



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview – August 2016

While we were gathering in Petaluma for the July Area Committee meeting, the La Viña 20th Anniversary was taking place in Phoenix, Arizona. I am looking forward to hearing how it went.

The Ad Hoc Committee on exploring the feasibility of future CNCA assemblies gave us a brief report on their progress. Any questions or comments can be given to Erica S. of District 5.

We had a presentation of new Business:

- That CNCA form an ACCESS Committee.

The motion was later withdrawn and will **not** be presented at the next assembly.

There was some discussion on the two items of new business. They were:

- That CNCA fund one Website committee person, at a cost not to exceed \$1200, to attend the 3 day National A.A. Technology Workshop to be held Friday November 18th through November 20th in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- That CNCA accept contributions and payments electronically.

Both of these items will be Old Business at the August Area Committee Meeting. Please discuss these in your district meetings.

We also had a report from Shaun, Chair of NCCAA, about their up-coming 70th Anniversary conference in 2017. Lots of participation and speakers from GSO will be at this event. Check out their website, norcalaa.org, for information on all their events.

Please make your plans to attend the Summer Assembly at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Hotels in this area can be pricey. Contact district03dcmc@gmail.com for Hospitality needs.

As always, please bring your AM/FM radios to all CNCA events.

In service and gratitude,
Joann L.

CNCA Area Chair Panel 65

I recently attended the 20th Anniversary of La Viña. Even though I was able to attend only for one day on Sunday, I had a great experience, I was able to see familiar faces that have been participating from the fifteenth anniversary in Bakersfield but it was good to see a lot of new faces with great enthusiasm looking towards the future, enjoying the progress that this events is giving to all of us. The 21st Anniversary will be celebrated at Area 93, more to be revealed. There are other States from other Regions that would like to be part of our Regional celebration but there are others that are doing their own celebration. I had a long conversation with one of our members at the airport on our way back, that he wish that there was an event like this for the Grapevine and we thought that if we continue supporting our event it will be so cool to celebrate them together. Thanks to you all for your support on carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

I have just received an Email from David R. from Licensing Publication Department with an update on recording the long form 12 Concepts in English, Spanish and French. This came at the end of Panel 63 from District 17 as a motion, but the Area agreed that it was not necessary to go through the process because the request was for audio recording on existing literature. He said that could possibly make them available online for you to be able to listen to them, as we currently have the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. I will keep you posted on new information.

I would like to remind you that the due date to book your reservations for Pacific Regional Forum in Hawaii is going to be September 8th for those who are planning to attend; you can make your reservation at Hilton Waikoloa Village (808)886-1234 group code PRF. It would be a great opportunity to bring our pass it on home since we will be the hosting it in 2018. Also I would like to remind you about our 20th National Archives Workshop September 8-11th 2016, more information at www.naaaw2016.org. It will be an experience that we don't want to miss, and the BTG Forum October 15, 2016.

I would like to thank one of our Grapevine District Chairs that sent me an article from one of our members in prison; I forwarded to the Grapevine and it would be nice if it could be published. I will keep you informed.

My most eternal gratitude to all of you who've been attending my Districts Delegates Reports. It has been the ride of my life, sometimes it's like an emotional roller coaster and sometimes I am not sure that I want this to stop.

I have visited 19 Districts so far and I still have 4 more to go.

I thought I share with you the Grapevine quote of the day for August 6th since we will be hosting our Summer Assembly that day

"How Can Anyone Who Looks So Normal Be So Sick?" "Some days I feel almost normal, almost sane"

James Town New York 1992

With Spirit of Love in Service

Raymundo L. CNCA 06

Panel 65 Delegate

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2016

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held July 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 Becky of District 02. Ben of District 12 read Tradition 7 and Lorri of District 8 read Concept 7. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), and David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee Director of AAWS Board. There were 2 new GSRs present and 0 new DCMs present. The June 2016 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 6/75. Registered attendance: Voting = 57, Non-voting = 47

