



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Preview of the Area Committee Meeting
December 2015

The Fall Inventory was well attended! Thank you District 11 for all your hard work to host this assembly. At this assembly we had 3 presentations of new business and one motion that was voted on and passed. That motion was "That the General Service Conference re-consider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. videos containing full faces." Our delegate will be writing a letter to the General Service Board requesting that this be considered as an Agenda Topic for a future General Service Conference.

The agenda for the Area Committee meeting was a bit light for once. The Financial Guidelines which were presented last month were objected to this month. That will be new business in December. There was a presentation of the 2016 Budget by the Finance committee. Also in December I will ask if there are any objections to the Budget. The Budget and Guidelines are treated almost like a housekeeping motion. The Chair will ask if there are any objections, and if there are none it passes. If there is an objection, the item becomes new business in the following month and there is opportunity for discussion and vote. I hope the Districts will have time to review the Budget before the next Area Committee Meeting.

We also had a housekeeping motion that was objected to and will also become new business next month. That motion was from the Web Committee and reads, "That the Website Committee replace the current, static event list on the CNCA website with an Event Calendar that has been tested on the Committee's test site."

And finally, there was a bid for the 2017 Post Conference Assembly to be held at the Lake County Fair Grounds, presented by District 13. That bid passed. Please check out the proposed dates for Panel 67 which will be listed in your CNCA Comments.

It is so hard to believe that 2015 is almost at a close. We are halfway through this panel! What a ride so far. I am wishing all of you the best this holiday season. Please remember that the December Area committee meeting will be on December 19th this month to accommodate all the holidays. I look forward to seeing you then.

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!

Happy Holidays Fellow Members,

I recently attended a District inventory and I asked the members for support on contributing ideas for the 67th 2017 General Service Conference Theme, since the due date is December 15 2015, and I am very thankful that there were about 12 suggestions and after a very long loving discussion they were down to 2 themes (1: "The Three Legacies, Commitment in Action") and (2: "36 Principles of A.A., Rescuing Lives and Giving Life"). Also on November 15th I attended the first Grapevine & La Viña workshop. I was very impressed on how well informed the members of the hosting committee were. I hope that other districts make themselves available to host a workshop as well.

I'm on my way to Phoenix, Arizona to attend a pass it on and a workshop for La Viña 20th Anniversary. I felt very honored when they extended me the invitation and gave me the opportunity to share the experience, strength and hope when we hosted it in our Area.

On Christmas December 25th 1923, *Bill W. vows in the family Bible that he will not drink for one year.*

Also on December 1934 Bill W. *had a "Spiritual awakening" experience at Towns Hospital.* And on December 1970 he gave us a Christmas Message. *Gratitude is just about the finest attribute we can have, and how deeply we of AA count and ponder our blessings of life, of service, of love.*

In these distraught times, we have been enabled to find an always increasing measure of peace within ourselves. Together with all here at AA's General Service Offices, Lois joins me in warmest greetings to each and all of you, and we share our confident faith that the year to come will be counted among the best that our Fellowship has ever known.

Thank you for all of those who are purchasing gift certificates for the alcoholic in need and helping to carry the message. The guidelines to give a gift subscription are 1. Purchase a Subscription Gift Certificate. 2. Give the Certificate to your Delegate. 3. That's it! Your delegate will forward the Certificate to local service committees for distribution to: Corrections Facilities, Treatment Centers, Doctors' offices, Nursing homes, Homebound members, Libraries and more -- this is 12 Step work in action.

Wish you all have a Joyous Holiday Season with all your loved ones.

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

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2015

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held November 28, 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 Kathleen of District 70. Judy of District 13 read Tradition 11 and Candida of District 15 read Concept 11. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), David N. (Panel 59), and current non-trustee Director of the AAWS Board of Directors. There were 3 GSRs present and 3 new DCMs present. The October minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 117/9.

