



# CNCA COMMENTS



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**California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous**

## Preview of the Area Committee Meeting

June 2016

We finally got through two Assembly motions at the Post Conference Assembly. The motion "That CNCA restructure District 16 by removing sub-district 02 from District 16" was not approved. Neither was the motion "That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of standing committees who have served as a DCM and or DCMC." There was discussion on the third item of old business but not enough time for a vote. At the Summer Assembly we will finally have time to tackle our three items of new business that have been patiently waiting for us to get to them. Our Delegate brought back from New York the spirit of the General Service Conference and gave us an accounting of this year's Agenda Topics.

At the Area Committee meeting we had 3 HK motions, 2 that passed with no objections and the third passed after discussion and vote. I allowed it to discussion and vote now because it was time sensitive. The three motions are

- CNCA fund the BTG Committee to hold a forum on October 15, 2016 for a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1000.
- CNCA fund one person from the BTG committee to attend the BTG Workshop Weekend to be held in Tucson Arizona from September 9 to 11, 2016, cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$750.0
- The Area Archives Committee host the Hospitality Room for the National AA Archives Workshop at a cost not to exceed \$450

We continued sharing on the three discussion topics. Area officers have decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee to continue to investigate alternative strategies for future CNCA assemblies.

At the end of the meeting a gentleman spoke of his experience at the Pre-Conference Assembly. As a result of looking at what he shared, we discovered we had not been observing Motion 8806-3 which states there will be no videotaping or camera used at meeting or Assemblies of CNCA. I was not aware of this motion. Now that I am, I will remind people of this at our assembly and be sure this is passed on to the next Chair. I am grateful this was brought to my attention and that I have an opportunity to grow and learn from this.

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!**

The 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference was an amazing experience. We had 133 members participating on making decisions for AA as a whole. I like the part on my Conference material where it says that "The purpose of Conference debate is to reach a group conscience – there are no winners or losers." We had about 37 Advisory Actions, about 56 Committee Considerations, two Recommendations that did not result in Advisory Actions and 11 Floor Actions in which three of those were passed.

The Agenda Conference Committee had a recommendation that resulted in Advisory Action, that ***The General Service Office post to the Conference dashboard, and regularly update information concerning the status of all proposed Conference agenda items.***

I have sent to all our DCMCs this information but I will give you an ***example of one of the 5 proposals that we have in the dashboard so far. 1) That the 67th General Service Conference consider revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," as detailed in the submitted proposal.***

We also approved to publish two books for 2017 or later: **1) Stories by Atheist and Agnostic AA Members. 2) Steps Four and Five.**

We will continue asking for your support on recording your 7 minutes audio recordings topics that can be very useful for future projects. Here is the link for more information. <http://www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal>

There were two important Committee considerations in Literature and Public Information, in which was decided to take no action: **1) The committee considered a request to develop a plain-language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and took no action.** While sympathetic to the spirit of the request, the committee agreed that developing a plain-language Big Book was not appropriate at this time.

**2) The committee discussed a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying AA Members or Potential AA Members in Videos Produced by The General Service Board or its Affiliates."** The committee took no action, noting that the current policy on the use of full-face videos is adequate.

I have started my Districts' reports. I have attended three so far and I have 20 more to go. I want to thank you all for your participation at the Pre- Conference Assembly, Phil and Barbara helped me with great notes.

This year is our 81st Anniversary. Let's celebrate with Love and Gratitude in all our affairs so newcomers can join us on this road of Happy Destiny.

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

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 2016

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held May 28, 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 Steve of District 12. Don of District 70 read Tradition 5 and Scott of District 70 read Concept 5. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee Director of AAWS Board. There were 3 GSRs present and 0 new DCMs present. The May 2016 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 212/11. Registered attendance: Voting= 62, Non-voting= 42.

### **Officer Reports**

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** It is good to be back home. I have started giving my delegate's reports and I have done 2 so far. I sent out my calendar to have you check to be sure that our dates match. Accept my apologies for all the emails that I have been sending, but I want to be sure you have the same information as I do. I received a correction from Greg T. at GSO about the announcement for non-trustee director position. It stated that Panel 64 delegates were not eligible to apply, but actually Panel 64 may apply, but Panel 65 Delegates may not. There is also a vacancy for non-trustee director for the GV Corporate Board. I sent out the Highlights from October to March 2016 in English and from October to January 2016 in Spanish. The March Highlights in Spanish will be available soon. I would like to thank one of our DCMC's for typing up the recommendations and floor actions that did not result in advisory actions, and I sent those to you yesterday. I received clarification of the pending lawsuit in Toronto. It is about an atheist-agnostic group that was dropped from the directory by the Toronto Central Office Intergroup. The group is suing the Central Office in Toronto and AAWS for Discrimination. I also sent out information on a coming up vacancy for a US Trustee-At-Large being elected at the 67<sup>th</sup> GSC. We will elect our nominee for our Area at the Election Assembly in November in San Jose. I have confirmed that Joel C., our Regional Trustee will be facilitating our election assembly.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** Thank you District 4 and District 5 for a wonderful Post Conference Assembly. I would like to particularly thank the members that traveled from the far ends of our Area to attend. Also I would like to thank our Delegate for sharing his informative, spiritual and emotional journey with us. You have received the Advisory Actions to share with your group, that will match up with your group consciences. This is a great time to share by example how the Conference process works, and how important it was to have a GSR, that can participate with AA as a whole.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** 2 umbrellas, 2 reading glasses & 1 pink cushion are in the lost and found, from the assembly. There is only 1 motion that will be eligible to vote on at the Summer Assembly, but there are 3 motions that I hope we will have lively discussions on. Please help your GSR's prepare for the business meeting at the Summer Assembly. We also need ideas for the workshops for the Summer Assembly. Please submit your ideas as soon as you can. The deadline is prior to the officers' meeting on June 25, after the ACM.

**TREASURER Teddy BW:** We have received \$14,545.34 in revenue, including approx. \$1700 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions received at the Post-Conference, \$900 in refunds (under

budget from the pre-conference and some district treasuries who are passing along funds held for no stated AA purpose. I have written checks totaling \$9,004.47, including approx. \$2.5K of expenses for the Post-Conference, which leaves us with \$12,819.13 in the bank, along with prudent reserve of \$9,195.41.

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** Final totals for the Post Conference were: voting members 214, and non-voting 120, for a total of 334. We only had 1 piece of mail returned this month. Thank-you for working on getting all members on your district sign-in sheets addresses correct. If you have any addresses or email address changes in your district be sure to send the corrections through your District Registrars.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** Thank-you for the experience at the last 2 assemblies where I was able to listen and record all the group consciences on agenda topics and assembly business that took place. It has been a spiritual journey that I witnessed listening to the diversity of opinions our area expressed.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Thanks to Districts 4 and 5 for a memorable Post Conference. It was a very challenging venue and your commitment and dedication really shined through. Fastest lunch service in assembly history was a completely unexpected bonus. A DVD of the Delegate's Report in ASL is available upon request. If you weren't able to obtain a CD of Raymundo's report (English and Spanish) at the assembly, please see me and I will get you the information to copy. Next Assembly is our Summer Assembly on August 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Districts 03 and 40, at the Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Next month is the deadline to submit topics for the Summer Assembly. Your ideas can be handed to any area officer. We do a total of 6 workshops, 3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. We still have 7 open assemblies for Panel 67. Please start discussions at your district for hosting an assembly.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.:** Grapevine is accepting articles for: Remote Communities – How to stay sober in faraway places (deadline July 5<sup>th</sup>) and Service during Holidays (July 3<sup>rd</sup>). Wall calendars and pocket planners for 2017 are available at the GV website.

### **District Reports**

**01 MONTEREY Susan G.:** We used the Traditions check-list to stimulate interest discussing Tradition 5. We had one new GSR at our meeting. We have 93 registered groups in our District. Our Unity Day is June 12.

**02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Elijah H.:** We will be conducting our very first GSR orientation/sharing session this coming Wednesday, just prior to our District Business Meeting at 7:00. We also are working on scheduling the Delegate's Report. Our GSR's are present, engaged and asking lots of questions and learning a lot.

