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PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

May 2013

Hello Panel 63 Trusted Servants

April's Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was officially the liveliest meeting we have participated in for years. It was heard on the mike that this was "AA at its Finest." I am sure our upcoming meetings will be very interesting. We hope to see you there.

During the ACM, the Finance Committee presented a housekeeping motion regarding the Comments/Comentarios. During the presentation, the motion was amended a few times, and the final wording is "That CNCA cease printing and mailing of CNCA Comments and Comentarios for three months." There was much loving discussion about this motion and it was decided that it will be presented as New Business at the Post Conference Assembly. While this discussion was happening, I realized how much I and everyone else in that room love Alcoholics Anonymous. I am honored to serve with you. Also ACM withdrew the motion "That CNCA purchase a ¼ watt transmitter, for use at assemblies and ACM as a backup; not to exceed \$400."

After the experience of this ACM, I find myself agreeing with the words in Chapter 2 of the Big Book, "We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful." (p 17, Alcoholics Anonymous)

We want to thank all of the members who made themselves available to be part of the Web and I&T Committees. We were able to fill the two available positions. This may or may not reach you before the Post Conference Assembly, but if it does, we encourage you to attend and to motivate members from your district to listen to our Delegate's Report returning from the General Service Conference in New York. This is your opportunity to ask our Delegate any questions you may have regarding any Agenda Topics that were discussed in your groups.

With Gratitude in Service,
Raymundo L., Area Chair

I was personally moved by listening to all the loving discussion that occurred at the pre-conference assembly. Members' dedication to AA inspires me. And, the spiritual and social benefits are valuable beyond words. I always learn something new, and my attitudes often shift a little or sometimes even a lot at each and every one of these types of events. I was in a position to listen as though I have no opinion in a way that I never have before, especially during the previous four years. Reviewing the notes I took was also an experience in itself. I have no doubt that Padee went to the conference well informed. We have chosen a dedicated trusted servant, and AA is in great hands.

I am eager to participate in all aspects of the post-conference assembly. Once again, I know I'll have the opportunity to do lots of listening. While there are many chances to hear the delegate's report, listening to it at the assembly is a special, unique experience and has a life its own. I tend not to take as copious notes as I do during the pre-conference sharing. I jot down a few things, but I try to embrace the experience, relax, and enjoy. I'm more likely to take note of the shared delegate's experiences that move me emotionally, rather than document technicalities and specific outcomes. Recall, we'll receive most of the details we need to know in writing in the near future. Since we likely will have time to fill during the business meeting we've planned two discussion topics: one on anonymity, and the other on inventory. Obviously, the Post-Conference assembly is an experience you *absolutely* must not miss.

When I was a GSR, I was expected to make a 2-minute announcement each week. I learned that I could share my experiences at the pre- and post- conference assemblies over a period of several months without thinking too hard. I did my best to have fun with it all, and tried not to forget Rule #62. Later in the year I discovered that the Conference Report gave me material on which to report for many months.

So I'll see you at the Post-Conference assembly—with your FM radios.

"As I watched all this grow, I became entirely sure that Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe— even from me." —Bill W, The A.A. Service Manual, page S12.

Thanks for your service. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Jeff O., Panel 63 Alternate Delegate

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 2013

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 2013 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held April 6, 2013 at Contra Costa Fairgrounds. The meeting was opened at 9:30 by Raymundo L, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Alethea B of District 40, Mary R of District 13 read the Traditions in English and Mario G of District 17 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were 7 past delegates present: Diane O (Panel 35), Bob K (Panel 47), Nancy H (Panel 49), Doug G (Panel 53), Sharon A (Panel 57), David N (Panel 59), and Ken M (Panel 61). The summer assembly minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Registered attendance: Voting=345, Non-voting=81.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Padee M*: Got a letter from Phyllis, the GS manager; AAWS will not be producing print version of the AA directories as a major cost savings; websites from districts and areas will be more precise. The work of the registrars to keep GSRs and districts updated is greatly appreciated. My friend and past-delegate will be taking me to the airport to begin my journey eastward with my heart full of love and your notes. Please remember to support Jeff at the ACM while I am gone. I have service manuals in both English and Spanish for \$.35. During break, please come see me if you have already requested some and then I can sell the rest. I'm interested in hearing what your group consciences are I am set to listen. There is a basket up here and I have 5X7 cards up here for you to put your groups' thoughts. If you have said it at the mic please help me and do not put those same notes in the basket.

