

California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair Preview

We passed two housekeeping motions at our July Area Committee Meeting (ACM): One to fund the travel of our new Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F, to facilitate our Election Assembly (not to exceed \$750), and one for Archives to buy hard drives for digital storage of our Area archival materials (not to exceed \$350). We also passed the two items of old business I mentioned last month, after much loving discussion, including minority opinions and motions to reconsider. It was a wonderful example of our spiritual process in action, where everyone's voice matters. See the ACM minutes inside for more details.

Our Delegate announced that the dates have changed for the 2019 General Service Conference (GSC), due to an issue with the hotel contract. The 69th GSC will be held May 19-26, 2019. Clearly, our original date for the Post-Conference Assembly will no longer work, and it has been moved to June 15, 2019. District 90 is still excited to host in the same location.

After consideration by the Area officers of the pros and cons, our Pre-Conference Assembly dates will not change. The ripple effect to the Districts who may already have Agenda Topic Workshops or other events planned, and the false expectation of "extra" time by new GSRs in subsequent years when we go right back to the usual schedule were deciding factors. Plus, we had a good bid in place which was just approved by the ACM! So, District 12 will be hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 13-14 at the Veterans Building in Santa Rosa. The calendars have been updated inside to reflect all these changes.

As if all that weren't exciting enough, we also found out we will have some room shuffling at our next ACM on August 25th. The Community Center is redoing the floors in two of our meeting rooms, so many of the sharing sessions and committees and our main meeting will gather in the large auditorium, which is on the left as you enter the building, between the restrooms (yes, the same room where we held the Summer Assembly last year). A reminder will be sent to DCMCs and committee chairs and we will have signs to help direct you. Unfortunately, we won't be able to put up dividers during the committee meetings but we will make it work!

The silver lining is that August 25th is the date for the workshop on "Legal, Tax and Insurance Considerations for AA Groups," which is scheduled for 3-5 pm. (Our ACM will end early at 2:30 to allow some time to set up and fellowship.) It will be nice to have that large room, as we expect a larger crowd. All are welcome!

Jennifer B, Area Chair

My odyssey on Tradition One continues. I am noticing Tradition One at work around me in all walks of life. With Tradition one as a firm foundation, we can then understand the rest of the traditions, just like it was with the steps. Last night I found a You Tube video of one of America's Got Talent auditions that I had not seen yet. It was the Angel City Chorale audition. The choir master, Sue, was asked about the beginnings of the choir. She said she wanted to start a group that could give back to the community and represent diversity. The 145 members of the choir were different races, religions, ages, sexual preference and political views, but in the choir they came together to be one voice, one harmony. To me, this was an example of tradition one at work.

Our common welfare comes first and our own personal lives depend on this Unity. When we put aside what makes us different and focus on what brings us together, we can find harmony. Sometimes we just need a reminder of what we have in common. Our common suffering with the disease of alcoholism brings us together but it is our common solution in the spiritual principles of the program that is the glue that keeps together. I am reminded of what Dr. Paul said in the story "Acceptance Was the Answer" when he talked about his marriage to his wife Max. When he focused on her defects, they grew and grew. When he focused on her assets, those grew and grew as well. My attitude today is a direct result of where I put my focus. At any given time in the day when I find myself caught up in discomfort with the world around me, I can look at what I am focusing on. I can change my focus. I can change my attitude from the negative to the positive. Instead of blaming others for how I feel about any given situation, I can take a look at my attitude and focus and make a change. Taking responsibility for me is one of the greatest gifts I have found here.

Thank you, Alcoholics Anonymous!

Joann L Panel 67 Delegate CNCA 06

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2018

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held July 28, 2018 at the Petaluma Community Center. Jennifer B opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Robert G (District 07). John L (District 15) read Tradition 7 and Gina P (District 12) read Concept 7. There were four past Delegates present: Diane O (Panel 35), Bob D (Panel 36, Area 28), Ken M (Panel 61), and Raymundo L (Panel 65). There were also three GSRs present. The June 2018 minutes and financial report were accepted as posted on the CNCA website; the version printed in the *Comments included numerous printing errors. Birthdays:* 80/4.