**03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.:** We dug into the Feasibility study and focused on contributions. The Birthday Envelope became a big part of our discussion. The GSR's are taking back to their groups to encourage contributions. We are looking forward to our Delegate's Report at our potluck this month on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Potluck begins at 6:45.

**04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.:** We dedicated large amounts of time to preparing for the Post-Conference Assem

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bly, which we co-hosted along with District 05. We reviewed some of the pending business at the assembly, helped GSRs prepare for the delegate's report, and finalized our Post-Conference Assembly hosting responsibilities. A new piece of business – extending our trial period using Slack as an online communication tool in lieu of email – was introduced. We elected a new DCM, & all service positions are currently filled.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H.*: District 40 has a motion to move their December District Potluck meeting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We had new business "That AAWS cease publication of the pamphlet, "Too Young," presented by a GSR for their group. We continued with Officers' job descriptions. Summer Assembly planning meetings are going good. We were able to fill most of the positions along with District 03. We also had a presentation from the Area Officer on the Feasibility Study. Many explanations and questions followed.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We had a lot of fun co-hosting the Post Conference Assembly and are grateful to have the opportunity to be part of it. Our Unity Day will be on 8/14 in Redwood City. We have an ongoing district business item regarding Bus Placard PSA's that we will continue to discuss next month. We are updating some of our Job Descriptions as well as sharing those in June. Our GSR's are beginning to inform their groups about what happened with Agenda Items they discussed at their groups.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We had a good presentation from our visiting officer about the importance of attending the Post Conference and what to listen for from the Delegate. We finished our discussion on the motions regarding officer eligibility and development of a pamphlet on safety. The results were shared at the Post Conference assembly. We also had a HK motion from the ad-hoc committee to investigate re-districting our sub-districts and how to encourage more DCM participation. In June we will have a Pot Luck along with the Delegate's Report.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: We have had 2 meetings since our last ACM meeting. At the April meeting we shared our experience about the Pre Conference experience. Highlights included the "shush" signs volunteers were walking around with. We had a presentation on how to listen to the Delegate's Report along with a map on how to follow the report. In May we had a presentation on "Everybody Loves Raymundo" show. Many thanks to the Delegate for his follow-through on a few issues raised.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We did not have our usual district meeting, but we did have the Delegate's Report. There were many people that participated and the presentations were from the heart.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had a great meeting this month. We discussed a motion to adjust part of our reimbursement policy. We had two discussion topics regarding hosting an assembly and the second discussion was about hosting a district event around the 12 Concepts. Sub-districts 03 and 04 are hosting an event called "The Wonderful World of General Service" on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Pleasant Hill. Our next District meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month; our meeting place is used as a voting spot for the County.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We have come up with our date for the Delegate's Report, but there are still some issues

to work out. We have completed the first draft of our guidelines. We received some comments on the draft and are working on a revised version to present to the District next month. We are still working on a potential bid for the 2018 Post Conference and we found there is only one location in our District that will meet the Area's needs. Because of the date being more than a year out, it is a little tricky to get confirmation on the availability and pricing of the venue. More to be revealed next month.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: Nothing much has changed. We are still looking for a Website Chairperson and a BTG Chairperson. Unity Day will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We are struggling with people signing up for positions or committee and nothing is getting done until the last minute. People are complaining at our district and in all areas of CNCA 06. I've stepped out of my box of just passing it on as a DCMC and actually have been talking to past alternates and current GSR's, as well as listening to those speaking out under their breath, and it all comes down to what I've been struggling with myself through this panel. We need to focus on being leaders for our area, districts and their meetings so when we pass it on, we are truly passing it on.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We are planning our Unity Day and meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. We will start sharing job descriptions of our District positions at the beginning of our District meetings. We heard some report-back from some of our GSR's who described what they experienced at the Post-Conference. We had a presentation from our BTG committee. We had one of our District officers passed on 4/28. Tom R. was one of our sound technicians, but he was also a leader amongst leaders when it came to serving our district. He will be greatly missed.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We are doing our inventory this month at our District Meeting. We are also holding our Unity Day this month. We had several district officers move out of the area and are working to fill those positions.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: Our District Officers are working on some of the action items from our inventory including updating our GSR Orientation Guide and creating what we hope will be a helpful guide for new DCM's. We are enjoying heart-felt and funny PRAASA report-backs from our GSR's who were funded by the District. We wanted to be able to pull names out of the hat again for the forum later this year, but the group conscience of the officers was that it would not be the most prudent use of groups' monies (due to the high travel costs) and it would be much better to pass it on. We are excited about NCCAA in Santa Rosa in a couple of weeks. Sonoma County Unity Day is in October. It is H & I's turn to head up the committee. Our District meeting in June will be the Delegate's BBQ.

13 LAKE *Mary Ellen R.*: Unity Day planning is underway where we will have our Delegate's Report. 3 new GSR's attended our meeting. We voted on changing the travel reimbursement to volunteer rate of the IRS at \$0.14, and it was defeated. We named an ad-hoc committee to draft financial guidelines for the District. In anticipation to hosting the 2017 Post Conference, our visiting Area Officer talked about the pitfalls and processes to be aware of.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We are in gear to raise interest in service. We are holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Workshop in Ukiah

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June 17. Planning has begun for a Unity Day in October. Our visiting Area Officer shared their inspirational experience in General Service.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We had one new GSR at our meeting and had wonderful conversations about agenda items before the conference. We want to thank our Delegate for making the information about what happened so easy to understand and readily available. We'll be meeting in June in Crescent City to talk about the results of the Conference and how to get the information out to the groups.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We are having our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 26, from 2:00 – 5:00 at Mission Street in SF. We are also hosting the inter-district meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. I will have more information next month.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We had a service manual study and had our District meeting. We visited 2 groups this month in Santa Rosa. We visited groups in the San Mateo Area later in the month. We had 8 members at the Post Conference Assembly. We are also starting the planning of the Election Assembly in November. Our District is also celebrating our District Anniversary.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We are having our 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary this month. We have purchased translation equipment for our District and will be using it at our District event. If you want translation at our events, please bring your FM Radios. We are also participating next month at the NCCAA. We are also starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> set of visits to the groups. We do 2 visits per year to each group.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: The district continues to visit groups, paying special attention to the small groups. We discussed the Traditions and the Area and District service. We hope that they will soon join the service structure. One meeting was a "45" meeting and have now become an AA meeting; we are hopeful they will join the service structure. We look forward to their participation. We will also be celebrating our 21 Anniversary.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We are supporting our GSR's through having a service manual study. We participated at the Post Conference Assembly and are looking forward to the Summer Assembly.

### **Area Sub-Committees**

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We completed our Committee inventory with good participation. We are making progress on organizing our Repository and we put up the new shelving last workday and pre-sorted boxes to be placed on the shelves. We are looking forward to hosting the NAAAW this September in Concord, and last month passed a HK motion at our committee meeting to host the hospitality room for the NAAAW which you will hear more about today.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: At our meeting today we discussed the possibility of splitting our Correspondence Secretary into separate electronic and written correspondence service positions, with no motion on the floor. We reviewed the job descriptions for the 2 BTG AO positions. We also held a 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy election to send a representative to the annual BTG workshop weekend in Arizona on September 9-11. Tom from District 12 was chosen. In May our Districts reported 32 presentations and 104 requests.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We continue discussions

regarding accepting payments electronically. We plan to offer a motion for this soon. Committee chairs have received interim worksheets for their 2017 Budget Plans. We are working with the committees to continue their budget discussions.

