



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Preview of the Area Committee Meeting May 2015

Our first assembly of Panel 65 was a spiritual experience indeed! I was so amazed by the hard work of all the groups of this area. We filled our delegate up with many group consciences then sent him off informed to experience his journey in New York. Can't wait to hear what happened.

At our April Area Committee meeting we continued to do the work of the Area in Raymundo's absence. There were two housekeeping motions that passed. The first was "That CNCA fund one person from the BTG Committee to attend the annual BTG Workshop Weekend to be held in Park City, Utah from September 11-13, 2015, cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$750" presented by the BTG Chair. The HK motion was "That CNCA fund a member of the Archives Committee to the National Workshop in Independence, OH, Sept 24-27, at a cost not to exceed \$850" presented by the Archives Chair. There was a presentation of new business by the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. The new motion read "That CNCA provide for reimbursement at the Area approved rate for hotel and meals, prudently requested by any Area Officer, for the night before each Assembly and that the Guidelines be amended accordingly." This was voted to be discussed at the ACM as new business next month. There was discussion on the new business which states "That CNCA Fund a Website Committee editor to attend the National AA Technology Workshop to be held October 2-4, 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed \$1200." This will be old business at our next ACM in May. We also continued on our discussion topic, "Should CNCA 06 expand from 8 Area Officers to 10 Area Officers." Discussion will continue for another month.

Preparations are underway for the Post Conference Assembly in Eureka. Many of us will make the pleasant trek up the coast. There is a very full agenda for the Area Business meeting in the morning. Please bring your groups' consciences on these business items and fully participate in the discussion of these motions. It should prove to be an exciting day.

I hear rumblings that next month might bring some assembly bids for 2016. I wonder where we are going next year?

As always, bring your FM Radios and prepare for an action packed day at the fairgrounds in Eureka. Who knows, you might see Big Foote on this journey.

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

**Please bring your FM Radios!**

**Greetings from your Alternate Delegate**

Thank you to all that participated in the Pre-Conference Assembly. Especially the ones that were able to go to the microphone and experience that spiritual connection that starts with your group conscience, through you, to our Delegate. In turn he carried your consciences in his heart to the General Service Conference in New York. Barbara and I took copious notes of each group conscience during the Assembly. After reviewing the notes I was reminded of the wonderful opportunity I enjoy as your Alternate Delegate. To sit and listen with an open mind. With no judgment whatsoever was a wonderful experience. Each of you were well prepared and most of you appeared to have left the microphone with a smile. Through all your efforts and dedication Raymundo was very well informed for his journey to New York.

By the time of this printing the Post-Conference Assembly has come and gone. I am sure Raymundo's Conference report was informative, emotional and spiritual in nature. I hope each of you were inspired and heard something you can take back to your groups. The Final Conference report will be published later this summer and will give all the details of what happened at the General Service Conference. Hope to see all of you at the Area Committee meeting on Saturday May 23rd.

This best describes what I observed at our Pre-Conference Assembly.

"We have people of nearly every Race, Culture and Religion in AA. We are bound together in the kinship of a common suffering. Consequently, the full individual liberty to practice any creed or principle or therapy whatever. Should be a first consideration for us all. Let us not, therefore, pressure anyone with our individual or even our collective views. Let us instead accord each other the respect and love that is due to every human being as he tries to make his way to the light. Let us always try to be inclusive rather than exclusive: Let us remember that each alcoholic among us is a member of AA, so long as he or she declares." (LTH pg. 333)

From Concept V: The "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard. I am sure you experienced this spiritual principle at the Assembly. You may have found your own voice in giving your minority opinion, as many of us have.

Love In Service,  
Phil B., Panel 65 Alternate Delegate

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held April 25, 2015 at Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:35 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Lauren of District 06. The Traditions was read by Robbie of District 07, and Eliyahi of District 2 read the Concept. There were 3 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Ken M. (Panel 61), Padee M. (Panel 63). There were 3 new GSRs present and 2 new DCMs present. The March minutes with the following correction: (District 70's Report corrected **from** "Some feedback from GSRs on agenda topics is "Not going well" or "no one wants to volunteer or participate" **to** "Feedback where group members were asked to facilitate the Agenda Topic and group conscience has been, "Not going well" or "no one wants to volunteer or participate"). And March financial reports were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 8/101.  
Registered attendance: Voting=67, Non-voting=51.

### Officer Reports

DELEGATE *Raymundo L.*: absent; in NY at conference.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Phil B.*: Taking notes with Raymundo was probably my greatest growth as a member of the area. Thanks to District 70, 08 and 20 for Pre-Conference Assembly. Our forum bid was accepted for CNCA in 2018. The third legacy election went through all the way to the hat. The Conference theme for 2016 will be "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts." Over 40K have registered to the International Convention, 20K have pre-purchased the 2015 Convention Souvenir Book "Alcoholics Anonymous: 80 Years, Happy Joyous and Free." So, "We are not a glum lot."

