



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Preview of the Area Committee Meeting October 2015

By this time your DCMCs should have received the flyer for the November Inventory Assembly with all the inventory questions on it. Thank you to all who submitted questions. There were so many good ones that I will keep them for future discussion topics. Please review these questions and come ready to share your thoughts and concerns in Calistoga next month on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

On October 1, our 2015 Conference Reports arrived. The Officers are strategizing how to get them to the Districts before the Area Committee Meeting in October.

At the September meeting we had a presentation of new business "That all business in CNCA be decided by 2/3 substantial unanimity except on those rare occasions when a matter is of such urgency that a decision should be made at once." It will be New Business at the October Area Committee Meeting.

We passed with substantial unanimity the BTG 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. The results of the pilot program will be shared with ACM before consideration as a permanent program." The BTG committee chair will give monthly updates on the program and in March, the Area Committee meeting will decide if this will be a permanent program.

We also had a showing of the PSA "Doors" in English and in Spanish. And there was a wonderful report back for the Bridging the Gap Workshop.

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!**

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06  
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
PRESENTS:**

### **"THE AREA INVENTORY" FALL ASSEMBLY**

**Saturday November 14, 2015  
Napa County Fairgrounds  
1435 N Oak Street, Calistoga, CA. 94515**

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
Orientation: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Business Meeting: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Lunch: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.  
Area Inventory: 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.  
Serenity Break: 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.  
Area Inventory (continued): 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
What's on your mind?: 4:30 - 5:00 pm

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TRANSLATION**

### **Area Inventory Questions**

1. What more can the Area do to encourage a safe and inclusive environment?
2. Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the right of participation?
3. As an Area do we cultivate and encourage responsible leadership?
4. Does the Area communicate the spiritual value of self-support?
5. Does the Area reach all important decisions by adequate discussion, vote and whenever possible substantial unanimity?
6. Are we open minded to new ideas as an Area?
7. What more can the Area do to address special needs/accessibility issues?

As I write my Delegate's Corner, I realize that we are already about to host the last assembly of the year, can you believe it is already October? The Fall Inventory Assembly, that will take place in Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga on November 14th, gives us all the opportunity to work on our inventories, Personal, Group, District and Area. As we look at our three legacies we have the opportunity to visualize what we have done, what we are doing now and what we would like to achieve in the future. Serving for Alcoholics Anonymous has giving me the opportunity to stay closer to my fellowship, to experience the fear that has been one of my greatest challenges in my life but at the same time, I experience the strength and the hope that I receive from all of you letting me know that everything is going to be ok. And when I see the results I found out that I am just an average selfish, self-centered and egocentric alcoholic with a great need of love.

Recently I sent you an email with the results from the General Service Conference 2013, 2014 and 2015 inventory; we would like to hear possible implementation from the fellowship. General Service has giving us the opportunity to look back to move ahead, as one of our Panel 64 Delegates shared in her presentation at the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference: **“Knowing the solitary self-appraisal is insufficient, we will gain much by sharing the report – throughout interconnected circles of love and service. We will benefit greatly by discussing our shortcomings with trusted servants at all levels of our structure. It will give everyone who is willing the opportunity to help create plans for the betterment of our Conference. Let us involve and inspire our leaders of tomorrow as they continue the challenging assignment we have only just begun”** (p15 65<sup>th</sup> GSC REPORT). **“For so long as we shall humbly meditate in this spirit upon our great yesterdays, just so long will God grant us our vision of tomorrow.”** (Bill W. **“The vision of tomorrow.”** January 1952 Language of The Heart p 135 and 136).

I would like to remind you that the due date for you to send the Conference Theme for 2017 is December 15<sup>th</sup> 2015. Do you have anything in mind? Please invite your groups to participate.

**Are you going to PRAASA? March 4, 5, and 6, Spokane Convention Center, 334W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201. \$25.00 Reg. Interpretation Provided: Español, & www.PRAASA.org to Register online. The purpose of PRAASA is to develop a greater unity among the members, groups and Areas of the Pacific Region, to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA.**

**The entire weekend is packed with panels, roundtable discussions, presentations, open mike sharing, speakers, wonderful meals and ongoing fellowship.**

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 SEPTEMBER 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held Sept. 26, 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 Robin of District 14. Betty of District 12 read Tradition 9 and Dave of District 9 read Concept 9. There were 3 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Ken M. (Panel 61), Padee M. (Panel 63). There were 2 GSRs present and 2 new DCMs present. The August 2015 minutes were approved with the following corrections -- page 11 of CNCA Calendar to be corrected as follows -- Correct date for Post Conference to be on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Election Assembly to be November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Financial reports were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 255 /15. Registered attendance: Voting= 65, Non-voting= 35.