New worksheets will be sent out in early July. We are continuing our discussion regarding assembly funding. If you are interested in serving on the finance committee next panel, we would be delighted to discuss it with you. If you are a DCM or DCMC please let us know of your interest.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: At the Conference, the PI/CPC motion to have the committee reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying AA Members ... in Videos Produced by the GSB" result was that the committee took no action. We thank all of you for your support during this motion process. The conference did approve an agenda topic "to add a new section on AA and medications to the pamphlet 'If You are a Professional.'" They also considered a request to discontinue the pamphlet "Problems Other than Alcohol." The committee recommended that, though dated, it has a value as a marker of historic AA, and suggested to continue to discuss the value of keeping the pamphlet available. We had a presentation today on "Anonymity Online" from Genaro L. of District 16. This was followed by an informative discussion.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Don Z.*: Since moving to a new website hosting company in March we have seen a marked improvement in all areas. The site was up 99% of the time. The blacklisting of our domain for certain email traffic has been lifted. Noticeable improvement in speed. We have had 24,092 visits from 6,763 unique visitors. In May we have had 13,862 visits from 2,363 visitors. We are having discussions on updates to our documentation for Committee Guidelines, Security Considerations and Service Positions. We will be soon organizing an Ad-Hoc committee to explore the benefits of using a different CMS to edit our website and working on development site to create the next generation of CNCA06.org, and also a Website Committee handbook.

### **INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE**

*Claudia N.*: We welcomed a new member to the committee today, Joshua, who we are putting to work in multiple areas. Our translation chair and another member looked into the feasibility of translation software with more discussion/review next month. Our translation team is in place for the summer assembly and we continue to look at the needs of individual committees at the ACM. Our equipment team report the lending of radios has been a smashing success and we had a discussion regarding this continuing, or should we sell the radios, should we do this at assemblies only or should we also provide this at the ACM. We decided this would be a great topic discussion at our Area ACM.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 961 bulk mail and 41 first class this month for a total of 1002 on 5/6/16. Total cost \$558, approx. \$22.00 below budget. Great mailing party on 5/5 in Fort Bragg. Next mailing party is June 9 at Ukiah Fellowship Group.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: We are working hard to translate all the material from the assembly. We need the documents to be on time from the assembly.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: We had a presentation from the current Area Recording Secretary, Barbara S. on

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the job description. We then had a presentation on the process of a motion in CNCA06. Murias from District 03 walked us through the process from discussions to making a motion. We also discussed the difference between large "T" and small "t" traditions. Next month we will have a presentation on "Concept 3 – Right of Decision."

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: We had a presentation on the Grapevine website. The presenter walked us through the website of the Grapevine with a power point presentation. Next month "Do you know what's in the GV?"

NCCAA *Linda G.*: We will be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NCCAA. We have asked AAWS/GSO and GV to participate in our 3 conferences. Ami B. of the GV will be the speaker Friday at 8 pm at the Sacramento conference. GV will be putting on 2-3 workshops through the weekend. Greg T., the Chairman of the Board at AAWS committed to the conference in Lodi. There will be someone else coming to help with putting some panels and workshops for that weekend. Foster City conference we are working on past Trustees to speak or do some type of presentation. We are excited about the future of NCCAA and we are headed in the future.

H&I *Diane O.*: We had our steering committee in Sacramento on Saturday, May 14, and approved several changes to our "Policies and Procedures Manual" that will be voted on at our General Meeting in Santa Rosa on June 12. I have a few of our newsletters and Sections One and Two of our Policies and Procedures manual with me. I am so grateful for the Unity that we all share as we carry our message of Hope.

LA VINA ANNIVERSARY *Joshua H.*: I was invited to share about the anniversary at the Intergroup of Watsonville. I also attended a workshop in SJ where I was given the opportunity to motivate and inform members about the event. The steering committee will give a full report to the NCCAA Conference in Santa Rosa on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The steering committee is all set for the final report in Bakersfield on June 12.

NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP *Laura W.*: We only have 50 registrations and 300 are needed to break even. Our agenda is balanced with workshops and main speakers. We are looking for members to be of service at this event.

### Housekeeping Motions:

**Motion:** CNCA fund the BTG Committee to hold a forum on October 15, 2016 for a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1000.00.

Discussion: Q. Is this motion brought the same year it is held or do we vote for it for the year after? A. The same year. Q. If this is in the budget why do we have to do a housekeeping motion? A. At the time we budget we don't know what the state of our finances will be at the time of the event. This gives the members a reason to review to be sure that we can afford to do it at the present time.

**No Objection: <<Motion Passed>>**

**Motion:** CNCA fund one person from the BTG committee to attend the BTG Workshop Weekend to be held in Tucson Arizona from September 9 to 11, 2016, cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$750.00

Discussion: I think the cost of \$750.00 is too much.

**Objection:** Yes

**Motion moved to New Business this month by the Chair due to time restraints of the event.**

**Motion:** The Area Archives Committee host the Hospitality Room for the National Archives Workshop at a cost not to exceed \$450.00.

Discussion: In the past the areas have contributed much more financially, but we did not want to do that and the committee is moving away from that. But typically the area or the intergroup will be hosting the hospitality room, and the hospitably room is not party of the event at all, it is an actual hotel room. This was the amount that was budgeted to send a committee member to the event, but we will not be doing that this year since the event is in Concord. We are asking that this money that was budgeted to be used to host the hospitality room. We will probably come under budget, but this was the amount that was budgeted. Discussion: Q. There are IG that have archives committees also? Are you reaching out to them for support? A. No the event is covered through registration. The contract will not let us serve coffee and light snacks, so we will be hosting the hospitality room. Q. You are taking the money that was in the budget to send someone to the workshop and using this for the hospitality suite? A. Yes

**No Objection <<Motion Passed>>**

**(Seventh Tradition and Break) 2:00 PM to 2:10 pm)**

### Area Business

#### **New Business:**

CNCA fund one person from the BTG committee to attend the BTG workshop Weekend to be held in Tucson Arizona from September 9 to 11, 2016, cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$750.00

Discussion: I did some checking and I was able to find a flight to Arizona for \$393.00 round trip, which includes baggage fees and tax. The hotel room is \$89.00 a night plus tax and a registration fee of \$35.00 for the event. This comes to roughly \$628.00 and the budget amount was \$750.00. Typically, this area sends a member of our committee to this event. It is an opportunity for us to network with other committee members across the country.// You left one point out for the shuttle to the hotel, last year it was \$40.00 one way. We should come in under the budget by \$50.00.// I think this is important to have someone attend to bring the information back to the area.// I was at the BTG workshop one year and it was great. I have been active on the Archives committee and I believe that our attending the last 5 years, our committee has received wonderful information and have continued to receive help from friends that we have met there.// From our service manual on page S1 it states: Is this service really needed? If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek AA. I think this falls under that statement. // I attended the BTG workshop one weekend and it really changed my life. It was one of those experiences I have in AA. I don't think this is about money, it is a service we need.// My district they made a motion to send someone to PRAASA. I thought that the money should have been used for something local. My name was selected from the hat, and it changed my life forever. We are supposed to be working on being attractive, and is this one way we can learn?// I was sent to the BTG weekend one year by the committee. The list of benefits is very long, but what stands out is a person that connected to BTG from prison and shared her experience and how it changed his life. We need to take our experience to other areas about what we

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have learned and we can learn from their experiences.// This sounds like this is a discussion topic, the objection was about pricing, and that seems to be handled.

Chair asked if the committee is ready to vote and the committee was ready. The committee wanted to vote with a simple majority.

VOTE: Yes= 53 No= 2 Abstain= 1

**No minority opinion: <<Motion Passed>>**

### **Discussion Topic:**

#### **Should our assemblies have a standard rotation similar to what PRAASA has done?**

Discussion: Can someone explain what PRAASA does now?

