



CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential -- July 2016

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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting July 2016

The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee that was appointed by the Area Officers met bright and early on June 25 to start discussion on the topic "The feasibility of future CNCA assemblies." Those asked to serve on the committee were: Jeff W., District 3, Erica S., District 5, Enrique E., District 20, Tom V., District 7, Tim D., District 14, and past delegate and current Director of AAWS, David N. We look forward to hearing what they have to say.

Later at the Area Committee meeting, we had two presentations of new business.

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

Both of these items will be New Business at the July Area Committee Meeting.

Also at the next Area Committee meeting in July, Michael Q. will make a motion:

- That CNCA form an ACCESS Committee.

Since this is a motion coming from an individual, not a group or a district, it will require a second.

We also had a surprise visitor. Valley K, a trustee of the General Service Committee in India, shared with us some of his service history as well as his experience in America.

Please make your plans to attend the Summer Assembly at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville. The workshop topics have been distributed with the updated Assembly flyers.

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

In service and gratitude,

Joann L.

Panel 65

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

THE 2016 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

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

Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

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

Business Meeting: 9:10 - 12:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

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

(Translation available at all workshops)

Report back: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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

**BRING YOUR FM RADIOS FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION
AND ASSISTED LISTENING**

I would like to thank you all for your great hospitality in each one of our districts. One of the things that I like the most is the smiling faces of joy that I see when I walk into the rooms that I visit and to meet new people that for whatever reason they could not make it to the assemblies, and of course the ones that we already know, this is a unique experience, being in touch with our member in A.A.

This year is the 20th Anniversary of La Viña. In the early 90s as I was lying down reading an issue from the Grapevine I noticed that there was an article written in Spanish for the first time. When I attended the International Convention in San Diego in 1995 I received the very first issue of La Viña which I gave to my home group for archives. In 2000 at the International Convention I was invited to participate in one of the workshops; by then I already had my collection of La Viña which is kept at my home group. Also I would like to mention something about the Grapevine. The 72 thousand subscriptions that we have monthly, usually are read by about two more people each, which means that we are able to reach out over 200,000 readers.

Thank you all for your Grapevine gift subscriptions to the inmates that have requested them; all five of them have been fulfilled.

I would like to remind you to encourage young members in your area to write their personal stories for possible inclusion in the revised pamphlet "Young People and A.A." Stories should reflect "in a general way what we used to be like, what happened and what we are like now." Manuscripts should be 500 - 800 words, double space, in 12-point typeface. The words "Young People and A.A." should appear on top of the first page of the manuscript. The author's complete name, address and email/telephone information should be included with the submission. It can be emailed to: Literature@aa.org with "Young People and A.A." inserted in the subject line of the message. Alternatively, submissions can be mailed to: Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for all submissions is December 30, 2016.

I would see you all at the Summer Assembly on August 06, and at the 20th NAAAW on September 8-11, 2016 in Concord. Pacific Regional Forum in Hawaii September 30th to October 2nd 2016.

Is really true when they said that time flies when you are having fun, and the Secret is Service.

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

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2016

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held June 25, 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 Kathleen of District 07, Tom of District 07 read Tradition 6 and Betty of District 12 read Concept 6. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), and David N. (Panel 59). There were 4 GSRs and 1 new DCM present. One Visitor: Valley K., Class B Trustee from GSO India. The May minutes with the correction: "Bridging the Gap Committee report was given by Larry B." and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 4/85

Registered attendance: Voting= **61**, Non-voting= **26**.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: I have had a great time giving my reports to the Districts. Thank-you for your hospitality. I have done 9 reports so far and am looking forward to 14 more. I received an email from Jeff at the Corrections desk in NY. I am very touched when I hear from inmates that have asked for help and they thank you for our contributions to be able to provide for them. I have received 5 requests for inmates requesting subscriptions to the GV. If you would like to help, please see me during the break. There will be a delegate's reunion June 16-18, 2017 in San Jose. There is also a call out for Young People's stories from NY. The essay should be 500 to 800 words, double spaced in 12 pt. fonts. With Young People in AA at the top of the manuscript and also in the subject line of the email. You can send the email to LiteratureAA.org I have also sent this out by email to the DCMC's. **ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** We have been busy this panel, and this is a good time to relax and smell the roses. This is a great time for you to think about your pass it on to the next person in line for Panel 67. This will be a great tool for the person stepping up into your position.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: I have a new cell number. The new number is [listed in the print version of the CNCA Comments]. If you have a motion that you would like to present at the ACM meeting, please let me know a week before so I can get it on the agenda and translated into Spanish before the meeting. Please check the lost and found, there are new items that have been found. We have appointed an ad-hoc committee to be looking at our Assemblies and how we do them. This was in response to your voices during the discussion for the last 2 months.