### **Officer Reports**

**DELEGATE Raymundo L.:** Conference Reports should be available next week. October 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit stories for the 3 pamphlets GSO has requested stories from the fellowship. PRAASA is March 3-6, 2016 in Spokane WA. Registrations are open. Link for registration is praasa.webb-sinc.wpengine.com. Code for registration is in written report. Texting is available for Spanish community. Text 50555 with message AALV. Six messages will be sent a month. NCCAA Inventory questions have become available; please review with your districts and inform any area officer with your input and we will be able to contribute to the inventory on 10/31/15. Much more information is available in my written report. Please pick up on your way by the table.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.:** Thank you to everyone that gave me the opportunity to deliver our Delegate Raymundo's report at District 16 30<sup>th</sup> District Anniversary. I was honored and humbled by the invitation. The report being over 5600 words and 79 slides brought a strong sense of fear. After hours of phone calls and reading, prayer and meditation, the day came. This was the highlight of being your Alternate Delegate. As a result of this report I have a deeper understanding of the Conference process and a wonderful sense of the New York experience.

**AREA CHAIR Joann L.:** We are looking for inventory questions still today for our inventory assembly. At the close of this meeting is the deadline.

**TREASURER Teddy BW:** Received \$10,917.15 in revenue including a \$5000 district contribution and a contribution from a YPAA. Written checks for \$10,980.54 which includes our envisioned expenses for the Fall Assembly along with a deposit of \$2,315. This leaves a balance of \$7,247.65 in the bank. I expect to write an additional \$250 today, leaving us with \$7000 in the bank along with our prudent reserve of \$9,194.39.

**REGISTRAR Ray W.:** No Report.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.:** I would like to apologize to District 19 for not being able to attend their district meeting this month, due to a family emergency. I have acquired a hot-spot down at my parent's house so that I can continue working on our motions book. I have completed all the updates and conversations for Panel 61 and currently updating for Panel 63. Thank you all for your encouragement that has enabled me to continue with my job while being down in Modesto.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.:** Flyers are avail-

able on the front table for the Calistoga Fall Assembly. Both are also on the website and downloadable. Final versions with inventory questions that will be explored at the assembly will be available next week. Today is the deadline to submit questions to be considered. Please forward to any area officer before the end of today's business meeting. We will combine, reword and mash suggestions tonight at the Officers Meeting down to 6 or 7 questions in the framework of our Traditions and Concepts, that we might better serve our area members, services and our primary purpose to "Help the Still Suffering Alcoholic." All P65 assemblies have been bid and accepted; a list of proposed P67 assemblies are available and published in the current edition of our newsletters.

**LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.:** The new Grapevine Book is available: "Forming True Partnerships," for \$10.99. Five or more are priced at \$10.50. They are available at [www-grapevine.org](http://www-grapevine.org) and click on store or by calling 800-631-6025.

The Photo Contest for the annual wall calendar is open; deadline for photographs is December 1<sup>st</sup>. You can listen to two free audio stories at [www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal](http://www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal), or if you would like to share your story you can go to [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share). I received an email from Clement C. (GSO Staff member for Literature) to remind everyone about the deadline for your stories of October 15, 2016 for the updated pamphlets and the new pamphlet. This month La Viña stories are "Love and Service at the National Convention," and Grapevine is "Letting go of Resentments."

### **District Reports**

**01 MONTEREY Susan G.:** GSR's are working on group consciences for current motions. We filled the BTG committee chair position vacancies include Recording Secretary, Registrar and all DCM positions.

**02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Eliyahi H.:** We are planning our 4<sup>th</sup> annual gratitude dinner. We are working on a more suitable time and location for our district meeting. We recently started holding monthly officers meetings, where we are working to develop District Guidelines, GSR Orientation and workshops. We have a lot of work ahead and can probably anticipate some growing pains, but we are enthusiastic, grateful & positive about the opportunity to grow and serve.

**03 SANTA CRUZ Jeff W.:** We are working on fall inventory for our District. We have been talking a lot about web sites. Our Ad Hoc committee came up with some great suggestions for a district committee and we are considering moving forward. Discussed and passed a motion to send a member of the website committee to the National Workshop in St. Louis.

**04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Eric L.:** We passed our 2016 budget which continues to fund DCM travel to the ACM and assemblies. We elected a new DCM and H&I Liaison. Three pieces of new business: to begin recording presentation as agenda topics workshop for archival reasons// to create a banner for display at district events// to create an ad-hoc committee to investigate the possibility of applying for tax-exempt or non-profit status for district. The motion to start using Slack.com failed, but after a motion to reconsider the motion passed. We will be implementing a six-month trial period. Next month is our inventory with 5 questions selected.

