



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Preview of the Area Committee Meeting February 2015

We had our first **Area Committee Meeting (ACM)** of the new Panel on January 24<sup>th</sup>. I think we started the year off with a bang. It was a full agenda and we got a lot done. Here we go, Panel 65! We are definitely in motion.

There was a housekeeping motion "That the CNCA registrar purchase a shredder for an amount not to exceed \$120." which passed. Our new Finance Committee was introduced by our treasurer and the committee was approved by all. Candida W. from District 15 brought forth an amendment to the Post Conference Assembly date in May which was also approved. There is a college graduation on the original assembly bid date which would make it difficult to find hotels. The new date will be May 9, 2015 in Eureka. We had a repeat performance of the presentation of new business, "That CNCA purchase a new laptop with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity or equivalent recording program, not to exceed \$1300, for use by the recording secretary." This will be new business next month. We passed two motions of old business. The first was, "That upon request ASL will be provided at the Post Conference Assembly with 30 days advance notice." Please keep this motion in mind and let your District know that the **deadline** to contact the I&T committee and request ASL at this year's Post Conference Assembly will be **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. The second motion that passed was "That the Archive Committee purchase a computer and necessary accessories (i.e., keyboard, mouse, etc.) to replace our existing computer at a cost not to exceed \$1100." Bye, bye floppy drives! And there was discussion on the new business, "That CNCA fund the purchase of a laptop computer for use by the website committee, not to exceed \$1100." This will be old business next month.

We continued with the discussion topic of "Should we discontinue the CNCA practice of limiting Area Officer Eligibility" and the sense of the room reveals we should continue this topic next month. But the discussion topic: "Should we have proper use of Housekeeping motions" will not be continued. If you have an idea for a discussion topic, please let me know.

We are all hoping that the Agenda Topics background material will be out on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Officers have a plan in place to get together and start work on the Agenda Topics Summaries as soon as the background material is available. If all goes well we should have them completed and translated as soon as we can and get them into the hands of the GSRs of Area 06. Then the work of General Service can begin for 2015.

I think we had a great start. I can't wait to see what happens next.

In service and gratitude,  
Joann L.  
Panel 65 CNC Area Chair

**Please bring your FM Radios!**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAPEVINE:  
HISTORY AND HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIONS**

*The Conference Committee on the Grapevine was formed  
at the 1954 General Service Conference*

The very first advisory action was in Panel 7 (1955/56): *"The committee endorsed the decision to increase the price of the magazine from \$0.25 to \$.35 for single copies, and from \$2.50 to \$3.50 for yearly domestic subscriptions."*

Hello Fellow Members, To this day we have had six Delegates that have served in the AA Grapevine Conference Committee. Starting with Panel 5 (1955/56) Stan W., then in Panel 15 (1965/66) Ed H., Panel 19 (1969/70) Ed B., Panel 27 (1977/78) Jack G., Panel 33 (1983/84) Bill M. and Panel 45 (1995/96) Jim M. This Panel I have the honor to serve as the seventh Delegate on this Committee.

When I see the work of our past trusted servants I can feel the love, enthusiasm and the commitment they have left for us. We have been very blessed by all of our past Delegates and it shows in our entire CNCA Area 06.

An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject (if approved an Advisory Action) can come from AA members, GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members, Delegates, Trustees or GSO/GV Staff.

I would like to remind you that (if weather permits) our General Service Board will meet over the weekend and we shall have our background material ready by Friday February 13, 2015. We the Area Officers will meet in a central location the following day to begin working with the summaries. We will also give a CD copy of the background material to all of the DCMs. This can be very useful at your Agenda Topics Workshops; it is a wonderful tool for you to better view the intent of each one of the Agenda Topics. That way you can bring your informed group conscience to the Pre-Conference Assembly and allow me to carry it on to the Conference.

The General Service Conference will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Please check your calendars and let me know the dates that your district would like me to give my Delegate's Report.

