



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

Our October Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was almost cancelled due to the fires, but we were able to hold it after all and it was an emotional day for many who were directly affected, myself included. The unity of our Area is always noteworthy, but in times of crisis we really pull together. And we had a very productive meeting.

The Interpretation and Translation Committee (ITC) brought a housekeeping motion which passed with no objection: "That the CNCA Interpretation & Translation Committee bring the Area's FM equipment to PRAASA 2018 in Sparks, NV (Area 42) so that it can be used to interpret Spanish to English and English to Spanish and also provide assisted listening at PRAASA." There will be no cost to our Area and we are working with the PRAASA committee to help ensure that a more sustainable solution is reached for the future. We also approved an update to the ITC's guidelines to include a section in the job duties of the equipment tech to oversee the library of lendable radios.

District 90's bid to host the 2019 Post-Conference Assembly on May 18, 2019, at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville was approved unanimously. And the Web committee's motion to purchase a projector and a screen passed without any opposition. We also heard a fabulous report from the 21st Annual National AA Archives Workshop in Winnipeg, Canada, highlighting the importance of preserving our history in AA.

Finally, we got an update from Bridging the Gap (BTG) on the Pre-Release Contact Service. Expect a housekeeping motion next month to extend that a little longer in the pilot stage while more information is gathered from the districts. And if you have any feedback on the literature currently provided or the needs of the Area in this regard, please share it with the BTG committee.

A week after the ACM, we held our last Assembly of the year where we took our Area Inventory. What a wonderful process, guided so well by our visiting facilitator, Bob W. When we get the notes back, I encourage all of you to review them and see if any action items pop out to you for further discussion and possible motions.

Our next ACM will be held as usual on the fourth Saturday (Thanksgiving weekend), but both our December and January meetings will be moved up a week to the third Saturday. November is often thought of as gratitude month here in Alcoholics Anonymous, and I always like to point out that service is gratitude in action. Thank you all for your service this year and for the opportunity to learn and grow.

Jennifer B, Area Chair

On the Monday after the fire broke out I found myself not being to see beyond that one day. All I could do was what was in front of me for that day only, which was making sure the family was safe and that we were prepared to evacuate if needed. But Tuesday I woke up and on that day I wanted to do what I normally do on Tuesday. And I wanted it so bad! There was nothing standing in the way so I did my usual routine. I went to my home group, worked with a sponsee and then attended to my commitment of going to a district meeting. I was never so grateful as to be able to do those things on that day.

Having a service commitment has always served me well in my sobriety especially during hard times. I quickly became addicted to my District meeting because there was so much information to try and understand that for 2 whole hours my head was not thinking of its usual garbage. For that period of time, I had relief of the bondage of self. I have heard a lot that you can't keep it unless you give it away, but what they don't tell you is: the more you give, the more you get. I always receive so much more satisfaction and joy than what I give. Billy N., in this year's conference report described it as the debt that can never be repaid. Plus the added benefit of being in service is watching the spiritual growth of others doing service. I do not think I am alone in my experience of that special joy.

Bill W. discovered this wonderful secret of service while he was in a desperate situation in Akron, Ohio. Business had gone south and he feared he might pick up a drink. Instead, he started looking for another alcoholic to work with, someone to carry the message to. He found Dr. Bob as the result of his efforts. (I am sure it was not an unpleasant experience for him. They talked for over five hours!) The legacy of that meeting was a way of life for all of us. It is a way of life that continues to not only provide sobriety but the limitless lode which will pay dividends only if we mine it for the rest of our lives and insist on giving away the entire product. I am so grateful for this way of life.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Joann L
Panel 67 CNCA 06 Area Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2017

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held October 28, 2017 at the Petaluma Community Center. Jennifer B opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The General Service Preamble was read by Spencer R (District 04). Ann R (District 12) read Tradition 10 and Ed G (District 08) read Concept 10. There were 5 past delegates present: Diane O (Panel 35), Woody R (Panel 50, Area 07), Sharon A (Panel 57), Ken M (Panel 61), and Raymundo L (Panel 65). There were 3 GSRs present and 1 new DCMC present. The September 2017 minutes (with a correction clarifying that the 2018 Budget, not the 2108 Budget, was being prepared) and financial report were accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 115/8.

