



CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential -- November 2015

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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting November 2015

At the time of this writing there is only 14 days until our Fall Inventory Assembly in Calistoga, hosted by District 11. I hope all of you have taken the time to formulate your answers for the CNCA inventory.

At the Area Committee Meeting in Petaluma on October 24, we had a light agenda for a change. There was a presentation of updates for the Financial Guidelines given by our Finance Committee. Next month I will ask if there are any objections to these guidelines after everyone has a chance to look them over.

We also had a Point of Order call for the New Business item presented last month. The motion "That all business in CNCA be decided by

substantial unanimity, usually 2/3" had a vote last month to keep it at the ACM. The Point of Order objection was that the Area Committee could not make that decision for something that affects all of CNCA business. It should be at the assembly. I agreed and I moved that this motion be a presentation of new business at the fall assembly.

We had two wonderful reports of the experiences at the National Archive Workshop and the National AA Technology Workshop.

And it looks like the steam on the discussion topic of "Self-support" ran out so next month I will surprise you with a new discussion topic.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Calistoga!
In service and gratitude,

Joann L.
Panel 65 CNC Area Chair

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
PRESENTS:**

"THE AREA INVENTORY" FALL ASSEMBLY

**Saturday November 14, 2015
Napa County Fairgrounds
1435 N Oak Street, Calistoga, CA. 94515**

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 - 1:15 p.m.
Area Inventory: 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Serenity Break: 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Area Inventory (continued): 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
What's on your mind?: 4:30 - 5:00 pm

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TRANSLATION**

Area Inventory Questions

1. What more can the Area do to encourage a safe and inclusive environment?
2. Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the right of participation?
3. As an Area do we cultivate and encourage responsible leadership?
4. Does the Area communicate the spiritual value of self-support?
5. Does the Area reach all important decisions by adequate discussion, vote and whenever possible substantial unanimity?
6. Are we open minded to new ideas as an Area?
7. What more can the Area do to address special needs/accessibility issues?

Dear CNCA Trusted Servants,

I have heard once before that November is the Gratitude month and I would like you to know how transforming this experience has been for me in my life, especially in my sobriety. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to be of service. This has been a great opportunity that has given me a lot of rewards as a result of making myself available. One of my service sponsors told me once that if I take care of God's work he will take care of mine. I could mention a lot of gifts my higher power has given me, but I will only share a few. I have experienced that by serving my Area I have served myself. I have received many things these past years that I know if it wasn't for this I would not have today. I feel closer to my family, to my fellow members, to my friends, to my co-workers, and to the people that I am usually surrounded by. I have this feeling of gratitude which I love sharing with others. I was allowed to see people coming to our meetings for the first time and watch a new sensation of hope grow within them. They keep coming back making themselves available for service because they found the solution they have been searching for. I have traveled to places that I had never been before and met a lot of wonderful people. Something that I have witnessed is a solution to some of my economic problems as well as my interpersonal relationships. This program has reached out to people which I truly care about without me interfering. I have proven once again what the people that welcomed me in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous once showed me that service is the legacy of gratitude. Just as they did everything they could for me, I have the need to do it for all of those individuals that are out there suffering. Also I would like to thank you all for your contributions because for the past 10 years CNCA 06 has been the highest contributor, except for 2007 and 2008 that we were second place because Area 15 South Florida was first. Please thank your groups, let them know how much we appreciate their efforts. It is by your contributions that we are able to fulfill our needs and continue carrying the message.

No satisfaction has been deeper and no joy greater than in a Twelfth Step job well done. To watch the eyes of men and women open with wonder as they move from darkness into light, to see their lives quickly fill with new purpose and meaning, and above all to watch them awaken to the presence of a loving God in their lives -- these things are the substance of what we receive as we carry A.A.'s message.

1. LETTER, 1959

2. TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 110 (As Bill sees it Page 29)

I try to hold fast to the truth that a full and thankful heart cannot entertain great conceits. When brimming with gratitude, one's heartbeat must surely result in outgoing love, the finest emotion that we can ever know.

GRAPEVINE, MARCH 1962 (As Bill sees it Page 37)

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

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held October 24, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Joe of District 08. Steve of District 12 read Tradition 10 and Claudia of District 12 read Concept 10. There were 3 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), David N. (Panel 59), and current non-trustee director of AAWS Board, and Ken M. (Panel 61). There were 0 new GSRs present and 0 new DCMs present. The September 2015 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 186/12. Registered attendance: Voting= **75**, Non-voting= **46**.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: I would like to thank all the Districts for your great hospitality. I just finished giving my last report for the year. We have distributed all the Conference reports to all the Districts. I have sent the September AAWS Highlights. I sent you all the Conference Themes for 1966 till now; that also includes all the discussion topics with a form for you to fill out with your ideas for the Theme of the 67th Conference in 2017.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.: Our Fall Assembly is only 3 weeks away! This is a wonderful opportunity to take "stock in Trade" (Pg. 64 BB). Let's take this opportunity to look at ourselves as an Area to see what we are doing well and not so well. There are 4 items of old business which will be on the agenda. Please remind your GSR's that there is a good chance that they will have the opportunity to vote on one or more.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: I will need volunteers to be time keepers during the fall assembly. There is an error on the web site calendar, the ACM is on the 3rd Saturday of December. There is a problem with the web site and I have a report from the web committee. You can pick up as you pass me after your report.

