



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

At the last Area Committee Meeting (ACM), we set a new voting record when we approved a series of motions – eight in total – and heard a presentation of new business regarding web conferencing services. We also heard a presentation for an assembly bid in 2020 (that might be presented again next month) and continued discussing a motion to provide interpretation at the officers' meeting. And, finally, we also continued conversations regarding whether Area Assemblies are open or closed and regarding the potential electronic distribution of the *Comments* and *Comentarios*.

Clearly, Panel 69 is engaged in active service. Our next big event comes this September 14, when Districts 10 (Marin) and 18 (Spanish North) host the Summer Assembly in Petaluma. The morning business meeting remains the same – with the same four items of business under discussion (and possible votes on any of the motions). But the afternoon is where the magic happens – when members of our Area present on a variety of workshop topics about issues of importance to AA as a whole, and then the Area gets to talk and share. Past workshop topics have included the modern-day relevance of the *Grapevine* and *La Viña* magazines, how AA helps our most vulnerable members, anonymity in the digital age, whether anonymity is still relevant, how to keep AA safe, carrying the message to alcoholics with special needs, singleness of purpose in a changing world, and the 7th Tradition in the digital age.

These workshop topics are suggested by you – the members of the Area. All workshop topic suggestions are due by July 27, so please email me any suggestions you may have via [the web form](#).

I was told I write too much, and the *Comments* this month are quite hefty. So I just want to thank you for your continued participation, and for enhancing my sobriety.

Eric L.
CNCA Chair Panel 69

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Courage, Comfort & Complacency

Conversations about money in A.A. are rarely looked forward to, but when I served as a General Service Representative, I had the realization that it was my responsibility to adequately inform my group of the larger picture.

Over time my perspective and attitude towards money in A.A. has changed. I no longer see it terms of the material vs. the spiritual. For me, it's all spiritual. In and of itself, money is neither negative, nor positive: it's what I do with it that counts. Money is like a river that courses through my life—at times a steady stream, at other times a trickle—and while it courses through me, I have the opportunity to imprint upon it my priorities and values.

One of those opportunities is that hat. Now the hat comes in various guises, sometimes the hat, or basket, is literally a hat or basket at my home group, or another group I might be visiting. Other times, the hat comes as an opportunity to buy a Grapevine Gift Certificate for someone incarcerated or to set up a monthly personal contribution to our General Service Board or my local inter-group. Other times, it can come in the form of the pink can for Hospitals and Institutions. And then, there's the birthday plan when I can make a contribution to mark another year of the gifts of sobriety by sending a contribution to our General Service Board.

I mention these things because, over time, I have lost my fear of talking about money in A.A. Now, in the larger service of us all, it's my responsibility to spread awareness of the myriad ways there are to imbue that stream of money, when it flows through us, with meaning and value.

Step Twelve encourages me to practice these principles in all my affairs. At first annoyingly and now with gratitude, I know this means my *higher power's* money also. I am merely the temporary custodian of the money that flows through me.

So, today I have the courage to talk about money in A.A., in spite of the lure of comfort: surely, I'm giving enough, right? Well, my inventory (as always) reveals that that reasonable, yet insidious, thought is really just complacency in disguise. I need to get into action. It's time to tune up my personal contribution plan to our program of recovery so that it remains here, strong, for the legions of alcoholics yet to take their seats at our meetings.

Happy 7th Tradition Month!

Teddy B.-W.
CNCA Panel 69 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2019

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2019

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held June 22, 2019 at the Petaluma Community Center. Eric L. opened the meeting at 12:30p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Bob T. (District 08). Cynthia D. (District 40) read Tradition 06, Elba S. (District 16) read Concept 06. There were (2) Past Delegates present: David N. (Panel 59) and Joann L. (Panel 67); David N. currently serves as a General Service Trustee. The May 2019 minutes were accepted as printed in the CNCA Comments. The financial report will be reviewed again and reprinted prior to approval. Birthdays: 83 years
Registered attendance: Voting (45) / Non-voting (49)

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – TEDDY B.-W.: Thank you District 90 for an amazing Post-Conference Assembly. My inbox (please see the [web form](#)) is open to you for questions and requests. I have copies of the presentations made at the Conference if you would like to see them. AAWS and the AAGV are looking for two new non-trustee directors, resumes due on 7/1. I have with me the last hard copy of this year's Remote Communities Communicator.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JENNIFER B.: The results of the Agenda Topic Summary Survey is in the process of being translated and we will send that out to all of the DCMCs when it is done. A discussion topic on the Summaries will start in July or August. We having a Joint Committee Communication Meeting on August 24th before the ACM at 11:00am, members from H&I and CNIA 07 will be joining us.

CHAIR – ERIC L.: We have eleven items of business to discuss today. This is the largest number of motions we have had on one agenda since the November 2008 ACM. We have a vacancy on the I&T committee. Anyone interested in serving, please submit your name to any Area Officer by the end of the day. And workshop topics for the Summer Assembly are due by 3:30 PM at the next ACM, on July 27.

TREASURER – LAURA W.: We still have little over \$14,000 in our banking account, in addition to our prudent reserve that is \$11,000. We do have expenses coming up.

REGISTRAR – ERICA G.: I'm working on putting together the current roster; something that I haven't been able to do since two ACMs back. I know registrars are looking forward to getting those again. Hopefully I'll have everything functioning properly soon. Assembly Registration was awesome. Attendance was 231 voting, 120 non-voting with the total of 351.