Registered attendance: Voting (52) / Non-voting (49)

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – JOANN L: The General Service Conference for next year has been moved and will now start May 19. There had been an error signing the contract for the original dates, which also included several conflicts with holidays. Because the hotel could not accommodate us, Delegates were polled electronically and the date has now changed after much e-mail discussion, an electronic vote and the hearing of minority opinions. The date change will give GSRs more time to take group consciences before the Conference.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: Things are moving along for the upcoming workshop on Legal, Tax and Insurance Considerations for AA Groups. The content of this workshop will be provided by qualified experts in that field, but will be presented through the AA lens and in the AA context. We had a conference call with all the presenters last week and it is shaping up to be a great session.

CHAIR – JENNIFER B: Since we have the workshop on legal, tax and insurance considerations next month, we will end the ACM at 2:30. Today, we will hear job descriptions for our newsletter editors. We will start talking about the service opportunities available on the standing committees and the all-important coffee commitment soon.

TREASURER – CHRIS H: As of today, we have approximately \$29,000 in our checking account (used for operating expenses) and \$11,140 in our savings account (which represents our prudent reserve).

REGISTRAR – LAURA W: I have completed the process of restructuring our new database. This has allowed us to create a more effective way of organizing the infor-

mation.

RECORDING SECRETARY – ERIC L: Once everyone submits their transcribed pages, I will be compiling the errorfree document and add in information from this panel so that the Motions Book can again be made more widely available.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – ERICA G: The Summer Assembly will be held August 11 at the Fortuna River Lodge. The Post-Conference Assembly date has been changed to June 15, 2019 with the same bid and host committee.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H: Please support the 2018 subscription challenge to help increase the number of subscriptions to the magazines.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G: We celebrated our Delegate's Dessert with a wonderful presentation from the Delegate.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – ELIYAH H: Secretary Workshop plans have stalled. We have discussed increasing participation at the District by visiting unrepresented groups and giving brief General Service presentations.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – ERIC H: We have a plan to create a District website.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – MARIANNE G: We have extra money, and an ad hoc committee is exploring options about what to do with it.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – NICOLAS G: We are discussing whether to spend \$1000 to send a member to the NAATW, and we discussed whether we should rent a van to help GSRs attend the Summer Assembly. It seemed the van was not needed, and we expect good attendance.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – GEORGE A: Unity Day was a huge success. At the District meeting, we continue reviewing job descriptions to prepare for the next panel.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DENNIS H: We elected a new Registrar, BTG Co-Chair and District Archives Chair. The site we hold our monthly meeting will no longer be available on Tuesday night beginning in October. A small group is exploring options and will bring back information in August.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – PATRICK C: We

heard our Delegate's report.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – NORA H: We passed a motion to merge our Bridging the Gap position with that of District 07. One of our members compiled an updated edition of our District Motions Book, which was approved. It will now be maintained by the Recording Secretary in each panel.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – DON L: We had a great turnout for our Delegate's report.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – CLAUDIA K: We hope to send our new Archives Chair to the NAAAW in Illinois. Our meeting location is now requesting insurance, and we are investigating options.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – GENE K: District Officers have been reviewing our guidelines and two discussion topics have come out of that process: the pros and cons of passing the 7th Tradition basket at the District meeting, and whether we should raise the prudent reserve from \$650. We have also moved the Post-Conference Assembly for next year to June 15 (National Kiss a Wookie Day).

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – CATHY P: We will be hosting the annual BTG Forum in Novato in November. Our PI/CPC committee gave a presentation at our District meeting to bring awareness and encourage support for this vital service.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – JEFF D: A volunteer stepped up to serve as our new Archives Chair. Our Meeting in a Pocket is almost ready for distribution. We will be offering scholarships to the Pacific Regional Forum; three of the five scholarships available have already been taken.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – ROBERT F: We discussed whether District 12 would be interested in assisting with the mailing and compilation of the *Comments*. We will also be bidding to host the Pre-Conference Assembly next year.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – MARY ELLEN R: We are not doing well. Unless a miracle happens, I fear our District will be dark next year. At our last District meeting, we all agreed a movie night might attract people to General Service.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ROBIN T: We are hosting the Delegate's report and Ice Cream Social in Willits. The District offered some funds to help a member to travel to the International Secular Convention in Toronto. DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JOHN L: Preparations are underway for the Assembly in Fortuna (group chants excitedly: "Fortuna!"). Our Unity Day was a wonderful experience.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FRANCISCO R: We received a visit from the Hispanic Women's Workshop host committee, providing information and requesting funding. We also celebrated our 33rd anniversary.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – MARIO S: We also received a visit from the Hispanic Women's Workshop. Several members are excited to attend the Summer Assembly and we have rented a van.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – HECTOR C (SUBMITTED AFTER): We are preparing for our District anniversary and discussing our participation in the Foro Hispano.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – MAGDALENO O: Our PI/CPC committee is active, attending numerous events. They are also passing out packets (including *Big Books* and pamphlets) to all the libraries within our District. We have a new group in our District, a Spanishspeaking women's meeting called "Cielo Sin Limites" (Sky without Limits).