As you probably know PRAASA is just around the corner and is a great opportunity to develop a greater Unity among the members, groups and Areas of the Pacific Region, to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. I hope to see you all there. For more information go to [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org)

In Concept two it reads: *"Therefore the General Service Conference – plus any later formed sections – has become for nearly any practical purpose the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs. In making this momentous transfer, we old-timers deeply hope that we have avoided those pitfalls into which societies have so often fallen because their originators have failed, during their lifetimes, to properly delegate and distribute their own authority, responsibility and leadership."*- Pg.10

With Spirit of Love in Service  
Raymundo L.  
CNCA 06 Panel 65, Delegate

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2015

### CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Jan. 24, 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held January 24, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:37PM followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Ben G. of District 12. John M. of District 09 read Tradition 1 and Conventina W. read Concept One. There were 4 past delegates present: Ken M. (Panel 61) David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee director of AAWs, Doug G. (Panel 53) and Diane O. (Panel 35). There were 26 New GSRs present and 13 new DCMs present. The December 2014 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 14/199 years.

Registered attendance: Voting=70, Non-voting=59

#### OFFICER REPORTS

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** Welcome to all the new and returning trusted servants. I will be serving on the AA Grapevine Conference Committee. The Last time was Jim M., Panel 45 Delegate in 1995 and the first time was Stan W., Panel 5 Delegate in 1955. The Background material will be available 2/13/15. Thanks to all that made themselves available to participate in PRAASA. I only need 10 people and received 22 volunteers. PRAASA will take place in Layton Utah from 3/6-3/8 2015. I encourage everyone to attend, especially new trusted servants. More information is on their web site at 2015.praasa.org.//There are already 30,000 people registered for the International Convention, they are in the process of assigning over 400 speakers and over 200 panel meetings.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** I did not know we were going to receive letters from Delegates in the US and Canada welcoming us to our new positions. I received the Delegate communication package that we both get, so I am able to study without pressure. I've read it through about what a Delegate is and is not, along with background. I am looking forward to serve as your Alt. Delegate this panel.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** If anyone is thinking of bringing a motion to the ACM, please give me as much notice as possible on that. An email or phone call would be very helpful.

**TREASURER Teddy BW:** This month I have deposited \$13,743.18. So far this month I have written checks for \$5,558.34 and expect to write a few more today between 2-3K. As of today the balance in our account is \$25,047.97. We received just over 400 contributions this month. We paid the \$1,600.00 annual delegate's contribution to GSC per the 2014 GSC Advisory Action. Actual cost this year per delegate is estimated at \$7,500.00. I have started the process of filing our taxes and other statutory filings for 2014. For those of you who submit expense claims, the mileage rate has gone up one cent this year to \$0.43 per.

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** District Registrars get in touch with me today if you have not. You will get district sign-up sheets

from me before your district meetings. Have them completed and fill out your forms and return to me. The faster this is done, the faster it is done at NY and the faster people will receive their packages from NY. If you have any problems give me a call.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** You all received some sign in sheets at your tables today. Voting members and non-voting members please sign in the appropriate places. The blank forms for your reports are up here on the tables. The most important thing that you include is your District or committee, your name, phone number and email address.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Pre-Conference Assembly April 11 – 12 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton hosted by Districts 08, 70 and 20. Final flyers with hotels, AA meetings and Map Directions will be available hopefully at Feb. ACM. The preliminary flyer includes 2 hotels that the host committee has made arrangements with for reduced rates. Mention CNCA06 Pre-Conference Assembly. Rates to expire March 20. Still no bid for 2015 Summer Assembly. The proposed dates are August 1 or 8<sup>th</sup>. We also have open dates for 2016, Post, Summer and Fall Election Assemblies.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.:** We now have available the DVD: "Markings on the Journey." La Viña has a dedicated addition to the "Old-timers in AA. Also the Grapevine has "Young and Sober." There is also a challenge for 2015. The state with the most subscriptions for Grapevine and La Vina will have a special section in the magazine in 2016.

#### DISTRICT REPORTS

**01 MONTEREY Kirk P.:** We started Panel 65 with progress not perfection. We will continue to build our district. The study of the traditions was mentioned along with the steps, which fits well in Panel 65 and our district.

