



# CNCA COMMENTS



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**California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Preview of the Area Committee Meeting**  
**June 2015**

Well this was a busy **Area Committee Meeting (ACM)**. Friday morning I woke up and there were only two housekeeping motions on the Agenda. By that afternoon, there were five and one assembly bid. It was a bit overwhelming. I will continue to beg you all to please submit any motion (whether regular or housekeeping) at least a week before the ACM. This would help me so much in preparing for the business meeting. I also am grateful to everyone at the ACM who participated in the discussion. I know I learned a lot that day and will continue to learn at every meeting we have. I hope you will forgive me for the errors I make while I am learning.

The Housekeeping motion "That CNCA Archives committee share its guidelines and related documents upon request" presented by the Archives Committee passed, but their other HK motion "That the Archives Committee purchase a desk, not to exceed \$300." was objected to and will be new business next month. The BTG Housekeeping motion "That BTG implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P.O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The pilot program to be evaluated by the Committee after an initial six month trial period." was objected to and we actually talked about it as new business at this meeting. It will continue to be new business next month. An amendment was made to the motion: "That the results of the pilot program be shared with the **ACM** before consideration as a permanent program." The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion. Finance Committee proposed the Housekeeping motion that "CNCA purchase Quick Books on line plus service at a current cost of approximately \$24 per month." An objection was received and this will be new business next month. And the last HK motion was that "CNCA purchase 2 new wireless microphones to replace the defective unit and give us a spare. Not to exceed \$200." This passed with no objections. The old business motion of "That CNCA fund a website committee editor to attend the National AA Technology Workshop to be held October 2-4 in St. Louis, Missouri at a cost not to exceed \$1200" was approved by substantial unanimity.

There was an Assembly bid to host the 2016 Post Conference Assembly in Machinist's Hall in Burlingame at a cost of \$4850.00, by Districts 05 and 04. It was approved. Please remember there are still two slots open in 2016 for assemblies.

I hope you are all making plans to attend the Summer Assembly on August 1 right here in Petaluma. Surprisingly it is not that far down the road. It is a month after the 2015 International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in Atlanta, Georgia on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. There is never a dull moment in recovery, is there?

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

**Please bring your FM Radios! To the Area Committee meeting and to all Assemblies!**

I'd like to express my gratitude to all the members of the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference for allowing me to share the responsibility that was delegated from our groups to make the best decisions for AA as a whole.

From top to bottom, our whole service structure indeed resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are stockholders; the Delegates are their representatives or proxies at the "annual meeting"; our General Service Board Trustees are actually the Directors of a "holding company." And this holding company, the General Service Board, actually owns and controls the "subsidiaries" which carry on our active world services. (S26)

I'd also want to thank everyone that attended the Post Conference Assembly and reported back to the groups. I am giving District Reports at this time, including Unity Days, and I look forward to visit your District soon.

I have prepared a summary of Conference Highlights and I sent them out to all the Districts in the Area; you can ask your DCM or DCMC for a copy if you like. This has been a tremendous experience with the new circle of friends that I met at the Conference; we've been sharing pictures, power points, ideas and reports.

I want to thank everyone that participated on the caring the message program by purchasing a subscription for the 20 inmates that requested correspondence, also for the great and prompt response. Starting on June 27<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meeting from 9am to 10am we will be starting the recording for the Grapevine Stories; you can hear some of the examples at the <http://www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal> to prepare yourself for the 7 minute recording. I hope to see you all at the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Viña.

**While attending Oxford Group meetings, Bill tried to sober up many alcoholics over the next six months, without success. In May 1935, a business trip to Akron, Ohio, led to his meeting with Dr. Bob, who became the second successful recovery — and Alcoholics Anonymous was born on June 10<sup>th</sup> of 1935.**

Let's face it: a gathering of more than 50,000 formerly hopeless alcoholics who will come together in sobriety to celebrate 80 years of being happy, joyous and free is newsworthy. "We want the press to know that 'we' are in Atlanta to celebrate 80 years of A.A.... This is how we keep the focus on our message, rather than on any one messenger." Let's celebrate our 80th Anniversary (*Box 459 Pg. 1 Spring 2015*). If you want to volunteer, there is more information at <http://www.aageorgia.org/international.html>

Please let me know if you have any suggestions. I'm always open for new ideas to better serve our Area.

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 MAY 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held May 23, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:35 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Richard H. Denise of District 12 read Tradition 5 and Mary Ann of District 4 read Concept 5. There were 4 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Doug G. (Panel 53), David N. (Panel 59) and current non-trustee director of AAWS Board, and Padee M. (Panel 63). There were 3 New GSRs present and 1 new DCM present. The April 2015 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 167/9. Registered attendance: Voting= 63, Non-voting= 41.

### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** Thank you all for the quick response to those inmates that asked for help with subscriptions to GV. We need volunteers for the Marathon meetings, especially for the Spanish meetings. You can contact the committee at [atl2015foreignlanguages@gmail.com](mailto:atl2015foreignlanguages@gmail.com) or go to [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org) to sign up to volunteer. NCCAA is taking its inventory in Fresno on Oct. 31. I will be looking for volunteers for facilitators and note takers.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** Thank you District 15 for a wonderful Post Conference Assembly. Thank you to our Delegate for sharing his spiritual and emotional journey. Please review your Advisory Actions and share them with your groups. This is a great time to share with your groups how important it is to have a GSR and participate in the process of the conference and AA as a whole.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** Please submit topics for the workshops for the summer assembly. If you paid for a copy of the speaker at the pre-conference dinner, I have CD's here for you.

**TREASURER Teddy BW:** We received \$4.7 K in group contributions this month, plus \$1,356 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition at the Post Conference Assembly, leaving us with a balance just over \$18K. I've written checks for \$10,358 today and expect to write an additional \$300 today. This leaves us with around \$7.5K in the bank along with our prudent reserve of \$9,194.39.

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** The totals for the Post Conference Assembly were 289. Thank you District 15 for a wonderful weekend. Try to have your District Registrars send me District updates 2 weeks before your District meetings, so I can get updated sign in sheets ready for your meetings.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** There are new copies of the motions book for all to correct the error in the motions portion of the book. Also have CD's available on the table. Please pick up for your districts.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Thank you for the great attendance at the Post Conference. I was impressed that District 15 had so many folks show up. The Summer Assembly is right here in Petaluma at the Petaluma Veterans Hall on August 1. There are 6 workshops to choose from and attend during the date. We are asking for topics for the workshops now. We are expecting a bid today for the 2016 Post-Conference. If it is approved we will have 2 assemblies left open for Panel 65, the Summer 2016 and Fall Election Assembly.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.:** Language of the Heart is now available on CD's or MP3 formats. You can listen to a

sample online. The commemorative book for the International Convention will be available in English, Spanish and French... "Happy Joyous and Free." GV June edition is "Free on the Inside." Looking for stories about service during the holidays. They are due July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### District Reports

**01 MONTEREY Susan G.:** Working on a plan of action to fill the void of DCM's using "Suggestions from the District Visits to the Groups." By divine intervention our visiting officer gave us some great ideas on how to stimulate interest in GS.

**02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Mark C.:** We had time for our visiting officer to speak on "Instilling Interest in GSR Participation", which brought up much discussion. Also working on some money issues.

**03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.:** Our Archivist had to resign, but a new volunteer has stepped up. We still have 2 open DCM positions. Currently looking for a space that will accommodate CNCA for a future assembly bid.

**04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.:** We reviewed the results of the GSC at our meeting and approved a motion to bid on the Post Conference in 2016 with District 05.

**40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.:** We had several members attending the Post Conference Assembly. We will be hearing back over the next couple of months to have a better understanding of what happened at the Conference in NY.

**05 SAN MATEO Erica S.:** We will be having our annual Unity day with the Delegate's Report and an awesome panel. Our PI committee is installing placards on the local buses in English and Spanish for 3 months, starting in June.

**06 SAN FRANCISCO Rhys G.:** We established an ad hoc committee to look at our multiple databases for trusted servants and how do they serve us. We had a motion to add a link to invite the deaf community to participate.

**07 ALAMEDA NORTH Thomas V.:** We have not yet met this month, so next month I will give 2 reports.

**70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Kathleen L.:** We still have new GSR's continuing to join us at District. Focus is still on filling DCM slots.

**08 CONTRA COSTA Laura W.:** We had a great presentation from the CPC chair at our District. More information was given about creating an annual budget and finance committee. We are working with our intergroup to set date for our annual picnic.

**09 SOLANO SOUTH John M.:** We have completed the budget finally this month. We had a presentation on motions and how they are handled at CNCA. We also formed a committee to organize our Delegate's Report/Unity Day.

**90 SOLANO NORTH Evelyn O.:** BTG has a new chair in our District. Currently working on where to make presentations for our district. Our PI/CPC held a training workshop in our District to encourage participation.

**10 MARIN Chris H.:** We made a decision to limit our reports at district to 60 seconds to allow more time for GSR roundtable discussions. We are continuing the planning of our Unity Day and Pre-Conference in 2016. Our treasurer just reviewed and updated all our Financial Guidelines.