**40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Miguel H.:** District is working hard on the 2016 budget. The committee was elected at our

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last meeting. We have a district inventory in November and we will be discussing the questions in October. We are going to be talking to GSR's on how to use the conference report. We have submitted over 40 stories for the updates of the pamphlets. We have had great contributions and interest.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: All is well. We elected our chair for the Post Conference Assembly in 2016; there are already lots of volunteers and planning is now underway. Our ad-hoc budget committee was formed and busy working on our 2016 budget. We discussed all the business at CNCA and GSR's are getting a better understanding of the motions.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: We have several openings at our district for BTG, Archives and Literature chairs, which is causing a bit of a flux right now. We are having our Unity Day this month, and as a result of the presentation from our Area Officer on Unity Days, there was able to get a few more volunteers to help.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: We have had 2 meetings since our last meeting. We passed a motion to replace some "missing" language from the Living Sober Book (2012 Edition). There will be more information at the next Assembly. At our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting we received after much delay on our part the Delegate's Report about his experience at the GSC. His report triggered much insightful discussion with those assembled.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We reconvened meeting with district officers last month and this will continue. We are not planning agendas, but are discussing what we want to bring to the district for next panel. We are looking at our handbook and have collected a lot of information from other districts. We will be taking our District inventory in November. We have not taken an inventory for 4 years.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Don L.*: We are still discussing the possibility of a finance committee. We are in the process of planning our Unity Day. We are currently collecting questions for our district inventory.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M.*: We had a great Unity Day, with the Delegate's Report with over 40 in attendance. We also showed 2 movies that were received well, and have seemed to help stimulate renewed interest in GS. We will be starting a concept study and have had several GSR's show interest. We are excited to see how this goes.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O.*: It is quiet in the district now. A few of the officers are working with various committees to assist with the BTG Forum and our Fall Unity Day. We continue to work with our members about staying on topic with their reports. We now have available on our website a PI/CPC link.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had a great Unity Day. The carnival theme was a ton of fun. The Service tables had informative-based carnival-themed games that received a lot of attention. To help with the BTG pilot program, we had a DCM facilitate a group conscience on the motion. We also held a roundtable discussion on some inventory questions for our November meeting. Pre-Conference 2016 Assembly committee is still continuing to meet.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We are working hard on the fall assembly and the flyers are on the table. Last month we had a great presentation on the BTG motion. We are supporting AA in the Calistoga Valley Fire Evacuation Center. With a lot of

support from our local fellowship, H&I and Intergroup we were able to provide an AA table with free literature at the main center. We also helped provide supplies of books, pamphlets, Grapevines free for the taking. Daily AA meetings were also supported by both Napa and Sonoma County AA members. It was a privilege to be a part of this service. Watching one AA help another during emergencies touched me as nothing else has in a long time. I would like to thank all that were involved in this service.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We had our joint quarterly committee meeting between the chairs of GS, BTG PI/CPC and H&I. We discuss issues of overlap and common interest and promotes unity. Our local H&I will be hosting both the Annual H&I Conference and NCCAA Conference next year. Our Unity Day is in October; flyers are on the table. Our district inventory is in November and we narrowed the questions down this month to 6. We again discussed the Herbert Spencer Quote in the big book. The motion did not pass, but the group and the chair learned a lot in the process.

13 LAKE *Joseph C.*: On September 12, the outbreak of the Valley fire caused devastating damage to the small town of Cobb and major damage to Middletown. The Saturday night Kelseyville meeting had three evacuees in attendance. They had no housing, clothing excepting what they were wearing. Within 10 minutes they had multiple offers for housing and food. One member had no monies to purchase pet food, and within 10 minutes had over \$200, with no discussion as to ever having to repay. Districts 11 and 12 opened an AA table at the major evacuation centers in the Calistoga Fairgrounds and provided literature, love and support as well as daily meetings. The AA community stepped up and lived the Responsibility Statement. The past 2 weeks have seen a plethora of rumors and stories. Now that the smoke has cleared, the DCM for South Lake County, Kelly N. and myself will endeavor to visit every meeting to ascertain what their true needs may be. I will share the information with all DCMC and Area Officers via email. The job of rebuilding meetings and caring for our AA members is just beginning and will take several years. On behalf of all of District 13 I wish to thank everyone for the tremendous support that has been given in this very trying time.

14 MENDOCINO *Mark D.*: We have a new PI/CPC chair. Great Area Officer Report on the Motions process at our Ft. Bragg District Meeting. Mendocino Coast has offered to host the next CNCA mailing party.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We met in Crescent City this month. Attendance is low but participation is heartfelt. We had a great presentation on inventories. Our next meeting will be business and inventory. We continue to support one Spanish meeting that currently has no participants at this time, but the rent is paid and doors are open.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: We are continuing working on visiting our groups. We continue having our service manual study meeting with the district officers and GSR's. District 16 celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 29. Thanks to the Area Officer for the great presentations.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: Sub District 01 meeting we made the agenda to visit groups at Santa Clara. We held a study meeting for the service manual. District officers visited a group in San Mateo. We also attended a group invitation to

