



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting
August 2015

At our July meeting, we passed the motions, "That Archives Committee purchase a desk for the repository, not to exceed \$300" and "That CNCA purchase Quick Books on line plus services at a cost not to exceed \$40 per month." But it seems more discussion is needed for the motion, "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 pilot program is to be evaluated by the committee after an initial six month trial period." For those of you who have more questions about this motion, please attend the Area BTG committee meeting at 11 am at the August Area Committee meeting. Several bids came in for Assemblies in 2016. Districts 3 and 40 bid to host the 2016 Summer Assembly at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Santa Cruz. District 17 won the bid for the election assembly in 2016 in San Jose. They do need to find out if we can get in early and stay late if needed.

We are all ready to have our Summer Assembly in Petaluma on August 1st. Please be sure to bring your AM/FM radios to all the assemblies so everyone can participate in simultaneous translation.

Now is the time to be thinking about inventory questions for our November elections. Please submit your questions to any Area Officer.

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!

Hello Fellowship,

I would like to share with you one of the Additional Considerations, from the 65th General Service Conference, about the participation from our Fellow members in support of the Grapevine and La Viña.

The committee discussed ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña and suggested that:

1. Areas champion and embrace Grapevine/La Viña as the International Journals of A.A. through consistent narrative support in all relevant presentations, reports, announcements, newsletters and letters.

2. All A.A. entities be offered the opportunity to include a GV/LV link (with or without images) on local/area websites.

3. All areas participate in AAGV Inc.'s 2015 Subscription Challenge.

On the 18th and 19th of July 2015 we have just celebrated the 19th Anniversary of La Viña and sang happy birthday to Grapevine for celebrating 71 years. In La Viña anniversaries we have accomplished our goal by having members subscribe to La Viña when they get registered. For example, 15th anniversary hosted by Area 93 (806), Area 92 16th (604), Area 09 17th (895), Area 42 18th (820), and our Area CNCA 06 19th Anniversary (1,200); total subscriptions (4,325). Next year the 20th anniversary will be hosted in Area 03 Arizona. Also I would like to encourage everyone to participate in our 7 minute recording of a story you have experienced to support the Grapevine. For example, this was an experience that had happened to me not too long ago. I went to go buy some lunch and there was a homeless man outside of the building, shaking, asking me for money to buy a beer. I shared with him a bit of my experience how I too was once in his position and he seemed interested. I asked if he wanted help and he said yes. I gave him an option of choosing out of three Grapevines, which were "Young and Sober," "Behind Bars," and "Making Amends." He chose the Grapevine "Behind Bars." I told him if he was serious about getting help I will come back and get him later on in the day. I gave him two dollars to buy a beer to help him with the shaking. I dropped him off where he was currently staying, which was a couch on the side of a street in the bushes. I told him I would pick him up in this location later on. A few members and I went back to pick him up and he was there waiting. He got in the car and we brought him to my house and started to take care of him. When we gave him food we had found out that he hadn't eaten for three days. We went to buy him another beer because of his shaking and to allow him to sleep through the night. We took him to the hospital the next day and he should be getting released very soon to be physically ready to get the help he deserves. I was very touched by the way our members were treating him with a lot of love and it reminded me of the Big Book. **"Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of "Love thy neighbor as thy-self."**

Pg.153, AA Big Book

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Raymundo L.

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held July 25, 2015 at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Gene of District 90. Teresa of District 70 read Tradition 7 and Sylvia of District 90 read Concept 7. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), and David N. (Panel 59), and current non-trustee director of AAWS Board. There were two new GSRs present and 0 new DCMs present. The June minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 15/3.

Registered attendance: Voting=**64**, Non-voting=**47**.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE *Raymundo L.*: 57,000 members attended the International Convention in Georgia. The Licensing holder has issued one licensing of Literature in Russia to the one Conference and Board structure supported by Groups. The Regional Directory is being updated and should be completed by August, 2015. I have sent to all the Employee Updates from NY Office, please refer to memo for details. ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Phil B.*: Summer Assembly is one week away. There are two items of old business on the agenda. Please remind your GSR's there is a good chance they will have the opportunity to vote on one or both. Remember your FM Radios.

AREA CHAIR *Joann L.*: I attended workshop for gathering group consciences. Received 5 questions that will stimulate discussion on any motion. What do we need to know that is relevant to discussion? What do we know about the vision for the fellowship relevant to discussion? What do we know about our fellowship regarding the current dynamics that is relevant to this? What are the ethical implications of our choice? What do we wish we knew but don't?