Registered attendance: Voting (57) / Non-voting (39)

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – JOANN L: After the fires, I saw our program in action all around me. AA members shared how they had volunteered in shelters, put together meetings, donated clothes and food, and did what they could during these troubled times. All of my Delegate's Reports for the year are completed, and a lot of groups are offering support for the 2030 bid for the International Convention.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: The buzz for CNCA to host the 2030 International Convention increases. An article has appeared in many Intergroup newsletters, and, as of today, we have letters of support from Santa Clara County's and San Mateo County's Intergroups, and pledges for approximately 1000 volunteers – not bad for an event 13 years away. Groups can continue to email their volunteer pledge to AA2030@CNCA06.org.

CHAIR – JENNIFER B: Until very recently, this facility was being used to shelter people who had to evacuate from the fires. The night our house burned down, David and I ended up hanging out here for a number of hours until Joann nicely took us in for two weeks. We are now renting a home and are working through the grief and hassles that go along with the unthinkable. I can't even begin to thank you for the love and support. Alcoholics Anonymous got me out of my alcoholic isolation, but General Service is where I have found a deep and rich sense of community and belonging. Our Fall Assembly is on for next Saturday. Bob W and Lela M will be here to help with our Inventory, and we will also be electing a nominee for Pacific Regional Trustee.

TREASURER – CHRIS H: As of today, we have approximately \$35,600 in our checking account (used for operating expenses) and \$10,117 in our savings account

(which represents our prudent reserve). We had budgeted approximately \$7000 in contributions and received \$5500. We had budgeted \$9900 in expenses and spent \$12,200.

REGISTRAR – LAURA W: The feedback I continue receiving from our District Registrars has been really helpful. I will be sending out a survey to our DCMCs looking for feedback on how our Districts make use of the Check-In sheet and Registered Group List.

