



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting March 2015

February's Area Committee Meeting brought some surprises. There was a housekeeping motion "That CNCA Area 06 share with the Japan General Service Office (JSO) any CNCA Archive Guidelines and related documents for the purpose of translation and adaption by the JSO Archives Committee." The housekeeping motion passed. Apparently our past Archives Chair attended an event in Japan. I can't wait to hear more about that event later. This is the part about AA that I love, countries helping countries.

We had an Assembly bid for summer 2015 from Districts 12 and 18 to be held on August 1 at the Petaluma Veteran's Hall. That bid passed unanimously. That completes the 2015 assemblies. **Remember** there are still three openings for assembly bids in 2016. The motion "That CNCA purchase a laptop computer for use by the website committee not to exceed \$1250" passed. There was discussion on the New Business "That CNCA purchase a new laptop computer with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity and /or equivalent recording program not to exceed \$1300 for use by the Recording secretary." And from our discussion topic on "Should we discontinue the practice of limiting Area officer eligibility" came a motion from the floor from District 04. That motion, "CNCA 06 expands area officer eligibility and voting eligibility to alternate DCMCs" will be a Presentation of New Business next month. Also from the floor was a new discussion topic: "Should CNCA 06 expand from 8 Area officers to 10 Area officers." That topic will be continued to be discussed next month.

The Agenda Topic Summaries were completed, translated and dispersed to all the Districts. Many new GSRs will be learning this process of gathering group consciences this year. Many Districts will be holding Agenda Topics Workshops in March. I believe this Pre-Conference Assembly in April will be an exciting one.

P.R.A.A.S.A. (**P**acific **R**egional **A**lcoholics **A**nonymous **S**ervice **A**ssembly) will be the first weekend in March. P.R.A.A.S.A. is where my fire for AA got sparked. I understand now why so many people keep coming back to P.R.A.A.S.A. Being able to listen to and see all the trusted servants from the Pacific Region come together for loving discussions and presentations on topics important to us all. I can't wait to see you there.

In service and gratitude,
Joann L.
Panel 65 CNC Area Chair

Please bring your FM Radios!

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and experience this wonderful weekend at PRAASA. I was able to witness one more time the spiritual content of a group of People gathering together with so much enthusiasm, working so hard to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I totally agree that not every year is the same, because as you rotate to a new commitment you will feel the magic of Service as you get more comfortable with your new Service position. I was able to see a lot of GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, Area officers, current and Past Delegates, Trustees and non-Trustee Directors willing to share experience strength and hope, so when we go back to our groups we will have a better idea how to present the agenda topics. This is the time of the year when, in my own opinion, describes why the GSR could be the most important Service in our structure. We have some very exiting agenda items for the 65th General Service Conference. There is a variety of topics that you can choose from, I will mention a few examples:

- 1) Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contributions that the General Service Board can receive from an AA member from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- 2) Review revised text of the pamphlet "A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meeting in Print." Discuss ways to encourage AA members and groups to purchase Grapevine and La Viña Subscription Gift Certificates to give to their local service committees for distribution to help carry the message of AA.
- 3) Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.
- 4) Consider producing a book combining the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- 5) Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."

The GSR is an essential link between AA as a whole and the home group. The value for them to consider becoming a DCM, DCMC or District Officer is because they are a motivated live link that already functions. That is the exact type of servant our Area needs. Through practicing all of our 36 principles and achieving our spiritual awakening there is a form of responsibility that grows within us, that is more powerful than the fear of not being able to do the job correctly. We have to keep in mind that as we serve we are never alone; we are trying to have progress not perfection. Let us not forget that we are alcoholics after all with a great need to stay sober. One thing that my service sponsor always tells me is that I will live longer than I serve, therefore I should always do my best. **(See you all at the Pre-Conference Assembly)**

*We have seen how the A.A. groups, under the concept of the "group conscience" are today holding the ultimate authority and the final responsibility for world services. We have also noted how by reason of the Conference Charter and the "trusted servant" provision of Tradition Two, the groups have delegated to their General Service Conference full authority to manage and conduct A.A.'s world affairs. **Concept 3 Page 11***

With Spirit of Love in Service
Raymundo L. CNCA 06
Panel 65 Delegate

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held February 28, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:31 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Dan P., of District 70. Karen, of District 40 read Tradition 2 and Joseph C. of District 13 read Concept 2. There were 4 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Doug G. (Panel 53), David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee director with AAWS, and Padee M. (Panel 63). There were 6 New GSRs present and 8 new DCMs present. The January 2015 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in the CNCA Comments. Birthdays 9/74.