Registered attendance: Voting= 55, Non-voting= 32.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE Raymundo L.: We attended the NCCAA Conference in Fresno and were able to facilitate the Inventory. We also were to count the ballots for the Election Assembly for CNIA, and the new Delegate for Area 07 is Vicky R. and the Alternate is Michael K. I have already had a conference call on the 20th with the Grapevine Board. We are getting ready for the 66th Conference. The Theme is "Our Spiritual Way of Life, Steps, Traditions and Concepts." Every year we review the Grapevine Workbook and I would like to get some feedback from you to take to the Conference. I am waiting to see if this will be available in Spanish as well. I am working on the final details on the proposal that I'll be sending to the Conference Coordinator about the motion we passed, "That the General Service Conference reconsider the Panel 61 Public Information Advisory Action regarding A.A. Videos containing full faces." Thank you for all the past Delegates and everyone else for their support. I still have Conference Reports in English and Spanish.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Phil B.: Thank you District 11, Napa and all that participated at the fall Inventory Assembly. I enjoyed the process and am looking forward to going through the notes when available.

AREA CHAIR Joann L.: Please let me know if your District will need a visiting area officer for your meeting in December.

TREASURER Teddy BW: We received \$11,910.42 in revenue this month including \$1,700 received at the Fall Assembly. I have written checks this month for \$8,239.46 which includes our renewal of our insurance. This leaves us with \$10,191.22 in the bank. I expect to write \$500 in checks today leaving us with around \$9700 in the bank plus \$9,194.39 in prudent reserve. Now that we are in November I have decided to implement the accounting software switch on December 31. That way we will not have a split year using two different systems. Q. Do we or when will we forward any of our excess funds over our prudent reserve? A. We have \$10,000 in bank account and there is no motion the area has as to what to do with excess funds at the end of year, but I do want to remind the committee that we do have some high expenses that will be coming due at the beginning of the year.

REGISTRAR Ray W.: Fall Assembly totals were 344 in attendance, 239 voting members. There was some confusion on the voting members at the assembly. The voting members are: DCMC's and DCM's or their alternate if they are not present, GSR's or alternates if not present, & Area Officers.

RECORDING SECRETARY Barbara S.: Thank you to all the committee chairs for getting me their quarterly reports

early. Also thank you to Doug for taking minutes during the inventory so I was able to participate.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Michael Q.: There are copies of the proposed P-67 assembly dates on the table. We have a bid today for the 2017 Post-Conference. There are 7 remaining assemblies open for bid. Please talk to your districts about hosting an assembly. It is a great legacy to pass on to the next panel. Thank you to District 11 and District 18 for a great Inventory Assembly. They were unable to get early entry on Friday so volunteers showed up at 6 AM and all plans were right out the window and we did a grand scramble to get it set up.

LITERATURE/GV/LV Agustin L.: The "Man on the Bed" poster is available on November 30th. It has been newly restored. 22 days are still left on the GV/LV challenge. GV has holiday gifts available and free shipping from 11/1 to 12/31. Stories for the Grapevine are "Fun in Sobriety" due January 5, and Annual Prison issue due Feb 5. For *La Viña*, AA in Prisons is due Jan. 4.

District Reports

01 MONTEREY *Kirk P.:* No Report

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Eliyah H.:* We discussed our District's motion to move the location of our meetings. We decided to send out a notice to all of our GSR's to encourage them to attend our Dec. meeting to vote on this motion. We are formulating questions for a district inventory in January.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Murias O.:* We completed our District inventory and completed all 6 questions thanks to our visiting area officer.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L.:* After review of some suggestions from our inventory, our District will start a newsletter in January. We will also be spending more time on GSR participation. We passed two motions: one was to have a District Banner created to be used at District Events, and the other was to have our Agenda Topic Workshop recorded for archival reasons. It will also be made available to GSR's that were unable to attend. We also elected a new DCM for Cupertino and a temporary Secretary Workshop Coordinator. Next month we will have our annual Potluck.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H.:* We elected our new Alt DCMC Cory H. Our old Alt moved to a different state. Thanks to the Area officer for facilitating the elections. We also elected two new DCM's and had our District Inventory, which had great participation from all our members. We will be doing our District Officers Inventory in December.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.:* Everything is going well. We passed our District Budget and had our District Inventory. There was great participation by all the GSR's. We will use that input to make constructive changes going forward.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.:* We did our District inventory and with the size of the meeting we broke up into 3 groups and had a list of 16 questions. Each group picked a question out of the hat each time they were finished with a question. Next we will be looking to see if any action items result from the discussion and how to approach them. We received a lot of help from other districts and past General Service trusted servants. We also passed our 2016 Budget.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.:* We have met twice since last report. In October the district decided to take its inventory. We had one question: "What are we doing to attract new

