



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting, July 2015

There was lots of loving discussion this month as the three housekeeping motions from the June ACM were presented as new business. Those motions were as follows:

- That Archive Committee purchase a desk, not to exceed \$300.
- That the BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P.O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The pilot program is to be evaluated by the committee after an initial six month trial period.
- That CNCA purchase Quick Books on line plus services at a cost not to exceed \$40 per month. These will be items of Old Business at the next

ACM. Doug R. had two surprises for us. First was a special visitor, Mrs. Kuniko I., Past World Service Meeting Delegate (Japan) & Past Regional Trustee, and the second surprise was that he is now serving as an Appointed Committee Member on the Trustees' Literature Committee. And then we all got to sing Alcoholics Anonymous happy birthday and celebrate 80 years of happy, joyous and free by eating cake. Cake with Big Book Blue frosting on it. Looking forward to seeing some of you in Atlanta, Georgia. But most of all, I am looking forward to the Summer Assembly right here in Petaluma Ca.

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

Please bring your FM Radios! To the Area Committee meeting and to all Assemblies!

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE PRESENTS:

THE 2015 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY AUGUST 01, 2015
Petaluma Veterans Building
1094 Petaluma Blvd. South
Petaluma, CA, 94952

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

Orientation: 9:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Business Meeting: 10:00 - 12:00 P.M.

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Workshop Session I: 1:00 - 2:15 pm

1. Working with Others -- How has it changed/ How has it not changed?
2. Love, Tolerance & Humility -- Practicing these principles in all our affairs.
3. Singleness of Purpose -- Staying in the solution in a changing world.

Workshop Session II: 2:30 - 3:45 pm

1. The Home Group -- Our responsibility and link to A.A.'s future.
2. Keeping A.A. Safe for our diverse membership
3. The Service Gap, from meeting to group, are we self-supporting?

(Translation available at all workshops)

Report back: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

What's on your mind?: 4:30 - 5:00 pm

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2015 International Convention July 2-5 -- Atlanta, Georgia

Greetings Fellow Members,

The international convention is one of the greatest experiences we have as a fellowship. By the time you receive our newsletter, Atlanta will be part of our archives. I would like to share with you the attendance in the past from previous conventions because I have a feeling that a new record may be broken. The highest attendance was 56,000 in 1995 San Diego, California and we might have more than 50,000 registrations by now. More to be revealed.

2010 San Antonio, Texas **Theme:** A vision for you **Attendance:** 53,000
 2005 Toronto, Canada **Theme:** I am responsible **Attendance:** 44,000
 2000 Minneapolis, Minn. **Theme:** Pass it on into the 21st century **Attendance:** 47,000
 1995 San Diego, California **Theme:** AA everywhere- anywhere **Attendance:** 56,000
 1990 Seattle, Washington **Theme:** 55 years 1 day at a time **Attendance:** 48,000
 1985 Montreal, Canada **Theme:** 50 years of gratitude **Attendance:** 45,600
 1980 New Orleans, **Theme:** The joy of living **Attendance:** 22,500
 1975 Denver, Colorado **Theme:** Let it begin with me **Attendance:** 19,500
 1970 Miami Beach, Florida **Theme:** Unity **Attendance:** 10,700
 1965 Toronto, Canada **Theme:** Responsibility **Attendance:** 10,400
 1960 Long Beach, California **Theme:** Recovery, Unity, Service **Attendance:** 8,900
 1955 St. Louis, Missouri **Theme:** No theme **Attendance:** 3,500
 1950 Cleveland Ohio **Theme:** No theme **Attendance:** 3,000

I will also like to share with you that I attended the delegate's reunion event on June 30 and July 1st where I was able to meet a lot of trusted servants from different states and different countries that served in previous panels. This event will take place in Toronto, Canada next year and the good news is that next year in 2017 it will be in San Francisco, California.

I send out to all of you guys a request for sharing stories that I received from Mary C. L. on the Literature desk and Joe D., chair trustees' literature committee, on three of the literature advisory actions from the 65th General Service Conference, which are stories to update "AA for the Woman," "AA recovery experience from members with Mental Health Issues and from those who sponsor such members," and stories to update "AA for Gay and Lesbian Alcoholic." The deadline to submit your stories is October 15, 2015. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Please email your sharing to: Literature@aa.org and put the title on the subject line of the message. You can also send it by regular mail to Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

Our upcoming summer assembly will be a great opportunity to share the experience, strength, and hope. There are topics that will allow us to express our ideas and concerns about our fellowship and to have fun as we share our experiences.

I will continue giving my conference report to your districts. I've done 11 so far and I have 12 more to go. Thank you for your hospitality and for your love to our wonderful program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service

Raymundo L.