TREASURER *Teddy BW*: 336 groups contributed this month. We ended last month with approximately \$4000. We received \$9,172.78 in contributions, which left us with about \$13,000. Written checks so far today for \$5,662.63 and expect about \$1,000 more to be written, which leaves us with approximately \$7,000 plus Prudent Reserve of \$9,194.39.

REGISTRAR *Ray W.*: Please correct all GSR information that is wrong on sign in sheet for your district. If the position is vacant, send through a change form to remove old information. Sending in change form showing vacancy is the only way to remove names from previous panels. Be sure to register at the assembly. These numbers are used for voting and food lunch count.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S.*: New page to motions book correcting motion #1004-2. We will be adding three sections to the Motions book at the end of this panel, listings of Summer Assembly topics, inventory questions from the Fall Assembly and section for current committee guidelines.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q.*: Workshops are

ready on the flyers, they are available on table. District 12 is doing well planning for the assembly on August 1. No changes to 101 will be in effect for the assembly next weekend, but there will be changes later in the month that will affect travel to the ACM. There are races scheduled for the weekend of the assembly. There are bids that will be made today for assemblies. As soon as the remaining 2016 assemblies are accepted, we will begin accepting bids for 2017 assemblies.

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Agustin L.*: Deadlines for stories to update and create new pamphlets is October 15. Online subscriptions for GV are currently \$20.00. Topics for 2016 Grapevine by month are: Beginners, Staying Sober Through Adversity, Old Timers, Relapsing, Getting involved in G.S., Fun in Sobriety, Annual Prison Section, Carry the Message, Young and Sober, Atheist/Agnostic, Classic Grapevine, Remote Communities.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY *Susan G.*: Abbreviated Business meeting this month, to have more time for Delegate's Report. Flyers for Monterey Bay Area Roundup on table.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Mark C.*: We had no new business this month, but welcomed 6 new GSR's. We have changed the structure of our reporting to make it easier to understand for new GSR's.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Jeff W.*: We filled vacant Treasurer Positions and 2 DCM positions this month. Website Committee held first meeting to create website for District. We had 7 new GSR's at our meeting. Passed a motion to submit a bid to co-host 2016 Summer Assembly.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L.*: Continued discussion about our district using a cross platform collaborative tool for sharing GS information. We also collected district consciences on all current area motions. Created annual finance and Budget committee also.

04 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H.*: Had presentation on "What La Viña means to our fellowship." Also help with our first writing stories workshop. Passed HK motion to submit bid with District 03 to co-host Summer Assembly 2016.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We filled some vacancies that we had at our District. This always causes excitement. The GSR's are working on group consciences for motions at the summer assembly.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We had presentation on the "Motion Process." We have had some turnover of our district positions. Our Treasurer is working on the 2016 Budget.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: We have moved to our new location. We are discussing a motion for some changes to the Living Sober Book.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: Our meeting is tomorrow night. Last month we had a presentation on self-support. We had a motion to send our BTG member to go to the workshop in October. We also are looking at our District

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Guidelines.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Don L.*: Continued discussion on motion to propose having a finance committee. Also some discussion on upcoming motions at Summer Assembly. We are co-hosting a summer picnic with our local intergroup.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: Our GSR's are working on getting Group Consciences for the summer assembly. Trying to fill positions at District with some of our "senior" GSR's.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: More of our groups are asking for members to share that are outside our meetings. Intergroup had 30 year anniversary. Asked a member for his one year sobriety, instead of a chip, how about stepping up to be our BTG alternate chair.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We are continuing to reduce the time spent on reports, to give GSR's time to share what's on their minds. We have 3 vacancies in our DCM's. We are watching the amount of monies we are spending on travel and encouraging carpooling.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: Our district meeting focused on planning for the fall assembly. We also discussed the motion regarding full faces for the Summer Assembly. Our next meeting will be held in September; we have cancelled our August meeting due to being on the same day as assembly.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We put off vote regarding the Herbert Spencer motion because of many voting members being in Georgia. We are working hard on the summer assembly and welcoming you to our district on August 1st. Be sure to check road conditions on 101 before you come. There are a limited amount of dinners left for Friday night. Please see the coordinator today!!