TREASURER Teddy BW: We received \$6826.55 in revenue this month. Written checks for \$6,832.18. This leaves us with \$7,144.81 in the bank. I expect to write about \$150 more today so we will be left with around \$7K + our prudent reserve of \$9,194.39.

REGISTRAR Ray W.: I am all caught up on the registrar corrections from the District. I will need all changes 2 weeks prior to your District meeting to have your updated sign in sheet. Please be sure to register at the fall assembly when you arrive.

RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.: Thanks to those who sent their reports in advance. Committee quarterly reports are due. Please drop in the basket when you have completed.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.: The Fall Assembly fliers are available in English and Spanish on the table which also have the inventory questions. District 11/18 are doing well with the planning of the Fall Assembly. The Napa Valley is beautiful in the fall. There are several motions on the agenda as Old Business that may be voted on. Suggested dates for 2017 Assembly are available on the table.

LITERATURE/GV/LV Augustin L.: We have a special section in LV on staying sober through the holidays. International Convention commemorative edition still available at LV store. GV has more than 20 books available. There are 56 days left

for the GV challenge. Thank you for those who sent stories to update the 2 pamphlets and to create the 1 new pamphlet.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY Susan G.: Our DCMC passed out leaflets at our birthday meeting in Monterey encouraging involvement in GS. PI/CPC is providing information to students at Cal State Monterey Bay. We are dipping our toes into the thought of having a District inventory.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Eliyahi H.: We are busy with plans for our 4th Annual Gratitude Dinner. We are still looking at moving our District meeting; our present location is keeping GSR's from participation.

03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.: It was the best presentation on the conference report. Lots of interest in our District inventory. We have narrowed it down to 6 questions.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.: We held our biennial district inventory with 5 questions and 100% participation. The results are now being distributed to members for review and potential action items, including allowing more time for GSR reports, improved sub-district meetings, shorter reports and district newsletter.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.: We had a presentation on the safety motion. We are still working on the 2016 budget, we need to still make some corrections per the district's request. We participated in sending more than 45 stories to NY for the pamphlets. Our Alt-DCMC is stepping down because of a move. We will be electing a new ALT next month.

05 SAN MATEO Erica S.: We presented the 2016 budget, which is great for our district. Many of the GSR's are participating and sharing information with our groups. Many of our members submitted stories for the pamphlets as requested and they were excited for the opportunity to participate.

06 SAN FRANCISCO Rhys G.: We had a presentation on anonymity at our district meeting. We presented the 2016 Budget this month, with a vote next month. We had a discussion on group inventories. We have our Unity Day this month.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH Thomas V.: We have not had our meeting yet this month. I will report next month.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Kathleen L.: We had a report from our BTG member about the forum and a presentation on "How to read the GS Conference Report." We discussed having a District Inventory. We will be selecting the questions and will have our inventory in November.

08 CONTRA COSTA Laura W.: We had a presentation on the Unity Declaration at District. The motion about a finance committee failed. We presented the 2016 Budget and will be holding our inventory in December.

09 SOLANO SOUTH John M.: We have formed an archive committee, but no chair has been chosen. We are reading the final report from the conference so we can carry the message of our groups.

90 SOLANO NORTH Katie S.: Our visiting officer gave a great presentation on their position at Area, and how important it is for District Chairs to get correct information to the area. We hosted the BTG forum this month and it was a great event. We also held a workshop this month, attendance was great. We had a unity day with a theme on how to do a group inventory. We performed in small groups mock

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inventories, which was helpful to the GSR's.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We are doing well. We are having a workshop on GV/LV stories. Flyers are on the table. We are trying to get all of our district members involved in the planning of the 2016 Pre Conference Assembly.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: Flyers are available for the Fall Assembly and the Pre Assembly Dinner. We are working on a motion to be presented at the Fall Assembly for an amendment to the AA Group Pamphlet.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We had time this month for 2 presentations. The first "Sobriety in Adversity" and an "Overview of the 65th GS Conference Report." In the first report, there was sharing about the Valley Fire Evacuees. This got us thinking about what we might do if and when disaster strikes in our district. Unity day was well attended and we did have two members take advantage of the ASL interpretation provided. Next month we will have our district inventory.