**02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C.:** All positions were filled except registrar. Last year we reported that we were going to have our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Gratitude Breakfast" and after the final tally our District was able to send \$1,000.00 to GSO.

**03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.:** Thank you to our visiting area officer. We scheduled an agenda topics workshop for Saturday March 14 from 2-4 PM.

**04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.:** At our first meeting we hosted a dozen new GSR's, many who came with their group's previous GSR. We discussed how to talk to groups about reimbursement for GSR's traveling. We passed two housekeeping motions, to host a table at the All California Young People in AA Round-up in San Jose from Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, a second to fund 2 members of the district for expenses while traveling to PRAASA. Agenda topics workshop, March 14,

**40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.:** We had our first district meeting and we focused on welcoming and guiding our GSR's in the very confusing and beautiful path through General Service. We have two DCM open positions and

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

have created a new position which is Service Sponsorship Coordinator. We passed 2 housekeeping motions, one to have our DCMC be reimbursed to attend PRAASA in Layton, Utah. Our Agenda Topics workshop will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> co-hosted with our sister district, District 04.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We had our first meeting of the panel this past Tuesday; 3 DCM positions were filled and several are still vacant. We decided to hold an Agenda Topics Workshop and planning is now underway (date and location to follow). All our committee positions are filled.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We had a 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy election to choose a GSR to attend PRAASA. Per district guidelines, funds in excess of the District's prudent reserve were forwarded to area.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: The new District Officers got together and shared ideas and enthusiasm. District 07 is looking forward to the new panel and the excitement that is always the hallmark of General Service.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: All the officers, DCM's and liaisons got together and it was wonderful to have the excitement and pass it on. Our District's newsletter is back in publication and went out January 15. Also promotion of a service sponsor and GSR funding.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had 3 presentations by members of the district about being a GSR, the Conference process and the AA Grapevine. We also approved our projections for 2015. We are excited for the upcoming Pre Conference Assembly. The dinner will be in Pleasanton, registration is now open. The speaker is Billy N. General Service Trustee chair AAWS.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We still have all of our DCM's positions open, along with some other district positions. We provide a monthly article for inclusion in our Intergroup Newsletter. In that we are asking for support. We are excited about next Saturday's (January 31) Inter-district workshop with our neighbor Districts, 11, 13 and 90.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: The Inter-District workshop appears to be well on the way with Districts 90, 11, 13 and 09. It will be held in Fairfield, Saturday, January 31. Flyers are available on the table. We are still looking for individuals to step up and fill our positions of Treasurer, Literature/ Grapevine, Webmaster and BTG Chairperson.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: Our District Events Coordinator is hard at work planning our Agenda Topics Workshop. The date is February 22 from 11AM – 2PM in San Rafael. Our Pre-Conference 2016 Committee chair is also planning for our district to do a "site visit" to the Marin County Civic Center in February. We do have 3 DCM positions opened that we would like to get filled, and I am very appreciative for all the other new DCM's who have stepped up. At our last Business Meeting we also elected an officer to attend PRAASA.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We held our first meeting for Panel 65 with all of our positions filled. We are discussing holding a district workshop on Agenda Topics but continue to

encourage GSR's to attend Agenda Topic workshops in other districts because of the time. We have also been working out our contributions to the Inter-District Workshop and have begun organizing for the 2016 Fall Assembly.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We are getting excited about the upcoming Agenda Topics Workshop on Feb 21 and you are all invited. District 18 is participating again, and we have invited our new delegate as well as other members of the area to be presenters and help our GSR's with mock sharing sessions. Our I&T committee is a bit up in the air. We started 2 panels ago and purchased the equipment, but each time the term is up, everyone rotates out. Our Agenda Topics Workshop is covered and some people have expressed an interest. This month is our first quarterly Joint Committee meeting with the chairpersons from GS, H&I and BTG and PI/CPC. Right out of the gate we had a presentation of new business from a sub-district proposing a change to the big book.

