



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Chair's Preview -- December 2016

Can you believe Panel 65 is about to come to a close. At this November Area Committee meeting we heard about the results of some of the District elections that have been going on throughout CNCA.

There was a housekeeping motion from the Finance Committee which read:

- That for clarification, the words ***"including NCCAA conferences"*** be added to Section 1.3 paragraph 3 of the CNCA Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, to read as follows: Additionally, the chairperson or a designee will be funded, per current travel reimbursement policy, to all CNCA Assemblies (0412-1) and to their Committees' special yearly events (Archives Open House and Workshops days, BTG Forum) and to meetings or events, ***including NCCAA conferences***, within the area for essential duties performed on behalf of the Area, and the Archives Chair will be funded for travel to the monthly Archives workday. (0311-1)

This motion passed without any objections. The 2017 CNCA Area Budget was presented by the Finance committee. This provoked some thoughtful questions. In December, the chair will ask if there are any objections to the budget, similar to a housekeeping motion.

There were three items of old business that were passed with substantial unanimity. These were:

- That CNCA, annually, fund a member of the Web Committee to attend the National AA Technology Workshop.
- Starting in 2017, CNCA increase the budgeted amount for the annual Delegate contribution for the General Service Conference from \$1600 to \$3500.
- At its discretion, the Finance Committee of CNCA present a housekeeping motion each year (starting in 2016) to finalize the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board in respect to the following year's General Service Conference in an amount no less than the minimum suggested by the General Service Conference and no greater than the anticipated full cost per conference member.

We approved a bid from District 18 to host the 2017 Summer Assembly at the Petaluma Community Center on August 5.

We heard a wonderful report back from Bob E. from the Web Committee about his experience at the National Alcoholics' Anonymous Technology Workshop. Next month we will hear from Murias O'C. of the Web Committee who was elected to the Steering Committee of the National Alcoholics' Anonymous Technology Workshop.

Please remember that we have not filled several commitments for the next Panel. There is a need for one of our Districts to make themselves available to make coffee at the Area Committee meeting. There is a need for a District to present a bid the CNCA Comments and take on the responsibility of being the Editor for the Comments for Panel 67. And there is a need for a District to present a bid for Comentariorios with one person who will be the Editor of the Comentariorios for Panel 67. The Area newsletter is an important tool to keep the General Service Representative informed about all the business at the Area and the upcoming events and assemblies. Please search your heart to see if you can be of service in any of these jobs. And remember – please remember to bring your AM/FM radios to all CNCA events.

In service and gratitude,

Joann L.

CNCA Area Chair Panel 65

Last Thursday I had my last Conference call with our Pacific Regional Trustee and all our Panel 65s and Panel 66s and the newly elected Panel 67s Delegates; it was a great meeting. As I was listening to all the Delegates I had the opportunity to hear Joann's participation and for me it was the confirmation of my pass it on. It is a great feeling to know that our Area is in good hands; that includes our new elected Area Officers and all our Trusted Servants of CNCA, including the Nominee for Trustee at Large and our Nominee for AAWS General Service Trustee as well. I will always be grateful for those who came before us, some of them are no longer with us, but some are still around, but all had passed the Service Legacy Torch, and all of those who made themselves available to receive it and to pass it on to the future generations that will continue reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers with this legacy of love through service.