RECORDING SECRETARY – ERIC L: It is a privilege to serve our Area and record our history so that alcoholics not yet born can learn and grow from our experience. I also want to thank all who have volunteered to help in compiling our history for the 2019 edition of the Area's Motions Book.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – ERICA S: The Inventory Assembly will be happening exactly as planned – with no changes – at the Veterans Memorial Building in Petaluma on November 4. The December and January Area Committee meetings will be held on the third Saturday. I am also working on compiling written pass-it-ons from past Assembly hosts.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H: The latest translation of the *Big Book* – in the Rarotongan language spoken in the Cook Islands – has arrived, and is now on display at our literature table.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G: Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the BTG Forum in Monterey. At our District meeting, we decided on six questions for our upcoming Inventory.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – ELIYAH H: We passed our Financial Guidelines and will begin working on our job descriptions next. We have a budget in place that puts us well on our way to a solid infrastructure.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – ERIC H: We held our District Inventory. Highlights included a desire for shorter meetings, abbreviating the length of reports and encouraging groups to talk about the Concepts.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – MARIANNE G: Our District Inventory showed a deep desire for more training at all levels of General Service. Our November officers' meeting will focus on how to meet that need.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – COREE H: One of the things that came out of our Inventory is that GSRs are looking for more opportunities to learn about their jobs and their role in the service structure. A motion requesting a Fifth Edition of the *Big Book* was also presented.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – COLLEEN G: Several officers stepped down from their commitments, but all positions were filled, and our newer members were able to experience a Third Legacy election.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DENNIS H: San Francisco held its annual Unity Day and had a great turnout. A highlight was a simulcast from New York on participation in Area assemblies. We also prepared for our District Inventory.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – PATRICK C: We elected five new officers, including me as the new DCMC. We also discussed several motions, including one to initiate a GSR orientation. I am grateful to our past DCMC for his support.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – DON Z: We conducted our biennial Inventory. Many ideas emerged and we heard several times that the attraction to an AA playground is more effective than another 'job' in AA.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – DON L: We passed a motion to change the lodging reimbursement policy for Area assemblies, and we began the District Inventory with two of our four questions discussed. The final two questions will be discussed in November.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – KEN T: We will have a potluck at our December District meeting, which will include the District Inventory. We will hold elections for several positions at our November meeting.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – TONY W: Unity Day. We held our Unity Day; a highlight was an informative talk on AA history. We will hold our District Inventory in December, which is traditionally a dessert potluck. That way, we end the year literally on a sweet note.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – CATHY P: Our officers and the District took their Inventory this month. Also, Marin County members were put to service collecting AA literature for people affected by the fires.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – JEFF D: A motion to distribute \$4500 between CNCA and GSO passed. We are now preparing for our Unity Day and will be hosting the Inter-District Workshop on January 27.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – ROBERT F: Unity Day (held before the fires) was an enormous success. Our Aging in Sobriety Workshop was postponed. It has been a devastating month, and the firestorm has affected every single person in our community. At a meeting I went to Thursday night, a man spoke up and said he had lost his home of 24 years and all of his possessions. But he was thankful. He had lost everything before, which was his fault, and this time, he lost everything but not because of what he had done. He thanked God that he knew what it was like to lose it all and what it was like to get it all back. He knew everything would be OK. I thank God for living in a place like Sonoma County, and for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for all of your support. We have received books, pamphlets and supplies, and they have been put to use.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – MARY ELLEN R: We started preparing for our District Inventory by discussing inventory questions. One of our sub-districts is now meeting once a month. And the LKYPAA kickoff was a huge success.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ROBIN T: We were also impacted by the fires but did not lose any meeting places. Next month we will hold our District Inventory. We have also started preparing for an Agenda Topics Workshop in February.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – DEVIN P (SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY): A past DCMC made himself available to serve as the BTG Chair. Planning for the 2018 Summer Assembly has begun. And our Finance committee is discussing updates to our reimbursement guidelines, including the possibility of renting a car for people to attend Area events.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FRANCISCO R: We continue to visit groups and encourage participation at the District. We will have a PI/CPC workshop next month, and our Recording Secretary resigned.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – MARIO S: We will have our District Inventory in November, and we are preparing to host the Inter-District meeting on December 10.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – HECTOR C: Our District met during the fires. Most GSRs attended, except those from Napa and Sonoma who could not attend because the roads were closed. They called to let us know they were safe.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – EMMA M (ON BEHALF OF MAGDALENO O): Our Public Information committee staffed an information desk at the Greenfield Harvest Festival, which was well-received. We also sent a \$60 contribution to the Area.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – TEODOMIRO S: We approved a motion to plan for a local Hispanic Forum in Area 06, which would be hosted by all of the linguistic Districts in the Area, and to which we would invite other Areas. We will celebrate our sixth anniversary on November 12.

Area Sub-Committees and Sharing Sessions

ARCHIVES – RICHARD W: Several members attended the National AA Archives Workshop. We will be holding our biennial Archives Workday on December 9.

BRIDGING THE GAP – KELLY H: This month, your BTG committees gave 40 presentations and handled 42 requests for contact. Fifty-one people attended our 12th Annual BTG Forum in Monterey, and we learned a lot from each other, including the continuing and healing power of one alcoholic reaching out to another.

FINANCE – CLAUDIA N: We continued going over the 2018 budget, which we hope to present to the Area in November.

PI/CPC – TEDDY B-W: The first California-wide meeting of Area PI/CPC chairs happened by conference call. We will continue to collaborate to assure continuity in AA presence at professional conferences of statewide organizations. We will be sharing resources and meeting annually at PRAASA.

WEBSITE – ROBERT E: We selected Inventory questions for next month and had a brief discussion about additional services or features needed on the website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MICHAEL Q: We will be bringing two motions today, one regarding an addition to our Guidelines and a second concerning a request from the 2018 PRAASA committee. We also discussed crafting a motion to present at PRAASA regarding the purchase of equipment for interpretation and assisted listening.

CNCA COMMENTS – JOSÉ A: We sent 1002 copies of the *Comments* this past month. This November, we have to pay the annual permit for bulk mail.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA – ERIC H: 175 copies of the *Comentarios* were sent, and the sanitized version will be on the website soon. We continue leveraging the

I&T committee's resources in assisting with translation.

