



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

As I write this at the end of August, I have been reflecting on the spiritual change I have experienced as a result of AA. I was once terrified of an honest self-reflection. I had no principles upon which to stand, and I did not know how to communicate clearly, fairly, and directly with the people that I loved. I have changed a lot in my nearly 10 years of sobriety. And I am so profoundly grateful.

By the time this is mailed out, we will have held an election for the position of Area Treasurer. This has been a challenging time for the Area, and I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in our Area Inventory this coming November. I have often found great relief when I am disturbed or hurting in a fearless and searching inventory, because with transparency and honesty comes freedom and joy.

As an Area, we have started to take steps toward that freedom, starting with a sometimes difficult discussion that we had during the afternoon business meeting of the August Area Committee Meeting. Much of that decision centered on the reasons the election was called for by seven of the Area Officers (after months of deliberation, prayer, and meditation), as well as information from our Treasurer and several other trusted servants.

These discussions – about finances, health, trust, and responsibility – can sometimes be very difficult. In AA, much like in life, we do not necessarily get to choose what we discuss – but we do get to choose how we discuss it. We get to choose to be honest. We get to choose to be loving and compassionate. And we get to trust the process. While the conversation at the Area Committee Meeting was sometimes difficult, it reflected the principles of AA and was a true test of character for us all.

Now we move on, hopefully in unity, and hopefully trusting that nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake. Our next opportunity to meet all together will be at the Fall Inventory Assembly in San Francisco on November 2, where we will get to have more sharing and more soul-searching. Suggested inventory questions are due by September 28.

We will also get to keep talking about the numerous motions at our assemblies, including the request for a pamphlet for transgender alcoholics and our newest motion – requesting the production of a one-page summary of the warranties (which can be found in Concept 12). This was originally presented at the August ACM, where we also unanimously approved a request from a local AA member to write a letter of support for her bid to present a play about remote communities at the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Detroit.

This next month, we might hear more bids for assemblies in 2020 (three assemblies remain open for bidding). We will also keep discussing whether to purchase web-conferencing accounts for the Area, how to reach out to African American alcoholics, and the Agenda Topic Summaries (and their purpose, use, and future). We might also hear a final report from the ad hoc committee exploring our Area's structure (as an unincorporated association) and whether the committee has any suggestions for us in the future.

I look forward to continued growth with all of you,
Eric L.
CNCA Chair Panel 69

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Courageous Conversations

I applaud you all for the way you show up every month and at every assembly, ready to discuss whatever it is before us. Some of you have shared with me your take on our August Area Committee Meeting. Let me share with you mine...

What I saw was committed trusted servants with heavy hearts, but a commitment to share their truth. What I felt was the warmth of your love for A.A. And, what I heard was your honesty and your understanding of our great responsibility. As a testament to the A.A. way of life, it was astonishing.

I am blessed to serve with you.

I am also grateful that our Area is healthy enough not to shy away from courageous conversations.

When I got the chance to reflect on things, I asked myself the question, “where else could such an issue be discussed with such quiet dignity?”

Our twelve-step program of recovery was (and remains) revolutionary in suggesting that we need both prayer and meditation to lead to a “conscious contact with God as we understand Him.” New motivation from a deeper source has the potential to strip away ego and attachment. I hope I remain receptive to this cleansing power.

I'll leave you with another quote from our co-founder Bill W., this one from pages 127-128 of Our Great Responsibility:

“During the production of that [big] book, I saw human nature at its most sublime, and I also saw it at its worst and most sordid. [...] We had quarrels about money; we had quarrels about prestige; we had the bitterest quarrels over the most magnificent passages in that book. [...] If we hadn't had any trouble, we wouldn't have gotten any book. So, it takes the absolute and the relative, the divine and even the sordid, to make this very important product: progress.”

I have faith in our higher powers to show us the way.