AREA CHAIR *Joann L.*: Still some things in lost and found. Please give me some advance notice of any motions coming up so I can put on the agenda for the meeting.

TREASURER *Teddy BW.*: We received around \$12.5K in group contributions the month. I have written checks totaling \$10,740.67. I expect to write about \$1K today. This will leave us with around \$12K in the bank, plus the prudent reserve of \$9,194.39.

REGISTRAR *Ray W.*: Pre-Conference Attendance totals for Saturday was 478, with 361 voting members. Sunday was 248 registered with 201 voting members. 3<sup>rd</sup> highest pre-conference attendance for Saturday, and Sunday was the 8<sup>th</sup> highest.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S.*: Thank you all for the experience I had taking all your notes for Raymundo at the Pre-Conference Assembly. It was an experience I will not forget. Update on Motions Book- Getting copies of the missing Comments on Tuesday from our Area Archivist to be able to fill in the missing pieces on the motions and the updates of the standing committees. If all goes well, I might have done for the Post Conference Assembly. If not it will be the May ACM.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q.*: The attendance at the Pre-Conference is a reflection of the overall health and commitment of CNCA. Thanks to those who helped with the set-up on Friday; we faced unexpected challenges and we were never alone in service. Upcoming Post Conference in 2 short weeks on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Eureka. District 15 preparation has been ongoing for the most part of a year and they are

ready to welcome us into their home. Three assemblies are still available for bid in 2016. They are the Post, Summer and Fall Election Assemblies.

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Agustin L.*: You are able to get a subscription to GV/LV when you register for the International Convention. "Language of the Heart" is celebrating 20 years. Pocket Calendars and Wall Calendars are available; this is a great way to support our magazines also. In March, California increased by 606 subscriptions to the GV and 333 in LV. New Audios added to the Archives Library are: Dr. Bob's last message (1950 Cleveland), Bill W., "The origin of Rule 62 (1948 San Diego), Bill W.'s humorous anecdote on "The day he lost his pants" (1960 Long Beach) and Sister Ignacia (1960 Long Beach, International Convention).

### District Reports

01 MONTEREY *Susan G.*: Added one new GSR from a meeting that has never participated in GS. Our meeting was mostly spent talking about the Pre-Conference process and the agenda topics. Our visiting officer added continuity by providing a concise overview of General Service and the Conference Process.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Mark C.*: After some discussion about the Pre-Conference and the Agenda Topics, we had an election for our ALT-DCMC. With the help of the visiting officer, we learned how to use the third legacy.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Jeff W.*: We formed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the launching of a new Santa Cruz GS website. Seven people volunteered to serve on the committee.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L.*: We conducted final district and sub-district conscience gathering session and reviewing what would happen at the assembly. We voted to fund a Unity Day again this year. It will be a joint venture with District 40 and 17, H & I and Intergroup. 42 members from our district were at the assembly and every GSR went to the microphone at least once.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H.*: GSRs reported by the Pre-Conference Assembly with their experience. We also hear reports from PRAASA. We had a presentation on "Assembly Business," where do they come from and why they are so important. The GSRs learned that the Agenda Topics are not their only duty.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: Housekeeping motion passed regarding our district making a bid for an assembly in 2016. As a result, we will be making a bid with our neighboring District next month. Stemming from one of the Agenda Topics, there is a great deal of interest in the Corrections Correspondence Service.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: Presentation on accessibility for the deaf, including a short video in ASL inviting deaf to participate in AA. We will continue a discussion on posting a similar video to our local website. Our visiting officer spoke on the importance of continuing to get group consciences to our Delegate prior to the conference. Many shared their experience from attending the assembly and the impact it had.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Naomi M.*: Visiting officer explained the mysteries of motions in GS and how they can start at the top of the triangle and work their way to the tip. We had a 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy election to replace our District Registrar. We are going to have discussions about how to retain GSRs and

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

reaching out to unrepresented meetings, along with: do our District Officers have clearly defined duties, how does money and spirituality mix in the ledger sheet, and we have started discussions on certain language in the "Living Sober" book.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We will be taking District conscience on the area motions at our April meeting. Preparing for our Pot Luck and Delegate Night on 5/25. We are encouraging all our groups to attend.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Don L.*: Thanks to all those who helped with the assembly. We presented a motion to create a finance committee and budget at the District. We are continuing to look for more ways to encourage participation at our district from all members.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: GSRs gave reports back to district and seem to have a better understanding of how GS works. Still working on our Budget and working on Unity Day with our delegate's report. We will have a new DCM next month and are still recruiting members for other open positions.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: Many of GSRs and DCMs shared group consciences at the conference. We are still working on a BTG chair. One of our GSRs was very motivated after the assembly and is going to go to the Post Conference because of its importance.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had a Unity Day planning committee and are looking at maybe changing the format to switch things up. 37 members attended the pre-conference. Everyone is having fun this panel. We are getting 2 rooms at the post conference in hopes that all members that want to attend will be able to attend.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: Our budget was approved for 2015. We are saving monies by members opting out of getting printed version of the agenda packet. Motion was passed to begin a limited motions book. We are continuing discussions on a modification to the pamphlet "The AA Group." Our visiting officer presented on "Reporting back to their Groups their experience at the Pre-Conference."