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: It has been a confusing and unknown month. Many victims have moved out of the area and other meeting places have been used to store supplies for the fire victims. One of our GSR's suggested that we visited the meetings. We are considering short-term financial help with rent on a short time basis from the district. We are still having discussions. We are also talking about several other areas of assistance.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We finalized the financial reimbursement guidelines. We are now working on the 2016 Budget. We are having workshops for secretaries in response to group safety discussions.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Bruce P.*: We split our time last month between a shortened business meeting and an inventory. We re-formed a budget committee and they are working on the 2016 budget to present in December. YPAA has become active again. We continue to support one Spanish and one Native American meeting. Our PI/CPC committee had a booth at the Veterans Stand Down and continues to give HART presentations.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We had a discussion on District visiting groups. We are participating in District 20's anniversary. We are working on a District inventory.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We had our meeting with sub-district 001 and made a schedule to visit the groups that have no GSR's. We are reading the final report and in November we will be doing our District Inventory. We are also getting ready for the Fall Assembly.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector C.*: We are hosting the Inter-district meeting in November. We received information about the Final Conference Report and had a presentation on participating at assemblies.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We had a presentation on self-support. We continue to visit the groups. We had discussions on the final conference report and we will continue this.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We are having our District's 4th Anniversary next month. We are having our inventory meeting in November. We are planning our participation in PRAASA.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We discussed our upcoming "Biennial

Workshop Day" on December 12th. The discussion was about what to call the event to differentiate between it and our usual monthly workdays. It will include hands-on training and is open to all. We passed a HK motion to "remove the broken display case from the Repository to provide room for additional shelving." We also discussed the Nat'l AA Archives workshop that we will be hosting in Sept. 2016. If you would like to be of service, please contact me after the meeting.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: 7 Districts reporting with 24 presentations and 152 requests for contact and 5 letters received by the correspondence secretary. The BTG forum was in October and thank you to all the volunteers from Dist. 90, the members of PI/CPC and H & I. The pilot short term correspondence program is underway and 3 AA members who are incarcerated in San Quentin are currently corresponding with outside AA members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We have completed the new guidelines update and will be presenting these today for your consideration. Budget preparation for Panel 66 is now complete. Copies will be presented to the officers for review. We will present the new budget to you at the November ACM. We prepared a new Finance Committee Introduction for inclusion on the CNCA website.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: I facilitated the PI/CPC meeting today and we had a presentation on guidelines. If you would like to learn more, please join us. We gave 2 presentations at the BTG forum and had a PI/CPC display. If you would like to jump start on understanding anonymity? A good place to start is with the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" (P47).

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: In our meeting today we did our inventory and we will be looking at some suggestions in our meeting in December. We had some problems with our main site. We will be working on fixing this so please use the test site for anything that you need. We should have the main site up and running soon. When we complete, we will post a notice on the test site that it is completed.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We had a discussion on how can we continue to be inclusive. We are purchasing radios for the upcoming assembly for sale. We are also doing a committee inventory in January and will be choosing our questions in the next few months.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 990 Comments out this month. The summer assembly minutes have been split into the September, October & November Comments due to lack of space.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: 200 copies 196 sent out. We are working on getting the printing out on time. We will be trying to fix the schedule for next month.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Claudia N.*: This month's discussion on "How can we as DCM's teach the Concepts to our GSR's." Our presenter described with a handout the "Cathedral of Spirit," describing our 3 legacies – Recovery, Unity & Service. They summarized with "Delegations" Concepts 1, 2 & 8 – "Tools" Concepts 3, 4, 5 & 9 – "Administrative Guides" Concepts 10, 11 & 12.

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: We covered 24 subscriptions by gift certificates in the Area 06. Today we had a presentation from the Delegate about the gift certificates and

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how we can use this. We are going to ask the BTG chair how many facilities we can share. Next month: "How to celebrate Holidays and how to stay sober.

NCCAA *Diane O.*: 68th Annual Fall Conference is next weekend in Fresno. NCCAA is doing their first inventory on Saturday at this conference. It will be after the morning business meeting

H&I *Diane O.*: I got 200 copies of the GV. They are handed to all inmates at the H&I prisons. We finally passed our Pink Pamphlet with 100% agreement. We passed the 2016 budget without any concerns. We also approved all the steering committee positions that were appointed by our Chair Person.

YPAA REPORT *Coventina W.*: SCCYPAA is co-hosting with PENYPAA a speaker meeting and Halloween dance in Palo Alto. Sober events are a safe place to go during the holidays.

LA VINA ANNIVERSARY REPORT *Jose A.*: Final Treasurer Report was given, LV Subscriptions for a total of \$10,500.56. After expenses the final balance on the event was \$231.97.