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: I have done 15 Delegate Reports and looking forward to doing 7 more. In 2013 I translated an article for a member in SF, she just contacted me to let me know that it is going to be published in the next LV issue. Her story gave me a great feeling of gratitude. I will be attending the LV 20th Anniversary tomorrow. PRAASA 2017 Lodging information is available; the room is \$109.00 plus tax. You may call the hotel direct at 916-643-6222 or go to the Lions Gate Hotel website. If you have any problems, the chair of PRAASA 2017 is Lee Wilson at 530-681-2786.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.: Last month, I suggested it was not too early to start thinking about your pass it on and how important it is to have one. Two years is a long commitment and our jobs have become easier with the experience. We still have much work to do and important decisions to make. But this is also a great time to think about the new GSR's and DCM's who are coming into their new positions for Panel 67. Remember the excitement, emotion and fear we experienced when we raised our hand and said, "I am Available." Next we thought, "What have I got myself into?" Now we can reflect on how service has added to our sobriety and take time to reassure the new trusted servant that we are here to help.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: I have some items in the lost in found that were left at the assembly. Please take time to review and claim your missing items. At the end of the panel they will be discarded if not claimed.

TREASURER Teddy BW: So far, this month, we have received \$12,690.41 in revenue and I have written checks this month totaling \$5,544.81, all of which leaves us with \$22,070.56 in the bank, plus our prudent reserve of

\$9,195.41. If you anticipate having a CNCA-related expense this month for which you would like to be reimbursed and have yet to request a check please see me before the break. I have lots of help -- thank you the Finance Committee aka the Finance Elves for their help, 338 Receipts today! I forgot to mention in my report this morning for the treasurer descriptions that the new Quick Books makes this job very easy.

REGISTRAR Ray W.: You have all received updated rosters for each district. Be sure to check information for accuracy. If you want to add or subtract any sub districts from your District, you will need to bring a motion to the Assembly. If you want to just change the boundaries of your sub-districts you are able to do that within your sub-district. If you plan to do either, please talk to me to go over the process.

RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.: With the help of Raymundo and some translation fairies, we have completed the motions part of our CNCA Discussion's Reports and Motions Book. We have them available for the 5 DCMC's of the Spanish Districts, along with the 2 sub districts. We are still working on the translation of the Discussion's and Report part of the translation and would like all the help we can get. If you are available to help with translation or proofing, please let Raymundo or myself know.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.: Summer Assembly is two weeks away. The SC County Fairgrounds is a great place to hold an assembly. The final flyers that list the workshops are available on the table. There are 7 assemblies open for Panel 67. It is becoming urgent that we fill some of the upcoming assemblies at the beginning of 2017. We have run into a conflict for this facility in booking for next year. Our January 2017 ACM will meet on the 3rd Saturday (1/21/17). This has happened before and we have survived, but it does magnify the importance of advance booking concerning our available dates to hold Assemblies.

LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.: The LV is looking for stories for 2017. March April issue "Dry Drunk – without drink – without program," due by 9/4/16. May, June issue "Hispanic Women in AA – A message of hope from Hispanic Woman," due by 11/18/16. July, August issue "AA in Prison," experience, strength and hope both from within and outside prisons" due by 1/1/17. Sept, October issue "Gratitude – when Giving is better than Receiving"

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due 3/24/17. Nov, Dec. issue, "The 12 Steps – during the Holidays", due by 5/17/17. GV is looking for your photographs. They can be sent to the GV at www.aagrapevine.org/share

District Reports

01 MONTEREY *Susan G.*: The "Dessert with the Delegate" replaced our regular meeting. We are grateful for the support each month from our officers. Attendance was about three times our usual meeting for the Delegate. We are looking forward to the Summer Assembly.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Eliyah H.*: We are busy in Dist. 02 with many thanks to our visiting officer as always. Our attendance is holding steady at 10-12 even with several missing. We've formed an ad hoc committee to take a look at our finances and come up with an operating budget. Several members have expressed interest in helping to serve breakfast at the summer assembly. Our IG is hosting its annual Coastal Rally on 8/19/16, where we will be hearing the Delegate's Report. We are also beginning the planning of our annual Gratitude Dinner.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Jeff W.*: We are excited about the summer assembly. Our assembly dinner still has some room. We are still accepting reservations for the dinner. Please email me or call to let me know you will be there.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L.*: We chose a Finance Committee to prepare next year's budget, allocated funding to the Bridging the Gap committee to send someone to the BTG Workshop Weekend in Tucson, and continued discussing about whether the Secretary's Workshop, currently a service provided by the districts, would be better suited within the purview of Intergroup. At the Intergroup meeting this month, Intergroup representatives already agreed to run it if the districts are willing to let it go. We are arranging car pools for the trip to the summer assembly. One group in our district is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on 9/16/16, flyers on table.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H.*: Thank you to the visiting officer for the cool presentation on "AA and Technology." We had a presentation new business, "That all registered groups receive an @aa.org email address for communication with the GSO." We are having our Unity Day 8/20/16. We passed a HK motion to fund \$200 for members that will be attending the National AA Archives Workshop. We are ready for the Summer assembly. I was great to see how everything flowed well when I did not put my hands on it. We are having 2 speakers at the Pre-Assembly Dinner.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: Everything is going well. Our Unity Day is coming up on 8/14/16, flyers are on the front table. We are sharing job descriptions for our District and spent a lot of time discussing Assembly business and preparing for the Summer Assembly.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We talked about money and spiritually of giving. We had a report from our Trea-