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: Heard PRAASA reports back. In June we do not have a business meeting and have a BBQ and Delegate's report; all are welcome. After a request from the County Jail they are starting on-call meetings called "Behind the Glass," where two members go to visit with a single inmate and have a meeting. After 4 months, still going well and now have requests from female and Spanish speaking inmates.

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: Pre-conference was great. We had a district conscience on the agenda for 8 topics and got through 2. Our Alt DCMC took notes at the assembly and is in the process of making them readable. One new GSR went to the microphone at the assembly and he is hooked.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We will be bringing a motion to area about GSO producing a pamphlet on Group Safety. We are having an ice cream social for the Delegate's Report in Willits on May 17.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: Post Conference assembly is doing great and many have volunteered to help. We are still looking for ways to support our GSRs. We had a PI challenge in our District, regarding a web site issue using the AA logo. More to be revealed.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We are all leaving Friday for the Post Conference. The Pre-Conference was great. We have a date for our Delegate report.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: At the assembly we had 7 GSRs and District Officers. We had one new GSR at the district meeting. Getting ready for our District Anniversary meeting, and are looking forward to the Post Conference Assembly.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We had 8 GSRs at the assembly. We had a workshop in March. We now have 18 GSRs in our district. We had a discussion about participation in the Assemblies. We are having an event for the LV anniversary in June. Our District will be celebrating 22 years and will be having a district anniversary meeting.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.* – absent

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: District 20 would like to thank you for letting us participate in the pre-conference. We love being part of all the service committees and are looking forward to being of service later.

INT. CONVENTION HOSPITALITY *Jennifer K.*: Sent copies to all DCMCs of a copy of our flyer in both English and Spanish. Please make copies for your district for all that are going to convention.

### **Area Sub-Committees**

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We had a busy meeting today. We elected a new recording secretary and had a presentation from a group on a sample of a group history.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: We have 9 Districts reporting, 24 presentations, 182 contacts and 8 letters received. Of the letters received, 3 requested short term communication, which is become a continuing trend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We began visiting all the committees today. We would appreciate any information the committees can provide with the budget process.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: We had a lively meeting this morning. Talked about experience at pre-conference. Discussed the PI/CPC motion and had a great discussion. Will have a booth provided by GSO staffed at the upcoming "Academy of Physicians Assistants Convention." Next month will be discussing the article in "Slate."

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: Talked about job sharing on the main web site. We are having a problem of some software and trying to solve. We are going to be looking at another theme that may be easier and simpler to use.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: Looking at the different parts of our committee to better serve. Talked about the flow of the meetings before the ACM as far as translations. We have the ASL interpreter ready for the Post Conference. Discussed the need of radios at the assembly and ways to have available.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: Total mailing 1024: 984 bulk, 42 first class. Next mailing party 5/7/15. If you have any feedback about the Comments, please contact me through the Comments insert or the CNCA 06 website.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: 190 copies printed and 174 sent by mail. Working on getting out faster.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.*: Presentation today on "Taking the Conference Action Back to Your Group" by Robbie R. of District 7. Next month we will discuss possible workshop topics for the Summer Assembly. Ed G. from

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District 8 will facilitate.

GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA: Had workshop on how to get people involved. Bring magazine to meeting and share stories that are in the current issue. Also the use of electronic devices to let people know about Grapevine. Next month, "How to plan a workshop."

NCCAA *Diane O.*: 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference June 5-7 in Auburn. Flyers on table.

H&I *Diane O.*: Our steering committee meeting is on May 9<sup>th</sup>, hope to finish fine-tuning of the Pink Pamphlet for H&I. We will present to our general meeting for approval on 6/14.

YPAA Report *Ken M.*: Solano County Young People are having an event, "We're Still Here," in Winters, California. Event speaker and live music. Event is May 16, from 4-10 PM. Access flyers at the AA Solano North website.

19<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LA VIÑA *Jose A.*: We still are taking information out to all areas. Still looking for district liaisons. We have 542 registrations for the event. Please bring your FM radios, we will have simultaneous translation. The Regional Trustee will be the speaker for the dinner on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Housekeeping Motions:**

#### **Motion:**

**THAT CNCA FUND ONE PERSON FROM THE BTG COMMITTEE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BTG WORKSHOP WEEKEND TO BE HELD IN PARK CITY, UTAH FROM SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2015, COST NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$750.00.**

**Presented by the BTG Committee**

>>No objections-Motion passed.