TREASURER Teddy BW: We received so far this month \$6,618.23 in revenue, and I have written checks this month for \$4,996.70, which leaves us with \$14,924.96 in the bank along with our Prudent Reserve of \$9,195.41. I have had lots of help from the Finance Committee, who I would like to thank. We have completed 183 receipts today.

REGISTRAR Ray W.: I gave my job descriptions today at the DCM sharing session. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or any other officer about their duties and experience with their current jobs. Be sure to circulate your District sign-in sheets at your meeting to correct addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. Corrections should be to me 2 weeks before your district meeting so I can have a current sign-in sheet sent to your District Registrar.

RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.: Today is my first day as a non-smoker. I am still working on the motions book and Raymundo and I are getting close. Thanks to all that have

helped in the process so far. We hope to have up to date by the end of this panel. It would be great for the Spanish Districts to have a copy of the motions part of our Motions Book. **ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** I attended the planning meeting for the Summer Assembly with District 03 and 40. The lunch menu looks especially inviting and preparations for our outdoor workshops will make this a unique and exciting experience. Flyers in Spanish and English are available on the front table. The final flyer listing the workshops will be sent out next week. Today is the deadline to submit suggestions for the workshop topics. Please hand your district's suggestions to any officer. This is an opportunity for communication with our GSR's, an opportunity for Unity and a real opportunity for sharing experience strength and hope, not to mention that it's just plain fun. There are still 7 open assemblies for Pane 67; a list of suggested dates is available on the front desk. Please start this discussion with your district. **LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.:** Grapevine is looking for Stories on the following: "Remote Communities – How to stay sober in faraway places" (deadline July 5th). "Emotional Sobriety (deadline August 1); "Making Amends" (deadline September 11). "Service during the Holiday" (deadline July 5). There will also be 3 vacancies on the "Editorial Advisory Board" of the GV in September 2016.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY Susan G.: We had light attendance at our monthly meeting. We discussed "Anonymity Online" with the service material handout from GSO. We had a presentation on the Summer Assembly and the Feasibility Study. We are excited to have Dessert with the Delegate next month in lieu of our regular meeting.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Elijah H.: We had our first GSR orientation on June 1st. It was well attended and enthusiastically received. Everyone had a lot of questions so we'll be busy learning and growing. A few of us attended the 21st Anniversary celebration of District 19. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship, food and music with inspirational speakers. Several individuals have expressed an interest in helping to serve breakfast at the summer assembly, so we are looking forward to that opportunity.

03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.: We had a great meeting. We had the Delegate's Report along with a potluck. We are looking forward to having the summer assembly. We are limited to 100 for Dinner, but the meeting will be open. We are having some of the workshops outside, so bring a blanket, chair or beach balls and enjoy the fairgrounds.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.: After a nine-month trial period, the district decided to permanently use Slack as a secure means of communicating within the district. We also approved a motion to fund five people from the district to attend the National AA Archives Workshop. Another motion, to distribute income from the Post-Conference Assembly Dinner between the GSO and CNCA also passed. This will mark District 04's first time contributing to other service entities since 2011. We've also started discussing whether the Secretary's Workshop, currently a service provided by District, would be better suited within the purview of Intergroup.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.: We started a discussion on a motion presented last month by a GSR, "That AAWS cease publication of the pamphlet "Too Young." The