RECORDING SECRETARY – MIGUEL H.: Thank you all for your emails and submitting your written reports. Please make sure you fill the voting/no voting sheet placed at your table – please, don't take it with you. I apologize Karen B. for missing your report from May.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H.: Thank you District 90 for putting together such a wonderful Assembly. Summer Assembly is happening on September 14th in Petaluma. We will be seeing an assembly bid today from Districts 04/40 for the Election Assembly. I'm excited to see districts making themselves available for the spiritual experience of hosting an assembly.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MAGDALENO O.: We have a copy of the pamphlet AA for the alcoholic with mental health issues for display. There is a new book "Our Great Responsibility" and a new book from grapevine "Take me to your Sponsor". This month's GV special section is "The Annual Prison Issue" featuring experiences from members inside and out of prison walls.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G.: We did not have a District meeting because we got to hear our Delegate's Report during our Tuesday night meeting.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – BRIAN MCC.: We are looking for new replacements for some of the open positions. New GSRs are becoming more involved. We discussed some of the area motions and felt that we need more background information. Planning has started for our November Gratitude Dinner.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MURIAS O'C.: No report

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – JULIE N.: One of our Districts Officers presented on the area mo-

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tion creating a pamphlet of experience strength and hope for the transgender alcoholic. We also voted to co-host and put a bid for the 2020 elections assembly with District 40.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – MANUEL R.: We will be presenting an Assembly bid along with District 04 for the 2020 Elections Assembly. We heard feedback from the Post-Conference Assembly.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – MATT D.: Unity Day will be on July 21st in San Mateo. We elected a new PI/CPC Chair. We are talking and considering forming an outreach group to visit unrepresented meetings.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JUSTIN H.: We are actively working on keeping General Service Representatives engaged at the District level. We looking forward to welcoming our Delegate and hearing his report at the District level on July 9th.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – VIVIAN K.: We look forward to hearing Teddy's report. The East Bay Intergroup All Groups Day is going to be on September 22. Our Sub-Districts are gradually taking shape, two of them have elected DCMs.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – NORA H.: Our Liaisons in PI/CPC, Bridging the Gap and H&I have been doing a bang-up job. At our District meeting on Monday June 24th we will have our Delegate potluck/BBQ.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – RICHARD W.: We have filled the BTG Chair and the liaison to District 20. We will have our Delegate's Report on the first Tuesday of the month. We will also have our Picnic with our Intergroup on Sunday July 28th.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – STEVE M.: Thank you Teddy for the awesome Report. We have several open positions. We are planning to use the Venmo app as a method for electronic contributions.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) TERRI M.: Our DCM will be using some time during their monthly sharing session, as well as during our regular monthly meeting, to gather District Consciences. We are planning our Unity Day for October.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – GUSTY M.: District 10 & 18 looking forward to see you all at the Summer Assembly, District 18 will be doing the cooking and Francisco A. Past Delegate will be the speaker.

Our District will be having our Delegates report potluck in lieu of our regular district meeting

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ANGELA S.: Our Unity Day will be held on June 29th 2019. In September we're planning to have a District inventory and we are choosing questions from district members. We learning the process of preparing a bid for assembly we hope to put a bid for the 2020 summer assembly.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – CLAUDIA N.: We are all looking forward to our summer assembly in September. We elected a new Grapevine Chair. We passed a housekeeping motion to send one member from our Bridging the Gap Committee to the BTGWW. Our annual Delegate's BBQ will be on July 1st. Our Access Committee will be putting a Mental Health in Sobriety Workshop on July 20th. Interpretation will be provided.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – SHERRIE R.: We missed the Area meeting this month as we celebrated sobriety at our Soberfest weekend. We are on the process of doing an Archives inventory. The positions for Bridging the Gap Chair and the alternate DCMC remains open. Our PI/CPC team is busy working as we are planning our Unity Day this October.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – AMY M.: We welcome a new DCM new alt DCM and also a new GSR. Thank you to our visiting area officer for the sharing on the difference between a Standing Committee and Sharing Session and their roles/function.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – TIMOTHY F.: Our Unity Day will be July 13th 2019. We are stream-lining inter-district email communication. We reformatted our printed schedule and updated the meetings that are listed. Several new GSRs added to in Del Norte including 4 new GSRs at one Sub District after 25 years.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – EMMA M.: District 16 keeps working and we are planning to visit groups. We're making a motion to hold an Inventory. District 16 anniversary will be held on July 14th 2019.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – FERNANDO R.: We will have our Delegate's report June 23rd 2019. The date for our Inter-District event is July 21st 2019 and we have the full program done. On June 30th we will be celebrating our 29th anniversary. We have formed a committee to the Foro

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DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE F.: Eleven members from our district attended the Post-Conference Assembly. We received an invitation to attend the State Convention of Al-Anon. If anyone would like to purchase a dinner for the Summer Assembly please contact Linda from District 10.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – JULIO F.: Five members from District 19 attended the Post-Conference Assembly. We celebrated the 24th Anniversary of the District. We still have some positions open.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JOSE M.: We attended the District's 19 24th anniversary and District 18 to celebrate the 84 years of existence of AA. We approved to support the LV committee with \$300 to attend the 23rd anniversary in July. We are also discussing sending someone from the BTG committee to the Annual workshop. We keep on participating in the lick and stick gathering. Our Delegate's Report will be on July 8.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES AND SHARING SESSIONS

ARCHIVES – DENISE G.: Our next Archives workday will be on July 13th. The position of preservstionist was filled this morning. We had a Third Legacy election to select a member of the committee to attend the National Archives Workshop in Detroit in September. We will be attending unity days in Humboldt, San Mateo & Alameda. Please visit our Repository in Walnut Creek.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LARRY B.: The motion to forgo our Annual Forum in 2019 in order to put our efforts in to attending and supporting the BTGWW in Sacramento failed. The committee accepted a bid from Distict 11 to host our 14th Annual CNCA 06 BTG Forum. We also held a Third Legacy election for our primary scholarship and 2 partial scholarships to attend the BTGWW. This month 9 districts reported 43 presentations and received and responded to 181 requests. We sent 6 request to other Areas including Michigan & New York.

FINANCE – DON L.: We are reviewing the area expenses guidelines for potential updates. The committee budget worksheets are due by July 27th. Our committee has reviewed each of the motions that area on the agenda today. The Area accepts digital contributions with the use of Square. The committee will be meeting in mid July to discuss process

improvements the finance committee.