Registered attendance: Voting=65, Non-voting=54.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: Thanks everyone that participated in the summaries. Sent to all 93 areas and received many emails of thanks. I brought my calendar for you to start scheduling your districts Delegate's reports. I'm making a presentation at PRAASA on the new business plan of La Viña. The 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony will be available through GSO's website beginning 7/4/15 at 9:00 PM pacific time. There will be dorms available at the convention. For more information visit www.aa.org. Please remind your GSRs to share Box 459 with their groups. This is the primary way GSO communicates with groups.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.: Communication between GSO and our groups is alive and well. The Agenda Topic process has been wonderful. From receiving the topics to making the summaries so our groups are well informed. They can all go to their groups with confidence. It has been a wonderful experience.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: There was a correction to the Summary on Literature Agenda Item "D" and the Trustees Agenda Item "E" was left out. If you have not received the additions please let me know.

TREASURER Teddy BW: As of today we have a cash balance in the bank of \$30,836.20 - I wrote checks for \$5,495.81 last night and we have \$69.03 in uncleared checks that have been written. That leaves a balance in the account of \$25,271.36. I expect to write about another \$2K - \$2.5K of checks today. We now have a check request form. This is a way to tighten up some of our own internal controls so that we have a paper trail of who is requesting the check, why, some back-up and that it's authorized by someone other than the Treasurer.

REGISTRAR Ray W.: I am responsible to make sure that we have everyone's information correct so that all the communication up and down can take place between the groups and New York. Be sure to get me changes 2 weeks before your District's meeting and I will be able to get you a

corrected sign-in sheet for your meeting. Be sure the groups are giving all changes to the District Registrar and not to NY direct.

RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.: Please be sure to send the sign in sheet to the entire table. Voting Members and Non-Voting members are to sign in.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:

Pre-Conference Assembly is on April 11 and 12th at the Alameda County Fair Grounds hosted by Districts 08, 70 and 20. Final flyers have been sent to DCMs electronically in English and Spanish. The Post Conference is just one month later on May 9th in Eureka and planning is well underway.

More information will be available in the coming month. We have 3 open dates for Assemblies in 2016, the Post Conference, the Summer Assembly and the Fall Election Assembly. Please consider a bid from your district.

LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.: We talked today about the agenda topics for literature. We shared on how to get information out to the groups, the GV/LV and have gift certificates for taking the magazine or any other product. Next month we will discuss 2 more agenda topics and get a group conscience. The 75th Anniversary Big Book is still available for \$12.00. I have copies of all the pamphlets up front that are involved in the Literature Agenda Items.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY Susan G. (GSR): We are exploring ways to make our meeting more interesting and inviting, with suggestions for format ideas. All DCM positions are open along with GV/Literature. There was a discussion regarding new computers for Archives and Web Committees. Unanimous support was given.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C.: Our attendance was low at our last meeting but fortunately we had a visiting officer so we were able to discuss the upcoming assembly and agenda topics.