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held June 27, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:30 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Chauna of District 3 (visiting from Russia). Rocio H. of District 7 read Tradition 6 and Chitra S. of District 11 read Concept 6. There were 5 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Doug G. (Panel 53), and Current Committee Member of the GSO Literature Committee, David N. (Panel 59), and current non-trustee director of AAWS Board, Ken M. (Panel 61), Padee M. (Panel 63), and Visiting Past World Service Meeting Delegate (Japan) and Past Regional Trustee Mrs. Kuniko I. There were 2 new GSRs present and 2 new DCMs present. The May 2015 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in CNCA Comments.

Birthdays: 9/165.

Registered attendance: Voting=64, Non-voting=49.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: I sent to all the DCMs an email regarding a request from the Literature committee for submitting stories for the updates of the pamphlets, "LBGT," and "AA for the Woman," and the development of a pamphlet on mental health issues. The deadline is October 15th. The opening flag ceremony at the convention will be available on the AA.org website from Saturday through Monday. We recorded 4 stories today before the ACM to be submitted to the GV/LV.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.: We started the Panel with my new job of Alt Delegate and PI/CPC chair and went right into Agenda Topics, Pre Conference and Post Conference Assemblies. June is now the slow down month, and I am back to my most important job, praying for the Delegate and for his good health! It worked last year.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: We still have items in Lost and Found. Thanks for the head up's on motions today. Still looking for topics for Summer Assembly.

TREASURER Teddy BW: Last month we had a cash balance of \$7,832.24, and then wrote checks for \$1,022. We received \$9,859.67 in revenue this month, leaving us with \$16,669.91. This month we wrote checks for \$11,142.56 and expect to write about \$1500 today. This will leave us with about 4K in the bank, plus the prudent reserve of \$9,194.39.

REGISTRAR Ray W.: Please have District registrar have corrections to me at least 2 weeks prior to your district meeting to be able to have a corrected sign in sheet for your District meeting. Some groups are sending forms to NY direct. Please talk to your new groups to be sure the information is going through your District Registrar. We are receiving many Comments/ Comentarios back because we have incorrect addresses. We will remove these people from the list and send the information out to the District for correct addresses so I can add them back to the list.

RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.: We have motions books available in CD format for \$1.00. Post Conference Assembly minutes will be sent out shortly. I had some communication errors on the editing. Thank you for your patience.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.: Summer assembly is a month away, August 1, 2015 at the Petaluma Veterans Hall, flyers available. The Summer and Fall 2016 assemblies are still open for bid.

LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.: The GV has a special section of stories from around the world, "Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of AA. You can send your stories in to www.aagrapevine.org/contribute.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY Susan G.: Still working on our groups to participate at GS. We signed up a lot of volunteers for PI.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C.: We talked about ideas on how to raise some funds. We also talked about hosting an assembly; we have not hosted one since of 2013.

03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.: We had our Delegate's report this month and our GSR's are enthusiastically informing their groups. We have also sent out the email regarding GV stories and information passed down by our Regional Trustee.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.: We elected a new Registrar and 2016 Post Conference Liaison. We have new business to utilize a cross-platform collaborative tool in lieu of email to share material privately within the district. We are also looking at updating our District's guidelines.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.: We had a presentation from 1 GSR on his experience of the duty as a trusted servant. This caused excitement from our members for being part of AA as a whole. We had two motions, one to form ad hoc to look at our District guidelines and one to send BTG member to national workshop.

05 SAN MATEO Erica S.: We have our archivist busy recording verbal histories from our older members. We also passed a motion to issue receipts for group contributions.

06 SAN FRANCISCO Rhys G.: No business was done at our meeting; we had our Delegate's Report. We will be talking about adding a link to our website for hearing impaired. It would be an ASL video.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH Thomas V.: Our district is moving to a new location with better parking! We have also distributed the request for information by Literature Committee in NY.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Kathleen L.: We had the Delegate's report in May, so no business. Next month we have motion to send member to BTG National Workshop as New Business. We also have a motion for old business to update our District's Handbook.

08 CONTRA COSTA Laura W.: We had our Delegate's report this month and had no business. Next month we will discuss a motion to form a budget & finance committee along with assembly motions.

09 SOLANO SOUTH John M.: We are continuing to work on our Unity Day in September. We have talked about the area motions and had wonderful questions from the GSR. They will be prepared for the Summer Assembly.

90 SOLANO NORTH Evelyn O.: We are working on our Unity Day. BTG committee and Group 86 had a heated discussion on the pilot program at our district. Group 86 wants more information and have the BTG slow down.

10 MARIN Chris H.: Still having unity day planning meetings. Our presentation on Concept 6 was done as rap song by one of our members. We also had time for 5 discussions coming from our round table discussions.