DCM SHARING SESSION – JACQUELINE P: We heard a presentation on how to recruit GSRs. People shared about holding sub-district meetings, educating members about GSR duties, carpooling to events, and bringing information about General Service to unrepresented meetings. Next month, the topic will be on helping GSRs with inventories.

ACCESSIBILITIES – JENNIFER K: We discussed starting Access committees at Districts. District 07 recently started a committee and shared about the process. We also reviewed the *Accessibilities Workbook* available from GSO.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – LERON L: Many Districts are working on different ways to spread the word about *Grapevine* and *La Viña*. Everyone is welcome to the sharing session; it has a good energy and is informative.

NCCAA – DIANE O: At the last NCCAA, the message was strong, but there were few people in attendance. The next NCCAA will start on March 30 in San Ramon.

H&I – KAREN B: H&I currently has a negative cash flow, a result of decreased contributions and increased requests for literature. We will need to cut back literature orders until we are operating in the black. At our last business meeting, we adopted the 2018 budget and approved updates to our Policy Manual.

ACYPAA – HELEN E: We are heartbroken to report that both locations for ACYPAA were destroyed by the fires. We hope to keep ACYPAA in Sonoma County, but that may not be possible. We continue generating enthusiasm for sobriety, with two upcoming events: a Traditions panel and speak-easy dance in Santa Rosa and a variety show in Petaluma.

LA VIÑA 21 ANNIVERSARY – RAFAEL R: We will soon elect a liaison to the 22nd anniversary *La Viña* celebration.

TECHNOLOGY AD-HOC – SHARON A: We met with three Area Officers and a Committee Chair to share about the Area's technology needs. We have also been talking to many people individually. We have a lot of work to do, and we may start meeting outside of our monthly meetings prior to the ACM, perhaps utilizing technology.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP –EMMA M AND ELVIA P: We visited District 19; the response from the Hispanic community has been very positive and many GSRs are informing their groups about the workshop. The workshop will be accessible via Skype; to obtain access to the Skype channel, email mujeres@aascaa.org.

Housekeeping Motions

That the CNCA Interpretation & Translation Committee bring the Area's FM equipment to PRAASA 2018 in Sparks, NV (Area 42) so that it can be used to interpret Spanish to English and English to Spanish and also provide assisted listening at PRAASA. – *presented by the Interpretation and Translation committee*

Presentation: If PRAASA hired someone, it would cost upwards of \$7000. Area 42 (Nevada) would fund the Equipment Tech for two nights' lodging and flight, and there will be no cost to our Area.

Questions: Q: Will there be a contract signed? If something breaks, who will pay? A: Area 42 is aware that our guidelines state that any requesting entity would cover damage. Q: Are we lending our equipment as a free service? A: Yes. Q: Do we have enough radios? A: They do not need to use our radios, just our transmitter, wireless microphones and cords. Q: Is this a short-term solution for them, or is this something PRAASA would want every year? A: The I&T committee is discussing presenting a motion at PRAASA to purchase its own equipment. Q: Are they also asking for interpreters? A: No.

Seeing no objections / Motion passes.

Interpretation and Translation Committee (ITC) Guidelines

Add to *Equipment Technician Duties*: "Maintain and loan the ITC's supply of individual, portable radios at the Area committee and business meetings, and Area Assemblies."

Presentation: This is a new service that the I&T committee has been providing, and we wanted to define this service in the guidelines and make it sustainable. Guideline changes require Area approval.

Questions: Q: Would this just add to a job description for something we are already doing? A: Yes.

Seeing no objections / Guideline Update passes.

Area Business

ASSEMBLY BID:

District 90 bid for the 2019 Post-Conference Assembly on May 18, 2019, at the Ulatis Community Center (1000 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville). Total bid cost of \$4392 (\$5092 if ASL is requested).

Presentation: This large community center has partitions for breakout sessions and has ample parking. The site has been used before for assemblies and is wheelchair accessible. Tables and chairs are included.

Questions: Q: How is the radio reception for interpretation? A: We have never had any problems.