03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.: We approved our 2015 budget at our last meeting. Our agenda topics workshop will be March 14th, flyers on table. All positions filled except 1 DCM.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.: We passed a motion to fund our archives chair to go to archives workdays and had a discussion on anonymity in the digital age. ACYPAA is currently invading downtown San Jose right now. Come down tonight if you can.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.: We are getting good numbers on GSRs coming in. One DCM position is still open. HKM passed to use remaining budgeted money for PRAASA as scholarships to other district members that are going. We are getting ready for the Pre-Conference assembly coming up with having our Agenda Topics workshop on March 14th. It will be co-hosted by District 04. Flyers are on the table.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We have scheduled our Agenda Topics workshop for March 21. Flyers are available. We are currently discussing our budget and decided to form a finance committee. There was a presentation on self-support and how the GSRs can discuss their costs with the group.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Dennis H. (ALT DCMC)*: Good district meeting. Lots of new GSRs were in attendance. Agenda topics workshop will be on March 14th. Flyers will follow.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: We have filled our two remaining district positions. We conducted a practice session on gathering a group conscience on an agenda topic at our district meeting. Next month we will have a practice session at the microphone. Our Agenda topics workshop is scheduled for March 14 in Oakland with District 70.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Wayne E. (ALT DCMC)*: We had a presentation on the never ending conference process at our district meeting. Agenda Topics workshop flyers are on the table.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had a presentation on topics for Group Consciences and how to get them started. Looking for ideas to have GSRs participate in district meeting. Agenda Topics Workshop 3/14/15. We are preparing for pre-conference assembly and dinner. Flyers for dinner on table, register early.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We participated at District 90's workshop. Still have some positions open. We are working on filling DCM positions. We are having a group conscience workshop tomorrow for GSRs.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: Inter-district workshops were great. Our Unity day for agenda topics workshop is 3/7/15. Still looking for individuals to step up and fill our position for Webmaster and BTG.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had our agenda topics workshop last Sunday. We had site visit for assembly in 2016. We would like to create a District 18 liaison and we hope to reestablish the connection. Our GSRs are confused and roundtable discussions were great.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We took part in the inter-district workshop. Our meeting at district almost doubled in size this month. We are trying to reduce costs at district this year. We are working on updating our district job descriptions.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: Our agenda topic workshop was great. Thanks to District 18 and guest speakers. We are sending 3 GSRs and 1 sub committee chair to PRAASA.

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: We have identified some of the major challenges for our district and are working to address them. Our PI/CPC chair is on fire this panel. We are trying to identify if sign language is needed in our district.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We are considering making a

motion to area on a Literature item in our district. We are also having an Agenda Topic Workshop.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We had 2 new GSRs at our meeting. Our new 2 cents worth is doing well. We are continuing to be sure that remote areas still have access to District 15. Plans for assembly are going great. Flyer for this will be up soon on our web site. Camping sites are available.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We changed our District business meeting from the 3rd Saturday to Wednesday. We are ready for PRAASA. We will start to review the agenda topics and attend groups to get group consciences. Our next business meeting will be March 18th at 7:30.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We gave out agenda topics at our business meeting. 3 new GSRs at meeting and we are trying to motivate for subscriptions for La Viña.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: District continues to motivate new DCMs about the importance of the Agenda topics to the Conference. We also motivate GSRs to keep their groups informed. We had 11 members at District 12's workshop. We are ready to attend PRAASA.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We continue to work with our groups and there are new GSRs. Our committee is almost filled. We will be discussing a new motion to change the time of our District meeting. We are ready to attend PRAASA.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We had a great meeting. We are having our inter-district workshop in March for the agenda topics. This is the first time that all 5 districts will get together. We are ready for PRAASA.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We discussed upcoming events and workdays. We also discussed Japan's archives committee reaching out to our committee for help.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: Our total presentations were 45 and we had 200 requests for contact. We have decided to modify confidential cards (Blue Cards) to include an email address. We will be looking for help from the web committee to establish this.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: Finance committee liaisons to standing committees urge the committee chairs to plan ahead in preparing Housekeeping motions, especially in cases where requesting funds for special events and travel. Finance Committee would benefit greatly if we had completed and current motions book.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: Next month we are going to discuss the agenda topics. This month Box 459 is all about anonymity. There is great stuff on page 1. We have been asked to serve at the Academy of Physician Assistants; also in August we will be at the Association for Education in Journalism and

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Mass Communication. We have also been invited to staff a PI booth at the International Convention.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: It has been suggested that we no longer use web root software. All requests for posting of documents should go through Area Chair. We also talked about anonymity at the public level and social media and maintaining the traditions online. We have a pending motion today under old business.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We had a busy month. Lots of translations were completed. Translation needs should be sent to me and I will send to someone on committee. We discussed and reviewed our guidelines today. Also discussed the ASL request and the flyers are available in English and Spanish. Please communicate this to the entire area.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We sent 963 Bulk mailed out and 45 First class. We have addressed the issue of some blurred Comments that went out. 13 people attended our mailing party this month. Please send documents to us in Microsoft word if possible. Our next meeting for mailing will be on March 12, 2015.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: We printed 200 copies and 168 were sent out. The remaining copies are on the front table.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: This month we had a presentation on "Agenda Topics Basics/How to get your groups and GSRs motivated." Communication is the key, sharing sessions and agenda topic workshops. Next month we will discuss "The Conference Process" presented by Shannon S. District 04.