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

group believes that it is not relevant and does not reflect the AA membership. We had a presentation on "How to put together an Assembly and what comes out of it." We also had a guest that shared a little about how AA works in India, generating lots of questions and interest at the meeting.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We are having our Unity Day in August. Flyers are on the table and everyone is welcome. We had a motion pass to fund "Bus Placard PSA's for a 2-3 month period this winter and next summer. Every Samtrans bus will have in English and Spanish our PSA posted. A motion also passed to form an ad hoc committee to gather information on insurance for the District. We are also reading job descriptions and talking about what it means to be available.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We had the Delegate's Report this month at our District meeting. We are working on our Unity Day with Intergroup and how to retain GSR's for next panel.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: After the whirlwind of activity around the General Service Conference, we settled back into our motions and discussions and learning about GS. We had a presentation on lifting the veil on what happens at the meeting in Petaluma on the 4th Saturday.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: Our District is experiencing DCM vacancies. We have 2 of 9 represented. We are having new GSR's coming into our District. We will be talking about job descriptions at our District as well as the business at the Assembly.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We passed a motion to make an adjustment to our reimbursement guidelines, and passed 2 HK motions. One to form an ad hoc committee to look at the balance of groups in our sub districts. And the 2nd was to look at the possibility of holding an assembly.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We are working on an assembly bid for the post conference in 2018. We are still working on confirmation of the facility. We are also working on our District Guidelines and hope to have approved in the next couple of months.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: We talked about the PRAASA rotation and the reduction of assemblies with our GSR's. I explained to our GSR's the significance of each assembly. I have heard members expressing discontent about members forming cliques and not practicing being available. We asked our GSR's for feedback about their concerns of officers in GS in hopes to make the remainder of the panel comfortable.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We have our Unity Day set for Sept 18. We might not be serving dinner at our district meeting anymore. When the GSR's were asked, there was a strong feeling that it was not necessary. We are continuing to present district officer job descriptions. We are also considering having our district pay for one male and one female hotel room for Friday night before the Summer Assembly, in hopes that more GSR's are encouraged to attend. We had a presentation on the National AA Archives Workshop and had topic ideas for the breakout sessions at the Summer Assembly.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: This month we did our District inventory. We also held our annual Unity Day this month. We are looking at taking some of the load off our DCM's to be able to serve the groups better.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: Our Delegate's BBQ was great and

very well attended. We made a recording of the Delegate's Report and have made it available to the GSR's that were unable to attend. We are working on getting information from the groups about their policies of children: all the way from not allowing children, to providing daycare. We won't be drawing names for a scholarship to the Regional Forum, but at our Officers meeting we will be looking at the possibility of offering scholarships to the National AA Archives Workshop.

13 LAKE *Mary Ellen R.*: We had a GSR orientation this month before our District meeting. The 27th Annual Lake County "Sober Fest" is August 19-21. Go to www.lcaaonline62.org for more information. Our ad hoc committee presented a final draft of financial guidelines. It will be new business next month.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We had a great district meeting in Fort Bragg. We are having our Delegate's Report next month along with an Ice Cream Social. We have begun a regular weekly Concepts Study meeting, something new for our District.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We had a small but enthusiastic meeting in Crescent City this month. Our treasurer and budget committee presented us with 5 questions to add to our District Agenda regarding thoughtful and appropriate use of our District funds. We are discussing some activities of our PI/CPC Committee that are cause for concern and figuring out what the best actions are for us.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We attended the NCCAA on June 11; also on June 12 we attended the District 19 Anniversary. Thanks to Area Officer for the visit and information. District 16 is celebrating 31 years on June 11 from 2 to 5 pm at 4260 Mission St in San Francisco. District 16 is taking information to the Mexican Consulate 2 days a week. On July 17 we are hosting the Interdistrictal meeting at 4260 Mission St., San Francisco.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: On May 29 we had the Delegate's report. In June we visited the group "La Nueva Luz" (The new light) to encourage them, elect a GSR, and we took some information about events to the group. On June 11 we attended the NCCAA. On June 12, District 19 held their anniversary and we also attended the event. On June 15 we visited the group Bienvenidos with the topic of general service. On June 19 we celebrated the District 17 anniversary. 18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We started the 2nd round of visits to the groups, and also in the last District Meeting, for first time we used the translation equipment. The area officer who visited us talked about the assemblies and the process. We are interested in bidding for one for the next panel. On July 30th District 18 will be celebrating our 23rd anniversary from 9am to 3 pm. Participation of the 5 Spanish districts will be on a panel of speakers including the Delegate with Delegate's report. We participated in the NCCAA at Santa Rosa. We had a general service meeting which was well attended. We are motivated to attend the 20th anniversary of La Viña in July in Phoenix.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: Thanks to area officer for the visit; they talked about the importance of the sponsorship in General Service. We celebrated the District anniversary on June 12th; thanks to everyone for the support. We attended the District 17 anniversary on June 19. We

