



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Preview of the Area Committee Meeting April 2015

There is definitely excitement in the air as we approach the first assembly of Panel 65. I am thrilled as well as scared to death that this first one is quickly coming upon us. I know from my district visits that the area groups have made themselves ready to participate with informed group consciences given to their General Service Representatives. The Pre-Conference Assembly is an event not to be missed.

Our Area Committee Meeting in Petaluma this month did not disappoint. We heard many district reports on how well the GSRs of CNCA were preparing their groups to have sharing sessions. There were Agenda Topics Workshops everywhere in the Area. For this month's business we had a Housekeeping motion from **Bridging the Gap** that passed. That housekeeping motion read: "That CNCA fund the BTG committee to hold a forum to be held in the fall of 2015, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1000." The next motion, which I mistook for a housekeeping motion, but was really a presentation of new business was "That CNCA fund one website committee editor to attend the National Alcoholics Anonymous Technology Workshop to be held Oct 2-4, 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed \$1200." It will be an Area Committee meeting motion. Mistake or no mistake, it will be where it is supposed to be next month as New Business at our ACM. The National AA Technology Workshop is a brand new event and is in its second year. For more information, check out: [naatw.org](http://naatw.org). We did have a presentation of new business. The motion was "That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of area standing committees who have served as a DCM or DCMC." (The motion was amended to include Area sub-committees as well as standing committees.) This will be under Presentation of New Business at the Area Assembly. Last but not least, the motion: "That CNCA 06 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" was passed unanimously.

Please remember to also bring your group's conscience on the Assembly Motions that are items of old business. They are listed in this CNCA Comments under CNCA Motions. Also bring your September copy of CNCA Comments which will have the minutes from the last Assembly business meeting. Examine those, if you will, for any corrections or additions to be made.

The Pre Conference Assembly is a two day event. Check out the assembly flyer to be sure when we will be hearing group consciences on the topic your group discussed. We will not be hearing them in the same order that they are in the Agenda Topics Summaries. Please bring any personal items that will make you feel comfortable for these two days. It will be a long day. Perhaps a seat cushion, back support or even a favorite snack. But most of all – **please do not forget your FM radios with headset. And extra batteries.**

Looking forward to seeing you at the Alameda County Fairgrounds!

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

While the General Service Conference operates all year round, the annual meeting, held in New York City, usually in April, is the culmination of the year's activities, the time when the collective group conscience of U.S./Canada A.A. comes together to take actions that will guide the groups in the years to come. (S54)

So far it has been a tremendous experience; time has been going so fast that I can't believe that it is almost time for me to go to the Conference. I would like to thank you all for your participation preparing me, with every phone call, email, questions on where we find the answer together, and this does not include the Pre-Conference Assembly yet. You guys can really make me feel how much you care for our fellowship and the importance to carry the message of your group conscience to the Conference.

I'm looking forward to the Pre-Conference Assembly; I can't wait to hear you all, especially the new GSRs coming to the microphone. To tell you the truth I am nervous, excited and overwhelmed, but none of these emotions will ever stop the feeling of Gratitude that we have for the program that saved our lives and returned us to serve back to our society. As Dr. Bob said, ***"I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: 1. Sense of duty. 2. It is a pleasure. 3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me. 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."***

I am taking 3 weeks vacation to be better prepared for The Conference and be well rested for the city that never sleeps; also this month my alternate will be giving my ACM report which is another duty besides praying for the Delegate LOL

"The 'Right of Participation' is therefore a corrective of ultimate authority because it mitigates its harshness or misuse. It also encourages us who serve A.A. to accept the necessary disciplines that our several tasks require. We can do this when we are sure that we belong, when the fact of our 'participation' assures us that we are truly the 'trusted servants' described in A.A.'s Tradition Two." **(Concept 4 p.19)**

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

### Looking for Something?

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held March 28, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:34 PM., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Gene D. of District 90. Candida V. of District 15 read Tradition 3 and Sherry of District 12 read Concept 3. There were 4 past delegates present: Padee M. (Panel 63), David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee director of AAWS Board, Doug G. (Panel 53), and Diane O. (Panel 35). There was 1 new GSR present and 1 new DCM present. The February 2015 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 9/145.  
Registered attendance: Voting=67, Non-voting=15.

### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** PRAASA was amazing. 114 attended from our area, 1,243 in total. Encourage all to attend pre conference assembly, especially GSRs who will share their group conscience at the microphone. There will be an extra box where you can place your group conscience in case you do not get to the microphone. I have my calendar ready to add your District to my agenda to give my Conference report.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** PRAASA was amazing. This was my 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive. Alt-Delegate round tables were great. I now understand the importance of not skipping floors on the way down the conference structure. I am fortunate to come from CNCA. You have prepared me well.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** Please be sure to keep reports to 2 minutes. Lost and found will be at the assembly. Sent the DCMs the pro and con's of the motion that will be new business at the Pre-Conference Assembly; please share with your groups.

**TREASURER Teddy BW:** We received \$7k in contributions this month. Wrote check in the amount of \$18,470.02. Most was for the two upcoming assemblies. This leaves us with \$11,536.87 in the bank. I will be writing 1K-1.5K of checks today. That will leave us with about \$10K in the bank along with the prudent reserve of \$9,194.39.

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** We have made over 500 changes to our database so far this year. Try to get me district updates at least 2 weeks before your district meeting. This will give me time to have the new list ready for your meeting. Pre conference registration starts at 8 AM both days. Please be sure to register as a voting or non voting member. Remember to bring your FM radios.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** Please be sure to print the Summer Assembly minutes for the Business meeting at the Pre-Conference. They can be found in the September 2014 comments

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Pre conference on April 11 and 12, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Flyers are on the table. All planning for the Post Conference on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Eureka are in full swing. Preliminary flyers for Post Conference are on the table also. RV Parking is available on site. Visit [redwoodacres.com](http://redwoodacres.com) for more information. The ASL deadline is April 9<sup>th</sup> for Post Conference. Final flyers will be available after deadline. Assemblies for 2016 that are still open for bid are Post, summer and fall. Consider having your district make a bid. I

have all necessary documents available.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.:** E-Books that are now available are, AA Big Book, 12 and 12, Daily Reflections, Living Sober, Came to Believe, AA comes of Age, As Bill Sees It, and Experience Strength and Hope. Starting 4/1/15, "Language of the Heart" will be available in two formats, CD and MP3. Grapevine is accepting stories on "Technology and Anonymity", due on April 5<sup>th</sup>, "Letting go of Resentments", due May 5<sup>th</sup>, and "Service during the Holidays", due July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### District Reports

**01 MONTEREY Susan G.** Reviewed 2015 budget and discussed ways to take group conscience. Our visiting officer discussed experiences at PRAASA.

**02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C.:** We discussed Agenda Topics for most of the meeting. Several meetings are scheduling workshops to address Agenda Topics.

**03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.:** At our Agenda Topic Workshop we heard presentations on six of the agenda items. We have begun writing a monthly column on GS for the Santa Cruz County Intergroup newsletter, affectionately known as "The Grape SCCIN."

**04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.:** Our district participated in a district conscience, then divided into sub-districts to facilitate sub-district consciences on a variety of topics. Our attendance is growing and has welcomed several new GSRs from groups that have never participated before, including a Mandarin and Hindi speaking meeting.

**40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.:** We had some GSRs give reports on their experience at PRAASA. We had a presentation on "Presenting an Agenda Topic/Collecting a Group Conscience and a mock sharing session. Great questions and answers after including what to expect and how to prepare for the Pre Conference Assembly. ACYPAA 2015 chair shared his experience at the conference held in our back yard.

**05 SAN MATEO Erica S.:** Passed our budget this month. Our GSRs are actively obtaining group consciences. We elected a new coffeemaker at district. It was great to have some GSRs experience for the first time our third legacy election in process. We went all the way to the hat.

**06 SAN FRANCISCO Rhys G.:** Our district meeting was well attended. We had a presentation from a GSR on her experience at PRAASA. Visiting officer presented on what to expect at the Pre-Conference assembly. I am looking forward to hearing a lot next month about our GSRs experiences at the assembly.