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – TEODOMIRO S: We are discussing providing financial support to the Hispanic Women's Workshop and are also sharing service descriptions to motivate GSRs for next panel.

Area Sub-Committees and Sharing Sessions

ARCHIVES – RICHARD W: Individual member's histories are important to Archives. We continue collecting oral histories; it is a wonderful experience. The National AA Archives Workshop (NAAAW) will be held in September in Illinois.

BRIDGING THE GAP – KELLY H: This month, your BTG committees gave 26 presentations and handled 109 requests for contact. Next month, we will be discussing whether to conclude the Pre-Release Contact Service pilot program and support it on an ongoing basis.

FINANCE – CLAUDIA N: We will be bringing forward a motion to disburse funds next month. We continued discussing our guidelines.

PI/CPC – TEDDY B-W: We heard a presentation on presenting to the clergy. There is a

great article from *Markings* about the clergy and AA from 2004; this can be a great tool to use in opening the door.

WEBSITE – ROBERT E: We have a vacancy on an ad hoc committee to build the new website. We are almost done with our guidelines and should be ready to present them next month.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MICHAEL Q: We reviewed our preparations for the Summer Assembly; please remember to bring your FM radios. Each work-shop will have simultaneous interpretation.

CNCA COMMENTS – JOSÉ A: Sixteen people helped send more than 1,000 copies of the *Comments* on time.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA – ERIC H: The June and July *Comentarios* were mailed out; please make sure your addresses are correct with your District Registrars.

NEWSLETTER AD HOC – COREE H: We are working on a survey for members of our Area to help us understand what works well in the *Comments* and what could be modified to better serve the Area.

DCM SHARING SESSION – JACQUELINE P: We heard a presentation on how to deal with negative perceptions about General Service. We focused on the spiritual principles that are alive in General Service, including commitment, patience, participation, gratitude, openness and willingness. Next month, the topic will be on experiences with sub-Districts.

ACCESSIBILITIES – KRIS W: We discussed whether we should become a committee or remain a sharing session. The consensus was on remaining a sharing session for the time being.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H: We are working on creating a glossary of AA language.

NCCAA –SHAUN G: Since our elections in March at the San Ramon NCCAA, our new Chairperson stepped down, and a motion that I serve a third term as NCCAA Chairperson until March 2020 was introduced and will be voted on at the next NCCAA in Fresno. Our current Treasurer also stepped down, and a new person is being trained so that she can step in.

H&I – KAREN B: Our next General Committee meeting is October 14 in Pleasant Hill.

LA VIÑA 22ND ANNIVERSARY – JUAN MANUEL H: The 22nd anniversary celebration was held last weekend in Buena Park, CA, with more than 30 people from our Area in attendance. Area 07 will organize the 23rd anni-₅

versary in Fresno.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP –EMMA M: El Grupo Central in San Francisco has already contributed \$120, and Area 05 sent their contribution of \$600. Flyers in English and Spanish are now being printed.

2018 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM – CAROL H: We have approximately 300 people registered for the Pacific Regional Forum. We have finalized the logo and are ready to order the volunteer vests and buttons (as soon as the Area approves the motion presented last month). We expect to have between 200 and 250 volunteers throughout the weekend.

FORO HISPANO – JORGE O : We have been seeking support for the Foro Hispano. We have visited several groups and some Districts as we prepare for this event. Our Delegate will serve as our liaison to other Areas.

Housekeeping Motions

That CNCA fund the Pacific Regional Trustee travel to facilitate our 2018 Election Assembly at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$750. – *presented by Joann L, Delegate*

Presentation: Kathi F is the Pacific Regional Trustee. She is from Arizona and this should be a sufficient amount to cover air travel and hotel costs.

Seeing no objections / Motion passes.