13 LAKE *Mary R. (ALT DCMC)*: We have an energetic new DCMC Joe C. who wants to bring more fun to the district meetings, and keep district meetings shorter. Positions are all filled. We have agreed to continue to cover a concept at the beginning of each meeting. We had our first meeting of the panel and noticeably absent were GSR's. There is an urgent initiative that our sub district DCM's get out to meetings to generate interest in AA's becoming GSR's.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: District 14 is doing well even though we are still lacking a few District Officers. We are getting some new involvement through our Comments/Lick and Stick. New people showing up and hopefully we can get them involved in GS.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We changed our district time to 1:30 pm and retired our "Fun Shop" and included a ten minute information share called "Two Cents Worth". We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Post Conference Assembly. We have filled almost all of our chair committee positions. Agenda Topic sharing session will be March 14.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We have visited 6 groups to motivate the GSR's service and its importance. We will continue visiting all the groups. We have been motivating PRAASA as well. District 16 will no longer have sub-districts. For Panel 65, we will be working as one district and as a whole.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: District started this Panel with 8 GSR's. Need volunteers for open positions. DCM Sub -002 San Mateo and La Vifa liaison. We are motivating members to attend PRAASA. We have sent \$100.00 contribution to area.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We moved to another office in the same building (The Carpenters hall). We talked about PRAASA and how much can be learned about General Service. We are going to participate in District 12's workshop. Our district has increased by 35% Participation

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from Panel 63, but we still need to cover BTG.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We visited groups, especially those without GSR's, to encourage them to elect a GSR. We also have some service positions vacant in the district. Tomorrow the intergroup in Watsonville will be celebrating 12 years.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We had our first business meeting of the new panel. We visited groups to introduce the Panel 65 trusted servants. Thanks to the Area Officer for the visit. We are ready to attend PRAASA.

### AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: *Sheri W.*: We welcomed now Archivists at our committee meeting today and gave them newcomer packets to help them in their new roles. We discussed having a monthly archive display here at the AMC. Our next workday will be Feb 14.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: 163 request from Districts, 35 from corresponding secretaries. 26 of these requests went to outside CNCA, 9 letters from inmates and 1 letter from a treatment center. There were 11 District Chairs in attendance. We have one open officer position at the start of today, the BTG Conference Coordinator. Spencer from District 4/40 made himself available.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: Our members for this panel are Summer F., Jennifer K., Tim D., myself and our Treasurer Teddy BW. We are not going to do anything new to the structure of the finance committee but we are taking a very careful look at the cash flow this year.

PI/CPC: *Phil B.*: We decided on a meeting format for the meeting (topic/discussion), and selected a secretary. Our topic for next month will be a PI/CPC training session. We selected three members to coordinate with PRAASA 2015 to hold a training session that may be possible at PRAASA 2016. If you would like to borrow the area's audio visual equipment/PSA's please contact me.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: Elections were held today. Alan G., editor; Juan T., Alt Editor; Robert E. and Kris W., At Large; The pending floor motion for today was discussed, information contact was handed out and we are discussing the new individual training times and setting them up.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We had elections and filled all our positions and then some. We also talked about looking ahead and being prepared for the upcoming assemblies. If you need any help with interpretation or translation, feel free to contact us.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: Total Bulk mailing – 975, Total Mailing 1,027. Both the printing and mailing costs were under the estimated budget. There are extra copies on the table. We will be putting together the February Comments on Saturday January 31 so we will need all articles by then. Next mailing party/Lick-N-Stick will be February 5 @ 8:15 PM at the Ukiah Fellowship Group.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Manuel R.*: This month we

printed 200 copies and mailed 163. The rest are on the table.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: Discussion on meeting structure, how topics would be selected and how to facilitate discussion. We will follow last year's panel format and use the last 10 minutes of our meeting for the group to suggest and select topics and presenters. Next month's topic will be "Agenda Topics Basics and motivating group participation". Presenting will be Claudia N. and Sherri M. both from District 12.

LITERATURE/GV/LV Sharing Session *Agustin L.*: We talked about how to buy and get subscriptions in institutions. The challenge to increase the subscriptions for the Grapevine and La Viña starts January 26 and ends December 20, 2015. "Markings on a Journey" which was approved by the 2014 conference to revise and update is now available on DVD. Next month we will be talking about the duties of a GV/La Viña rep.