#### **Motion:**

**THAT CNCA FUND A MEMBER OF THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES WORKSHOP IN INDEPENDENCE, OH, SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2015 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$850.00.**

**Presented by Archives Committee.**

Q. Was this a budgeted amount? And have we done before?

A. Yes

>>No objections-Motion passed.

(Seventh Tradition and Break) 2:00 to 2:15 pm

### **Area Business**

#### **Presentation of New Business:**

#### **Motion:**

**THAT CNCA PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT AT THE AREA APPROVED RATES FOR HOTEL AND MEALS, PRUDENTLY REQUESTED BY ANY AREA OFFICER, FOR THE NIGHT BEFORE EACH ASSEMBLY AND THAT THE GUIDELINES BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.**

**Presented by the Finance Committee.**

This came to the finance committee through the area officers. There are currently situations where if travel occurs that is more than 125 miles or 2 ½ hours driving, there is a hotel allowance. The discussion took place that some area officers, depending on their responsibility, would get to an assembly early in the morning and after being on all day would be driving home, causing this could be an 18 hour day for the officer. This was mainly a concern for the officers' safety. As far as the wording, we wanted to come up with something that was not too firm, but easier to work with. The impact to the budget could be a total of \$500- 800 per year.

We went back 2 panels and looked at time travel and which officer would need more support as far as driving.

**Questions:** Q. Can you give us an example of someone or something that would not be covered under the existing guidelines?// A. It was looked at that it may be 100 miles and it could take you more than 2 hours to get there. If you had to be at the assembly at 8:00 so you would leave your home at 6:00. After an assembly and a full day you would then be expected to drive home.// Q. What is prudent responsibility? // A. The word prudent appears a number of times; we trust the officers to be responsible and prudent.// Q. Would there be a second night based on distance.// A. Yes// Q. Was any consideration given to committee chairs?// A. No// Q. Would you consider an amendment to remove meals?// A. It would only have an impact of \$80.00 per year; some officers may need this, so no.// Q. Using the scenario of time and not mileage, was your answer of additional night only based on distance? The second night is only based on mileage, are we questioning our officers' safety?// A. No, because the second day would not have the travel time in the morning to the assembly.// Q. I like the word prudently, how would this be done or is there an approval method.// A. No, there is no process.// Q. It says any area officer, so it could be all 8 officers.// A. Yes.// Q. Currently the reimbursement is \$100.00. If all officers requested for all assemblies, what effect would this have.// A. \$1,600.00 per year.// Q. Are the guidelines the same for every officer or are they different.// A. This would allow an additional reimbursement for all the officers.// Q. Why does it say the night before?// A. Under the guidelines the night after is already covered. I could see the officer wanting to stay the night after instead of the night before.// Q. The dinners are held the night before, would it be better for the dinners to be on Saturday.// A. That could help but not a consideration to this motion.// Q. Does this only cover after 125 miles or 2 hours?// A. Here is an example. Last year we stayed until 7PM. The officer had gotten there early that morning. He lived 1 hour away, but ended up being a 16 hour day. He seemed to be tired from the long day. Maybe a night in the hotel would be safer for him.// Q. Is there anything to say that pre notification to use this, or can they just add.// A. I don't know, we have not considered that yet.//

>>Committee agreed motion should be Committee business.

**\*\*New Business at the Committee meeting next month\*\***

#### **New Business:**

#### **MOTION:**

**THAT CNCA FUND ONE WEB SITE COMMITTEE EDITOR TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL AA TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2-4, 2015, IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.00.**

**Presented by the Web Committee**

**Discussion:** Q. Is this hosted by AA?// A. The co-founder of the event describes this as an AA event and is attended by GSO members.// Q. Are you sure \$1,200.00 is enough?// A. The member will have to pay for some of the expenses themselves. The finance committee asked us to limit to \$1,200.00. It is a matter of do you want to spend 7<sup>th</sup> tradition monies to send someone.// At PRAASA in one of the roundtables, we discussed this event at length. What is

## Balance Sheet March 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of March 31, 2015

	Mar 31, 15	Mar 31, 14	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	11,047.39	17,595.25	(6,547.86)	(37.21%)
B of A Savings	9,192.67	9,485.16	(292.49)	(3.08%)
Total Checking/Savings	20,240.06	27,080.41	(6,840.35)	(25.26%)
Other Current Assets				
2014 Fall Election Assembly	2,500.00		2,500.00	100.0%
Assembly Deposits	(4,368.34)	1,402.35	(5,770.69)	(411.5%)
BTG	124.00	124.00		
CNCA Comments	427.98	427.98		
1499 - Undeposited Funds		19.18	(19.18)	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	(1,316.36)	1,973.51	(3,289.87)	(166.7%)
Total Current Assets	18,923.70	29,053.92	(10,130.22)	(34.87%)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>18,923.70</b>	<b>29,053.92</b>	<b>(10,130.22)</b>	<b>(34.87%)</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
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	(5,155.14)	934.63	(6,089.77)	(651.57%)
Total Equity	18,923.70	29,053.92	(10,130.22)	(34.87%)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>18,923.70</b>	<b>29,053.92</b>	<b>(10,130.22)</b>	<b>(34.87%)</b>