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share on GSO's structure. We attended GS workshop with Area 5 and 93 in LA. 5 district officers and 3 GSR's attended.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We will be hosting the next inter-districtal meeting in November. Flyers will be available next month at the ACM. We attended District 10's Unity Day and also participated with Unity Day in Sebastopol. We have the agenda ready for the Al-Anon convention in Concord on Nov. 6-8. We elected a special events coordinator and intergroup liaison. We are discussing modifications to the district guidelines. We are planning our district inventory. We are also having discussions about having an "I & T" committee for our meetings. We celebrated the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at our district.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We are visiting and attending group invitations. We discussed the financial support to our archives committee and it passed. Our PI committee had a table at the Watsonville Placida and also at the high school in Santa Cruz. We also handed out to GSRs forms to sponsor inmates; a lot of members were interested.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We are working on the planning of our 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Flyers are on the table in both English and Spanish. Our area officer spoke to the district about the importance of voting and attending assemblies. All our committees in the district are working.

### **Area Sub-Committees**

ARCHIVES *Paul W.*: We inventoried books at our last work day. We have Grapevines from the 1940's forward. We are currently in 1991. Our next working Archives day will be October 17<sup>th</sup>, in Walnut Creek. We set up our new work area and did some deep cleaning to start getting archives ready for the National Archives Workshop next year. Peter M. told us that at the NCCAA is collecting copies of the "Good News." If you have any old copies please let us know.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: Total presentations given 36, requests for contacts 195, total districts reporting 9. Last month I reported a need for 19 Spanish speaking men for GSO Corrections Correspondence program. This request has been met by CNCA. BTG forum will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, hosted by District 90. Flyers are on the table, and more are available if needed. Presentations will include the history of BTG and presentations from H&I and PI/CPC. The motion for the pilot program is on the agenda. The link has been provided to CNCA last month but we have brought hard copies of the information if anyone needs them.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We have agreed on revisions of the Reimbursement Guidelines and will be presenting the new proposal to the ACM in October. Budget process for 2016 is near completion and that proposed budget will be presented to you in November as planned. Our treasurer will be implementing the transition to our new online bookkeeping program next month. We are slightly ahead on contributions thus far this year and greatly appreciate the generous support from the groups and districts.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: We have 2 members of the committee that will participate at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual BTG Forum. Their topics will be "What is PI/CPC and their Primary Goal" and "PI/CPC in cooperation with BTG and H&I." Last month I made a motion to purchase a new DVD TV. This equipment is now available for you at events for PI/CPC displays. Please con-

tact me as soon as possible to make arrangements to obtain the equipment. Last month I gave a presentation on Anonymity. I noticed some members have a misunderstanding of Anonymity and its importance. Particularly when it comes to the Internet. I will be starting next month in my PI/CPC report, "Anonymity with Phil." Next month we will hear a presentation on "CPC Guidelines" at our monthly committee meeting. All are welcome.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: The National AA Technology workshop is next week, Oct. 2-4. We are working as a committee on our inventory.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N.*: We discussed the interpretation needs of the area and where we can serve. One of our interpreters stepped down and I want to thank Tony A. for stepping into translation. We are working on English/Spanish glossary in conjunction with our professional interpreters to better serve. The translation part of our committee has been busy translating our usual documents/agendas and minutes with a few extra requests. As a committee we have decided to try to provide radios at the upcoming assemblies for our members.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.*: We mailed 951 bulk and 41 first class Comments this month. This is a reduction in the totals with the help of the Area Register. Our next meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Evergreen Methodist Church in Fort Bragg, hosted by the Coast, District 14.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.*: We mailed 200 copies and sent out 196. The first half of the Assembly minutes are included. Second half will be next month.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Claudia N.*: This month we had presentation on "Inventory Process." Many different ideas were given to help the groups participate. How to create/encourage participation – about the pamphlets to gather questions from as well as the traditions checklist and concept checklist. We also talked about not forgetting the follow up on inventory and implementation of the solutions that come out. Next month, How to teach your GSR's about the Concepts."

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.*: We talked about what we could do to win the Grapevine/ La Viña challenge. Having workshops/ display boards/sharing on the impact the GV/LV have had in your life.// Gift Certificates// Make it personal// Check with H&I to see if they have a need, or how we can help.

NCCAA *Shaun G, NCCAA Chair*: After my election, I selected officers to share in the vision of NCCAA to 33 have fresh ideas to our future, knowledge of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, and experience in all service entities of AA. We now have a liaison from Al-Anon and the Spanish community. We are working on translation and ASL in our main conference room. We are working on reaching out to the deaf and hearing impaired community. CNCA and CNIA will be helping at our inventory soon. The questions have been published on our website, and please forward any personal information with your area officers for input. There is a lack of participation in both attendance and future conference bids by many counties and cities in Northern California. We are trying new ideas to reach out to these counties. In the back is a map that shows all the cities that have hosted an NCCAA conference since Oakland in 1948. We have 2