Teddy B.-W.
CNCA Panel 69 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2019

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2019

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held August 24, 2019 at the Petaluma Community Center. Eric L. opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Merine (District 07), Jeff D. (District 11) read Tradition 08, Russ A. (District 03) read Concept 08. There were (9) New GSRs, (7) past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Woody R. (Panel 50, Area 07) Doug G. (Panel 53), David N. (Panel 59), Ken M. (Panel 61), and Vicki R. (Panel 66, Area 07), David N. currently serves as a General Service Trustee. The July 2019 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments: with a correction regarding the date of the previous ACM. Birthdays: 236 years.* Registered attendance: Voting (53) / Non-voting (54)

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Teddy B.-W.: First, thank you to all the districts I have visited to present my report on the 69th General Service Conference. Registration for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, opens 7am on September 9. The installation of the new Enterprise Resource Planning software (ERP) has now occurred, if you were a monthly contributor to GSB you will need to sign up again. Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi F. and the General Service Board took place at the end of July, our Area motion that AA produce literature on meditation is now pending with the Trustees' Literature Committee. Also, Michelle Greenberg, our General Service Board Chair, the Trustees' Literature Committee and the Trustees will review a request for a plain language translation of the first 164 pages of the Big Book. If you have a conference theme suggestion for 2021, I am accepting suggestions until December 10th. The pamphlet 'A.A. for the Older Alcoholic' is being updated. If you'd like to submit your story email it to: access@aa.org.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Jennifer B.: GSO is looking for up to 21 non-A.A. speakers to invite to Detroit in 2020, at A.A.'s expense. These panel demonstrating Cooperation with the Professional Community work for A.A. members in attendance. The hope is that you might suggest professionals who could also be

considered as possible future Class A Trustees. Julio at GSO is requesting that names be submitted by Wednesday, September 25.

CHAIR – Eric L.: We will hold an election for the position of Area Treasurer at the Summer Assembly. Calling for this election was a difficult decision made by seven Area Officers as a last resort after considerable and careful deliberation over the course of the past several months, and was made because of numerous concerns regarding contributions, payments, and reimbursements.

TREASURER – Laura W.: I met with the Finance committee earlier today and reviewed our finances.

REGISTRAR – Erica G.: As I've been reporting I'm dealing with technological issues. This month I'll start giving sign-in sheets to the Districts. I could be wrong but we can try to fix them soon as possible. I received an email from GSO and the packages are going to take little longer due to a new system. I have the link to get all this material directly from aa.org website.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Miguel H.: Thank you all for providing me with email and hard copies of your reports. Please don't take the sign-in sheet at the table. Those help us to figure numbers on the voting vs non-voting members at our monthly ACM. Thank you Chelsea W. for helping with the editing of the minutes.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – Corey H.: I know that there are a few assemblies open for bidding for 2020 and I have been helping a few districts put together bids. Currently, the open assemblies are the pre-conference, post-conference, and election assemblies. We will hear a bid today for the Summer Assembly in 2020, so please be nice to them.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – Magdaleno O.: The revisions of the Big Book, "Twelve and Twelve" and Living Sober are already finished / approved. The audiobook archives in French are in the editorial review phase. Twelve Concepts for World Service audio project, the English, Spanish and French versions are approved and are in the post-production phase for publication at aa.org. Youth Videos (DV-10) is now titled "Young and Sober in AA" and should be in stores in 4-6 weeks. New GV / LV "Mini catalog" is available. This month's special section is on Young and Sober.

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DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – Susan G.: We continued discussing the motion “Experience, Strength, and Hope for the Transgender Alcoholic” pamphlet and the 5th edition of the Big Book. We are starting to think about Inventory questions and our 2020 budget. Labor Day weekend is our Monterey Round Up event spanning three days, we are hosting a table for General Service.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – Brian McC.: District 02 will be hosting our annual gratitude event 11/9/19 - gratitude for what our entire District does for us. We have filled our Alternate DCMC and Registrar positions.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – Murias O’C.: Our Web Coordinator had to step down. Intergroup are updating their bylaws. PI/CPC committee is doing presentations at middle schools. We are sending our BTG Chair to the Bridging the Gap Weekend. We are planning our District inventory in a couple of months. I will pass on to my District all the information I learned today at the Joint committee meeting.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – Julie N.: We had a presentation of new business on “Change the AA preamble from using the words “men & women” to the word “Individuals”. We are discussing starting a Service Manual / Concepts Study prior our District Meeting. We are trying to educate our GSRs what to report back to their groups. Unity Day August 05.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – Manuel R.: We passed 3 housekeeping motions, “Sending a member to the BTG workshop,” “Creating a 2020 budget committee” & “To fund a member to attend the AA Technology Workshop”. Unity Day and Our Delegates Conference Report will be in August 25th.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – Matt D.: We had a Discussion on revising the District reimbursement Guidelines. We are focusing on finding a venue for a 2020 assembly. We had a discussion on the topic of Reaching out to the African American Alcoholic.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – Justin H.: District 06 will be holding our Unity Day on October 12th, at the Urban Life Center on the corner of Franklin and O’Farrell Streets. This Fall, District 06 has the honor and privilege of hosting the California Northern Coastal Area Inventory Assembly at Saint Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco – 1111 Gough Street,