11 NAPA Mary S.: At our unity day we had an "ask it basket," the panel had GS, Intergroup, BTG and H & I representatives. We are continuing discussions on a potential change to "The AA Group" pamphlet.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: Our pain management workshop was a great success. The flyers for the summer assembly and dinner are on the table. We did make an error on the bid, and neglected to add set-up fees for the 2 breakout rooms, which will be an additional \$200. I have invited our local H & I to set up a table for the assembly so the table does not sit vacant.

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: We are working with the GSR's on items that require a group conscience.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We are developing financial guidelines for our district, and are supporting our Intergroup with putting on a "Safety in Meetings" Workshop.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: Our unity day plans are going well. We gathered a few ideas for the summer assembly workshops. We had a presentation on Tradition 6.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We are having a Unity Day with District 19 and 17. We are getting ready for the International Convention. Our bags are packed, see you there.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We had our delegate's report and the GSR's are excited. We are holding study meeting and an officer meeting. We continue to go to groups to share information about GS.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We are celebrating the anniversary of LV. Flyers are on the table. We are going to the planning meetings with District 12 for the Assembly. We are still going to groups to encourage participation. Some of our members are going to the convention.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: The district is grateful for the officer's visit. We had a meeting regarding the LV event and the GSR's are getting excited. We also will start having an officers meeting once a month.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We are having discussions regarding moving our meeting to a different location. We are also working on and having discussions about translation for visiting officers.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We discussed today a revised committee statement for the Area Website. At our workday we went through boxes of GV's and identified missing issues.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: 34 presentations and 139 requests for contact were received. 17 requests for contact were made to our Corresponding Secretary. We have made inquiry through GSO to other areas with similar correspondence programs to our pilot program we are discussing. We are looking at October 10 or 3rd for our 2015 BTG forum.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: Committee is looking at current expenditure increases and considering any action we may wish to take. We are withdrawing the motion for additional hotel and meal reimbursement for assemblies for area officers. Budget requests for Panel 66 (2016) should be made by area committees by the summer assembly.

PI/CPC: *Phil B.*: We had a great presentation on medicine and AA. The report generated great discussions. From NY we received a new source page on AA.org website. There is the new video and some information how to approach the local News agencies along with other information.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Bob E.*: We continue to review the website for errors. We have fixed the link to the calendar that

was not working. We had a presentation from Archives and received great information. We are also having discussions on the role of the committee.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

Claudia N.: We finished our budget for 2016. We are still working on the translations of the motions book. We have had other districts offer to help. The ASL DVD is available of the Delegate's Report. It can be borrowed from the committee or copied.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: 985 comments were sent bulk mail and 42 first class.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: 1890 copies this month, 176 were sent by mail.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: This month our presentation was "How to Get and Keep GSR's." We also had a presentation from Doug regarding experience at a District Meeting in NJ. Next month's topic is "Conveying to AA members that your voice is important."

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Agustin L.*: The topic today was "How to Carry the Message to Inmates." We received a lot of great information. We also received information about BTG and the correspondence that is done through GS office. We discussed districts getting copies of GV/LV into their local prisons and jails. Next month: "How to get people to contribute to the GV and LV."

NCCAA *Peter M.*: We have an event the end of October in Fresno. There is a Rocky Horror Picture Show Event on Friday night. George D., past CNCA Delegate, will be sharing on Saturday Night. Flyers next month.

H&I *Diane O.*: We had our General meeting in June and elected Karen C. as the H & I Area Chair. We also elected Melody, past-delegate CNIA to our Finance Committee and Dan as Region 70's chair. We had the 1st vote for the new Pink Pamphlet. It received 100% approval. One more vote to go in October at the General Meeting.

19TH ANNIVERSARY OF LA VINA: *Jose A.*: We have been having workshops for stories and have 725 registrations. Our goal is 1000 members. The dinner stills has about 50 more tickets.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION *Jennifer K.*: The Pacific Region will have a Hospitality Suite. The suite is located at the Omni Hotel in the Dogwood Suite. We will be open 8 am - 6pm starting Friday. We will have the information on where to sit in the Georgia Dome as an area. If you have any questions, please come see me.