LITERATURE/GV/LV SHARING SESSION *Augustin L.*: We talked about the topics on Literature Agenda. We also talked about the duties of the GV/LV rep. There was great sharing among the members. We also talked about getting GV/LV to institutions. Gift Certificates were given as an idea. Next month we will pick 2 more topics from the agenda topics.

NCCAA *Diane O.*: Foster City Conference in March. Flyers are on table.

H&I *Diane O.*: Continuing to get input on Pink Pamphlet. Still looking at making some of the changes. Still need men to write to men in prison. Info. is available from NY office.

19th ANNIVERSARY OF LA VINA *Jose A.*: We have attended events in two districts and also in Las Vegas. We attended a meeting in District 07 and held raffle. Event flyers are on the table. We have 368 registrations for the event.

Housekeeping Motions:

Motion: "That CNCA Area 06 share with the Japan General Service Office (JSO) any CNCA Archive Guidelines and related documents for the purpose of translation and adaptation by the JSO Archives Committee."

Discussion: The Japan GSO has just started the Archives Committee and has reached out for help from our committee. They are asking for some of our forms and guidelines that they can adapt for their own use. Q. Why is this motion? A. We could have done it without a motion. We decided to be prudent and run it through the area. Q. What about sanitations? A. There are no names on the guidelines or forms. Q. Is NY helping Japan? A. I don't know. They have asked our committee to send the forms that we use. Their Office is about as big as our area. They are looking to do something more like we do at area rather than what NY does. Q. Would this include the motion about getting archives on the website? A. They have not asked for our motions book. Q. Why do they only need help in archives? A. They are a brand new committee that needs a starting point. **No Objections: **Motion Passed****

Assembly Bids:

Districts 12 (Sonoma) and 18 (Spanish North) bid for the 2015 Summer Assembly on August 1, 2015 at Petaluma Veterans Building. Total bid was \$3,658.00.

Discussion: The bid does not include \$500.00 deposit. Easy access, great parking, and they will put CNCA Summer Assembly on marquee. Q. What kind of break out rooms is there at the facility? A. We have two additional rooms so there will be a total of 3 rooms.

Bid was accepted unanimously.

Seventh Tradition and Break (2:12 PM to 2:25pm)

Area Business

Old Business

Motion: "That CNCA fund the purchase of a Laptop computer for use by the website committee not to exceed \$1,250.00." **Discussion:** Our District is in favor of this motion/Our District was also in favor of this motion/ Q. I know we have this and another motion about another computer. Is there any plan for the old laptops? A. Web committee has never had a laptop.>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require a 2/3 majority to pass.

Vote: Yes= 67. No= 0. Abstain=0. Minority Opinion: None
No motion to reconsider. **Motion Passed**

New Business:

"That CNCA 06 purchase a new Laptop computer with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity and/or equivalent recording program not to exceed \$1,300.00 for use by Recording Secretary," - presented by Judy W.,

Recording Secretary Panel 63. **Discussion:** Our District believes this is necessary.// Audacity is free. There is an alternate that is free to MS Word also. // I would not recommend free programs vs. MS Word. // **Motion moved to Old Business for Next Month.**

Balance Sheet January 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of January 31, 2015

	Jan 31, 15	Jan 31, 14	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	24,720.75	17,723.86	6,996.89	39.48%
B of A Savings	8,705.16	9,485.16	-780.00	(8.22%)
Total Checking/Savings	<u>33,425.91</u>	<u>27,209.02</u>	6,216.89	22.85%
Other Current Assets				
2014 Fall Election Assembly	2,500.00		2,500.00	100.0%
Assembly Deposits	-4,152.34	1402.35	-5,554.69	(396.1%)
BTG	124.00	124.00		
CNCA Comments	427.98	427.98		
1499 - Undeposited Funds		51.00	-51.00	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-1,100.36</u>	<u>2,005.33</u>	<u>-3,105.69</u>	<u>(154.87%)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>32,325.55</u>	<u>29,214.35</u>	3,111.20	10.65%
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>32,325.55</u>	<u>29,214.35</u>	3,111.20	10.65%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
3900 - Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,593.68	18,634.13	-4,040.45	(21.68%)
Prudent Reserve	9,485.16	9,485.16		
Net Income	8,246.71	1,095.06	7,151.65	653.08%
Total Equity	<u>32,325.55</u>	<u>29,214.35</u>	3,111.20	10.65%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>32,325.55</u>	<u>29,214.35</u>	3,111.20	10.65%