San Francisco. We will be hosting a pre-Assembly dinner on Friday November 1st, and the Assembly itself will take place on Saturday, November 2nd.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – Vivian K.: Our meeting is this coming Wed August 28th. There will be a Dual Diagnosis Micro Conference at Park St. in the City of Alameda on September 21st. The East Bay Intergroup All Groups Day is going to be on September 22nd at Roberts Park in Oakland. We’ll be working with Archives and have a showcase for the new book Our Great Responsibility with the intention to spark more interest in General Service.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – Nora H.: We are looking forward to our next meeting Monday 26th. We are ready to attend the summer assembly. We having our Unity Day on September 22nd.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – Richard W.: We passed a few motions: “To renew our District Zoom account” and one for “Our District to host a 75th Anniversary of The Grapevine”. We had a great presentation from a past Delegate on Self Support.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – Steve M.: District members addressed the Motion on Accessibility. One of our members stepped up to chair the Inter-district workshop on January 04, 2020. We are having our District’s Picnic on September 22nd. We are having a discussion on holding a workshop in November.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) - Terri M.: We are hosting our Unity Day in October. Last month we voted on a motion that we have discussing for a while. The motion is to create an Archives Committee Chair at District level.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – GUSTY M.: We are excited to co-host the summer assembly. We are having Unity Day Oct 19th at Marin Church in Novato, we will play the Bill W. movie.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – Chitra S.: Area BTG Chair Larry B. shared with our District details about the upcoming Area BTG Forum on October 12th. Discussion began to move the GS sponsored beginners meeting from Monday to Friday. We took a group conscience on the Motion for the Transgender Alcoholic pamphlet.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – Claudia N.: We had a presentation on the Pros and Cons of the motion coming up regarding creating an Area Technology Committee. We are preparing for our election of a

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Newsletter Editor and are looking to rebuild our Interpretation & Translation Committee. We are gathering questions for our District Inventory. Our H & I Committee is hosting Unity Day this year on October 19th. At one of our sub districts a GSR did a presentation that is worth sharing. Her presentation was on "How on-line meetings are accessible, and the tools needed to get to these meetings".

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – Sherrie R.: Our district elected a new Bridging the Gap chair and chose to sponsor attendance at the BTG Workshop in Sept. Our PI/CPC committee is finalizing plans for attendance at Lake County's "Recovery Happens" event at Library Park in Lakeport Sept 7th. There will be a Recovery Walk, raffles and an "All Recovery" speaker meeting. We are continuing to finalize plans for our Unity Day, Oct. 5th.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – Amy M.: We were honored to have our delegates report during our District Meeting. Our PI committee has initiated contact with local radio stations and will soon be hearing locally produced PSAs on the air.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – Timothy F.: We elected a new PI/CPC chair. Our next District meeting will be in Redway at Southern Humboldt Survivors. We had a discussion on holding our districts meetings and continue to travel to Crescent City and Redway twice a year each. We passed a housekeeping motion on paying for a better place for our Archives.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – Emma M.: We are excited to attend the summer assembly. We are working on collecting questions for our District Inventory. Members at our District are motivated to work on the 8.06 contribution plan. We also agree to send to GSO 4000-5000 dis that is usually spent on anniversaries celebrations but will now send as gratitude per each year of that our District been working.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – Fernando R.: We continue to work with District 05 to bid for the 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly. We are planning and working on the planning of our Foro Hispano. We are ready to attend the Summer Assembly.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – Jose F.: We are celebrating the 26th anniversary of District 18 on September 21st. We are ready to serve at the Summer Assembly dinner and welcome all of you. We are participating on putting together Spanish speak-

ing meetings at the Al-Anon Convention.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – Julio F.: Our District Committee thanks our Delegate for the Conference Report. We are motivating all GSRs to attend the Summer Assembly. We are having a PI presentation to the agricultural workers and we took information to the local radio stations.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – Jose M.: We made a presentation on how we introduce our selves to our Groups as a District. We will be electing a sub-committee to the Foro Hispano. We keep on visiting groups with out GSRs. We will continue to discuss a motion to create unity and service workshops.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES AND SHARING SESSIONS

ARCHIVES – Denise G.: Archives committee as been really busy, we had a training on how to use the scanner and set up District folders. We have also been working with the Web Committee and the Archives link should be available in 30 days. Our historian that is bilingual gave an Archive presentation at District 18, at the end of her presentation the position was filled.