NCCAA *Peter M.*: One thing I wanted to share with you was that on the NCCAA web page are back issues of the "GOOD NEWS." The conference started in 1947, but what is available on the web site is from 1967 forward. We are having our next event in Foster City March 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>.

H&I *Diane O.*: Steering Committee meeting on January 10 in Sacramento was positive and productive. We gratefully received and discussed comments that will improve the quality of our pink pamphlet rewrite. These amendments will be brought to our General Meeting in Santa Rosa on Feb 8 for discussion and voter approval.

ACYPAA Report *Coventina W.*: Round-Up Feb 26- March 1 in downtown San Jose at the Hilton. Host hotel rooms sold out at the beginning of the year. Two overflow hotels are currently accepting reservations. Pre-Registration will shut down midnight Feb 14. Current pre-registration is 1,053.

GGYPAA is having an event tonight in SF at 2325 Union St. Meeting is at 7:30, game night following at 9PM featuring "Charades against Humanity. \$5 suggested donation, fliers on front table. SOCPAA is having a "Back to the Bay" dance Feb 21 @ 8PM at the Phoenix Theatre in Petaluma.

19<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LA VIÑA *Jose A.*: We are staying in contact with participating areas and those interested in the Anniversary. The Anniversary will be held on July 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> at the S.E.S. Hall @ 1375 Lafayette Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050. We are still asking for district liaisons. Today we elected the rest of our committee: Chair Jose A., Secretary Martha B., Treasurer Nicolas G., Finance Committee, Juan SG., Guillermo J., Topic and Speakers Manuel R., Public Relations Juan R., Transportation Sonia S., Reception and Name Tags Ulises R., Translation Ramon G., Recording and Audio Juan CS. We have made our poster and have received more registrations.

### Housekeeping Motions:

**"That the CNCA Registrar purchase a shredder for an amount not to exceed \$120.00" - Ray W.**

## Balance Sheet December 2014

California Northern Coastal Area

### Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
B of A Checking	16,474.04	16,752.80	(1.66%)
B of A Savings	8,705.16	9,485.16	(8.22%)
Total Checking/Savings	25,179.20	26,237.96	(4.04%)
Other Current Assets			
2014 Fall Election Assembly	2,500.00		100.0%
Total Assembly Deposits	-4,152.34	1402.35	(396.1%)
Total BTG	124.00		
Total CNCA Comments	427.98	427.98	
1499 · Undeposited Funds		51.00	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	-1,100.36	1,881.33	(158.49%)
Total Current Assets	24,078.84	28,119.29	(14.37%)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,078.84</b>	<b>28,119.29</b>	<b>(14.37%)</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	18,634.13	9,025.20	106.47%
Prudent Reserve	9,485.16	9,485.16	
Net Income	-4,040.45	9608.93	(142.05%)
Total Equity	24,078.84	28,119.29	(14.37%)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>24,078.84</b>	<b>28,119.29</b>	<b>(14.37%)</b>

## Revised Expense Report December 2014

California Northern Coastal Area

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

December 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense	Dec 14	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Group Contributions	6,414.23	5,846.34	109.71%
District Contributions	5,372.25	865.00	621.07%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	345.00	275.0	125.46%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions		6.00	
Personal/Misc. Contributions	53.00	11.10	477.48%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	<u>0.10</u>	<u>0.15</u>	<u>66.67%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>12,184.58</u>	<u>7,003.59</u>	<u>173.98%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	12,184.58	7,003.59	173.98%
<b>Expense</b>			
Delegate Expense	259.47	214.81	120.79%
Officer Expense	1,528.23	1,635.73	93.43%
Committee Expense	1,644.77	1,485.52	110.72%
General Expense	<u>3,101.15</u>	<u>2,558.76</u>	<u>121.2%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>6,533.62</u>	<u>5,894.82</u>	<u>110.84%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>5,650.96</u>	<u>1,108.77</u>	<u>509.66%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>5,650.96</u>	<u>1,108.77</u>	<u>509.66%</u>

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Discussion: Q Has the Finance Committee been made aware of this motion? A. Yes there are funds available.