**07 ALAMEDA NORTH Thomas V.:** We gave our GSRs the opportunity to practice their delivery of their group consciences. We were provided direction, instructions and feedback from our visiting officer. We are looking forward to the real thing.

**70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Kathleen L.:** We had 2 presentations from PRAASA and had some direction on how to share a group conscience at the assembly. Some feedback from GSRs on agenda topics is "Not going well" or "no one wants to volunteer or participate." Not sure if this is a trend and trying hard to not to have opinion.

**08 CONTRA COSTA Laura W.:** We had two presentations on 'The Assembly Motion' and 'Taking a Group Conscience.'

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Our CPC committee will be hosting a joint PI/CPC training workshop with our Local Intergroup on April 4. We are all excited to be co-hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly with District 70 and 20.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We had the first draft of our formal budget presentation and a great discussion on the how and why of our District's finances. We also discussed the Area's business of buying a computer for the Area recording secretary and on Expanding Area Officer Eligibility.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: Slowly filling positions at our District. Many GSRs and DCMs were preparing our groups for the agenda topics before they came out so the discussions have begun. Our Unity Day was well attended.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had a great presentation from our member that we sent to PRAASA. We continue to have discussions on what to expect and how the GSRs can get a group conscience and present that at the pre-conference assembly. Our SF central office is looking for a Treasurer; if you are interested please contact AASF.org.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We had a mock agenda topic group conscience in place of our normal business meeting because many of our members were at PRAASA. We are having ongoing discussions on the budget, trying to find ways to be prudent with funds available.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: GSRs are having sharing sessions and keeping our DCMs busy asking for background information and other assistance. Our planning is underway for summer assembly; what is cool is many of the planning sub-committee chairs are not even in General Service, yet.... Access Sonoma County is having a workshop on "Pain Management in Sobriety," May 30<sup>th</sup> in Santa Rosa, flyers on table.

13 LAKE *Kelly N.*: This month we will be discussing and reviewing our progress regarding the agenda topics. 3 new GSRs have reported to me that their progress is good. I am looking forward to hearing the results at the Pre Conference.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We had a great workshop and are looking forward to pre-conference. We still are having some discussions about safety in AA. We are gathering group consciences from throughout the District.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We had a mock agenda topic sharing session at our new location in Crescent City. Unity day event will be July 11, 2015. We are still looking for Website committee in our district.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: Happy to be back from PRAASA, received a lot of information. Visiting our groups to collect group conscience on agenda topics; we will be ready for the Pre-Conference.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We attended PRAASA. We have been motivating the Sub-districts to obtain group consciences for assembly. We had an invitation from one of our groups to share about General Service. We are getting ready for the pre-conference assembly.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We have been helping our groups with the agenda topics. We approved in our last meeting to have a workshop to help with writing stories and sharing information about La Viña. This will help support the La Viña 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event in June. I have been visiting District 10, to share information and have a closer relationship. We are working on electing a liaison.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We had our agenda topic workshop on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We have been supporting the GSRs to get group consciences on agenda topics. We have changed our district meeting day and time.

We now have meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7-9 PM. Our next meeting will be on April 14.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We hosted our first interdistrictal. We participated in PRAASA. Thanks to the Spanish Districts for their participation in the agenda topics workshop. We continue to visit and support the groups on the Agenda Topics.

### Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: Transitioning to a new cataloging system is ongoing. We had a presentation from our Tape Librarian on CNCA Archives Virtual Tour. This is to be used at Area events at the discretion of the committee. We also discussed the potential changes and suggestions of additions to the Archives Workbook.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: We gave 41 presentations and received 200 contacts. 11 were via letter which our secretary responded to. We discussed Literature Item D and Corrections Items A and B. We will convey our group conscience to the delegate. We will also be presenting a HK motion regarding BTG Forum.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We discussed the motions that are in process. We approved a contribution of \$75.00 for the Pacific Region for Hospitality Expenses at the International Convention. We are making minor amendments to the reimbursement guidelines to clarify travel expenses for duties performed that may occur at times other than ACM. Our liaisons will meet with each committee at the beginning of their meetings in April.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: We shared today on Agenda Items today. We had discussions on Literature Items C, D, and E. We also discussed Finance Item A. We received an invitation to serve at the PI/CPC room. We have submitted two names to NY. At the convention they will be picked from a hat, so this is not a guarantee they will be able to serve.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: We heard from 2 members that attended PRAASA today. The last 3 months our energies were centered on moving the area site. Emails should all be working at the new location without any change. Please talk to us if you see any problems. We will have a motion today.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We shared at PRAASA our guidelines with the Alt Delegate from Utah. We had a sharing session on Finance Item D. We also discussed the report of a plan regarding translation of "Conference Material." We have been busy translating flyers, committee notes and minutes along with requests for equipment. We are confirming new translators for our ACM, DCM sharing session and standing committees on a rotation basis. Don't forget your FM radios for the assembly.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 990 bulk and 45 first class comments this month. Numbers are increasing but we are still within the budget. Next mailing party is April 9.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Eric L.*: We had some problems with translation approval and printer delays this month. We are working on how to smooth over these delays so that the

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Commentarios are sent out on time in the future.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: Our presentation this month was from Kevin H. of District 12 on "The Conference Process." We discussed what is the conference, how do items get to the conference and who is at the conference. Next month will be "How to take the Conference Action Back to Your Group."

NCCAA *Diane O.*: Next Conference is in Auburn, on June 5-7, 2015. Our speaker at the Saturday night meeting will be Billy N., General Service Trustee of the AAWS Board.

H&I *Diane O.*: We continue to work on our Pink Pamphlet, and are grateful for the excellent input. Our Steering Committee meeting is May 9. Our general meeting is June 14 in Stockton. We will be electing our new chairperson and finance committee member.

ACYPAA *Conventina W.*: Total ACYPAA XLIII registration was 2595. Return of SCCYPAA 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy elections are Saturday April 25 from 11AM – 5PM @ 16330 Los Gatos Boulevard, (Calvary Church) in Los Gatos.

19<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LA VIÑA *Jose A.*: We attended PRAASA and made contact with Areas 03 and 69, who are all willing to assist. We attended many workshops and events this month and continue to receive registrations. We have a total of 488 registrations.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION *Jennifer K.*: I will be representing our Area at the Hospitality Room for the Pacific Region. I created a sign-up sheet and we have two days that need to be covered, July 3<sup>rd</sup> two slots and July 4<sup>th</sup> two slots, (2 hours each). If you are going and want to host the hospitality room, let me know. We will have Pacific Region buttons and will have an outreach flyer. There are lots of areas that you can volunteer for. We also can have something representing our area in the room, I am open to suggestions. If you would like to make yourself available please let me know.

Housekeeping Motions:

**Motion:**

That CNCA fund the BTG committee to hold a forum to be held in the fall of 2015, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1,000.00.

Objections: None. **\*\*Motion Passed\*\***

**Motion:**

That CNCA fund one website committee editor to attend the National AA Technology Workshop to be held October 2-4, 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

**Objection was received; moved to New Business next month.** (This motion should have been presented as "Presentation of new business"; next month will be New Business.)

Committee agreed motion should be Area Business by a vote of (36) yes, (16) no.

Area Business

Presentation of New Business:

**Motion:**

**That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of area standing committees who**

**have served as a DCM and/or DCMC.**

Presented by Eric L., District 04.