(Delegate also shared the 2-minute area highlights for Conference, which will be in the final conference report or ask her for a copy)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Jeff O*: I am more relaxed than I ever have been at an assembly in about 4 years. I am eager to listen to all the group consciences and will listen

more intently than ever as though I have no opinion. The ROD is important and what is said and heard here is what is best for AA. Wonderful to attend PRAASA. There was lots of experience shared. Learned how areas do things differently. I wish our delegate a fantastic experience. Will update everyone at the meeting in Petaluma.

AREA CHAIR: *Raymundo L*: PRAASA was a great gift for me this year. We have two open positions for area committees: I&T and Web: please let me know by the end of this month.

TREASURER *Agustin L*: Checking balance is \$6858.77; sent a check for rent for Post conf assembly in May. There are 4 or 5 checks that have to be cleared, and PR is at \$9458. Take to your groups our thanks for your participation and our need of support for our services. I have some envelopes in the back to accept contributions: both from individuals and groups.

REGISTRAR *Michael Q*: Preliminary estimates: 280 voting members and 80 non voting (360 total) think that is low so if you are here and have not registered, please do so. The Sharpies are disappearing like crazy.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Judy W*: It is an honor and privilege to serve you. I too, greatly appreciated PRAASA. Please speak clearly and slowly at the mic so we can capture what you have to say. I wish the AA gods be with Padee as she journeys to NY to serve us.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR: *Phil B*: Happy to serve as your assembly coordinator. It has been a real learning experience. In a couple hours this room was transferred. Post conf is May 18; Sound system seems to be working very well now. Thank you all for your help.

LITERATURE/GV: *Ray W*: There is a Lit/GV/ La Viña display at the back of the room. We have a committee meeting each month at the area in Petaluma and anyone is invited to attend. I have a GV/La Viña mailing list; if you would like to be on that list, sign up at the display.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Laura J*: We meet once a month at the Area

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meeting in Petaluma, and at the archives room in Walnut Creek, usually the second Sat. Please join us. A special open house immediately follows this assembly.

BRIDGING THE GAP *CLAUDIA N:* Our Spanish outreach is growing and our Spanish BTG handbook is almost ready. GSO has an urgent need for correspondents to share your sobriety with incarcerated alcoholics. The GV has a section this month for BTG. We've already had 360 requests for contact!

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob K:* To my fellow finance committee members a big thank you: Jennifer, Ginger, Chauncey, Agustin: Don't be surprised if you see them taking money from the basket. Soon we will be starting committee budget requests.

PI/CPC *Jeff O:* Locally, the two committees may be handled differently. Have a display here for you to see. Had a couple of anonymity breaks in our area. Typically, that is the responsibility of the PI area chair to handle this. We do NOT contact the media. Please read the internet guidelines, the pamphlet, and Box 459. We do have some public info spots on You tube. Association of American Indian Physicians in Santa Clara has invited us to participate: contact Larry M or me. AA will be featured on public radio in Mendocino Co. April 9.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Mary Lou M: we are in need of a new member; you do not need tech knowledge, just a working familiarity with email. We have a table and have forms for input as to what you might like to see on the website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE: Richard H: We are fortunate to have 3 bilingual area officers; it helped with doing the agenda summaries. The simultaneous translation only works if everyone brings their am/fm radios. Mateo and Molly will be interpreting today.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:None

AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Presentation of New Business:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION:

That area officer travel to each district be limited to twice per year, unless otherwise requested by the district. (Presented by District 07, Alameda North).