(Seventh Tradition and Break) 2:00 to 2:15 PM)

Area Business

New Business:

Motion:

That the Archives Committee purchase a desk, for the Repository, not to exceed \$300.00. – Presented by Archives Committee

Discussion: The need for this desk is because the doorway to the Repository is only 28" wide. This would allow us to set up this desk as a workstation and would save us time with our set up and clean up time. We have 4 hours a month to work in the meeting room attached to the Repository. This desk would be used for book repairs, and as a work surface. Q. Is 4 hours enough time for you to do your jobs? A. Yes,

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

but if we do work in the meeting room we need to set time aside for set up and clean up.// Q. Has the finance committee been asked if we can afford? A. Finance committee knows about this motion and have no opinion as to the motion.// Q. You said we pay additional monies to use the room.// A. Yes we pay 425.00 to use the repository and the main room. We would have to still use the main room for work. This would not decrease the rent.// Q. When you say repository, that is the small room not the main room.// A. Yes.// It is only \$200 for the desk.// I have some experience with doing this work; it is difficult to do the set up and clean up every month on a project. If it could be left when you are done, it would help with the continuity next month.// The table would help with the condition of the documents, the less handled the better for the document.
Moved to Old Business next month.

Motion:

That BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P. O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The pilot program is to be evaluated by the committee after an initial six month trial period.” Presented by the BTG Committee

Discussion: BTG is already in contact with inmates and persons being released from programs, in order to get them to their first meetings. This is done by volunteers. We need to know when and where they are going to be released so we can match men with men and women with woman, similar to a 12 step call. We do make presentations at these places to share about this service to the inmates. We began to receive more and more letters from California inmates telling us that they are getting released sometime in the next year. The number of letters has increased and right now we would have to know the exact date of their release. Sometimes this is not available and we are unable to facilitate the 12 step to this inmate. These letters would be written to inmates that are currently attending AA meetings inside their prisons. We would like to have members volunteer to write letters to these inmates on a one to one correspondence using the BTG Post Office Box. It would be up to the volunteer if they would like to meet the inmate; we leave that up to them. These inmates are fearful of losing their home groups. We called other areas and got some ideas as to how they are doing this. One of the areas just starting doing it on a one-on-one experience. When this was a great experience, they went to other volunteers to write to other inmates. Some do connect and some don't. Some of our BTG committee members have the H&I volunteers take information into the facilities on how to contact BTG.// Q. I hear a lot about why this service is needed, but not how it is going to be done. I would like to see an ad hoc committee formed to look into how this would be done.// A. We do have a sample letter and an orientation for the volunteers, which helps volunteers, and we also have writing coaches.// Q. You said that you have information from other areas, is this available to us? A. Yes.// Georgia's committee is part of corrections. They find it to be great service for volunteers that have backgrounds that keep them from getting into the institution. They have never had anything happen to any of the volunteers. They match about

30 members a year. Chicago gets 5 < a month. The only problem they have is the volunteers don't write back. Each volunteer is given a number and that is used for the return address.// Q. Is this used for people that have a shorter amount of time that does not let them be part of the NY program? A. Yes this is for people that have a short amount of time.// I don't think we need to have anything specific with guidelines; let's help the alcoholics that are still suffering.// Q. Is there something in your guidelines that these letters would not be used to get parole or something like that? A. Yes, we do have warnings about inmates that want to write for the wrong reasons. We try to have the volunteer stick to the message of AA and our primary purpose. What they do with the letter, it would be outside our control.// Q. So your guidelines state to warn the volunteer about writing anything other than their experience? A. Yes, if someone gets a card from BTG with a P.O. Box on it for contact, the back does say what AA does and what AA does not do.// Q. You would need an exact date of release? A. Yes we do; we are hoping that by the individual correspondence the date may be made more available. This would allow the volunteer to get information to the inmate about meetings in the area they are being released to. The inmate is not getting a solid release date, they are waiting for beds in programs.// Q. Did you discuss if correspondence would be a different person from the person that would meet upon release.// A. We could ask the volunteer to take that suggestion, but we would have no control over what that person would do.// Q. Would you consider that as an amendment, that the person would be different then the person writing the letter?// A. No.// Q. How does the committee feel about the time of this motion? A. The committee wants to be sure that everyone is comfortable with this service. We are moving as fast as we can, but understand the process.// Q. I understand that with early releases they still need to be approved. The inmate may have to have things in place to be approved. Could they be taking these letters to show the board they have contact with AA on the outside? Could this become a legal documents? A. We are telling the volunteer to use the PO Box and first names only; I don't know what the procedures of releases are from the prisons.// Q. I live in District 08, would you be getting me in contact with someone that would be released in my district? A. No we would not look at that.// I have talked to several groups and my sub-district about this, we have had some discussion and it came out that someone had been released from San Quentin that was in our discussion. At first he thought it was a great idea, but they wanted to see guidelines. The group felt that if CNCA was backing this up they are not comfortable without guidelines. You have stated that you have no control over what the volunteer does. The groups would like more information.// Q. We had a discussion at our district and the bottom line is we needed more information. Is this information available to us? A. Yes, I will share the link.// I am uncomfortable about this conversation, we need to move on with the agenda.// We have been doing this for many years, we are just trying to do this for a group of people that may be released.// Q. Sometimes the communications would extend past the release date. Would they still be able to send the mail through BTG if the inmate still requests communication? A. I don't know, I think we would