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

GSRs"? Next month we will have no business meeting; we will be having a potluck and speaker meeting
70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We held our District Inventory and got through 5 questions in a round table fashion which gave all members the opportunity to participate. Wonderful facilitation and notes, looking forward to working with District members to determine which actions will be taken. December's Meeting is the Third Monday and we are having a potluck. All are invited.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had a presentation on the General Service Conference and the Conference Report. Our treasurer did a presentation on our District's projections for 2016. We will hold our District Inventory in December after our Holiday potluck.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Claudia N.*: We are working on our Inter District workshop. We are working on the agenda and will have flyers available next month. We are working on a District website through our local intergroup.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Sylvia F.*: We are in a little finance trouble. Our contributions are down by about 30% and we have more DCM's this panel which has increased our travel expenses. We are working on getting the word out through our GSR's to the groups to let them know. Discussing ways to get more contributions. We had good participation at the Fall Inventory Assembly: 10 GSR's, DCMs and a visitor.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had a GV workshop this month. We held district and officers inventory. We have received all the tubs that hold all the Area Assembly materials and will be sorting soon and getting organized. We have started making announcements that for groups that have GSR's and Alternates, that maybe the alternate can step up to GSR and the GSR can become a DCM for one of our 4 open sub-districts.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We spent most of the meeting finalizing the plans for the Inventory Assembly. We are busy supporting the local intergroup as they focus on the holiday al-cathons. At our last meeting we had a presentation on how the inventory process works and how the area follows through on the responses.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We held our District and Officer's inventory. There is always room for improvement and we will continue talking about a few things in the months to come. Overall we seem to be doing well. Access Sonoma County, a sub-committee is putting on another workshop focusing on alcoholism and mental health issues in January. Flyers on the table.

13 LAKE *Mary Ellen R.*: We will be having a potluck in December in place of our District meeting. We will be presenting a bid for the post-conference assembly in 2017 today. We received a generous contribution from Santa Rosa's groups to help replace AA literature for members who lost their homes during the Valley Fire. There is a greater need than there is money but we will do what we can to help out. The outpouring of volunteerism during the disaster has been huge. Words cannot describe how amazing the donations have been

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We have finalized our financial guidelines and are working on a budget for 2016. We will be holding a Secretaries Workshop at the Coast in December.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We held our inventory last month along with our normal business meeting.

We have 58 meetings with 14 GSR's. We are going to find out when our local groups' business meetings are to encourage participation in GS. We will be having a GSR orientation in January and are looking forward to PRAASA.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: Went to assembly and thank you District 11. We participated in District 20's Anniversary. We are working on our budget for 2016. Our intergroup is working on a dinner and dance for their anniversary and we are also working on our own anniversary.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We participated in District 20's anniversary. We have been visiting the groups with no GSR's. We had our inventory on November 22.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We did our inventory this month and we approved the district to purchase translation equipment for District events. We hosted the last inter-district meeting in November. We had two new GSR's at the inventory assembly. We have formed a women's group and they will register soon.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: The district will be doing its inventory in December. The District did a presentation on AA for a group that was for people over 55. We answered some questions from the members.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: We did our District's inventory this month. We passed a motion to reimburse the DCM for assembly travel over 125 miles. We also had our 4th Anniversary.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: Our last workday was productive. We discussed doing a group inventory which we will be doing in January. We are hosting our 2nd Biennial Archives Workshop Day on 12/12/15 at 193 Mayhew Way in Walnut Creek. Flyers are on the table. This is not the same as our Open House, the focus will be on the practical aspects of Archiving.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Kelly H.*: 24 presentations and 98 requests were received this month, with 8 Districts reporting. We will be taking our committee inventory in January and are selecting questions. There will be an orientation on 12/19 @ 11-12 for volunteers for the short term correspondence pilot program. The pilot program received a request from a female inmate at a facility. Our correspondence secretary sent a written letter inquiring if she would like to take a place in the pilot program. She has a release date in March.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We have completed the proposed Budget for 2016. We did not have much to do in committee today and discussed how our committee would run things if we were in charge, but we are not. We are grateful we are able to serve the area as trusted servants on the Finance Committee.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: The Panel 61 Full Face motion to reconsider, made by the Area PI/CPC committee of Panel 63 passed at the Fall Assembly. A letter on the Area's behalf will be written by our Delegate and sent to GSO. There it will get passed on to the appropriate committee and determined what action will be taken if any. I would like to thank the members who served on Panel 63 for their participation. This month's topic was "Mechanics you go through for the presentation" or "How to get an AA meeting within a law enforcement facility using PI/CPC."