## Balance Sheet August 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of August 31, 2015

	Aug 31, 15	Aug 31, 14	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	14,426.78	16,215.67	-1,788.89	(11.03%)
B of A Savings	9,194.86	9,485.16	-290.30	(3.06%)
Total Checking/Savings	<u>23,621.64</u>	<u>25,700.83</u>	-2,079.19	(8.09%)
Other Current Assets				
Assembly Deposits	1,800.00	1,402.35	397.65	28.36%
BTG		124.00	-124.00	(100.0%)
CNCA Comments		427.98	-427.98	(100.0%)
1499 - Undeposited Funds		542.40	-542.40	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>2,496.73</u>	-696.73	(27.91%)
Total Current Assets	<u>25,421.64</u>	<u>28,197.56</u>	-2,775.92	(9.85%)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>25,421.64</u>	<u>28,197.56</u>	-2,775.92	(9.85%)
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Equity				
3900 - Operating Funds - Adjusted	14,883.98	18,634.13	-3,750.15	(20.13%)
Prudent Reserve	9,194.86	9,485.16	-290.30	(3.06%)
Net Income	1,342.80	78.27	1,264.53	1,615.6%
Total Equity	<u>25,421.64</u>	<u>28,197.56</u>	-2,775.92	(9.85%)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>25,421.64</u>	<u>28,197.56</u>	-2,775.92	(9.85%)

## Expense Report August 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through August 2015

	Jan - Aug 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Assembly Contributions	6,089.00	6,200.00	-111.00	98.21%
Group Contributions	57,849.26	56,000.00	1,849.26	103.3%
District Contributions	11,228.86	5,000.00	6,228.86	224.58%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	2,449.00	2,200.00	249.00	111.32%
H & I Archives Rent		300.00	-300.00	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	42.00	30.00	12.00	140.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,240.16	950.00	290.16	130.54%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	3.47	4.40	-0.93	78.86%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>78,901.75</b>	<b>70,684.40</b>	<b>8,217.35</b>	<b>111.63%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>78,901.75</b>	<b>70,684.40</b>	<b>8,217.35</b>	<b>111.63%</b>
Expense				
Delegate Expense	5,850.54	4,429.00	1,421.54	132.1%
Officer Expense	24,342.07	19,609.54	4,732.53	124.13%
Committee Expense	18,791.51	17,902.32	889.19	104.97%
General Expense	28,853.72	34,548.82	-5,695.10	83.52%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>77,837.84</b>	<b>76,489.68</b>	<b>1,348.16</b>	<b>101.76%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,063.91</b>	<b>-5,805.28</b>	<b>6,869.19</b>	<b>(18.33%)</b>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Refunds/Rebates	278.89			
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>278.89</b>			
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>278.89</b>			
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,342.80</b>	<b>-5,805.28</b>	<b>7,148.08</b>	<b>(23.13%)</b>

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Central Offices represented and 26 of the 48 counties within NCCAA. Each group is entitled to two members for representation of their group. We should have over 6000 delegates, but at our conference we currently average 65-80. With the cost of our hotels increasing tremendously, this is adding to the cost of our conferences. We can no longer afford most of the sites we have enjoyed in the past 20-30 years. We would like to go to the southern areas, but there is no representation from those areas. From Mendocino up to Weed we have no representation either. Anyone can bid for a conference, and the procedures are on our website. We are reaching out to the YPAA's to encourage participation. We have overhauled the web site to make it more navigation friendly. Our inventory in Fresno will give NCCAA new ideas for our conference. My vision is that one day soon we will have an AI-Anon speaker, Spanish speaker, and an ASL speaker in the main room. NCCAA's history in Northern California AA runs deep, from Bill W. being our first speaker to the election of the first delegate for Northern California. Your participation is vital to the future of carrying the message through the conference process.

H&I *Diane O.*: I will be continuing to be the GS Liaison. October 11 we will have our GCM and will be taking a final vote for the approval of our new Pink Pamphlet and will be approving a new panel of steering committee officers appointed by our new general chairperson Karen C..

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

### Area Business:

#### Presentation of New Business:

##### Motion:

***That all business in CNCA be decided by 2/3 substantial unanimity, except on those rare occasions when a matter is of such urgency that a decision should be made at once.*** Presented by Jennifer B.:

Motion was seconded by member of committee.

The intent of the motion is that we decide all business by a 2/3 substantial unanimity. I did say all business, not motions, because I want to include all business, assembly bids, and decisions of whether to send a motion to the assembly or keep at ACM; not just motions but all decisions. The reason that I said rare occasions, is because I wanted to be sure that if we need to make a decision right away that we would not have to wait for substantial unanimity. This would probably not happen at an assembly, but we may need to make a decision right away at the ACM that way time sensitive. The idea being that that is what they do at the conference. This is part of Warranty 4, where I got some of the language. There is nothing to fear about deciding everything by substantial unanimity.