DISCUSSION: *Group consciences:* We like when officers visit.//Our officers never think the travel is a burden; officers support us; Bill and Bob traveled.//Unanimously against: Our GSR's get to know our officers, our officers get to see our districts in action and help to achieve our primary goal in linking our groups //Our officers have encouraged us to come out of the dark; there is no substitute for 1on1 contact. Some districts might be too shy to ask for more visits. Area officers might not know what is expected of them if this passes.//It means our officers are gone all the time. GSR's can come to the area mtg.//Two visits is far too few //Connection between officer and dist would be lost. Requests might not be made for fear of being a burden.//We might not get an eclectic enough group of people to serve if not changed //Limiting visits would limit the breadth and scope of contact //We need these visits //Leave it the way it is so we don't change our communication and ability to ask for direct help //Officer visits are the only chance some of our GSR;s have to meet with area officers. *Personal opinions:* Visits should continue; great opportunity for many; it's the first introduction to what AA as a whole is//This is so we the officers know who the GSR's are. We select leaders and presenters from our GSR pool.//This is very serious: it made me really how selfish I am in expecting a visit, so every other month is ok with me but my dist doesn't want to see it reduced //The reduction is overkill; maybe 4 per year //You cannot budget "as requested"//I think it's completely important; their knowledge and expertise is like bringing a history book to us//My meeting suggested this and the idea is to make it more flexible. You budget for the most and spend what you spend//It would save a lot of money, and for clarity there is not limit to how many visits; it would also make area officer positions more available to people who do not have the ability to do that kind of travel per month.//It has come up before and always has been voted down. The money issue, opening area service is a potential, we are centralizing our officers in area 6; the autonomy of individual districts is important and visits should not be imposed.//AA is about change and spiritual growth and you don't say no to AA: when I say yes, something magical happens.//These wonderful people who put themselves in that position: the more they can give to us the more we receive: you can't take that away//I have been in service and came back: the visiting officer infused some clarity and direction: it's been a joy, and limiting this would be sad//How to get more visits cheaper: Skype //We should continue this communication //Unpopular officers will sit at home and do nothing and the popular ones will be making lots of visits and the burden would be disproportionate//

Significant confusion about this motion and I think it's too soon to vote.//The way the motion is stated: if there's a need, let it be expressed.//Saved \$ could be diverted to AA as a whole and provide services//I really enjoy officers coming to a mtg. I'm assuming it's a healthy and functioning dist and that's different from mine: we're worried about \$ it all starts with self-support from the group//I felt less intimidated when I attended area//I've spoken about this before; we are a rural dist and I drive down here every month and it takes 4-6 hours. We make the trip because we want to be a part; the visits from the officers remind us that we are a part.//Communication and visits ARE the service we learn from//I kind of like the idea it's a lot of work for you guys: it tells me that the people taking on those jobs are committed people: my guess is you see a whole bunch of different dist mtgs//It's important for me to hear our officers//I like the idea of limiting visits in the sense to make the position available to more to serve//I think there might be some in between to get more people involved at all levels//If we don't have a continual connection with the area we then have a break and it makes it harder for the GSR to serve the group.

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting<< Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require a 2/3 majority to pass.

Vote: Yes= 26 No=216 Abstain=11

****Motion Failed****

MINORITY OPINION: Motion to give us flexibility, allows more the ability to serve as area officers. What I heard is this will increase the visits, not decrease. I heard fear// The small number of officers and the burden is visiting a large number of districts//I don't think it will decrease the connection between area and districts //We don't utilize the area officer and we don't necessarily need them // This is an opportunity for flexibility //Let officers come when we need them//Giving the officers an opportunity to opt out would help.

