.07)

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ACM and Assemblies and ASL upon request. We provide equipment and interpreters. **Q.** What kind of time commitment for ITT and Web committees? **A.** 1 hour for ACM: maybe a half an hour on occasion. Depends on demand for services. For Web: monthly attend 11 am mtg, this mtg. E mail amongst committee throughout the month. I get all the documents that need be posted. Ray sends the Comments; I forward to website editor. Same with Commentarios, chair preview, delegate's corner, Comments, motions. Not more than 2-3 hrs per month at max. **Q.** Is the ITT commitment a 2 panel commitment? **A.** It is a 2 year commitment. **Q.** As a standing committee chair, do you visit dists? **A.** Only on request. I haven't been requested.

Richard W: Comments Editor: I receive the comments info on Sat and edit them: about 1 hour. I have them printed and pick them up. We have a lick and stick (5 hrs) and then they are mailed. The Web Comments take only about 30 mins to edit. If you have questions, please contact me. **Q.** You mentioned that the Lick and Stick

takes about 5 hours. Can that be reduced? **A.** It's 5 hrs from the time I pick up at the printers. We start at 6 and the earliest we've finished is 8:30, the latest was 10:30. **Q.** Is taking it to the printer part of the job? Is it flexible to where you take it? **A.** The printer is the choice of the dist taking the bid. **Q.** Is all sorted and ready for bulk mailing? **A.** Labels come from registrar. There will be a pass it on to help. We will invite you to our dist and I will come and help you with your first issue. **Q.** How many numbers are we putting out? **A.** About 1150 each month. **Q.** I heard about 8 hrs per month? **A.** Yes, including the Lick and Stick. **Q.** Were you familiar with the publisher program? **A.** Some stuff I had to learn, but it was easy. **Q.** You mentioned that it's bulk mailed? So what actually gets licked? **A.** The envelope. **Q.** So there's folding as well? **A.** Yes. **Q.** Reiterate the process that changed the way it used to be done? What happened? **A.** This was a cheaper way to go with the price increase: we use lighter paper.

Ramon G/Commentarios: Area chair helps with transla-

Revised Expense Report June 2014

	Jan - Jul 14	Jan - Jul 13	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Assembly Contributions	4,265.80	5,372.57	(1,106.77)
Group Contributions	49,627.15	57,715.19	(8,088.04)
District Contributions	8,318.39	2,062.56	6,255.83
Tradition 7, Area Committee	2,081.94	1,992.06	89.88
H & I Archives Rent	500.00	500.00	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	42.00	18.00	24.00
Personal/Misc. Contributions	147.26		147.26
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.16	0.30	(0.14)
Total Income	<u>64,982.70</u>	<u>67,660.68</u>	<u>(2,677.98)</u>
Gross Profit	64,982.70	67,660.68	(2,677.98)
Expense			
Delegate Expense	5,579.40	4,079.77	1,499.63
Officer Expense	20,795.09	17,020.37	3,774.72
Committee Expense	12,699.47	11,809.16	890.31
General Expense	26,480.67	21,367.92	5,112.75
Total Expense	<u>65,554.63</u>	<u>54,277.22</u>	<u>11,277.41</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(571.93)	13,383.46	(13,955.39)
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Refunds/Rebates	348.99	(1,027.06)	1,376.05
Total Other Income	<u>348.99</u>	<u>(1,027.06)</u>	<u>1,376.05</u>
Net Other Income	348.99	(1,027.06)	1,376.05
Net Income	<u>(222.94)</u>	<u>12,356.40</u>	<u>(12,579.34)</u>

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tion/info is sent out, edited, then sent to printer, then addressed and sent to GSRs: can be done at one district meeting. Names and addresses are sanitized for the web.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

I invite you all to the pre assembly dinner at the upcoming election assembly: Fri Nov 7, 7pm; speaker at 8 will be our newly elected Pac Reg Trustee, Joel. You can enjoy scrumptious steak, chicken, or vegan pasta. Meeting closed at 2:59 pm with Responsibility Declaration.