I consider myself very fortunate, by serving on the time of the International Convention since it's one of my favorites events of AA. I will never forget the speakers. And I had the opportunity to attend the Delegates reunion a few days before the convention. Serving on the 65th and 66th General Service Conferences I had the experience of my life. There was a lot actions taken looking toward the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Conference has taught me how important is every single member of our fellowship, reminded me that it all boils down to one alcoholic talking to another. I'll like to quote the end of the keynote address from the 2015 Final Report pg 6. **"We frequently say to you at the close of each General Service Conference, "You are Now a Part of AA History." I would summit that you are also a part of AAs future. J. Gary L. Northeast Regional Trustee"**. I had a few people asked me what would be my next assignment, go back to my group or back to my family since I will have more time. My sponsor suggested me to go back to my family and home group and I will do that, but I can also say that I have been getting invitations for Grapevine/La Viña workshops, like for instance, I'll be going to Cuba in February. Akron, Ohio in June and Costa Rica in October for the REDELA, so as you can see my life is blessed. I live in the AA circle, but now on the bottom of the triangle. I will do my best to practice the role of "elder statesman." My sponsees hate it when I act as "bleeding deacon," besides I've been there, done that. So with mixed emotions I say thank you for the job of Delegate. Sometimes I am very perfectionist that I tried to do something different and I realize that I just did the best that I could. One time I heard somebody said that when you are elected a GSR you are no longer your name but the name of your group, when you are elected DCMC you are no longer your group but your District, when you are elected Delegate you are not longer your District but your Area and AA as a whole. You guys have giving me the opportunity of a life time. I never thought I could served you as your Delegate but you have giving me this amazing opportunity; in spite of my own doubts you have supported me in a way that made me believe more in myself and help me accomplish this dream. You assured me that it is true that **"the age of miracles is still with us. Our own recovery proves that"** (Big Book pg 153).

I am very grateful that I was Delegate for California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA 06).

No matter where I go, no matter what I do, you spirit will always go with me, **You have marked my heart for life.**

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 NOVEMBER 2016

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held **11/26/16** at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Brandon of District 7. Susan of District 1 read Tradition 11 and Juan of District 40 read Concept 11. There were 3 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), David N. (Panel 59), and current non trustee Director of AAWS Board, and Ken M. (Panel 61). There were 2 GSRs present and 4 new DCMs/DCMC's present. The October 2016 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 118/7.

Registered attendance: Voting= **50** Non-voting= **38**.  
Correction to March 2016 ACM Minutes are amended as follows: Quarterly Report under Web Committee should be posted as the I & T Committee.

### **Officer Reports**

DELEGATE *Raymundo L.*: Thank you everyone that participated on the recording of the Concepts. We are working currently on the editing and we should be able to complete the project by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it will be sent to the publishing department for approval. I sent last night the proposed agenda items that I received by the General Service Board. Some of them are not approved, some of them are pending and some have been approved already. As a result of the Advisory Action of the Agenda Conference Committee, the GSO now post to the Conference dashboard, and regularly update information concerning the status of all proposed Conference agenda items. We are working on the Spanish translation and I will send out as soon as ready. I also sent you the Regional Trustee Report in English and Spanish. I have been invited to Akron Ohio for Founders day for translation and La Viña workshop. I will also be going to Cuba in February to facilitate a workshop for La Viña. If you have a Daly Reflection in Spanish, let me know, I will bring as many as I can with me.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Phil B.*: Thank you District 17 for hosting a wonderful Election Assembly and to all that volunteered to make it possible. Congratulations to our new Panel 67 Delegate, Joann and to Teddy for becoming our new Alternate Delegate. Welcome and congratulations to CNCA's new Panel 67 Area Officers: Jennifer, Laura, Eric, Erica, Chris and Miguel. I am confident you will all serve CNCA well. A simple reminder to all of us that are rotating out: "Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame." (S-23 Service Manual)

AREA CHAIR *Joann L.*: If you are making yourself available for an Area Committee Position, can you please send a brief paragraph of your service history to Jennifer at [jennifercnca06@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercnca06@gmail.com) - We still need bids for the CNCA Comments and the CNCA Comentarios, plus we need a district to make themselves available for the coffee commitment at the area committee meeting. Remember the ACM is January 21, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

TREASURER *Teddy BW*: This month, we received \$13,867.44 in revenue, which includes a substantial contribution of \$4k from a District, plus the \$1,793 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition receipts at the election assembly. I have written checks this month totaling \$8,612.81, which includes \$1,676 for our general and commercial liability insurances for next year, leaving us with \$20,782 in the bank, plus our prudent reserve of \$9,195.81.