surer and what we would look like at the end of the panel. After presentation and discussion, we decided to sponsor one GSR to attend the Regional Forum. We had a 3rd legacy election that went to the hat and during the election we had a presentation from 2 GSR's who had been able to change their groups' opinion on being fully self-supporting to GSO. We also had a presentation from our visiting officer on the Feasibility Study.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Rocio H.*: Our All Groups Day will be August 27th. Our district meeting is next week, so we have nothing to report.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We are sharing job descriptions and discussing area and assembly motions. One of our motions is to send a member to the National Archives Workshop; this will likely be voted on at our next district meeting on Monday. Our visiting Area Officer did a brilliant job on sharing the output of the feasibility study from the GSC. Summarizing into a "One Page Headline," for each of the topics, then key points were emphasized. When it was sent to members, the full report also accompanied it, with emphasis to read and refer to the full report for context.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had our Delegate's Report at our last meeting. The ad hoc committee that is reviewing our balance of groups in our sub districts has met twice and will be making their report to the district soon. The Wonderful World of General Service will be held on 6/30/16. We invite you to learn along with GSR Dorothy as she goes from Kansas Group to the District meeting and beyond.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: Work is continuing on our Service Day/Delegate's Report. Our members have given their comments on the new District Guidelines. The last go around was only minor formatting edits and we expect to have formal approval at our next meeting. We have begun to talk to our members about taking on GS positions for next panel. We have given a brief description of a few positions each month in our CO newsletter. To help foster our archives position at District we are offering to pay registration, mileage, and bridge tolls to attend the National Archives Event for an interested member. We will also be making a bid for the 2018 Post Conference today.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: We have gone into using our prudent reserve and we are talking to members about talking to their home groups about contributing to the 7th tradition. Our intergroup office has said they have gone into their prudent reserve in the past.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: At our last district meeting we gave away a \$500 scholarship for an officers to attend the Pacific Regional forum. We also gave away 5 registration scholarships to a GSR from each sub district to attend the National Archives Workshop. We had a presentation on how GSR's could encourage self-support and engage their group treasurers. Our visiting area officer also gave

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a presentation on his service history. We had 2 presentations on job descriptions. We will be paying for a male and female room at the Summer Assembly.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We are discussing about dividing sub district 001. We are also discussing changing our meeting time from Saturday to another day to avoid conflict with assemblies. We are also looking at action items from our inventory and breaking out into equal parts for the remaining of the panel.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We formed an ad hoc committee to look into ways on how groups can accept contributions electronically. We are funding 5 members to the National Archives workshop. We started our job descriptions at the district. Our subcommittee chairs are also working on encouraging our future leaders in their meetings.

13 LAKE *Mary Ellen R.*: We are continuing to get new members at the district meeting. We had a presentation on being available. We were reminded that without a GSR, the group is not connected to AA as a whole. Our financial guidelines were discussed and the ad hoc committee met again to address and incorporate some suggestions. We had an excellent discussion around "Safety" in meetings. We are also starting our job descriptions