PI/CPC – JENNIFER B.: I will be making a house-keeping motion to help fund attendance a statewide convention in coordination with another Area. We reviewed parts of the recently revised CPC workbook. We discussed some of the PI and CPC Conference advisory actions and committee considerations. We went over our committee expenditures for this year and our proposed budget for 2020. In July our discussion will focus on outreach and attraction for PI/CPC opportunities.

WEBSITE – DREW B.: Megan was selected to attend the NAATW. Watch the website this month for some new looks and feel, our website is a little text heavy so we are reviewing that text for updating. We are scheduling time with the archives to start the Archives website project.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JAMES B.: We went from 1 missing radio to 11. Thank you Manuel and Juan for providing interpretation. We discussed purchasing an additional 20 radios. The speaker will be in Spanish at the summer assembly dinner so please bring your radio. The committee translated 24 pages of text in the last month.

CNCA STRUCTURE AD HOC COMMITTEE – JUSTIN H.: We are working on out reach to other areas and doing the legal research to find out what type of steps will be needed to incorporate as a non profit, we will inform more next month.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– KELLY H.: The final mailing this month was Thursday June 20th, after many hours of work from our devoted translator(s). Thanks to everyone on our faithful I & T & Web committees for their help. Seven people came to the Lick & Stick. 125 first class & 1100 bulk copies of this month's Comments & Comentarioros were mailed, see your District Registrar if your copy doesn't arrive in the mail by the end of each month.

DCM SHARING SESSION – SARAH B.: We had a presentation on dispelling the myth that General Service is political. We discussed the negative connotations associated with "politics" and the principles of the Traditions and Concepts; we attempt to prevent ego-driven politics from tearing our fellowship apart. The major guiding points included understanding our history, democracy, humility, and our responsibility as representatives of General Service to inform others who may not understand. In July we will have a presentation on Fourth Tradition.

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ACCESSIBILITIES – KRIS W.: We discussed our pending motion to become an Area Sub-Committee, the Area PI/CPC committee is a possible model and we will keep moving forward. In July we will elect our Chair and Recording Secretary and also start discussing guidelines.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA –MAGDALENO O.: We held a fantastic workshop about how can we make a subscription for the GV or LV online exploring the GV Website. If somebody or some districts are interested in having a GV or LV workshop please let me know.

H&I LIAISON – KAREN B.: The 46th Annual H & I Conference was a success. At our GS Meeting in June we elected a new General Chair and two Finance Committee Members. We sent a representative to the Southern California H&I Conference. The Inmate Visitation/Sponsorship Service has 50 plus volunteers, 31 have been assigned an inmate and matched. We are holding orientation after the Area 53 Alameda H&I.

LA VIÑA 23RD ANNIVERSARY – ABEL M.: The date of the event is July 26, 27 & 28. The committee will have the business meeting Sunday 23rd, we keep visiting groups, we will participate on the convention in the state of Washington holding a writing stories workshop.

HISPANIC WOMEN WORKSHOP – ANA V., SANDRA G.: We been inviting members from several Districts including 07, 70, 17 & 18 to the theme and logo election on June 30th you are all welcome. We are working on the budget and continue receiving contributions from other areas, our next meeting will be at the LV anniversary July 27.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTION(S):

- “That the CNCA Archives committee replace the locks on the two interior doors at the Archives Repository in Walnut Creek, at a cost not to exceed \$100”. – presented by the Archives committee

Q: Do you share the space with H&I? A: Yes / Q: how many locks are you planning to replace? A: two locks. No Objections; Motion Passed

- “That CNCA fund one member of the BTG committee to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend, September 6-8, 2019, in

Sacramento, at a cost not to exceed \$450”. – presented by the Bridging the Gap committee

Presentation: The BTG workshop weekend is basically CNCA sending a representative and involves other BTG fellowships, we have sent representatives for the last 4 or 5 years.

Q: This and next motion looks pretty similar, the intention is sending three members? A: BTG workshop weekend fell through, and the Sacramento conference came in as a substitute at the last minute. We had \$1000 to send one person originally, but because the conference is so close now, both motions will allow us to send more two more without going over the dollar amount for that was going to cover one person / Q: the cost will depend on the method of transportation? A: the BTG weekend was not going to be held in Sacramento and would have required a flight. Now that it is in Sacramento, we are using the reimbursement miles rate of guidelines for the area, and the \$450 will be an addition to other reimbursable expenses like if the member selected to attend will be traveling from a distance of more than 300 miles round trip. No Objections; Motion Passed

- “That CNCA fund up to two additional members of the BTG committee to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend September 6-8, 2019, in Sacramento, at a combined cost not to exceed \$600”. – presented by the Bridging the Gap committee

Q: If it cost \$450 for one person, how are we sending two for \$600? A: two of them will partial scholarships since we don't know if both are going to attend the whole event we can always be open to other members to have the opportunity to attend. No Objections; Motion Passed

- “That CNCA fund one member of the Web committee to attend the National AA Technology Workshop, September 20-22, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, at a cost not to exceed \$2100”. – presented by the Web committee

Presentation: We have a precedent expending in 2016 with similar amount, and because this is base in logistics the conference is an hours drive from the airport maybe the member has to stay an extra night.

Q: Is this budgeted of the Area: A: yes, this conference has been budgeted for \$1200 on the 2019

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budget / Q: Do we have a break down of the budget reflecting expenses? A: Approx. \$650 flight, \$150 car per day with fuel, 3 hotel night \$360, so should be under \$2100. / Q: you are requesting \$900 over of what was budgeted in 2019. A: yes based on the distance of the fly and from the airport. No Objections, Motion Passed

- “That CNCA purchase one (1) microphone stand, at a cost not to exceed \$60”. – presented by Coree H., Assembly Coordinator

Presentation: I broke one of them, for the sake of transparency, that’s what happened. No Objections; Motion Passed

- “That CNCA contribute up to \$450 to help defray the cost of an exhibitor booth staffed by CNIA 07 at the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association’s annual training conference August 27-29, 2019 in Lake Tahoe”. – presented by the PI/CPC committee

Presentation: It will be staffed by Tom A. and another volunteer from Area 07. The full cost for the exhibitor space at a nonprofit rate is \$900. The finance committee has reviewed the motion and funds are currently available. No Objections; Motion Passed

ASSEMBLY BID(S)

- Election Assembly 2020 – presented by Districts 04 and 40

Presentation: We checked other facilities and this is the only date available, Date was changed from the 14th to the 7th.