## Expense Report March 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through March 2015

	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Group Contributions	24,453.66	22,000.00	2,453.66	111.15%
District Contributions	4,617.86	2,500.00	2,117.86	184.71%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	986.00	900.00	86.00	109.56%
H & I Archives Rent		50.00	(50.00)	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	18.00	24.00	(6.00)	75.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	154.00	400.00	(246.00)	38.5%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.70	1.50	(0.80)	46.67%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>30,230.22</u></b>	<b><u>25,875.50</u></b>	<b><u>4,354.72</u></b>	<b><u>116.83%</u></b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>30,230.22</b>	<b>25,875.50</b>	<b>4,354.72</b>	<b>116.83%</b>
Expense				
DCM Sharing Session Copies	8.46			
Delegate Expense	3,186.22	1,813.50	1,372.72	175.7%
Officer Expense	9,837.93	6,783.27	3,054.66	145.03%
Committee Expense	5,733.16	6,355.48	(622.32)	90.21%
General Expense	16,619.59	4,973.48	11,646.11	334.16%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>35,385.36</u></b>	<b><u>19,925.73</u></b>	<b><u>15,459.63</u></b>	<b><u>177.59%</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b><u>(5,155.14)</u></b>	<b><u>5,949.77</u></b>	<b><u>(11,104.91)</u></b>	<b><u>(86.64%)</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>(5,155.14)</u></b>	<b><u>5,949.77</u></b>	<b><u>(11,104.91)</u></b>	<b><u>(86.64%)</u></b>

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happening here is we are developing some small "T" at these gatherings.// Q. Is this an open event?// A. This is open to all members of AA.// I think this a high cost for training for 2 years, is it worth spending this money for someone that is only going to do the service for 2 years.// Q. Is this a conference approved workshop?// A. No it is an event not approved by the conference. This is an event breaking new ground about the web and to have our member network with other members on the communication over the web on AA websites.// Q. Would anything learned would be available to District.// A. We would be bringing back discs from the event, and these would be available to District and there will be a report from the person back to area.// We need to come into the digital age. This is a good thing.// Q. How is going to pay for the disc? We need to spend the correct amount for the person attending and not have them spend their own money?// A. We have set the limit at \$1200.00.// I think we need to stay ahead of the digital age and not react to it.// Because of where we live could we get the same training here?// A. This is not a training event, this is a network event. This is more like a conference or PRAASA and not a training session.// This is an event that is specific to AA and anonymity. Anonymity is a big thing and not breaking the traditions, this will be discussed and is specific to the issues of AA and their websites. The focus is that the web site is safe and secure. >>This will be moved to Old Business at the next Committee meeting.

### Discussion Topic:

#### **Should CNCA increase Area Officers from 8 to 10 Area Officers?**

Instead of a question, I would like a discussion on how or where it would be expanded.// Is this in consideration of the officers, or would 2 more be too many?// I like the idea of discussing how we could support the current 8 officers.// The question in my mind is, expanding from 8 to 10 what would the two additional officers do?// I think we should have alternate to every area officer, what happens if someone gets sick?// When was the last time we increased the area officers? It has been 20-25 years since we did this. The area has grown in 25 years. I keep hearing that AA membership is platooning, maybe increasing would be a good idea, 2 more people maybe would help.// I have been around to hear this topic before. Why are we not getting more information; why are we not talking about the actual officers. Are there officers that brought this discussion to the floor? Where did this come from? It came from the floor.// In the past elections, I saw fewer participation than before, is adding 2 more the correct way. There is also a motion to increase the members that would be available.// I have served on several different Boards; I have never seen where there is not a treasurer and a book-keeper. I think we should add a 2<sup>nd</sup> treasurer for some transparency and checks and balances.// When this first came up, it was discussed that some of the officer's positions may be more than the others. One suggestion was to have an alternate treasurer and an alternate chair. When the officers are here, I'm sure the alternates could find something to do. Maybe we need an alternate Registrar because of the workload.// It is great to have more people involved.// The big jobs are the Treasurer