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continue visiting groups. PI committee from the Watsonville Intergroup is visiting Hospitals in Watsonville and Santa Cruz.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: Thanks for the Area Officer visit. We continue visiting groups. We started with the Job description for the rotation in service. We are planning the 5th anniversary of the District on November. July 11th we invite you to listen to the Conference report for the Delegate from 7 to 10 pm.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Richard W.*: We discussed our 11 upcoming District and Area events. We discussed our upcoming workdays including a discussion of our past workdays. We discussed in depth the features of the upcoming National AA Archives Workshop program on Sept. 8-11. We are doing a push for group histories. There are group history forms on the back table.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: We had 7 Districts reporting with 24 Presentations and 101 Requests for Contact. Our Correspondence Secretary, Larry, facilitated 11 out-of-area requests, all inside California. 6 letters were received; one was referred to GSO for corrections correspondence. One letter met the criteria for the short term pilot correspondence program and was assigned to a volunteer. We continued to plan for the BTG Forum on Oct. 15, 2016 at the Hoover Theater in San Jose. We discussed our pilot program with the aim of developing a BTG Committee group conscience at our August meeting to present to the area committee in September. We discussed splitting the BTG Correspondence Secretary position into 2 positions: an electronic correspondence secretary and a written correspondence secretary, effective Panel 67.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: Next week committee chairs will be receiving Budget Worksheets for the next panel. These will include YTD expenditures through June and will be in Excel format. Keep in mind that you will be planning for some completely new committee members. Your experience is vital to the process of formulating a useful budget. We have invited a guest to attend the finance committee meetings. If you are interested in possibly serving on the committee next panel, please let one of our committee members know. We will be presenting a motion today regarding accepting contributions electronically.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: Every month we get an update from GSO and this time they have an action request regarding Anonymity and the media. Please send sharing about Anonymity – (and the ongoing challenge). Here are some of the questions that might help explore local members about this vital principle. 1 – How does your committee utilize a variety of ways to share information. 2 – What has your committee found to be effective and not effective? Our topic today was “AA’s cooperation with treatment settings.”

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: We passed the documents today for the Web Committee and will be providing copies of all to you next month at the ACM. We will have a motion today to send a member to the “National AA Technology Workshop,” this fall in Salem NC.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

Claudia N.: We have a lot going on in translation requests.

Please always send your documents in a “Word” format so changes needed can be highlighted. This will expedite the process of translation. 1 member has been informing the committee on translation software to better streamline translation as a whole. We formed an ad-hoc committee to review “How will radios help our area in the translation needs through the year and provide sustainability to the process.” The lending program for radios is going well and we will experiment next month with a limited amount of radios to be available at 9:30 in the lobby.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 963 bulk and 41 first class Comments for 1004 total. Our next mailing party is July 7 at the Ukiah Fellowship Group. We were asked to increase the Comments to 20 pages in June to accommodate the Post Conference Assembly and Job Descriptions. This caused an over budget of \$63.51. The average number of pages has increased this panel, partly due to our using a larger font size.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: This month we had problems with the printers and we will be sending out this week. Sorry for the delay.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Claudia N.*: We had a presentation today on “Concept 3 – the Right of Decision.” Next month, we will have a presentation on “The Warranties,” A Brief Overview.

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: We had a presentation today on “What’s in the GV.” We talked about Bill W. and all the articles he wrote for the GV, and how it started with the original 6 volunteers. GV/LV is a great tool for communication within the fellowship. Next month we will have a GV study meeting.

NCCAA *Diane O.*: The conference in Santa Rosa was outstanding. They passed a motion to have “Drunk Junk” at the next conference. The next conference is in Modesto on October 7th - 9th at the Centre Plaza. Registration is opened now. \$15 for pre-registration and \$20 at the door. Great panels and speakers are scheduled all weekend.