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

DCM SHARING SESSION

This month's presentation was by Carol H Dist 08 – How do we get GSRs for Unrepresented Meetings/Groups. Carol's experience has shown that Generals Service is much like AA; it is a service of attraction rather than promotion. Beating the General Service drum has not been effective for her. Go to meetings within your sub-district and listen for members who indicate they want to broaden their program. Talking to them after the meeting about the benefits of GS with a warm and friendly approach will probably work better. She has found that most people that say they don't like GS are usually uninformed. She reminded us when "recruiting" to carry the GSR Pamphlet (P-19) and the GSO/AAWS Pamphlet (F-6) which lists the services provided by GSO. Offer to be a service sponsor to anyone interested. Showing by example, sharing enthusiasm for GS and offering assistance is the most promising way to attract new GSRs in service. Next month's will be a general sharing session facilitated by Sheri of Dist 70.—In L&S, Barbara S

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES—2014 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 2014 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held August 9, 2014 at Ulatis Community Center, Vacaville. The meeting was opened at 10:04 by Raymundo L, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Jose S of Dist 16. Scott W of Dist 70 read the Traditions in English, and Fernando B of Area 93 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were 7 past delegates present: Diane O (Panel 35); Bob K (Panel 47); Doug G (Panel 53); Sharon A (Panel 57); Gustavo T, (Panel 57); David N (Panel 59) and current non-trustee director on the AAWS board; and Ken M, (Panel 61); & 4 visitors. The post-conference assembly minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Registered attendance: Voting=305, Non-voting =162.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Padee M*: Welcome to all especially the new GSRs. In October we will have literature price increases. New catalogue will be out then also. We have the Conference theme and workshop topics in 2016: Celebrating 80 years of recovery and service – The Foundation for Our Future.” Inventory report is now available from NY. Regional Forum in Boise was great: over 500; & 300 first time attendees. Next forum in 2 years in Hawaii. Membership survey is underway. Joel, our new Reg'l Trustee said board mtg was productive and informative. Int'l Conv in Atlanta: registration available Sept 3; visit the aa.org website. GSO is looking for an information technology manager. Reoccurring contributions may now be made online. Young People's video project is ongoing. Conference reports available soon. Many Paths to Spirituality pamphlet is now available. PRAASA: mark calendars: March 6-8, Utah. NCCAA conference coming up in Oct. Fall assembly in San Jose: last assembly for this panel. Come to elect our new delegate.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Jeff O*: I encourage us to lead by example and not take pictures and post online. Understanding Anonymity and Internet guidelines can help. Welcome to our visitors. Newsletter to professionals has info re: a client's drinking.

AREA CHAIR *Raymundo L*: We are well on track with the officer job descriptions, given at the area every month. I have some lost items and hope to find owners today.

TREASURER *Agustin L*: Thanks to all the groups for your contributions to support our Area. \$6528.00 for this assembly. We have six workshops and have translation available. Thanks to your groups & districts for support.

REGISTRAR *Michael Q*: Blessed to be serving you. The summer assembly here in 2011 holds the record for a summer assembly. We are close so far and hope to break a record.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Judy W*: An honor and privilege to be here today. If you are willing to volunteer as note taker at one of the breakout sessions, please get your minutes to me. I will make sure they are typed and distributed to all the districts so everyone can have info from *all* the sessions. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR: *Phil B*: Thanks to all who helped put this together. We have flyers for the election assembly. Dates are available for next panel's assemblies. I have three bids in hand. Talk to your districts: it's a wonderful experience and has helped me grow.