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We had a great Delegate's Report this month along with a great ice cream social.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We had a great Unity Day with the Delegate's Report. We are asking our officers to review and update our job descriptions for next panel. We are working on getting DCM's to attend assemblies. Our District Archives Chair will be funded to attend the National Archives Workshop.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We are excited for the Summer Assembly. We hosted the Interdistrictal this month. We are visiting the groups and continue to encourage our groups to attend the assembly.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We attended District 16 Anniversary. We also have a new group in our District. They have meetings 7 days a week. We participated at the Interdistrictal at District 16 in SF this month.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We are celebrating the 23rd anniversary of our District. We had a presentation on the Summer Assembly workshops. We also participated at the Interdistrictal at District 16. We are holding discussions on hosting an assembly. We received an IRS number for non-profit status.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We had a presentation on the workshops at the summer assembly. We are visiting our groups to encourage their attendance at the Summer Assembly. We are going to have a PI table at the Strawberry Festival in our area.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We had 3 new GSR's at our District meeting. We are visiting the groups and giving information on District Job descriptions. We are sending 1 member to the Archives Workshop. We are having conversations on hosting an assembly in 2017.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Richard W.*: We had a great meeting today. We discussed all the upcoming events for the next couple of months. We passed a HK motion to move our work day in September to be before the National Workshop. We are still looking for group histories.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: We had 5 districts reporting, 26 presentations and 87 requests for contact. Our correspondence secretary, Larry, received 14 requests; the furthest went to Oregon. We passed a motion at our meeting to request that CNCA fund the BTG chair or his/her designee to attend the NCCAA Conference when it is held within CNCA. This will be discussed with the finance committee and most likely presented as new business at the next ACM. The proposed budgeted amount for 2017 is \$175. There is a small supply of flyers for the BTG Forum on 10/15/16 at the Historic Hoover Theater in San Jose. We will have more available in English and Spanish at the Summer Assembly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Summer L.*: Currently the cost to send the Delegate to the Annual Conference is about \$7,200, but we only budget for the recommended minimum of \$1,600. So we are working to increase our contribution, hopefully a motion to follow. We opened our meeting to guests who might be interested in serving next panel on the committee. In order to be eligible, you must have served as a DCM/DCMC or be an incoming DCM/DCMC. We talked about the motion pertaining to electronic payments. What methods we might use if it passes and how shall we implement it. Thoughtful discussion is being had and we look forward to more discussions.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: We received an invitation for a booth at the FOAM Fest in Silicon Valley on 8/27/16. This would be a great opportunity for someone in the South Bay Districts to participate. If you are available, please let me know ASAP. We discussed today, "Newcomers Involvement in PI Committee Service." Next month, "How to do a PI Presentation." I have been contacted by a past GM who is brainstorming the idea of giving a CPC presentation to Judges and Lawyers, in a similar setting as Bill W. did at the Rockefeller Dinner. This would be a great way to carry our CPC message and to help break the myths of AA.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: We had discussions today about our technology documents for the committee. NAATW pending motions, the motions book and about previously passed motions. We have our documents passed in committee and will continue on this discussion in August.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We are sorry today that we do not have the radios to hand out, but will have next month. We are continuing the work on updating our equipment. We have all the translation positions filled for our summer

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assembly. Our translation team has been working hard to get your documents translated in a timely manner. We continue to have members look at a translation software for possible use in the area. Went over our budget for 2017. We had a job description today and went over with our secretary. If you have the skills for translation from English to Spanish, please consider making yourself available next panel.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We sent out 957 bulk mail and 40 first class copies of the Comments this month. We were at 12 pages in July, and \$63 below budget, which balanced out the overage from last month. Next mailing party is Aug. 4 in Fort Bragg. We are enjoying this commitment, and it has really sparked interest in General Service.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Eric L.*: We sent June's Comentarios out earlier this month, and sent the July's out this morning. We are all caught up with the mailings and both mailings were 176 copies. We are just getting the hang of this commitment so it is time to rotate out. Anyone interested please talk to myself or Miguel.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Claudia N.*: Our discussion today was the Warranties "A Brief Overview." Next month's topic: Concept IX – Leadership and the Spirit of Rotation.

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: We studied the GV today and started on page 1, "Welcome from the Editor." We read the content page and picked a story on page 41, "Big Shoes to Fill." We continued to the next story, "One Scary Guy." We then shared experience related to the stories we read. Next month – "Way to Party, Having Fun in Sobriety."

NCCAA *Shaun G.*: Wanted to update you on the 2017 Conferences celebrating our 70th anniversary. We have asked AAWS/GSO and GV to participate in all 3 conferences. We have our conferences booked till 3/18 and are looking for new venues. Pricing has gone up and we have been priced out for future sights. We are working on outreach to Northern California. Each group is able to have 2 delegate representatives. With over 3000 groups we only average 80-100 per conference. We have 41 Counties and currently only have 26 represented on a regular basis. We are looking at moving the steering committee around. We are always available to do presentations at any of your local events and have an outreach table. We are working hard at trying to find new ways to reach the general membership of AA.

H&I *Diane O.*: July's GV is the Prison issue, so the inmates were excited to get the current issues. Last month I told you that we made some changes to our Pink Pamphlet Guidelines. I made a mistake, this was only the first vote and we will have the 2nd and final in November.