That the CNCA Archives committee purchase a dual external digital drive housing and two hard drives at a cost not to exceed \$350. – *presented by the Archives committee*

Presentation: The Archives committee discussed this for several months, noting a need to house large files that have been converted into digital format and need to be stored.

Questions: Q: Will there be a back-up? A: I will check on that. That is why we are getting two.

Seeing no objections / Motion passes.

Job Descriptions: Comments and Comentarios Editors

My first General Service experience was participating in Lick and Sticks, folding, stuffing and labeling the *Comments*. I met people, we hung out and we talked outside of a meeting setting. At the end of Panel 61, my District decided to make a bid to host the *Comments*.

We filled out the bid form (available on the website). I made the bid, we won it, and I became the new *Comments* editor. I obtained a bulk mail permit. Our advisor (an Area officer) would compile all the reports, I would quickly assemble the *Comments* and send them back to the advisor to look for errors, and then I would send it to the printer, pick it up within a few days, and we would be licking and sticking and then mail them out. – *Richard W, Comments editor, Panel 63*

The first time we mailed out the *Comments*, it was a new year and I did not know what to do. I felt supported by the 25 members of the group that helped. Every month, we look forward to getting together and preparing the *Comments*. The service is simple. The money that you spend is budgeted and paid for by the Area. We use the nonprofit stamps. If you want to experience a celebration of unity and working together each month, bid for the *Comments* and you will get to discover this joy too. – *Jose A, Comments team, Panel 67*

I have been the *Comentarios* editor for about a year. The documents are sent and the I&T committee helps with translation. Once they have been translated, the editing process begins. We take the information, put it in a Publisher file, and then print it out and mail out the *Comentarios*. We print the *Comentarios* at our Central Office, and the Area reimburses our local Central Office for printing costs. – *Eric H, Comentarios editor, Panel* 67

Area Business

ASSEMBLY BID:

District 12 bid for the 2019 Pre-Conference Assembly on April 13 to 14, 2019, at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building (1351 Maple Street, Santa Rosa). Total bid cost of \$7358.

Presentation: The facility has a capacity for 1200 people. Ample parking and a full kitchen are available. We are aware that the bid dates may change, but, if they do not, we would like to present this bid. If the date changes, we will not be able to host at this facility. (Note: the date of the Pre-Conference Assembly will not change and this bid has been accepted).

Questions: Q: Are there requirements for security or extra parking costs? A: Security would not be required unless we served alcohol (laughter) and parking is included. Q: Are there a lot of hotel rooms available? A: Yes, there is lodging at all price levels nearby; this location is near downtown Santa Rosa. Q: Why are we paying for a fire permit and processing fees? A: After talking to the facility, we were told we really needed to have this. Q: Has this site been inspected by the Assembly Coordinator? A: No. But there have been NCCAA Conferences at the site before, and it does meet our guidelines for Assemblies.

The Area Committee accepted the bid by show of hands.

OLD BUSINESS:

That CNCA, as a host Area, contribute no less than \$1200 and no more than \$2000 to the 3rd Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop to be held December 1, 2018 in San Francisco. – *presented by the Hispanic Women's Workshop Host committee*

Discussion: Is there a line item in our budget for this? (A: No.)

The Area committee was asked if they were ready to vote, and members were ready to vote. Substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for the motion to pass.

Vote: Yes (Substantial Unanimity, No Count Taken) / No (2) / Abstained (1). Motion passes.

Minority Opinion: I understand the spiritual purpose of the event and its goal. I do not understand why we would fund this if it serves no General Service function. It sounds more like a round-up, convention or workshop, than anything to do with General Service. We may be opening up Pandora's Box to other events. // We are underwriting a workshop and we are telling other Areas that if you don't contribute, we will foot the whole bill. That is CNCA flexing its muscle.

Motion to reconsider; seconded.