H&I *Diane O.*: We enjoyed the NCCAA Conference. We passed several revisions to our Pink pamphlet and we also changed our reimbursement for mileage and lodging to a more reasonable reimbursement to those involved. They will be included in the next printing of the Pink Pamphlet.

LA VINA ANNIVERSARY *Joshua H.*: We are ready to head to AZ. The reservations are made. The committee gave their final report in Bakersfield, CA Area 93. Their report included the treasury at \$15,069.54 as income and \$11,645.43 in expenses. Leaving \$3,699.11 in the bank. 512 registrations have been made. Looking for help with the banquet; they have sold 51 tickets and need to sell 150.

NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP *Laura W.*: The NAAAW will be held Sept 8-11 in Concord at the Hilton Hotel. We are excited that our program is just about set. Feel free to take a look at it on the display board on the table.

New Flyers are available in English and Spanish. One main presentations are listed on the flyer now. We do need help with pre-registrations. This is essential for planning the event and meeting our current expenses. We also need help filling service commitments, everything from greeters to transportation.

Balance Sheet May 2016

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
B of A Checking	12,760.73
B of A Savings	9,195.41
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 21,956.14</u>
Other current assets	
Assembly Deposits	2,251.90
Total Other current assets	<u>\$ 2,251.90</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 24,208.04</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 24,208.04</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3900 Operating Funds - Adjusted	16,802.66
Prudent Reserve	9,194.86
Net Revenue	-1,789.48
Total Equity	<u>\$ 24,208.04</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 24,208.04</u>

Expense Report May 2016

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

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Assembly Contributions	5,602.00	4,900.00	702.00	114.33%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions		48.00	-48.00	0.00%
District Contributions	8,614.88	7,500.00	1,114.88	114.87%
Group Contributions	38,280.70	38,000.00	280.70	100.74%
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	250.00	610.00	-360.00	40.98%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,243.45	1,560.00	-316.55	79.71%
Total Revenue	\$ 53,991.24	\$ 53,120.00	\$ 871.24	101.64%
Gross Profit	\$ 53,991.24	\$ 53,120.00	\$ 871.24	101.64%
Expenditures				
Committee Expense	7,566.39	11,089.75	-3,523.36	68.23%
Delegate Expense	4,353.51	4,717.00	-363.49	92.29%
General Expense	31,881.17	30,962.50	918.67	102.97%
Officer Expense	13,228.01	13,485.25	-257.24	98.09%
Total Expenditures	\$ 57,029.08	\$ 60,254.50	-\$ 3,225.42	94.65%
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 3,037.84	-\$ 7,134.50	\$ 4,096.66	42.58%
Other Revenue				
Refunds/Rebates	1,247.87		1,247.87	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,247.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,247.87	
Other Expenditures				
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	-0.49		-0.49	
Total Other Expenditures	-\$ 0.49	\$ 0.00	-\$ 0.49	
Net Other Revenue	\$ 1,248.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,248.36	
Net Revenue	-\$ 1,789.48	-\$ 7,134.50	\$ 5,345.02	25.08%

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

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

Area Business:

Presentation of New Business:

Motion:

That CNCA fund one website committee person to attend the National AA Technology Workshop on November 18-20, 2016 in Winston-Salem N. C., at a cost not to exceed \$1200. - Presented by the Web Committee

Questions: Would the person attending be on the committee next panel so we could benefit from the information?

A. Yes. Q. Is this an AA event? A. I'm not sure, I would direct you to the chair of the event. Q. Was this in the budget? A. Yes, but the finance committee elected not to put in the budget because it was not formally requested in the budget from the Web Committee, but funds are available. Q. What will we get out of this? A. Technology information. We have expanded the committee and changed the hosting of our website. We are a better website since we attended the workshop.// The finance committee cannot put anything in the budget unless it is asked for. A motion has to be made to put in the budget every year.// We will be making a motion later to annually put this event in the budget.

