



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting May 2016

The April Area Committee Meeting was missing one Area Officer this month. Raymundo was off to New York for the 66th Annual General Service Conference. Alternate Delegate Phil B. gave a report for him. We are all awaiting his return and are very anxious to hear his Delegate's report at the Post Conference Assembly in Burlingame.

Other than the housekeeping motion from the Archives committee, there was no new or old business. The housekeeping motion which read, "The Area Archives Committee purchase shelving at a cost not to exceed \$190.00 to allow storage space for the boxes currently stored on the floor" passed with no objection.

We had two discussion topics. The first was "Should our Assemblies have a standard rotation similar to PRAASA." The second was "Should the Area form an Access Committee." Both of these were discussed for a half hour each and also the group

wanted to continue discussing these next month.

There was a lot of sharing about the Pre-Conference Assembly and a lot of gratitude expressed to District 10 for such a well done assembly. ASL will be available at the Post Conference Delegate's report so please spread the word. ASL interpreter will be videoed taped and copies of that report are available to any member of AA who has a hearing disability.

Please take an opportunity to discuss hosting a Panel 67 assembly with your district. There are currently 7 open opportunities to share this wonderful experience of service with your fellow AA members in your district.

I look forward to seeing all of you again in Burlingame on May 14 and please do not forget your AM/FM radios.

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 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2016

Saturday MAY 14, 2016

Machinist Hall

1511 N Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA. 94010

Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Orientation: 9:00 - 9:10 a.m.

Business Meeting: 9:10 - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Discussion Panel on Conference Theme

"Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts." 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Delegate's Report 2:15 - 3:45

(Spanish Language and ASL Translation)

Question & Answer: 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

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

Bring Your FM Radio For Simultaneous Translation and Assisted Listening

Greetings from your Alternate Delegate

Thank you to all that participated in the Pre-Conference Assembly. Especially all of you that were able to go to the microphone and experience that spiritual connection that starts with your group conscience, through you, to our Delegate. In turn he carried your group consciences in his heart to the General Service Conference in New York. Barbara and I took copious notes again this year of each group conscience during the Assembly. After reviewing my notes I was reminded of the wonderful opportunity I have been given to serve as your Alternate Delegate. The gift to sit and listen with an open mind, with no judgment was again a wonderful experience. Through all your efforts and dedication, Raymundo was well informed for his journey to New York. I have talked with Raymundo since his return. He has shared some of the highlights with me of his life changing experience. After listening to him I can assure you. His Conference report will be informative, full of emotion and spiritual in nature.

I paused during the assembly multiple times. I was trying to get an understanding of the feelings of humility, pride, honor and gratitude that was welling up inside of me. A passage came to mind from the book, "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age." To paraphrase, the three conditions that are necessary for true fellowship: The possession of a common ideal involving a complete release from selfishness and division. The discharge of a common task big enough to capture the imagination and give expression to loyalty. And the comradeship, the "togetherness," thus involved as we find out the joy and power of belonging to an organic society and engaging in a whole-time service.

Under such conditions, all the vitality that we usually waste upon our jealousies and our vanities -- upon keeping up appearances and putting other people in their proper place -- becomes available for creative use. We are so fortunate to be members of the Northern California Coastal Area 06. By definition I was experiencing a true Fellowship. Through service we have been given another day to walk in the sunlight of the spirit.

Love In Service,
Phil B.
CNCA 06 Panel 65
Alternate Delegate

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 2016

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held April 23, 2016 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L., opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Cindy of District 12. Gail of District 08 read Tradition 4 and Mary of District 04 read Concept 4. There was 1 past delegate present: Diane O. (Panel 35). There were 0 new GSRs present and 0 new DCMs present. The March 2016 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 74/7. Registered attendance: Voting= 66, Non-voting= 34.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE *Raymundo L.*: Absent – At Conference in New York.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Phil B.*: Thank you District 10 for a wonderful Pre Conference Assembly. It was one for the record books. It was a wonderful opportunity for all of us through our interaction to grow spiritually. From my viewpoint sitting next to our Delegate gave me a unique and wonderful opportunity to sit and listen and take notes of each group conscience. I enjoyed it when some of you would give a big smile and the thumbs up, after giving your group's conscience. You all were well prepared. Great Job. I invite you to attend the Post Conference Assembly in Burlingame, Saturday May 14. The Delegate will give his Conference Report for the 1st time after returning from NY.

AREA CHAIR *Joann L.*: We have several umbrellas and a few reader glasses left over from the Assembly. Please claim if these are yours.

TREASURER *Teddy BW.*: We received \$13,925.53 in revenue, including just under \$4k in 7th Tradition contributions received at the Pre Conference. Thank you to all who contributed. This leaves us with \$7,205.88 in the bank, plus our prudent reserve of \$9,192.96. Thank you to the Finance Committee aka the Finance Elves for their help today; we will be sending out 330 receipts today.

REGISTRAR *Ray W.*: The final numbers for the Pre Conference Assembly are – Day 1, 389 voting members (65%) and 210 non-voting members (36%) for a total of 599. Day 2 – 201 voting members (72%) and 80 non-voting (28%) for a total of 281. 599 is a new record for CNCA Assembly; the old record was 589. Only 14 returns from the Comments/ Comentarios. At the start of the panel, there were 30-40 each month. This is due to the diligent efforts by District Registrars and members to get address changes in.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S.*: My apologies for being late today. I am still looking for help with the translations of the Motion Book. If anyone in your district is available, please have them contact me. My email and phone number is on the back page of the Comments.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q.*: Many thanks to District 10 for a wonderful 2016 Pre Conference. I have received nothing but positive feedback and personally experienced several spiritual moments during the process. In 3 weeks we will be having the Post Conference hosted by Districts 04 and 05 in Burlingame. Flyers are available in English and Spanish on the table. The Delegate's report will be translated live in ASL and also recorded on DVD which will be available at the May ACM. The report will also be recorded on CD's in English and Spanish, which will be available at the end of the Post Conference. We still have 7 open dates for assemblies in Panel 67. Please take this opportunity to discuss hosting an assembly. I have packets of guidelines and suggestions available. It's amazing what the experience of hosting can do for fostering participation for a district.

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Agustin L.*: New GV Subscriptions App

for tablet or smartphone are available for \$23.99 for 12 months. You will have access to archives or past issues of the GV. Big Book and 12 and 12 are now available in audio. LV has a new book you can order: "Un dia a la vez" / "One Day at a Time." I want to give you the number to call the GV, as some people have had trouble finding it: 1(800) 631-6025 or the LV at 1(800) 640-8781. You can also reach both at their websites.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY *Susan G.*: Two new GSR's attended this month at our District meeting; we also filled our Recording Secretary position. Our meeting centered on Pre-Conference topics and Concept 4.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Eliyah H.*: We had 1 GSR at the Pre Conference Assembly, whose life was changed as a result of carrying a group conscience to the Delegate and the experience of an assembly for the first time. We had 11 GSR's and 2 visitors at our last District meeting.