**Questions:** When you say all business are you saying that there would no longer be HK motions? No HK motions are not voted on, they are for objections only, so that would not apply. // Are you including Assembly Bids? Yes, if we had 2 bids for the same assembly we would have substantial unanimity on the one chosen.// My understanding is we now take a vote on whether we want a simple majority or substantial unanimity. If this motion passed we would no longer make that decision, we would be forced to have substantial unanimity.// How would it be determined about the rare occasions?// Anything that is time sensitive, something that

needs to be done before the next meeting. I believe our chair would be able to determine this.// Do any other areas do this? I don't know, but this is how business is done at the GS Conference.// Have you researched the motions book to find out how if there are any motions that dictate how we vote presently.// No I did not.// Has any consideration been given to having this as a discussion topic or an inventory question? Why does there seem to be an urgency around this.// No this is no urgency. I saw this as a discussion topic, but I see no reason why we can't discuss as a motion.

>>Committee agreed motion should be Committee business.

**\*\*This motion will be New Business at the next Committee Meeting\*\***

### Old Business:

#### Motion:

**That BTG Committee implement a pilot program offering short term correspondence with certain prison inmates, similar to 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. The results of the pilot program will be shared with ACM before consideration as a permanent program."**

**Discussion:** Four Group consciences received by our District and all 4 are in favor of this program.// Our District is in favor of this motion, but groups wanted to be sure there was security. Our District generally is in favor of this motion. We did want more information for the guidelines and how they would be implementing them.// If this is a pilot program, and we don't try this, we are running away from our responsibility statement of being there for people that reach out.// I have asked some other areas with the success that they have had with this issue. The general answer was it helps. The answer for problems was they had no problems, only success stories. This motion is about helping people. The wording may not be perfect, but this is a pilot program and if it does not work or it does work, we can discuss this in 6 months.// The difference between this program and the GSO program is that these people are within our area and not the guidelines that GSO has of 2 states difference, and the 6 month time line. Our discussion at district was about the safety of the members that are volunteering.// This motion states that the pilot program is evaluated after 6 months, and will continue until the evaluation is completed and the area decides what would happen. Does it just stop after 6 months? Does it continue until the area decides something.// I learned that fear will keep me stuck. If we don't do something here is this fear? While I was visiting someone she was picking up the mail for her district for this program. She had nothing to say that was negative and only positive feedback was given. It has been especially helpful.// Our committee has decide to give a monthly report to the area about how many people have asked for this help and how many people are involved. The committee will also discuss this on a monthly basis as to whether to continue or not. I would bring the committee conscience to the ACM and we would have to make a decision as to whether to continue or not. As for the 6 months deadline, we would continue with the people we are currently helping but not start any new correspondence.// Can you



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please explain any geographic guidelines you have put in place.// There is none at this point. Most volunteers are from Contra Costa County at this point. We would use the PO Box as the buffer. Many areas are using this also, and it has established this barrier. Anyone that volunteers for this service, would be given the guidelines and follow the guidelines and follow the program, and protect yourself as much as you feel to.// I like the PO Box as security. There was some discussion about the people meeting these people and taking them to meetings. Is this part of this program? That is not clear yet. Someone may be corresponding in Contra Costa with someone in Lake County. Would it be the same person, we have not gotten that far. It would be a discussion for each correspondence.// Many of the correspondences are from San Quentin. We have no doubt that if it continues we would be getting more from other institutions. Many of the inmates are looking for outpatient programs. Many of the programs are in SF now, maybe we should not look for volunteers in SF. The guidelines state that as soon as a release date is known, the BTG committee be advised so a connection can be made with the inmate. The guidelines show that if you as a volunteer meet the inmate, that it be treated as any other 12 step call and take someone with you.// Are these requests coming from institutions or inmates? Are the institutions for this?// The institutions are in favor of this but have not asked directly. They are currently accepting correspondence from BTG.// There are not many people in my district that are available to volunteer for this; is this going to be a problem? Do we have enough volunteers?// Our name is Alcoholics Anonymous. When I first got sober, I was able to read comments from people and never knew their names from this online group. They kept me sober until I entered my first meeting. If the volunteer remains anonymous I think more people would make themselves available. The member would always be remembered as anonymous.// Many of the inmates that are members of AA can't wait for this program. When an inmate is being less than genuine, they never show up to a meeting. The inmates that want AA show up. They are just like us.// BTG is already being used in jail. I have done a lot of 12 step calls and I don't know if they have been in jail. When I meet someone at a meeting I don't ask if they have been in jail or not. I've been in jail. There is always going to be a safety concern, there are no guarantees.// We are going to evaluate this program in 6 months, what we are going to evaluate against.// A couple of years ago we received a correspondence from an inmate in juvenile hall. I talked to delegates, young people and all kinds of questions were asked. When we contacted the kid, he was on house arrest. We stayed in contact with him for the time he was on house arrest and never heard from him again. Three months later, he realized he was this person's sponsor. We never know where our higher power will be present and use us. >>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require a 2/3rds majority to pass.