Expense Report January 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January 2015

	Jan 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Group Contributions	11,062.67	8,000.00	3,062.67	138.28%
District Contributions	4,367.86	1,500.00	2,867.86	291.19%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	360.00	300.00	60.00	120.0%
H & I Archives Rent				
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	6.00		6.00	100.0%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve		0.50	-0.50	
Total Income	<u>15,796.53</u>	<u>9,800.50</u>	<u>5,996.03</u>	<u>161.18%</u>
Gross Profit	15,796.53	9,800.50	5,996.03	161.18%
Expense				
Delegate Expense	108.20	189.50	-81.30	57.1%
Officer Expense	3,135.49	2,247.75	887.74	139.5%
Committee Expense	1,467.01	2,060.16	-593.15	71.21%
General Expense	<u>2,839.12</u>	<u>2,703.66</u>	<u>135.46</u>	<u>105.01%</u>
Total Expense	<u>7,549.82</u>	<u>7,201.07</u>	<u>348.75</u>	<u>104.84%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8,246.71</u>	<u>2,599.43</u>	<u>5,647.28</u>	<u>317.25%</u>
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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Discussion Topic: "Should we discontinue the practice of limiting Area Officer Eligibility?" *Discussion:* I would not like to see discontinuing the limitation, but to change the limitations. Maybe not have to hold a DCMC or DCM position only//We are in favor of exploring the expanding of area officer eligibility with some discussion. //Discontinuing sounds like we don't want to do anymore, can we change that word? I would like to make a motion "That CNCA 06 expands area officer eligibility and voting eligibility to alternate DCMCs." Motion was seconded.

Move to presentation of new business next month.

Discussion Topic: "Should CNCA 06 expand from 8 Area officers to 10 Area officers." *Discussion:* Q. Why would we have this discussion? A. The job is a big job. I would suggest an alternate treasurer and alternate chair. This would take some pressure off existing officers and we have talked about limiting area officers travel and the area is too big. I think this is a great solution. //Expanding the area officers is a good idea. Anything that helps lessen the workload is a good idea. This would help them lead a health balanced life//Maybe we should have an assistant assembly coordinator. If a couple extra officers would help everyone serve better we should talk about it//I love that we are talking about eligibility of area officers. Concept 9 talks about the election of the area officers and the third legacy is a good process. I believe we will always elect a good officer//Are there ways that we could be of additional service to the area. Is there room to add additional services to the area that we are responsible for that we are not doing now//If we added 2 area officers, would this turn the election assembly into a 2 day assembly//We should talk to the finance committee as to how much this would affect the area; do we have a healthy budget to do so//Do we have more people do less responsibility//How does this area stand compared to other areas//Maybe at PRAASA we could get some information to compare to//Do the area officers think that you are over worked//My experience has been that past motion books and comments show that we have asked for an additional treasurer and the motion was not successful//As for the workload maybe it would be more welcoming for more people to carry the workload and family life that is difficult // It's not possible that this may not hurt us much, we are a huge area. Maybe this would make it easier for more people to do the job. We sacrifice to do service// Look on the Internet at different areas, how they do things; the information is not hiding. To say yes at an election assembly is one of the hardest decisions you will make//When Teddy goes to the P.O. Box a lot of envelopes fall out. A lot of the workload is dependent upon the size of the area//I thought that every area operated the same way, we have something special here that we are talking about //One of the plus sides is if you have 2 additional officers someone would be

available if something happened to one of the officers//We are increasing participation. This discussion helps us look toward the future, maybe not only officers but maybe we should start looking to add some people to the committees// If we expanded the officers by 2 it would not affect finances for area officer visits. With my limited knowledge on technology, my job was overwhelming when I first started and I was able to ask for help. At the last assembly there were many that made themselves available to service as an area officer// That means that we are growing, we visit the districts and feel welcome, it makes some feel connected to the area// When I first got here we were having a discussion of splitting the area//