**There were no objections. \*\* Motion Passed\*\***

### **Approval of the Finance Committee:**

Committee introduced Teddy BW, Summer F., Jennifer K., Tim D., and our chair Russ A. Seeing no objections

**\*\*Committee Approved\*\***

### **Assembly Business:**

*Candida W:* District 15 is excited to host our Post Conference Assembly. The original date was May 16, 2015. After looking at hotels in the area and the fact that a college graduation is on the same weekend, it will be hard to get hotel rooms. We are asking that the date of the summer assembly be changed to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

>>Chair stated that this could be done by a simple majority>>

**There were no objections. \*\* Motion Passed\*\***

**(Seventh Tradition and Break)**

**Start Break 2:01 PM End Break 2:16 PM**

### **Area Business**

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

**“That CNCA 06 purchase a new Laptop computer with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity and/or equivalent recording program not to exceed \$1300.00 for use by recording secretary”**-presented by Judy W., Recording secretary Panel 63.

Q. What are the accessories needed and how did you come up with the price of the laptop? A. I am not a computer person and I did not do any shopping to compare the prices. I would think that could be done by someone who has more knowledge than me. This computer is over 10 years old and the battery has been replaced and is still not working. It is very heavy to carry around and out of date.

**Motion moved to New Business for next month.**

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Motion:**

**“That ASL will be provided at the Post-Conference Assembly with 30 days advance notice”**- Richard H., I&T Chair Panel 63

**Discussion:** None

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require 2/3 majority to pass. **Vote: Yes= 48 No=20 Abstain=0**

**Minority Opinion:** I am concerned about this. I think of ASL as another language. What if someone came in English and asked us to provide this in Spanish, would they have to give a thirty day notice? I just think that this as another language/ Maybe we are not letting people know we have this service. I don't think we have looked at every thing that this entails. I don't like taking something away from people I know nothing about.

**Motion to reconsider:** Was made and seconded from the floor. Chair stated the motion to reconsider could pass on a

simple majority. **Vote: Yes = 24 No=28**

**\*\*Motion to reconsider <<Failed>> \*\*Motion Passed\*\***

##### **Motion:**

**“That the Archives committee purchase a computer and the necessary accessories to replace our existing computer, not to exceed \$1,100.00”** - Laura W., Archives Committee Chair Panel 63.

**Discussion:** Q. I like to know what the specific requirements would be or would be asked for since the cost is less. A. We figured our cost independent from the other committees that are asking for it. We based in on what we would need right now. There is a possibility that we may need some software or something in the future, but we did not concern ourselves with that.

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require a simple majority to pass – 36 to 27. **Vote: Yes= 58 No=1 Abstain=0**

**Minority Opinion: None**

No motion to reconsider. **\*\*Motion Passed\*\***

#### **New Business:**

**“That CNCA fund the purchase of a computer for use of the website committee not to exceed \$1,250.00”**

- presented by Web Committee

**Discussion:** I would feel better about voting if there was some input from the finance committee. /I think the area some time in the future should think about forming some kind of IT committee that would deal with software and hardware issues and specify what systems are correct. /This is not a replacement of an existing computer for the Web committee. I would like to see some guidelines who would be responsible and who would use this computer. We have a pre conference and post conference assemblies. We are about to spend more money in the next couple of months then we will spend the rest of the year. This motion was brought up last Panel. There were some that thought that we were not being inclusive, that you needed to be able to have a laptop to be on the committee. There is also a motion that was passed in the motions book that the web committee was to display the web page at every assembly. Unless we resend that motion we are required to display the web page at every assembly. The web committee does need a laptop and has needed this computer for 6 years, and the volume of files we are moving each month is about 80 edits, taking about 15 minutes each. This motion was brought up in November 2014, and it was scrubbed in December because our chair was not there. Against better judgment we dropped the motion in December so now we are at the bottom of the list and laptop number 3. We really need this laptop today and we don't want to delay this any longer then the 6 years we have already waited. / Once again we of the finance committee have not changed our position about the purchase of this computer. There are funds available/ We

## CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS FEBRUARY 2015

### Area Committee

#### **Assembly Bids:**

#### **Housekeeping Motion:**

#### **Guidelines**

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

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

"That CNCA fund the purchase of a laptop computer for use by the Website Committee, not to exceed \$1250." – Presented by Web Committee.