03 ANTA CRUZ *Murias O.*: Summer assembly planning committee met this month at District 40 and prepared the dinner assembly flyer for approval. We had 2 full tables at the pre-conference.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L.*: At our monthly district meeting, we discussed the Pre-Conference Assembly, which many GSRs described as an inspiring experience. We passed two housekeeping motions, including allocating funding for Santa Clara County's Unity Day, which will be held August 21 this year. We discussed translations of AA literature, including the progress of the Navajo language translation of the Big Book. The ad-hoc committee we created to explore the multiple options available to have the district comply with IRS reporting requirements returned with a final report. Anyone interested in more information about this process and the committee's report can contact me.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Nicolas G.*: We had good attendance at the Pre-Conference. We had a presentation on the importance of the Assembly business and the Agenda topics isn't the only duty in the never-ending process of AA. Our Summer assembly planning meetings are going well. We almost have all our positions filled. We discussed at our workshop on the feasibility study and collected some ideas to share with the delegate. We passed a HK motion to restructure PI/CPC to operate under General Service with District 04 and 40 rather than Intergroup.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We had some positions open up so elected a new Treasurer and a new SF/Marin Intergroup Liaison. Our PI/CPC Committee presented a motion requesting funding to put bus placard (PSA's) in the Sam Trans buses. Our planning committee for the Post Conference has been working hard and has everything pretty much ready to go. We are looking forward to having everyone in Burlingame next month.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We recapped the Pre-Conference Assembly and talked about the post conference. We also had presentations and discussions on the assembly motions to come up with a District Conscience for the post conference assembly.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: We had not had our district meeting yet this month.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We had a presentation on PRAASA from the GSR that attended. What was packed into a 10-minute presentation created enthusiasm that was there for the rest of the meeting. We had a presentation on the ACM motions and did a deep dive on the Pros and Cons of each. We discussed the feasibility study, including

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suggestions on how to share with your groups.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had a presentation from a DCM on PRAASA. We passed a motion to hold an event to encourage GSR's and others to become a GSR, which will be hosted by sub-districts 003 & 004. We also practiced presentations of group consciences at the mic. At our next District meeting we will be discussing holding a Concept Event.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We are getting ready for our Fall Unity Day. For our little district this is combined with the Delegate's Report. We are working on updating our neglected District Guidelines. We are continuing to work on putting an assembly bid together for 2018's Post-Conference Assembly. Trusted servants are scrounging the entire District for suitable/cost-effective venues.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: Our GSR's are showing more self-confidence. They are giving more informed group reports at the district level and the Pre Conference Assembly. Our PI/CPC is receiving positive feedback from our community. BTG chair is still being available at the district level with some reps attending their BTG meeting. Our Intergroup has a "meeting on wheels" service that can bring meetings to those that are physically unable to attend meetings.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had a relaxed business meeting and had some GSR's share about their experience at the Conference. We also had a presentation on the CNCA Comments and how to use the information to inform their groups. We also had a presentation on what to listen for at the Delegates Report. We also had roundtable discussions on Area Assembly Old Business Motions. Our GSR's are now better informed and prepared to participate in May.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We had 2 tables at the Pre Conference. We had found a chair for our Unity Day. We are also working towards a district inventory which was delayed while we worked on last year's fall assembly. We are forming a new ad hoc committee to create guidelines for serving AA during natural disasters. We had a presentation on the Feasibility Study. This gave the GSR's a better understanding of what will be needed to keep AA healthy for generations.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: Our GSR's did a fantastic job at the Pre-Conference. We also had great discussions regarding the Feasibility Study and the GSR's encouraging more group contributions to GSO. We are having two discussions, one is on collecting contributions at the group electronically and the other is about saving costs on insurance.

13 LAKE *Mary Ellen R.*: We obtained a district conscience on one agenda topic. Our Intergroup reports that the web site is still a work in progress, but new letter will be coming next month. We have nailed down a Unity Day for the Delegate's report in September and will be looking for approval from the district next month. We passed our Budget, but the HK motion to form an ad hoc committee to look at development of financial policies failed and will become new business next month.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We were energized by the Pre Conference and had two new GSR's attend our district for the first time from groups that have not been represented. We had a presentation from our Area Officer explaining the motion to reconsider that came up at the Assembly.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: Our District meeting was held on April 16 and we'd like to sincerely thank our Area Officer for attending. We now have several Native American tribal members attending District meetings as GSRs. I am excited about District 15's diverse membership because it shows we're doing something right. It makes me feel like we're available and we're inclusive and we're a part

of the community we live in. That's a great feeling. Our District Public Information committee Chair reported posting our AA hotline number on Craigslist and that generated some loving discussion. My experience at PRAASA this year was very helpful in dealing with whether or not A.A. should be involved in digital outreach (yes, if it helps and no if it breaks anyone's anonymity) but we still aren't sure about the safety of A.A. volunteers if a connection is made via social media. I think these issues will come up more and more frequently and I am confident that our PI/CPC committee is 100% committed to helping the still suffering alcoholic. Now we need to be clear on how to protect the A.A. member already in the fellowship because we promised we wouldn't "out" them publicly. We're looking forward to attending the Post Conference Assembly in Burlingame.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We are getting ready for our District's Anniversary. We are continuing to visit the groups to encourage participation. We are having a PI workshop at our central office this month.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We made an agenda to visit the groups to encourage election of GSR's. We had a workshop for the study of the Service Manual. We attended the Pre Conference assembly. We are getting ready for our District's 17th Anniversary.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We had 9 GSR's attend the Pre-Conference. We had a presentation on the importance of attending the Post Conference. We are also having our District Anniversary next month and will have our Delegate's Report at the event. We are participating at the NCCAA at a Spanish Workshop for the District. We are discussing the motion regarding expanding area officers, and had a great discussion after.

19 Spanish SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We had a presentation on the 5th Concept. We also had a discussion on why Hispanic woman do not stay in AA. We are having a District Conference this month, this Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Santa Cruz.