What's On Your Mind? Can I get some feedback about distribution of the background material? Can we put on the web? Pre conference hotel rooms are on the back of the flyer. Need to book by 3/20/15 to get the price//Please register for the dinner early, deadline 3/20/15. Flyers are available in Spanish and English. //I emailed the background by committee. It was easier that way//I would like to share about my experience in Japan. That was the first time I was somewhere where I did not speak the language; it gave me a different perspective on FM radios//I talked to a man that moved to Japan when he was about 9 months sober. He moved 40 years ago. He was the only member in AA at the time. //I served on the history panel as an Interpreter. They talked about every 10 years what happened, like the opening of the GSO. As a result of this year's convention they issued their first press release. It was interesting to see by the lack of CPC work, it had hurt their growth. The formation of a formal archives committee will be talked about 5 years from now at their next convention. They played the closing message from Dr. Bob on screen translated into Japanese. What would Dr. Bob have thought? This area raised me well//Participation in our area has increased and it is important that we are all heard. We spend time translating to Spanish, and through an FM radio I can understand the member speaking in Spanish. Earlier someone asked for the translation to be done from the microphone because many had not brought radios; be sure to bring your radios so we can hear all that wish to participate//Maybe one of the extra officers could work direct on La Viña//Maybe not as an area officer, but maybe direct on La Viña//Thanks to the area officers for the summaries and the translations//Maybe we should add to the introduction about what to do with the FM radios that I am being told to bring.

The meeting was closed at 3:23PM with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Service,
Barbara S.
CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

DCM SHARING SESSION

CNCA 06 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION February 28, 2015

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The Chair opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions

Presentation:

Agenda Topics Basics/The Mystery behind the Agenda Topics/How to get your GSR/Groups motivated

Claudia N. ~ District 12

- Communication is key!
- Enthusiasm! Food!
- Educate, support, call and attend your GSR's sharing sessions.
- Conduct Sub District Sharing sessions.
- Encourage attending the Agenda Topics Workshop in your area.

"We need to ensure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and wants of all of AA and not of any few" Bernard Smith

Sharing:

- Read the conference report. Read it from the back. Know who the players are.
- Attend PRAASA roundtable on Agenda Topics Sharing sessions.
- Ask questions. Keep the lines of communication open. Be available to answer questions for your GSR's.
- If you are enthusiastic the group will respond.
- Make sure your groups know that their opinion MATTERS!
- Make sure your committees know what committee the delegate sits on.
- Make sure your groups know that GSO needs them and their voices.
- Learn to listen, be neutral, your opinion as a DCM does not matter. You are here to serve the GSR.
- Give options for getting the opinions, for example submitting in writing.

- Encourage sharing on all topics, not just those that are discussed in sharing sessions; its ok to submit individual opinions in writing.
- Find a venue, date and adequate time people can be available for.
- Make sure that the individuals have what they need, background, references.
- Pick out sexy or controversial topics.
- Create a safe session so that everyone feels comfortable sharing.
- Facilitate, don't lead the discussion.
- Carry the message.
- Send out reminders, make reminder calls.
- Invite meetings that do not have representation to your group's sharing sessions.
- Do phone check ins with your GSR's to make sure they have what they need.

Discussion of topic for next Month:

Ideas from last month:

- What the Conference is? Why we have the conference? Conference process; Value and history of the conference.
- Difference between a majority vote and informed group conscience? How we express that?
- How to educate GSR's on group conscience, minority opinion and how to express that in a group conscience.
- What is an agenda topic, how to select and how to present agenda topic.

New Ideas:

Understanding the Conference Process: Shannon S., District 04 will present.

Chair's Reminder: There are two motions of old business to be discussed on and perhaps voted on. Make sure your GSR's know and are prepared for this.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted in Love and Service,
Linda T.

Recording Secretary, DCM Sharing Session
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CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS MARCH 2015

Area Committee

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motion:

"That CNCA fund the BTG committee to hold a forum to be held in the fall of 2015 not to exceed the budget of \$1000."