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: We have been experimenting with having the visiting officers talk about the motions that are being presented at assemblies to help collect a district conscience. We will be presenting a bid for the 2016 Election Assembly today.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We had a great workshop on group safety. We are establishing guidelines on reimbursement, which we have not had in the past.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: No Report.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We set the date for our district anniversary for 8/29/15. We went to a group and were able to get a GSR for that group.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We had our anniversary at our district. We have been going to groups with no GSR's to try to get participation. We are going to make a bid for an assembly today.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We are also having an anniversary at our District. The delegate's report will be given. We had our first officers meeting and talked about the inter-district event in October. We are looking forward to participating at the Assembly.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We are grateful for participation of our GSR's. We are still working on getting

our groups to have GSR's. We almost have all groups with GSR's.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We continue discussions about moving our meeting. We also have a motion for reimbursement for the DCMC's travel. We are also talking about purchasing FM radios and having our own I & T committee.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: We discussed creating and repairing displays for all the upcoming events. Next workday is August 15, 2016 in Walnut Creek. If you would like to participate in the National Workshop event and serve on the planning committee, please contact me.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: We had 8 district reports, with 38 presentations given, and 1919 requests for contact. 162 Contacts were received from a District and 29 were received by the correspondence secretary. Along with 8 letters received for a total of 191. District 90 will host the 2015 BTG Forum. Flyers are on the front table.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: All committees have received updated budget information. We would like to have forms back by August 8th. Discussed updates and amendments to guidelines, especially those relating to hotel reimbursements for assemblies. Financial Conditions continue to be sound. We anticipate meeting our obligations through the end of the year and the first quarter of next year.

PI/CPC: *Phil B.*: Presentation today, "Medicine & A.A – Cooperation or Controversy." August 5-8th is a convention on "Education in Journalism and Mass Communications" in San Francisco. Many of our members will be able to participate in volunteering at booth. GSO has funded the book and literature.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: If you see anything that is not working on the web, please let us know. We talked about revision of our guidelines and we are also working on an update of the calendar that will be interacting. Once approved, this will be up on present website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We are preparing for the summer assembly. We reviewed our budget for next year. We need 1 more interpreter for the summer assembly. We also need some back-up translators for the committees at the ACM. All presenters at the summer assembly need to provide a copy of their presentations at the summer assembly for the translators.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 964 bulk and 43 first class. We are still within our budget for the year. Great participation at our mailing party. Next mailing party August 6th.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Eric L.*: We are mailing our Comentaros today. We are still under budget.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Claudia N.*: Great presentation today, "Conveying to AA members – Your Voice is

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

important." How we help groups, as well as individuals to carry the message. Next month, "Sharing on the Atlanta Experience."

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: Presentation on how to get participation. Suggestions were to get a GV/LV representative; have workshop on writing stories. Next month: exploring GV Literature.

NCCAA *Peter M.*: Our next event is October 29 – November 1st in Fresno. NCCAA is going to be taking an inventory this year and everyone is welcome to participate.

H&I *Diane O.*: Our next general meeting October 11, which will take the final vote on the new Pink Pamphlet. We have a new coordinator for San Quentin, Carl from Alameda, who was appointed by our new General Chair.

19th ANNIVERSARY OF LA VINA: *Jose A.*: Thank all of you for participating in the event. We had 1200 registrations which also represents 1200 subscriptions to La Viña. The reason for this event is to make everyone aware of this as a 12 step tool and for presentation to the public. One of the highlights was a report on how to have a successful event. We will be sharing our experience with many areas.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION *Jennifer K.*: The event was great. As the chair I am grateful to all that participated.

Housekeeping Motions: None

Assembly Bids:

District 13 Lake County bid for the 2016 Fall Election Assembly on November 12, 2016 at Lake County Fairgrounds.. Total bid cost \$3950. (This bid was not accepted by the committee.)

District 17 bid for the Fall Election Assembly on November 5, 2016 at Scottish Rite Center. Total bid cost \$5950. (This bid was accepted by the committee.)

Districts 03/40 bid for the Summer 2016 Assembly on August 6, 2016 at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Total bid cost \$4,625. (This bid was accepted by committee.)

Area Business:

Old Business:

Motion:

That the Archives Committee purchase a desk, for the Repository, not to exceed \$300.00 – Presented by Archives Committee.

Discussion: My district would like the archives committee to have what they need to provide their service. This is not an excessive cost. //

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

Vote: Yes = 52 No = 0 Abstain = 1

Minority Opinion: None given

No motion to reconsider. ****Motion Passed****

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.