20 Spanish EAST *Enrique E.*: We had 7 GSR's at the pre-conference. We had a presentation on the anonymity on Social media. We passed a motion to be used by our PI/CPC Committee and also as a 12 Step hotline. We are looking forward to the Post Conference Assembly.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Richard W.*: We passed a HK motion in our meeting and discussed the workday and the National Archives Workshop. Laura and I recently submitted a research request at the GSO Archives and shared a little bit of the research we did on our trip to prepare for the upcoming workshop. We continue to gather group histories and have been for some time now; I invite all groups to participate in sending in their group histories. We are also working on collecting District meeting minutes.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: With 7 Districts reporting, we had 33 presentations and 163 requests for contact. Four letters received by our correspondence secretary. 27 requests were outside CNCA. Last month I gave the incorrect numbers in my report. For March, 7 Districts reported and we did 32 presentations and 171 requests for contact. Our H&I liaison will be attending the H&I Conference in Santa Rosa. The annual BTG workshop is set for September 9-11. We will be holding a third legacy election at our May BTG meeting to select who will go. Our local Forum will be held October 15 in San Jose.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: Our treasurer has prepared an interim cash flow projection for the finance committee's use, and we are pleased to report that we are

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currently operating well within our budget. We discussed possible methods for processing contributions to CNCA electronically. We will be reporting further on this. I would like to alert committee chairs that we will be sending out 2017 budget worksheets in early May. You will have about 90 days to complete and return these to the Finance Committee.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: We are coming up on a very busy time for Group, District and Area events. If your committee does not have a PI/CPC display, you are welcome to borrow the Area's display and monitor. Contact me to make arrangements to pick up and return. We had a presentation today on the Feasibility Study and how PI/CPC can participate. We had a great discussion and suggestions after. Next month we will have a presentation on Anonymity online. You are all welcome; we meet at the ACM meeting @ 11:00.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: The website committee had a presentation on security, and discussion on the content.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We are very happy with the way lending radios went at the assembly, and will be looking into getting adapters for multiple users and possibly earplugs for a one time use. We will be providing ASL at the Post Conference Assembly again this year. In discussing our results from our Inventory, we had a very robust discussion on barriers to getting to assemblies, our ACM and even district meetings. Ideas such as carpool lists and creating a discussion topic surrounding barriers to participation, and possibly creating an Access Committee at area level.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed out a total of 1004 comments, 964 bulk and 40 first class. We were \$6.00 over budget due to extra Comments printed for the assembly. Bulk mail costs are going down this month, so mail costs will drop around \$5.00 a month. There was a production error in the quote in the April 2016 Comments on page 2. The quote should have read, "And I think it's the conclusion of every delegate who has been there that yes, we should take these things over." (Bill W., 1954).

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Nicolas G.*: We printed 198 Comentarios, and sent 195. We will need the minutes from the assembly to start translation.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: We had a discussion on what to take back from the Pre Conference. Describe what you heard, felt and saw. Also bring back information on the subjects your groups participated in. Many shared about their personal experiences at the assembly. There was a question on Anonymity following an observation of people videotaping the past delegates' song for archival purposes. Next month: "How we do business and voting at the Area and Assemblies."

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: Today we shared on the Pre-Conference: One thing I think is the language book and pamphlets are very important// I think the statement about "men are better at business" should be removed from the Service Manual.// AA is competing with other recovery institutions now; it is not like 1935.// The most important thing for me was the process. Seeing that every voice is heard.// Money mix in the hat; our district reviewed the budget and distributed the extra money locally. It would be great to do it globally.

NCCAA *Linda G.*: We are having our next conference in Santa Rosa on June 10, 11 and 12. There will be Spanish translation and AI-Anon. We will be also discussing the inventory notes. I need two panelists for the service panel on Sunday at 9:00. We now have our Good News letters on the website, including issues from previous years.

H&I *Diane O.*: Thank-you all for your contributions to H&I. We will be amending our H&I handbook and will approve soon, and will have more copies available. Our next steering committee meeting is May 14 in Sacramento, and our next General Committee meeting will be on June 12 in Santa Rosa. We are looking forward to our H&I conference in Santa Rosa on April 29, 30 and May 1. Information is on our website at www.handinorcal.org

NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP *Laura W.*: We will be hosting the 20th NAAAW on September 8-11, 2016. We are working hard to prepare. If you are interested in participating in the opportunity, please let us know. Please pass this service opportunity to your Districts and Groups. We currently have 38 registrations and we need 300 to meet the financial commitments. Our web site is NAAAW2016.org, and you can now register on line.

LA VINA ANNIVERSARY *Nicolas G.*: Visited 3 groups this month for full reports on the anniversary. On 4/10/16 attended workshop in Earlemont CA. I was given the opportunity to share my experience in LV and it produced a lot of interest in LV. 4/17/16 I attended the monthly meeting for the 20th Anniversary with the steering committee, where they gave an updated full report with a total of 5 areas present. The committee will be giving their final report on 6/12/16 at Area 93. Total income to date is \$8,433.53 with expenses of \$6,246.18. There have been 274 subscriptions.

Housekeeping Motions:

That the Area Archives Committee purchase shelving at a cost not to exceed \$190.00 to allow storage space for the boxes that are currently stored on the floor. -- Presented by the Archives Committee

Background: It is not appropriate to store documents on boxes on the floor. This is an archives approved shelving.

No Objections: Motion Passed.

(Seventh Tradition and Break) 1:45 to 2:00pm)

Discussion Topic:

Should our assemblies have a standard rotation similar to what PRAASA had done? Right now we use the Bid process and there is no one saying that they did not have a chance to have the experience, and there are never many districts making the bid for the same assembly. There seems to be no need.// I am not in favor of doing something like this. There is spiritual growth to the District in this process. Our district is very expensive and would have to pass every time, as to not cause a financial burden to the area.// I like this more than I don't. If would provide some structure for some districts to have the experience to do this. There is good flexibility that can be put in that all district could participate.// The cost of the facility have doubled everywhere. We are going to have to get used to assemblies costing more. This is a problem in all districts and we are going to have to address the issue of assembly cost as a whole.// My area is expensive, and you would have a lot of time to plan, but maybe the chair of the area could look around for facilities that would be acceptable. Right now we have Districts coming together to prepare for assemblies. If we were told we need to do something, this would make me want to say no.// My understanding is that you will have the ability to say no, or ask for help from another District. This may give a district the push they need to participate.// I like the idea as long as it is flexible. Some Districts don't have facilities that would work for certain assemblies, but it would give all districts the ability to participate.// If we adopt a pattern of rotation, we would need to be careful the order we assign. We need to make sure we take into consideration the cost of each