Balance Sheet May 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of May 31, 2015

	May 31, 15	May 31, 14	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	11,866.56	11,131.01	735.55	6.61%
B of A Savings	9,192.67	9,485.16	-292.49	(3.08%)
Total Checking/Savings	21,059.23	20,616.17	443.06	2.15%
Other Current Assets				
2014 Fall Election Assembly	2,500.00		2,500.00	100.0%
Assembly Deposits	-4,368.34	1,402.35	-5,770.69	(411.5%)
BTG	124.00	124.00		
CNCA Comments	427.98	427.98		
1499 - Undeposited Funds		19.18	-19.18	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	-1,316.36	1,973.51	-3,289.87	(166.7%)
Total Current Assets	19,742.87	22,589.68	-2,846.81	(12.6%)
TOTAL ASSETS	19,742.87	22,589.68	-2,846.81	(12.6%)
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
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	-4,335.97	-5,529.61	1,193.64	(21.59%)
Total Equity	19,742.87	22,589.68	-2,846.81	(12.6%)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,742.87	22,589.68	-2,846.81	(12.6%)

Expense Report May 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through May 2015

	Jan - May 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Assembly Contributions	3,888.00	4,400.00	-512.00	88.36%
Group Contributions	36,944.50	34,000.00	2,944.50	108.66%
District Contributions	5,115.86	3,500.00	1,615.86	146.17%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,518.00	1,450.00	68.00	104.69%
H & I Archives Rent		150.00	-150.00	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	30.00	30.00		100.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,125.36	575.00	550.36	195.72%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.84	2.60	-1.76	32.31%
Total Income	<u>48,622.56</u>	<u>44,107.60</u>	<u>4,514.96</u>	<u>110.24%</u>
Gross Profit	48,622.56	44,107.60	4,514.96	110.24%
Expense				
Assembly Deposits;2015 pre-conf	-1,375.00			
DCM Sharing Session Copies	8.46			
Delegate Expense	4,135.54	2,827.50	1,308.04	146.26%
Officer Expense	18,075.47	13,303.79	4,771.68	135.87%
Committee Expense	9,423.40	10,490.81	-1,067.41	89.83%
General Expense	23,521.53	25,085.31	-1,563.78	93.77%
Total Expense	<u>53,789.40</u>	<u>51,707.41</u>	<u>2,081.99</u>	<u>104.03%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-5,166.84	-7,599.81	2,432.97	67.99%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Refunds/Rebates	830.87			
Total Other Income	<u>830.87</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>830.87</u>			
Net Income	<u><u>-4,335.97</u></u>	<u><u>-7,599.81</u></u>	<u><u>3,263.84</u></u>	<u><u>57.05%</u></u>

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

be able to answer that better after the pilot program time. Motion moved to Old Business Next Month.

Motion:

That CNCA purchase Quick Books Plus Online Service at a cost not to exceed \$40.00 per month.

Discussion: Currently we are using software called Quick-Books pro 2010 and that version is not being supported. The current version is a desktop version, which means it lives on one computer and no access to anyone. The options we have are, to purchase a current version of the desktop version like we have now for \$300.00. It looks like it would have to be updated about every 3 years and only allows one person. The online version is \$32 a month. It can be seen by other persons that are given access. The question is, is it worth the extra \$21 a month to have the extra bells and whistles the online – multiple users provides. We could get by without them, but one thing that isn't a luxury is good internal controls, and so maybe we should look at the \$284 as some additional insurance. Currently one person has all the information on one computer. This may not be the best way to do it.// Q. Is this a better security system that what we have? A. Yes someone could get access to the information if they hacked the system. We could have that happen now. More people would have access to the information and mistakes or problems could be caught faster.// Q. I think this is great; is the \$40/ a month a non-profit rate? A. That is the rate. If you go to the web site they have promotions and if we call we could get a better rate.// Q. Have you looked at other avenues or other software? A. I looked at some, but the learning curve could be painful to us. We have people that are familiar with this software.// Q. Have you looked at

websites that provide software to Non-Profits? A. We will look at the best way to purchase it.// Target got breached on an online system, I would not be in favor of an online system.// Q. Do others have access to the information? A. They would have access to the information, but only one person would have access to change the information.// I think this is a good idea, rather than having all the information on one person's laptop.// Q. Would this allow the committee and the treasurer to serve the area better? A. Yes this would make the time and productions easier.

Motion moved to Old Business next month.

