

## CNCA Motion –September 2016

### Area Committee:

#### Assembly Bids:

#### Housekeeping Motions:

#### Guidelines:

#### Presentation of New Business:

#### Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- That CNCA accept contributions and payments electronically.

#### New business at Area Committee Meeting:

- Time and space be provided for an accessibilities meeting prior to the Area Committee Meeting to discuss problems, successes, strategies and share experience, strength and hope.

**Discussion topic: None**

### Area Assembly Motions:

#### Housekeeping Motions:

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

#### Old Business at Area Assembly:

- “That the General Service Conference develops a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety.”
- “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 language similar be added to the section “How Decision 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*

**New Business at the Area Assembly: None**