

Chair Preview: October 2019

I want to welcome our newest Area Officer, Dennis H., who will be serving as our Treasurer for the remainder of Panel 69.

To update our readers, our previous Treasurer resigned because of health reasons just prior to the Summer Assembly. Several candidates made themselves available to replace her, and Dennis (a previous DCMC and Finance Chair) was elected on the Fifth Ballot. The minutes from the remainder of the business meeting are included in this issue of the *Comments*, including a summary of all six afternoon workshop topics.

At the Area Committee Meeting two weeks later, we passed four housekeeping motions (to purchase a new microphone cable, to move the date of the August 2020 ACM to avoid conflict with the Pacific Regional Forum, to provide a letter of spiritual support to Santa Clara County's young people committee for their bid to host ACYPAA, and to reimburse the travel costs of our inventory facilitator). We also approved a bid (by four Districts!) to host next year's Post-Conference Assembly, and we passed a motion to purchase secure web conferencing software.

We heard two heartfelt reports from the National AA Archives Workshop and the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend from members from the Area who were funded to attend. And a motion to request a pamphlet for the LGBTQ Spanish-speaking alcoholic was forwarded to the next assembly.

That next assembly – on November 2 in San Francisco – will include that presentation of new business. We will also continue discussing all of our Area Assembly motions, and possibly even vote on one (or more). In the afternoon, the Area will hold its biennial inventory.

The inventory process is a profound and spiritual exercise, during which we assess what we as an Area are doing well, and what we can do to improve our service to the Fellowship. I encourage everyone to participate in the inventory discussion; from these discussions, the Area can learn how to best help new GSRs, ensure that our DCMs and DCMCs are well-informed, and provide guidance to officers and committees on how to best serve the Area. The questions for the inventory are below.

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CNCA Chair Panel 69

Inventory Questions for Fall Assembly on November 2

1. What is the basic purpose of CNCA?
2. Do we spend the Seventh Tradition contributions prudently?
3. What does it mean to be available for Area service?
4. How can Area Officers and committees better serve our Area?
5. How do we avoid the tyranny of the majority – and the minority?
6. Is our Area accessible to all who want to participate?