Vote to Reconsider: Yes (13), No (27)

Motion to reconsider fails. // Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

That CNCA purchase volunteer vests and buttons for the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum, in an amount not to exceed \$600. – presented by the Pacific Regional Forum Welcome committee

Discussion: Forums are funded by the General Service Board, and things like PRAASA are funded by the Areas involved. Since these vests would be needed by the Forum, I do not understand why CNCA would be expected to fund this. // I do not understand how this will help carry the message. // I understand the concerns expressed about CNCA funding things like this, but if it

helps visitors coming to the Forum. I do not see a problem. // I like the idea, but I think volunteers should pay for their own vests. // There are only certain things funded by the General Service Board for each Forum; the Area has already paid for Save the Date flyers and buttons to encourage attendance, as part of our duties as the Welcoming committee. These vests would help identify volunteers at the Forum. Some of the volunteers will be at the hotel, and some will be at the airport. It is critical that people arriving can see who is a volunteer from the Forum. // There would be approximately 50 vests, which would not be passed on to other Areas in the Region. It is unclear what would happen to the vests once the event was over. // I would encourage us to be more prudent. We should think before we spend this much money to buy yests. // I am cautious about the expense. But it is very comforting to be greeted at the airport and to know I am in the right place. // Asking for money is hard. At PRAASA in 2009, we went to the Oakland airport with big banners welcoming people. // We could sell the pins to make money to afford the pins. // At PRAASA in San Diego, I was a greeter and wore a visor. By holding a visor, I was holding a commitment. I also had a shirt and people would come and ask for help. // I see us spend \$600 guite often. // We should trust our trusted servants.

Simple majority (50% + 1) was required for the motion to pass.

Vote: Yes (33) / No (7) / Abstained (0). Motion passes.

Minority Opinion: I am concerned that we would spend the groups' money on something that will only be used once. I want to welcome people to the Forum, but not in this manner and not at this cost. I would prefer the Welcoming committee find another way and come back with a different proposal // I am concerned about spending CNCA money on something that should be funded by the General Service Board. // Excess funds are passed along. It sounds to me like we are using our money for grandiose purposes. // This is not the most prudent use of our money. This seems like a one-shot deal, and that doesn't seem like the most prudent and respectful use of our Seventh Tradition funds. // I am supportive of welcoming people, but there is a more prudent way to do this. We have lots of money, but it takes many dollars going into the basket before CNCA gets \$600. This doesn't feel like the best way to use that. // We do have parking vests that we use for Assemblies and other events.

Motion to reconsider; seconded.

Vote to Reconsider: Yes (18), No (23)

Motion to reconsider fails. // Motion passes.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Guidance for the General Service Board: Should a legal remedy ever be initiated by AA?

Discussion: We must protect our copyrights, and we must defend ourselves when litigation is brought against us. But in terms of initiating litigation, I would suggest that there are no emergencies in AA. No decision should be made without the input of the Conference and the Fellowship as a whole. // A fiduciary (or trustee) is a person with a duty to act in the best interest of another person, entity, or group. In AA, the Trustees look out for AA as a whole, not for any individual AA or group, because the law and our Traditions and Concepts require it. From a legal perspective, at least in California, a Trustee's duty to defend or initiate litigation is the same duty. It does not change just because they have the option to start (not just defend) litigation. A Trustee may also not be allowed to disclose information until after a matter is finished. From a legal standpoint, it is normal that beneficiaries (us AA members) are not told everything right away. Trustees are expected to obtain competent advice, and, as long as they have done that, they are presumably following the law. It may be tempting to think that AA is above or immune to the law or legal systems. But this view has led to controversy (e.g., group safety issues when members refuse to involve law enforcement when one AA member commits a crime against another member). // I know of a Fellowship in which a treasurer made off with \$9000; the group discussed whether to go to court, and they chose not to because they did not want to create a controversy. In another instance, a woman sued AA. Our Trustees did what they had to do and hired lawyers to defend us. // The Safety Card states that when someone's safety is in jeopardy, calling the authorities can be the appropriate action.

Discussion continues next month.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

The money in our bank account is not our money, it belongs to the people we represent to provide services for them. // One wonderful thing that happened today is we got to see procedure, with motions passing and then being reconsidered.