Q: includes kitchen trash, etc.? A: yes / Q: can we access the night before to set up? A: yes and we can use the room from 6:00am to 11:00pm in case of extra time / Q: Is this whole facility wheelchair accessible? A: no but the majority is and has plenty of seating for wheelchairs / Q: This will be the third time we’re having the elections assembly in San Jose and Santa Clara, seems inappropriate to keep having this assembly in only one place, we are not in a rush we can wait to see if other districts would like to make a bid, we are not in a hurry, right? / A: we had one back on 2014 and 2016. / Q:

The \$2,000 for the food- for how many people is the estimate? A: 400 people / Q: District 08 has been working on a bid for an assembly participating with District 20 and we are inviting District 07, can we hold off one month? / Q: The \$5000 showing for rent includes the possible non-profit organization discount? A: Yes the original cost was \$7000. Q: Clarification of the procedure, this means that this bid could be re-submitted next month? A: This never happened before, looked in the motions book. / Q: Are we holding so we can submit two possible bids next month? A: This bid was ready to submit at May ACM and we decided to wait one more month in case other Districts were interested in making a bid. Vote: 20 in favor; 24 opposed; bid not accepted at this time.

Note: This bid may be re-presented at the July ACM, if Districts 04 and 40 so choose; other bids may be presented as well.

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- “That CNCA provide access to a secure web conferencing service allowing for up to two simultaneous sessions at a cost not to exceed \$300 per year”. – presented by Richard W.

Presentation: With the legal aspects and using our districts account, we plan to align with the spiritual practice of being self-supporting. This is something the Area can discuss more.

Q: How you came out with \$300? A: 149.80 times 2 is 299.60 / Q: How can you have control and access to this? A: We will discuss this on how to share the information, ultimately will be up to the Area Officers. / Q: Who exactly in the organization will be using this? A: Individual committees make it more accessible to members that a can’t get out, will be for area-wide use. / Q: these meetings will be recorded? A: That depends, it could be case by case. / Q: This could help members who live far away? A: Yes, we can take advantage for members that live 5 or 6 hours from here. / Q: This will be two simultaneous? A: This could be available to use in the case of two committees needing to use it simultaneously. Separate it is \$150 per account. / Q: Are you planning to create more specific guidelines? A: we will have to work on this including regulations but we are not there yet. / Q: We can have two users at the same time regardless the number

CNCA 2019 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL EXPENSES THROUGH MAY 2019

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2019 BUDGET - FY19 P&L January - May 2019 TOTAL

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	50,372.32	48,725.00	103.38%
003 District Contributions	2,822.37	5,833.35	48.38 %
004 Assembly Contributions	2,210.29	2,595.00	85.17 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,853.10	1,670.00	110.96 %
007 CNCA Subscriptions	6.00	12.00	50.00 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	170.18	500.00	34.04 %
010 Interest Income	3.23	2.10	153.81 %
Total Revenue	\$57,437.49	\$59,337.45	96.80 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$57,437.49	\$59,337.45	96.80 %
Expenditures 012 EXPENSE			
013 Delegate Expense	4,544.23	3,935.65	115.46 %
038 Officer Expense	13,731.39	14,530.88	94.50 %
093 Committee Expenses	9,121.69	13,041.03	69.95 %
158 General Expenses	29,079.70	16,900.00	172.07 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	56,477.01	48,407.56	116.67 %
Total Expenditures	\$56,477.01	\$48,407.56	116.67 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$960.48	\$10,929.89	8.79 %
NET REVENUE	\$960.48	\$10,929.89	8.79 %

BALANCE SHEETS— APRIL & MAY 2019

California Northern Coastal Area STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	<i>as of 4/30/2019</i>	<i>as of 5/31/2019</i>
TOTAL ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Operating Funds - Checking	20,426.93	14,308.99
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,140.36	11,140.19
Total Bank Accounts	\$31,567.29	\$25,449.18
Other Current Assets	725.00	36.08
Assembly Deposits	\$725.00	—
Total Other Current Assets	\$32,292.29	\$25,485.26
Total Current Assets	\$32,292.29	\$25,485.26
TOTAL ASSETS		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	14,470.78	13,420.78
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00	11,140.00
Net Revenue	6,681.51	924.48
Total Equity	\$32,292.29	\$25,485.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$32,292.29	\$25,485.26

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of members participating? A: Yes. Motion moved to New Business at the July ACM by a show of hands

OLD BUSINESS:

- “That CNCA fund two liaisons to participate in the 4th Annual Hispanic Women’s Workshop to be held December 7, 2019 in Mid-Southern California Area 09, at a cost not to exceed \$1300”.

– presented by Jennifer B., Alternate Delegate

Vote: Substantial Unanimity in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstention; Motion Passed

- “That the CNCA Archives committee create a Digital Systems Administrator role to plan, build, and manage the CNCA Archival systems”. – presented by the Archives committee

Vote: Substantial Unanimity in favor; 0 opposed; 3 abstentions; Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- “That CNCA provide two hours of professional Spanish/English interpretation, if requested, during the monthly Area Officer meeting at the rate of \$75 per hour. – presented by Eric L., Chair

Discussion: Q: Won’t be a changing cost for travel or mileage? A: Currently the interpreter lives locally, if area location changes this could change too. / Q: Have we looked for any kind of app to get translations done? A: No. As far we know, even if you use apps you need to several edits. / Q: This is to help officers to translate all the written material? A: It’s not about translation of material this is about simultaneous interpretation at the officers meeting. / Q: Is this person going to be on call or will be aware that need to be here that day? A: If this motion passed she is available to start at once, as soon as this motion passes. / Q: Is this person an AA member? A: No, we specify to have a professional due to the sensitivity of matters and the officers is a closed meeting. The purpose of this is hearing the discussion so everyone can participate and make the best possible decisions, being fully informed. / Q: Professional means having a certification? A: We share sensitive information more than anything else, things that mean a lot to AA members, we have to be careful of those conversations being shared around AA members before the conversation is complete, and a

professional won’t do that. / Q: I agree to have an outside interpreter I agree to have a professional from the outside it’s good to keep the information only to you as a officers. / Q: This mean you will exclude some an AA member with professional certificate? A: The motion doesn’t specify that the answer could be yes or no since we don’t know. / Q: Does the conference hire professional interpreters? A: yes / Q: I disagree excluding AA interpreters. / A: some of the things we like to keep intimate is helping members to help and keep private. Motion moved to Old Business at the July ACM.