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district and to not place all expensive areas in one year.// How do you define rotation? I think it is a good idea, but would like to have the rotation defined.// On the rotation process, this would eliminate the current panel making a commitment for a future panel.// I thought this was a good idea, but after thinking a little more, there are many different assemblies. To have a rotation it is going to be an assigned assembly, and if there is not facility the district would have a problem. The current process allows the District to choose the assembly they can host. We are thinking about making a bid for next year, but we are wondering which assembly we could have.// How does PRAASA do it, I think we need some background has to how it is done.// It feels a little like a third legacy process for each district to experience and allow a district to participate that just needs a little push.// Maybe money could be a problem for Districts and maybe they think they don't have enough people. I think this might make it easier for them to participate.// This process starts with putting up your hand and saying let's do an assembly; then you are committed and you have to follow through. But I do like the idea of rotation, it would be a long lead time for the Districts. The cost and clumping expensive districts together could be worked out in the process. Maybe it is a good idea to have an assembly reserve set aside to cover expensive assemblies.// To have a set time to have an assembly may be helpful for districts. We can think of all the reasons not to have one; the reasons could be worked out if there was a lot of time for the Districts to prepare.// This would help Districts participate in this process.// We have hosted a lot of assemblies in our District and we would have some problems with rotation as far as the district having an assembly scheduled that they do not have a facility available.// There are some districts that are small, and do not participate in this process. The rotation would encourage the district to host an assembly. We need to have some motivation for these districts and this is one answer.// I can't think of anything more that would freak my district out other than holding an assembly, and I think that would be a good thing. With the rotation process this would give the districts a little bit of the responsibility theory.// There are challenges to this process: the money, the facility and other things. We just hosted an assembly and there was a lot of growth to the problem-solving at our District. This was really an outreach to our groups and have participation from members that could experience GS.// << Discussion to continue next month. >>

Discussion Topic:

Should the area form an "Access Committee"

An access committee can be thought of as a special needs committee. Our district works with members who have barriers to attending a meeting. Wheelchairs, small children, hearing problems, etc.// Sometimes these committees are done by local Intergroup; this would be a great idea for getting people together to discuss solutions to these committees.// We were discussing our inventory at the I&T committee today, and one of the discussions was about what barriers are out there for members that are unable to show up & participate at the General Service level as to ACM & assemblies.// We need to focus more on us continuing to participate. If we keep participating this would attract others to participate.// This was discussed in Panel 55, and at that time there was no help from GSO as to a committee. Now there is a committee at GSO that participates in the conference committee. We would have help from NY now. Maybe we need to combine with our I&T committee. It has brought up great discussions at my district regarding this topic.// We had time today in our committee & have some time to discuss. I think

we need to do some research if there is a need for members to get to the ACM and the Assemblies, that the districts are not able to help, maybe we could contact the I&T committee. If there is a need right now, let the committee know.// There is a group in my district that takes meetings to members at their home. This seems to be a nice idea that we provided a place for these members who provide this service to share ideas.// The first thing we ask, is there a need? Second, who would fill this need? We don't have any information on how much of this is being provided at a local level and are they adequate and not fractured. We need to get a picture on what is taking place now, and define what that committee would actually do and how it would interface with the local districts.// Access involves more than just being sure people attend meetings. We have had workshops on special issues in our District and, as a result, there are meetings that are starting to meet these needs. This would be a great place for us to share ideas and solutions.// I have gone to a couple of workshops at District 12, and I think it would be helpful to us to have a resource for this information and how we can facilitate these needs.// Maybe if something comes out of this discussion, we could form an ad hoc to find out what the needs are and what can be done and not done, and where it would be solved.// The concept of access vs special needs can be as easy as "Do I have enough money to attend this event?" Babysitting and mental health issues could be involved. The more you look at this service, the more you find out what is needed. I think this a great idea.// I have been to some of these workshops and I have gotten to know members who have special needs. This has made me aware of the needs, and creates fellowship and unity.// I am hearing two different things: one is attending meetings and the other is attending General Service events. The access part of this service would be the same, but the issues would be different. We would have to look at what issues the area committee would get involved, or if we are just looking for a place for members to share ideas.// The responsibility statement comes to mind for me about reaching out our hand. The primary message to carry the message. We only have one signing meeting at our district. I wonder how many people are missing out on our message because we don't have access.// At my district I never had an issue with babysitting, someone always was available to help me when I was attending. I never had to ask for help, but I received it. I let go of all the excuses of participation and the barriers that occurred, but I really think this service needs to stay at the district level. << Discussion to continue next month. >>

"What's On Your Mind?"

I was the chair of the Pre Conference for 2016. We had a great experience that started 19 months ago. We met on a monthly meeting and had over 200 volunteers. This was a great way for us to discuss General Service. I provided the comments and emails to the committee and I put that together and read all your comments to the committee. The Marin center was very impressed that we had so many volunteers and the facility was left in better shape than what we found it in. They would like to have us back soon.// The Sober 5150s will be having a mini-conference and 20th anniversary party on May 21, noon to 3 p.m. at the Forest Hill Christian Church in San Francisco. A flyer will be available on our website soon.// District 12 is having its Delegate's BBQ in June. Flyers are on the table.// The Post Conference assembly dinner will be on May 13th. We still have space available.// We had 10 out of 12 GSRs participate at the pre-conference. We discussed the issue that there were 2 times seeing members taking pictures at the convention. There was also a video of the Past Delegates and there was not mention of what this

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was being used for.// The archives have always taken a video of the Past Delegates singing to the current Delegate at the Pre Conference.// Area 31.org (access committee) has an access committee & has some info. on the website that you could look at for more info.

The meeting was closed at 3:00 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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

CNCA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2016 Pre Conference Assembly

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held on April 09, 2016 at Marin County Civic Center, San Rafael, California. The meeting was opened at 9:00 by Joann L., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Tobias of District 10. John of District 9 read the Traditions in English and Nora of District 18 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were 6 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Nancy H. (Panel 49), Doug G. (Panel 53), David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee Director of AAWS, Ken M. (Panel 61), and Padee M. (Panel 63); and Greg M. -- Past Pacific Regional Trustee. The minutes from the Fall Assembly were approved as written. Registered attendance: Voting= 389, Non-voting= 210.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: I have received information on the Pacific Regional Forum that is up and running for registration. I sent that to you with an updated link: http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