Presentation of New Guidelines:

Presentation of updates for CNCA Financial Guidelines by the Finance Committee.

The reason for this is to remove the ambiguities that existed in the guidelines. The impact of these changes is a modest impact. Even with the adjustment of the officers, each panel would increase our expenses by about \$1,000.00 to \$1,800.00. We would like input and your suggestions.

Q. Why is the PI/CPC chair split from the other area officers?

A. That committee is not only responsible to the area but they are also responsible to GSO.// Q. What are the revisions? Is it just the lodging and the meals or is it the whole thing? A. We divided the sections under mileage and a little more detailed in the explanation of this. The hotel for the officers needed to be clarified; the officers were concerned about exhaustion after the assembly. We updated this more for clarification more than financial changes.// Q. Are the old guidelines still available?// A. I don't know. If anyone wants a copy I will be glad to provide.// We will have a month to look at and consider for your approval next Month.

New Business:

"That all business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity, usually 2/3."

Discussion: This leaves the motion open, if there is a reason of time or emergency that we could choose to have simple majority.// Point of order: This motion deals with policy that affects the ACM business meeting and the Assembly business meeting. This committee meeting does not have jurisdiction over the assembly. This is a policy change which will affect individual groups and assembly and committee meetings. I believe this needs to be addressed by the assembly business.

The chair decision is that this will be presentation of new business at the next assembly.

Motion will be "Presentation of New Business" at the Next Assembly.

Archives Workshop: Sheri – I attended the National Archives workshop, which was the 19th workshop. The theme was "We Started on a Nickel and a Prayer." There was a

good balance of presentations on the practical aspects of archiving, along with presentations on historical moments and people in the AA timeline, such as Sister Ignatia, Dr. Bob and early members of Akron, and showcasing correspondence from the 1940's. We visited historical sites including the Akron Intergroup Archives, and the hospital where Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia treated alcoholics. We visited the home of Dr. Bob and Anne S., the Gate House and Mansion of Henrietta Seiberling, the Mayflower Hotel and the cemetery where Dr. Bob and Anne S. are buried. The main speaker at the dinner was the author of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous and the Rockefeller Connection." Next to me was the author of a book about Charles Towns. These are the types of people I met in addition to District Archivists and Archives Committee Chairs, past Delegates and Trustees also. This was a great experience, and I hope to pass on as much as I can from what I learned to our committee.

Technology Workshop: Alan - The National Technology Workshop was held in October. This was fantastic. I don't do this stuff, get on planes and stay in hotels. There was about 80 people in attendance. This was the 2nd year of this workshop. The overall response was gratitude and everyone was excited to talk about this stuff. They do have a website, "naatw.org", and I encourage all to visit this site. What is NAATW? There seems to be a growing understanding that AA is moving into a technological environment and we are not sure how this is going to work. There are thousands of websites out there now, and we need to be able to talk about these issues. We are hoping to build a website that you could go to anywhere in the US and find a meeting. There were great workshops that I attended; many were over my head but I enjoyed the ones I attended. Everyone is welcome to this conversation. Technology is a great tool. The Big Book is a great tool to carry the message, and technology is the ball-point pen of the 21st century. We are not trying to change the message, we are just changing the way the message may be carried to the newcomer, members and friends of AA to pass along.

Discussion: Self Support: So many times when we think about this we think about money. Self-support is also about the support of the service entities and the individuals serving AA. AA does not work by itself. It takes a lot of people to be sure that the doors stay open and the coffee is hot.// When I miss my home group, the next time I go I need to remember to double up the next week.// My home group is a young men's group and not a lot of us have well-paying jobs. The rent is \$1 per person. Our treasurer was rotating out of his position, so we decided to tell everyone to dump their spare change in the basket for his last meeting. It ended up to be \$70 instead of the \$40 we usually get.// I have gone through lot of homes in the last year. If you have an extra \$1 to put in the basket, give it to someone that does not have \$1. For all those days that I have not been able to put in, I am putting it in now.// There is a laminated copy of page 4 and 5 of what GSO does. We may need visual aid sometimes to get people to understand.// I carry this green card "Self-supporting Alcoholics, whoever hear of such a thing." Just to bring this up to a group when there is time is a great thing to remind us what self-support is. I share the two statements on this card