Motion to reconsider failed ****Motion Failed****

The meeting was closed at 12:15pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with love in service,
Judy W

CNCA Motions – May 2013

Area Committee

- Assembly Bids**
- Housekeeping Motion**
- Guidelines**
- Presentation of New Business**
- Other:**

- Old Business at Area Committee Meeting**
- New Business at Area Committee Meeting**

Discussion Topics

Area Assembly Motions

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly :

That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of *CNCA Comments/Comentarios* except when individually requested. – Web Committee

That CNCA cease printing and mailing of CNCA Comments/Comentarios for three months.— Finance Committee

Old Business at Area Assembly

New Business at Area Assembly

Profit and Loss January—March 2013

	Jan - Mar 13	Jan—Mar 12	\$ Change
<u>Ordinary Income/Expense</u>			
<i>Income</i>			
Group Contributions	27,410.48	18,263.35	9,147.13
District Contributions	1,756.56	2,258.53	(501.97)
Tradition 7, Area Committee	806.25	(806.25)	
H & I Archives Rent	500.00	(500.00)	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	12.00	12.00	
Personal/Misc. Contributions	(396.27)	973.81	(1,370.08)
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.27	1.73	(1.46)
<i>Total Income</i>	28,783.04	22,815.67	5,967.37
<i>Expense</i>			
Reconciliation Discrepancies	18.89	(18.89)	
Delegate Expense	2,619.95	2,828.12	(208.17)
Officer Expense	7,722.78	6,225.91	1,496.87
Committee Expense	3,016.15	4,863.85	(1,847.70)
General Expense	13,226.65	4,701.79	8,524.86
<i>Total Expense</i>	26,585.53	18,638.56	7,946.97
<u>Net Ordinary Income</u>	2,197.51	4,177.11	(1,979.60)
<i>Other Income</i>			
<i>Refunds/Rebates</i>	263.39	349.44	(86.05)
<u>Net Other Income</u>	263.39	349.44	(86.05)
Net Income	2,460.90	4,526.55	(2,065.65)

Balance Sheet February 2013

	Mar 31, 13	Mar 31, 12	\$ Change
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Checking/Savings			
B of A Checking	5,757.89	9,275.96	(3,518.07)
B of A Savings	9,484.62	8,888.03	596.59
Total Checking/Savings	15,242.51	18,163.99	(2,921.48)
Other Current Assets			
Assembly Deposits	2,990.00	8,550.00	(5,560.00)
Prepaid Insurance	122.79	982.04	(859.25)
BTG	120.00	120.00	
CNCA Comments	2,453.91	2,453.91	
ACNC Comentarios	164.00	164.00	
Total Other Current Assets	5,850.70	9,532.04	(3,681.34)
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	21,093.21	27,696.03	(6,602.82)
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>			
<i>Equity</i>			
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	9,745.31	14,836.48	(5,091.17)
Prudent Reserve	8,887.00	8,333.00	554.00
Net Income	2,460.90	4,526.55	(2,065.65)
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	21,093.21	27,696.03	(6,602.82)

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2013

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 27, 2013

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on April 27, 2013, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12.31PM. The AA Preamble was read by Jennifer B of District 12. Mark M of Dist 8 read Tradition 4 and Candida WV of District 15 read Concept 4. There were 6 past delegates present: George D, P25, Diane O, P35, Bob K P47, Doug G P53, David K, P59, and Ken M, P61. There was 1 Past Trustee and past GSO manager: George D. There were 2 new DCMs present and one new DCMC. The Mar, 2013 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 6/93 years. Registered attendance: Voting=68, Non-voting=31.

OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE *Padee M*: (in NYC at GSC)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Jeff O*: Spoke with our delegate: there was a ton of loving discussions and lots of work at the GSC. She will share at the Post Conference Assembly. I can share that Padee is now the chair of the Agenda Committee of the GSC, 2014.

Chair: Raymundo L: Found a disc of the corrections panel from Foster City. Today is deadline to give names for the Web and I&T committees.

TREASURER *Agustin L*: Thanks to all the groups and people who attended our preconference assembly. In March our treasury was real low and donations were low. There are conferences coming, so keep in mind that we need to be generous. Deposits are made for all the assemblies and pre-conf was \$300 under budget, and we are receiving money.

REGISTRAR *Michael Q*: Thanks to Dist 8 and the registration crew: you all made it easy for me. Totals: 4th best attended pre conf in history. AA regional directories will not be printed/distributed in 2014.