YPAA REPORT *Katie G.*: We are hosting the 45th Roundup which will be on March 30th – April 2nd. The 25th Annual Yuba event was a great success. Usually 300 members attend and we had 420. Next event August

13th, Alameda Beach. Next Business meeting August 7th, Mayhew Fellowship in Walnut Creek, 2-4.

LA VINA ANNIVERSARY: *Miguel H.* for *Joshua H.*: I send you greetings from Phoenix, Arizona. We are already enjoying the warmth and our 21 Anniversary.

Thanks to the districts and to the groups that gave us the opportunity to share information on the event and hold raffles. Last night there were over 500 people attending the event.

ASSEMBLY AD HOC COMMITTEE *Erica S.*: Our committee has been asked to look at the topic, "The Feasibility of future CNCA Assemblies." This stemmed from several discussion topics regarding assemblies. The members of the Committee are, Jeff W. (District 3), Tom V. (District 7), Tim D. (District 14), Enrique E. (District 20), David N. (Past Delegate) and myself (District 5). We settled on 3 areas of focus, CNCA's internal history, other areas' practices and what CNCA members need and want. We are working on questions that we will attempt to address through a survey process. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to any of us.

NAAAW *Laura W.*: We are hosting the NAAAW, September 8-11, 2016 in Concord at the Hilton Hotel. This is an opportunity to celebrate service and the history of AA close to home. The workshop last year was in Ohio and next year in Canada. There will be speakers from all around the US/Canada. Please help us to share this information with the districts so they have the opportunity to attend and for the workshop to be self-supporting. Feel free to contact us by sending an email to NAAAW2016@gmail.com

Assembly Bids:

District 09 Solano South bid for the 2018 Post Conference Assembly on 05/12/18 at Solano County Fairground. Total bid cost \$ 7,150.00.// There is an item on the bid that is for Parking and Supervision that includes security and assistance from the fairground employees, if you combine with the basic cost of the facility it would be \$ \$5,500.00 for the site. There is a possibility that there could be a cost increase for 2018.// Q. Did we explain that we have members help with parking, and is there a way to negotiate that? A. That is the price that we have been quoted.// Q. Is early entry ok? A. Yes.// Q. If there is an increase in the cost would we revisit? A. Yes.// We can have this on the schedule now, and revisit early next year to be sure there is no large increase to fees.

Vote: 29 Yes 13 No.

Committee accepted the bid and agreed to revisit when pricing is guaranteed.

(Seventh Tradition and Break) (1:50 to 2:05 pm)

Area Business

Presentation of New Business:

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Motion:

That CNCA Form an Access Committee — Presented by Michael Q. and Seconded by Ray W.

We have discussed this at the ACM for months, and I felt that the motion needed to be made. I almost brought this direct to the assembly, but my service sponsor felt that we at the ACM have enough experience now in this panel to know that this needs to go to the assembly. I am not going to try to identify what this committee would do or guidelines. There is a conference committee in NY and a workbook and guidelines about forming this committee. I think we just need to ask now "Concerning any service we ask ourselves is this service really needed"

Questions: Is this to create a committee at the area, what would be the difference than the District Committee.// I don't want to identify as a subcommittee or a committee, I think this would be a way for members of the district to gather and share information.// I looked into the finance and there would be little effect from this committee to the area.// Are we using other areas' experience and do other areas have this committee?// Yes, there is lots of information and experience out there, and we have experience already in our area.// Is this motion just to say that we would like to have a committee, and it would be determined at a later date who and what this committee is?// Yes.// If the committee was created and put together guidelines would that be approved by the committee?// Yes.// Is this to create a meeting ground for districts to come together and share information?// Yes, that could be the purpose, or it could become a standing committee that the officers would appoint.// Q. Why do you think this should go to the assembly?// A. It is my opinion that this would be a good conversation to have at the assembly to get the groups talking.// Q. Would it be helpful if other Districts came and shared about what their committees do? A. No not at this time.// I am struggling to understand the purpose of this committee, would this be a sharing session venue of the committee or would this be members of the committee reaching out to members that have access issues, and how would that be addressed at the area level.// A. That would be decided if we have the committee.// Are you asking for an access committee or accessibility? A. They are both the same.// Q. If we were to go forward, do you feel that this is an important need because all districts don't have this committee and we are trying to fill the void if the district can't do it? A. Works for me.

>>Committee voted motion should be Committee business.