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G.*: Today we covered

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technology, server issues and databases. Don Z. and Murias O. with technical knowledge and skills not held by our editors. The website committee is installing an Event Calendar on the website. You will be able to view more information about each event and event locations. Juan and I are happy to show you the calendar and answer any of your questions.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE
Chris H.: We translated 3 documents this month and will be getting new ear plugs for our radios. We are looking at selling and lending radio equipment at the assemblies. This will probably be accomplished on an informal basis. We will probably also be making fresh batteries available at the assemblies.

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T.:* 991 comments were mailed out on November 6th, 948 bulk and 43 First Class. Our last mailing party had 14 people participating. Next meeting Dec. 10 @ 8:15 p.m. at the Ukiah Fellowship Group.

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R.:* 194 sent out as hard copies and were sent out on time.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Linda T.:* Today we had a presentation on how to read the Conference Report. We continued with some Q and A on the Conference Process and had discussions on how to get people interested. Next month we will do a pro and con on the motion to increase Area Officer Eligibility.

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L.:* We had a presentation on "How to Stay Sober during the Holidays". Next month "The Gift of Service." We also elected a new Liaison for the 20th Anniversary of LV. We elected Joshua H..

NCCAA *Diane O.:* We had a great conference in Fresno and did a great job doing the inventory. All the speakers were focused on service. Next conference is in San Ramon on March 18-20, 2016.

H&I *Diane O.:* The new Pink (Procedure and Policy) Pamphlets are coming off the press. Our next conference will be held in Santa Rosa on April 29 – May 1, 2016. Our steering committee will be in Sacramento on Jan. 9, 2016.

YPAA REPORT: No Report

LA VINA ANNIVERSARY *Joshua H.:* I will be the liason next year for the anniversary that will be held in Arizona Area 03. There is a full steering committee that has been put in place already. The pass it on will be held Dec. 5th in Arizona. I will be there and will be bringing back more information.

Housekeeping Motions:

"That the Website Committee replace the current, static event list on the CNCA website with an Event Calendar that has been tested on the Committee's test site." Presented by the Web Committee.

Q. Is the intention to have the current calendar on the testsite.cnca06.org to replace the current calendar on CNCA06.org website? A. Yes, the calendar on the test site is using the same software that would be used on the main site.

The motion was objected to by a member of the committee. Motion will be moved to New Business next month.

Guidelines: Updates for the Financial Guidelines:

There are two minor working changes that we have made to the guidelines. The first is that we eliminated the word "sub" from paragraph 1.3 line 2 in front of the word committee. It

now reads traveling to the committee. The second change is on behalf of the archives committee: we listed the special events as, open house and workshop days, btg forum on paragraph 1.3, Paragraph 3 line 3. And the third change is at the end of paragraph 1.3, paragraph 3 there was actually a motion to have the archives chair to be reimbursed to the monthly archives work day so we have added that motion number of 0311-1 instead of officers or committee recommendations.

Q. On Item 2 for increasing the amounts of lodging and meals. Why was the motion withdrawn and now in the guidelines? A. That motion did not include some information in regards to mileage and distance traveled. We wanted to clarify and pin down the issues. While it is still giving credence to the officers' concerns that they were beginning to tired, that was one of the issues we wanted to go through.

There was an objection from the committee on the guidelines.

Moved to New business next month.

Presentation of the 2016 Budget: The process began in May and we have had back and forth between committees and it has been reviewed by the Officers. It is not the purpose of the finance committee to make any policy to the budget but to process the requests for the services we are to fund. On line 196 we are projecting a deficit budget, which has been the case for a few years. The deficit budget that we are showing is 10.5% of our overall expenditure budget. We do have some adjustments that we can make during the year if we see that we are not receiving what has been projected. This has been the practice for a couple of years.

Q. Where is shows in column 3 2015 10/31/15, is this the spending through October or the projected through October?

A. Actual expenses. Q. On Line 192 for Contributions to GSO, we are not going to make any contributions to GSO? A. It has not been determined if we will make any contributions to GSO. It is not up to the committee to determine if we will make any contributions, it is up to the area as a whole to determine that. Q. Have we sent monies in the past? A. Yes we have sent monies in the past, but it has been awhile.