**11 NAPA Mary S.:** We have completed the review and modifications to our job descriptions. We are also continuing our discussion on a modification to the pamphlet "The AA Group."

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We added a "Hospitality Coordinator" position at our district. Discussions continue on the motion to remove Herbert Spencer's name as the source of the quote in the Big Book. We are also having fun planning the summer assembly. Flyers for the Friday night dinner are available in English and Spanish.

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: We are revamping the agenda at our District meeting to allow more time for discussion topics at area. We will be trying to get more informed group consciences.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We had a great turn-out at our Delegate's report. We are supporting our intergroup on putting on a "Group Safety in Meetings" workshop. Our Coast Intergroup is putting on a Founders Day Event.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Bruce P.*: We talked about using full versions and not acronyms for different positions at our District meeting. We are cooperating with our intergroup and H&I and Young People to sponsor a Unity Day to talk about all different areas of service.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: Working on workshop to be held soon. We continue to visit Dark Groups and inform about GS.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We attended the post conference assembly, with 3 officers and 9 GSR's. Having Delegates report in June. District to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We are holding a La Viña Workshop. Also attending the planning meeting for the Summer Assembly. We had one new Alt GSR at our meeting. Continuing to visit groups to encourage participation of GS.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We had the Delegates report and GSRs were motivated. Our District will be celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Continue to visit groups and encourage participation of GS. We will also be the host district for the Inter-district meeting in June.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We are continuing to encourage participation of service. Good experience on Delegate Report. We are motivating groups to share the conference report. We are grateful for the groups' participation as coffee makers at the ACM. This month the "Group 3 de Marzo" shared pastries.

### Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We received historical documents from the 5 Cities Fellowship in Fremont. We have decided that we need to set up a work station and will be presenting a HK motion later. We elected a representative to attend the Nat'l Archives Workshop in Independence OH. We also discussed sharing our guidelines with Japan and have been advised that other countries are also interested. We will be making a HK motion today about this as well.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: Received 10 letters this month by our correspondence secretary. We selected a member to attend the BTG Workshop weekend. We will bring HK motion regarding implementing a pilot program offering short term correspondence with prison inmates. Thanks to all the folks that stopped by our table at the Post-Conference, and thanks to all that helped show off our table. Presentations this month were 37, and Requests for Contact were 139. Number of Districts reporting: 16.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: Committee continues dis-

cussions on travel guidelines and particularly Hotel Reimbursements. We are beginning the process of updating historical data about actual committee expenditures for past 2 panels. This will assist committees in budget planning for Panel 66. Three new housekeeping motions were discussed that will be presented today. One from the Finance Committee.

PI/CPC: *Phil B.*: I will be attending my first PI/CPC convention, in San Francisco. I will be manning the CPC Booth along with other volunteers. Our topic today was "Relevance and usefulness of the AA.org website." Next month's topic is "Religion or Spirituality." All are welcome.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Alan G.*: We had some discussion about streamlining the process as to how we receive documents for posting to the website and developing a procedure so the editors will efficiently post the documents in a timely fashion. We received a presentation from Kris W. regarding a compliance of the past CNCA motions regarding the web site. We also had a progress report on the changes made to the CNCA06 test site.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We discussed the challenges with IT at the Post Conference Assembly and where we can improve. Our translation chair has been busy and has translated 6 documents this month and will be delegating portions of the updated motion book for translation. We are continuing to visit possibilities of purchasing radios and reviewing our guidelines.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 985 bulk and 42 first class Comments this month. Still within our budget. First half of pre-conference minutes were in May Comments, 2<sup>nd</sup> half will be in June. 15 participants at last mailing party.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Eric L.*: We sent out 176 Commentarios. We are still working on streamlining the translation, approval and printing process.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Claudia N.*: Presentation today: "What kind of topics would we like at the Summer Assembly?" Self-Support came up a lot and how to combine the responsibility statement. Also "Inclusivity vs Exclusivity" and how it pertains to safety in AA. Next month: How to get, keep and retain GSR's.

GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA: *Agustin L.*: We talked today about how to get participation with writing stories. What do you do with old magazines? One suggestion was maybe the archives could use them.

NCCAA *Peter M.*: This is our 68<sup>th</sup> year. The next conference is June 5, 6 and 7 in Auburn, CA.

H&I *Diane O.*: We have gotten some new tapes into the prisons. When I bring the Grapevines into the prisons, we have to tell them to put it down until after the meeting. Thank you for your suggestions for our pink pamphlet. We will be taking our first vote on the updates this month and the next vote is October. We will be sharing some of our guidelines with Japan also.