Balance Sheet September 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of September 30, 2015

| | Sep 30, 15 | Sep 30, 14 | \$ Change | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Checking/Savings | | | | |
| B of A Checking | 8,924.41 | 16,226.79 | (7,302.38) | (45.0%) |
| B of A Savings | 9,194.86 | 9,485.16 | (290.30) | (3.06%) |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>18,119.27</u> | <u>25,711.95</u> | <u>(7,592.68)</u> | <u>(29.53%)</u> |
| Other Current Assets | | | | |
| Assembly Deposits | 3,615.00 | 1,402.35 | 2,212.65 | 157.78% |
| BTG | | 124.00 | (124.00) | (100.0%) |
| CNCA Comments | | 427.98 | (427.98) | (100.0%) |
| 1499 - Undeposited Funds | | 473.55 | (473.55) | (100.0%) |
| Total Other Current Assets | <u>3,615.00</u> | <u>2,427.88</u> | <u>1,187.12</u> | <u>48.9%</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>21,734.27</u> | <u>28,139.83</u> | <u>(6,405.56)</u> | <u>(22.76%)</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>21,734.27</u></u> | <u><u>28,139.83</u></u> | <u><u>(6,405.56)</u></u> | <u><u>(22.76%)</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | | | |
| Equity | | | | |
| 3900 - Operating Funds - Adjusted | 14,883.98 | 18,634.13 | (3,750.15) | (20.13%) |
| Prudent Reserve | 9,194.86 | 9,485.16 | (290.30) | (3.06%) |
| Net Income | (2,344.57) | 20.54 | (2,365.11) | (11,514.65%) |
| Total Equity | <u>21,734.27</u> | <u>28,139.83</u> | <u>(6,405.56)</u> | <u>(22.76%)</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u><u>21,734.27</u></u> | <u><u>28,139.83</u></u> | <u><u>(6,405.56)</u></u> | <u><u>(22.76%)</u></u> |

Expense Report September 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through September 2015

| | Jan - Sep 15 | Budget | \$ Over Budget | % of Budget |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| Assembly Contributions | 6,089.00 | 6,200.00 | (111.00) | 98.21% |
| Group Contributions | 62,286.51 | 62,000.00 | 286.51 | 100.46% |
| District Contributions | 11,448.86 | 5,500.00 | 5,948.86 | 208.16% |
| Tradition 7, Area Committee | 2,777.00 | 2,450.00 | 327.00 | 113.35% |
| H & I Archives Rent | | 350.00 | (350.00) | |
| CNCA Comments Subscriptions | 42.00 | 30.00 | 12.00 | 140.0% |
| Personal/Misc. Contributions | 1,372.66 | 1,000.00 | 372.66 | 137.27% |
| Interest Income/Prudent Reserve | 3.60 | 5.00 | (1.40) | 72.0% |
| Total Income | 84,019.63 | 77,535.00 | 6,484.63 | 108.36% |
| Gross Profit | 84,019.63 | 77,535.00 | 6,484.63 | 108.36% |
| Expense | | | | |
| Delegate Expense | 6,169.39 | 5,011.50 | 1,157.89 | 123.11% |
| Officer Expense | 26,978.94 | 21,462.28 | 5,516.66 | 125.7% |
| Committee Expense | 21,403.27 | 22,557.49 | (1,154.22) | 94.88% |
| General Expense | 32,182.18 | 35,652.49 | (3,470.31) | 90.27% |
| Total Expense | 86,733.78 | 84,683.76 | 2,050.02 | 102.42% |
| Net Ordinary Income | (2,714.15) | (7,148.76) | 4,434.61 | 37.97% |
| Other Income/Expense | | | | |
| Other Income | | | | |
| Refunds/Rebates | 369.58 | | | |
| Total Other Income | 369.58 | | | |
| Net Other Income | 369.58 | | | |
| Net Income | (2,344.57) | (7,148.76) | 4,804.19 | 32.8% |

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with the group.// After a period of time I have been blessed. I need to give more today than when I first came in. If I am not doing this, I am not participating or being self-supporting.// In the latest edition of Box 459 there is three items listed that show where our money goes. Bringing this up is a great way to show people where our money goes.// I was at a meeting and someone mentioned that the group was hard up on rent and a suggestion of \$5 was given. I thought I was doing well at \$3, and it made me think about what I give to this meeting and other groups I attend.// I was treasurer of a group that barely made the rent. I thought if I turned in \$3 a day to meetings, it came to \$60 a month. It changed the way I think about what I contribute and what the money helps around the world. This makes it easy for me today to contribute.// I am grateful that I am part of this area. We contribute well and attend the workshops nationally.// At my home group we had no monies to celebrate our anniversary and we reached out to the members and we now have over \$700 to celebrate our anniversary.// If you look at the budget for 2015, you are going to see the final expenses for GS. We are still getting into our literature funds to pay for our services.// I attend the IG meeting in my district and I got up and gave the green cards out that says we need \$8 per member to support general service. I talked about the app that is in Sweden that is like pay pal. What someone heard was that AA is develop-

ing an app and you need to put more money in the basket. I wish there was an app that told you whatever you are putting in the basket you need to double.