Q. On lines 39 through 47 for officers travel, is that based on where the officers live? A. Yes. Q. Line 103 for Archives for 2015 through 10/31/15 there is \$1502 and no budgeted amount. What was that? A. That was the computer, desk and vacuum. Q. Line 47, the \$17000 does that show the change that was just proposed in the Guidelines? A. No it is not adjusted. The proposed changes to the guidelines only represent one half of one percent of the total budget. Q. Line 164 what is the spike in expenses? A. The Assembly in Marin. Q. How many times have we actually overdrawn on expenses at the end of a year? A. Once in 2008; in 2007 we were a couple of dollars overdrawn for the year. Q. So you are predicting a loss from an income/expense perspective, but from a cash flow perspective, do you have a sense of how much money we will be bringing in from the end of this period? A. We had 15-16 K at the beginning of this year and we will have between 10-11 K at the end of the year. That is a reflection of some expenses that were not in the budget, the computers and two special trips that were not in the budget. Our cash flow has stayed good throughout the year. We

Balance Sheet October 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of October 31, 2015

	Oct 31, 15	Oct 31, 14	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
B of A Checking	10,997.31	12,003.77	-1,006.46	(8.39%)
B of A Savings	9,194.86	9,485.16	-290.30	(3.06%)
Total Checking/Savings	<u>20,192.17</u>	<u>21,488.93</u>	<u>-1,296.76</u>	<u>(6.04%)</u>
Other Current Assets				
Assembly Deposits	3,615.00	-315.09	3,930.09	(1,247.29%)
BTG		124.00	-124.00	(100.0%)
CNCA Comments		427.98	-427.98	(100.0%)
1499 - Undeposited Funds		1,098.78	-1,098.78	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Assets	<u>3,615.00</u>	<u>1,335.67</u>	<u>2,279.33</u>	<u>170.65%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>23,807.17</u>	<u>22,824.60</u>	<u>982.57</u>	<u>4.31%</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
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	-271.67	-5,294.69	5,023.02	(94.87%)
Total Equity	<u>23,807.17</u>	<u>22,824.60</u>	<u>982.57</u>	<u>4.31%</u>
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Expense Report October 2015

California Northern Coastal Area

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through October 2015

	Jan - Oct 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Assembly Contributions	6,089.00	6,200.00	-111.00	98.21%
Group Contributions	70,455.98	68,000.00	2,455.98	103.61%
District Contributions	11,874.86	6,000.00	5,874.86	197.91%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	3,110.00	2,700.00	410.00	115.19%
H & I Archives Rent	500.00	400.00	100.00	125.0%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	48.00	30.00	18.00	160.0%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,372.66	1,050.00	322.66	130.73%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	3.70	5.60	-1.90	66.07%
Total Income	<u>93,454.20</u>	<u>84,385.60</u>	<u>9,068.60</u>	<u>110.75%</u>
Gross Profit	93,454.20	84,385.60	9,068.60	110.75%
Expense				
Delegate Expense	6,611.97	5,469.00	1,142.97	120.9%
Officer Expense	29,628.51	23,315.02	6,313.49	127.08%
Committee Expense	24,097.11	24,717.66	-620.55	97.49%
General Expense	<u>33,757.86</u>	<u>36,756.16</u>	<u>-2,998.30</u>	<u>91.84%</u>
Total Expense	<u>94,095.45</u>	<u>90,257.84</u>	<u>3,837.61</u>	<u>104.25%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-641.25	-5,872.24	5,230.99	10.92%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Refunds/Rebates	<u>369.58</u>			
Total Other Income	<u>369.58</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>369.58</u>			
Net Income	<u><u>-271.67</u></u>	<u><u>-5,872.24</u></u>	<u><u>5,600.57</u></u>	<u><u>4.63%</u></u>

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have been in a good cash position all year long. We don't anticipate drawing down into the prudent reserve even though most of our major expenses are front loaded and will happen at the beginning of the year. Q. So this budget does not show any carry over of cash from this year, so if we have 10K left at the end of this year, the deficit showing will be 10K less? A. Yes this is just a reflection of what we expect to receive and spend in the year. It does not affect the cash position of the area.

We will vote next month on this.