YPAA REPORT *Coventina W.*: We had \$6300 in surplus from our event. We have disbursed \$944 to both CNCA and GSO. SCCYPAA elections last month. First event is May 30<sup>th</sup>, Twin Lakes Beach in Santa Cruz. Events with Panel discussions on "Staying Sober Young."

19<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LA VIÑA *Jose A.*: We are still

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

working with the different districts about the event. We have flyers for the dinner here, we need your support for the event. Dinner is \$25.00. 599 registrations as of today's date. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION *Jennifer K.*: I have flyers for the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite, and it will be open Thursday July 2 through Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be in the Dogwood room on the first floor and we will be able to tell you where the stage is. We will be open from 8-10 AM and Noon to 2 PM and 4-6 PM.

### Housekeeping Motions:

#### Motion

**That the CNCA Archives committee share its guidelines and related documents with other countries upon Request. Presented by the Archives Committee.**

Q. It says other countries, do we share with other areas or in house? A. Yes.// Q. We are already sharing with Japan already, correct? A. Yes.

**No Objection <<Motion Passed>**

#### Motion

**"That the Archives Committee purchase a desk, not to exceed \$300." Presented by the Archives Committee.**

Q. What do you mean by Desk? A. A work desk to be stored at the repository in Walnut Creek.//Q. Is there something you are using now that needs to be replaced? A. We are trying to set up a work station to scan documents with the computer already approved. We need a more secure workplace for some of the old documents that can't be brought out into the main area. //Q. The translation does not make sense. Are we talking about something to make the documents safe? A. Just a separate workstation, nothing fancy.// Q. Would a folding workstation fit your need? A. Possibly.

**Objection Received \* New Business next month\***

#### Motion

**"That BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P. O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The pilot program is to be evaluated by the committee after an initial six month trial period." Presented by the BTG Committee.**

Q. It is my understanding that BTG already has a correspondence secretary, would this be an extension? A. We currently only correspond with inmates to set up a BTG meeting upon release.// Q. Is this limited to male only inmates or is this for females also? A. We do have female volunteers available, right now we have only received requests from males at this point. Because the meetings are only going to male prison now.// Q. By certain inmates, is this in addition to the GSO correspondence program? A. No, that program only is for inmates with 6 months or more before their release. This is for inmates that would have less than 6 months, that will not qualify for the GSO correspondence program.// Q. Is this only for people in prisons or could this extend to persons being held in jails? A. We have "certain" in the motion, because we want to offer this service to inmates that are coming up on a parole hearing. The word "certain" lets us communicate with inmates that have a firm release date, and those who have an idea of when their release date is.// Q. If this is successful how would we implement the

program? A. I don't know yet. We would have to see how the pilot program goes and bring back a report to CNCA to see if we want to continue this program.// Q. Why is this a HK motion instead of New Business since this is a new program? A. There is some urgency to this because of some people's release date. This is a result of a conversation with the AO. Some of the committee feels this is within our statement of purpose and we felt this was the best way to bring to the area. (The statement of purpose of BTG and Corrections was read by the presenters from the CNCA motions book.) Q. I have heard that some inmates use volunteers' names on their parole forms and if that member is caught in a car or something that they don't belong doing, our member can get into trouble. Do you feel that you have handled all the safety issues for the inmate and the member of AA? A. I believe we have but again this is a pilot program.// Q. Is this just a HK motion that you are letting us know what you are doing as a committee? A. Yes. //Q. Is there something that is going to change? Why is it important now, rather than 6 months from now? A. I'm not sure but it seems that certain inmates are seeing others be paroled, giving them the thought that they too will be eligible if they do their work up front.

**Amendment to Motion: That the results of pilot program be shared with ACM before consideration as a permanent program. (Accepted)**

**Objection Received \* New Business next month\***

#### Motion

**That CNCA purchase Quick Books on line plus service at a current cost of app. 24.00 per month.**

We are using QB2010 for our Area. This is a very old software, so we can purchase an update of QB or we can purchase the online version which will receive all the updates. If we upgraded to QB2015, this is approx. 200.00 for one copy. If we do the online version, it is approx. \$288/year.

Q. Is the online version easier because the committee could all access the files at the same time? A. Yes, we could also give access to others from time to time.// Q. What about anonymity with someone getting access to our files and is there any risk? A. This is done by a hosting company which has about the same security as a bank. The only person that is available by name on the site is the administrator of the system.// Q. Can you make it so only one person can change the files and the others are read only? A. Yes.// Q. Is the online version easier because the committee could all access the files at the same time? A. Yes.// Q. We only have one copy now? A. Yes.// Q. You said it would make it easier, but is there a risk to the current system and is there updates that are needed? A. We would be able to print many more tax forms and it would be easier to send information to the accountant for taxes.// Q. Is there functions on the cloud version that are not available from the box version? A. Yes we get many more functions.// Q. Is there a database with all the current group treasurers in our QB files now? Yes, that would be in the cloud.