REGISTRAR *Ray W.*: The Election assembly totals were 395 total, 255 voting members and 140 non-voting. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest election assembly. In 2014 we had 407 in attendance. Please send your P67 new officer information as soon as possible, so changes can be made at GSO and the new officers will receive their information from NY as soon as possible.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S.*: No Report

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q.*: Thank you District 17 for a great Election Assembly. Everything went really smooth and the food was awesome. Congratulation to all the elected P67 Officers. I so love our 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Voting process. The area chooses well. There will be an assembly bid today for 2017 Summer Assembly that if accepted will complete our 2017 assembly agenda. 3 Assemblies are still available for bid in 2018. If anyone would like information on the bidding process, please see or contact me.

LITERATURE/GV/LV *Agustin L.*: The Navajo translation of the Big Book is in final review. Working on translation of *Experience, Strength and Hope* in Spanish. GV total subscriptions for first 9 months are 77,854 and LV 10,338. 2017 Pocket Planner and wall calendars are available at the GV website. GV is looking for stories of Diversity – did you feel different when you first got to AA (due 12/5), Dating in Sobriety – share experience on how did it go, any tips (due 1/5) LV for May-June 2017 – Women in AA, stories about Hispanic Women who recover in AA.

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

### District Reports

01 MONTEREY *Susan G.*: We held our elections, electing our DCMC and Alternate, two DCMS and Registrar, Treasurer, Literature GV/LV and Intergroup Liaison. Thank you to all the visiting officers in Panel 65 who made the long trip to Monterey every month, demonstrating the meaning of "Love in Service." Your dedication made a lasting impression on us.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Eliyah H.*: November has been busy. We held our elections and had our annual Gratitude Dinner. We will continue our elections in December. We are looking forward to continuing our growth in the next panel and continue to bring unity in our district.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Eric H.*: We held our elections in November and will continue in December to fill the remaining positions. We will also have a potluck in December.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L.*: At our last district meeting, we approved the budget for next year, passed a motion to research the possibility of hosting an assembly in 2018, and passed a long-discussed motion to limit voting eligibility in the district to district officers, DCMS, and GSRs. Up until last week, anyone who came to the district was eligible to vote. The motion passed by substantial unanimity, was resurrected after an impassioned minority opinion, discussed further, and eventually passed a second time. We also continued our elections, with two more DCMS and several liaisons to other service entities elected.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H.*: We approved our 2017 budget. Old Business at the district, that we voted on about the registered groups received an email @aa.org for communication with the GSO failed. We continued our elections and will be having a pot luck in December.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S.*: We held our elections in November and filled the majority of our positions. We will continue in December. Great team in place for next panel and there is a great deal of enthusiasm in our District. Our December meeting will be light in business as it will primarily be a pot luck celebration, with a visiting speaker from CNCA Archives Committee.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G.*: Elections continued at our last meeting. We will continue in December. Our 2017 budget was accepted, and we have set the date for

our Agenda Topic Workshop. We had a GSR report back with experience, strength and hope after returning from the Forum.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V.*: We had our elections last month. We will have a pot luck in December.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L.*: We have not had our meeting yet this month, but we will have our elections. Looking forward to scheduling my pass it on to the incoming DCMC. Something I plan to add is a section, "Things you may want to know, but didn't know to ask".

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W.*: We had a great meeting in November. We held our elections and elected most of our officers. We had our Unity Day on the 19<sup>th</sup>, great event and wonderful attendance. We will have a pot luck in December before the regular meeting where we will complete our elections.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Claudia Y.*: We held our elections for Panel 67. District 09 is hosting the 2018 Post Conference Assembly and the deposit was obtained and delivered to the Fairgrounds. We continue to work on our Budget 2017 draft. December's meeting is a pot luck.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Sylvia F.* We held our elections in November. Had discussion about having intergroup take over and manage our website. Next month will be a potluck.

10 MARIN *Chris H.*: We had our elections last month and looks like we have a great panel for Panel 67. We passed our 2017 budget. We are having a pool party and will have a pot luck in December.

11 NAPA *Mary S.*: We did not have a November meeting. We are having our elections next Saturday. We are working on a pass it on to our new officers.