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Ray W*: E books available, \$5.99. New ones in works; available by the end of the year. La Viña 18 anniversary celebration in Las Vegas last month: we won bid to host the 19th next year. At next ACM meeting we will start putting together a committee. Daily quotes on line are free.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Laura W*: Primary task is to store, protect, and catalog the material and history of our Area. We are working on several projects and collecting oral histories. We continue to help with displays at Unity Days.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Claudia N*: We support that important first step of someone getting out of treatment or correctional facilities and getting to their first meeting. Excited to host BTG forum in Santa Rosa on Nov 1; have flyers. Workshop in Kansas City; some of us going.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Jennifer B*: We are hard at work on 2015 budget. Thanks for turning in your worksheets. I encourage you to bid on assemblies: it will help us to plan our budget. It costs about \$21 per person for an assembly: there are buckets around the room: give what you can to help support our Area.

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: If your group can supply someone to talk about PI/CPC, we are ready to present a new motion today. Will have a workshop next week on anonymity. Court cards and issues and opportunities will be discussed at later dates.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M*: (Cheryl G) Calendar will have a link to Spanish at the top. Working on translation improvements.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE: *Richard H*: We have interpreters for all our workshops. We're looking into doing some form of closed captioning so we can get rid of this system.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS: NONE

AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Presentation of New Business: **Motion: "That the General Service Conference** reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces." –Presented by CNCA PI/CPC committee.

Discussion: You can get some of these videos on the new website. We use the microphone and the Comments to relay info, no handouts.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Pros: a real person is more effective than a head; we're not using the face of a member to promote AA. (Other service structures use full faces and there have been no problems); shows that we come in various forms; illustrates mind, body, heart, soul; more effective: there is a disclaimer about actors. Cons: Implies that real members must hide their faces in shame; could be perceived as anonymity break. **Q.** What was the process before the advisory action? **A.** The conference has to approve a video; which will still be the case. Having full faces requires an extra level of approval. The spirit is what everyone feels about full faces: more about using full faces than the process. **Q.** I was confused about the actor part. Do actors pretend to be members? **A.** Yes; we have disclaimers; that is part of the consideration. **Q.** Full face: if the actor subsequently develops a drinking problem, do we have to recall the video? **A.** We'll cross that bridge when we get to it. **Q.** I don't understand the motion? **A.** We want to go back to the way it was. We want to simplify the advisory action. Basically any PSA announcement that is created has to go to the GS Board unless it has a full face. We don't want that to happen as we feel full face PSAs are quite effective and very powerful. **Q.** I'm sure people will want to know the wording of the p61 advisory action. Can you read it? **A.** It's long. (Summary: Actors portraying members in AA videos shall not show full face unless the Board agrees.) Conference must authorize. The important thing is how do we feel about full faces? **Q.** Our trusted servants are trusted: changed last panel? **A.** Yes, we want to go back. **Q.** Did you find the spirit and the intent of the decision of the advisory action? **A.** It's about the perception. Concerned about anonymity breaks on line. **Q.** We want to see faces not cartoons. **A.** Keep questions about wording or intent. **Q.** Are you saying the board is well within its rights to simply disagree with a video: it says the board must agree. What does the board normally do? **A.** I don't know: we're asking that this level of scrutiny be eliminated. **Q.** I think I heard someone say there was fear. I'm wondering if we don't already have something in place with our traditional right of appeal? **A.** Obviously this is. **Q.** The only PSAs I've seen were 3-4 yrs ago at 3-4 am and I'd like to see them. I was impressed that there weren't faces. **A.** We need to move on with the spirit of the motion. **Q.** We're going to revisit the p61 motion and nullify it? **A.** Yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: "That CNCA06 submit a request to delete 'of the opposite sex' from p117 in the book 'Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions'." **Discussion:** Group is in favor// Unanimous to accept.//Yes, but minority felt it a slippery slope to change anything in program.//The adoption will be more inclusive. Some felt historical documents should not be changed.//Majority agreed to remove; mi-