Discussion: My district is in favor of this motion as a trial basis.// My district is in favor of this motion; a lot was still confusing, but they wanted to trust the committee to give it a shot.// My group feels this is worth a try.// My group wants more information.// My group is in favor of this motion.// Q. Will the letters that go out say it is a pilot program? Are they going to be informed this may not continue? A. We have not talked about that as a committee, but I believe once we start with someone we would finish. Most will be shorter than 6 months.

>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was not ready to vote, and this will be old business next month.

Motion:

That CNCA purchase Quick book Plus Online Service at a cost not to exceed \$40.00 per month.

Discussion: Does the Plus service mean there is full support of the service? A. The monthly charge does include that service. Q. Will this go on from panel to panel? A. The committee feels this is a trial, and if it does not work out we can revert to the old system. This will be less work for the treasurer. Q. If we decide to not use it, can we get the information out of the system? A. Yes, we can get all the information from the cloud to transfer back to the old system. Q. Does this system allow to back up from the cloud to the system? A. Yes, it allows you to back up on the computer and also to a CD.// We are now spending \$109.00 currently per year for our program, this one will cost about \$480 a year, so we are increasing the cost per year by \$380? A. Yes. Q. Do you have an estimate on how much this would save the treasurer? A. Zero, the information will be available to more members on the committee and CNCA if authorized. This will let us work better as a committee.// Q. Who will have access? A. The committee and Area Officers should have access to the information. Only one person would be able to alter information. That would be the treasurer.// I would feel better if this would state that it is a trial period instead of a permanent change.// It shows \$40/ a year but would we be signing up for a year at a time? A. It is billed monthly and can be cancelled on a month to month basis.// Q. Did you look at other systems?// A. No, we are currently using this system and it will be an easy transfer. Another system would involve a transfer of information.// Q. Does this include upgrades? A. Yes.

Balance Sheet June 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of June 30, 2015

	Jun 30, 15	Jun 30, 14	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	5,405.89	11,670.28	-6,264.39	(53.68%)
B of A Savings	9,192.67	9,485.16	-292.49	(3.08%)
Total Checking/Savings	14,598.56	21,155.44	-6,556.88	(30.99%)
Other Current Assets				
2014 Fall Election Assembly	2,500.00		2,500.00	100.0%
Assembly Deposits	-3,868.34	1,402.35	-5,270.69	(375.85%)
BTG	124.00	124.00		
CNCA Comments	427.98	427.98		
1499 - Undeposited Funds		19.18	-19.18	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	-816.36	1,973.51	-2,789.87	(141.37%)
Total Current Assets	13,782.20	23,128.95	-9,346.75	(40.41%)
TOTAL ASSETS	13,782.20	23,128.95	-9,346.75	(40.41%)
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
3900 - Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,593.68	18,634.13	-4,040.45	(21.68%)
Prudent Reserve	9,485.16	9,485.16		
Net Income	-10,296.64	-4,990.34	5,306.30	106.33%
Total Equity	13,782.20	23,128.95	-9,346.75	(40.41%)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,782.20	23,128.95	-9,346.75	(40.41%)

Expense Report June 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through June 2015

	Jan - Jun 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Assembly Contributions	3,888.00	4,400.00	-512.00	88.36%
Group Contributions	42,954.72	42,000.00	954.72	102.27%
District Contributions	5,598.86	4,000.00	1,598.86	139.97%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	1,779.00	1,700.00	79.00	104.65%
H & I Archives Rent		200.00	-200.00	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	30.00	30.00		100.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,195.16	650.00	545.16	183.87%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	1.10	3.20	-2.10	34.38%
Total Income	<u>55,446.84</u>	<u>52,983.20</u>	<u>2,463.64</u>	<u>104.65%</u>
Gross Profit	55,446.84	52,983.20	2,463.64	104.65%
Expense				
Reconciliation Discrepanies	10.57			
DCM Sharing Session Copies	8.46			
Delegate Expense	5,042.94	3,412.00	1,630.94	147.8%
Officer Expense	20,626.96	15,151.54	5,475.42	136.14%
Committee Expense	13,753.06	12,781.98	971.08	107.6%
General Expense	29,107.36	26,251.48	2,855.88	110.88%
Total Expense	<u>68,549.35</u>	<u>57,597.00</u>	<u>10,952.35</u>	<u>119.02%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-13,102.51	-4,613.80	-8,488.71	283.99%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Refunds/Rebates	830.87			
Total Other Income	<u>830.87</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>830.87</u>			
Net Income	<u><u>-12,271.64</u></u>	<u><u>-4,613.80</u></u>	<u><u>-7,657.84</u></u>	<u><u>265.98%</u></u>

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

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

Vote: Yes = 51 No = 1 Abstain = 4

Minority Opinion: None given

No motion to reconsider. ****Motion Passed****

Discussion Topic:

Should CNCA have a cap on personal contributions?