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B.*: We held our elections, and will continue in December. We are getting our GSR's excited for PRAASA. We will do a HK motion to offer scholarships at our next meeting; P67 will draw names from the hat in January. Next panel is already in preliminary planning for our annual Agenda Topics Workshop on 2/18/17. Flyers will be available next month.

13 LAKE *Mary Ellen R.*: We held our elections in November. I have been elected for a full panel as DCMC again. Thank you to all the visiting officers and others I met through Area for their incredible support. We will be having a District potluck in December during our meeting.

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D.*: We began our elections and will complete next month. We want to thank all our visiting officers throughout the panel.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W.*: We will be holding another Election meeting on December 10, 2016 to fill our many vacant General Service positions at District 15. We had a good turnout at our November election meeting and we continue to address some financial considerations at District level. We want to thank our Area Officer for coming very well prepared to facilitate our Elections. We look forward to hearing from our BTG Chair at our December meeting since we've had some real progress on that service in 2 years – our District always supports the BTG Forums and thanks the Area for putting them on. We are having our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Speaker meeting hosted by the Humboldt County Intergroup on December 17, 2016. We have begun planning for our 2017 Redwood Coast Roundup in Fortuna.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M.*: Thank you District 17 for a great election assembly. We will be participating in Fresno on December 4. We participated at the Interdistrictal in Richmond with District 20 as host. We continue to visit the groups and we will be having our business meeting next month with a pot luck in December. We are also holding meetings every Wednesday at the Mexico Consulate.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C.*: We are visiting our groups this month. We had a dinner for the pre assembly dinner. We also just hosted the election assembly.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A.*: We attended the election assembly and the GSR's learned a lot. We are having our District elections in December and will be electing our officers for Panel 67. We will be making a bid for the Summer assembly for 2017. I believe that the correction has been given to you to changing the total.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M.*: We had a presentation on service and the GSR's asked a lot of questions. We held our District elections, but we still don't have a DCMC. We will continue the election process in December. We continue to visit our groups to encourage the GSR's to service.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E.*: Thank you to those that attended our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We elected our officers for Panel 67. We are going to have our pass it on in December along with pot luck.

### Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Sheri W.*: Today we elected new committee officers for Panel 67. Filled all but 2 positions. We passed a motion, "That the CNCA Archives Committee establish a training session once per quarter at the Committee workday so that the District Archivists can develop the skills needed to better serve the archival needs of their District and Area." Our open house event will be on 12/10/16 11:00 – 4:00 @ 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA. Flyers are available on the table.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B.*: 4 Districts reported with 18 presentations and 92 requests for contact. Correspondence secretary received 9 letters. We discussed where to take the short term correspondence pilot next, with input from the H & I General Chair, and to look at local jails. The first District committees to consider this will be Districts 04/40 and 12. There was also discussion of the draft modified GSO literature for AA members inside for use with the short term correspondence pilot, which is still not final. We still have two open officer positions for Panel 67. Hopefully these will be filled soon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A.*: We will present a HK motion proposing wording clarification to the guidelines. We are also presenting the proposed Budget for 2017. We have decided upon a method for accepting contributions electronically. The next finance committee will begin implementation early next panel and will likely be up and running by the pre-conference. Web committee has told us that web interface will be ready by May.

PI/CPC *Phil B.*: I have been contacted by the CPC desk at GSO and have been informed that the American Counseling Association will be meeting in San Francisco, March 16-19, 2017. AA would like to have a booth in their exhibit area for display and distribution of AA literature to attending professionals. GSO will take care of the expenses, including booth rental and furniture, which would be paid in advance. This month's meeting continued our discussion on having the GSO approve the development of a new "Full Face PSA" using actors. We reviewed PSA's that Australia has developed using actors showing full faces. We will be giving a presentation of new business next month, showing the Australia PSA's.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Don Z.*: We had a brief presentation of progress on the development version of a

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

possible new CNCA06 org website, demonstrating editing with little or no training required. Any future change to the website platform or content management, will be developed over time, cautiously and only with full approval of the ACM. Members are preparing our pass it on documentation. Robert E. gave an outstanding presentation on his experience at the National AA Technology Workshop.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE**  
*Claudia N.:* We had a great meeting today with some munchies. We said good bye to one of our members who has had over 35 years of service to this area. We had some members looking at translation programs and will be looking for more in the future. Questions have come us about the possibility of translation to the Access sharing session, to be decided at a later date.