The hotel is the Hilton Waikoloa Village, 69-425 Waikoloa Beach Drive, Waikoloa, HI 96738 (808) 886-1234) from Friday September – October 2, 2016. I have brought leftover conference reports and the last three years' conference inventory compendiums and I would like for some volunteers to take them to groups that don't have GSR's to allow them to be part of. There are also two voice recorders if you are willing to share your story for seven minutes on different topics that I received from the GV/LV editors. The volunteers will be recording on breaks or lunchtime without interfering with our agenda. Thank-you all for participating in the process of the 66th General Service Conference. I will be leaving on Wednesday the 13th. The deadline for you to send your group's conscience by email will be Tuesday the 12th. There are some extra cards for you to use in case you need them for your group conscience.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.: Looking forward to sitting up here with our Delegate, and Recording Secretary Barbara. Taking copious notes of each member that brings their group conscience to the microphone. Listening with an open mind, capturing the message of the heart of your groups, and through you, to our Delegate. Raymundo will then take off for NY with your informed group conscience. Then returning to share in his Delegate Report the results of everyone's hard work, along with his personal life-changing experiences as a result of Conference Week. Try to relax and enjoy that spiritual principle of trust. "Our entire AA program rest squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we Trust AA and we trust each other." Sit back and enjoy this wonderful day of service.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: I am the keeper of lost and found. If you have misplaced anything, please come up and look. There are three items on the agenda that are old business. I will not be asking how you would like to vote if they come to

a vote by the assembly. All three will change area policy and we will be requiring a 2/3 majority or substantial unanimity. TREASURER *Teddy BW*: The state of our treasury is sound: \$9,932.23 in the bank, + \$9,195.18 in prudent reserve. The finance reports are published in the Comments each month. It is not for me to tell you what to put in the basket. If the total cost of the assembly is divided by the anticipated attendance, the cost per member is \$31.00 today – plus \$5.00 has been spent on food today. There is one end of the perspective that shows that you feel that you should put in what you can for yourself and those who can't afford, to the other end of the perspective that feels that the group contributions should pay for all assembly costs.

REGISTRAR *Ray W.*: As of today at 9:30, we have 406 registered. If you have not registered, please do so as soon as you can. We use these numbers for food preparation. The voting members today are the GSR's, DCM's and DCMC's and Area Officers, or alternates to all if the person you are an alternate to is not present.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S.*: Please remember that when you are at the mic, remember that notes are being taken and you are also being translated by the translators. Please speak slowly and clearly so that all can hear and understand what you say.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q.*: Thank you District 10 for a wonderful day. This assembly has been 2 years in the planning. I want to remind you that our Post Conference is May 14, over in Burlingame. Flyers are on the back table by Registration, in English and Spanish, and will be posted on the CNCA 06 website.

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Augustin L.*: What is new with our literature is "Pass It On" has now been put on e-books. There is a list of all books that can be purchased in e-book format on this form. All are in English and some are available in French and/or Spanish. We are having a GV challenge from March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. It is with the arbor cards, and the area that receives the most arbor cards turned in will be featured in the GV in 2017.

Area Sub-Committees – First Quarter Reports 2016

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: CNCA houses and displays its archives in Walnut Creek. Monthly scheduled workshops allow access to our archives, and also opportunities for the CNCA Archives Committee to do its work. The Archives Committee continues to work on tweaking our new catalogue system and inventorying items. This ongoing project has made a lot of progress in getting our Repository organized. We are always grateful to receive Group Histories. Group Histories really are the backbone of Archives, so please check with your District or Intergroup Archivists to see if we have one for your group. In September we will be hosting the "National AA Archives Workshop" at the Concord Hilton. Please consider attending. Registration is open: you can register online, or in person. See Laura W. today if you have any questions about registration. Translation will be provided and we have information on the Archives

Balance Sheet March 2016

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position As of March 31, 2016

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
B of A Checking	8,870.46
B of A Savings	9,195.41
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 18,065.87
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	1,599.78
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,599.78
Other current assets	
Assembly Deposits	2,256.90
Total Other current assets	\$ 2,256.90
Total Current Assets	\$ 21,922.55
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	245.26
Advance From Officer	940.12
Due to Districts	121.43
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 1,306.81
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,306.81
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,306.81
Equity	
3900 Operating Funds - Adjusted	16,079.65
Prudent Reserve	9,194.86
Net Revenue	-4,658.77
Total Equity	\$ 20,615.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 21,922.55

Contributions should be payable to "CNCA" and sent to:

California Northern Coastal Area General Service
PO Box 884222
San Francisco
CA 94188-4222

Expense Report March 2016

California Northern Coastal Area Budget vs. Actuals: 2016 Budget - FY16 P&L January - March, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Assembly Contributions		0.00	0.00	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions		24.00	-24.00	0.00%
District Contributions	5,583.57	6,500.00	-916.43	85.90%
Group Contributions	22,700.19	26,000.00	-3,299.81	87.31%
H & I Archives Rent		500.00	-500.00	0.00%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.08	1.00	-0.92	8.00%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	100.00	300.00	-200.00	33.33%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	985.00	960.00	25.00	102.60%
Total Revenue	\$ 29,368.84	\$ 34,285.00	-\$ 4,916.16	85.66%
Gross Profit	\$ 29,368.84	\$ 34,285.00	-\$ 4,916.16	85.66%
Expenditures				
Committee Expense	4,559.00	6,655.25	-2,096.25	68.50%
Delegate Expense	2,135.26	2,223.00	-87.74	96.05%
General Expense	20,619.10	8,383.50	12,235.60	245.95%
Officer Expense	6,716.74	7,435.74	-719.00	90.33%
Total Expenditures	\$ 34,030.10	\$ 24,697.49	\$ 9,332.61	137.79%
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 4,661.26	\$ 9,587.51	-\$ 14,248.77	-48.62%
Other Revenue				
Refunds/Rebates	100.00		100.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	
Other Expenditures				
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	-0.49		-0.49	
Total Other Expenditures	-\$ 0.49	\$ 0.00	-\$ 0.49	
Net Other Revenue	\$ 100.49	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.49	
Net Revenue	-\$ 4,560.77	\$ 9,587.51	-\$ 14,148.28	-47.57%

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display table.

BRIDGING THE GAP Bill B.: Our committee has handled 388 contacts, vs. 440 for Panel 63 2014 pre-conference assembly. The ACM approved extending the short-term correspondence pilot program for 6 months from March 26, 2016. This is intended to match members on the inside with sober members on the outside who correspond with them about AA recovery while they await release. At present there are 21 active AA members inside participating in the program. 8 had asked to participate and either been denied parole or have stopped writing. We have had training at District 8, and volunteers from Districts 04, 40, 06, 08, 10 and 15. We would like to have more districts recruiting volunteers. We are having our forum on 10/15/16 in San Jose. More information will follow at a later date.

FINANCE Russ A.: Newly revised Expense Reimbursement Guidelines for the Area were completed and presented to the ACM last October. Following vigorous loving discussions, the revised Guidelines were approved in February at the ACM. Our Treasurer successfully completed the migration of our accounts to the online version of QuickBooks in January. This has been worth the effort and will facilitate better cash management and smoother budget planning going forward. We will be updating the CNCA website with information about the duties of the Finance Committee. Financial statements are now published on the website and are easy to read and understand. Contributions continued to improve through the end of Panel 65 and have remained steady through the first quarter of this panel.