RECORDING Secretary *Judy W*: Thank you for a wonderful assembly. I hope I was able to capture your voices to send our delegate to NY with our area input and a truly informed group conscience.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Phil B*: The assembly was awesome. Thank you D08 & D20 for the hard work. Thanks to the sound guys. May 18: Post conference: make reservations soon, there is a lot going on that weekend. Summer assembly, 2014, is available for bid.

LITERATURE/GV *Ray W*: Check out the La Viña conf: I have some posters available for anyone who has space. GV now has GV complete which allows you to subscribe to both print an on-line. Am starting a mailing list for GV and La V provide me with your info if you are interested.

DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY *Scott P*: We have a new H&I liaison and a new Lit person. PI is working hard. Our visiting officer gave us a lot of info on lit. Committees in place for assembly

next year. Service fair in June. We are putting together a dist website.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Ric B*: Increasing participation and excitement in service. The district is excited to meet our delegate when she visits us in June.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Scott B*: We're sending carpools to post conf. Table at Harvey West Park for the Intergroup spring fling. Unity Day will be held In Sept.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Robert E*: Moved the insurance need to Intergroup. No play dough at assembly but we had a lot of fun with our 38 members: all were enthused. Good reports; successful training made efforts smooth.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Jim A*: Three GSR's gave presentations about their experience at assembly; visiting officer shared what to expect at assembly in May. People interested in chairing upcoming assembly. Unity Day: Aug.

05 SAN MATEO *Joseph DS*: Our last mtg was a Budget discussion with lots of discussion: all is worked out and moving toward the future.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Teddy W*: Visiting officer shared on "What to take back to your group from the preconf assembly". We discussed the right of participation and trustee restructuring. DCM sharing session before next mtg.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Cathy S*: Our GSR's shared their experience getting group shares. We have a finance committee working on how to disperse extra money.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Byron B*: We have 10 new GSR's and have encouraged dist officers to get to the point on their reports so we can hear more from the GSR's Two visiting area officers. We are hosting the post conf so check your hotel blocks and get your dinner resos in.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Robert S*: Thanks for attending the pre-conf; thanks to all who volunteered. We now have a BTG chair and all positions are filled. We will be doing a financial inventory.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Renee S*: Enthusiastic group, 1 new GSR. Thanks to D08/20 for hosting. Thanks to our visiting officer for taking minutes in absence of our secretary. We hope to make an assembly bid. SOLYPAA very active.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Laurie J*: Preconf turnout was good: all participated. A DCM stepped down so we have another vacancy and a vacancy in BTG. Our visiting officer helped us understand the life of an agenda topic.

10 MARIN *Rebecca C*: Alan G: Visiting officer helped conduct a third legacy election for a new coffee maker. Unity Day on Sept 14. Mtg time has changed.

11 NAPA *Thom H*: No meeting, so I have little to say

12 SONOMA *Joann L*: Delegate's rept on June 3 at larger church to accommodate all. May rent a bus to Crescent City to encourage participation in summer assembly.

13 LAKE *John OD*: Happy to experience the effort our reps did with the agenda topics. Visiting officer led us in a sharing session. We filled the position of DCMC alternate have bro-

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ken up the PI/CPC position. Soberfest in June
14 MENDOCINO *Robin T/Mark D*: Dennis M shared on a talk show to introduce AA to our radio audience. Trying to attract GSR from dark meetings. Two new Spanish mtgs.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *John L*: HICYPA is very active; new website address (.net) Past delegate spoke AA Confidential on how money and spirituality mix at international level. Ready for assembly; groups observing traditions. Dist 16 Several GSR's at pre conf. Dist anniversary in July; working to contribute to area and attending post conference assembly.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric M*: Attended and participated in pre-conf assembly. Studied the AA structure; 16 reps and 10 visitors at our dist mtg. Public information table in Morgan Hill; June 30 is our 23 anniversary!