**CNCA COMMENTS** *Robin T.:* We mailed 989 Comments. Our next meeting will be December 8, at the Ukiah Fellowship Group. We are still waiting for a District to make themselves available to do the Comments next panel. We are looking forward to helping with the pass-it-on. This committee has been a wonderful commitment for myself and my district.

**COMENTARIOS DE ACNC** *Manuel R.:* We printed 180 Comentarios and sent out 178 by mail. We are still waiting for a district to make a bid for the Comentarios in Panel 67.

**DCM SHARING SESSION** *Claudia N.:* We had a great presentation for Pass It On this month. Learning what we don't know we learn in our pass it on. Gratitude is a great product of service. 80% of the job is just showing up. Pass it On is like being a temporary service sponsor.

**GRAPEVINE/LA VINA** *Agustin L.:* We had a discussion on Spirit of Rotation. The presentation was great. Rotation helps to bring the spiritual rewards that are far more enduring than any fame. The 2013-2014 Service manual first included the section entitled "The Principal of Rotation." This was a motion presented by CNCA that resulted as an Advisory Action in the Conference in 2013.

**NCCAA:** *Diane O.:* In 2017 NCCAA will be celebrating 70 years of service. The Foster City Conference is going to be exciting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, March 10, 11 and 12, 2017.

**H&I** *Diane O.:* We have been trying to be transparent with our finances. We do have excess funds and we have a motion to disburse these funds to other service entities.

So far the first vote was 80% in favor of. Next Steering Committee meeting is January 14, and next General Meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup>, in San Jose.

**ACYPAA REPORT** *Drew B.:* Our conference is March 30 to April 2<sup>nd</sup> in San Ramon. The web site is 2017ACYPAA.com We will be here the next couple of months, so if you have any questions, please ask. Friday, December 2 we will be having a dance in San Francisco; flyers are on the table up front: We have 700 members already registered and we are expecting 3000 members to attend.

**LA VINA ANNIVERSARY** *Nicolas G.:* The committee is full and we are looking for a liaison from this area for next year. The election for the logo and theme drawing will be on January 21.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ASSEMBLY** *Erica S.:* We have completed our report and have a few edit corrections and we are having the report translated to Spanish. We will be making our final report next month.

### **Housekeeping Motions:**

That for clarification, the words Including "NCCAA Conferences" be added to Section 1.3 paragraph 3 of the CNCA Expenses Reimbursement Guidelines, to read as follows:

Additionally, the chairperson or a designee will be funded, per current travel reimbursement policy, to all CNCA Assemblies (0412-1) and to their Committees' special yearly events (Archives Open House and Workshops days, BTG Forum) and to meetings or events, including NCCAA conferences, within the area for essential duties performed on behalf of the Area, and the Archives Chair will be funded for travel to the monthly Archives workday (0311-1)

Presented by the Finance Committee.

Q. This is just for the chairperson or their designated person? A. Yes

No objections << **Motion Passed**>>

**Presentation of Budget for 2017:** All members of the finance committee worked on this budget along with the committee chairs from the sub committees. We are not going to vote on the budget this month, but we are here to answer your questions.

Q. Every two years there is a \$220 Comments bulk mail startup fee; I don't see it there. A. You are correct, I'm not sure we included, but I will be sure to clarify this. Q. The travel is about \$3000 less for next year than this year.