>>Committee agreed motion should be Area Committee business. ****New Business at the ACM next month.****

Motion:

That CNCA accept payments electronically. – Presented by the Finance Committee

Questions: Q. How would this be done? A. We have discussed different ways for us to do this and will have a discussion latter.// Can you change from "payments" to "contributions?" A. We receive other monies other than contributions. Q. Will you accept an amendment to "Payments and Contributions?" A. Yes, we can agree to that. Q. Are you worried about security? A. Yes, we are looking into having a service that does not store the payment information. Q. How much does this cost? A. For set up it has no cost, but there is a small cost for each transaction, but we expect our contributions to increase to cover the cost. Q. I understand that contributions will increase from this, but do we want to pay a fee for payment that is not a contribution.// A. Good questions, we will have to consider that.// The committee came to this as to how we could be of service to our groups. We realized that the numbers of checks that are written each month by members is getting smaller and smaller. We feel this would be of service to our group. Q. I am from a small district and we now send checks. Would we need to get a credit card to make a contribution? A. No we will be expecting to take payments of all forms. Q. Is this to be able to accept payments on line and by check? A. Yes. Q. Are you anticipating who would have access? A. Yes, it would be limited. Q. Do you know how much this would increase our donations? A. We don't have any information except that contributions go up. Q. Are you still going to accept payments the old way or would it only be done by square? A. No.// The reason the motion is as brood as it is stated, is because this technology is constantly changing and we wanted future panels to use the best solution at that time.// Q. Are you going to use QuickBooks and the Cloud for payments? A. No.// Q. What would the 3rd party look like? A. Don't know, we are

still looking at different providers to see which would be best for CNCA. We are looking at providers that would store the information themselves, and CNCA would not be responsible for the protection of this information.

>>Committee agreed motion should be Area Committee business. ****New Business at the ACM next month.****

Sharing of Experience, Strength and Hope from Valley K., a Class B Trustee from GSO in India:

I have attended about 28 meetings in the 14 days since I have been here and they look nothing like meetings in India. They start at 6 A.M. and they continue at all times during the day. I like the formats that you have. Santa Clara told me they had 600 meetings in their Intergroup. That was a shock; we have only 2,600 meetings in the whole country. I have been nominated as Trustee last year. I started as a treasurer, and I passed the delegate's position. I have watched one conference and had no voice. I have been visiting countries and have been home only 21 days this year. In India we have over 22 different languages and our Big Book took over 8 years. We need to translate into other languages. I serve on the Treatment Committee and the Finance Committee. I am not good with numbers so I like the Treatment Committee better. We do not combine this with H & I in our country like you do. We have this as a separate committee. I attended District 40 and 4 district meetings and plan to share my experience with my groups at home.

Discussion Topic:

"Should the Area form a ACCESS Committee, or what are the benefits to forming an ACCESS Committee."

Discussion: We are having an access committee at the Archives Workshop. I like the idea of it being more of a sharing session format to start. We would be able to share ideas and make AA more accessible to others.// Is this a committee that would be focused on the events of the area and meetings we have, or would this be members from each district sharing experience, strength and hope, or would it be both. There are good reasons for both.// Yes.// I discussed with some members at our district and we will be having as a discussion topic at our district. This is a new idea for our district and I think if this was at area, my district would learn how to carry the message to others.// We had this as a motion a few panels ago, and out of that discussion District 12 formed a committee and it has grown over the years. I think this would be a great committee that could provide services to the District and would receive support from GSO.// I love this idea. I have benefitted from some of the workshops District 12 has done. This could be the source to make presentations at other Districts to share experience as well as an educational tool for our members.// Some Districts do have ACCESS committees. Is this an area committee, or should be encouraged at Districts to have their own committees and we provide a forum for them to share ideas.// I think this is a great idea. The question on whether it would be representatives from Districts or an appointed committee can all be worked out. There are many areas that they would be able to discuss. Maybe this is something that should start at the local level and move up to the area. Maybe the committee could discuss guidelines etc.// I just downloaded the GSO workbook and there are guidelines available for us to

DCM SHARING SESSION

CNCA 06 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

June 25, 2016 Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer Introductions.

Secretary Report: Minutes and presentation are available in English and Spanish.

Thank You to for Translating: Tony

Job Descriptions: Registrar, Ray W.

Our recording secretary has found it necessary to step down. She thanks the group for the opportunity to be of service and to grow spiritually over the past 18 months. Claudia N. will fill out the remainder of the panel. Thank you Claudia.