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector A*: Pre conf assembly was attended by 15 members; topics shared. Next study mtg fourth tradition and concept presented by 2 GSR's. Trying to motivate more GSR to participate. New service position: a liaison to D10 which has 5 Spanish groups.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Adrian C*:. Thanks to pre conf assembly hosts. GSR's asked a lot of questions of our area officer. We have a lot of enthusiasm for our 18th anniversary on June 9: family fun for all.

20 SPANISH EAST *Martin V*: Assisted pre conf Sat/Sun: a good experience, especially dinner; it was motivating. Health Fair will help visiting groups

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Laura J*: (Peter M): Our open house turnout was great; about 40 members; inspiring to see how people responded. Thanks also to the web committee for posting dates of our work days.

BTG: *Claudia N*: We watched the HOPE video today.

This month: 10 districts reporting, 97 requests for contact. Chairing the display at the preconf was wonderful. New position: alt Spanish coordinator. Ad hoc committee to create a database.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob K*: Started talking about tax id numbers; see us: we need to separate districts from the area. Tax returns are available to review. We are facing some difficult times cash wise: assemblies are expensive. Budget process for 2014 begins next month

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: Proposing two discussion topics: anonymity and inventory at post conf assembly as we don't have a great deal of business.

Q: We did have an item presented at the assembly about discontinuing mailing of Comments. **A**: We decided to wait as we had just changed panels. It will be presented at post conf and there will be no discussion. Ergo there will be time for discussion topics. Agenda to be finalized tonight at officers' mtg. Highlighting district activity: a lot of workshops and presentations, health fairs, universities, and even the Mexican Embassy. In July there will be a CPC education center. Assoc of American Indian Physicians convention in Santa Clara in

August and is looking for volunteers. Past delegate, trustee, and GSO manager gave a report.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M*: First in depth discussion on our motion to cease production of printed version of Comments. Our meeting this month and next are closed as we work out details.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *Richard H*: Preconf went well; only problem was volume with translators, so turn up the volume on your radios if needed. See us if you need to borrow equipment for Unity Day.

CNCA COMMENTS *Richard W*: 1118/bulk 101 first class COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Ramon G*: 210 comentarios printed, 190 mail: rest here

DCM SHARING SESSION *Barbara S*: Dave W spoke on the life cycle of a motion and how we vote: an interesting process: and we talk everything to death to achieve substantial unanimity.

Lit/Grapevine: *Ray W*: Susanne of D12 shared on training from D12; her material will serve as a base for us to do a training at area level. Will review all the GV/La V agenda items next month NCCAA *Diane O*: CNIA will present: she is a delight to listen to: Crown Plaza in Foster City H&I *Diane O*: There is so much unity and harmony right now. Continuing discussion reimbursing our trusted servants for doing business: vote in June. Redoing our pamphlets so we will have only one in the future.

YPAA REPORT: *Ken M*: They are on fire in Solano. Very first event: First Things First: a speaker meeting and a dance. June 22, Benicia Clock Tower

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

"That the web committee immediately move forward with its motion to send Comments/Commentarios via the web" (presented by the finance committee.)

We are in a stressful financial situation. At the end of March we only had \$400. We spend a lot to mail out the Comments/Commentarios. This is a much needed cost saver./**Q** How much does it cost to mail these out?/**A** \$1200/mo//**Q** In times of financial difficulty, the first thing to be considered should be area officer travel. We also have a prudent reserve./**Q** Is this an alarm you're sending out?//Officer travel is a separate issue./**Q** Is the Web committee ready to make it's motion?/**A** This has been on the burner since last panel.