A: Our current process we have is a bid process, we list the possible dates for the assembly and the District brings to the ACM their bid. PRAASA has 15 Regions included and they have a rotation for each. You would have a 15-year notice. If we did it here, we would have a rotation, and would be the same.// I don't like the word should? Maybe it would be better to use the word "are there benefits."// Having the schedule instead of the bid, frees up the committee to do better work.// There are some things that need to be worked out if we do this. How would you do co-hosting? What if the district did not have a facility big enough? If you look at the numbers, every district would get an assembly about every 4 years.// We have co-hosted an assembly. It helped us greatly when it comes to service and stepping up. I might not step up if I have a choice, but if I know that it is expected, I might step up. Maybe this would encourage participation at the District level.// When you make a bid, the district gets to look at the numbers and consider the cost. If we have a rotation, it would be, "Well that's what it costs." Is that the best for the area?// If Marin is involved in the process, we have blackout dates at the one facility that is in our County. We only have one place that is large enough.// Is this an attempt to organize the area or should we continue to leave it up to a power greater than us.// I was looking at West Virginia and they rotate their assemblies. They have a long list of guidelines, and it is just a different way of doing it. When we make these decisions, they are not laws.// I think this started by trying to spread out the assemblies around the area. Maybe we can do both, with bidding and breaking the area up into smaller parts, which would spread out the assemblies.// Giving districts the ability to decline would cause the other districts to have to step up and change their positions.// Maybe we can set up as a third legacy and when a District needs to pass, maybe they can do the next assembly. Each District has its own issues with facilities and spaces which would affect the rotation.// I like this idea, but I understand the cost and venues; maybe we could look at locations' geography and that would cause a rotation that was on geographic and costs.// The rotation of PRAASA is only one event; we have 4 events a year.// What is the difference of standard rotation, rather than what we have? Is there some districts that are hosting too many assemblies? What are we trying to fix?// We currently have 7 unassigned assemblies next panel. Maybe if we had a rotation, this would not happen.// From a financial prudence, it is good to know what kind of expenses we are going to have. In having some kind of a rotation, it takes some of the emotion out of "that district is too expensive." If the rotation is planned properly, we could even

out the expensive areas, to be sure they don't hit at the same time.// There is some good to the rotation. It would give districts more of a chance to participate.// Changing this from PRAASA to geographical rotation makes more sense.// I have participated several years at PRAASA and enjoy this conversation. We are having a hard time getting Districts to step up. I think our process is broken. Co-hosting is not a good idea. I think the solution at this point would be to form an ad-hoc to look at this.// I think an ad-hoc is a good idea.// Maybe just split the area in 3 parts and have a couple of districts able to hold the assembly.// Having just had the experience of hosting an assembly, I am glad that we co-hosted and got to know a lot of people through the process.// I like the rotation process. This would be good from a financial side. It would be good to know our expenses in advance.// There was some mention of small districts not being able to hold assemblies, but looking at the history there is no problem with small districts holding assemblies in the past.// I agree that co-hosting is a bad idea.// I like the geographic rotation; I like the idea of having an ad-hoc committee to look at this and maybe include the 3<sup>rd</sup> conversation about reducing the number of area assemblies.//

### **Discussion Topic:**

#### **Are there any Benefits to the Area forming an ACCESS Committee?**

Discussion: This would be a great way of different districts to get together to share ideas with active committees, and maybe others that don't would start one. I don't know if the committee would have to do something; maybe it could be just a sharing session like Literature.// From what I know there are some groups that serve special needs. It would be good to have a place for members to bring their ideas together.// NCCAA has had some service panels about special needs. In SR we are trying to get together with some local districts to have a discussion. It is an area we do not address very well.// I am the liaison for the ACCESS of Sonoma County. There are many access needs, not just wheelchairs. It involves mental health, pain management, young children, single parents and older members. We have meetings that go to members and bring meetings to them. There are many issues that we have not even thought of.// ACCESS does not translate well; can we get a better word for the translation.// I serve on the Trustees Committee for Cooperation with the Professional Community /Treatment/ Special Needs-Accessibilities. I participated with the work to change the committee name and to take out the word, special needs. We also have asked the work book to be changed to match the committee name. We would like to see the book cover all kinds of accessible. It's not just about getting to a meeting; it could be language, travel and many other challenges. Some in this room in the next couple years could be facing challenges to getting to a meeting.// I think the question should be "Is there a need for an ACCESS Committee? I think the answer is yes. So if there is a need, we need to step up.// This conversation came from the inventory of the I & T Committee. We can't do everything, but it does bring up the barriers that exist. What is keeping people from being involved? I think this can be a wonderful tool for many things.//

Discussion to continue next month.

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

### Discussion Topic:

**Reducing the number of Area Assemblies from 4 to 3, eliminating the summer assembly and incorporating a presentation at each summer ACM, (June, July and August) thereby replacing some of the activities currently featured at the Summer Assembly.**

Discussion: Our first concept is that the responsibility is to the group, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the conference. Here we do it through the assemblies. I think this would be stagnating the business for area business. It would mean that we would have no business from May of one year to April of the following year.// I don't think GSR's would come here for workshops.// We are in the middle of a discussion topic and a motion is not appropriate in the middle of a discussion.// There are 160 members here today and the average attendance at the summer assembly is 350. One of the purposes of the Summer assembly is for education. The members that need the education are not at the ACM, they are the GSR's that do not have a lot of experience; they receive the benefits from the workshop. I think it is important to have access to the workshops to the GSR's.// The area officers have the right to appoint an ad-hoc committee, there is not a need for a motion.// Is this about exploring the benefit to reducing the amount of assemblies a year, or if we are discussing just the Summer Assembly.// I don't want to eliminate the Summer Assembly; I have benefited greatly from this assembly.// Regardless if we need a motion or not to form an ad-hoc committee I think we should; the findings would explore all these discussions.// When the area got started, they started with one assembly and kept adding until we are here now. Models change all the time; maybe we need to look at the economics of the 4 assemblies.// I'm not discounting the Summer Assembly, I like it too, but maybe we could do some of the events here.// Let's review and see what the costs are.// The first summer assembly was in 1989. In 1994 there was a motion to get away with it and it got 1 vote. I think the ad-hoc committee is a good idea.// Looking at our assemblies and what they cost is part of our feasibility study, where can be save monies.// The less extra work the Area Officers have to do, the quality of the work left would improve and make the service available to all.// Is this a fear of not being able to af-

ford 4 assemblies a year? This seems to be a Cadillac problem.// It enables us to have contact and access to each other as an area. If we lose an assembly we are going to lose something.// Business would suffer and take too long to process.// In other areas there are only 2 assemblies on each panel and the 4 assemblies we have encourages participation from the GSR.// If we are going to eliminate any assembly I feel it should be the Post Conference.// I think any recommendation from an ad-hoc should go to the assembly.// We are hosting the summer assembly next August; I think this is a great experience that we could hear from members all over. If we disregard one assembly, we would have a lot of business to do at the other assemblies.//

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

At the Post Conference Assembly, I noticed a GSR taking a photo, and another member explain to the GSR our tradition of anonymity, and the GSR understood the concern. The anonymity statement about photo taking was read each morning at the beginning of the Assembly. On Sunday during "What's on your mind" the past delegates gave a Bon Voyage to the current Delegate. During this process there were several members videoing the singing delegates. Several concerns arise. Should this event take time away from the GSR's being able to voice their group consciences at the assembly. Another concern is the disregard for the tradition of anonymity in spite of the announcement to not photograph at the assembly. Our AA Traditions are broad as they are wide as they are deep. They have been hammered out on the anvils of experience. Perhaps we are not doing our job to accurately convey to our trusted servants at all levels of service and in our fellowship the importance of applying the Traditions to all aspects of how we practice the business of AA. The meeting was closed at 3:35 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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

## AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

### **Assembly Coordinator Job Description**

- Attend Area Committee Meeting, Area Assemblies (give reports), District Officer visits (3-4 month) participate in preparing Agenda Topic Summaries.
- Help prepare Petaluma Facility for ACM (arrive at 9am) Set up sound, reserve rooms, bring District and Standing committee signs and post as appropriate. Liaison to Petaluma Parks & Recreation. Attend Area standing committee meetings as requested.
- Facilitate DCM sharing session meeting once a month at the ACM (10am)
- Attend Area Officers meeting after the ACM (3-4 Hours)
- Set suggested Assembly dates with collaboration of Area Officers. Coordinate with Chair/ Comments editor to post assembly dates in Comments. Create, print and distribute Area Assembly Flyers.

- Assist host District with planning Assemblies.
- Visit Assembly District Planning Committee meetings. (1 or 2 per Assembly)
- Arrive day before Assembly to coordinate set up, test PA & transmitters etc.
- Store, transport and set up and operate Public Address system at Area assemblies and ACM.
- Visit potential Assembly sites for review and approval.
- Help Districts make Assembly bids, review contracts, review final expense report.