Assembly Bids:

District 13 bid for the Post Conference Assembly on 5/13/17 at Lake County Fairgrounds. Total bid cost \$3820.00. Q. You have -0- down for early entry, are we going to be able to get in early? A. Yes. Q. Is it ADA accessible including the bathrooms? A. Yes. Q. Does the stage include a podium? A. No we will provide the podium. Q. How is the sound in the room? A. It is perfect. The room is smaller and it is a better site then the bid we did before. Q. Are there any other events going on in Lake County at that time, as far as noise and accommodations? A. No. There may be a bass tournament going on, but that I am not sure of the time of that event. Q. Will this accommodate 350 people? A. It will accommodate 500. Q. Has it been inspected by the Assembly Coordinator? A. Yes we have had assemblies at this site before. Q. Are there any races going on at the race track? A. There is nothing going on that day at the Fairgrounds. Q. Are there enough accommodations that members could stay overnight? A. Yes.

Assembly Bid was accepted by the committee.

Area Business: NONE

Discussion Topic:

Funding Assemblies:

We have this understanding at the area, we go based on price. So what that means that some Districts we only go every 6-8 years. What makes the assembly for me are people attending the assembly and participation and carrying the message. In other areas they have fees associated with the assembly for attendees. Where do we see our assemblies going, what facilities do we want to use, how many days and how will we fund our assemblies? I have had a dream that we could make our Assembly like a PRAASA where we can rent a ballroom and stay in the same hotel. I've learned more in the elevators at a PRAASA then anywhere else. In order to do this, we would have to have a discussion about how we would cover the costs for that, followed by a motion. I think the question is, "Is our assembly a service provided by the area to our members?" Some areas that charge only have an annual budget of \$15,000.00. I appreciate that our area offers this as a service. We do have buckets for members to contribute. I believe this is a service we provide and to keep the cost to the members as little as possible. We need to be careful about ways to raise money to have in grand locations. My district has trouble having an assembly with a lower costs. Our last assembly was outside our district location. Maybe when people have to register for an assembly, that makes them more aware of where and when the assembly is and encourages attendance. There is a conflict whether the area should pay for the assemblies

through group contributions or maybe the members should pay for some of the costs. I'm not sure what the answer is, but it is worth thinking about. We all just went to CNIA for an assembly that started 6:00 on Friday. Friday was the reports, Saturday they had the elections and Sunday was the business meeting. We have a problem here with having time for our business meetings at one day assemblies. We need to look into ways that we can handle our business. Maybe we need to change the election assembly into a 2 day assembly so we can finish the business of the panel. I have a concern with the Pre Conference Assembly when there is a GSR that has done all the work to get the group conscience of their group and there is no time for them to come to the microphone. Maybe we need to increase the assembly to two or three days. I think we need to come up with ways to increase the participation of the GSR's. I think this is a good discussion, how we manage our time and how to fund. Sometimes the GSR's make the assembly and then we don't have time to let them participate. I think it is a good idea to modify our approach to allow for more participation. My home group sometimes always wants to go to a place for dinner that only accepts cash. I don't always carry cash. Maybe we need to look at different ways to accept donations other than cash. When I hear about having assemblies in a ballroom, I'm going to an assembly to conduct business. I think we would be limiting the number of people that could attend, and we would not be hearing some of the voices from smaller groups.

Discussion ended.

Additional topics suggested: How do we handle business at assemblies? Last chance to talk about our 80th year.

"What's On Your Mind?"

Thank you all for participation to all that helped stuffing envelopes this year. We had a motion at the last assembly, that was passed over at the assembly because of lack of time, about group safety. A lot of the comments I hear about GSO coming up with ideas on safety. There are some ideas in the September 2013 GV "Safety in AA." You are all welcome to attend at 9:00 on the 3rd Saturday of December regarding all the information that I will receive about the LV celebration. I would like to discuss how we handle assembly business time as to new business, old business and presentation of new business. The GV is looking for stories on getting involved in GS, due by December 5, 2015. Motions hanging around for a while gives our groups more time to talk about it. I have been disturbed by the treasurer report that our contributions have been the lowest of all time. This makes me sad. Maybe instead of visiting the topic that we are in a changing world, maybe we should talk about sustaining AA. I don't want future generations not to have AA. I hope I can plant the seed of others to think about this also. The meeting was closed at 2:45pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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

DCM SHARING SESSION

CNCA 06

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

November 28, 2015

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Thank you to Nicolas for translating.

Introductions

Secretary Announcements: In December we will meet on December 19th, the third Saturday of the month due to the Christmas weekend.