Discussion: We have always assumed that CNCA would not accept any amount greater than what GSO would accept, which is currently \$5000.// I agree.// The GSO guidelines are \$3000 for alive persons and \$5000 from deceased members.// I heard that only 20 people contributed this per year to GSO, is this an issue?// I think it makes sense to follow the guidelines from GSO.// This is an issue for all of us, the 7th tradition reminds us to not take a large contribution from anyone or anything. GSO has a much larger budget and feels the amounts are within line for NY, but that may not be the same as what CNCA feels.// I feel anyone should be able to give any amount they want.// We have a motion to give any excess funds to NY at the end of the year, so if we were not holding for a stated amount, it would go to NY.// I feel that \$3000 is good.// We do not have a policy of sending excess funds to NY.// I feel that no person should be able to make a donation to CNCA, but NY has deficits, so it would make sense for GSO to take donations. I feel it would be a conflict of interest for us to take funds.// A few years ago, I drove for a living. One of the patients at a stop I made handed them a check to AA for \$5000; no one knew what to do with it. It ended up at a group, and the group accepted the monies, so I feel it is a good idea for us to have guidelines.// I used to go to intergroup, and a member died and left his house to intergroup; they declined the gift because of the small "t" tradition of not accepting large gifts. I believe we have the same small "t" tradition here.// It keeps going through my head that there are different school districts, some are rich and some are poor. AA tries to be equal. I don't believe we need the same amount as GSO, but maybe a small amount of \$500 to keep equal.// I think we need some more information.// Has anyone ever made a large contribution?// Nothing this year has caused my eyebrows to raise.// At the 2014 pre-conference in Antioch, there was a woman who placed \$700 in the 7th tradition bucket.//

Discussion ended, will not continue next month.

//I would like to propose a discussion next month, that CNCA develop a policy that all assembly motions require a 2/3 majority vote.

"What's On Your Mind?"

There is a story this month in the GV that was sent in 20 years ago.// I would like to see that we make a policy that all motions require substantial unanimity; can we change the discussion// I went to the International and learned about FM radios, that they are very useful, should take to all events.// There is a 1 finger poster for anonymity, I think we should be using that.// If you have questions about the BTG motion, please come to our committee meeting next month.// Thank you for posting the back information on all the motions that are being discussed at the assembly business meeting.// The pre-conference dinner is FULL, but anyone can show up for the meeting after at 7:45, will open for all at 7:30.// I had a wonderful time working at the international convention at the hospitality suites.// Who has a story about how they got here? We can record that at 9:00 before ACM. If you are interested please let Juan, Teddy or Raymundo know so we can schedule you in.// I have concern about the election assembly. Last panel we were running out of time, and the facility would not let us stay longer. I would like to have the District for the 2016 Election Assembly inquire at the facility about the use for a longer period of time.// Thank-you to the organizers of the 19th Annual La Viña Celebration. It was a powerful event and I was very glad I was able to attend.// On the election bids today there was a \$2000 difference. I think that we should be very careful on the amount of the assembly. If we could be a little more prudent and take a look a little closer.// Next month Ken M. will be making a presentation on "Self Support."

The meeting was closed at 3:22 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Service,

Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary



DCM SHARING SESSION

July 25, 2015

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Secretary Announcements

Presentation: Conveying to AA's that "your voice is important"

Presenters: Laura and Denise, District 12

DISCUSSION:

- District meeting on how to retain GSR's, used a lot of this presentation at their meeting
- All about communication. All goes down to the bottom of the triangle. Triangle signifies the heart of AA. Keeps us connected and around for 80 years.
- Concept 4, right of participation. Workshop in Atlanta it is our right and responsibility... my opinion helps others to form their own... something that makes the world go round and so on.
- Something I didn't used to do! Helps us notice how we don't participate and helps me to be a better citizen.
- Convey that sharing is a part of service to AA. Whatever the position, be willing to share.
- Convey the common denominator. We are all alcoholics. We all want our voice to be heard and we are all of value. It's not for everyone but it is for some.
- DCM's should demonstrate the behavior in the presentation to the GSR's, build up their confidence... they will learn from watching us, by example. This will encourage participation.
- Sometimes the hook is being brought under someone's wing to do the little things like the dinner before the assembly. Reaching out really helped making it fun and started the walk down the road. Sometimes we get caught up just doing the job... Keep it fun! Remember to convey the language of the heart.
- Great topic for next business meeting!
- I would like to believe my voice is important, and that is why I want to participate in Spanish. Sometimes since we don't speak the language, it is hard to participate. We are trying to teach ourselves in our community... we don't always have the knowledge except for what Bill & Bob gave us. Sometimes we make the same mistakes and we continue to learn. Looking forward to sharing at the next meeting.
- Invented a de-greeting position... saying goodbye as they go. At the top of the stairs is where all the work is done.
- 1 week before, call a lot of people to invite to sharing session.
- Question about sharing sessions and what they are for specifically.
- Encouraging and no right or wrong answer is empowering. Creates safe place. Principles before personalities. General Service helped me feel equal, and boosted my self esteem. Fear started to slip away. Even after conflict there is the unconditional love.
- Why do we need a GSR? 3 legged stool of this organization, and service is part of this, and the individual member's responsibility to have a voice be heard.

Next Month's Topic Ideas: Safety in AA, The role of the Service Sponsor and how to connect the GSR to a Service Sponsor.

Next Month's Topic: Atlanta Experience, Juan, district 90 (in Spanish), Rufino, district 17, Mary K., district 04, Katie, district 90

Thank you to our presenters and to Ramon for stepping up for translation!

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully Submitted In Love and Service,

Claudia N., Acting Recording Secretary, DCM Sharing Session ~ Panel 65

CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS AUGUST 2015

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

"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.

New business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion Topic:

"That CNCA develop a policy of substantial unanimity on all Assembly motions."

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

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 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

"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."

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

CNCA CALENDAR

2015—Panel 65

August **1—Summer Assembly**
 Petaluma Veterans Hall
 (Hosted by Districts 12 and 18)

September **22—Area Committee Mtg**

October **26—Area Committee Mtg**

November **24—Area Committee Mtg**
14—Fall Inventory Assembly
 Calistoga Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by District 11)

December **28—Area Committee Mtg**
19—Area Committee Mtg

2016—Panel 65

January **23—Area Committee Mtg**

February **27—Area Committee Mtg**

March **26—Area Committee Mtg**

April **9, 10—Pre Conference Assembly**
 Marin Center Exhibit Hall
 (Hosted By District 10)

23—Area Committee Mtg

May **14—Post Conference Assembly**
 Machinist Hall, Burlingame
 (Hosted by Districts 04 and 05)

June **28—Area Committee Mtg**

July **25—Area Committee Mtg**

August **23—Area Committee Mtg**
6—Summer Assembly
 Santa Cruz Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)

September **27—Area Committee Mtg**
8-11 20th National AA Archives
Workshop in Walnut Creek
24—Area Committee Mtg
28 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional Forum
 in Waikola, Hawaii

October **22—Area Committee Mtg**

November **5 or 12—Election Assembly**
26—Area Committee Mtg

December **17—Area Committee Mtg**

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

2015 Summer Assembly

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

2015 Fall Inventory Assembly

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

2016 Pre-Conference Assembly

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

2016 Post-conference Assembly

May 1; Machinist Hall, Burlingame
 (Hosted by Districts 04 and 05)

2016 Summer Assembly

August 6; Santa Cruz Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)

2016 Fall Election Assembly

November 5 or November 12

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Underline dates preferred

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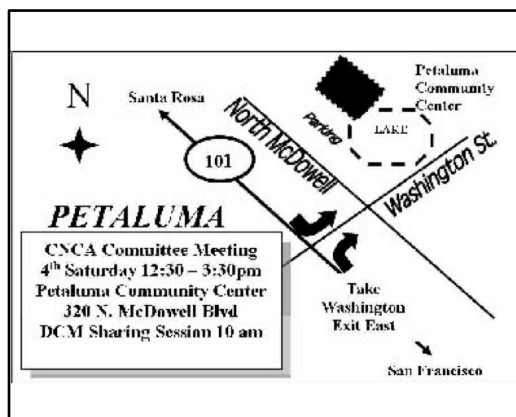
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