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S):

- Area Assemblies: Open or Closed?

Discussion: it’s confusing / we don’t want people talking about this on the streets / we haven’t changed our meetings to keep them open for other issues rather than alcohol / we should keep it open for those who don’t know yet if they are alcoholics / any AA event everyone should be welcome / Anyone can be great GSR, we should keep the assemblies open to allow people to learn / I don’t think anyone who isn’t an alcoholic likes to be here / Bill talked about limiting our business to AA business to possible future servants / AA won’t close doors to anyone that wants us / at some conference some one showed up asking for a big book, we need to have information, any AA activity is a good opportunity to help / At assemblies we are just like trustees class A or class B, we only do business, not stories, we should keep it open to any one likes to see our principles in action / until we define what’s “closed” or “open” this isn’t too relevant, when we’re talking about making rules- we have to be careful not to make rules that we are not actually able to implement, this has never been a problem / one of our trustees shared experience on how they changed their mind seeing how the conference process works, what’s the difference? he’s not one of us but he’s an AA friend.

- Electronic Distribution of the Comments and Comentarios

Discussion: the last time we talked about receiving this by email we heard options on how to email this massive way and help the postage / save the trees paperless sounds good / it can be downloaded from website, it’s always posted on our website / we have lots of easy options to use it we have lots experience and these ideas can help in the future / as long as

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we can have it available we can choose having it on paper or not it's not a requirement to know how to download / the groups send money we should have them decide / Santa Clara county changed from paper to email only, we saved time and money, it's efficient if we put the print price on savings and could be easy to adjust / it's embarrassing that we don't do it digitally only, we feel behind in General Service we need to move forward / not every one knows how to use tech, if we talk more we can come with better ways / our district went digital last panel / prints are good we can always have some extra copies for our orientations at our districts / we love this information at our districts we like receiving this in the mail.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Summer Assembly districts 10 & 18, Francisco A. will be the speaker / Veterans panel on July 20th / thank you all the standing committees hope we can

work on the commentarios mailing / please return your radios / Unity and Service Conference in Concord July 19-21 / 23rd Anniversary of LV 26-28 of July, coordinator is asking for help to rent more rooms / Safety in AA workshop June 23rd / I am responsible play Sunday June 23.

Thank You for my Service,
Miguel H.
CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

2019

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2019 POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Post-Conference Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held June 15, 2019 at the Ulatis Community Center, in Vacaville California. Eric L. opened the meeting at 9:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Orientation was done by Ken M. (Panel 61), The AA Preamble was read by Carol D. (District 90), Ikka G. (District 03) read the 12 Traditions in English and Sergio S. (District 40) read the 12 Traditions in Spanish. There were 13 past and current visiting Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Inez Y. (Panel 44 Area 07), Woody R. (Panel 50, Area 07) Marianne H. (Panel 56 Area 07), Lee W. (Panel 58 Area 07), David N. (Panel 59) Gustavo T. (Panel 59, Area 09), Jim F. (Panel 59, Area 38), Ken M. (Panel 61), Raymundo L. (Panel 65) Vicki R. (Panel 66 Area 07), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Mike K. (Panel 68 Area 07), David N. currently serves as a General Service Trustee. The minutes from the 2019 Pre-Conference Assembly were accepted as printed in the CNCA Comments with one correction noting that a motion to reconsider was made but did not pass. Registered attendance: Voting (231) / Non-voting (120)

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – TEDDY B.-W.: The NCCAA voted to go to two conferences a year starting in 2022. AAWS and the AAGV are looking for two new non-trustee directors. Applicants should have a solid service background. About the Fifth Edition of the Big Book as I think most of you know, the Conference did not greenlight that, this year. It is great to be back with you all. ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JENNIFER B.: I received a total of 249 submissions of the Agenda Topic Summaries survey. At the August ACM, there will be a Joint Committee Communication Meeting at 11am for Bridging the Gap, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and the Hospitals and Institutions Committee. Members from CNIA 07 will join as well.

CHAIR – ERIC L.: We are seeking suggestions for workshop topics for the Summer Assembly. If you have any ideas for things you would like to hear about, please let any Area Officer know by July 27.

TREASURER – LAURA W.: Give a 'thank you' to all the groups for their contributions- it is very important. We have \$14000 operating expenses, and we're doing well, we are little under our budget. This is all about service. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

REGISTRAR – ERICA G.: Please remember to sign in at

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Assemblies, it is important to registrar because it helps to project the number of people for future Assemblies. I have been working with district registrars to keep the information updated. If you haven't received your packages you can access to all that information at aa.org.

RECORDING SECRETARY – MIGUEL H.: Been working on keeping the minutes in order, any suggestions to help me improve my service are welcome.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H.: Our next assembly will be held in Petaluma on September 14 and will be hosted by Districts 10 and 18. I wanted to thank the host districts in advance for their service at the Post-Conference Assembly. Pre-conference, summer, and election assemblies for 2020 remains available.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MAGDALENO O.: We have a copy of the new book "Our Great Responsibility" for display There's an opening for AA Grapevine Non-trustee director, interested AA members are encouraged to submit a resume.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES – DENISE G.: this year we have been busy organizing archives and creating two new posters. One of our goals this panel is to make CNCA archives more accessible to CNCA. We hope to accomplish this by digitalizing our materials and through participation in the CNCA Website.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LARRY B.: The CNIA joint meeting with Area 07 Bridging the Gap, H&I, PI/CPC will be held before the ACM on August 24 at 11:00am. This year we have received email from several institutions with the help of our fellow members from H&I.