"What's On Your Mind?" - We have a new website at find meetings.org// I still have tickets for the dinner at the summer assembly, but next month it would be too late.// Please bring your FM radios to all events.// Do we need our radios at the International?// There will be an area for the international guests. American Sign Language will be on the stage, and translations will be on the big screen.// At the 19th LV anniversary there will be translations. Remember to bring your radios.// I miss CNCA, but AA is alive & well in Russia. The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Service,

Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2015 POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly business meeting of CNCA was held May 9, 2015 at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka, CA. Joann L. opened the meeting at 9:32 AM, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Richard W. of Dist. 08. The Traditions were read by Dave of Dist. 12. The Traditions in Spanish were read by Saul of Dist. 17. There were 6 past delegates present: Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), Doug G. (Panel 53), David N. (Panel 59), and current non-trustee director of AAWS Board, Ken M. (Panel 61), Padee M. (Panel 63), and visiting from CNIA Area 07, laez Y. (Panel 54), Marianne H. (Panel 56) and Lee W. (Panel 58), and visiting from Mid Southern California Area 09, Cesar F. (Panel 64). The Pre Conference minutes were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Registered attendance: Voting = 171, Non-voting = 118.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE *Raymundo L.*: I would like to remind you that 20 inmates are requesting Grapevine subscriptions. 2 people have already have been filled. I have hard copies of the advisory actions which I will hand out today. I have all in English and Spanish. Anniversary Edition of Big Book have

sold over 177,800 books in 2014. 40,000 are on hand to be sold in 2015.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Phil B.*: I am looking forward to the five items of business on the agenda. Some of the GSR's will experience their first experience to vote.

AREA CHAIR *Joann L.*: Looking for summer assembly topics; please let me know if you have any ideas. Also there is a lost and found up behind me, if you are missing anything.

TREASURER *Teddy BW*: We have \$14,636 in our bank account, plus our prudent reserve of \$9,149.39. We have the bulk of the expenses paid for this assembly and the deposit for the Summer Assembly. All the tax returns for 2014 have been filed.

REGISTRAR *Ray W.*: Thank you so much District 15 for doing a great job. As of now we have 460 registered. If you have not registered, please do. We use the numbers for voting and lunch purchases.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S.*: Motion books are completed. Committee chairs can pick up CD's and hard copy behind me on the platform. Please speak slowly at the mic today so I can record all that is being said.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q.*: Thank you District 15 for doing a great job today in getting us here. We have the ASL being recorded today of the Delegate's report. It will

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be available through the area. Also the Delegate's report is being recorded. They will be available for sale after the assembly.

LITERATURE GV/LV *Agustin L.*: The GV is looking for volunteers to serve at the Convention in 2015. You can go on their website and volunteer to be of service. We also have the GV online. You can get a subscription of the magazine online.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Richard W.*: We have open house in June and it is a work day also. Thank the groups for sending in their Group Histories. We are currently working on reorganization and cataloging of our archives' repository scanning document to increase the availability of our history.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: We have had 780 contacts so far; 47 letters as compared to 4 in panel 63. Thank you to all the volunteers. We are currently working on a pilot program of short term correspondence with inmates anticipating release from state prisons within one year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We have been meeting with committee chairs to start the 2016 budget process. We anticipate spending for a few committee motions more this year. We are grateful for all the groups' contributions to CNCA. Our financial condition remains sound.

PI/CPC: *Phil B.*: If you are a little confused about finding information as a new trusted servant for PI/CPC, there is great information available on AA's website. To learn more about our service, you are welcome to join us every month at the ACM meeting. We have a committee meeting at 11:00.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: We will be getting rid of the moving scroller on the side panel and will be replacing it with an interactive calendar. This will not affect the current calendar. We are reviewing the motions of previous panels to find content of passed in motions, meetings. We will be implementing as we can on the website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We had a busy start to Panel 65 with the translation of summaries and documents as requested. We are happy to have ASL provided later today for the delegate's report.

Gifts from Denmark and Sweden: Doug G. presented gifts to CNCA from Denmark. They were the 12 and 12 in Greenlandic, translated by Danish GSO. Also from Sweden GSO was The Big Book in Swedish, signed by Gunnar and Reine (World Service Delegates). "Best AA Wishes from AA Sweden" and "The Six Slogans on signboards in Swedish" were also received. All will be deposited with our archives committee.

Assembly Business

Presentation of New Business:

Motion:

"That the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety." Presented by District 14.