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Why is that? A. That is based on where the officers are located and hotel costs and travel were lower than what we expected. Our Panel 67 officers are centrally located, so it will decrease our expenses. Q. Security attendance for assemblies. The line is blank, and it seems to be a standing procedure for venues. A. We don't have that broken out in the budget, it is all listed as assembly costs, but it was taken into consideration when coming up with the figure. Q. Can you explain how you came up with group contribution figures. A. We went back to 2010 and there has been a steady increase over the years. It looks like if the trends stay the same we should hit the \$94,000. Q. Your estimate shows we are \$5K good for the year. Do you expect that trend to continue? A. We have two motions on the floor right now to increase the Delegates expense to the Delegate in NY. We will be looking at that expense and will be looking at paying the Delegate's way in full. We looked at the expenses and most of the expenses fall below the budget amount for 2016. We usually find the money for services that we try to do. We need to make sure that CNCA can serve the groups in the area. Q. I'm still uncomfortable with the group donations. I went back to 2005 and there always seems to be a decrease in election years. I'm not comfortable with the estimate. A. We will take that into consideration and we will review again. The trend is moving up that we can see.

**This will be on next month's agenda for any objections if any.**

**(Seventh Tradition and BREAK) 2:00 to 2:15pm)**

### **Assembly Bids:**

District 18 bid for the Summer Assembly on 08/05/17 at Petaluma Community Center. Total bid cost of \$ 3,639.50. The main assembly will be in the large room. For the workshops we will have 3 separate rooms. The Assembly Coordinator has examined the facility and has approved. Q. You show early entry. Is that the day before or the morning of the assembly. A. That is for the day of the assembly. We will be able to get in at 7:00. Friday already has an event. Q. Why did the total change? A. We adjusted the food cost to \$1875, which adjusted the total to \$3639.50. Q. We have some parking here at the facility, where is the overflow going to be? A. The facility said that there is enough parking here. We need 200 spots and there is 280 here. Q. Do we have a kitchen? A. Yes, and it is included in the facility costs. Q. Do we know if there is any other event here? A. We will be using the large room so there will be no other event in the big

room. We will be renting both large rooms. The workshop will be in this room with the temporary walls to make the three workshops. **Committee accepted the bid.**

### **Area Business**

#### **Old Business:**

**Motion:** That CNCA, annually fund a member of the Web Committee to attend the National AA Technology Workshop

**Discussion:** My sub-district talked about this and with the increase of security threats and technology changing so fast, it would be better to be up to date instead of playing catch-up.

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

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

#### **Minority Opinion: None**

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

**Motion:** Starting in 2017, CNCA increase the budgeted amount for the annual Delegate contribution for the General Service Conference from \$1600 to \$3500.

**Discussion:** My District was mixed. Many were in favor to increase, but not all the way to \$3500. They wanted a lower limit. We explained the total cost is about \$6500 for the delegate to attend, but they wanted to be sure we were taking care of our area commitments.// My district is in favor of this and we can afford to do this as we are a large area.// My sub district was in favor of this.//

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

**Vote: Yes= 48 No= 3 Abstain= 0**

**Minority Opinion:** The groups that were informed felt they needed more time to make a decision. They liked \$2500. This was an agenda topic from last year. The total cost was around \$6000.// We talked about this in our district and we feel that the cost of \$6000 that GSO spends for each delegate could be reduced. /

Motion to reconsider was made and seconded.

Vote to reconsider: **Vote: Yes= 8 No= 35 Abstain= 0**

**\*\*Motion to reconsider failed\*\*<< Motion Passes>>**

**Motion:** At its discretion, the Finance Committee of CNCA present a housekeeping motion each year (starting in 2016) to finalize the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board in respect to the following year's General Service

## Balance Sheet October 2016

### California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position As of October 31, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
B of A Checking	22,522.96
B of A Savings	9,195.81
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<u>\$ 31,718.77</u>
<b>Other current assets</b>	
1499 Undeposited Funds	550.00
Assembly Deposits	1,751.90
<b>Total Other current assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,301.90</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 34,020.67</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 34,020.67</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
3900 Operating Funds - Adjusted	16,802.66
Prudent Reserve	9,194.86
Net Revenue	8,023.15
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ 34,020.67</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 34,020.67</u>