PI/CPC Phil B.: The committee has been busy with monthly discussion topics, including one that would be considered outside the box. Taking an actual AA meeting into a Sheriff's Department. After some pro and con discussions, the meeting took place. The report back was positive and it created an interest in other departments. The last two months have been all about the PI/CPC Agenda Topics. We held sharing sessions on PI -- Item B 1 and 2 and E. CPC Item B was also discussed. This month we will be hearing local reports and discussing the Feasibility Study, along with the Pre Conference Assembly. We meet at 11:00 every fourth Saturday at the ACM. All are welcome.

WEBSITE Cheryl G.: During January through March our committee took its inventory, had two ad hoc committees working on Policies and Procedures and are finalizing those documents in committee. We are awaiting more information about the 2016 NAATW event before bringing any House-keeping Motion to send a person to this year's event. Our server team have been the only ones working on e-mail accounts. The suggestion forms are on the web table.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION Claudia N.: We started off our 1st quarter doing an inventory of our committee, looking at what we can improve on and what we do well. One of our questions was to continue to look into the growing needs of Spanish language materials, other languages and how we can help our area meet those needs. We are looking at the current equipment again and preparing for this next year by inventorying equipment and purchasing what is needed to have it all up and running for the many requests we have had. Our committee has come up with a good start to a glossary to help our translators keep our message clear. We had a request for ASL for our Post Conference Assembly and produced a flyer to get the message out to as many as possible. Our translation chair continues to get requests regularly and has been quite busy during this time with Agenda Topics as well as the different committees that are requesting their minutes be translated into Spanish. As these requests get more and more frequent I am reminded what a

valuable service we are providing to continue to unite us all. We continue to look into other ways to make sure that all can hear the message no matter what language. We have radios to sell at the assembly to enable as many people as possible the ability to hear all the voices of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Housekeeping Motions:

None

Area Assembly Business

Presentation of New Business:

Motion: NONE

Old Business:

Motion:

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

Discussion: My group feels that we need to keep this sub-district. This gives us access to closer leaders that are closer and encourages participation.// This is an issue that needs to be resolved within their District. It seems to be punitive on the surface.// We are not in support with this motion. We understand that Sub District 02 does not want this motion.// Before this motion became Assembly Business, District 16 officers and the area officers discussed this issue. The decision at that time was to make this Assembly Business. This separation should have taken place in 2003, when sub-district 002 of District 16 became Sub district 006 of District 07. I believe that the Area Officers and District Officers failed to follow through at that time. We have been working on this for a long time ago, so when this panel started we felt that it needed to be finished and the follow through needed to be completed. We are not asking or kicking out any group from District 16, but we want to work in unity, but now the groups from this sub-district 002 have not attended our District meeting for 3 years. So now we would like to act as one sub-district and follow our guidelines to participate in unity to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.// My sub-district felt that this should not be done at this time. Although there have been changes to the structure of District, this needs to be worked out at a district level.// We have restructured in order to live the traditions, and we have attended meetings, assemblies and PRAASA and we are against this motion from what we learned at these events.// Under Warranty 5 of the Service Manual it states that "No Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement of public controversy."// Our Group feels this is punitive and under Warranty 5 is against our principle of service.// Our sub district is opposed to this motion, because we think they need to work in unity. We consider this punitive.

<< Motion to stay as Old Business at the Post Conference 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 a DCM and/or DCMC.

Discussion: We are opposed to this as our District. Here are some of the reasons I heard: We should trust the process. There is already an abundance of members available for this service. This would extend the assembly length of the election. This could take away from members being available to serve at the district level and as district committee chairs. There is already a large absence of DCM's at districts. Anyone could come back and become a DCM if

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they feel they are ready for area service. This sounds like it is principles before personalities. This is too general; it sounds like members can come back that are not active in service now and make themselves available. The minority was, that there are always great people in service. This motion would allow them to come back and be of service.// This motion should pass, we would gain a lot of valuable experience, and this would eliminate the moving around to a position to be available as an area officer. It may increase the election assembly time, but you would get a wider more qualified people.// We think we should not include the Alt – DCMC and we should include to the committees and sub committees.// I feel safe with the current way this is done. If I don't see members active in a position, I don't have confidence making a vote without knowing who the person is. We need to trust God. Maybe if they are not in that position, they are not ready.// When we discussed this at the ACM, it was not about being moving out of service. The motion states that they must be current. Currently if someone is a DCM and does not make themselves available as an officer, but goes to a standing committee, they are not eligible. As we consider this, we need to consider the member that is currently active through committee participation at Area.// I have experience at District at going into a committee, and I am not available to be of service somewhere else. When we listen at the election assembly, I hope we are listening to the qualifications of the member. In the Concepts it states that we do not vote for someone that is not qualified.

The chair asked if the assembly was ready to vote and the assembly was ready to vote.

<<Vote: 180 YES 60 NO 35 ABSTAIN>>

Minority Opinion: I don't disagree with this in principle, but the motion is letting members be elected as officers when they are not voting members currently at the ACM or assembly. The alternates that it is allowing to be elected are not part of the voting members; that's kind of strange. It would also change the spirituality of our election assembly as we currently do it. In order to implement this, we would have to establish a system of registration. If you were going to have to be eligible, you would have to turn in a resume, you would have to be registered. You would also have to register in the morning of the assembly to let us know you were here, to be part of the roll call. As we do it now, we had 135 members eligible at our last assembly. We were able to call each one of their names and they were able to say they were available or not available. I know several officers that did not make that decision until the day they were driving to the assembly. We would lose the spirituality of that process and it would become more of a bureaucracy. Unless we could bring a new motion to allow all those members that are going to be eligible to become voting members, I don't think this is a good idea.// In the prior panels I was an alternate to a position; this motion came to us during that panel. I question the motive it makes when you need to be concerned to what position I need to take to make myself available. That's sounds like ego.// Our literature talks about the process of voting going to the hat, and in that process by the time that person would come to the hat, they would surely be qualified. I think we would lose that if we change to this policy. On page S24 of our current service manual, under spirit of rotation states, "To step out of an AA office we love can be hard. If we have been doing a good job, if we honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if our friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth -- a step into humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity."// I don't think we

should change this. It would increase the time of the election, and in the current election process, there is always members available. This would add to the amount of voters at the assembly, and dilute the power of the group's vote.// I can see members talking about the future of our area; if we open the process too wide, it would be opening our area to members available that are not ready to serve.// This would cause some problems with the election process. We don't have the availability of tracking past DCM's and DCMC's. We would have to establish a process that people would have to let us know in advance that they are available in order to manage the process, unless you want to a 10 to 14-hour process to hold elections.// I think this would take away the opportunity of the active member in service to be available. The past members may be good at service, but they might not be current with what is going around now. The 9th Concept talks about choosing people that are qualified to do service and not the most popular.// There is a lot of needs in the District to service, not the areas. We need more help with encouraging the members to service at the District, not widen area service.// If everyone had the right to vote, including the inactive member, are they taking away from the voting member that are now active.// I believe that those of us who step back and choose nothing will still be of service. Those who like the power would continue to rotate in service until they were elected to area.