FINANCE – DON L.: The committee started to review the expenses for 2020 sharing the cheat sheets and providing a copy to each of the standing sub-committees for their input. Our revenue is about 91% of our budget and the expense are at 83 percent. Finances are doing well comparing to the budget for this year.

PI/CPC – JENNIFER B.: We were present at the Marriage and Family Therapists, Psychiatrists, Medical Students, Nurses, Social Workers and other mental health professionals. We handed out lots of literature and had meaningful interactions with a fascinating variety of professionals from all over the world, including Brazil, Poland, Australia, and Singapore.

WEBSITE – DREW B.: We continue with updates to the site. Our mission is to make the website easier to use and easier to look at. We are now actively working with both Finance & Archives committees to execute on area motions to provide their services on the website. We will be making a housekeeping motion at the June ACM to send one of members to National AA Technology Workshop in Kentucky.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JAMES B.: Juan and Manuel did the simultaneous translation. We have an opening in our committee. We assisted with ASL at this Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 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. – presented by District 40

Discussion: 100 percent strongly in favor for a new edition/ new stories on sobriety of vulnerable meetings, transgender, lesbian or members with disabilities and mental illness issues / adding stories of people around the world to keep give us bigger picture of different ways to stay sober / we voted substantial majority we don't want another edition / we like to hear more input from trustees on literature on this matter and bring back to our groups and then vote with more information maybe by the next assembly / we are in favor because of the time the process takes to have it done, let's start it now / unanimously in favor to keep up on the times and experiences, evolution of society is moving fast and we are not / we need to keep up on the times and make our big book a living document / in favor a lot happened in 18 years we need to reflect the current time / minority opinion mentioned that we should leave it up to the GV we need to use it more, our meeting in print / most members in favor but they feel that the 164 pages are not included and should also consider that too / group had opinion there's some pamphlets but no programs / expanding the appendices, including religious views that go further than Christian should be reviewed / strongly in favor to review appendices 1 and 5. Motion remains Old Business at the Summer Assembly

- That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology. – Presented by Dennis H.

Discussion: I served on the ad hoc committee, we are discussing ways to do things better, we are not ready to have another committee / don't feel this is necessary / create new positions will not be sustainable and hard to keep the positions filled every panel / we are in favor having members that know how to do the job / my district wants to keep discussing this / we are in favor, we have issues at the area like improving and assisting the area web committee and registration issues for two panels / the effect, the duties on technology and details like administration could be more work than the creation of a whole new committee / ad hoc can help and

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rename the existent web committee to a Technology committee / against because we're becoming more dependent special workers versus trusted servants / the tech issues that we have are also producing financial issues too, this committee can help, then we need to address all the administration to make it accountable to the Area. Motion remains Old Business at the Summer Assembly

NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA continue the work of the Accessibilities Sharing Session by creating an Accessibilities Subcommittee. The main purpose is to continue the sharing session and support accessibilities work at the district level. – Presented by the Accessibilities Sharing Session

Discussion: I have passion for this work, and it is a broad issue, includes alcoholics with disabilities and physical barriers, mental illness, it is very important to consider all this / district access committees, definitely should be a committee at the area / The committee is doing a great job with members with limitations, helping people directly and getting more members to attend meetings, like getting to a meeting with a wheelchair is complicated / it would also help to have knowledge and inform on how important this is and how to help / people who can't hear, people with physical issues, we take our own abilities for granted, we are in favor / I work with special need people, still I never realized how much people needs this / there's lots of people everywhere with limitations / hope we all hear this and embrace the responsibility / inclusive fellowship includes all members, I'd like to know more about it / it's not about good idea, this is about do we need a subcommittee or just continue as a sharing session but keep informing maybe for future reference / I'm serving to create a workshop on this topic, including members using medication and other issues / we are taking actions to help those who can't attend a meeting / are we accomplishing our primary purpose on how we reach out by creating a committee, we are not the first or last generation with this issues I am in favor and looking for more definition / we hear examples at PRAASA what to do when a deaf person comes to your meeting, we don't have resources, this committee could be responsible for informing groups and provide ideas, to be able to help / where we would draw the line? Between is it the group's responsibility or districts' responsibilities? / This committee could be available and can be figure out the best way to work every panel / I can't hear from one ear and I am hard hearing now from my other ear, the issue is what am I'm going to do once I lost all my hearing? We can receive help from this committee at least having workshops

when we are partially deaf and we are sober we can ask for help and receive it sometimes but what about the new comers? They don't have friends when they're new, you can't even share that you have some kind of disability and have the information it's intimidating, we need to structure something to help at group level / we don't see much of these issues at our Spanish speaking meeting, we need a committee / Are we trying to do this personally or help as AA members at every level? / we do need to put the hand of AA out there / I'd like to hear more about what is your district doing for accessibility? if your group is not doing anything or if you don't know what the service is about, we can start there / we have a case with a mom's child in a wheelchair, meetings underground, it is hard to help this member to attend meetings, I'm in favor. Motion moved to Old Business at the Summer Assembly

- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced. – Presented by District 07

Discussion: There's some in existing pamphlets but not related to how to work the program or exclusive information / we need to consider if our meeting is LBTGQ friendly and make all welcome, we need to be more sensitive and open, it's a need / overwhelming in favor and we acknowledge that the pamphlet needs to be produced / we felt welcome when we came we should do the same with all / we feel we want to include this community / my group: just add to the current pamphlet more stories / we are in favor, it's a remote community, this pamphlet will improve our inclusivity / members been rejected from families, we can reach more alcoholics with this / there's more than just a drinking problem, people are being targeted, my group feels we should tell meetings what to do and help, step in to help if they need it / not necessary to have a new pamphlet but this discussion helps / we are against, if we create a new pamphlet we will separate the membership and start creating more material for other issues, most of the group's members were against it. Motion moved to Old Business at the Summer Assembly

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CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—JULY 2019

AREA COMMITTEE

Assembly Bids:

- Election Assembly 2020

Coffee Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

- That CNCA purchase twenty replacement digitally-tuned FM receivers at a cost not to exceed \$280. – presented by the Interpretation and Translation committee
- That CNCA fund the 14th Annual CNCA 06 BTG Forum to be held on October 12th, 2019 in Napa, CA in an amount not to exceed \$1200. – presented by the Bridging the Gap committee

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- That CNCA provide two hours of professional Spanish/English interpretation, if requested, during the monthly Area Officer meeting at the rate of \$75 per hour.