Presentation: How to Read the Conference Report

Jennifer, District 10 and David W., District 09

The conference report began as the "stockholders" report at the first conference in 1951. At that point it was a stock corporation. It is now a membership corporation. Please see attached handout for full background information.

Here are some ideas on how to read the report: Please see attached handout for full information.

1. Read the back of the report first: Lists the names of the committee members, trustees, directors, etc. Know who the players are! Highlight the names of the people who are associated with your Area. People relate to people they know!
2. Cut to the Chase: Read the Conference Advisory Actions. These advisory actions are based on the Agenda items we talked about and took group consciences on during Agenda topics and prior to the pre-conference assembly.
3. Conference Opening: Keynote address
4. Finance Report: Show me the money. Where our money goes! What really happens to the money that goes in the basket.
5. Presentations Trustee committee reports
6. GSB, AAWS, Grapevine and Committee Reports
7. Area Service Highlights: Done by first year delegates only

Discussion:

- The keynote address in this year's conference report was from a rotating trustee who was very honest. Clearly lays out the challenges he sees AA facing. Social Media, Size of Membership on the decline, Litigation, etc. Highly recommend reading it.
- Per capita donations continue to decline annually
- Question on litigation: "we live in a litigious society and AA is not immune"
- When I first saw the conference report I was told to not leave it out at meetings due to the confidentiality of the report (people's full names are in there)
- Our district has a workshop and I did some topics from the conference report. This facilitated good discussion. The conference report can be a tool.
- How do you disseminate the information about the report? How do you get people to listen to it?
- I go to the results first. Groups want to see this.
- The delegates report is also great!
- Page 90, Conference committees. I thought they were

ongoing all year, but I was told that they are only active during the conference. The trustees committees do all of the work during the year.

- Page 72, No action taken? Recommendation is made? Recommendations not adopted. The verbiage is confusing. Can someone explain how to read the non-actions?
- Clarification: The committees only meet physically during the conference, but they do meet via technology. The trustees committees do the drafting. The committees do review periodically throughout the year.
- Public Information workbook is reviewed every year.
- When you go to the conference, three outcomes:
 - Conference Advisory Action. Committee approves and it goes to floor of conference and is approved or not approved.
 - No Action
 - Needs more work
- The conference can override the actions of the committees! For example the pamphlet on Spirituality.
- Accepted and not accepted.
- Finance Report (on the list is number 4). Really important. We have to show our groups how important it is to keep AA alive outside of the Group level.
- Spirituality pamphlet went on for years. Committees were reluctant. Conference kept reviving it.
- The Conference is our business meeting.
- Page 90 How do you know who is associated with Area 06? Check with your delegate or an officer... read the *CNCA Comments*.
- Some do a conference report workshop
- Read the report with your sponsor or sponsees!
- Exposure to the report at meeting level and doing presentations like this at Sub-District meetings. Get your GSR's excited and encourage them to download bits at meeting level.
- Take out excerpts and distribute at meetings without full names.
- Leave report on the literature table during the meeting and after, but do not let members take home with them. GSR keeps the copy. Make a brief announcement.
- Encourage GSRs to do sound bites

Ideas for Next Month:

- Making groups aware of the spirit of rotation
- DCM experiences visiting groups
- How does an Agenda Topic get to become an Agenda Topic

Next Month's Topic:

Pro and con on the assembly motion that CNCA expand the area officer eligibility.

Presenters: Paul and Ed, District 08

Respectfully Submitted In Love and Service,

Linda T.

Recording Secretary

DCM Sharing Session ~ Panel 65

CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS DECEMBER 2015

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

2016 Area Budget -- Presented by the Finance Committee

Presentation of New Business:

- Updates to the Financial Guidelines -- Presented by the Finance Committee.
- That the Website Committee replace the current, static event list on the CNCA website with an event Calendar that has been tested on the committee's test site.

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion Topic:

Area Assembly Motions

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

- "District 16 Spanish Central is requesting that CNCA 06 restructure District 16 by removing sub-district 02 from District 16."
- "That CNCA 06 expand the area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of Area standing committees and sub-committees who have served as a DCM and/or DCMC."
- "That the General Service Conference develop a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety."