**Objection Received \* New Business next month\***

#### Motion

**That CNCA purchase 2 new wireless microphones to replace 1 defective unit and give us a spare. Not to exceed \$200.00.**

Q. Why do we need two? A. We have had microphones fail

## Balance Sheet April 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of April 30, 2015

	Apr 30, 15	Apr 30, 14	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	14,736.54	13,553.44	1,183.10	8.73%
B of A Savings	9,192.67	9,485.16	(292.49)	(3.08%)
Total Checking/Savings	<u>23,929.21</u>	<u>23,038.60</u>	890.61	3.87%
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	<u>(1,316.36)</u>	<u>1,973.51</u>	<u>(3,289.87)</u>	<u>(166.7%)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>22,612.85</u>	<u>25,012.11</u>	<u>(2,399.26)</u>	<u>(9.59%)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>22,612.85</u></u>	<u><u>25,012.11</u></u>	<u><u>(2,399.26)</u></u>	<u><u>(9.59%)</u></u>
<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	(1,465.99)	(3,107.18)	1,641.19	(52.82%)
Total Equity	<u>22,612.85</u>	<u>25,012.11</u>	<u>(2,399.26)</u>	<u>(9.59%)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>22,612.85</u></u>	<u><u>25,012.11</u></u>	<u><u>(2,399.26)</u></u>	<u><u>(9.59%)</u></u>

## Expense Report April 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through April 2015

	Jan - Apr 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Assembly Contributions	2,512.00	2,650.00	(138.00)	94.79%
Group Contributions	32,770.57	28,000.00	4,770.57	117.04%
District Contributions	4,862.86	3,000.00	1,862.86	162.1%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,242.00	1,200.00	42.00	103.5%
H & I Archives Rent		100.00	(100.00)	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	24.00	30.00	(6.00)	80.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,098.36	500.00	598.36	219.67%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.84	2.00	(1.16)	42.0%
Total Income	<u>42,510.63</u>	<u>35,482.00</u>	<u>7,028.63</u>	<u>119.81%</u>
Gross Profit	42,510.63	35,482.00	7,028.63	119.81%
Expense				
DCM Sharing Session Copies	8.46			
Delegate Expense	3,186.22	2,068.00	1,118.22	154.07%
Officer Expense	14,316.17	10,693.53	3,622.64	133.88%
Committee Expense	7,447.26	8,420.64	(973.38)	88.44%
General Expense	<u>19,849.38</u>	<u>16,052.14</u>	<u>3,797.24</u>	<u>123.66%</u>
Total Expense	<u>44,807.49</u>	<u>37,234.31</u>	<u>7,573.18</u>	<u>120.34%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(2,296.86)	(1,752.31)	(544.55)	131.08%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Refunds/Rebates	<u>830.87</u>			
Total Other Income	<u>830.87</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>830.87</u>			
Net Income	<u>(5,155.14)</u>	<u>5,949.77</u>	<u>(11,104.91)</u>	<u>(86.64%)</u>

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a couple of times and have had no replacements.// Q. Is \$200 the total or are they \$200 each? A. \$200 total.

**No Objection <<Motion Passed>>**

### **Assembly Bids:**

District 05 (San Mateo) and District 04 (Santa Clara North) bid for the Post Conference 2016 Assembly on May 14, 2016 at Machinist's Hall in Burlingame. Total bid cost: \$4,850.00. Bid was accepted by the Committee.

(Seventh Tradition and Break) 2:05 to 2:20pm

### **Area Business**

#### **New Business**

#### **Motion:**

**"That BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P. O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The pilot program is to be evaluated by the committee after an initial six month trial period. —Presented by BTG Committee.**