Presentation: Concept III, Right of Decision; Gilbert G., District 6 San Francisco

Please see presentation attached

- Each element of world service is endowed with the Right of Decision.
- We need the right of decision and service authority in order to be effective
- We need to trust our servants to determine which decisions that they can exercise the right of decision and when to ask for feedback and input.
- We as DCM's need to relay this to our GSR's.
- We need to look inwardly when making decisions. We need to step back and not take action based on EGO.
- There will always be plenty of "ultimate authority" to correct any abuse of the Concept.
- Even when using the right of decision, proper communication is essential. This insures mutual trust.

Discussion:

- What about GSR's making a change at the mic after hearing the consciences of others at the Pre-Conference Assembly?
- When you are carrying the group conscience you are a messenger
- When you are voting, you may make a vote change if you've heard of something else that guides you in a different direction.
- I used my right of decision to "threaten" my group that if they don't participate, then I would have only my own opinion and decision.

- This ties in closely to Warranty Four which gives us the option to decide by simple majority and not substantial majority.
- The right of decision is a responsibility. To my group, my sub-district and my district.
- Concept III regarding the responsibility to vote responsibly. We as DCM's need to inform our GSRs.
- As a servant it is often necessary to know what our group or subdistrict or district wants and to vote that way.
- Refer to the Concepts for World Service Illustrated. The Dr. Seuss version!
- Circles of Love and Service is also a good primer to get people started to understanding how World Service operates.
- Every group conscience gets filtered through we as servants and as such carry our opinions and "flavor."
- I was told to listen. To look at what is best for AA as a whole. What is right for my group might not be best for the district. What is right for my district might not be best for the Area and what is best for my Area might not be what is best for the rest of the country.
- In order to do this, you must first know what is best for you and your group. Then you need to go to PRAASA and beyond to have a better understanding of what others do. Listening is a critical tool. Listen without what you bring to the table and listen to the rest of the table.
- The Grapevine is a good place to find out what people in other areas are thinking of.
- If the business is carrying the message and the income is the newcomer. Decisions should be made with the newcomer in mind.
- This involves multiple concepts and traditions. We need to understand that all of our decisions affect AA as a whole.

Topics for Next Month:

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

**The Warranties: a Brief Overview
Concept IX Leadership**

Next Month's presentation: The Warranties: A Brief Overview, Lynn K., District 5 presenting.

Submitted in Love and Service,

**Linda T.
Outgoing Recording Secretary
DCM Sharing Session – Panel 65**

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

use. I would hope that you can take a look at.// In my district the word ACCESS is not being used. If you run a search on this, it lists all different forms of Special Needs.//

"What's On Your Mind?"

Would like to remind you of the 20th Annual AA Archives Workshop in Sept. in Concord. This is the first time it is on the West Coast. There is workshops and presentations of all kinds to choose from regarding AA, H&I and GSO.// Don't forget the Dinner for the Summer Assembly. There is a limit of 100 people. Flyers are on the front table.//

The meeting was closed at 2:47 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,
Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS JULY 2016

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

- That CNCA form an ACCESS Committee

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

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

Discussion Topic: None

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

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

New Business at Area Assembly:

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

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

"Some alcoholics require medication.

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

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

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

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

The Area Delegate then represents the collective conscience of the Groups in the Area at the General Service Conference on these matters vital to A.A. as a whole." Presented by District 11

AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Area Registrar

The Area Registrar maintains records of the groups in CNCA, Active, Inactive, Disbanded, Vacant (those with no GSR or Additional Mail Contact) approximately 2000+ groups. Along with records of Area Committee members in CNCA, and sends changes to GSO. New groups are checked against present group records, to avoid duplications. Timely changes ensure that the new trusted servants (GSRs, etc.) receive their GSO mailings as soon as possible. Changes come from District Registrars and other sources. Returned CNCA Comments gives some new addresses; these are changed in the area database then sent to District Registrars and GSO. Frequent trips to a local Post Office are to be expected. Sometimes there are mass changes when a District rearranges sub-districts. Accuracy is important. Each month the Area

Registrar supplies each district with a Sign in Sheet reflecting the current contact information contained in the area database. The Area Registrar also sends conformation forms for each change made to the District and to the GSO records department. The Area Registrar also has access to the GSO's FNV database, that access is mostly used to research and resolve discrepancies between the Area database and the GSO database.