Approximate monthly commitment hours 40-50 Hours, average driving 500 - 1000 miles per month depending on where you live.

Michael Q.  
CNCA06 Panel 65 Assembly Coordinator



## DCM SHARING SESSION

### CNCA 06

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

April 28, 2016 Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer  
Introductions.

Secretary Report: Minutes available in English and Spanish. Today's presentation is available in English.  
Thank You for Translating: Tony

**Job Descriptions: Recording Secretary, Barbara S.**

**Presentation: CNCA Goes Through the Motions -- Murias O.**

Step by Step for a motion:

Difference between Small t (the way we do things traditionally in the Area) and Capital T (12 Traditions as written by Bill)

There is some flexibility of the small t traditions. Both the Chair and the Body.

How can you legislate a Group Conscience or legislate spirituality?

The Fourth Tradition guides much of our motion process.

If it's a big matter then it goes to assembly

If it's small it stays at Area or is a Housekeeping Motion.

What is a Motion?

Needs to be readable to the Chair and the Secretary  
Minimum of 3 copies. Secretary, Chair and for maker to read at the microphone

Have stack on the literature table.

Inform the Chair so that they can put on the agenda

Housekeeping Motions: Usually originate from an officer or committee's report. Tend to assist that entity in doing their business. Internal funds, etc.

Presentation of new business: A formal read of the motion

Questions from the floor: To understand the intent or spirit of the motion. Not a time for debate

Can also come from discussion topics.

Can be a motion to move the motion to a subcommittee.

Not all motions need a second. As they come from a group conscience it is assumed that at least two people have discussed it. However if comes from discussion it does need a second. If no second, the motion is dead.

After the presentation of New business (unless there is a motion that has a time constraint that indicates urgency) the next meeting the topic moves to Old Business. A motion will stay at New business until it has enough time for discussion.

Old business: Discussion. Stays as old business until voted upon.

Voting:

Call the Question: Usually discouraged as it tends to push an agenda along.

Time to vote is generally at the Chair's discretion. It is also the chair's discretion as to how the group will vote, simple majority or 2/3rds (substantial unanimity).

Reconsider:

Whether the motion passes or not, the "losing side" or minority opinion is allowed to speak. Only those on the minority voting side may speak.

Motion to reconsider must come from someone who voted in the majority.

If the motion to reconsider passes (simple majority) the motion will go back to the floor for further discussion and another vote.

Following the second vote, whatever the result, the vote stands.

Unless there is a justifiable objection, then the matter is tabled and becomes "Old Business" again.

Decision on whether or not a motion becomes an Assembly motion can be made by the Chair.

Take the results back to the groups

The process insures that we practice principles, not personalities.

#### Discussion:

Can you clarify the objection to the motion to reconsider vote? Chair's rules.

I like the fact that you mention "call the question." We don't do that here. We came close last month at Post Conference, but it was stated more politely.

I heard somewhere that we use 2/3 to determine policy and 1/2 to determine procedure. But the Chair has the discretion.

It's important to have discussion before making a motion.

The discussion can form the motion. This is part of the process; to learn how to communicate with each other.

This is a pretty good representation of how the Area does business. Districts can do things differently. This can be a guide, but is not a rule for districts.

I have observed in my own district, due to a lack of information that it affects the way we do business. This helps me learn!

My experience is that we hold small "t" traditions as absolutes and we don't change. We seem to get locked into how we do it, because that's how we do it.

Time sensitive motions...we go to a good deal of effort to not have a time sensitive motion. Planning and foresight can avoid this.

**Announcements:** Please turn in ideas for workshop topics at Summer Assembly ASAP (by next ACM).

#### Topics for Next Month:

##### **Anonymity at ACM and Assemblies**

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

**Next Month's Presentation: Concept Three ~ Right of Decision (Gilbert)**

Submitted in Love and Service,

Linda T

Recording Secretary

DCM Sharing Session – Panel 65

## Balance Sheet April 2016

### California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of April 30, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
B of A Checking	11,902.72
B of A Savings	9,195.41
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<u>\$ 21,098.13</u>
<b>Other current assets</b>	
Assembly Deposits	2,751.90
<b>Total Other current assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,751.90</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 23,850.03</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 23,850.03</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
3900 Operating Funds - Adjusted	16,802.66
Prudent Reserve	9,194.86
Net Revenue	-2,147.49
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ 23,850.03</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 23,850.03</u>

## Expense Report April 2016

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

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Assembly Contributions	3,944.00	2,850.00	1,094.00	138.39%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions		36.00	-36.00	0.00%
District Contributions	7,948.38	7,000.00	948.38	113.55%
Group Contributions	32,195.10	32,000.00	195.10	100.61%
H & I Archives Rent		500.00	-500.00	0.00%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.21	2.00	-1.79	10.50%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	160.00	460.00	-300.00	34.78%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,243.45	1,260.00	-16.55	98.69%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 45,491.14</b>	<b>\$ 44,108.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,383.14</b>	<b>103.14%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 45,491.14</b>	<b>\$ 44,108.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,383.14</b>	<b>103.14%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Committee Expense	6,199.48	8,902.00	-2,702.52	69.64%
Delegate Expense	3,435.26	4,070.00	-634.74	84.40%
General Expense	28,193.67	24,398.00	3,795.67	115.56%
Officer Expense	10,087.70	10,458.99	-371.29	96.45%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 47,916.11</b>	<b>\$ 47,828.99</b>	<b>\$ 87.12</b>	<b>100.18%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 2,424.97</b>	<b>-\$ 3,720.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,296.02</b>	<b>65.17%</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>				
Refunds/Rebates	276.99		276.99	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 276.99</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 276.99</b>	
<b>Other Expenditures</b>				
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	-0.49		-0.49	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$ 0.49</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 0.49</b>	
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 277.48</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 277.48</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 2,147.49</b>	<b>-\$ 3,720.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,573.50</b>	<b>57.71%</b>

## CNCA POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

### CNCA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2016 POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held on May 14, 2016 at 1511 Rollins Road, Burlingame, California. The meeting was opened at 9:00 by Joann L., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Felicia of District 12. Brian of District 5 read the Traditions in English and Rosalba of District 16 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were 4 past delegates present: Doug G. (Panel 53), Sharon A. (Panel 57), David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee Director of AAWS, and Ken M. (Panel 61). Also Greg M.— Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Vicki R. (Panel 66 Area 07) Delegate, and Wood R. (Area 07 Panel 50) Delegate were present as visitors. The minutes from the Pre Conference Assembly were amended as follows: Bridging the Gap report should read: "At present there are 2 active AA members inside participating in the program." Also meeting closing time should read 11:56 A.M., and then were approved as written.

Registered attendance: Voting = **214**, Non-voting = **120**.

#### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** I would like to thank everyone who came to this assembly. I know everyone has things to do. I just want to let you know that I received an email from Jeff at the correction desk at GSO in NY about the correspondence program in English and Spanish. They found the forms that we sent before and the reason why they have not responded to our forms is because you need to be two regions away from inmate to respond and most of the inmates are in California and Arizona. They do have the forms and will respond as soon as a request has been sent by an inmate.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** Thanks to District 04 and 05 and their volunteers for putting the assembly together today. Serving as Alternate Delegate I am to pray for our Delegate, my prayers have worked and as you can see he has made it back from NY. Last year my prayers were answered. Raymundo heard your groups' conscience, took them to the Conference in NY and returned safely. He gave a wonderful emotional, spiritual and informative Delegate Report. This year I took my Prayer duties serious and again and the results are the same. Raymundo has returned! As you can see he has made it back safely again. Looking forward to his report today.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** I have some items in the lost and found from the last assembly. Please look if you have lost something at the assembly. Our three motions today that may be voted on all affect policy, so we will require a substantial unanimity or 2/3 vote to pass.