The Area Committee accepted the bid by show of hands. Vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION:

Report from the 21st Annual National AA Archives Workshop Weekend – *presented by Leslie H, District 08*

Presentation: I am reminded today of just how magical Alcoholics Anonymous is, and I am grateful to share a little snippet of my experience at the National AA Archives Workshop. In 2016, I attended the Summer Assembly and went to a breakout session about preserving our experience to guide our future, presented by a member of the Archives committee. The more I listened, the more I thought that this would be something I could be interested in. I understand today – especially today, with all the loss and destruction that has happened – just how important it is to preserve the history of AA, not just for me, but for the people yet to walk through our doors. With that in mind, every session at the NAAAW opened and closed with the Responsibility Statement. From September 28 to October 1, I attended the NAAAW in Winnipeg, Canada. It was educational, emotional and spiritual. The theme was 'staying the course,' and one definition of that is to pursue a goal regardless of obstacles. 226 people from the United States and Canada attended, and we heard presentations from locals and visitors, including from the GSO Archivist, from a trustee on the NAAAW Board, and from delegates and trustees. Everyone was friendly, excited and eager to talk about archives. The agenda was very full. Some highlights for me included presentations on software for archivists, digital archives, a Canadian perspective on the history of AA, and the NAAAW business meeting, when several bids were proposed for future workshops. One presentation involved a telephone booth from inside a meeting room in Manitoba. The actual telephone booth was at the work-

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

shop, which used to be answered if it rang, even during a meeting. If someone called during a meeting, members would go off on a Twelfth Step call, sometimes bringing the new member in that same day. We also experienced an interview with Bill Wilson on the writing of the *Big Book*, with actual audio of Bill answering questions. Our primary purpose is to carry the message, and one way we do this is to receive and maintain historical material valuable to AA. I appreciate your support, and am proud to be of service.

PROGRESS REPORT:

Bridging the Gap Pre-Release Contact Service – *presented by Kelly H, Bridging the Gap Committee Chair*

Presentation: This is the second progress report this panel on the Pre-Release Contact Service. During this second phase, we have been encouraging Districts to work on this project with local jails. Those efforts are proceeding with support from the Area BTG committee, and are ongoing at Districts 04, 40, 07, 12 and 14. There is also a group in District 01 corresponding with an inmate. The BTG committee here would like to further investigate the needs and wants of the Districts' BTG committees as a part of our Committee Inventory. We have developed literature about the Pre-Release Contact Service so that inmates can request this service. We would also like to revise our volunteer pamphlet and training materials. For now, the plan is to tentatively continue this as a pilot program while finding out what Districts want or need from us.

Questions: Q: How many people are you corresponding with? A: Because of the nature of the program, I do not have specific numbers. People sometimes write back for a while, or maintain a correspondence with someone up until they are released. One volunteer met with the person prior to his release and after he was released. But that man fell off and is now incarcerated again, and he is asking for correspondence again. Another woman, from Mendocino County, now has four or five months sober and shares that she felt great that someone responded to her request for help.

OLD BUSINESS:

That CNCA purchase a projector and screen at a cost not to exceed \$650. – *presented by the Web committee*

Discussion: This facility has a projector that we can use. But my understanding is that this equipment could also be used at assemblies. // With the projector and screen, we would be able to provide training. We could also use

the equipment at local events (like the BTG Forum). // We are supposed to be self-supporting, and I am glad we are looking at purchasing our own equipment rather than borrowing it. // How would it work if two committees want the equipment at the same time? (Answer: That has not been worked out).

The Area committee was asked if they were ready to vote, and members were ready to vote. Simple majority (50% + 1) was required for the motion to pass.

Vote: Yes (55) / No (0) / Abstained (2). Motion passes.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Translating the *Comentarios*: Is our process effective? If so, how? If not, why not?