Printing mailing labels for CNCA Comments is a function of the Area Registrar. Contact with the Area Newsletter editors (English and Spanish versions) helps to insure the labels arrive in time for the mailing. We use a combination of first class and bulk mail so knowledge of Bulk Mail Regulations is helpful. In addition to the DCMC and Area Officers Roster, the Registrar produces a variety of reports for the Area Committee and Districts, such as attendance at Assemblies and

CNCA CALENDAR

2016—Panel 65

<p>July 23—Area Committee Mtg 23-24—20th Anniversary La Viña Celebration Holiday Inn, Phoenix West, AZ</p> <p>August 6—Summer Assembly Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)</p> <p>September 27—Area Committee Mtg 8-11 20th National AA Archives Workshop in Walnut Creek</p>	<p>October</p> <p>November</p> <p>December</p>	<p>24—Area Committee Mtg 30 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional Forum in Waikoloa, Hawaii</p> <p>15—BTG Forum Hoover Theatre, San Jose</p> <p>22—Area Committee Mtg 5—Election Assembly Scottish Rite Center, San Jose (Hosted by District 17)</p> <p>26—Area Committee Mtg 17—Area Committee Mtg</p>
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ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

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

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

PANEL 67 ASSEMBLY DATES

2017 Pre-conference Assembly
 April 8-9

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

2017 Summer Assembly
 August 5 or August 12

2017 Fall Inventory Assembly
 November 11

2018 Pre-conference Assembly
 April 7-8

2018 Post-conference Assembly
 May 12 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 website.

AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

group records. The Registrar has to learn the software provided with the Area Registrar computer and become adept at its use within the first month of the panel.

For assemblies, the Area Registrar arrives early, with Assembly Registration sheets, name tags, pens, markers and stickers; and stays until the end; maintains Assembly attendance records, analyzes and reports trends. Prior to the Election Assembly, the Registrar prints a list of people eligible for Area Office, so that those present may respond to their name read aloud saying "available" or "not available" during the third legacy election of Officers.

Over the past 3 panels Area Registrars averaged 35-50 hours monthly doing just the Registrar duties. Note that this does not include other officer duties such as District visits, Assembly Attendance, and ACM attendance. During the first year of the panel, count on an extra eight to fifteen hours per week in January, February and March, for the area wide rotation and your learning curve. In the second year of the panel, extra time is required in the same months for the "Annual Updates"

Time for District Visits varies each month, depending on distance and districts visited. Plan on 3 district visits per month, On the average, each Area Officer visits 3 districts per month

and travels anywhere from about 4,000 miles to 16,000 per year doing district visits. These figures do not include the travel to the 4 Assemblies per year, nor the monthly Area Committee meeting.

The start of the panel will be the most stressful for the new Registrar. It gets easier as you become familiar with the job. I will be available to train you in your new position and there are many templates, forms and computer "Pass It On" tools stored in the Area Registrar's Laptop.

Requirements Helpful

- Transportation and insurance Knowledge of bulk mail regulations
- Physical mailing address E-mail/ Windows Office/Access
- Telephone Ability to converse in Spanish and English
- Calendar Subscriptions to intergroup newsletters
- Space for computer and files
- Service Sponsor strongly suggested

Please contact me if you require additional information. Thank you for allowing me to serve.
 Ray W.,
 Panel 65 California Northern Coastal Area Registrar

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

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

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

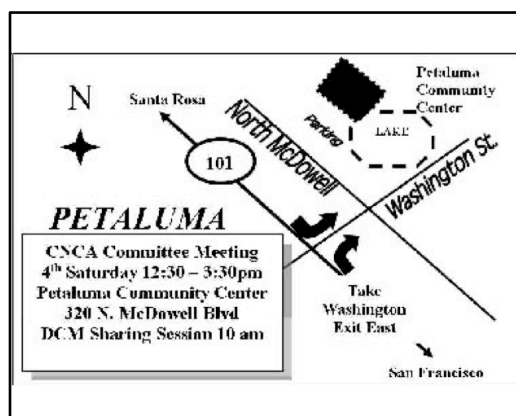
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Interpretation & Translation Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Claudia N. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

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

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