nority said if we are to be politically correct we are starting a trend.//Group vehemently opposed to the motion: it's a Pandora's box; sets a precedent. Also felt that Bill W's writings are sacrosanct.//Group in favor. Minority thought other things might then open up to more changes.//We support this despite the hurdles: it will make it more inclusive.//How many people have gotten and stayed sober with the phrase?//75% in favor; 25% opposed were old timers.//Preserve the original text with an asterisk with a comment.//Group overwhelmingly agreed: what would Bill have done if he were living now?// Focus on primary purpose.//Piece by piece overhauling of lit is costly. Consider the document as a whole. Leave it alone; it's already offensive.//Removing these words will allow more to be accepted in AA and out in the world. Are we being influenced by an outside entity?//Most in favor, existing language is divisive. Primary purpose would be enhanced.//Remove it; minority worried about cost.//Time to change.//Majority of dist felt it time to discuss our outdated lit. Minority felt sponsorship is where to discuss.//Dist approved change. Minority felt our lit is divinely inspired.//Overwhelmingly supported out of respect and concern. It may however, distract us from primary purpose.//Unanimously voted to keep and apply a footnote that it was written in the vernacular of the day.//Yes// Unanimously in favor: it shouldn't be about sex and gender; times are changing. We should be inclusive, welcoming, and positive.// Unanimously in favor; no minority opinion.//Take it out: it's 2014. Times change. WE are not living in the 1950's Let's be as inclusive as possible.//Unanimous group approval.//Is there a need, if so make change: don't let fear get in the way.//Don't open the door. Once changes start they will occur every so often.//Wording is based on perspective. Substitute what you need.//Original intent was to maintain. Too many other places can change. Where would we stop?//Outside issue. Keep the historical concept.// Favor from a variety of members: "nearly every sound human being" was offensive to members.//It's a small change that would make more feel included. Language should be more neutral.//Majority in favor; no discrimination. Keep AA open to everyone.//Write a pamphlet or change some of the stories in the Big Book.//Remove: akin to using "colored" following segregation. Excludes too many people. Minority said use an asterisk as we do on p34 of Big Book.//Don't freeze the text; keep all evolving in this modern era.// Language like this keeps the newcomer away.// Delete and open the floodgates in General Service.//We trust AA, General Service, and the process.//Do you want to keep it here or do you think it should go on?//Unanimously in favor; 10th tradition: no opinion on outside issues. It's about the newcomer.// This is about inclusivity; it falls under T10.//We hope we are more open-minded today and agree to change.//Put

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

principles before personalities.// The minority should not dictate to the majority.//Current language is exclusionary. Good place to start change.//If this creates discussion throughout AA that would be awesome: create awareness.

Personal opinions: We were reading that page in a meeting and the person who read changed it.//I don't like hearing our lit described as historical documents and I'd like to see us move forward.//Gays and lesbians have always been a part of the program. It's a motion that promotes a political issue. (*Will continue*).

MOTION: "That future printings of the AA Service Manual include blank Group Change and New Group forms on the last page of the service manual." District 06. (*Will continue*).

Reports from breakout sessions: (*The following notes will be kept brief. If you would like more info, please contact me or see your DCMC or DCM.*)

Safety and respect: Many women come to us from a violent background and rough talk will scare them away. Sometimes a lack of observation of traditions in mtgs can escalate to serious problems (i.e.: suicide). Older members need not encourage inappropriate behavior. Men need to coach newcomers on how to treat others with respect, especially women. At one meeting inappropriate talk is not tolerated: they walk out. Traditions workshops might help: repeated flavor is that "I am responsible".

Ego/Service Commitment: Tradition 12 is where we offer our egos to AA. A trusted servant is a glorified messenger. We carry messages in two directions. Motive didn't matter why we went into service: God would smash egos and help do for us what we could not do for ourselves. If we love what we are doing, we will become good trusted servants. Our leaders learn to listen. Commitment is doing long after the desire.

Value of Service Sponsorship: You learn from another's experience: the needs of the fellowship, needs of others. Service helps us grow: use: manual, concepts checklist, and communication. Open mouth at business meeting only when dealing with traditions.