BRIDGING THE GAP – Larry B.: Our Districts reported 14 presentations and responded 86 BTG request, we sent 15 request to CNIA 07. We attended the joint meeting at the Area. BTG workshop will take place on September 6-8. You all are welcome to attend the 14th Annual Area 06 Forum in Napa on October 12.

FINANCE – Don L.: Our Finance committee had an extended meeting to assist in updating financial reporting and contribution processing. We are continuing our work on the 2020 budget for Area 06. We began discussion of potential acceptance of online contributions. As a reminder we accept electronic contributions using square at the finance table. Chelsea is accepting any group/District/individual contributions or any check request.

PI/CPC – Jennifer B.: We got together with the BTG and H&I for our joint committee meeting, we had about 75 people in attendance from CNCA and our sister Area CNIA and NorCal H&I. Our goal is to connect with each other and understand where our service boundaries overlap, and give people ideas for future events.

WEBSITE – Drew B.: The committee is ready and excited to start working on the archives pages we

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have been discussing over the last months. Cyber security has been a topic as we are looking to renew our SSL certificate.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – James B.: We are looking forward to providing interpretation and assisted listening at the “fun assembly”. How to be prepared is get the word out to your GRSs, Districts and Sub-Districts to please bring their FM radio. We purchased an additional 20 radios and want to thank you for your support in making that happen. The committee translated 14 pages of text in the last month and in process of translating an additional 21.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– Kelly H.: Ten faithful volunteers spent three hours stuffing and stamping so first-class plus 1103 bulk-mailed copies of the Comments and Comentarios were sent out by August 13, and posted on the CNCA website August 16. We will have stamps, labels and envelopes at the Summer Assembly, so come by our district tables if you want to participate & help. Next Lick & Stick is 9/7, noon—4 at Park St. Center, 1510 Oak St., Alameda.

DCM SHARING SESSION – Sarah B.: The DCM Sharing Session held a group inventory in which we discussed what the basic purpose of the sharing session was and how it relates to the primary purpose, our sharing session is democratic and how we could make it more so, and how we can bring more fresh and innovative topics to our sharing session which allows DCMs to better support and provide ideas and information to GSRs and/or groups to better carry the message. Suggestions and ideas on how to be more democratic included an anonymous means of selecting topics and how to have greater diversity in those who attend.

ACCESSIBILITIES – Allen W.: Our conversation continues about outreach to the senior residential care community. We reviewed “Accessibility Inventory” document created by District 12, 14 and SF/Marin Intercounty fellowship. We decided to request a table at the summer assembly to distribute this and related resources. We have scheduled a guest speaker at the September Sharing session to discuss how they offer daycare at AA meetings. At the October Sharing session a representative of the SF Sunshine club will present on how their committee works.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA –Magdaleno O.: We had good reports from some people who attend-

ed the 23rd Anniversary of La Viña, held in Fresno CA. We also had some positive comments from some previous members that served on this Committee. We have a flashlight motion and we will start discussing it the following month.

H&I LIAISON – Karen B.: We had a great Joint committee meeting. Our General Service Meeting is October 13th in Contra Costa County. I do not have the address information yet. General Committee Meeting attendance is open to all alcoholics. Thank you for your contributions to H&I.

NCCAA– Robert G.: Absent

YPAA - Krystal M.: SOCYPAA Aug 24th River & Chill at Monte Rio Dog Beach. EBYPAA -Sept 14th, Bubble Soccer at Arbolado Park. EBYPAA -Sept 14th, Talent Show at 106 Peabody Rd Vacaville Ca 95687.

LA VIÑA 23RD ANNIVERSARY – Abel M.: We attended the 23rd anniversary; it was a great success with the final number of 1263 subscriptions and 120 subscriptions sent to the Jail in Soledad. We will be electing a new liaison at the September ACM to be the liaison for the 24th Anniversary that’s going to be hosted by Area 04 Arizona.

MUEJRES WORKSHOP – Ana V., Sandra G.: July 27 we had a meeting with other liaisons and we voted and elected one from the 25 drawings presented from Area 06, we are still waiting for the final format to start printing and distributing. We have a date for the 4th workshop, December 7th. The budget for the event is \$4,200 including \$540 contributed by Area 06.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

- That CNCA write a letter of support for a group of volunteer A.A. members in our Area to perform a play about the AA Grapevine and Remote Communities during the 2020 International Conference in Detroit, MI. – presented by Jackie B.