Guidelines

Presentation of New Business

"That CNCA expand the area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of standing committees who have served as a DCM and/or DCMC."

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting

"That CNCA purchase a new laptop computer with MS Word, antivirus and Audacity and/or equivalent recording program not to exceed \$1300 for use by the recording secretary."

New Business at Area Committee Meeting

Discussion Topics

"Should CNCA expand from 8 Area officers to 10 Area officers"

Area Assembly Motions

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly

Old Business at Area Assembly

- 1) "That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete "of the opposite sex" from p117 in the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." Presented by District 04.
- 2) "That future printings of the A.A. Service Manual includes blank Group Change and New Group forms on the last page of the Service Manual" - District 06.

New Business at Area Assembly

"That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces." – Presented by CNCA PI/CPC committee

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CNCA CALENDAR

2015—Panel 65

March 28—Area Committee Mtg
April 11, 12—Pre Conference Assembly
 Alameda Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by Districts 08, 70 and 20)
19-25—General Service Conf, NY
25—Area Committee Mtg
May 9—Post Conference Assembly
 Eureka (Hosted by District 15)
23—Area Committee Mtg
June 27—Area Committee Mtg
July 2-5—AA International Convention,
 Atlanta, Georgia
18-19—La Viña 19th Anniversary
Celebration, 1375 Lafayette St.,
 Santa Clara, CA
25—Area Committee Mtg
August 1—Summer Assembly
 Petaluma Veterans Hall
 (Hosted by Districts 12 and 18)
22—Area Committee Mtg
September 26—Area Committee Mtg
October 24—Area Committee Mtg
November 14—Fall Inventory Assembly
 Calistoga Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by District 11)
28—Area Committee Mtg

December 19—Area Committee Mtg

2016—Panel 65

January 23—Area Committee Mtg
February 27—Area Committee Mtg
March 26—Area Committee Mtg
April 9, 10—Pre Conference Assembly
 Marin Center Exhibit Hall
 (Hosted By District 10)
23—Area Committee Mtg
May 14 or 21—Post Conference Assembly
28—Area Committee Mtg
June 25—Area Committee Mtg
July 23—Area Committee Mtg
August 6 or 13—Summer Assembly
27—Area Committee Mtg
September 8-11 20th National AA Archives
 Workshop in Walnut Creek
24—Area Committee Mtg
October 22—Area Committee Mtg
November 5 or 12—Election Assembly
26—Area Committee Mtg
December 17—Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

2015 Pre-Conference Assembly
 April 11-12; Alameda County Fairgrounds
 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566
 Hosted by District 08

2015 Post Conference Assembly
 May 9; Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
 3750 Harris Street, Eureka, CA 95503
 Hosted by District 15

2015 Summer Assembly
 August 1; Petaluma Veterans Hall
 1094 Petaluma Boulevard South, Petaluma, CA 94953
 Hosted by Districts 12 and 18

2015 Fall Inventory Assembly
 November 14; Calistoga Fairgrounds
 1435 North Oak Street, Calistoga, CA 94515
 Hosted by District 11

2016 Pre-Conference Assembly
 April 9-10; Marin Center Exhibit Hall
 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
 Hosted by District 10

2016 Post-conference Assembly
 May 1

2016 Summer Assembly
 August 6 or August 13

2016 Fall Election Assembly
 November 5

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Underline dates preferred

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are the 4th Saturday every month. Sharing Sessions - 10 am
Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am
Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

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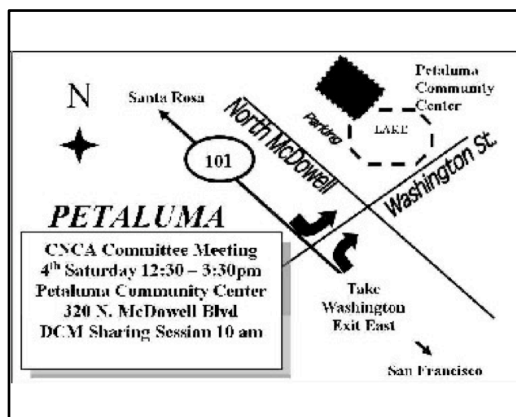
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