“What’s On Your Mind?” In the new membership survey you can see where we are concentrated, where our groups are concentrated. We don’t have a presence on the Internet. AA has become big business. Technology is the way of the future and that is where we need to be present.// The web versions of the CNCA Comments are available at the test site address.// Registration is now open for 2016 National Archives workshop. We are also looking for members to be of service. Registration is \$40 for the 4 day event.// Please bring FM radios to the fall assembly. There will be a limited amount for sale.// I had many phone calls and emails from members of the fellowship. I would like to thank all for your thoughts and help cleaning my house and getting to meetings. Thank you very much.// Next week at the NCCAA there is a Grapevine workshop.//

The meeting was closed at 2:42 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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

CNCA SUMMER ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

CNCA SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES ~ CONTINUED FROM ~ THE OCTOBER 2015 ISSUE OF CNCA COMMENTS

Assembly Business

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: My group conscience is to not change something that is already working.// Our group conscience disagreed with the request of the motion.// We think that we should leave alone; this is really an outside issue for one or two words. This would open a floodgate to other changes.// Our group would like to see a pamphlet that explains the time of the language and when it was written in the 30/40’s.// Yes this should be changed, our code is love and tolerance of others.// We think it should be changed. It is not going to open the floodgates.// The times are changing and we are changing; if we are to attract new members we need to be where they are.// We are in favor of this change. We cannot let fear lead us, but should let love and tolerance guide us.// We are in favor.// We feel this change is important.// Minority opinion was to change, but the majority did not want to change; they felt this was a political view, not an AA issue.//

We change historical documents all the time; it is not an issue to change to fit the current fellowship.// It should be deleted from the literature.// We were in favor of this change.// My District feels the words should not be changed.// My group says remove the words.// My group is in favor of this.// My group was split. Half said it was important to change because of the court’s ruling on gay marriages; the other felt it should not ever be changed.// We are in favor.// Love and Tolerance, if it does not apply let it fly.// Some felt it was offensive especially for human rights. The statement of sound minds is offensive.// My group is in favor of this; deleting the word will not change the meaning of the sentence. By leaving it in, we feel we are taking a position on the political issues.// My group leaned to not removing.// The area cannot make a change to the literature; it would have to go through the conference process. It is easy to be gay in California but not so in other parts of our country. We would like AA to show other gay individuals that AA is welcoming them and cares.// We were split. The founding fathers were white business men and woman; they moved along with society as it changed. We are asking to have the words removed to remove AA from the political issue.// We are against removing the words; to change the words would put AA in a political issue. Some felt the change was needed.// We were against this, it would lead to more changes, and there are many issues and statements in our literature that are not used as of today.// Many people

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think this will start a discussion in the US and Canada; this is not NY's policy. If you want to just have a discussion, you can send a request to have a workshop at the conference. This would cause the areas to have discussions and presentations on the Conference theme and the workshops.// I'm sure that Bill W. never thought that these words would cause anyone to be in conflict with AA. I ask you if you were gay would these offend you. What if it was about a race or gender? How would you feel? Everyone today got sober the way it shows now, are we sure the change would work for everyone coming to AA now?// My group was against this.// I think that when we have these discussions, the newcomers are focused on the literature and its meaning, and not the primary purpose.// I needed to change to have AA work for me. I had to be broke; AA does not change for me. Changing everything to be sure we don't offend everyone will dilute the message that has worked since the 30's.// There are many places some words could change. If we start, where does it end.// I think the 12 and 12 should remain the same. There were a lot of things that offended me and would make me want to drink. I had a strong sponsor that helped me overlook it and get to the message and solution.// I think the entire section needs to be updated to today's society.// I urge you to delete this sentence.// All changes that are made to the BB have been changed to update the stories. Raymundo just told us about the budget of literature and book printing, please consider the costs of this change, what is this going to cost? If we are in favor of changing the 12 x 12 can the fellowship afford this?// My group is in favor, and let the discussion continue nationwide.// I feel we should remove the wording. Bill wrote this to be inclusive to everyone in the 30's, we need to have it updated to reflect society today.// Bill W. wrote this as it was in the 30's. This is just a hiccup in the literature. Maybe we need to have a discussion on being inclusive, and to look at our own feelings about our self and others.// The chair asked for a sense of the room, and they were in a position to vote.

Vote: Yes= 121 No= 102 Abstain= 8

<<Motion Failed>>

Motion:

That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces.