Presentation: This is a play based on Grapevine stories written by AA members. It will be called “People like me” and the theme will be for AA members in remote communities. At this coming International Conference, there is a new protocol that requires a letter of support. This will be one step and will be transparent, we can’t be sure that all the infor-

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mation will be approved information, not just entertainment. Questions: Q: can you tell us little of the bidding process A: This is about the Grapevine; it can help people with language barriers; The Area will have the last word. Q: you said other plays are being submitted as you are trying to do it? A: yes New Jersey and other areas are doing it. Q: How can we voted on something we haven't seeing? A: we haven't performed this play yet, YPAAs also have done a submission before, this letter is more about the support, rather to promote the play – it is up to the area to vote and support the intention. Q: Does this play look similar to "I am responsible" I mean on the quality? A: This will have more text from The Grapevine using speaker tapes and other materials; will be based on the history of the meeting on print. Q: I want to know if this is going to be part of the Conference like the one in Atlanta? A: Yes. Q: You guys have a time line when this letter needs to be submitted? A: This is a time sensitive matter; other Areas have submitted theirs; we have approximately until December. Q: Is there a way to show some part of the play before we voted? A: I will be holding the practice in SF, everyone is welcome to participate. Q: If the areas provide the letter who will pay? A: Volunteers will be part of this, like in the past, it will be a service to the community. Q: All actors are AA members? A: Yes. Q: Are you compensating those members? A: No. Q: Are you working by your self? A: It is a good idea to open to other members at the area; it wasn't so specific in other years to submit a request; it is a whole new process now and yes I am doing this part. Q: This will be a tradition 9th a service from you to AA? A: We are trying to carry the message within the AA fellowship; not promoting beyond those who are already AA members; we're providing another way to carry the message and access the message; in the sense that we are helping members engage with the history of AA and getting members to identify with other members' stories, and get inspired and more educated. Q: Are you planning to submit this regardless of whether or not we give the letter of support? A: Yes, it was suggested to me by GSO to do so.

An objection was made to the Housekeeping Motion; the motion was moved to old business due to the time-sensitivity of the request.

Discussion: GV is not conference approved/ I have seen every play, my issue is are we using the area to support or promote an individual's work? I feel like there is a problem of traditions here, promoting vs attraction I would like to take this to my group / I have been a participant and I can say that this is not about promotion, this is about attraction within the fellowship, there's a way to bring to this production to the members of AA who choose to come and see it, members who do see plays have moved and touched; this has been the highlight of my sobriety this is more than a spiritual question, this is based in research all about GS, this is a way to be of service, we are over thinking it; it is just letter / for me is difficult question, there is problem with tradition promotion vs attraction or are we supporting Jackie as an individual? / this has been happening all ready, as a group or member, other areas have already given support to people from their areas, this is because of the new protocol that a letter of support is needed/ our area is not just one person, we're lucky someone wants to give our area the option, the possibility, I would like to see this happen / there actual is precedent for this, we were in support of it before, when we hosted the 2016 archival workshop, everything was amazing, she has the experience we should support it.

Vote: Unanimous vote in favor; 0 opposed; five abstentions. Motion passed.

ASSEMBLY BIDS:

- Summer Assembly 2020 – presented by District 11

Presentation: Has a full kitchen, has break-out rooms, and accommodating tables with enough chairs. Questions: Q: is this an accessible place? A: yes we checked including bathrooms – which are in the same facility - and wheelchair parking (4 spaces). Q: That is what you saw from the walkthrough? A: yes looks really good from the walk; formality and comfortable. Other events have been held there for 300-500 people. Q: is the parking adequate for 400 people? A: Yes, has good space. We have about 197 spaces available Q: Has anyone had a walkthrough ? A: Yes we have had an area officer, we held unity day, people have been there. Brake-up rooms are available too, the number of people

CNCA 2019 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL EXPENSES THROUGH JULY 2019

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

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue:			
002 Group Contributions			
003 District Contributions			
004 Assembly Contributions			
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.			
006 H&I Archives Rent			
007 CNCA Subscriptions			
008 Personal/Misc Contributions			
010 Interest Income			
Total Revenue			
GROSS PROFIT			
Expenditures:			
013 Delegate Expense			
038 Officer Expense			
093 Committee Expenses			
158 General Expenses			
Total Expense			
Total Expenditures			
NET OPERATING REVENUE			
NET REVENUE			