Vote: Keep at ACM -- 24 Take to Assembly -- 23
Motion was withdrawn by the maker.

New Business:

Motion:

That CNCA fund one Website Committee person, at a

cost not to exceed \$1200, to attend the 3-day National AA Technology Workshop to be held Friday November 18th through Sunday November 20th, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Discussion: My district was in favor of this motion. We have a committee here and we should support the committee.// Do most areas send someone? A. I never saw the breakdown by area numbers. There were 98 members in attendance last year.// We have a web committee; this is not an IT committee; I don't see the value of sending someone.// The technologies that we are using today, are completely up to date. We are currently running on our own server, and there is technical information that is needed for the committee.// I went last year and it was helpful as a web master of a district.// I think it is important that we fund our committee to go and receive knowledge to share with the districts on what they have learned.

Motion to move to Old Business Next Month.

Motion:

That CNCA accept contributions and payments electronically.

Discussion: My district thought this was a great idea. It would be easier to make contributions online. One member wanted to know what method would be used.// I can't think of any way to better accepting funds than to have the electronic availability. This is convenient and instant.// I think giving our group the ability to accept electronic payments would be good. There are many issues that need to be handled, but we need to trust our trusted servants to handle this.// This is a great idea, there are great technology behind the services that leave all the liability for the provider. Some do and some don't maintain the records; I am sure that our trusted servants will handle this the correct way.// Has there been an overview for the cost by the finance committee vs. the cost to return receipts?// I would not go so far as to say we did an overview but there has been lots of discussion that the finance committee has already had. We would discuss this with the web committee also before this is done.// Have we looked into a reduced fee since we are a nonprofit?// Sometime if it increases contributions this would wash out the fees.// This is a good idea; it will be a great benefit to the finance committee. You need to separate the solution from the motion; when it comes time for the solution we will discuss the solution.// I could not be more in favor of this motion. I think the ease of the contribution will offset any costs that are associated with this.// I would be more comfortable if they were trying to form a committee to investigate the way and cost of this service, not to say just do it and get a cost later.// We did talk today about making this more available to people. It is not about the money deal; it is about making another option for members to contribute. GSO does this and accepts payments this way. We are also talking to other areas

Balance Sheet June 2016

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
B of A Checking	16,836.53
B of A Savings	9,195.65
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 26,032.18</u>
Other current assets	
Assembly Deposits	1,751.90
Total Other current assets	<u>\$ 1,751.90</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 27,784.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 27,784.08</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3900 Operating Funds - Adjusted	16,802.66
Prudent Reserve	9,194.86
Net Revenue	1,786.56
Total Equity	<u>\$ 27,784.08</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 27,784.08</u>

Expense Report June 2016

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

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Assembly Contributions	5,602.00	4,900.00	702.00	114.33%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions		54.00	-54.00	0.00%
District Contributions	9,783.88	8,000.00	1,783.88	122.30%
Group Contributions	44,003.00	45,000.00	-997.00	97.78%
H & I Archives Rent	1,100.00	500.00	600.00	220.00%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.81	3.00	-2.19	27.00%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	317.95	760.00	-442.05	41.84%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,787.45	1,860.00	-72.55	96.10%
Total Revenue	\$ 62,595.09	\$ 61,077.00	\$ 1,518.09	102.49%
Gross Profit	\$ 62,595.09	\$ 61,077.00	\$ 1,518.09	102.49%
Expenditures				
Committee Expense	9,009.24	13,498.50	-4,489.26	66.74%
Delegate Expense	4,987.91	5,364.00	-376.09	92.99%
General Expense	32,971.89	32,137.00	834.89	102.60%
Officer Expense	15,086.85	15,586.50	-499.65	96.79%
Total Expenditures	\$ 62,055.89	\$ 66,586.00	-\$ 4,530.11	93.20%
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 539.20	-\$ 5,509.00	\$ 6,048.20	-9.79%
Other Revenue				
Refunds/Rebates	1,247.87		1,247.87	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,247.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,247.87	
Other Expenditures				
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	0.51		0.51	
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.51	
Net Other Revenue	\$ 1,247.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,247.36	
Net Revenue	\$ 1,786.56	-\$ 5,509.00	\$ 7,295.56	-32.43%

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

that do this to see how they are working this.// What is the percentage of contributions that we get from individuals vs. groups?// A. There is a great number that come from groups.// At a certain point we are going to have to start accepting contributions online, that seems to be the way things are going.// There was a conversation at PRAASA that some areas are already doing this. We seem to be behind.// I don't think it would increase contributions but I do believe that we should do this.