**TREASURER Teddy BW:** The state of the CNCA Treasury is sound. As of today we have \$15,833.11 in the bank plus our prudent reserve of \$9,195.41. Financial reports are published in the CNCA Comments each month. It's not my job to tell anyone what they should or should not put in the bucket — my job is to provide the information so that you can make an informed decision. If the total cost of today's Assembly is divided by attendance — that would be \$14. The food cost is \$4.50 per member. On one end of spectrum is the AA mem-

ber whose opinion is that s/he should put \$14 in the bucket plus another \$14 for the person who can't afford to. On the other end of the spectrum is the AA member whose opinion is that the group contributions should pay for 100% of the business of the Area. And then, there is everything in between. All I know is that there is never a shortage of money in AA, only a shortage of good information, and one final piece is that we accept cash and checks made payable to "CNCA."

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** Right now the registration numbers are 233 people registered. If you have not registered yet, please do so. Voting members are GSR's, DCM's and DCM-C's or their alternates if the member is not here, and Area Officers.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** I would like to remind you that while you are at the mic, please speak slow, you are being recorded for the minutes and translated to Spanish or English.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Welcome to Burlingame. Our next assembly is the summer assembly, it will be in Watsonville, and some of our workshops will be outside this time.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Augustin L.:** We have a 7-day free trial right now for the GV online, and this panel there have been two new books, "Forming True Partnerships" and the LV is "One Day at a Time." On the literature table there are some arbor cards to participate in the GV contest. Also information for the Forum is on the table.

#### Area Sub-Committees

**ARCHIVES Sheri W.:** CNCA houses and displays its Archives in Walnut Creek. Monthly scheduled work days allow access to our archives and also opportunities for the Archives Committee to do its work. We continue to organize the Repository and inventory items. We are always grateful to receive Group Histories and we have Group History Forms at our display table, so please pick one up and take to your Home Group. In September, we will be hosting the "National AA Archives Workshop" at the Concord Hilton. Registration is open, you can register online or in person today. Please see Laura W. if you have any questions about registration for this event. Translation will be provided and you can find more information at the Archives Display Table.

**BRIDGING THE GAP Bill B.:** As compared to the Panel 63 Post Conference Assembly of 2014 your Panel 65 BTG committee has handled 566 contacts vs. 697 in 2016. Once again I want to thank all the BTG volunteers in CNCA for their extraordinary service work as we build on the work of previous panels. The ACM approved extending the short-term correspondence pilot program for six months from 3/26/16 at that ACM. At present there are 2 active AA members inside participating in the program. 8 had asked to participate and either been denied parole or have stopped writing. One training session for this service was held at the ACM BTG meeting in December. Another training session can be set up if there is sufficient interest. Also there is the possibility of doing local training in your district. We have the BTG Forum scheduled for 10/15/16 at the Hoover Theater in San Jose. We will have panel discussions on BTG, H & I, and PI with additional panels of treatment and corrections

## CNCA POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

professionals. Past Trustee (Class A) Judge Rogellio Flores has agreed to speak.

**FINANCE Summer L.:** Next month the Finance Committee will begin preparations of the CNCA Budget for 2017. This might seem a bit early, however, our experience has been that it is prudent begin early. If your district is considering making an assembly bid for next year, we urge you to prepare those bids as early as possible, it will help our budget process immensely and will make the jobs of the next panel officers and chairpersons much easier. CNCA continues to operate well within our budget. Regular Contributions have remained steady thus far this panel. The robust contributions we received at the Pre-Conference Assembly are greatly appreciated. The Finance Committee on behalf of the Area extends our gratitude to all the groups and individuals who continue to provide your generous support for CNCA to help us to carry the message.

**PI/CPC Phil B.:** This is a busy season for PI/CPC. Group events and District events are going to keep us busy. If you are having an event, please let us know; we can provide you with information and tools for your event. If you a PI/CPC speaker we would like to invite you to attend our monthly meeting. All service starts with the raising of the hand, and the words "I am available."

**WEBSITE Don Z.:** The Website Standing Committee has, over the past several months, migrated our CNCA06.org website to a new hosting provider, where we now have a private server. Recently the function of the "Contact Us" menu on the home page, linking the email of area officers, has been restored. Going forward, our goal is to continue improving our area website to make it easier to navigate, more reliable and more attractive.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION Claudia N.:** We continue to provide translation at our Area Committee Meeting and our Assemblies so that we can all participate together in our Area's business and hear all our voices. We will be having ASL today as well. Last month at the Pre-Conference Assembly we loaned out 45 radios and got all of them back! That went so well, we are doing it again!! We have a table where we are lending out radios again. If you don't have a radio with you today, please go and sign up for a loaner and remember to turn it back in at the end of the day. Remember to speak clearly and not too fast for our interpreters today. I want to thank Faera & Mateo for their service. As a committee we will keep looking at ways to improve communication with each other.

### **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:** Our group had a very strong opinion that this should not be changed.// We all agree that we would like to participate in District 16. It would be very helpful if the officers of District 16 state that they made a mistake and this

could be removed.// The only thing that we would like say again that for District 16, sub-district 002, when they became sub-district 02, they became District 20. We want to reunify our District; we are still divided. We are 16 groups in SF and everything is in the Mission and the longest is in Monterey which is ½ hour away.// I am trying to understand that when a District has a need to subdivide, I understand that they should work together, I believe there is a division now, and we see that maybe the word of removing should not have been used and maybe it should have said unify. Sub District 002 has not participated.// I have been reading that a sub district is part of a district, and my group does not understand this motion; we are trying to have one District and trying to work all together. // I think the best thing to do is that some members should form their own sub-district, and we need to follow the first tradition and that means sitting down and having a conversation and come to a solution together.// My group felt they did not have enough information nor did they understand the process. This is not following the unity of District 16 and we need to have a District conscience to come to a solution.// We are here to ratify that back in 2003 that sub-district 002 became sub-district 006 of District 7, and we asked what to do from the Area Officers, and we were informed.// In 2001 sub district 006 of District 07 became District 20.// My group is against this motion, that a District should not be coming to the area to ask for a sub district to be removed.// I believe that it is the responsibility of the DCMC to work with the DCM to work with the sub district to help the groups participate at the District level. They should be working to have them participate instead of kicking them out.// The intention is to unify the District and to work together. Our District is 20 miles of area; this is not about trying to keep it small. In the last panel the sub district named a DCM without informing the District. This has caused damage to the members that are providing service, we need to follow the principles not personalities and this will promote unity.// If this motion should pass and we should not be looking at this as disunity, this has already been in effect and this is just correcting the paperwork of District 16. They are not going to lose their home. This is to correct the area on the map as to where they are located.// This is ternary from those who presented the motion. We were never asked if we wanted to remain in the District and we need to follow the principles of AA.// Will there likely be more unity if the motion passes or fails. If making the situation on paper solve the problem. What is the path to unity that is not happening right now? It's not what is right or wrong, it is about promoting unity.// I am done with this motion. It is not about the loss we have witnessed at best, at worst and emotional lynching I will not listen anymore and I believe we should vote no which I believe is a waste of time and spend more time promoting unity, which I think is a great use of our time.// This sets a dangerous precedent. We are opening the door for districts to not solve their own issues and looking for the area to solve the problem. This is not promoting unity.// I am thinking about the tradition about money, property and prestige. This seems to be a fight about property. We need to practice the principles. // I think that a sub district can't just name itself a district. I think we need to work as a sub district to District

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16. // This seems like a soap opera; we are not understanding the principle. There are internal problems inside the district and our job is to create solutions and unity. The area can't produce unity for you if you are not able to do it yourself. The area should not be making this decision for you. Unity is the most important principle.// It may be time to stop this. There are two principles, unity and autonomy.// Our District has two sub-districts, 01 is participating in the District, but 002 is not. This is a lack of unity and no one is working on this.// There is no solution in sight here. It is causing an issue area wide. I think we have made a mistake to bring this to the assembly. In our District there was a sub district that wanted to act as a district and it did not work. They eventually came back to the District to participate.// We had a member that did a great job on the history geography, and that shows the sub district does not exist, but there are groups participating in the sub district. I don't know what the answer is, but I have been told when in doubt don't. Warranty 5 in our service manual reads "That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy." "Practically all societies and governments feel it necessary to inflict personal punishment upon individual members for violations of their beliefs, principles, or laws. Because of its special situation, AA finds this practice unnecessary." I think the motion did not intend to cause a bad result, but it has been the affect. We hope that our companions from sub district 002 is now part of our district.