**Questions:** Q. Does this mean they have previously served as a DCM or DCMC? A. Yes. Q. Is the intention of this motion to increase voting privileges? A. We went back and forth on that question. I would like to extend voting privileges to alternates, but members of standing committees don't represent anyone, so it would not be correct to have them vote when not representing anyone. So the answer would be no. Q. Which of the standing committees are you talking about? A. All of them; the idea is to widen the path so that it is not so linear. So there is not a fear to serve on the standing committees and not be available to serve as an area officer. Q. Is there a limit on what panel that Alt DCMC or Alt DCM has served? And would you consider adding former Area Officer to this motion? A. The way the motion stands now, an Area Officer has served as a DCMC or DCM so they would be available to serve. As to the time limit, that person would have to be currently serving on a standing committee. Q. Do you mean all Committees or just Finance, BTG, I&T? A. It is all the committees. Q. Do you have any idea how you would handle all the people coming to the microphone and turning the Election Assembly into a two day assembly? How many extra people do you think this would bring to the microphone? A. I don't have any answer to those questions. I only know that it is a very linear path to become an area officer. I would trust our area officers to come up with a way to submit your name so that it could be done at the assembly. A. The way I read the motion is that it is making it possible that as an alternate or member of a standing committee you would be eligible to become an area officer. A. Yes it is only about availability for an area officer, and does not effect voting. Q. Is there something in the motions book that makes the alternates and standing committee members from making themselves available as an area officer, or is this just a tradition of our area? A. I think that this is outside the intent of this motion. Q. Would you accept an amendment to state standing committees and sub-committees? A. Yes. Q. Have you explored other areas to see if they do something different? A. Every area does things different. All this motion is doing is expanding from the DCM and DCMC availability to include all the other persons that serve. Q. Is this motion to include prior DCMs and DCMCs? A. If they are currently serving on an area standing or sub-committee. Q. Would this open availability to people who have never been elected at a District for a position to be an area officer? A. No, this motion states that the person would have had to serve as a DCM or DCMC or Alt so they would have been elected to a district position for some panel. Q. You have added ALT to be eligible for officer, is there any way to check that? A. We would use the Registrar's rolls just like we do now. Q. Is there any time limits to the election of the DCM or DCMC alternate? Some people are elected to a vacant position and only serve a few months before the election assembly. A. Yes. Q. Would you include someone that has served as a DCM or DCMC in a different area and now is a chair on a standing committee in NCCAA? A. I don't think it would be possible for that to happen. Usually they would have to serve as a DCM or DCMC or Alt in our area to be on one of our standing

## Balance Sheet February 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of February 28, 2015

	Feb 28, 15	Feb 28, 14	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	25,203.92	17,043.46	8,160.46	47.88%
B of A Savings	8,705.16	9,485.16	(780.00)	(8.22%)
Total Checking/Savings	33,909.08	26,528.62	7,380.46	27.82%
Other Current Assets				
2014 Fall Election Assembly	2,500.00		2,500.00	100.0%
Assembly Deposits	(4,868.34)	1,402.35	(6,270.69)	(447.16%)
BTG	124.00	124.00		
CNCA Comments	427.98	427.98		
1499 - Undeposited Funds		70.18	(70.18)	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	(1,816.36)	2,024.51	(3,840.87)	(189.72%)
Total Current Assets	32,092.72	28,553.13	3,539.59	12.4%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>32,092.72</b>	<b>28,553.13</b>	<b>3,539.59</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Equity				
3900 - Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,593.68	18,634.13	(4,040.45)	(21.68%)
Prudent Reserve	9,485.16	9,485.16		
Net Income	8,013.88	433.84	7,580.04	1,747.2%
Total Equity	32,092.72	28,553.13	3,539.59	12.4%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>32,092.72</b>	<b>28,553.13</b>	<b>3,539.59</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

## Expense Report February 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through February 2015

	Jan - Feb 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Group Contributions	15,983.09	16,000.00	(16.91)	99.89%
District Contributions	4,617.86	2,000.00	2,617.86	230.89%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	360.00	600.00	(240.00)	60.0%
H & I Archives Rent				
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	12.00	12.00		100.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	154.00	50.00	104.00	308.0%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.46	1.00	(0.54)	46.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>21,127.41</u></b>	<b><u>18,663.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,464.41</u></b>	<b><u>113.21%</u></b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>21,127.41</b>	<b>18,663.00</b>	<b>2,464.41</b>	<b>113.21%</b>
Expense				
DCM Sharing Session Copies	8.46			
Delegate Expense	1,044.05	679.00	365.05	153.76%
Officer Expense	5,274.18	4,535.51	738.67	116.29%
Committee Expense	2,651.72	4,095.32	(1,443.60)	64.75%
General Expense	4,135.12	3,869.82	265.30	106.86%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>13,113.53</u></b>	<b><u>13,179.65</u></b>	<b><u>(66.12)</u></b>	<b><u>99.5%</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b><u>8,013.88</u></b>	<b><u>5,483.35</u></b>	<b><u>2,530.53</u></b>	<b><u>146.15%</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>8,013.88</u></b>	<b><u>5,483.35</u></b>	<b><u>2,530.53</u></b>	<b><u>146.15%</u></b>

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

committees.