Discussion: One of the many things we did when reviewing our budget is look at the *Comments* and *Comentarios*. We spend \$11,000 a year. I know we have had motions in the past regarding electronic distribution of the *Comments*, and I wonder if we are using our money wisely. Can we cut costs by encouraging electronic distribution? I love paper copies, but I do not need it to be in paper. I need to expand my vision from what is best for me to what serves our Area financially. // When we did the translation this month, we took on about a quarter of the minutes portion of the multi-page document. We struggled, even with Spanish-speaking members translating, partly because of the vernacular of AA. By the time the Spanish-language version is available, it may be too late, and the ACM may have already occurred. We need to have simultaneous information, whether it is done by volunteers or paid for. We have no greater responsibility than to communicate what we are doing. // Every month at the ACM, we approve the minutes and the financial reports, and most months, those documents are not available to Spanish-speaking members for review. We need to come up with a method so that the *Comentarios* are available as soon as possible so that our minutes and financial reports are available to everyone. // The procedure is a very manual process. It is wonderful we are in the digital age, but the Area (and this process) is not there yet. // I want to make sure that the translation includes the language of the heart. I also want us to focus on making sure the information is available in a timely manner to Spanish-speaking members. I hope an ad-hoc committee looks at this discussion and brings back ideas and alternative solutions. (Note: Area Officers are currently juggl-

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2017

| | | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Bank Accounts | | |
| Operating Funds - Checking | | 28,969.62 |
| Prudent Reserve - Savings | | 10,117.90 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$ | 39,087.52 |
| Other Current Assets | | |
| Assembly Deposits | | 3,390.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | \$ | 3,390.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ | 42,477.52 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 42,477.52 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Total Liabilities | | |
| Equity | | |
| Operating Funds ~ Adjusted | | 24,557.99 |
| Prudent Reserve ~ Savings | | 10,117.90 |
| Net Revenue | | 7,801.63 |
| Total Equity | \$ | 42,477.52 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ | 42,477.52 |

Expense Report September 2017

California Northern Coastal Area

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2017 BUDGET - FY17 P&L

September 2017

| | TOTAL | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | % OF BUDGET |
| REVENUE | | | |
| 002 Group Contributions | 4,728.07 | 6,000.00 | 78.80 % |
| 003 District Contributions | 510.25 | 625.00 | 81.64 % |
| 005 Tradition 7, Area Comm. | 285.53 | 290.00 | 98.46 % |
| 008 Personal/Misc Contributions | 10.00 | 100.00 | 10.00 % |
| 010 Interest Income | 0.33 | 0.00 | |
| Total Revenue | \$5,534.18 | \$7,015.00 | 78.89 % |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$5,534.18 | \$7,015.00 | 78.89 % |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| 012 EXPENSE | | | |
| 013 Delegate Expense | 410.72 | 623.00 | 65.93 % |
| 038 Officer Expense | 1,649.01 | 2,380.00 | 69.29 % |
| 093 Committee Expenses | 5,198.72 | 5,483.00 | 94.82 % |
| 158 General Expenses | 4,926.06 | 1,403.00 | 351.11 % |
| Total 012 EXPENSE | 12,184.51 | 9,889.00 | 123.21 % |
| Total Expenditures | \$12,184.51 | \$9,889.00 | 123.21 % |
| NET OPERATING REVENUE | \$ -6,650.33 | \$ -2,874.00 | 231.40 % |
| NET REVENUE | \$ -6,650.33 | \$ -2,874.00 | 231.40 % |

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

ing how to have two co-occurring ad-hoc committees due to space constraints). // I am in constant gratitude that the *Comments* and *Comentarios* come out at all, with all of the moving parts and all the energy and service that goes in the process. When you have many volunteers getting together, one of the prices we pay is that the schedule is never what you hope it would be. The process is effective as a volunteer process. If we want to change things, we may need to look at how we are prudently spending our money on the *Comments* and *Comentarios* so we could have additional resources to help with the translation. // Some people feel left behind by technology. Not everyone has the same aptitude or skills, and our diversity is our strength. I hope that we remember that we are inclusive, and that we consider all of us, not just those of who are technologically savvy. // An ad-hoc committee could look into translation software and translation services that could be used if the workload is too much. // I thought translation would be simple, but it takes a while to understand how to find the right phrase considering the multiple dialects and hundreds of combinations. Optimally, the process takes two weeks, but it can take longer, especially given the volume of translation being done. // During Panel 63, I was the *Comments* advisor, and I worked with the *Comentarios* advisor. It was an intensive effort and we had to be on top of it constantly. These newsletters are a major part of our Area's communication. This is how our Area, from Monterey to Crescent City, finds out what is going on, and we need to be very careful if we do anything to diminish that communication. // Translation programs are not designed around the language of the heart. // The *Comments* and *Comentarios* are among the most important

instruments the Area has, and they tie this Area together.