This will be Old Business at next month's meeting.

"What's On Your Mind?"

I think we need to educate our area as to what we keep here and what we take to area.// I love the idea to have an access committee at the area. An ad hoc committee should be created to look at how this committee would be set up.// There is an annual stand down for veterans. Recovery volunteers are need to man the recovery booth. You can see details on Facebook or at ebbsd.recover@gmail.com. Contact Penny or Clair. Event 9/15-18, 2016 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.// I would like to again talk about the 2/3 majority. I still think that is a good idea; we need to have a more thoughtful way to make the decision.// Summer Assembly August 6th, get ready. It should be 75 degrees. I check the weather each day.// Look at all the cards I receive as the area treasurer.// I sometimes get concerned at what we take to the assembly. By sending it to the assembly, we are delaying the discussion. Sometimes we should think about this time period when we make the decision.// I wrote this down, "Be careful about what we do and not get ahead of ourselves."// There were some trusted servants who helped me today with information, and I also appreciate the trusted servant who taught me how to play Pokemon Go today.// The registration is

\$40.00 for all 4 days at the National Archives Workshop and the play. You don't have to pay for the dinner or anything else to go to the play. The only additional items are for the food. The parking is \$9.00 a day. Also if you are reserving rooms for the hotel, do it soon.// With the access motion going to the assembly, have we considered an access sharing sessions here at the ACM instead of a committee?// We need to be careful. In Concept One the groups are the final authority. I have seen several times in the past where we are acting out of expedience instead of what the Concepts says. The motion is made at the ACM instead of the assembly to get it done in a couple of months. This body is to deal with business purposes, and not policy changes.// Tomorrow there is a workshop on the "Disease of Perceptions" in Pleasant Hill, from 1 – 3. Come see me after the meeting.// My home group has their business meeting to the 1st week of the month, and I was the minority, because what I learned here is that I don't always get my way and it is important to respect the process.// I felt that something was being presented and then the vote was taken, and then the motion was taken away, and then there was a process that went around the committee's decision.// What I have heard here is that the GSR's have no voice here, but I don't feel that is true. The motions are printed in the newsletter and discussed at the District level, they do have the opportunity to voice their opinions at the District Group Conscience time and we discuss items quite a few times to give the districts time to get a group conscience.

The meeting was closed at 3:15 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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

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

**THE 2016 SUMMER
ASSEMBLY**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 06, 2016
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds
2601 E. Lake Ave.
Watsonville, CA, 95076**

**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 - 1:00 P.M.**

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

1. Leadership in A.A. -- Concept 9 and the Spiritual Process of the Third Legacy.
2. Our Warranties. The Spiritual Principles of Service.
3. The Digital Basket -- 7th Tradition in the 21st Century.

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

1. Service Sponsorship.
2. Anonymity and Social Media.
3. Preserving Our Experience to Guide Our Future.

(Translation available at all workshops)

Report back: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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

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DCM SHARING SESSION

CNCA 06 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

July 23, 2016

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer Introductions.

Secretary Report: Minutes and presentation are available in English and Spanish.
Thank you for translating: Tony A.

Job Descriptions: Treasurer

Bookkeeper, California Trekker, Detective & Servant

- 8-12 hours a week/35-50 hours per month
- Tip: Keep things caught up instead of letting it build up
- Uses Bank of America
- Gets a lot of help with Finance Committee
- See attached Job Description available in email.

Presentation: The Warranties; A Brief Overview, Lynn K., District 5 presenting
Also referred as "Bill of Rights"

Please see presentation attached [sent out by email]

Discussion:

- Some start with Concept 12 as it puts into context the rest of the Concepts
- Learned a lot from the Concepts
- Loved watching people step up to learn. Attended warranty workshop learning by application into own personal life. Warranties have been the easiest to apply to gain an understanding into my own life. Followed in own life, starting with Warranty 2 setting up prudent reserve in a checking account and practicing this increased understanding of warranty. Applied the rest in life with teamwork democratically. Opening minds in our outside life as a result of practicing the warranties.
- Motion coming up re: Warranty 4. Conference doesn't always vote on substantial unanimity.
- Warranty 1; be careful about what we do and don't get ahead of ourselves.