who has the Finance committee, and the Registrar has the District Registrars for help.// I would like to know the specifics.// I think we need to find out if there is a need for additional officers first before we decide who.// We need to look at the roles of the area officers, before we decide if we need more; we always have many who are available. The bigger the job, the less whining. We need to find the best applicants provided they are sober and enormously grateful to be sober. I am not complaining about the job, I love the job. Sometimes it takes a lot of time, but it is greatly rewarding. Someone mentioned maybe we need more officers to support 12 step work; most alcoholics who need help are coming into fellowships and the rooms of meetings. No matter how we look at it, if we have more officers we are going to have more spend more resources. We are on a fixed amount of resources, maybe we should keep some down at the local level to help the still suffering alcoholic.// In the past I was able to help one of the past registrars. In the first couple of months, I asked him why he would do this, it was a lot of work. His belief was that 2 people would make it more efficient. I think this would make the job easier, and not so overwhelming.// It is not a job, it is what we do for service. When I was alt delegate, someone had to step in to be the recording secretary for an officer that was injured. For the job that I was already serving it was a juggling act. For a person who works full time it is an amazing amount of time. When you are a person that has a family, there are events that you will miss. I have been not able to attend something for area because of an injury. We have been very lucky over the years and have not lost many, but we have lost some at area level because of some personal issues.// >>Discussing to continue next month.

### ***"What's On Your Mind?"***

I would like to thank on behalf of the pre-conference assembly committee, the area officers and volunteers for your support.// Please bring your FM Radios to that assembly for translation.// I received a letter from the All California Young People in AA roundup, which states, our guidelines show that if we have surplus we disbursed to our area and NY entities. Thanks you for your commitment to service.// We have 73 subscriptions for the LV Anniversary subscriptions. We would like to get to 250 subscriptions.// The DCMC for District 15 and the assembly chair is willing to extend the timeline for the dinner ticket. She will hold tickets at the Door if you let her know.// I came away from the pre-conference with a feeling that there is a break in the connection to the corrections committee in NY and our area. Maybe we do this through H&I.// Maybe we should break the LV/GV Literature officer to one to cover only Literature and one to cover LV/GV.// Regarding the new business item, I know that many of the districts follow the area lead regarding financial guidelines and I am wondering if bringing this up will be an issue with archives.

The meeting was closed at 3:12 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Service,

Barbara S.  
CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary



## CNCA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

### CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR 2015 PRE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held on April 11, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, California. The meeting was opened at 9:36 by Joann L., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Leslie of District 08. The Traditions in English were read by Nate of District 8 and the Traditions in Spanish were read by Benito of District 17, Spanish. There were 8 past delegates present from our Area: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob K. (Panel 47), Nancy H. (Panel 49), and Current Trustee of the Grapevine Board, Doug G. (Panel 53), Sharon A. (Panel 57) and David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee Director and Ken M. (Panel 61), and Padee M. (Panel 63) and Greg M., Past Pacific Regional Trustee. Visiting delegates from other areas were Billy N. (Panel 49) Area 19 Chicago and currently serving as a GS Trustee and Chair of AAWS, Past Delegate, Gustavo T. (panel 57) Area 5 So Cal., and Jim F. (Panel 59) East Missouri. The minutes from the Summer Assembly of 2014 were approved as written. Registered attendance: Voting=358, Non-voting=119.

#### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** Thank you all for being here where we will bring our group conscience. If you cannot make it to the microphone, I have some reports that you can complete. I do encourage you all to try to get to the microphone if possible. Please have your group's conscience written so that it can be given in the 90 seconds. I have brought some past years conference final reports if anyone would like. The International Convention will be providing American Sign Language interpreters at some of the meetings.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** Welcome all to our assembly. PRAASA was great. I was able to attend the round table event for Alternate Delegates. My first experience was Panel 57 in Antioch, CA. I came in Levis and a tee shirt and today I come to you in a suit. I'm looking forward to hearing all of you at the microphone. Relax and enjoy. Don't be lazy and please come to the microphone.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** The lost and found is here and some are from the fall assembly last year. If you are missing anything from there or the ACM, please come and claim your items.

**TREASURER Teddy BW.:** In 2013, 42.5% of groups listed with GSO made contributions to GSO. That same year, 55.33% of the groups in CNCA made contributions to GSO. The state of the CNCA Treasury is SOUND. We currently have \$13,135 in our bank account, plus our prudent reserve of \$9,194.39. We have also paid the bulk of the expenses for this Assembly and the Post-Conference Assembly. This pre-conference assembly has been budgeted at \$8K and we expect around 500 people to attend. Our 2014 Tax Returns and required Non-Profit filings with the State of California have all been filed.

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** Please be sure that you have all registered before lunch. We use these numbers to plan our lunch requirements. It is all helpful to plan for future assemblies. There have been over 500 updates to our

groups.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** I am excited to record all of your group consciences today. Relax and enjoy.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Welcome and thank you to all the volunteers. There have been a select few that have done most of the work and I thank you for that.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Augustin L.:** It is great to see you all here. The literature is in the back and you are all welcome to look at all that we have back there. We have the GV/LV challenge this year. There is a form back there to subscribe for the LV. If you want back issues from the GV there is a form back there for that also. Information flyers are in the back about the GV/LV challenge.