Questions: Is there anything that you are asking for in the pamphlet? A. We did not ask for anything defined in the literature.// Q. How do you define safety and how are you going to communicate that to GSO? A. We are not going to define safety.// Q. Is this just about people's experience and

not policy.// A. We are asking for people's experience to help secretaries and others in the group.// Q. Are you concerned about any legal issues or that AA is responsible for the safety of members? A. No.// Q. Was there any discussing about adding to the existing pamphlet, "The AA Group?" A. We are just asking the GSO to cover in our literature.// Q. Would you consider an amendment to "literature" instead of a pamphlet? A. We would consider it.// Q. Can I make that amendment formal? A. No. We would like to see it as a pamphlet.

<<This will now become new business at the Summer Assembly. >>

Old Business:

Motion:

That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete "Of the opposite sex" from page 177 in the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." Presented by District 04.

Discussion: Because this assembly is not attended as well as others, we have concerns about taking a vote at this assembly.// This would require removing "of opposite sex" a few times in Step 12, to make the chapter make sense.// We believe this motion is important to pass. It is not saying that the language is changed, this is just a request. Gay people in other places may see by this that we are inclusive by the willingness to have this discussion. In passing this motion, others all over AA can have this conversation.

The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Assembly was ready to vote, and agreed to require substantial unanimity.

Vote: Yes= 94 No=61 Abstain=0

Minority Opinion: Over a year ago I got upset; how can you change this. How dare the others request something different? Please look in your heart, we just are setting this up for a nationwide discussion.// We have fewer than 1/2 of the members at this assembly that we took this vote. I would like to see this voted on at a larger assembly.// Our Sub-district felt that Bill W. gifted us with the 12 and 12. He would agree with this change. The others felt that by passing this motion, it just opens up the discussion among the group.// My group looked at this change and it is really talking about marriage, which today is a lifestyle change.// This is not a motion to delete the text, it is really a request to have more discussions.// Our message is to carry the message to the alcoholic, just like our literature is translated into many languages, it is just trying to be inclusive to more members.// It is important for us to remember that it may be easier for CNCA to have this discussion. It is not that way all over the US. This may give hope to more members in other areas.// My groups hoped that they were more open minded than when they first got sober.// This is just opened for discussion. Many translations have already removed some language. Bill W. gave us a heritage of inclusion. I hope we could be that way today.// What would the language sound like if it was the opposite of what I am? Just removing this from our literature is just opening it up for discussion.// Many of our groups were on the fence about this. The discussion is so important.// This should continue; they are concerned about the language about every person of sound mind combined with persons of opposite sex in the same

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paragraph.// This is just to consider at the conference.// There is no downside to passing this motion; it cost nothing. It is just a consideration to have the discussion. If the phrase said of the same race, we would not tolerate, we should look at this the same way. I once got to look at the archives of the writing of the Big Book. There are a lot of things that Bill wanted to put in the Big Book that were taken out to make it more inclusive. There is room for opening this up to make room for the discussion.// My group voted against it, but when I went to district, I changed my mind based on the conversation and changed my vote to agree. I went back to my group and expressed why I changed my opinion and vote. My group again had a discussion and based on new information, we changed our group vote to yes.// Part of our role in GS is to protect our past; I just want you to look at and consider that we are too protective of our past, that we are strangled by our future.

Motion to Reconsider. Vote by simple majority to reconsider Vote: Yes = 84 No = 55. [Motion to Reconsider Passed]

<<Moved to Old Business at the Summer assembly. >>

Motion:

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.” Presented by District 06.

Discussion: At first we thought that the form was already there available from the Register. But now I think it would be useful to have available to all.// If you have something like that in the Service Manual it is not going to help a group unless they have a Service Manual.// If you have too many people with access to the same form, there is a possibility to have groups get duplicate numbers.// CNCA maintains its own database of groups. If a group sends the New Group form direct to GSO, it bypasses our system. If this does happen, the District Register and Area Register have to do some investigation to solve the problems.// This is just going to add more time and process to both the Area and District Registrar.//

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Assembly was ready to vote, and agreed to require a simple majority to pass.

Vote: Yes= 18 No=119 Abstain=7

[MOTION FAILED]

Minority Opinion: These forms would be more available to the Group, to have them register and become part of GS and AA as a whole.

****Motion to reconsider was made and seconded** By simple majority Motion to reconsider <<FAILED>>**

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/PC Committee.

Discussion: My group is for full faces, except the members that said, “Let’s keep it simple.”// My group was against this in any time.// This is not about full faces, it is about the process of approval of these videos. We had a process that worked, we would like the committee to reconsider.// My group is in favor of full faces.// I want to express voting on

this today. Many of the GSR’s and DCM’s are not here today; we should not vote on this today.

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Assembly was not ready to vote.

<<**Assembly not ready to vote; moved to Old Business at the Summer Assembly.>>**

New Business:

Motion:

District 16 Spanish Central is requesting that CNCA 06 restructure District 16 by removing sub-district 02 from District 16.