**Questions:** Q. We have been in contact at the local level and a lot of people are being released. Is this why this is coming up? My understanding is this is being moved to New Business because of time sensitivity.// A. We have a list of about 15 people that are getting out real soon. Three are from SQ which is where the issue came. They are being released in 6 months or so. Sometimes they only get 7-10 days' notice. The urgency is that if we don't contact them now we will not make that initial contact.// Q. Is this just for correspondence or is there a Face to Face? A. We are using the BTG P.O. Box and using the first name only. We will be letting the contact be at the volunteer discretion. The vision is that someone would write to an inmate and meet them at a later date. I'm not sure if that is good or not.// Q. What is going to change from what you do now? A. We currently have communication with inmate to find out their release date and meet them when they get out. This would be someone writing to the inmates that have less than 6 months until their release date.// Q. Who are the volunteers, is it the Committee, Group, or what? A. We have a few people that have expressed an interest. This is not just for BTG Committee members.// Q. Who would be coordinating this? A. For the start it would be us. I don't know what this would be down the road. We don't know how big the service would be.// I have been next to someone that wrote to an inmate. This is an opportunity for us to be of service to someone when they are released. I think this is worth a try.// Are we going to be corresponding with them after their release? A. They would be contacted by BTG Contact at release time. That may be the same person, I'm not sure.// Q. Are there rules or workshops for someone to know how to write to the inmate?// A. We have not developed it that far.// In general I am in favor of the concept, but I need more information before I can make a decision now.// The inmate and the prison may have a time frame, but we need to think about what is best for AA. I don't have enough information to make a decision.// I am concerned that we are working this at the ACM. Have we talked to someone else that has already done this?// I feel that I don't understand this, but the BTG Committee seem to understand it better. I don't see anything wrong with trusting

our trusted servants. As they stated there are already 15 people that have reached out, and that is 15 people we will not serve.

>>Committee agreed Motion should be Committee/ Business.

**\*\* This will remain as New Business at the Next Committee Meeting. \*\***

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Motion:**

**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. -- Presented by the Web Committee.**

**Discussion:** My group was in favor but they were not sure who would be the right person. They were concerned about the continuity to the Web Committee.// We are concerned that once money is approved it gets easier every year. Since this is not an AA event, we would like to have this information available to the districts. As long as the information is available for the districts we are in favor.// We would like to see a report back that would be a full report and not a 2 minute at the mic.// I have never been to the Technology Workshop but I have attended other workshops. We have sent others to workshops and my experience is that the committees have grown from attending the workshop.// Is there a website we can look at?// A. Yes it is NAATW.org// Why is the editor going instead of the web master?// For continuity. The editor would be on the committee next year. This is my second year of being the web master and I will be rotating out.// Q. Why \$1200? That seems like a lot of money. Q. Can we purchase the disk only and not send someone to this event?// Although this is not an AA event, GS sends someone to the event to participate.//

>>The Chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require substantial unanimity.

**Vote: Yes=50 No=6 Abstain=0**

**Minority Opinion:** I don't think this is prudent. My personal experience with our web site is that I have not had a problem.// I am concerned that another committee will come up with another workshop and we will be spending groups' monies.

**No Motion to Reconsider. <<\*\*\*Motion Passed\*\*\*>>**

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

What's going to happen to the 15 people on the list?// I have information about the Round-Up on the back table if someone wants flyers.// There is an App for the Convention. Reminder that the Summer Assembly Dinner on August 1.// The LV Anniversary tickets are available. Please see me.

The Meeting was closed at 4:02 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Service,  
Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary



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

### CNCA PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES ~ CONTINUED FROM ~ THE MAY 2015 ISSUE OF CNCA COMMENTS

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

##### **Motion:**

**“That CNCA 06 expand 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.” Presented by Eric, Jennifer and Laura.**

**Questions:** Q. How is this going to open new opportunities?// A. Right now the path to an Area Officer is very narrow. The intent is to widen the path a little wider. This would have it be not so direct that someone could serve on a committee or subcommittee and it would not take them off the path to be an area officer.// Q. Is this being asked because there is an insufficient number of people available to be an area officer?// A. No, the concern is that our committees or subcommittees have no way to serve as an area officer now, we would like to have that a wider path.// Q. Is it anyone on the committee?// A. Yes as long as they have served as a DCM or DCMC in the past.// Q. You are trying to have people that are serving on committees or sub committees to be able to serve? What is the goal? Are people not serving on committees because of this?// A. Currently if someone is a DCM or DCMC and is not an area officer in the following panel, they were not able to become an area officer unless they went back to the district and serve as a DCM or DCMC. We have a policy at area for the way we do things. The correct way to change something at area is through a motion.// Q is there a time limit?// A. No.// Q. I was a DCM last panel and this year I am on the Archives committee. The way it stands now, I would not be eligible. This would make me available. Is that correct?// A. Yes.// Q. Is some of the reason that people should be able to get more experience before they are an area officer?// A. Yes, this would allow people to have the freedom to serve the area in different ways and not such a direct path.// Q. Would the eligibility extend to Alternate DCMs and DCMCs?// A. No.

<<Moved to new business at the Post Conf. Assembly.