## Expense Report October 2016

### California Northern Coastal Area Budget vs. Actuals: 2016 Budget - FY16 P&L January - October, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Assembly Contributions	7,389.00	6,950.00	439.00	106.32%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	6.00	60.00	-54.00	10.00%
District Contributions	15,190.38	11,000.00	4,190.38	138.09%
Group Contributions	79,238.52	71,000.00	8,238.52	111.60%
H & I Archives Rent	1,100.00	500.00	600.00	220.00%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	1.37	5.00	-3.63	27.40%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,179.99	1,360.00	-180.01	86.76%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	3,050.13	3,000.00	50.13	101.67%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 107,155.39</b>	<b>\$ 93,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,280.39</b>	<b>114.15%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 107,155.39</b>	<b>\$ 93,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,280.39</b>	<b>114.15%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Committee Expense	17,939.15	24,978.50	-7,039.35	71.82%
Delegate Expense	7,807.39	8,800.00	-992.61	88.72%
General Expense	50,341.42	43,564.00	6,777.42	115.56%
Officer Expense	24,291.64	25,381.50	-1,089.86	95.71%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 100,379.60</b>	<b>\$ 102,724.00</b>	<b>-\$ 2,344.40</b>	<b>97.72%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,775.79</b>	<b>-\$ 8,849.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,624.79</b>	<b>-76.57%</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>				
Refunds/Rebates	1,247.87		1,247.87	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,247.87</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,247.87</b>	
<b>Other Expenditures</b>				
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	0.51		0.51	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0.51</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.51</b>	
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,247.36</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,247.36</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 8,023.15</b>	<b>-\$ 8,849.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,872.15</b>	<b>-90.67%</b>

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Conference in an amount no less than the minimum suggested by the General Service Conference and no greater than the anticipated full cost per conference member.

**Discussion:** Our district is in favor of this motion.// I believe that this would be inappropriate as a housekeeping motion. This would eliminate the groups from having a voice. The groups would have no notice of the increase that is substantial amount of money. I'm not saying I object to the motion, but I think that it should be a full motion made to change the amount.// Does the passing of this motion change the motion before?// The minimum amount the GSO asks for is \$1600. We can decide to go as low as \$1600 or as high as the actual cost. \$3500 seems to be in the middle. One of the things that we wanted to do was to take some stress out of the business at ACM at the beginning of the year, but if the Housekeeping motion is objected to we would still have time to have it go through the motion process.// This motion gives the finance committee the option of bring forth a housekeeping motion for a different amount. The finance committee will know what position that we are in financially, and this is only once a year.// If I say ok to this motion, I am letting the finance committee make the decision, not the groups.// The finance committee may be sitting next year and they may decide to increase or decrease the amount of what funds we have available for the conference. The Housekeeping motion would bring forth the amount if changed, and the ACM would be making the decision. The housekeeping motion can be objected to and the process of a full motion would go through.// We wanted to bring up the issue as a committee, how we can best support the conference, and we think that we should bring this to our committee as a whole. While the committee does have the power to change the amount on a budget line, we would still have to ask for it.// How is this business, what happens if it passes or fails?// We do have the ability to make a housekeeping motion to contribute more. As a finance committee we noticed that we are sending only \$1600; this is a way that we can put it into our budget for the higher amount and we can be self-supporting to the conference.// The finance committee always has the ability to bring forth a motion. Right now we have no directions how to spend our extra money. This is a way that we can support the GSO office.// Coming out of the discussion around the feasibility study the committee thought that this was a good way for us to use the extra funds.// These started out as one motion and then they became 2. The concept was to raise the bar, but give the