>>Committee agreed motion should be Assembly business.

By a vote of yes (40), (9) No

**\*\*Moved to Presentation of New Business at the Area Assembly\*\***

**Old Business:**

**Motion: That CNCA 06 purchase a new Laptop computer with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity and/or equivalent recording program not to exceed \$1,300.00 for use by Recording Secretary.**

**Discussion:** Our district was originally concerned that \$1,300.00 was a high amount, but after discussion we were in agreement that is a good idea and needs to be done/ I believe that it is a necessary purchase and the amount is reasonable.

The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require 2/3 majority to pass.

**Vote: Yes= 54 No=0 Abstain=0**

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

**Discussion Topic:**

**Should CNCA increase Area officers from 8 to 10 Area officers?**

I'm unclear as to expanding the officers and what would the benefits be?// Not sure we should increase the amount of officers; there are detailed descriptions as to each job. I would think that you would take this position serious. It seems that 8 officers have been able to handle this for many years, not sure we need more.// Think that if we change from 8 to 10 would it make the job easier, I think it may in terms of travel. Would this relieve the travel?// Yes it would for 2 officers each month// We once had a discussion about splitting the treasurer's position. There was some concern that the right hand would not know what the left hand was doing. The other job would be registrar, could this be split, I don't know// Somehow we seem to get the jobs done and serve for free and for fun. Hopefully all that make ourselves available have done a personal inventory to determine if we are available and are willing to serve.// I love the discussion, discussions are good.// Maybe one of our standing committee chairs could become an area officer.// Maybe instead of area officer, do we need area officer assistants, someone that could hold lots of hats, and help when the work is a little heavy and have someone that could step in to help// We have had this happen in the finance committee, many people stepped up and did the work// Maybe it would be helpful if we had a GV/Literature chair and a La Viña chair.// We have had motions in the past for corrections committee officers, if we were to add something we should think about what is out there for service committee; instead of backups how about adding something// If we had two extra officers, we would find something for them to do// I have served with many members that are well qualified for these positions but cannot make themselves available because of the time involved.// I can do this because I am retired.// My suggestion would be to form an ad-hoc committee to explore all these questions that are coming up// I'm concerned about the financial implications. If we do this are we still going to be able to send someone to the BTG

convention or some of the other things we do.// I'm thinking about what is best for the area.// Are we too proud of the requirements of our officers or should we become more humble as an area as to the service provided.// Thinking about this I believe that maybe we put too much on time and not leadership, I think we should form a committee to look at all this.// I wonder if we are asking the right questions. We are talking about how it would make it easier to serve, would it make it possible for more members to serve. I think the right question is would it allow us to serve the groups and members better. If we are making this just to make it more possible for people to serve, that is not the right reason to do it.// I think that we are one of the best areas in I&T, maybe we could have an I&T officer.// Looking at the workload of area officers, one of the reasons some of us have large jobs, has to do with the size of our area. We have talked about dividing the area into two or three areas. This would cut the workload for some of the officers.// Bill asked people to rotate at the office, so that all understand each other's jobs. If we shared more of the support system, maybe we could do more for the area.// I was taught when you get a service position, you get an alternate, why not the officers.// Either the area is getting a little big, or the area officers are getting lazy. This has been done in the past; we have over 100 years that we have been doing this.// I think it worth noting that past and present officers don't have full time jobs or small children; are we depriving some of our members from being available? Have we made our positions so time consuming that we are losing out on potential leaders.// When I made myself available as an officer I was not concerned about the time or driving, I knew I wanted to be an officer and I had the time. I work full time and have a husband and children, and it was still the best years of my life. When you make yourself available and do it from the heart, it is not a hard job.// Discussion will continue next month.