Data Unavailable

BALANCE SHEETS— JULY 2019

California Northern Coastal Area
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of 7/31/2019

Current Assets

Operating Funds - Checking

Prudent Reserve - Savings

Total Bank Accounts

Total Other Current Assets

Total Current Assets

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities

Equity

Operating Funds ~ Adjusted

Prudent Reserve ~ Savings

Net Revenue

Total Equity

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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historically are 350-380. Vote: Substantial unanimity in favor, one opposed, one abstention. Bid approved.

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties. – presented by District 08

Presentation: This motion went through our District. How many of you know what the 6 Warranties are? You have study service manual, but on average how many AAs study this? We are requesting a short version of the 6 Warranties on Concept 12 gets published. We did a search looking at how common it is to see the 6 Warranties on Google. Can this be helpful? Did we pass this at our District? Yes. Questions: Q: Can we ask for a friendly amendment? "The AAWWS publish one-page summary of the 6 Warranties"? A: there are a lot of ways to talk about the wording. Amendment Accepted. Aware that that the GSO makes the final decision. Q: Do we have to put something in writing? A: no. Motion Forwarded to the Summer Assembly as Presentation of New Business

TREASURER ELECTION DISCUSSION

Talking about warranties, after we heard discussion today this is something that can't skate on concept 10, she's always there and willing to serve / Decisions are being made by the area officers and they can decide to put the position up to election with a protocol; the officers have done research on precedents on our Area but can they do this without the ACM participating or knowing? / Q: If panel 67-69 officers are eligible, what happens if we have a current officer make themselves available? how we will cover this position? A: We asked and other officers are not making themselves available, but Laura is eligible. / It feels like we are making a decision without having enough information available, I feel uninformed about what's going on and feel like that can bring on gossiping; I hope that we can have more support in our commitments. Q: Is there any possibility we can have in writing what was just read by our area chair? // To have significant information, I remember an officer that died during her commitment and I didn't even know she was that sick based on her performance, it didn't seem like her illness influenced her ability to serve at all; I'd like to hear from the finance chair, then we might be better able to inform our GSRs and I have faith on the decision that we all be making. / Issues like this arise when people are having difficulties and could be difficult to decided

because, we love one another and we are trying to support each other, but there is a hard ship when work is not being done, emails not been replied, lots of things that interfere with my task to do a good job has a DCMC, I have to put my faith in the officers who came to this decision because they are closer to the information / we can't vote on personality or it will become a personality contest / How can we make this fair? I heard about the situation, I'm making conclusions, I'd like to see her have the opportunity to speak and be fair/ Q: she was present at the officers meeting? Chair: Yes she has been involved with the decision; we started this conversation back in March and we have been having conversations every single month since; then about this issue she wasn't at the officer's meeting when we made the final decision so we got everyone on the phone and had a meeting giving our treasure the right of participation on August 17th in Concord for two and a half hours for this specific reason. / Treasurer: I take full responsibility, I did not anticipate not being able to serve when I made my self available, all the challenges that are sometimes hard to share in public, during my learning phase was hard to have the ability to perform, I was to consider in an informal conversation but I was asked to resign and the decision made by the officers was one day after my diagnosis, and they didn't have the all information, I want to make clear they didn't make this decision with all the knowledge they have now, and the email went out, but I am responsible for not informing them, don't blame them for that. I also take full responsibility for all the delays, I would like to keep my position because I am truly available now that I'm getting appropriate treatment. I spoke to my sponsor I want to make amends to all the treasurers, at the special meeting I had the opportunity to listen to all the Area Officers and they had the opportunity to listen to me, I want to take the time to answer questions. / Q: For the officers, instead of just opening up and having an election, can we hear full transparency at the assembly, have a vote of confidence, then hold the election? This is a program of principles and amends are one of our principles. We should give her the chance./ Chair: At that special meeting Laura asked the officers what she can do to make it right, to make the amends, and she was asked to resign, and she declined; about the vote of confidence, she is available to make herself available at the election, and since we didn't know what to do, we are going to let the fellowship decide; this is what happened at CNIA four panels ago / thank you our officers for having courage conversations. / It was