<Motion to reconsider was made and seconded: 148 YES 90 NO>

<< Motion to stay as Old Business at the Post Conference Assembly. >>

Motion:

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

Discussion: We are against this. There is too many things that could happen and the pamphlet could not cover them all. One good thought was that maybe we could add a column to the GV.// I have learned that this is an issue but it speaks to the heart on AA's anonymity.// We feel that it is the group's responsibility to make a safe environment. Each group has different environments, and with monies we don't think we need to spend the money right now.// We are in favor because it states the "we develop." This shows that it is not rules and there are so many different things that could happen, it would show things that my group never thought of. It is more dangerous than in the 30's.// We were opposed; if it does get done, group safety is not a good name. Elders will show us the way.// We are heading down a fear-based slippery slope.// Those in favor said it would help identify different safety issues.// We are in favor of this motion at our Sub District, but the minority voice stated that Tradition 4 states that each group is autonomous.// Tradition 10 has no opinion on outside issues. Others stated that group safety is not an outside issue, it is important to provide a safe group.// We have literature at our group for group safety that we have developed for our group. We are always seeking more information from other groups and members so we are in favor.// We feel that group safety should be handled on a case by case basis.// Maybe we could add something to the woman's pamphlet about this, and maybe adding a question about safety to the group inventory questions.// My group stated that "group safety" was not a good word; maybe safety in AA.// They seemed that the motion was too vague to get an information decision.// Maybe not a pamphlet, this might scare people off, but maybe workshops, something in the GV. Business meetings can get very angry, maybe a guideline to the secretary would be better.// This seems that maybe this

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is a group inventory question instead of a pamphlet.// Throughout the year, this has been a discussion point at PRAASA. We could put this information in a pamphlet that is just exchanging experiences through it. This would give the new members an ability to express how they feel.// Most secretaries don't know how to handle this, and we deal with it after the fact. That is too late. Most people don't know how to handle an emergency; this might help with guidance in these matters. // Our society does not respond as warm and fuzzy as they used to. There have been law cases where members have sued AA for members being hurt in AA. There is a problem, and we would be showing as a society as a whole we do have a problem and we are working on a solution.// In my home group we often have problems because there is not a lot of security in our group. We talk a lot about this in business meeting, and there is no reference we can use; it becomes a personal issue at that point.// This is a good idea, the title is a working title. It is the personal responsible of the group but that is easier said than done. Having experience written down would be helpful to members that need answers.// We don't want newcomers being 13th stepped in a meeting.// This would discourage people from staying.// Violence could have a good general suggestion on how to handle this. If the group is not safe, people do not want to come.// In my group we had some old-timers talk to the member about their behavior in a positive way.// Maybe if we had a pamphlet it would not be so ugly.// Secretaries and members would have a better understand on how to let people know that this behavior is not acceptable.// I think each group is autonomous. In every group there is old-timers that can inform all newcomers about this. It is the responsibility of every member to take responsibility for this.// When a newcomer comes into a group it is important that they have this knowledge to be sure they don't become a victim of other members.// I work in the mental health field, and we take classes and are educated in safety. When groups come together there is always a chance for safety issues. We need to be sure everyone is secure about their personal safety. // As my group grew we developed safety issues. I looked to other fellowships and other groups because there was not any literature on this. We have developed a policy on these issues. Maybe this would help new groups deal with this before it happens. // My group was in favor of this because this is just like the real world, and we need more information from others.// As to the lawsuit against AA, we did not settle out of court, we were removed from the lawsuit.// Good loving discussion at group and personal level can help promote love and tolerance.// I have been present where emergency calls have been made based on situations. Most of these are handled by the secretary. I am glad for elders that can help make suggestions that can be followed.// I would like to see this added to our existing pamphlets, like the "AA Groups," "Sponsorship," "The Newcomer Asks." It would put this information where people would look. I would like to see something that says if there is a crime, call the police.// I was involved in an unsafe situation and it was dealt with by the senior members of my fellowship. I was grateful for this. I like the idea about articles in the GV.// I don't like the pamphlet because I would not like it to be seen by outside people. If they are not familiar with AA this would give them the wrong idea. I do like the GV, workshops, along with strong training for our secretaries.// When I was a secretary in a group that was in a large homeless population, and a member who was a chair and a homeless member verbally assaulted him. I don't think a pamphlet is a good idea, but I like the conversation taking place in the GV.// There are lots of ways to injure

a member.// I had seen members assaulted at an AA facility, someone that was assaulted by a member never returned to AA. This goes to the heart of Tradition One. We need to inform secretaries about behavior that is not acceptable and against our traditions.// Sometimes I think we can be bottom heavy with our structure and looking to GSO for pamphlets. Maybe local level would be more helpful.// This is not just an AA issue; I think it takes place in the world. I don't know that a pamphlet would help.// Newcomers don't have the language or the skills to open a conversation.// I don't want to see law enforcement involved in a meeting. Each group should be autonomous.// A pamphlet would be helpful. It is not something that is not known. I was at a meeting once where I was threatened. I called for strength, and the man did come.// I think the message would get out better if we directed this to a publication that could deal with it.// I think we need a pamphlet that would deliver the safety message for members.// I was a secretary at a meeting where it came to my attention that there was a member threatening other members. After talking to the group it was crystal clear that we needed to call the police.// I don't think a pamphlet is a good place for this. I think this is a discussion that could take place in the GV.// We have a statement in our group that no member should interrupt the group or another member. We would like to see this in a pamphlet with some general guidelines.// This is on the agenda at the Trustees Literature Committee; this has come up before and other structures have looked at this. The committee is in the process of reviewing other requests that have been received. Whether it is a guideline or a pamphlet, it is always based on experience of the members. If this is produced it would be based on the experience of our members.// There is good material out there from members on this in the GV.// I do believe safety is an issue, but laws and issues happen at local level and this needs may need to be addressed at a more local level instead of a blanket AA issue.// I'm grateful to the members that protected me till I was informed and educated to be a member of AA. I as question, there are tools out there that you can find, but you need to look for them. It is up to me to lead by example and I need to protect the member of AA along with AA.