The chair asked if the assembly was ready to vote and the assembly was ready to vote. <<Vote: 14 Yes 134 No 29 Abstains>> **Motion <<Failed>>**

**Minority Opinion:** We hope that our companions from sub district 002 is now part of our district.// This Wednesday we have our District meeting and we hope to see Sub district 002 there.// I think we should consider that this is not a matter of judgement, this is about getting communication within the District. This is 90% principle; sub district 002 is already gone, and the groups have a right to participate wherever they want.// I think God has spoken, but all I want to see is unity and I hope that now we can be united and work together. There is a lot of resentment from years ago. We don't have any information about what happened years ago, we need to move forward. // What use to be sub district 002 is now part of District 20. Sub district 002 does not exist, but their groups in San Mateo that are acting as Sub district 002.

**No motion to reconsider: Motion <<Failed>>**

### 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: My group was divided, 60% is against this motion, that past or alternates should not be eligible; if someone served 5 panels ago they are not going to be informed in current affairs. The GSR's are informed of area issues and problems, as someone that served in the past would not be up to date.// Whether you are for or against this motion, you are talking about only adding 20 – 30 persons. Each commit-

tee has a defined number of members and alternate DCMCs. This motion may open up some to serve on committees and still be eligible as an Area Officer.// All areas are different. In CNIA ever districts puts someone up and the area officers are also available. This just allows members to serve on committees and wait to become an area officer. We would still get the best to serve, but there would be more members available.// I currently serve at the District and currently serve on a committee at area. I was asked why I served at the District and I am now out of the pool to serve as an area officer. I see the value of expanding the pool to open up some members serving at the District or committee.// Making the pool larger is great, but I think when I hear moving sideways or over I'm confused. I was told that if I was available for a position, I am available. Thinking about what will happen later is uncomfortable for me to think about.// I think this motion is too broad. I think we need to think about are we available now to serve where I need to be and not think about later.// I want to question the concept of increasing availability. People with the best of intentions stack up their commitments together. It is not about what I can do later; it is what I can do now to help the alcoholic.// I would like to read something from the BB on page 68, "Perhaps there is a better way, we think so. For we are now on a different basis; the basis of trusting and relying upon God. We trust infinite God rather than our finite selves. We are in the world to play the role He assigns. Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity."// I am a current DCM and current chair of an area committee, but I cannot be an area officer because of health issues, and I would like to be available later to service as an officer. We need to take into consideration family and health issues and every member needs to think about what they can do later.// We are about to turn over our commitments in my group and we don't have a coffee commitment filled. That means we don't have coffee.// The thing that sticks in the back of my mind is humility. On the surface this seems to open up for members that are not able to follow the path currently to area officer or those that are not elected to come back as plan "B" and serve on an area committee. It bothers me that some would be making that calculated move and serving on standing committees and sub committees I believe that would be for the wrong reason. If humility is the foundation of our program, we need to be focusing on whether this is in the principle of following that principle.// The spirit of rotation has to do with members being excited to serve and to take on new responsibilities. I think that rotation should be as is.// My district thinks this is not necessary because it would destroy the spirit of rotation. It is not my intention to be a Delegate. When you come to the District to serve there are many positions to serve. We don't want to take anything away from serving as a Delegate. I was told if you are not ready, let someone else serve. There will be an opportunity to serve at a different time.// I was told that the members that are available as area officers is shrinking. I think it is because of the commitment of driving. I think this would open up the number of candidates.// It is not just about availability; it is about willingness to serve. People talk about moving sideways is ok, it

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is ok to step backwards, it is about making myself available.// My past experience was in service to my district without a vote and I made some moves to change this. Once I got my ego out of the way I was much happier. We need to trust our trusted servants and we will elect the best candidate.// The motion states standing committees or sub-committees, how are they appointed?// The Area Officers choose.// The sub-committees would consist of members that serve that committee at their District.// I have a suggestion outside this motion. I am told to look at am I available, can I do what is required. I am looking at maybe we should have ALT's to the officers so the travel would be decreased.// It has been suggested that in order to follow God's will that we need to take our current restrictions and widen the pool of candidates. Maybe this is God's will.

The chair stated this was a motion to reconsider from the Pre Conference and we must vote. <<Vote: 87 YES 86 NO 10 Abstains>> **Motion << Failed>>**

### **Motion:**

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

**Discussion:** Our group has dealt with a lot of safety issues, and we have developed our own literature to guide our secretaries to deal with safety issues and we would like to have any information that would help.// We have a large group that meets every day that we have been able to deal with them, and we feel having guidelines would be helpful. The minority was no, we have enough guidelines.// We like that this is a pamphlet and it is experience from other groups, it will add information to the pool.// We don't think this is necessary, it is moving toward institutional, it would make new members feel unwelcome.// My group was split. In favor felt it would be helpful to have information from other groups and how to recognize safety issues. The second half not in favor was, let's call it something different, it sends the wrong message to new members, and we don't need another pamphlet.// My group liked this idea for a pamphlet. We have experienced all kinds of safety issues. There was fear about rules, but this would be just information for our groups.// If groups wanted to archive the safety issues by the group history reports.// It's not just about the group safety, there are many different forms of safety, it is this an outside issue?// This pamphlet would insufficiently address the issues, and it may give ideas to newcomers that are positive and negative. We think it would be better to have an ongoing conversation in the Grapevine about safety.// We have 43 meetings a week and there is a lot of safety issues that has happened inside and outside our meeting area. My job as the GSR is to help members to solve issues and to stay safe. If we had a pamphlet to help with ideas to solve this, it would be helpful for our group.// We are in favor of this motion, and my personal opinion, after reviewing the notes from the pre-conference that stated, "Can this address all the considerations?" No, but does that mean that it is not worth the effort? This is going to be experience and guidelines, not rules. Grapevine conversations would not help because the information would not be in one place.// I served on a committee that tried to come up with guidelines for a fellowship that was passed by

the fellowship, but the guidelines are not being followed. We have had issues that has involved us in court issues. We believe it should be added to the AA Group pamphlet and does not need to be a new pamphlet.// My group took responsibility for safety issues. The responsibility needs to start with the group or committee. We need to remind each other about respect for others and not another pamphlet.// When a family looks at a budget they set priorities. We do this also at AA. We need to look at what it would cost to publish new pamphlets. Some of our literature still needs to be translated to other languages. I believe the money we have should be used to work on existing pamphlets. Locks are only good for people that are law abiding.// Every month we ask for Grapevine and La Viña stories. I believe that if you go to other groups you will see safety issues. I think the Grapevine is one way to solve the issue. We need to take responsibility for the issue and not look to a pamphlet for solutions.// There was a workshop in our last panel and I was surprised that other groups were having the same issues my group was. My sponsor showed me what was acceptable actions. Once I took a person out of a meeting for bad behavior. I have been yelled at and did not know what to do, and my group felt that it was an outside issue. There are still problems in my group and my group is unable to do anything because they feel it would affect other groups. We need some guidelines.// I am surprised that I hear about police coming in to serve warrants in meetings and this is not right. We need some guidelines and suggestions to handle this and also issues about mental health members to be able to speak freely. These issues need to be addressed.// I think having a pamphlet would be helpful and each meeting can choose if they want the pamphlet available to their members.// Our literature talks about in our history that GSO asked the groups to send in all their rules and Tradition 3 came about because of the issue of rules. There is something special about keeping things simple.// I went to AA.org and typed in safety and what came up was DUI issues. I would like to see some help about safety issues outside the meeting. We don't need to have a pamphlet, there are guidelines.// This was hard to talk to my group about because it was too general. We think we need more information on what we would want in the pamphlet.// We all agree that there are many types of safety. One thing that seems to be common about the issue about when to call the police or when not to call. I would like to see this added to an existing pamphlet that would clarify this issue. I would also like to see something in the Grapevine that would come from members' experience that may someday be a book that would outline a large amount of safety issues.// We have 58 current pamphlets; I am not sure we need another pamphlet. I sell literature at our local intergroup. Many of the existing pamphlets are not used by the members. I think we should add to an existing pamphlet that we have.// When I was looking for information about this, I called GSO and they had no information for me. Being able to get something from GSO would be helpful.// I did not understand what group safety was when this started; I have looked at many issues. Each group is autonomous and it would be hard to determine what "Group Safety" is. Maybe we could develop a form that a group could discuss this issue and come up with their own