New Business at Area Assembly:

- "That all Area business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity, usually 2/3."
- "That CNCA moves to reintroduce the following section (From page 6 of the AA Member – Medications & Other Drugs, Revised 2011 and also from the 1998 edition of Living Sober page 89) in "Appendix*" in Living Sober (2012 edition). Placement of the below text will follow the current section **Note to medical professionals** (page 90)":

"Some alcoholics require medication.

We recognize that alcoholics are not immune to other diseases. Some of us have had to cope with depressions that can be suicidal; schizophrenia that sometimes requires hospitalization; bipolar disorder, and other

mental and biological illnesses. Also among us are diabetics, epileptics, members with heart trouble, cancer, allergies, hypertension, and many other serious physical conditions. Because of the difficulties that many alcoholics have with drugs, some members have taken the position that no one in A.A. should take any medication. While this position has undoubtedly prevented relapses for some it has meant disaster for others. A.A. members and many of their physicians have described situations in which depressed patients have been told by A.A.s to throw away the pills, only to have depression return with all its difficulties, sometimes resulting in suicide. We have heard, too, from members with other conditions, including schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, epilepsy and others requiring medication, that well-meaning A.A. friends discourage them from taking any prescribed medication. Unfortunately, by following a layperson's advice, the sufferers find that their conditions can return with all their previous intensity. On top of that, they feel guilty because they are convinced that "A.A. is against pills." It becomes clear that just as it is wrong to enable or support any alcoholic to become readdicted to any drug, it's equally wrong to deprive any alcoholic of medication, which can alleviate or control other disabling physical and/or emotional problems." *Presented by District 07*

- "That the following paragraph be added to the section "How Decisions Affecting A.A. Are Made" in "The A.A. Group" pamphlet at the conclusion of the following sentence: Annually, groups from the U.S. and Canada elect delegates (serving two-year terms) from their areas to the yearly meeting of the Conference in New York -- to hear the reports of the board's committees, G.S.O. and Grapevine staffs, and to recommend future directions, mainly in the form of Advisory Actions.

"Prior to the annual General Service Conference a list of important issues to be discussed during the Conference is published and made available to each and every Group in the U.S. and Canada. Because these issues make up a part of the entire General Service Conference Agenda, they are referred to as Agenda Topics. Every Group in the U.S. and Canada has the opportunity to review, discuss, and develop an informed Group Conscience on these Agenda Topics. The Group's GSR then carries the Group's Conscience on Conference Agenda Topics to the Area's Delegate, usually at an Area Assembly prior to the General Service Conference. The Area Delegate then represents the collective conscience of the Groups in the Area at the General Service Conference on these matters vital to A.A. as a whole." Presented by District 11

CNCA CALENDAR

2015—Panel 65

December 19—Area Committee Mtg

2016—Panel 65

January 23—Area Committee Mtg
February 27—Area Committee Mtg
March 3-6—PRAASA Spokane, Wash.
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)
28—Area Committee Mtg
June 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 20th 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

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY DATES

2016 Pre-Conference Assembly
 April 9-10; Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall
 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
 Hosted by District 10
2016 Post-Conference Assembly
 May 14; 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, Scottish Rite Center, San Jose
 (Hosted by District 17)

PANEL 67 ASSEMBLY DATES

2017 Pre-conference Assembly
 April 8-9
2017 Post-conference Assembly
 May 13; Lake County Fairgrounds
 (Hosted by District 13)
2017 Summer Assembly
 August 5 or August 12
2017 Fall Inventory Assembly
 November 11
2018 Pre-conference Assembly
 April 7-8
2018 Post-conference Assembly
 May 12 or May 19
2018 Summer Assembly
 August 4 or August 11
2018 Fall Election Assembly
November 10

(Underline dates preferred)

If your District is considering making a bid for an Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Michael Q. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

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

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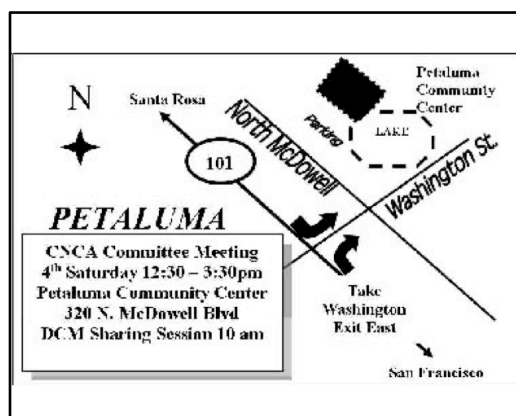
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