

Chair Preview
March 2017

The February Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was fun. We got a preview of the re-subdistricting request which will be on our agenda at the Pre-Conference Assembly: *“That Sub-District 001 of District 11 (Napa Valley) be allowed to split into two (2) Sub-Districts for a District total of three (3) Sub-Districts.”* You may wish to review the section in the CNCA motions book regarding redistricting (p. 29-30). And District 11 will be providing a map for our reference.

The Pre-Conference Assembly business meeting in the morning of April 8 will be jam-packed. “Pros and Cons” on three of the old business items at the Assembly are printed in this issue. A Pro and Con on the group safety pamphlet motion can be found on page 13 of the February 2016 issue of the Comments, though we have had more discussion since then. Keep in mind that Area motions are not General Service Conference agenda topics (but they could become agenda items if we vote to send them on). That distinction may be even more confusing this year because there is also a Conference agenda topic under Literature about group safety that we will hear group consciences on in the afternoon.

I found your input on “how we can make our Assembly Orientations more useful” very helpful. And we will continue discussion on “What are the technological needs of the Area?” next month. We will be forming an Ad Hoc committee down the road to explore this question, but more discussion beforehand will help determine its focus. So please talk about it in your districts and bring your ideas to the March ACM. And have fun with your Agenda Topics Workshops and sharing sessions!

In service,
Jennifer B., Area Chair