Anonymity and Social Media: GSO guidelines should be looked at. We are responsible for our own anonymity and that of others: when we break our anonymity we also break the anonymity of another. Just because I say I'm sober on the internet doesn't mean I'm a member of AA. The principle of anonymity is important, so I don't post on social media.

Variety and inclusion of all: 12 traditions teach us to embrace each other. Our primary person is our greatest asset. Customs of groups can be exclusive: we don't always treat everyone like family. Group change begins with the individual. Should we tolerate minor disruptions? How well do we practice our responsibilities?

Participating in GS is the art of inclusion. We are all different, but here for the same reason. "Bless them. Change me."

Gratitude in Action/Joy of Service: Service is vital. It's a great experience. It doesn't matter how to serve, it's a process learning to serve. Very happy if my service can help one person. I'm here because of someone else's service. I'm not the same person as when I started. There is joy in my service. Service helps form my character. HP knows our needs. Gratitude came after many years: I'm the planter, but God grows the crop. **"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"**

It's been a nice day and we are learning a lot from you. We started a workshop in Area 93: we are inviting you to our 5th workshop. Hopefully we will someday have you guys as regular participants. We celebrated the anniversary of La Viña and were helped by Area 6: we are going to create guidelines for the La Viña celebration to make it easy. We decided to send 2 people from each area to participate in an ad hoc committee. Raymundo and Javier will attend from CNCA. Spanish Forum in Oct. I really appreciate being here. //It's a record summer assembly and third largest ever: 305/162=467!// Diversity workshop was excellent. Members who use medication: we all know AA has no opinion, but we really need to think of it: we are missing a lot of members. I hope we can open our minds to any person who has alcoholic problems.//I have one volunteer for BTG work: Claudia R, but no contact info.//I have flyers for the ACYPAA conference in San Jose. We are filling up fast.//I forgot to thank Teri Munson for hosting the pre-assembly dinner.//Elections assembly Nov 8 in San Jose. Hope to see you there.//We collected \$1970.00 (30%/cost).//This has been an awesome assembly. Thanks to the district.//Most of the membership surveys are in. Send them soon. You have buoyed me on this journey. I have not been alone. Come to the assembly in San Jose: look inside and see how you can serve your Area, District, and group.//Thank you for allowing me to be of service. This is the last assembly I'll be chairing, so thank you. You have given me so much and you've been very patient.

The meeting was closed at 4:45 with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with love in service,
Judy W - Panel 63, Recording Secretary

Area Committee

Assembly Bids

Housekeeping Motion:

Guidelines

Presentation of New Business

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting

New Business at Area Committee Meeting

“That CNCA reimburse up to \$100.00 for qualifying hotel stays.” -By Finance Committee.

Discussion Topics

1) “Should we discontinue the CNCA practice of limiting Area Officer eligibility”

2) “As we are ending our Panel it is time to discuss our Standing Committees whose members are appointed to by the Area Officers, The Committees are Finance, Web and I&T. The intention is to inform all of our members who are making themselves available to serve for next panel on these Committees.”

Area Assembly Motions

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly

Old Business at Area Assembly

1) “That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete “of the opposite sex” from p117 in the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.” Presented by District 04.

2) “That future printings of the A.A. Service Manual includes blank Group Change and New Group forms on the last page of the Service Manual” District 06.

New Business at Area Assembly

“That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces.” –Presented by CNCA PI/CPC committee

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27—Area Committee Mtg
25—Area Committee Mtg
8th—Election Assembly
San Jose (Hosted by District 40 & 04)
22—Area Committee Mtg
20—Area Committee Mtg
24—Area Committee Mtg
28—Area Committee Mtg
6-8—PRAASA Area 69,Layton UT
28—Area Committee Mtg
11,12-Pre Conference Assembly,
19-25 General Service Conf, NY
25—Area Committee Mtg
16—Post Conference Assembly
Eureka (Hosted by District 15)
23—Area Committee Mtg
27—Area Committee Mtg
2-5—AA International Convention
Atlanta, Georgia
25—Area Committee Mtg
1 or 8—Summer Assembly
22—Area Committee Mtg
26—Area Committee Mtg
24—Area Committee Mtg
7 or 14-Fall Inventory Assembly
28—Area Committee Mtg
19—Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 63 ASSEMBLY DATES