<< Motion to stay as Old Business at the Post Conference Assembly. >>

'What's On Your Mind?' Thank you all. We have about 200 volunteers helping today.// I would like Area 06 to acknowledge passed area officers who have gone to the Big Meeting in the Sky.// We should be careful with the Big Book. The plain language is not necessary.// If you are all having fun today and you would like to have that fun in your District, we still have 7 assemblies open for next panel. This could help you District.// Thank you to the interpreters. // Regarding the District 16 motion, I have no idea what that is all about.// If you open the door for atheism, you need to open for Christians too.// Love and service is holding a history day for women of AA.// We would like to invite you to the post conference assembly on May 14. There are flyers available for the dinner on May 13. The flyers are available on the table by Registration.// One thing I did not hear about the plain language big book, if the fellowship gets to approve and review the translation.// This is my first year in GS, I am learning so much about patience, maturity and growth.// We are having a 20th annual AA archives workshop on the 2nd week of September. We need some volunteers to be of service. We have large commitments and small commitments available for as much or as little as you would like to do.// All this discussion is about what is the best way to help the

CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS MAY 2016

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion Topic:

- Should our assemblies have a standard rotation similar to what PRAASA has done?
- Should the Area form an Access Committee?

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old 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."

New Business at Area Assembly:

- "That all Area business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity, usually 2/3."
- "That CNCA moves to reintroduce the following section (From page 6 of the AA Member – Medications & Other Drugs, Revised 2011 and also from the 1998 edition of Living Sober page 89) in "Appendix*" in Living Sober (2012 edition). Placement of the below text will follow the current section **Note to medical professionals** (page 90)":

"Some alcoholics require medication.

We recognize that alcoholics are not immune to other diseases. Some of us have had to cope with depressions that can be suicidal; schizophrenia that sometimes requires hospitalization; bipolar disorder, and other mental and biological illnesses. Also among us are diabetics, epileptics, members with heart trouble, cancer,

allergies, hypertension, and many other serious physical conditions. Because of the difficulties that many alcoholics have with drugs, some members have taken the position that no one in A.A. should take any medication. While this position has undoubtedly prevented relapses for some it has meant disaster for others. A.A. members and many of their physicians have described situations in which depressed patients have been told by A.A.s to throw away the pills, only to have depression return with all its difficulties, sometimes resulting in suicide. We have heard, too, from members with other conditions, including schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, epilepsy and others requiring medication, that well-meaning A.A. friends discourage them from taking any prescribed medication. Unfortunately, by following a layperson's advice, the sufferers find that their conditions can return with all their previous intensity. On top of that, they feel guilty because they are convinced that "A.A. is against pills." It becomes clear that just as it is wrong to enable or support any alcoholic to become readdicted to any drug, it's equally wrong to deprive any alcoholic of medication, which can alleviate or control other disabling physical and/or emotional problems." *Presented by District 07*

- "That language similar to the following be added to the section "How Decisions Affecting A.A. Are Made" in "The A.A. Group" pamphlet at the conclusion of the following sentence: Annually, groups from the U.S. and Canada elect delegates (serving two-year terms) from their areas to the yearly meeting of the Conference in New York -- to hear the reports of the board's committees, G.S.O. and Grapevine staffs, and to recommend future directions, mainly in the form of Advisory Actions.

"Prior to the annual General Service Conference a list of important issues to be discussed during the Conference is published and made available to each and every Group in the U.S. and Canada. Because these issues make up a part of the entire General Service Conference Agenda, they are referred to as Agenda Topics. Every Group in the U.S. and Canada has the opportunity to review, discuss, and develop an informed Group Conscience on these Agenda Topics. The Group's GSR then carries the Group's Conscience on Conference Agenda Topics to the Area's Delegate, usually at an Area Assembly prior to the General Service Conference. The Area Delegate then represents the collective conscience of the Groups in the Area at the General Service Conference on these matters vital to A.A. as a whole."
Presented by District 11

CNCA CALENDAR

2016—Panel 65

May	14—Post Conference Assembly Machinist Hall, Burlingame (Hosted by Districts 04 and 05)	September	27—Area Committee Mtg 8-11 20th National AA Archives Workshop in Walnut Creek
June	28—Area Committee Mtg 10-12—69th NCCAA Summer Conference , Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa	October	24—Area Committee Mtg 30 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional Forum in Waikola, Hawaii
July	25—Area Committee Mtg 23—Area Committee Mtg 23-24—20th Anniversary La Viña Celebration Holiday Inn, Phoenix West, AZ	November	15—BTG Forum Hoover Theatre, San Jose 22—Area Committee Mtg 5—Election Assembly Scottish Rite Center, San Jose (Hosted by District 17)
August	6—Summer Assembly Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Santa Cruz (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)	December	26—Area Committee Mtg 17—Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

2016 Post-conference Assembly
May 14; Machinist Hall, Burlingame
(Hosted by Districts 04 and 05)

2016 Summer Assembly
August 6; Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Santa Cruz
(Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)

2016 Fall Election Assembly
November 5, Scottish Rite Center, San Jose
(Hosted by District 17)

PANEL 67 ASSEMBLY DATES

2017 Pre-conference Assembly
April 8-9

2017 Post-conference Assembly
May 13, Lake County Fairgrounds, Lakeport
(Hosted by District 13)

2017 Summer Assembly
August 5 or August 12

2017 Fall Inventory Assembly
November 11

2018 Pre-conference Assembly
April 7-8

2018 Post-conference Assembly
May 12 or May 19

2018 Summer Assembly
August 4 or August 11

2018 Fall Election Assembly
November 10

(Underline dates preferred)

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newcomer. The discussion needs to stay on this.// The GV covers a lot of the topics we talk about every year.// We have collected a total of \$2,763.00 in the 7th tradition today.// This is my first assembly and think that we should translate to plain language.// Please remember to reach out to the newcomer GSR.// Have we looked at other 12 step programs to see what others are doing? Maybe if we look at the way they do things could help us being more attractive.// This year we had some negative ideas on the new ideas we had as agenda topics. We need to take a step back and not be afraid of new ideas.// Bill W.'s writing moves me every time I read it. It is not the language of the 30's, it is from the late 1800's. If we translate to a plain language, it should be writ-

ten next to the original text.// I would like to see the GV come up with a book for those with mental health issues.// I think our reliance on literature as a means of support is outdated. The young people are used to getting free information; if we were giving it for free they would be loading up on this.// Plain language is 80 years old. AA should own the version that is printed, not someone else.//

The meeting closed at 11: 56 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted by Barbara S.
CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

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