- There's a human component that's really resonating and how the feasibility study is really important. Come from a place of humility when applying these warranties.
- Simple terms appreciated and can be used personally. Watching someone else step up to learn encourages others.
- Helps understanding by hearing this discussion. Definition: assurance, promise or guarantee that a statement or fact is true. Comforting definition for A.A.
- Starting concept study helps others understand this. September 2015 used Concept 2 re: finances.
- Warranty 5 reminded about things that come up in the past re: anonymity breaks. Posthumous breaks are still breaks in anonymity and controversial.
- Operative word is shall or should. Only one when it says "ever" is in warranty 5. The rest seem to be possibilities.
- Warranty 4... all important decisions, reached by discussion, vote & substantial unanimity wherever possible. Being able to bring back completely different information to our groups is the great gift of listening to the minority opinion.

Topics for Next Month:

What is a Forum? What happens, who's there? Why do we go there?

Concept IX Leadership Principle/Rotation Election Assembly – Available/ Not Available process Conference Report and how to share with your groups
How to bring on new GSRs into our district

Next Month's presentation: Concept IX -- Leadership and the Spirit of Rotation – Nicole, District 4

**Submitted in Gratitude & Service,
Claudia N.
Recording Secretary
DCM Sharing Session – Panel 65**

AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

CNCA Treasurer Job Description – Experience of TBW Bookkeeper, CalTrekker, Detective and Servant!

The following are the activities as I have experienced them, exclusive of time taken for travel to and from area committee meetings and assemblies and time spent at Area Committee Meetings, Officer Meetings and Assemblies.

Activity	Hrs p.a.
Post ACM (Sunday-Wednesday): 6 hours	72
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count cash • Enter cash receipts in Quickbooks • Mail Receipts • Mail any checks not distributed at ACM • Enter checks cut at ACM into QuickBooks • Reconcile Bank Statements for prior month with Quickbooks • Run reports for Comments/Comentarios • Mail reports for Comments/Comentarios to editors and liaisons • Follow up for any info requested at ACM • Make Bank Deposit 	
Weekly (Mon-Wed): 3-6 hours	225
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect or arrange for collections of PO Box mail (SF) • Open/Sort Mail • Enter contributions (40-150) in Quickbooks • Print Receipts • Group correspondence (2-5 items) • Make deposit • Finance Committee correspondence (2-6 items) 	
Pre ACM (Wed-Fri): 8 - 10 hours	108
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request expense reports from Area TS • Review expense reports • Cut checks (25-35) • Enter expenses into Quickbooks • Pack supplies for ACM (buckets, receipts etc.) • Write reports for ACM/Officer Meeting • Provide Input/Review Finance Committee Agenda 	
Assemblies (4): 10 hours each	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep • Write report • Count and deposit cash 	
Special Projects: 75 hours over the course of year	75
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Topics Meeting & Summary Writing • Budgeting • Liaison with Tax Preparer and review tax returns and gov. filings • Cash flow • QuickBooks administration/journal entries • Year-End evaluation 	

Total: 560 Hours.

Or... anywhere from 8 – 12 hours per week / 35 – 50 hours per month

Plus:

Area Officer District Visits/Prep 20 – 35 hours per month
Plus Inter-Districts/Unity Days/PRAASA/PRF etc.

CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS AUGUST 2016

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- That CNCA fund one Website Committee member, at a cost not to exceed \$1200, to attend the 3 day National AA Technology Workshop to be held Friday November 18th through November 20th in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- That CNCA accept contributions and payments electronically.

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- CNCA fund the BTG chair or his/her designee to attend the NCCAA conferences when held within CNCA.

Discussion Topic: None

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

- "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

August **6—Summer Assembly**
 Santa Cruz Fairgrounds,
 Watsonville
 (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)

27—Area Committee Mtg

September **8-11 20th National AA Archives**
Workshop in Walnut Creek

24—Area Committee Mtg

30 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional
Forum in Waikoloa, Hawaii

October **15—BTG Forum**
 Historic Hoover Theatre, San Jose

22—Area Committee Mtg

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

26—Area Committee Mtg

December **17—Area Committee Mtg**

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

2016 Summer Assembly
 August 6; Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville
 (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, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo
 (Hosted by District 09)

2018 Summer Assembly
 August 4 or August 11

2018 Fall Election Assembly
November 10

(Underline dates preferred)

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CNCA Standing Committee & Sharing Session Meetings

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

Archives Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Sheri W. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website. The CNCA Archives are located at 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA. The mailing address is 185 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065.

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