##### **Old Business:**

**Motion: That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete “of the opposite sex” from p117 in the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions” – District 04.**

**Discussion:** Our District is 100% in favor of this motion// If you want to see the original writing look in archives// We are split in favor, this just represented to changing times and the other group states don't change the big book or Twelve and Twelve.// No harm is done in changing this phrase, but does this open the door to change all our literature?// We are in favor of this, it does not change the steps or traditions.// This is not harmful, it serves the groups.// The language did not get me sober.// Minority says this could be offence to some; the majority stated if we change this it would open the gates to other changes.// We felt the words were no longer needed; removing would not harm anything.// Look for the spiritual word instead of an individual word.// Our group feels this is political and the pamphlets have the up to date information.//

We felt the change was good, the words in question are offensive.// Good with wording, it does not need to be changed.// It should be made to make sure that we are inclusive.// This motion would open the door to more changes, we should be helping the alcoholic who is still suffering.// We believe that all our books written before 1950 need to be updated. We should have it all updated at one time.// It does not change the point of the sentence if we make the change.// It is the sponsor's job to communicate the books to fit all.// This change does not affect our message and we need to be inclusive.// Maybe we should open a can of worms and look at it.// Majority stated it is not necessary. This is historical content, it should be left alone.// This implies a sexual relationship; maybe it should just reflect that it is any relationship.// This is not a textbook, it is an essay; the historical content should stay.// For the AA program it is just men and women no matter what they are. It is their own business. It does not affect the book.// My group focused on the meaning of the essay. The AA program does not care what else you are.// AA does not exclude anyone, so the line can stay the same. We change within us, not the literature.// We are not here to be politically correct, we are here to be sober.// Has there been any changes to our literature like this, maybe we could put an asterisk next to it to update the times.// Maybe we could say if you are not sound you don't need a relationship.// The outdated language is all over our literature, this is a large issue and if we move forward on this it may generate a greater conversation through our fellowship.// There is statement in the big book about updated language and stories. This covers the Big Book.// There should not be any discrimination in AA and would generate more changes to the literature.// This is taking a side in an outside issue.// We hope that we are more open-minded with some sobriety and we are in favor.// As gay men this statement states that we are insane.// We are in favor of the change.// We can see past the individual words and can see past the individual wordings.// We are against this; if we change we would be losing the objective of AA to help anyone and we are not afraid of anyone we want to help.//

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. Motion was moved to the Post Conf. Assembly.

**Motion: “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**

**Discussion:** It is better to have the registrar help in completing the form. It would stop some confusion.// This might be helpful when outreaching to a group.// If they have access to a Service Manual they can get access to a change form.// They should be included so groups can register themselves.// This would cause the area not to be aware of the group. If it goes through district the area would then send to NY.// This would help some of the small groups register.// Sometimes the blank change forms were not available at district; if they were in the back of the book the GSR would have access to the form.//

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. Motion was moved to the Post Conference Assembly.

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

### **New Business:**

**"That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding AA videos containing full faces." -- CNCA PI/CPC Committee**

**Discussion:** Our videos with full faces are more effective// If you go to the September 2014 minutes, it will give you more information of the intent of the motion.// In the deaf community the face is very important. The facial expressions are part of our language. Having people in a shadow or not visual effect, it causes us to lose the feeling of expression as to what is being said.// We rely on video a lot more. We are not here to promote, but we use these as forms of attraction. Full faces would be ok// Shadows are not attractive// Based on the wording here it does not state that actors full faces only and not members// This motion is only asking to look at the process of approval of full face videos.// There is enough

stigma in our program, shadow faces ... just makes us seem questionable.//

<<Motion was moved to the Post Conference Assembly as Old Business.

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

I think putting the 12, 12 and 12 together is a good idea.// I am impressed by some of the groups having shared and covering so many topics.// I sponsor someone that has a serious illness, his quote: "I believe that some members are afraid of me, maybe this pamphlet on mental illness will help some people not be afraid of me"// Thank you for the participation today. As chair of the I&T committee, I would like to know how many brought radios today.

The meeting closed at 11:42 A.M. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted by Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

## DCM SHARING SESSION

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Chairperson: Michael Q.**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Followed by Introductions and Secretary Announcements.

### **Presentation:**

What Kind of Topics would we like at the Summer Assembly? Presented by Ed G.

CNCA Summer Assemblies have two hour fifteen minutes workshop sessions each with three topics. Each topic workshop has a 20 minute or so presentation followed by sharing and discussion among the participants. Each workshop selects a recording secretary who reports a synopsis back to the Assembly as a whole.

**Where do topics come from?** The Conference Report, discussions in Districts and Area, individual submissions, etc.

**What are some of the considerations in choosing a topic?** Is the topic relevant or not to AA? Is there a need to discuss the topic? What is the sense of interest among the AA membership? Has the topic or similar topic been presented or discussed at a recent Summer Assembly?