Discussion: My group was in favor of reconsidering the process these videos are approved.// Don't show the faces, they become the face of AA to the newcomers.// Having actors in the video is not AA, so now full faces should be used.// My group is in favor of this. What would be changed in the video that would cause the video to be approved a different kind of way?// We should be able to have full face video; they should not be held up by additional reviews.// We feel that the full faces should remain; it is common to have a disclaimer that the people in the video are actors.// We need to reconsider the decision. If we feel there should be full faces in the videos, the extra approval discourages this.// My group is in favor of this.// We are in favor of full faces, and should not have to go through additional reviews.// When we make videos with full face, the faces was not what I would

relate to.// When I see just the shadows I can relate better to the message.// My first thought was that this should not be in place, this is about the approval of the process. There have not been many videos since this decision. We need to trust our trusted servants.// I have experience in video and PSA's. I can see that the approval process needs to be in place so that there is a second review before it is released.

The chair asked for a sense of the room and the assembly was not ready to vote.

<< This will be Old Business at the Fall 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." Presented by CNCA Members

Discussion: My group is in favor of this only as a trial basis. Maybe for just one year.//

The chair asked for a sense of the room and the assembly was not ready to vote.

<< This will be Old Business at the Fall 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: The way this is worded, it looks like we are redistricting, but it is that geographically our sub-district 002 is no longer in our District. Geographically they belong to District 20. We are not removing anyone or deleting their participation, we are correcting the location.// The motion to remove Sub-District 002 was approved in July at District 16. Our guidelines show that the DCM for a sub-district must be approved at District level.// We have been advised that Sub-district 002 does not want to leave District 16. If this motion passes, where will they go? This is personally punitive to the members of this sub-district.// I am confused, when we moved to District 20, District 16, sub-district 002 stayed. Should this have been handled by the District and not an area decision.// This motion has gone a little too far without any understanding of the motion.// I was the registrar of the district when the meeting was moved to become a sub-district of 002. You need to look at the 98-Summer -1, 01-Fall-2 and 03, Summer 1, from District 7, and 11-Fall-1 which created District 20. We needed to go through all this to understand this motion.// Is this about just moving Sub-District 02 to District 20 and removing the sub-district in District 16.// The way I understand this is like a meeting that no longer exists, being taken off the schedule.//

<<Moved to Old Business at the Fall Assembly. >>

Motion:

That the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety.

Discussion: Safety in AA is important at every level at the group. There are some issues that we need to have some guidelines for the protection of the group.// We are in favor of this motion, they felt that they have no guidelines on how to

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Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines: Updates to Financial Guidelines

-- Presented by the Finance Committee

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion Topic:

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

- "That all business in CNCA be decided by 2/3 substantial unanimity except on those rare occasions when a matter is of such urgency that a decision should be made at once."

Old Business at Area Assembly:

- "That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces."
- "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."

New Business at Area Assembly:

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deal with this at the group level.// We are in favor 100%.// We are looking for guidance from AA as a whole.// This is being talked about at our business meeting. We have 30 meetings a week; it is hard to keep experienced people in service. This would be good for the new members that are secretaries at our meetings.// The majority feel this is needed, stay on the topic and primary purpose, and to address people that are disruptive at the meeting.// When we discussed this at our District before we brought this to Area, most of the discussion was about the problem and not the solution. As time went on and we had a workshop, we have started to discuss the solution. We feel that if this was discussed by the fellowship we would find guidelines.// We think this is great, we have very diverse members that come in. We need guidelines not rules; we need old timers to get up and deal with this.// I would feel better if our group had some guidelines from NY about this.

<<Moved to Old Business at the Fall Assembly. >>

Reports Back from Sharing Sessions:

The Service Gap, from meeting to group, are we self-supporting? Definition of meeting vs. group.

A meeting is just attended, more transient attendance, and minimal service commitments -- secretary, treasurer, coffee maker. A group has an abundance of service commitments inside and outside the meeting room. The group includes liaisons to other service entities -- general service, intergroup, H&I, PI/CPC, etc.// The presenter shared that she always was doing service from the beginning -- set up, clean up, etc. and that doing this presentation was a lot harder than putting away chairs, but she was taught to do service for others, not herself. There was a brief discussion about the monetary aspect of the 7th Tradition, but the general discussion was about service commitments as part of being self-supporting. Getting a job (service commitment) outside the group exposes one to a greater awareness of AA

as a whole. One member shared that the way the fellowship has grown has lessened the awareness of service opportunities to H&I, PI/CPC and Intergroup for example. Another observation was that there seems to be an air of entitlement and insularity in some groups, resulting in a lack of the spiritual principle of contributing in response as to what has been received in sobriety.// I am responsible means self-supporting with both money AND service.// There seems to be apathy in doing or contributing service to AA as a whole.// Lead by example by doing service -- attraction rather than promotion.// Educate others about General Service and other parts of the service structure.// How can my energies be best directed to meet the needs of my group?// Finally, self-support is multi-layered.