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2018

	Total	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Operating Funds - Checking		26,536.20
Prudent Reserve - Savings		11,140.09
Total Bank Accounts	\$	37,676.29
Other Current Assets		
Assembly Deposits		950.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$	950.00
Total Current Assets	\$	38,626.29
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	38,626.29
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted		33,063.45
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings		11,140.00
Net Revenue		-5,577.16
Total Equity	\$	38,626.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	38,626.29

California Northern Coastal Area

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2018 BUDGET - FY18 P&L

January - June, 2018

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	52,487.08	41,150.00	127.55 %
003 District Contributions	1,961.00	6,999.96	28.01 %
004 Assembly Contributions	4,146.19	4,400.00	94.23 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,920.13	1,590.00	120.76 %
007 CNCA Subscriptions		12.00	
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	556.61	600.00	92.77 %
010 Interest Income	2.23	2.37	94.09 %
Total Revenue	\$61,073.24	\$54,754.33	111.54 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$61,073.24	\$54,754.33	111.54 %
Expenditures			
012 EXPENSE			
013 Delegate Expense	4,167.77	4,867.08	85.63 %
038 Officer Expense	12,611.65	14,264.58	88.41 %
093 Committee Expenses	11,048.72	14,621.74	75.56 %
158 General Expenses	38,822.26	36,618.42	106.02 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	66,650.40	70,371.82	94.71 %
Total Expenditures	\$66,650.40	\$70,371.82	94.71 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -5,577.16	\$ -15,617.49	35.71 %
NET REVENUE	\$ -5,577.16	\$ -15,617.49	35.71 %

. // Be aware of the accumulation of funds for no stated AA purpose. We have too much money. It is not our money, it belongs to the groups, and we should pass it on to the General Service Office. // Some of the people from the General Service Office and General Service Board at the Forum will include the General Manager, the Chair of the General Service Board, the Pacific Regional Trustee, at least two Class A Trustees, and the Executive Editors of both the Grapevine and La Viña. // I learned of a new proposal for inmate sponsorship service. They would not be H&I meeting volunteers. No decision has been made, but it is critical that we consider it and that we assist the H&I committee members as they begin this process. // A month from now, the workshop on legal and tax considerations will be held after the ACM. Each group, District and Intergroup can make their own choices, but this will provide a knowledge base. // We will celebrate our Dual Diagnosis AA meeting micro-conference on September 15 at the Park Street Center Fellowship in Alameda, CA, I am also gathering information about dual diagnosis groups in our Area, to compile this as a history. If you know of any, get in contact with us. // We will have panels, roundtable discussions and several guest speakers, including several past Trustees, at the Hispanic Women's Workshop in December. // All I remember from my first Forum is the button. There are people coming from nine different states spending hundreds of dollars each to attend. I am glad we will welcome them.

The meeting was closed at 3:29 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Admiration for the Service You All Do,

Eric L

CNCA Panel 67 Recording Secretary

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.

The Interpretation and Translation Committee is always in search of more bilingual members to help with written translation.

Contact: translation.p67@cnca06.org

CNCA CALENDAR -- PANEL 67

2019—Panel 69

August	11 Summer Accomply Diver	lanuari	10 Area Committee Mtr (Note: 2 rd
August	11—Summer Assembly, River Lodge, Fortuna, hosted by District 15	January	19—Area Committee Mtg (Note: 3 rd Sat)
	25—Area Committee Mtg	February	23—Area Committee Mtg
September	7-9—Pacific Regional Forum,	March	1-3—PRAASA, Irvine Marriott, Irvine,
	Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, San Jose,		CA
	CA		23—Area Committee Mtg
	22—Area Committee Mtg	April	13,14—Pre Conference Assembly,
October	27—Area Committee Mtg		Veterans' Memorial Building, Santa
November	3—Election Assembly, Robert Liver-		Rosa, hosted by District 12
	more Community Center, Livermore,		27—Area Committee Mtg
	hosted by District 70	Мау	19-26—General Service Conf., NY
_ .	24—Area Committee Mtg		25—Area Committee Mtg
December	1Spanish Speaking Women's	June	15—Post Conference Assembly,
	Workshop, ILW Union Hall, 4 Berry		Ulatis Community Center, Vacaville,
	St., San Francisco		hosted by District 90
	15—Area Committee Mtg (Note: 3 rd	1	22—Area Committee Mtg
	Sat)	July	27—Area Committee Mtg
		August	10—Summer Assembly, tbd
		Sontombor	24—Area Committee Mtg
		September October	28—Area Committee Mtg 26—Area Committee Mtg
		November	20—Area Committee Mig 2—Inventory Assembly, St. Mary's
		November	Cathedral, San Francisco, hosted by
			District 06
			23—Area Committee Mtg
		December	21—Area Committee Mtg
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CNCA MOTIONS AUGUST 2018

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:

2018—Panel 67

Guidance for the General Service Board: Should a legal remedy ever be initiated by AA? How much is too much money in our CNCA checking account?