Discussion continues next month.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

The manuscript litigation has been on my mind. It is my belief that the Board's actions regarding litigation are an egregious disregard of our guiding spiritual principles. Perhaps more disturbing has been the "gag order" instructing us not to discuss this issue. This attitude is contradictory to everything I have been taught in AA. We are to be open and transparent in all our affairs. When I served as Delegate, I was told to question everything, and to respectfully demand answers. It is my hope that the General Service Board meeting is a large Tenth Step meeting. I have a lot of charity for mistakes made and acknowledged. There is a lot of information available on this subject. If you would like to be informed, please see me. // For a while, I thought we may have to cancel the dinner for the Fall Inventory Assembly. But we are going forth, and that is exciting. Please let me know what you would like to eat – even if you have not paid – so that I can give the caterer a final count.

The meeting was closed at 3:23 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Eric L

CNCA Panel 67 Recording Secretary

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2019 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 13-14

2019 Post-Conference Assembly

May 18, Ulatis Community Center, Vacaville
(Hosted by District 90)

2019 Summer Assembly

August 10

2019 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 2

2020 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 4-5

2020 Post-Conference Assembly

May 16

2020 Summer Assembly

August 8

2020 Fall Election Assembly

November 14

Bids have been accepted for all Panel 67 assemblies; see CNCA Calendar for dates and locations. If your District is considering making a bid for a Panel 69 Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Erica S at assemblycoordinator.p67@cnca06.org

CNCA MOTIONS NOVEMBER 2017

CNCA Motions – November 2017

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion topics:

Translating the *Comentarios*: Is our process effective? If so, how? If not, why not?

Area Assembly Motions:

Redistricting Requests:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

“That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous approve the development of a new public service announcement in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).

New Business at the Area Assembly:

“That literature be developed sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation.” —*Presented by District 90*

CNCA CALENDAR -- PANEL 67

2017—Panel 67

November 25—Area Committee Mtg
December 16—Area Committee Mtg

June 26—Area Committee Mtg
23—Area Committee Mtg

July 28—Area Committee Mtg

2018—Panel 67

January 20—Area Committee Mtg
(Note: 3rd Saturday)
February 24—Area Committee Mtg
March 2-4, PRAASA, Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV, hosted by Area 42
24—Area Committee Mtg
April 7,8—Pre Conference Assembly, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, hosted by Districts 40 and 02
22-28 General Service Conf., NY

August 11—Summer Assembly, River Lodge, Fortuna, hosted by District 15
25—Area Committee Mtg
September 7-9—Pacific Regional Forum, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, San Jose, CA
22—Area Committee Mtg
October 27—Area Committee Mtg
November 3—Election Assembly, Robert Livermore Community Center, Livermore, hosted by District 70
24—Area Committee Mtg
December 15—Area Committee Mtg

28—Area Committee Mtg

May 12—Post Conference Assembly, Solano County Fair

NOTES FROM CHAIR

Please remember to bring your FM radio to all Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies for Spanish/English interpretation and Assisted Listening for the hearing impaired.

Reminder that the December 16, 2017 and January 20, 2018 Area Committee Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday.

The Interpretation and Translation Committee is always in search of more bilingual members to help with written translation. Please contact translation.p67@cnca06.org

Panel 67 Area Officers & Area Meeting Information

Feel free to contact the Area officers by using the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org

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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 Richard W by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website. The Archives mailing address is 185 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065.

Bridging the Gap meets at 11:00 am. For Information contact Kelly H by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Teddy B-W by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Interpretation & Translation Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Michael Q by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Web Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Robert E by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

DCMs & DCMCs Sharing Sessions meet at 10 am

Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Sharing Session meets at 10 am. www.aagrapevine.org

Accessibilities Sharing session meets at 10 am. For information visit the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