(SEVENTH TRADITION AND BREAK 2:00 to 2:15)

The finance committee has amended its motion to read:

"That CNCA cease production, printing, and mailing of the CNCA Comments and Commentarios"

Q I'd like to make a friendly amendment that production be removed as we will continue to produce the Comments and Commentarios/**A** The finance committee accepts. The new motion now reads:

"That CNCA cease printing and mailing of CNCA Comments and Commentarios for three months" DCMC;s could download; there are other ways to get around

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this//This would reduce both printing and postage costs. I don't know how this would effect our contract with a printer. Without that info, I'm not sure we can move forward//Q How much are we spending? A. 1200/month//Q I remind my dist that we have a monthly meeting where we receive this//Q We have a place on the website that has a lot of this info; you won't have a paper but will be able to read this//Q How will someone be notified if they cannot receive this?//I don't even open my Comments; I read them on line. What about those who don't have computers? Is there a way to set it up on line so I can opt-out?//A. We thought it more efficient to opt-in.//Q I've heard this before. I don't understand why we don't move AA Confidential

forward with this proposal if we are in deep financial stress. Let's see whether this succeeds or fails in 90 days.//Q What happens after three months? When does it begin?//A. Immediately and we review in 3 months.//Other institutions have an opt-in or opt-out. Is this legal?//A. There is nothing illegal.//Q How do we inform 1200 people they will not get this?//Why not work down the line of communication?//Q We have a contract for the printing: how much will this cost us or will be in breach of the contract?//A it's a business deal not a contract.//I object to the housekeeping motion.//Q If this motion fails, then something else is going to have to change. What do you plan to cut?

****Objection: This will be new business****

Vote to consider where to present: ACM 8 Assembly: many

****This will be presented as new business at the postconference assembly.****

Guest: George D, Past delegate, past trustee, past GSO manager: This is AA at its finest. Do we do everything too well? Very few groups operate that efficiently so if you are to accomplish anything, you need to make sure that the groups understand what you are trying to do so they can identify. I can tell you lots of stories, so I'll only share a couple. And I believe that past delegates should be seen and not heard, but it's okay to work the back of the room... We need to address the fact that people still see us as a cult, and we have a lot of suffering alcoholics: we have no dogma: we need to send a gentle but firm message that every group and every individual be allowed to practice the principles of AA as they see fit. We are not an organization, we are a movement. The danger I see is that we have become too homegrown: we need to listen closely to what the groups are worried about. Don't dump too many technical questions on the home groups. Find out what's happening in the groups and what we can do to help them.

ASSEMBLY BIDS: NONE

AREA BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

"That CNCA purchase ¼ watt transmitter for use at the assemblies and at the ACM, not to exceed \$400." (presented by the I&T committee).

Finance committee objects to the motion. We simply cannot afford it.//Even if we authorize this, there is no time limit and we are not encouraging the committee to go and make an immediate purchase//As the I&T chair I will point out that we can reconsider and wait.

Chair took a sense of the room. Vote ensued.

Simple majority:

Yes: 7 No: 46

Minority opinion: Since this was budgeted it's going to reappear. We didn't need to vote.//I have been in the business and if something fails we will not be able to communicate with our Spanish members.

Motion and seconded to reconsider

Yes: 19 No: 29

****Motion Fails****

"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"

Our district has our own equipment, so we have a backup as we are willing to loan.//The motions before us today are both to be presented as new business; there is no new business//Please turn in your reservation for the pre assembly dinner//A couple of panels ago I was a member of the finance committee and attended PRAASA: I learned that we are never short of money in AA; what we are short of is communication: if we communicate our needs, money will appear. I propose that we opinion all our committee meetings.//I have a piece of literature that says the GSR is the most important person in the group and I think we need to make every effort to get information to our GSR's.//At the last assembly and several others I got a lot of comments about the quality of translation received; because they don't know the language of AA, the quality is not as good as that of our in-house translators and we need to reconsider using them and allowing them to participate as well//I'm against ceasing publication of the Comments/Commentarios for any length of time, but neither I nor my sponsors are going to drink over it.// Sometimes we need a teaching or learning experience.//I think the coffee was really great today.//I appreciate all the love and discussion and our chair and translators//How proud I am to be a member of this group. I respect and honor all your opinions.//God I love AA. This has been one of the liveliest meetings I've probably ever been to. In the end, we're all friends.