2014 Fall Election Assembly
Nov. 8; San Jose Scottish Rite Center
2455 Masonic Dr. San Jose, CA
Hosted by District 40

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

2015 Pre-conference Assembly April 11-12

2015 Post-conference Assembly

May 16; Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street Eureka, CA 95503
Hosted by District 15

2015 Summer Assembly August 1 or August 8

2015 Fall Inventory Assembly Nov 7 or Nov 14

2016 Pre-conference Assembly April 2-3 or April 9-10

2016 Post-conference Assembly May 14

2016 Summer Assembly August 6 or August 13

2016 Fall Election Assembly November 5

Underline dates preferred

If your District is considering making a bid for an assembly please contact the Assembly Coordinator Phil B by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Panel 63 Area Officers & Area Meeting Information

Feel free to contact the Area Officers by using the "Contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

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Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

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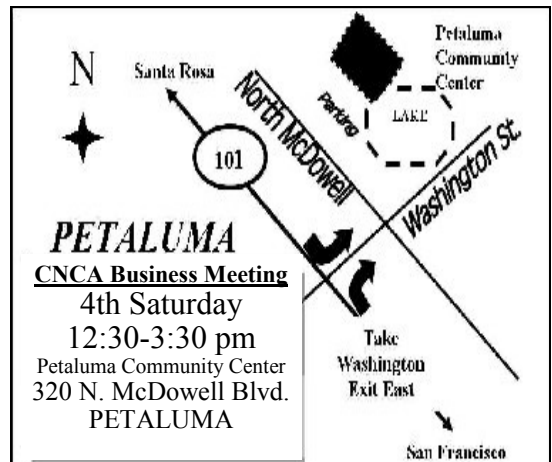
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JOB DESCRIPTION DELEGATE

This job requires a tremendous commitment of time and service, yet no one complains because it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. In CNCA the job includes these duties:

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

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

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

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

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

Time Commitment: The first three months are very busy with Agenda Topics and preparation for the Conference, April is the Conference and May through August are Conference Reports with lots of travel. The rest of the year requires less time. "The Delegate", Chapter Six in the *Service Manual*, ppS48-53, is an excellent source of information about the job of Delegate.

JOB DESCRIPTION ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Be available to back-up the delegate in any area activity that the delegate is required to do. Also, be available to attend the General Service Conference in New York, unexpectedly, in the event that the delegate becomes unavailable because of unforeseen circumstances. Address anonymity breaks at the public level, and educate the general membership about the 11th tradition. Chair the area Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Committee (PI/CPC) area committee. Facilitate the monthly area PI/CPC meeting the fourth Saturday of the month at 11am in Petaluma. Relay and coordinate sundry requests. Attend sundry events, and coordinate coverage of events at which PI or CPC has a presence throughout the area. Answer sundry considerations. Prepare and distribute agendas and minutes; facilitate their translations. Manage contact information. Store equipment, and coordinate its use throughout the area. Deliver birthday envelopes to the birthday boys and girls and the Area Committee. Attend all Area Committee, Assembly and Officers meetings. Travel to three district meetings per month.

ELECTION ASSEMBLY FLYER

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

PRESENTS:

THE 2014 FALL ELECTION ASSEMBLY

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Orientation: 9:00—9:30 A.M.

What Makes an AA Leader?

The Third Legacy Procedure

Area Officer Qualifications

Area Officer Elections: 9:30—12:00 P.M.

Pacific Regional Trustee Report

Lunch: 12:00—1:00 P.M.

Area Officer Elections (continued) 1:00—5:00 P.M.

What's On Your Mind? 5:00—5:30 P.M.

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