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- That CNCA provide access to a secure web conferencing service allowing for up to two simultaneous sessions at a cost not to exceed \$300 per year.

Discussion topics:

- Area Assemblies: Open or Closed?

- Electronic Distribution of the Comments and Comentarios

AREA ASSEMBLY

Redistricting Requests:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

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- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced. – presented by District 07

New Business at the Area Assembly:

ASSEMBLY MOTION PRO & CON: DEVELOP TRANSGENDER PAMPHLET

MOTION: That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced. – *presented by District 07*

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION:

This motion would direct our delegate to write a letter to AA World Services (AAWS) requesting consideration to produce a pamphlet that communicates the experience, strength and hope of transgender (trans) alcoholics.

The primary purpose of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is to carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers. In order to better fulfill that purpose, the Conference has approved numerous pamphlets addressing the needs and barriers to recovery that speak directly to remote communities within our Fellowship: young people, native North Americans, black and African Americans, women, armed service workers, the older alcoholic, and gays and lesbians. But, there is no Conference-approved literature that specifically addresses the needs and barriers to recovery that the transgender alcoholic experiences.

As we heard from a presentation at a recent Area 06 business meeting, those needs and barriers include: confusion within the Fellowship concerning the nature and purpose of hormone replacement therapy for trans people; restricted access to gender-focused meetings; confusion arising from the informal AA tradition in

which men sponsor men and women sponsor women; lack of access to gender-neutral facilities in AA meetings; the informal tradition of resisting "making big life choices in the first year of one's recovery;" the difficulties of disentangling trans life from alcoholic patterns of action in early sobriety; confusion concerning trans people's identities; gendered language in AA scripts that can be offensive.

The current gay and lesbian pamphlet does include stories of people who are transgender. However, a transgender person's sense of personal identity and gender does not correspond with their birth sex; while a gay or lesbian person's sense of attraction is to someone of the opposite sex. So, it makes sense that a new pamphlet, rather than a revision to the Gay and Lesbian pamphlet, would better serve this remote community. Further, it is imperative that a pamphlet be considered by the Conference, as our purpose is to accurately and consistently carry the AA message of recovery to everyone who wants it; and we know that this remote community is suffering acutely. Within the trans community, about 30 percent have a problem with substance abuse, compared to 9 percent of the general population. If this motion passes, CNCA Area 06 would be taking a truly impactful step forward to spread the message of recovery among this remote community within our fellowship of alcoholics.

- Ashley J., Alt. DCMC, District 07

ASSEMBLY MOTION PRO & CON: TRANSGENDER PAMPHLET (Cont'd.)

ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MOTION:

While the intent of the motion – requesting a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic – comes from a good place, the motion, as presented at the Pre-Conference Assembly of CNCA in April 2019 seems to be in conflict with some of our AA traditions.

Tradition 10 immediately comes to mind. “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

Not only does “confusion within the fellowship concerning hormonal replacement therapy” fall squarely in the realm of “outside issues,” the creation of a transgender pamphlet could give the impression that AA has an opinion on what is unfortunately a very politicized issue. Society has yet to resolve some of the confusion about gender, and AA should not take a lead ahead of society. Possibly subjecting AA to a cauldron of debate surrounding politics, medicine and religion seems misguided and dangerous.

The proposed pamphlet could be in direct conflict with Tradition 4, concerning group autonomy. Some groups may only want cisgender men or cisgender women to participate – and this pamphlet could signal that what they are doing is “right” or “wrong” for AA. Every group is free to make any decision it wants, and our pamphlets should not tell them they are “wrong.” Tradition 3 states that “the only requirement for membership is a desire

to stop drinking.” And our Responsibly Statement reminds us that “when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there and for that I am responsible.” This ensures that any alcoholic, in need of a meeting, should be welcome at any meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Group anonymity states that the final voice in who is welcome to what meeting is dictated not by AA but by the group conscience.

In 2018, the pamphlet once geared primarily toward gay men and lesbians was renamed and updated to include stories of transgender AA members. There is currently representation in our literature for the transgender community. It seems too soon to be requesting new literature – and to ask groups to shoulder the cost of new literature – when we could simply update the new pamphlet.

Finally, same-gender sponsorship is not an AA tradition, but rather a suggestion made by members and is not printed anywhere in our basic text. Our Big Book reminds us that “we want to stay out of this controversy. We do not want to be the arbiter of anyone’s sex conduct.” Nor do we want AA to make decisions on still-politicized issues. Again, the intent of the motion is kind and welcoming. But Bill often reminds us that the good is often the enemy of the best.

- Nick M., GSR, District 14

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

PRESENTS:

2019

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Saturday Sept 14, 2019

Petaluma Veteran's Memorial Building

1094 Petaluma Blvd S, Petaluma, CA 94952

Registration:	8:00-9:00 a.m.
Orientation:	9:00-9:15 a.m.
Business Meeting:	9:15-12:00 p.m.
Lunch:	12:00-1:00 p.m.

Workshop Session I: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

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Workshop Session II: 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

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- 3.

(Interpretation available at all workshops)

Report Back:	4:00-4:30 p.m.
What's on Your Mind?	4:30-5:00 p.m.

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10am - Sharing Session Opened with Serenity Prayer by Coree H. Chair. DCMs, visitors, and GSRs attended. Our meeting is open to everyone to learn and participation on the topics. Please bring radios. Translation by Juan. Thank you for your service!