Area Assembly Motions:

Redistricting Requests:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

"That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology."

Old Business at Area Assembly:

"That literature be developed sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation." —District 90

"That the Trustees' Literature Committee add to its agenda to consider publishing a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, with updated stories to more broadly reflect our current fellowship, as well as updates or additions to Appendices III and V." *—District 40*

New Business at the Area Assembly:

The following are the activities as I have experienced them, exclusive of time taken for travel to and from Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies, District Visits and actual time spent at Assemblies.

Processing 'Contributions' (Tuesday – Thursday): 3 - 6 hours

Receive weekly bundle of 'contributions' envelopes USPS 'Mail Forwarded' from the CNCA P.O. Box in S. San Francisco to my address. Usually received on Tuesday/Wednesday, but any day of the week can be chosen Sort Mail (Returned mail / Contributions / other A.A. Service related information or correspondence)

Enter contributions (30 - 200 / wk) into Quickbooks (Can take 1, 2, or even 3 days to process depending on how many hours I am able to contribute each day).

Print Receipts

Make Bank Deposit

Light correspondence with Group Treasurers

Pre - Area Committee Business Meeting (Wed-Fri): 4 - 5 hours

Request and review expense reports and check requests from Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and Interpreters.

Enter expenses into and save expense reports in Quickbooks

Print checks to be signed by Delegate & Chair at ACM.

Pack supplies for ACM (buckets, receipts, stamps, envelopes, returned Comments, etc.)

Write a Treasurer's Report for ACM.

Prepare report for monthly Finance Committee Meeting.

During - Area Committee Business Meeting (4th Saturday of the Month): 7 hours

Attend Finance Committee Meeting from 11 - 12pm. Help Finance Committee stuff contribution receipt envelopes during ACM Deliver a monthly CNCA Treasurer's Report Attend Officer's Meeting from ~ 4 - 7pm.

Post Area Committee Business Meeting (Sunday - Monday): 4 hours

Sort and drop contribution receipt envelopes at Post Office Count cash from 7th Tradition Contributions and enter in Quickbooks Enter checks cut at ACM into QuickBooks Enter other contributions received at ACM into Quickbooks Print and mail receipts as needed Mail any checks not distributed at ACM Make bank deposit

Assemblies (4 per year): 4 hours each

Miscellaneous prep of forms, checks, supplies, etc. Prepare and deliver up-to-date CNCA Treasurer's report Along with assistance from members of the Finance Committee: Collect, count and deposit 7th Tradition Assembly Registration/Food/Coffee cash contributions Issue checks to Interpreters, and to other trusted servants seeking reimbursement and enter pertinent data into Quickbooks Make bank deposits

Finance Committee Tasks: Time TBD.

Stay connected with Finance Chair and Committee members throughout the month Review and provide input on Finance Committee agenda Attend to work or preparation related to any Finance Committee agenda discussion and/or business items. Budget preparation for upcoming year Liaison with Tax Preparer and review tax returns and government filings

Other Tasks: Time TBD

Area Officer Agenda Topics Meeting & Summary Writing Reconcile bank statements for prior month with Quickbooks Run financials reports for Comments/Comentarios E-mail financial reports for Comments/Comentarios to editors and liaisons

Area Officer District Visits: 6 hours per month

On average visit (3) districts and make a separate report/presentation (mostly CNCA Treasurer-related, but not always) at each.

Other A.A. Service Related Events: TBD.

Depending on availability, attend, support, and participate at: PRAASA / Pacific Regional Form / Unity Days / Inter-Distritals / etc.

TOTAL: Anywhere from 8 – 12 hours per week / 35 – 50 hours per month

Chris H Panel 67 Treasurer

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2019 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 13-14, Santa Rosa Veterans Building, Santa Rosa (Hosted by District 12)

2019 Post-Conference Assembly

June 15, Ulatis Community Center, Vacaville (Hosted by District 90)

2019 Summer Assembly August 10

2019 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 2, St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco (Hosted by District 06)

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 G at <u>assemblycoordinator.p67@cnca06.org</u>

Legal, Tax, and Insurance Considerations for A.A. Groups August 25 | 3pm - 5pm

A workshop that looks at the organizational structures available to A.A. groups and service committees and the tax, insurance, and spiritual consequences of the options available.





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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