**How are the topics chosen?** They are chosen by the Area Officers at their meeting after the ACM. This is a fluid process; there are no rules. They write all the topic suggestions on a board. There could be as many as 40 topics suggested. The officers agree on 6 topics. They may adjust the wording of topics for clarity & simplicity.

**How are the presenters chosen?** There are no rules, but generally each officer may suggest 6 potential presenters. The names generally are GSRs or DCMs that officers have heard give presentations during their travels around the Area. A consideration by the officers is that the presenters represent a variety of members from the Area. Then as a group, the Area Officers choose 6 names with backups & match the presenters with the topics.

### **[2013 & 2014 Workshop Topics were listed.]**

**Discussion:** We learn from doing presentations// Suggestions from Presenter: Is service a substitution for my recovery// Is service my Higher Power?// Michael's suggestion: Look at 2016 topics at the meeting to see how to carry to GSR & get their suggestions// Incorporate Steps, Traditions

and Concepts to help GSR's understand how they relate to the bylaws to get the connection to the Conference// Importance of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to the group// Combine GSR's using the responsibility statement to encourage self-support and understanding self-support, be involved, be of service. GSR's job// Early AA how they talked to the newcomer early on... what to say to the newcomer. What's our message?// Identify Area concerns and blend in how to communicate that best to the fellowship.// Understanding Self Support since a lot of feelings re: money/belief system. What's the spiritual connection? Strategies of how to talk to the group// Inclusivity vs exclusivity & how that relates to safety in the homegroup.// How we are facilitating our GSR's and at what level are they doing their job. How do we help them self-evaluate so they know where to go? Our job to guide.// Connecting with AA as a whole; participating in all would help facilitate understanding// Service sponsorship, how to get, value of, where it fits in to steps, traditions & concepts.// Question: What are your GSR's saying to you? What are their needs// Sponsorship Coordinator as a new position in a district// Challenges in Sub districts with participation & how to encourage// Challenges of getting participation at a service level, group consciences// GSR's are so unclear of what they were getting into. Possibly do workshop about GSR's and what that really entails.// Invite people to ACM to show them what is going on in General Service// Understanding Self Support; GSR did a presentation to the group and helped the "group" understand where the money goes... brought awareness to the group & made to feel connected.// Educate AA re: how much fun service is// Presentation by previous GSR's, DCM's to share how being of service has strengthened your spiritual practice; use the principles of AA.// Encourage GSR's to share at every meeting about General Service//

**Next Month's Topic:** How to get, keep and retain GSR's. Cheryl G., Web Chair presenting.

Thank you Ed G. for presentation & Patricia for translation. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully Submitted, In Love and Service,

Claudia N., Stand in Recording Secretary,

DCM Sharing Session ~ Panel 65

## CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS JUNE 2015

### Area Committee:

#### **Assembly Bids:**

#### **Housekeeping Motions:**

#### **Guidelines:**

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

#### **Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:**

#### **New business at Area Committee Meeting:**

"That Archives Committee purchase a desk, not to exceed \$300." Presented by the Archives Committee.

"That the BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to the GSO program for long term correction correspondence, using the BTG P.O. Box to facilitate inmate volunteer communication. The results of the pilot program will be shared with ACM before consideration as a permanent program." Presented by the BTG Committee.

"That CNCA purchase Quick Books on line plus service at a current cost approximately \$24 per month."  
-- Presented by the Finance Committee.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

### Area Assembly Motions

#### **Housekeeping Motions:**

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

#### **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 the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety." Presented by District 14

#### **Old Business at Area Assembly:**

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## CNCA CALENDAR

### 2015—Panel 65

<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,</b> 1375 Lafayette St., 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 Civic Center Exhibit Hall (Hosted By District 10)
	<b>23—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>14—Post Conference Assembly</b> Machinist Hall, Burlingame (Hosted By Districts 04 and 05)
	<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>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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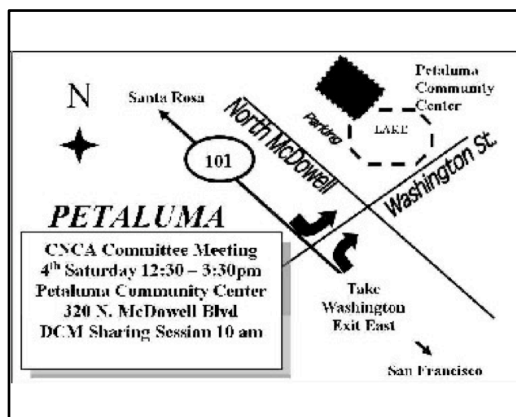
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