Announcements: Marianne announced availability of radios, please return them at the end. Recording secretary announced signing in and checking accuracy of email on sign-in sheet

Presentation: Dispelling myth that General Service is political by Barbara from District 04. Political is a multifaceted word with multiple meanings that run the *connotative* gamut from good to bad. Connotations produce and support myths hence we ought to question and clarify how we use each word in our communication. Rejection of General Service is often due to lack of knowledge. The traditions guide the principals through which we operate. *Our Great Responsibility* is a valuable resource. We are not born leaders, we become leaders through continuous learning and sharing. Our leaders are fallible, not superior and practice communication of the heart. Certain qualities and experiences make us more useful, not more important. Principles that fortify us: 1) petition: an ancient device to protect minorities; 2) appeal: protection against the tyranny of the majority; 3) participation: delegates, trustees, directors are voting equals at the conference level; at the headquarter level members' authority is commensurate with their actual duties and responsibilities; and 4) the definite power of decision. Since we live in a society, our decision-making is democratic in its structure. Our uncompromising honesty may clean up politics. The usual election troubles were often caused by personal nominations, whether from the floor or from some committee in the back room. Another cause of trouble was in close elections. These always left a large and discontented minority. A.A. is a counterpoint to the current politics.

Members Share: Chair asked volunteers to share, each person had 90 seconds to share on the topic. Highlights: Many people shared that they perceived General Service as political until they got involved and participated in General Service; local business meetings are often much more political than meetings in General Service.// Politics are about biases, power, and trying to get others to see our way. Understanding our history, listening to new people, and trying to respect one another helps protect A.A. from

negative effects of politics.// The difference between politics and democracy is in the outcome or goal; ours is love and service.// The importance that everyone votes to ensure the democratic nature of A.A.// People have different perceptions of what "political" means, which influences their perceptions of the extent that General Service is political.// Practicing the principals (Traditions and Concepts) protects us from getting involved in politics and protects us from ourselves; especially keeping my mouth shut and keeping it simple.// Hearing the A.A. Preamble helped her stay in A.A. and stay sober.// We have a responsibility to help others understand what General Service is to dispel the negative connotations.// Understands politics as advocating for causes; A.A. can advocate for causes but has to be careful about that.// If something is done out of ego, it's politics; if it's done out of love, it's service.// It would be helpful for meeting/group secretaries to understand the role and importance of GSRs.// Humbling of our ego allows us to live together in A.A.// We have a structure that resembles a government, but we don't do a lot of governing.// The weight of the minority opinion sets apart General Service.

Discussion of possible topics for next month:

Chair suggested the Sharing Session conduct a group inventory in August.// A member suggested discussion of groups changing aspects of their meetings under Tradition 4.// A member suggested how we implement better communication (best practices for communication and service).// The group voted. Next Month's Topic: Tradition 4 by Gabrielle J. from District 10 Marin.

What's on Your Mind? Unity and Service conference July 19-21.// Mental health workshop July 20th in Santa Rosa @ Community of Christ Church// Purpose of politics is to enable the members of society to collectively achieve important human goals they cannot otherwise achieve individually (i.e., politics is not a bad thing).// AA function in Crescent City July 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah B., DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary

CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 69

2019—Panel 69

July	27—Area Committee Meeting
August	24—Area Committee Meeting
September	14—Summer Assembly, Petaluma Veteran’s Memorial Bldg., Petaluma, hosted by Districts 10 & 18
October	28—Area Committee Meeting
November	26—Area Committee Meeting
December	2—Inventory Assembly, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francis- co, hosted by District 06
	23—Area Committee Meeting
	21—Area Committee Meeting (Note: 3rd Saturday)

2020—Panel 69

January	tbd—Area Committee Meeting (Likely 3 rd Saturday)
February	22—Area Committee Meeting
March	6-8—PRAASA (Area 3, Arizona)
	28—Area Committee Meeting

April

4-5—Pre Conference
Assembly, tbd
19—25, General Service
Conference, NY

May

25—Area Committee Meeting
23—Area Committee Meeting
30— Post Conference
Assembly, Santa Cruz County
Fairgrounds, Watsonville,
(hosted by Districts 2, 3 & 19)

June

27—Area Committee Meeting
2-5—International Convention
COBO Center, Detroit, MI

July

25—Area Committee Meeting
8—Summer Assembly, tbd
21—23, Pacific Regional
Forum, Las Vegas, NV

August

22—Area Committee Meeting
(Note: possible date change)

September

26—Area Committee Meeting

October

24—Area Committee Meeting

November

14—Election Assembly, tbd

December

28—Area Committee Meeting
19—Area Committee Meeting
(Note: 3rd Saturday)

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES

2019 Summer Assembly

September 14, Petaluma Veteran’s Memorial,
Petaluma (Hosted by Districts 10 & 18)

2019 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 2, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Fran-
cisco (Hosted by District 06)

2020 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 4-5

2020 Post-Conference Assembly

May 30, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds,

Watsonville (Hosted by Districts 2, 3 & 19)

2020 Summer Assembly

August 8

2020 Fall Election Assembly

November 14

If your District is considering making a bid
for a Panel 69 Assembly, please contact
the Assembly Coordinator, Coree H. via
the [web form](#).

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CNCA Standing Committees & Sharing Sessions

are the 4th Saturday every month (3rd Saturdays in December, and often January)

Committees and Sharing Sessions meet in the mornings,
the Area Business Meeting is held from 12:30—3:30 pm.

Address is 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

Archives committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Denise G. The Archives mailing address is 185 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. Archives workday is at 193 Mayhew Way.

Bridging the Gap committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Larry B. The BTG mailing address is PO Box 750623, Petaluma, CA 94975-0623.

Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Jennifer B.

Interpretation & Translation committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact James B.

Web committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Drew B.

DCMs' & DCMCs' sharing sessions meet at 10:00 am.

Literature/Grapevine/La Vina sharing session meets at 10:00 am. www.aagrapevine.org

Accessibilities sharing session meets at 10:00 am; for information contact access@cnca06.org.

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