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tough to see the email and I had so many questions and I can't give good information at my district, they are the ones who are going to elect the new treasurer, Laura has my vote of confidence since she's willing to serve / Q: this is question directly to treasurer, as someone working on the interpretation and translations committee, there are many payments still past-due, this has also been impacting me in my own personal commitment, are those members going to get paid on time? Laura W.: I been sick for long time, I should have asked for help earlier, everything has been difficult but I want to say that the interpreters and translators have all been paid, we planning to have a shared email were we can have access with the finances chair so this doesn't happen again / Q: I been hearing that all finances are current and have been caught up, I don't know how tell that is the case, there is no current finance report that is accurate, also, people mentioning emails haven't been replied, how I can trust is going to be different? We heard from the finance chair during the finance report saying if you need anything then referencing members from the committee, not the treasurer, there's not clarity, I want all to get better but I can't go for another month like this, without answers./ Laura W.: I been having a lots of support from the finance committee, that's part of the job to help, is hard to do everything by myself and Chelsea can help with checks etc. to be more efficient / I still have confusion about Laura's availability, some members have issues when trusted servants are young and people think they are not taking their job seriously; so we might want to ask ourselves if we would be doing the same if an older trusted servant were taken ill. / Q: I believe we have just bypassed third legacy procedure by giving special time to this candidate because she is in the position currently, the bottom line is that the job wasn't done right, we have 7 trusted servants who are our officers and they are trying to serve us best, they sure didn't decide this lightly, but now that they decided, let's move on we have good candidates / I believe this discussion is punitive, lets have an election and let the Area decide / As a member of the finance committee, indeed I help to prepare things to sign, I have to admit that we have are not all paid up for our translators – there are many invoices still to go; I don't want the translators in the room to think I am lying to you, I know you are still yet to be paid/ we have to take the motions to the side, and decide for what's the best thing for the Area, / as a member of the General Service Board I am legally responsible that if we see ineffec-

tive manager we are responsible to do something about it, if our general manager is not taking action, is ineffective or incapable, we have to ask them to leave, and we have to find another one capable, this is our legal responsibility, the Area is not a corporation, but the Area officers are carrying on the responsibility, since we understand there have been significant incidents with our funds not being managed, and as unfair as it may seems, the Officers have called for an Election this is the Areas decision, if the area feels the treasurer should stay the Area will elect that member / Q: I'd like to hear from our treasurer if she is available to performance her position / Laura W.: Yes / in the spirit of transparency, I have personal experience of lack of communication with multiple emails that took weeks without being responded to, I had to communicate with other officers to be able to have answers, with our interpreters not been paid for over 60 days, I think they do a fantastic job and they been treated poorly, I trust our trustee servants, don't take decisions lightly, we got to the point to almost lost our summer assembly that we worked very hard, we shouldn't be doing that, is inappropriate.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Right of participation is also the right of doing it right and I have had to step down from my position, I can always come back and make it right / general service is right if you get to work with new people / pre-assembly dinners still available / sobers and free will take please on May 2020 in San Jose / District 18, 26th anniversary on September 21st, and thank you all the officers for the clarification on the finance / don't forget to return radios and welcome to bring your own at next Area meeting / we should use this financial experience for our Inventory, our treasure has my vote / greetings from Japan so glad to be here please visit AA45.org for the 45th anniversary in Japan in March 2020.

3:30 P.M. -CLOSING

- Miguel H.
CNCA Recording Secretary

AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—SEPTEMBER 2019

AREA COMMITTEE

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

- That CNCA purchase a 100 foot microphone cable at a cost not to exceed \$45.
- That the Area Committee Meeting be moved from August 22, 2020 to August 15, 2020 to avoid conflict with the Pacific Regional Forum.

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old 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.

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion topics:

- Area Assemblies: Open or Closed?
- Reaching Out to African-American Alcoholics
- Agenda Topic Summaries: Purpose, Use & Future

AREA ASSEMBLY

Redistricting Requests:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

- That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties. – *presented by District 08*

New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

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

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PRESENTS:

2019 FALL ASSEMBLY

“The Area Inventory”

Saturday November 2, 2019
St. Mary's Cathedral
1111 Gough St., San Francisco CA 94109

Registration	8—9 a.m.
Orientation	9—9:15 a.m.
Business Meeting	9:15—noon
Lunch	12—1 p.m.
Area Inventory	1—2:45 p.m.
Serenity Break	2:45—3 p.m.
Area Inventory (continued)	3—4:45 p.m.
What's on Your Mind?	4:45—5 p.m.