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

That CNCA purchase a new laptop computer with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity and/or equivalent recording program not to exceed \$1300 for use by the recording secretary."

#### **Discussion Topics**

"Should we discontinue the CNCA practice of limiting Area Officer eligibility"

### 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

### **CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

have anonymity and personal restraints to this. Most of the assemblies do not provide free Wi-Fi, which means displaying the web site at an assembly is expensive or impossible.

**Motion moved to Old Business at next month's business meeting.**

**Discussion Topic: Should we discontinue the practice of limiting Area Officer Eligibility?**

Discussion: In our district our ALT-DCMC is the DCM at large for the districts that don't have one. Simply put, those sub-districts with no DCM have no voice. Just because we could not get our act together at the district and fill all the DCM positions does not mean they should be told that their voice no longer counts. By limiting the eligibility and availability we are cutting ourselves off at the knees. /If I was not the DCM, I am not eligible to be an area officer at the next panel if I wanted to. I thought this was a little odd; I am interested in exploring other service commitments and we are a little limiting in this area. /I can understand that there are people that have not been around for a couple panels and stepping back into GS and wanting to make themselves available as an area officer, but there are some people that are around that are district officers and committee members that show up and know what's going on, so there is a continuity of service. /I just want to point out about Alt. DCMC, so I was registered to unrepresented districts as their DCM, and I was eligible to vote. /The way I understand this is that it is based on how many groups are in a district. We are a small district that we only have 2 DCM's; the district made a rule that once a DCM or a DCMC you could not make yourself available to hold that position again. We are then not eligible to be an area officer. We have been cut out. /Are people only wanting to open this up because they want to vote? This is my third panel and the most DCM's we have ever had are 3-4 out of 7 sub-districts. What we end up with is we are under represented. Those who come into service should only not get into service to be an area officer. /At the end of this discussion you all can make the decision of whether we need a motion or not. /I have seen some people that could be great as an area officer. But they can wait for another year or so if they cannot make themselves available as a DCM or DCMC. If we make eligibility too broad, it could get out of control and that would be irresponsible also. /The election assembly is always magical. We have always had outstanding officers. /I like this process that there is a certain path to follow to be an area officer. I've been a GSR, then a DCM, then a DCMC. Now I am on a standing committee so I am not available to be an area officer. I like the idea of being inclusive and not exclusive in AA. *Topic will continue next month.*

**Discussion Topic: Should we have proper use of a housekeeping motion in CNCA?**

Discussion: I think generally our housekeeping motions did not get objected to proper use. If it gets object to proper use was not used. /I think that housekeeping motions should be kept pretty minor, sometimes it is hard to tell. /There is a document that is titled "How we do business in AA" and it does discuss housekeeping motions. I think some people just use housekeeping motions to see if it will pass and if not that's ok. /In the archives all the DCM sharing session minutes are kept. A few years ago Jeff O. did a great presentation on what was the difference between a housekeeping motion and a motion. *Discussion closed.*

**"What's On Your Mind?"**

I herd a lot of talk today about computers. Have we gotten into a time when we need to look into having some kind of IT committee. /I am seeing us make more decisions by simple majority rather than substantial unanimity. Under Concept 12 of our warranties: whenever possible by discussion should come to substantial unanimity. I can tell you the AAWS Board passed a motion that we would make every decision by substantial unanimity. If we are making some decision on something minor, what are we scared of. I think we need to consider whether we should follow our Warranties under Concept 12. I wanted to announce a new meeting in Mandarin, in San Jose. It is at 2400 Moorpark in San Jose @ 11. /We have been lacking on District conscience. I want to encourage District to be talking more about motions at area and bring back District conscience. /I went to a group that I started a while ago. There was a quote that was said in that meeting: "Most of us feel we no longer have to look for Utopia. We have it with us right here. Each day my friends' simple talk in our kitchens multiplies itself into an ever widening circle of peace on earth, good will toward men. Bill and Bob and the first 100 who got sober are no longer here. But the people of that group have taken responsibility for the group. When I saw this new line of faces standing for reports today it reminded me of Panel 53. Those who served in Panel 53 are no longer around anymore. But you have all taken that responsibility from the people that have gone before you. I think we are in really good hands. Panel 65 is going to be a really good panel, because it is in your trustworthy hands.