**Forum Bid -- Doug G.** Last panel I was asked to help put together a bid for the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum. Forums are to bring the NY office out to the fellowship. It is hosted by GS office. Last time we had a forum it was in Santa Clara in 1982. That means it has been 26 years since we have invited GS to our area. At the Wednesday lunch the Pacific Region Delegates will get together and anyone can make a bid for a forum. There are 5 hotels in San Jose, 1 in Oakland and 1 in San Francisco that meet the requirements for General Service. All these hotels have experience; all have hosted various AA events. There is adequate transportation from all of our airports to meet the requirements. We don't get to pick the date of the forum; that is done by the GS office. I have given 26 dates that do not interfere with any other AA event. We have many members who are willing to be volunteers. Raymundo will be taking this back with him to the conference.

#### Area Sub-Committees - First Quarter Reports

**ARCHIVES Sheri W.:** The primary task of the Archives Committee is to collect, store, protect, catalog and organize CNCA historical materials. We have several ongoing projects including a reorganization of our Repository in Walnut Creek. This includes implementing the new cataloging system we have been adapting. Please thank all of your groups that have sent in their group histories, this is one of the most effective ways to preserve our Area's history. Please see our display and virtual tour on the table in the back of the room. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact me through the web site @ [cnca06.org](mailto:cnca06.org) or you can look for contact information in the area comments newsletter.

**BRIDGING THE GAP Bill B.:** As of the pre-conference in Panel 65 we have handled 598 contacts, compared to panel 63 of 360. There have been 39 letters responded to as compared to 4 in 2013. I want to thank all the BTG volunteers in CNCA for this incredible service work as we build on the work of previous panels. Our Alternate Chair Kelly has provided orientations to 12 BTG district chairs. Our BTG Correspondence Secretary Larry reached out to both Solano North and South BTG volunteers with the help of the DCMC Evelyn of Solano North. Our new H & I liaison Scott and I were introduced to the H & I general committee at the 2/8/15 meeting by our outgoing H & I liaison Larry.

**FINANCE Russ A.:** Your treasurer, with the approval of the committee has instituted some new procedures to assure better record keeping and accountability. Some traditional

## PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

historic practices regarding travel reimbursements for work done on behalf of the area committees are in the process of being formalized by minor amendments to reimbursement guidelines. Three new area motions for badly needed computers have been approved or are in process and a new motion for travel later in the year is also in process. Despite these new unbudgeted but anticipated expenditures our financial condition remains sound for the foreseeable future. We are continuing to review the budget and are planning to create some cash flow projections which, we trust, will make the budget process easier at years end and will assure our continued financial health. We plan to provide an interim report on these processes at the summer assembly. The Finance Committee on behalf of the Area extends our gratitude to all the groups and individuals who have continued to provide your generous support to CNCA.

*PI/CPC Phil B.:* In January we decided on a format for the PI/CPC committee meeting held at the ACM. February we had a presentation on "How to hold a PI/CPC presentation." We also had two PRAASA reports back. In April we will have reports back from the Pre-Conference Assembly.

*WEBSITE Kris W.:* The website was hacked at the beginning of the panel and, as a result, it was moved to a new hosting company. The domain was moved to a new domain registrar, with the net effect of saving money for the area, and having a more secure editing environment. We are still getting used to the new website and have much to catch up on. One motion has passed to get a laptop for the web editor, and at the March ACM a motion to fund an editor to attend the National AA Technology workshop in October in St. Louis was presented. Kris W. of the website committee attended one of the two roundtables at PRAASA for websites and newsletters.

*INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION Claudia N.:* We hit the ground running like everyone else with the Agenda Topics coming out and preparing for our Pre-Conference Assembly. We started off our year looking ahead at the upcoming Assemblies and preparing for our tasks and got familiar with our new job duties. We are going over the job descriptions of each individual and the Committee as a whole and will submit changes later in the panel. Our equipment team has been busy inventorying what we have, what works and what may need replacing, to make sure we continue to provide interpretation as needed. Our translation part of the committee has been immersed with translating from the beginning of the panel with the Treatment Summaries, to Sharing Session notes, Archives and respective flyers as requested. Our interpretation part of the committee has been working on setting up new interpreters for our ACM and Committee meetings as well as acquiring an ASL Interpreter for our upcoming Post Conference Assembly. On another note, we were able to share our guidelines with Utah so that they may start up their own I&T Committee.

*CNCA COMMENTS Robin T.:* Welcome and thank you to all the new GSRs! Last comments mailing party was 4/9/15. 1024 were mailed on 4/10/15. There are more on the back

table. We are still within our budget although we are mailing more each month. Next mailing party is 5/7/15.