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

There has been a request for an ASL at the Post Conference Assembly; please let your groups know.// Registration deadline for the pre-conference dinner is today.// Thank you to the I&T committee for all their work.// When I left here from this room before the conference, I felt very much love. It was very strange to not be here in April. I know what Raymundo's journey is going to be like. I would like to wish him a very healthy next few weeks so that he can attend the conference. You have so many hours of studying ahead of you. Just have faith. Thank you for making yourself available.

The meeting was closed at 3:22pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Service,  
Barbara S.  
CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

## DCM SHARING SESSION

### **CNCA 06**

#### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION**

**March 28, 2015. Chairperson:** Michael Q.

The Chair opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Thank You to Kevin H. for presenting at the last minute. Thank you to Patricia for translation.

Secretary thanked Shannon S. for sending her research for Kevin's use.

#### **Introductions**

#### **Presentation:**

*The Conference Process*, by Kevin H. ~ District 12

**Why do we need to have a conference?** Bernard Smith  
"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade AA."

#### **What is the Conference?**

- Held in April; each Area in AA sends its delegates to New York to carry the group consciences of the groups in their Area. Each delegate serves on a conference committee. The committees bring topics to the full conference as Advisory Actions.

- An ongoing process all year through the Conference Process.

#### **How do you get a topic to the Conference?**

- Members, Groups, Areas, Assemblies, Delegates, Staff and Trustees can all submit topics

#### **What Happens at the Conference?**

- Discussion
- Advisory Actions
- Right of Decision
- Floor Actions
- Voting

#### **Who is a Conference Member?**

- Delegates
- Directors and Staff of AA World Services
- Trustees
  - Class A Non-Alcoholic
  - Class B Alcoholic

#### **Discussion:**

- The General Service Conference is everyone and goes all year long.
- The GSRs do the heavy lifting

- We are responsible for letting the delegate know what we want.
- Floor Actions and their importance. Many Paths to Spirituality and Literature on Mental Health. The delegate's tool to keep items moving.
- The Trustees Committees initiate the Agenda Topics that come to us. Page s55 Service Manual explain in more detail.
- Sub Districts do not have to bring items to the Area; they can go direct to NYC.
- Important to study the Concepts and the Service Manual with your service sponsor.
- Concept Studies at your district meetings and sub-district meetings.
- Who makes up the committees? Is the Agenda committee made up of delegates or Trustees or both? Answer: Both.
- How often do the Trustees meet? Physically 4 times annually in NYC and as needed via teleconference.
- Each year a conference committee elects a chair that also attends Trustees meetings as needed.
- Important to remember that the groups are the most important element of the conference process.

**Chair's note:** Do we need to explore the format of the meeting? Do we want to go back to going around the table to solicit comments?

#### **Discussion:**

- Like the format of raising hands, rather than going around the room. Heard a lot of repetition in the past way and people who did have something to say never got to speak.

#### **Presentation Topic for Next Month:**

- Difference between Majority vote and informed group conscience
- The makeup of the General Service Board
- How to take the Conference Report back to your group
- The Never Ending Conference Process

#### **Next Month's Topic:**

How to Take the Conference actions back to your group. Robbie R. to present.

#### **Respectfully Submitted In Love and Service,**

Linda T.  
Recording Secretary,  
DCM Sharing Session ~ Panel 65

## PROS & CONS FOR ASSEMBLY NEW BUSINESS

**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.**

#### **PRO**

CNCA PI/CPC feels this would be a positive way to attraction to potential new "Alcoholics," in today's new and ever changing media marketplace with high tech information and sources. A.A. has other service structures which have used full faces without any issues or problems. A real person (with

disclaimers which states that they are actors) would be a more effective fresh way to share the message of A.A. due to the fact, that many types of people can be afflicted with this deadly disease. The full face videos will allow us to show that this disease does not discriminate and full faces would allow us to show the general public that we have diversity and come from various backgrounds. It would also illustrate to the general public that we are normal "Real" people who have minds, body, heart, souls, and that there is a solution to their drinking problem, if they feel they have one or know of someone that might be affected by alcohol. Many people

## CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS APRIL 2015

### Area Committee

#### **Assembly Bids:**

#### **Housekeeping Motions:**

#### **Guidelines**

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

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

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

"That CNCA 06 fund one web site committee editor to attend the National AA Technology Workshop to be held October 2-4, 2015, in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1200."