**Vote: Yes = 60 No = 2 Abstain = 0**

**Minority Opinion: None \*\*Motion <<PASSED>>\*\***

**Discussion Topic:**

Self-Support Presentation: What is the actual shortfall at

GSO, and what are we doing with our extra monies in this area. What can we do to encourage groups to contribute?// I attended a business meeting recently, and we were having a discussion about making the rent. We found out in the discussion that we have not contributed to any service entity in years. We will be sending \$1.00 to every entity, which will not really help, but it does make us feel part of the process.// We changed the script at our home group which talked about carrying the message locally, regionally and nationally, and it sparked an interest from the members.// When I was giving my report at district, I stated that we only had 44% of the groups participating to GSO, the 2<sup>nd</sup> report showed 33%. We had a great discussion at the District. After I went home, I found out that it was a mistake. Last year was 44% and this year is 46%. I also had the experience that when I was giving a report to a district about what each member needs to contribute, after the meeting an individual came up and gave me a check to GSO for the exact amount.// At the meetings in my sub-district I will make announcements about the services all service structures provide. This helps the members know what they are supporting.// I have a friend that was a member of a group that eventually had to start announcing the amount of rent that the group paid. If you start giving the actual information the members can do the calculations themselves.// I didn't know that we accept checks here. During the presentation last month it talked about groups opening Pay Pal accounts for members. Maybe we should talk about this at our groups and look at the pros and cons. Something that is good to discuss is what the group needs and what we need to contribute to GSO. It is good to clarify what our monies are being used for. Are we spending monies for the wrong thing? Are we spending monies on parties or service? We need to remember what AA is all about.// When I am serving as secretary of my group, I always add the statement of we are self-supporting through our own contributions. I explain it is for rent, phone, NY, our District. I am so tempted to pass around a Starbuck coffee cup with it so that maybe they can put more than \$1 in the cup.// In Box 459 there is a display about where our monies go beyond the home group. Did you know that GSO responds to over 90,000 emails? You can inform your group that all these services are provided by the funds that are contributed to GSO.// I love the topic of money. Last year at the forum the GSO treasurer did a presentation and stated: tell the truth. Share stories about how this money is used and members that have benefitted from it. We need to let them know what we do with their money.// For me it is all about setting an example. At my home group, the basket went around and I put a \$1 in the basket. My sponsor asked me what I put in 1990 in the basket. My answer was \$1. I realized that expenses have gone up, and I started putting more monies in the basket.// When I think about what moves me about being self-supporting, it is all about the stories I hear. Knowing that my contribution helped make some of these things possible, I can relate more to my contribution. Discussion to continue next month.

**Presentation:** BTG Workshop, Spencer R.: I had the pleasure of attending the BTG Workshop for the area. All over the nation, BTG is called a lot of different things; we do

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### Area Committee:

#### Assembly Bids:

#### Housekeeping Motions:

#### Guidelines:

#### Presentation of New Business:

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#### New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- "That all business in CNCA be decided by 2/3 substantial unanimity except on those rare occasions when a matter is of such urgency that a decision should be made at once."

#### Discussion Topic:

- Self Support

### Area Assembly Motions

#### Housekeeping Motions:

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

### Old Business at Area Assembly:

- "That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces."
- "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."
- "That the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety."

### New Business at Area Assembly:

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things different but we are all try to do the same thing, help the suffering alcoholic. I heard a lot of stories about people helping people out of prison. There was a gentlemen that spoke that was a career criminal and wanted to change something. He connected with H&I and when released he was connected to BTG. I also talked to many people from different areas about the short term correspondence in their area, and no one expressed any concern about safety. They have guidelines for the volunteer to follow, and after that it is up to the individual. The success story is not that people stay sober, it is that we are available to the person that is asking for help. I also learned about a web site that is btgww.org. There is a lot of information about BTG and many resources available to any volunteer. On this website is also a link that allows inmates to request help. From this, their request will be forwarded to the correct area or district for contact.

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

We received a letter from GSO that showed a quarterly report that last year at this time, 45% of our groups had made contributions, but this year only 30%. This was wrong, we received a corrected letter today that showed last year 45% of the groups contributed and this year 46% have contributed.// Going through the inventory process, I would like to suggest a discussion that we talk about our inventory assembly. Maybe we could make it more like the summer assembly and break up into smaller groups, we would have a more effective assembly.// Remember your FM Radios.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Barbara S.

CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

## CNCA SUMMER ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

**CNCA SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
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### **Area Sub-Committees**

**ARCHIVES Sheri W.:** CNCA houses and displays its archives at 293 Mayhew in Walnut Creek. Monthly scheduled workdays allow access to our archives, and also opportunities for the CNCA Archives Committee to do its work. We are working on cataloging and inventorying literature in the archives collection. This has been an ongoing project. We do encourage every district to have an archivist to help with local district materials and with CNCA Archives

projects. We are looking forward to the National Archives Workshop in September in Independence, Ohio. Our CNCA will be hosting this same event in October of 2016. If you would like to help by serving on the planning committee, or in any capacity at all, please see one of us at the Archives Display table. We often provide support and materials at district fellowship events such as Unity Day. We do our best to participate in as many events as possible. Our participation and your support are important because today's events become tomorrow's history. In addition to the Archives Workdays in Walnut Creek, we do meet in Petaluma on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month from 11 AM until Noon. This is open so you are welcome to attend as a friend of Archives.

## CNCA CALENDAR

### 2015—Panel 65

**October** 24—Area Committee Mtg  
**November** 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** 3-6—PRAASA Spokane, Washington  
 26—Area Committee Mtg  
**April** 9, 10—Pre Conference Assembly  
 Marin Civic 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  
 25—Area Committee Mtg  
**July** 23—Area Committee Mtg  
**August** 6—Summer Assembly  
 Santa Cruz Fairgrounds  
 (Hosted by Districts 03 and 40)  
 27—Area Committee Mtg  
**September** 8-11 20<sup>th</sup> National AA Archives  
 Workshop in Walnut Creek  
 24—Area Committee Mtg  
 30 - Oct. 2—Pacific Regional  
 Forum in Waikola, Hawaii  
**October** 22—Area Committee Mtg  
**November** 5—Election Assembly  
 Scottish Rite Center, San Jose  
 (Hosted by District 17)  
 26—Area Committee Mtg  
**December** 17—Area Committee Mtg

## CNCA SUMMER ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

**BRIDGING THE GAP** *Kelly H.*: The National BTG Workshop is September 11-13<sup>th</sup> in Park City, Utah. Several committee members will be attending. We have also been invited to explore opportunities for 12<sup>th</sup> step work at the Dual Diagnosis meeting micro-conference Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> in Oakland, along with H & I. On September 22, two district committees and PI/CPC representatives will participate in a re-entry expo at the Alameda County Jail. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BTG Forum is Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Vacaville, hosted by District 90. We will have speaker panels on Corrections, Treatment, H & I and other topics. Your BTG committee has given 260 presentations and received 1233 contact requests so far this panel. We are looking forward to the Area's decision on our short term pilot correspondence program, and identifying decision data we will present for analysis, should the pilot program be approved.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** *Russ A.*: We are working on the 2016 Budget for Panel 66. We should have the budget completed. We are migrating the new online bookkeeping system that will allow better access to the financial records for the committee members. Minor adjustments to the financial Guidelines that we began in April have only pointed out that there are other ambiguities and inconsistencies. The committee is now in the process of addressing these issues.  
**PI/CPC:** *Phil B.*: "Doors" video is now available and has been sent out to various agencies. It is available on the Web Site. We meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in Petaluma at the ACM, at 11:00. On May 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> the Physicians Assistants Convention was held in SF. The GSO funded a booth for CPC. We had over 50 contacts from various

professional groups and individuals. The foot traffic was estimated to be 6500 people. On August 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> we will be again having a CPC booth in SF. GSO is also funding this booth. This event will be for the Association for Education and Mass Communication. Logistics have allowed us to have more volunteers to participate. I would like to thank Erin S. from District 06, San Francisco for her wonderful service in coordinating these events.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE** *Cheryl G.*: The website is using WordPress, a Content Management System for the main site and a separate installation and database of WordPress for the test site. We are continuing to look for an interactive software calendar for the main site. We have talked about using temporary Area email for Area Events and this discussion will carry over to Officers for further discussion. Our Website committee is cognizant of needing Spanish content on flyers as well as English content and would like to request mating content when the flyers are submitted.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE** *Claudia N.*: Thank you to all the Translators today at the assembly. We started off with the Pre-Conference and getting all translators in order. We have been looking at getting radios for the assembly. We also have the Delegate's report in ASL. We get many requests to translate all flyers and documents into English and Spanish. We have a team that continues to monitor the status of our equipment.

**CNCA SUMMER ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
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**Archives** Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Sheri W. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org) website. The CNCA Archives are located at 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065

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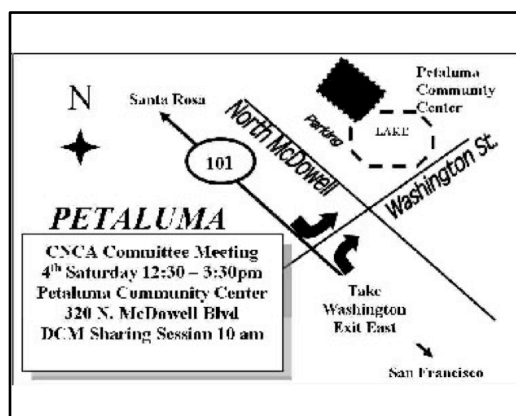
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