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guidelines.// We discussed money issues around a new pamphlet, and many groups have too many pamphlets and books that just collect dust. We think if it was a pamphlet that was really used, and members are going to read it, it would be good, but if it is going to collect dust we do not need it.// I have experienced physical threats; I am concerned about right now in the U.S., we have expectations about police. If we had guidelines about when to call the police and when not, I'm not sure if this would just open a can of worms.// In my home group every once in a while we have an issue. We decided it's not about the person acting badly, it is about how our group is going to react. Whether it is a guideline or a pamphlet it is about the discussion.// One of the issues I have heard about from women is the unwanted advancements and other female issues. These issues are addressed in the pamphlet AA and the woman alcoholic.// If this motion passes this would mean that we would send a letter to NY to look at this issue. It would come back in the form of an agenda item. We need to do something before someone else does something for us. In Ireland you cannot go to a meeting without a guardian if you are under 18. If we don't self-police, someone else will.// I had an issue at a meeting with a member and three days later I was arrested for domestic violence. I was next to someone in jail that was jailed for not interrupting a situation that he witnessed. I need to have something that helps with the issues, something written in AA literature to help with how to deal with.// In our community we had a couple that started with a passionate affair and it ended with both members killing themselves. There were members of the group that knew the member had a gun and did nothing. Many of our group members don't have papers and this would cause an issue. We have members with mental health issues and we have never called the police.// When we brought the motion forward and talked about group safety we worded the motion vaguely on purpose so that it could be looked at on a broad issue.// I have been to a meeting where the police were called because a member was assaulted. I have also been where knives were present. We need to talk about this issue.// What I have learned is that this is one alcoholic talking to another and the fellowship walking me through what I need to deal with. There is so much experience in this room we need

to share with others, a pamphlet is not the answer.// I had an issue with a member and we went to the steering committee and that committee offered to help and talk to the member. Also members offered to stay with the woman to avoid the issue.// We should have some documentation in our literature, and this is all about the first tradition, our common welfare comes first and I think this is what the pamphlet should talk about.// In my group if we don't know how to handle a situation, I would look to the older members of the group and the group should have discussions. The group needs to tell the secretary how to deal with this.//

**Motion to stay as Old Business at the Summer Assembly.**

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

Thank you to the interpreters today and if you borrowed a radio, please be sure you return to Bob at the I & T Table.// I was asked today, when are you going to pass the buckets? We don't pass the bucket at the assembly. So far today have received, \$1,651.00.// Thank you Area 06 and District 08 for your letters of support for EBYPAA. Our elections for ACYPAA will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00-4:00 at the Mayhew Fellowship in Walnut Creek, and June 12 @ 11:00-4:45 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Oakland. We are having our Yuba Camp out on July 8-10 and Pre Registration BBQ on May 21 @ Noon in Walnut Creek at Arbolado Park. All this is on our website at ACYPAA.org// Thank you Co Chair Maryann and to all the volunteers for today. Thank you for your service. Traffic directors did a great job.// Someone took the English PRAASA CD's from the literature table; please return as soon as you can.// Thanks for the fastest lunch line ever.// The summer assembly will be in Watsonville on August 6th, 2016, please join us.// We are hosting the National Archives Workshop on September 8-11, 2016. We have some confirmed presenters coming. Registration is opened and you can register on line. This is an event that our Area is hosting and if you are interested in being of service, please let us know.//

The meeting closed at 11:46 AM with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted by Barbara S.  
CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

## AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

### Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Chair

- Attend monthly area business meeting every fourth Saturday of the month, and make a report.
- Attend four assemblies a year and give a report during business meeting.
- Facilitates the literature/Grapevine/La Vina sharing session from 10am-11am.
- Visit one of the sub-committee meetings (archives, bridging the gap, Website, or I and T Committee) from 11am-12pm.
- Meets with all the area officers after the regular area business meeting the fourth Saturday of the month.
- Visits at least three Districts a month.

- Meet with all area officers in mid-February to prepare the agenda topic summaries.
- Become familiar with literature and audiovisual material and GSO's AA website ([www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)) and Grapevine/La Vina website ([aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org))
- Encourage AA members to read and purchase AA conference-approved literature.
- Creates enthusiasm for the Grapevine and La Vina in the area.
- Sets up literature, and keeps a supply of Grapevine /La Vina items on hand for the display.
- Last but not least always keep in mind rule 62, "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."



## CNCA CALENDAR

### 2016—Panel 65

**June**      **10-12—69th NCCAA Summer Conference**, Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

**July**      **25—Area Committee Mtg**  
**23—Area Committee Mtg**  
**23-24—20th Anniversary La Viña Celebration**  
Holiday Inn, Phoenix West, AZ

**August**    **6—Summer Assembly**  
Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Santa Cruz (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)  
**27—Area Committee Mtg**

**September**    **8-11 20<sup>th</sup> National AA Archives Workshop** in Walnut Creek  
**24—Area Committee Mtg**  
**30 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional Forum** in Waikola, Hawaii

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

**November**    **22—Area Committee Mtg**  
**5—Election Assembly**  
Scottish Rite Center, San Jose (Hosted by District 17)

**December**    **26—Area Committee Mtg**  
**17—Area Committee Mtg**

## ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

### PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

**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)

If your District is considering making a bid for an Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Michael Q. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org) website.

## AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

### Recording Secretary – Job Description

Monthly ACM Meeting Minutes and Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

- It is not a requirement that the Recording Secretary use a computer to record the minutes from the Area Committee meeting, however it does help. Using a template helps too, and the current template will be passed on to the new Rec. Secretary. The intent is to accurately capture the wording of motions and voting results, and to capture the essence of the discussions and reports in the minutes. The minutes are typed up and forwarded to the *CNCA Comments* Editor, the *Comentarios de ACNC* Editor, and the Area Officers who are serving as the advisors to both, by the Saturday following the Area Committee meeting. After approval from Advisory Officer, minutes are emailed to Area Officers, DCMC, Area Committee Chairs. Minutes should be stored in order to refer

to for updating the Motions/Report book.

- At the Pre-Conference Assembly, it is helpful to the delegate if the Recording Secretary also captures the essence of the group consciences shared for each of the conference agenda topic items, and then provides those notes to the delegate and to the alternate delegate *only*. The form of these notes will be at the direction of the Delegate.
- Bring extra copies of the Assembly minutes to the following Assembly's business meeting.
- Maintain the sign-in sheets, motions forms and District/Committee report form in English and Spanish, and ensure copies are available at the Area Committee Meeting.

**Motions Book** - It the Recording Secretary's responsibility to update the Motions/Reports Book with all the motions made during the panel, the results of the voting, locations of the assemblies and names of the area officers who served

## CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS JUNE 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 the Area form an Accessibility Committee?

### 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*

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during the panel. There might also be ad hoc committee reports or other subsequent report that need to be added to the reporting section.

**District Visits** - Typically, 3 visits per month: driving time varies depending on distance (average 8,500 miles/year?). Preparation time: ≈1-2 hours per visit, depending on request. Helpful to have a degree of flexibility with one's job.

**Area Committee Meeting** - 12 Meetings per year, with Officers Meeting after. Usually at Petaluma from 9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

**Area Assembly Meeting** – 4 per year

**Officers Invitations** - Officers are often invited to Unity Days, intradistricts, facilitating group inventories, or special workshops & anniversaries. These special events are not reimbursed by CNCA.

**Time Needed:** Editing of minutes from ACM and Assemblies: 2-4 hours each.

District visits: Average 3 visits per month: 1-2 hours prep time for presentation if needed along with travel and meeting time: 3-8 hours each.

~ Area Officer Job Descriptions to be continued next month ~

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## Panel 65 Area Officers & Area Meeting Information

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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

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