Discussion: None.

<<**Motion to stay as New Business for the Summer Assembly>>**

Motion:

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 DCM and/or DCMC.”

Discussion: In our District we only have one member that is available to be an Area Officer; this is an opportunity for more to be of service.// This is not necessary; every time we have an election, we have many who are available to serve us well.// There are tons of ways to be available to be of service, if I really want to be something, it is something that I should not do.// I served as a DCM in Panel 53, is there a time limit? If this passed would I be available, I have been out for 6 years. I am a little rusty, I need to be humble and serve as a GSR.// I am in favor of this motion because some have served before they are ready. When they are ready, this would allow them to come back to be of service.// This is not to increase the numbers to be available. This is just to widen the path to area officer. Some are not wanting to be available to committees because they would be taken out of the line to be an area officer. This would allow them to serve on a committee and still be available to be an area officer.// When I moved sideways in service, I moved myself out of the line to be an area officer; this would allow them to serve on committees and still be available to be an area officer.// I think this needs, but fine-tuned a little before it is passed.// We see no reason that this needs to be done. There are many that are available to service in all areas.// I heard the past delegate talk about not having young people in the GS Conference. I am going back to school for a while. This would make it available for me to be of service when I come back to GS.// Are we going too wide? Who is a member of a committee? What if someone was a DCMC 30 years ago, and comes back with 2 years, would be available to be an area officer. Would this change to a two day election assembly?// I’m a new GSR, so I am wondering if CNCA has a flow chart of what the path is; do we have a flow chart? It would be easier to take to our groups if we had this.// I would like to remind you that anyone who is eligible, still has to go through the voting process. We would have to consider who is best through the voting process.// Maybe this is a lesson in humility that we would have to become a GSR again and work our way up. I don’t think the process needs to be changed.

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<< This will be moved to Old Business at the Summer Assembly >>

What's on Your Mind: Thank you for Raymundo, thank you to all the translators and ASL team that helped out today.// We had a great drive up here. I am aware of what District 15 goes through every month to get to the ACM.// It has been an honor to host this assembly. Thank you all for attending.// Thank you to all the volunteers that helped from District 15 to put on this assembly.// District 12 and 18 would like to invite you all to the Summer Assembly.// We talked today about putting the New Group form in the Service Manual, but what we need to talk about is why it takes so long for New York to get the information back to the groups. We need better communication between New York and the Areas and Districts.// A newcomer read a paragraph in the

Big Book and instead of talking about it, passed it on to the next person in the room. I talked to the person about the way the secretary treated the newcomer. I think that the secretaries need to be aware of the newcomer and need to treat them with love and tolerance.// Thank you all today for your contributions today.

The meeting was closed at 4:06 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

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

CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS JULY 2015

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

"That Archives Committee purchase a desk, not to exceed \$300." Presented by the Archives Committee.

"That the BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P.O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The results of the pilot program will be shared with ACM before consideration as a permanent program." Presented by the BTG Committee.

"That CNCA purchase Quick Books on line plus service at a current cost approximately \$24 per month."

-- Presented by the Finance Committee.

New business at Area Committee Meeting:

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

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"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

New Business at Area Assembly:

"District 16 Spanish Central is requesting that CNCA 06 restructure District 16 by removing sub-district 02 from District 16."

"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."

"That the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety." Presented by District 14

CNCA CALENDAR

2015—Panel 65

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
26—Area Committee Mtg
24—Area Committee Mtg
November **14—Fall Inventory Assembly**
Calistoga Fairgrounds
(Hosted by District 11)
28—Area Committee Mtg
December **19—Area Committee Mtg**

Panel 65 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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are the 4th Saturday every month. Sharing Sessions - 10 am
Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am
Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Archives Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Sheri W. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website. The CNCA Archives are located at 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065

Bridging the Gap meets at 11:00 am. For Information contact Bill B. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

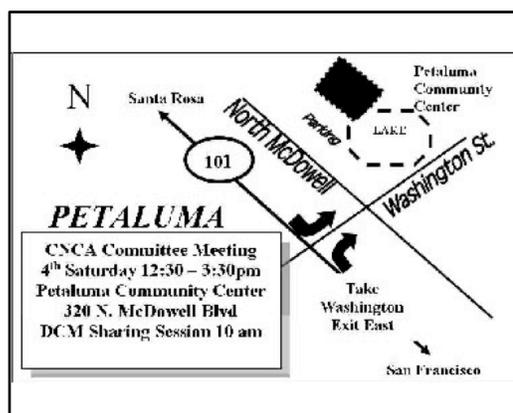
Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Phil B. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Interpretation & Translation Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Claudia N. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Web Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Cheryl G. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

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