The meeting was closed at 3:25pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Judy W

CNCA Panel 63 Recording Secretary

CNCA CALENDAR

2013—Panel 63

January 26— Area Committee Mtg
February 23 — Area Committee Mtg
March 1, 2, 3— PRAASA, Boise, Idaho
23— Area Committee Mtg
April 6&7— Pre Conference Assembly,
 Antioch (Hosted by District
 08&20)

21-27, General Service Conf, NY
27— Area Committee Mtg
May 18— Post Conference Assembly
 Livermore (Hosted by District 70)

25— Area Committee Mtg
June 22— Area Committee Mtg
July 27— Area Committee Mtg
August 10— Summer Assembly,
 Crescent City (Hosted by District
 15)

24— Area Committee Mtg
September 28— Area Committee Mtg
October 26— Area Committee Mtg
November 09— Fall Assembly,
 San Francisco (Hosted by Dis
 tricts 06&16)

23— Area Committee Mtg
December 21— Area Committee Mtg

2014—Panel 63

January 25— Area Committee Mtg
February 22— Area Committee Mtg
March 03/07-03/09- PRAASA San Diego
22— Area Committee Mtg
April 5,6— Pre Conference Assem
 bly, Monterey (Hosted by
 District 01)

26— Area Committee Mtg
4/27-5/3 General Service Conf, NY
May 10— Post Conference Assembly
 Ukiah (Hosted by District 14)

24— Area Committee Mtg
June 28— Area Committee Mtg
July 26— Area Committee Mtg
 7/11-7/13 Pacific Regional Forum
 Area 18,Idaho)

August 02/09— Summer Assembly
23— Area Committee Mtg
September 27— Area Committee Mtg
October 25— Area Committee Mtg
November 8th — Election Assembly
 San Jose (Hosted by District
 40)

November 22— Area Committee Mtg
December 20— Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2013 Post-conference Assembly

May 18; Robert Livermore community Center
 4444 East Ave. Livermore, CA
 Hosted by District 70

2013 Summer Assembly

August 10; Del norte Fairgrounds
 421 Hwy 101 North, Crescent City, CA.
 Hosted by District 15.

2013 Fall Assembly

Nov. 9; St. Mary's Cathedral
 1111 Gough St. San Francisco, CA
 Hosted by District 6 and 16

2014 Pre-conference Assembly

April 5-6; Monterey Fairgrounds
 2004 Fairground Rd. Monterey, CA
 Hosted by District 01

2014 Post-conference Assembly

May 10; Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
 1055 N. State St. Ukiah, CA
 Hosted by District 14

2014 Summer Assembly

August 9 or August 2.

2014 Fall Election Assembly

Nov. 8; San Jose Scottish Rite Center
 2455 Masonic Dr. San Jose, CA
 Hosted by District 40

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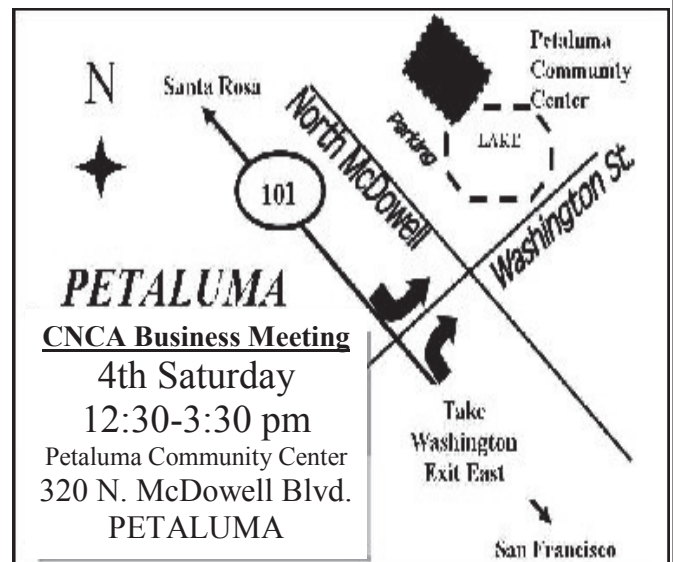
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