** timing is approximate, based on loving discussion*

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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 providing your email to be included on the email list.

DCM Sharing Session Inventory: Chair explained purpose of a group inventory and possible formats; suggested roundtable discussion; group decided on 60 second timer.

Inventory Questions:

What is the basic purpose of the sharing session and how does it relate to the primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?

Involvement in General Service is to better meet the needs of the alcoholic who suffers, and the purpose of the sharing session is to learn from each other how to better fulfill our roles as DCMs to that end. It helps us to improve in relating to our groups, supporting our GSRs, spreading positive feedback and a message of hope and enthusiasm, sharing information, and explaining how General Service and the program of recovery work. S31 of the Service Manual is helpful. This sharing session teaches us how to get people and groups involved to better understand what our fellowship actually wants and what's going on in the larger world of A.A. It bring to life being of service, gets us involved, which helps to get others involved. "It's the most fun and informative of any meeting in the area."

Does our sharing session feel democratic? If not, how could it be more democratic?

The group unanimously agreed that our session is democratic based on the idea that everybody's voice counts and has an opportunity to be heard. Members shared about how they have learned about how to be inclusive through participation in the sharing session. Members feel safe to share, and the traditions are followed. Members credited the roundtable format, voting for presentation topics, and use of a timer as facilitating that. A member mentioned it's very demo-

cratic, however it's also very white; they would like to see/hear more in our meeting that represents a more diverse group. A member shared it's up to us to enthruse others from different backgrounds to participate by going to where they are. A member shared that being democratic means everyone has an even vote; that allowing non DCMs to vote can stack the deck. A member shared concern about selecting topics, noting it can be intimidating to bring up a topic in the group, and suggested perhaps submit topics to the recording secretary anonymously. A member shared that we can email, text, or slip a note to chair.

How can we bring more fresh and innovative topics to our sharing session?

Members suggested: 1) Don't be afraid of suggesting topics, especially new DCMs. 2) Submit topics anonymously. 3) Ask your groups what they would like for a topic. 4) Breaking up into groups of 5 or so; having a representative from each group share about discussion, bringing more ideas together and encouraging more collaboration. 5) Go to other committees and ask them if there is anything they are struggling with and if they want us to bring them to the DCM sharing session. – another member liked this idea, and also suggested discussing motions from the Area 6) Invite some controversy; get ideas from the quiet conversations that happen outside the meeting. 7) Bring problems from our group to this session to discuss and bring experience to help the groups. A member was in favor of expanding our topics, but noted that certain topics very generic to the sharing session (*i.e.*, what is valuable from one panel to the next) are helpful for those coming in and out of the meeting.

Chair suggested when you run an inventory to ask the questions and shut up. The recording secretary reported back to the group on the general themes that came out through discussion.

Next Month's Topic: (decided in July): Reaching out to remote communities— presentation by Beth S. from District 06.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM with the Responsibility Statement.

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

CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 69

2019—Panel 69			
September	28—Area Committee Meeting	May	16— Post Conference Assembly, tbd
October	26—Area Committee Meeting		23—Area Committee Meeting
November	2—Inventory Assembly, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco, hosted by District 06	June	27—Area Committee Meeting
	23—Area Committee Meeting	July	2-5—International Convention, COBO Center, Detroit, MI
December	21—Area Committee Meeting (Note: 3rd Saturday)	August	25—Area Committee Meeting
			8—Summer Assembly, Crosswalk Community Church, Napa, hosted by District 11
2020—Panel 69			21—23, Pacific Regional Forum, Las Vegas, NV
January	tbd—Area Committee Meeting (Likely 3rd Saturday)		22—Area Committee Meeting (Note: possible date change to 8/15.)
February	22—Area Committee Meeting		
March	6-8—PRAASA (Area 3, Arizona)	September	26—Area Committee Meeting
	28—Area Committee Meeting	October	24—Area Committee Meeting
April	4-5—Pre Conference Assembly, tbd	November	14—Election Assembly, tbd
	19—25, General Service Conference, NY	December	28—Area Committee Meeting
	25—Area Committee Meeting		19—Area Committee Meeting (Note: 3rd Saturday)

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES

2019 Fall Inventory Assembly
November 2, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco (Hosted by District 06)

2020

2020 Pre-Conference Assembly
April 4-5

2020 Post-Conference Assembly
May 16

2020 Summer Assembly
August 8—Crosswalk Community Church, Napa, CA (Hosted by District 11)

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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