The Home Group -- Our responsibility and link to A.A.'s future. People shared on what their concept of a home group is, and the importance that they place on making sure that it is a safe and welcoming place for the newcomer.// A home group is a meeting that you make it to every week, except in matters of emergency, and one that you have a commitment at.// One's home group can change over time.// It is one's responsibility to voice their opinion when they see that the traditions and/or principles are not being practiced at their home group.// It's a meeting where one's voice can and should be heard.// A home group is less about the time and location, and more about the people and community.// It's where one learns to fellowship and become part of the community.// It's important for people to have a home group that they go to on a consistent basis, because it allows a newcomer to have a safe place to come to and see familiar faces.

Love, Tolerance & Humility -- Practicing these principles in all our affairs. Most members shared that before they got to AA they didn't know what these principles meant. They shared that once they got into GS, they discovered love,

CNCA CALENDAR

2015—Panel 65

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 **3-6—PRAASA** Spokane, Washington
26—Area Committee Mtg

April **9, 10—Pre Conference Assembly**
 Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall
 (Hosted By District 10)
23—Area Committee Mtg

May **14—Post Conference Assembly**
 Machinist Hall, Burlingame
 (Hosted by Districts 04 and 05)

June **28—Area Committee Mtg**
25—Area Committee Mtg

July **23—Area Committee Mtg**

August **6—Summer Assembly**
 Santa Cruz Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)
27—Area Committee Mtg
8-11 20th National AA Archives
Workshop in Walnut Creek
24—Area Committee Mtg
30 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional
Forum in Waikola, Hawaii

September **22—Area Committee Mtg**

October **5—Election Assembly**
 Scottish Rite Center, San Jose
 (Hosted by District 17)

November **26—Area Committee Mtg**
17—Area Committee Mtg

December

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tolerance and humility. They expressed their love upon arriving to their groups. Sponsors played a major part in who they are now.// Being in service teaches humility because you hear other points of view.// One member shared that he learned tolerance from his "crazy" group.// Many shared that we have the opportunity to enjoy all these gifts just by being members of this fellowship.

Singleness of Purpose -- Staying in the solution in a changing world. Presenter stated the definition of singleness of purpose is: Sobriety – freedom from alcohol. The Purpose of a group is Tradition 5, carrying the message. The purpose for the individual is Tradition 3, a desire to stop drinking. The purpose of all AA is Tradition 1, united in a singleness of purpose. Why the singleness of purpose, Better to do one thing supremely well, overcome denial. The Definition of solution is, "The program of AA, how to live, how to stay sober. The Changing world could be the Digital Age, Young People.// If person asks for help, we work with them, bring them to a meeting.// Mental illness etc., don't need to hide themselves. We are all here for recovery.// Do not exclude anyone from recovery.// Any judgement, good or bad, takes me out of the primary purpose.// Ask people to conform or focus on their alcohol problem, not too much to ask for an hour.// Safety in meetings – don't share if you have a mind-altering substance today.// Smaller meetings in remote areas must stay on alcohol/recovery.// Using other substances lowers resistance to drinking; point out the risk.// In meetings I need to talk about alcohol so new members can identify themselves.// There is also a changing in the aging of our population, homebound members, and other

elders need to be reached, we need to find a way or they will die.// Why are the numbers so low with other races and other groups?// Unity needed to effectively stay the course of singleness of purpose.// Ok, many need to hear the tough stuff, get the love and grow and recover.

What's On Your Mind:

I was disappointed this morning, but I am sure that we all were here to help the alcoholic that is still suffering.// We have BTG forum coming up. The information is at our table.// I want to say from my friends that were on the porch today, we were missing the men and it was all ladies in the back. We had some fun and it was wonderful to be with you all. We need to talk about the topics that keep our members here. We have work to do with the pamphlets that are being updated this year. Please encourage your members to send in their stories. We also have talked about the mental health pamphlet for years. Please encourage members to send in their experience on this topic.// We received the contributions of \$2,102.00 in the baskets today. We would like to thank all the districts for today.// Our next assembly is November 14, 2015 at the Calistoga Fairgrounds. Be sure to bring your FM Radios.

The meeting was closed at 11:54 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

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

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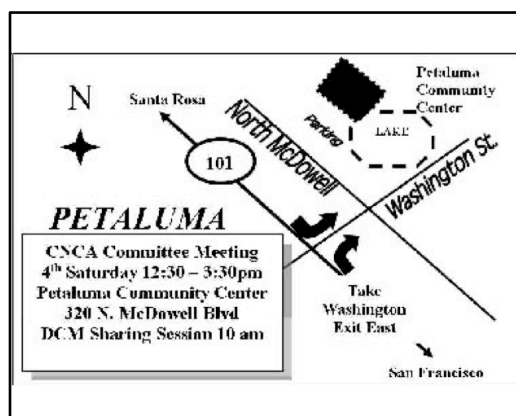
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