The meeting was closed at 3:28pm with the Responsibility statement.

Submitted in Love and Service

Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

## CNCA CALENDAR

### 2015—Panel 65

February 28—Area Committee Mtg  
 March 6-8—PRAASA Area 69, Layton UT  
 28—Area Committee Mtg  
 April 11, 12—Pre Conference Assembly,  
 Alameda Fairgrounds  
 (Hosted by Districts 08, 70 and 20)  
 19-25—General Service Conf, NY  
 25—Area Committee Mtg  
 May 9—Post Conference Assembly  
 Eureka (Hosted by District 15)  
 23—Area Committee Mtg  
 June 27—Area Committee Mtg  
 July 2-5—AA International Convention  
 Atlanta, Georgia  
 25—Area Committee Mtg  
 August 1 or 8—Summer Assembly  
 22—Area Committee Mtg  
 September 26—Area Committee Mtg  
 October 24—Area Committee Mtg  
 November 14—Fall Inventory Assembly,  
 Calistoga Fairgrounds  
 (Hosted by District 11)  
 28—Area Committee Mtg  
 December 19—Area Committee Mtg

### 2016—Panel 65

January 23—Area Committee Mtg  
 February 27—Area Committee Mtg  
 March 26—Area Committee Mtg  
 April 9, 10—Pre Conference Assembly,  
 Marin Center Exhibit Hall  
 (Hosted By District 10)  
 23—Area Committee Mtg  
 May 14 or 21—Post Conference Assembly  
 28—Area Committee Mtg  
 June 25—Area Committee Mtg  
 July 23—Area Committee Mtg  
 August 6 or 13—Summer Assembly  
 27—Area Committee Mtg  
 September 8-11 20<sup>th</sup> National AA Archives  
 Workshop in Walnut Creek  
 24—Area Committee Mtg  
 October 22—Area Committee Mtg  
 November 5 or 12—Election Assembly  
 26—Area Committee Mtg  
 December 17—Area Committee Mtg

## ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

### PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

#### **2015 Pre-Conference Assembly**

April 11-12; Alameda County Fairgrounds  
 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Pleasanton CA 94566  
 Hosted by District 08

#### **2015 Post Conference Assembly**

May 9; 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**

November 14; Calistoga Fairgrounds  
 1435 North Oak Street Calistoga, CA 94515  
 Hosted by District 11

#### **2016 Pre-Conference Assembly**

April 9-10; Marin Center Exhibit Hall  
 10 Avenue of the Flags San Rafael, CA 94903  
 Hosted by District 10

#### **2016 Post-conference Assembly**

May 1

#### **2016 Summer Assembly**

August 6 or August 13

#### **2016 Fall Election Assembly**

November 5

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**Underline dates preferred**

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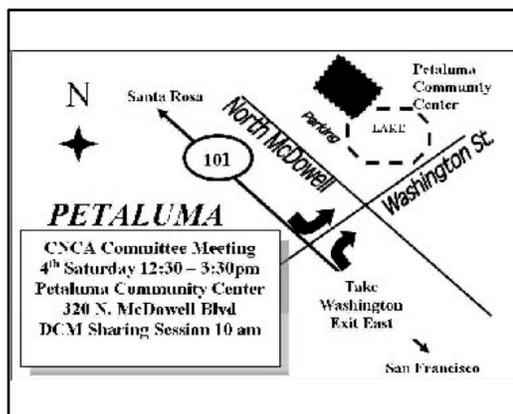
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