#### **Discussion Topics**

"Should CNCA expand from 8 Area officers to 10 Area officers"

### Area Assembly Motions

#### **Redistricting Requests**

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

"That CNCA 06 expand the area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of Area standing committees and sub-committees who have served as a DCM and/or DCMC."

#### **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

## PROS & CONS FOR ASSEMBLY NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

better relate to full face videos. Plus these videos would be used for Public Information and it would show the general public we don't need to hide our heads in shame, guilt or embarrassment. It will also allow public information to show we could be your family member, a friend, a colleague, a neighbor. Full faces videos shows the general public we are real people and it would address the perception of the "Alcoholic Type" and that we are just like you and not some illusion, perception, myth, or cartoon character in this world. We walk among them equally daily!

### **CON**

This motion asks to reconsider Panel 61's approval of the General Service board policy on actors portraying AA members in videos. This policy was developed at the request of the Trustees committee on Public Information January 29, 2011.

The policy states that there is a real benefit to full face videos but there is concern that promotion rather than attraction could be a result. The policy as it stands allows a real oversight regarding videos. The subcommittee's conclusion regarding this policy explains the nuances very effectively.

"Showing the full faces of actors portraying A.A. members

brings two of our most cherished traditions into opposition -- our call to carry our message effectively to the still suffering alcoholic, and our belief that anonymity is a bedrock principle that in many ways defines who we are as individuals and as a Fellowship. The subcommittee is unanimous in its belief that with proper disclosure that actors are being used, the display of the full face of a character can have real benefit to the effectiveness of a video without diminishing either the reality or the perception of our commitment to anonymity. However, the danger is also real that use of full faces may result in a video of promotion rather than attraction, and personalities coming before principles. The subcommittee believes that the importance of these considerations requires that a proposed video in which full faces are to be used be evaluated in light of these considerations by the General Service Board as a whole, and then by the General Service Conference, in each case with substantial unanimity that the proposed video is consistent with our traditions. The solution is thus primarily procedural, requiring that the issues arising from the use of full faces are fully disclosed and explored by both the Board and the Conference prior to moving forward."

This policy appears to be both sound and reasonable.

## CNCA CALENDAR

### 2015—Panel 65

**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  
**18-19—La Viña 19th Anniversary**  
**Celebration, 1375 Lafayette St.,**  
Santa Clara, CA  
**25—Area Committee Mtg**

**August**      **1—Summer Assembly**  
Petaluma Veterans Hall  
(Hosted by Districts 12 and 18)  
**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**  
**8-11 20<sup>th</sup> National AA Archives**  
**Workshop in Walnut Creek**  
**24—Area Committee Mtg**  
**28 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional Forum**  
**in Waikola, Hawaii**

**September**    **22—Area Committee Mtg**

**October**      **5 or 12—Election Assembly**

**November**    **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; Petaluma Veterans Hall  
1094 Petaluma Boulevard South, Petaluma, CA 94953  
Hosted by Districts 12 and 18

#### 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 14 or May 21

#### 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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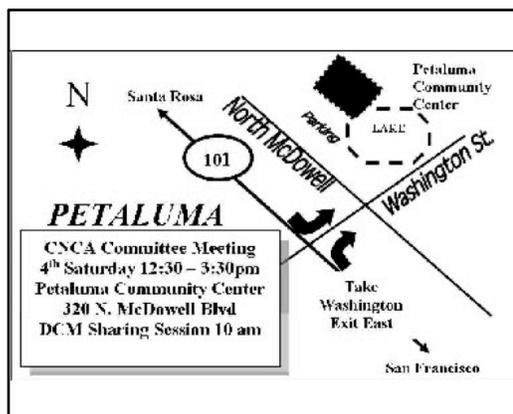
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