*PACIFIC REGION HOSPITALITY SUITE COMMITTEE Jennifer K.:* We have had a meeting at PRAASA and a conference call meeting last weekend. I had a poor copy of the button we will produce for distribution at the convention, and a copy of the flyer that will be sent to each of our districts and passed out at the convention. Several members have already signed up for time slots at the hospitality suite. If you are interested please see me at the District 10 table or at the Finance table.

**Housekeeping Motions:** None

**Area Assembly Business**

**Re-Sub-Districting Requests:**

**"District 16 Spanish Central is requesting that CNCA 06 restructure District 16 by removing sub-district 02 from District 16. (Presented by District 16)**

The intent of this motion is to correct the structure that was created by the motion in 1998.

Q. Why was this motion not presented to Sub-District 02// A. There was some hopes that sub district 02 would come back to District 16. There was not an election for sub district 02 DCM at our meeting. Our guidelines state that to be elected as a DCM you need to be elected at the District meeting.// Q. Do you realize what you are asking this area to do is punitive?// A. For 10 years we have been working as one district. It was not until 2 years ago some people elected a DCM to sub district 02. This was not done at our district meeting as per the guidelines. If the election would have been done correctly we would have no problem.// Q. District 16 sub 01 used to be in SF and 02 was the east bay. Sub district 02 became District 20. There was never a motion from your district to redistrict to one sub district?// A. You are correct; we are just trying to eliminate our sub district.// Q. Most districts have sub-districts. You are removing a sub-district, where are they going?// A. They are going to district 20. Some members elected a DCM without the district to sub-district 002.// Q. Has the district redrawn any of their lines, to change to a better fit to have a DCM cover more groups by changing the lines inside your district?// A. It would be possible for San Francisco, it would be the water. If we move south, that would be part of District 17.// Q. Where do the 3 groups of sub district 02 meet?// A. I don't know, they don't belong to 02, their meetings are inside Sub District 01.// Q. You have 2 sub districts, 01 in San Francisco and 02 in East Bay. The meetings in 02 moved into district 20 when it was created. Is that correct?// A. Yes.

<<Chair moved to new business at the Post Conference Assembly.

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## CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS MAY 2015

**Area Committee:**

**Assembly Bids:**

**Housekeeping Motions:**

**Guidelines:**

**Presentation of New Business:**

**Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:**

“That CNCA fund a Website Committee editor to attend the National AA Technology Workshop to be held in October 2-4 in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed \$1200”

**New business at Area Committee Meeting:**

“That CNCA provide for reimbursement at the Area approved rate for hotel and meals, prudently requested by any Area Officer, for the night before each Assembly and that the guidelines be amended accordingly.”  
Presented by the Finance Committee.

**Discussion Topics:**

Should CNCA expand from 8 Area Officers to 10 Area Officers

**Area Assembly Motions**

**Housekeeping Motions:**

**Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:**

“That the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety.” Presented by District 14

**Old Business at Area Assembly:**

- “That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete “of the opposite sex” from p117 in the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.”

- “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.

- “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

**New Business at Area Assembly:**

- "District 16 Spanish Central is requesting that CNCA 06 restructure District 16 by removing sub-district 02 from District 16."

- “That CNCA 06 expand the area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of Area standing committees and sub-committees who have served as a DCM and/or DCMC.”

## CNCA CALENDAR

**2015—Panel 65**

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

**2016—Panel 65**

<b>January</b>	<b>23—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>27—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>26—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>9, 10—Pre Conference Assembly</b> Marin Center Exhibit Hall (Hosted By District 10)
	<b>23—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>14 or 21—Post Conference Assembly</b>
	<b>28—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>25—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>23—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>6 or 13—Summer Assembly</b> <b>27—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>8-11 20<sup>th</sup> National AA Archives</b> <b>Workshop in Walnut Creek</b> <b>24—Area Committee Mtg</b>
	<b>28 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional Forum</b> <b>in Waikola, Hawaii</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>22—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>5 or 12—Election Assembly</b> <b>26—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>17—Area Committee Mtg</b>

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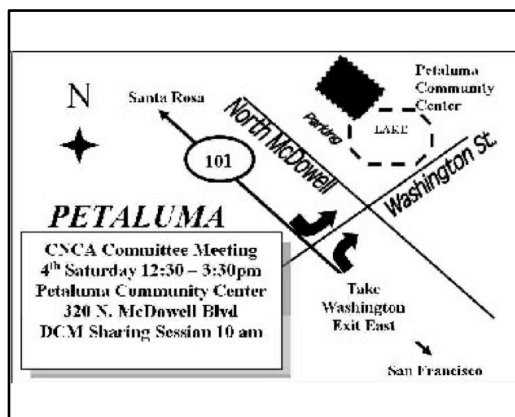
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