ACM an ability to look at the expense. If you pass one, without the other, all you have done is raise the bar.// This is to send funds that are earmarked for the delegates expense. Are we doing the best thing to send to the GSO? The GSO could use the funds better in a different way.// What is the most important role that the Delegate does at the Conference, it is not about bring the information back, it is about the carrying the voice of CNCA to the conference. I think we have a spiritual responsibility to support the conference as an area.// We have elected a new delegate, and we are going to spend money already to send her. I think it is great for the committee to bring forth a housekeeping motion for how much we send to the conference each year and lets us make a decision every year. This a great way to educate our groups about money.// Whether we have a budget of \$3500 or \$1600 does not matter. The \$3500 aligns closer to what we want to send each year. I think with the finance committee bringing the housekeeping motion each year is good transparency. This allows us to make a decision.// The most important thing we do is send our delegate to New York. This should be the first thing we pay for.// Our groups support the GSO already; we are contributing as an area.// I'm in favor of this; there is a strong precedent that we bring a housekeeping motion each year for the large expenses for members to go to conferences. We do this already with the Web and BTG committee.// The finance committee knows if they want to change the way we pay for the conference, the finance committee will know when to make a full motion. We need to trust the committee process. That is why we have a finance committee to look at all of this for us. We don't need to spend so much time talking about money.// This motion makes the ACM a part of the process of making the decision. It is important that we have the chance to discuss how much we spend for the conference.// This also gives the committee the option to send less if our financial position is not doing well. They could change the amount down to \$1600.// This second motion protects us if the funds are not there.// The authority of the finance committee has already been described. We are open to your thinking and that is why we are having this discussion.// I started out not liking this motion, but now I like it. I feel that every time we have this discussion about sending people to different places, we look at it each time it happens, it makes the process easier when we look at every year.// During the agenda process last year I was hearing from the GSR's why is the amount so low? We should be sending more.// We need to trust our trusted servants. We elected a treasurer

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

and if the finance committee sees that we have extra money to pay for the cost of the delegate.//>>The chair asked for a sense of the meeting. The Committee was ready to vote, and agreed to require a 2/3 majority to vote.

**Vote: Yes = 46 No = 1 Abstain = 0**

**Minority Opinion: My understanding is that it seems to me we are making a motion for something that the committee already has the authority to do this. They can choose to make the motion or not, I don't think this is more transparent, it is less transparent.**

No motion to reconsider. **\*\*Motion Passes\*\***

### Report Back:

NAATW Report Back -- *Bob E.*: NAATW was a great experience, well worth the money. One of the most important aspects is the opportunity to network. There are many districts, areas, central offices working on the same projects. NAATW provides the opportunity for people to help each other and come up with new ideas to make AA run better. There is an NAATW online forum, which I have joined, to keep in contact with other members. NAATW is not only for internet solutions, we can help make individual jobs more efficient. We can come up with basic packages available for anyone in AA to use. NAATW members can collaborate on technology

to help AAs carry the message. [Entire report posted CNCA06 website and will be archived as such.]

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

At our election assembly, I reported about a suit that is going on in Canada regarding a member and their group. I would like to let you know that AAWS is no longer involved in this suit.// Archives open house is December 10, and I would like to invite you. It is from 11-4 and 193 Mayhew Way Pleasant Hill. Flyers are on the front table. Today is Bill W's birthday. He would be 121 today.// We are on a cash based accounting and if you are holding on to any expenses from 2016, be sure to send to me as soon as possible.

The meeting was closed at 3:20 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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

## ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

### PANEL 67 ASSEMBLY DATES

#### **2017 Pre-conference Assembly**

April 8-9, Alameda County Fairgrounds  
(Hosted by Districts 8 and 20)

#### **2017 Post-conference Assembly**

May 13, Lake County Fairgrounds, Lakeport  
(Hosted by District 13)

#### **2017 Summer Assembly**

August 5, Petaluma Community Center  
(Hosted by District 18)

#### **2017 Fall Inventory Assembly**

November 4, Petaluma Veterans Hall  
(Hosted by District 12)

#### **2018 Pre-conference Assembly**

April 7-8

#### **2018 Post-conference Assembly**

May 12, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo  
(Hosted by District 09)

#### **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](http://www.cnca06.org) website.

## DCM SHARING SESSION

### CNCA 06 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

November 25th, 2016

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer;  
Introductions.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes and presentation are  
available in English and Spanish.

Thank you for translating: Nicolas

### **Presentation: Pass it Ons – Leslie W. District 08**

#### **Discussion:**

- Difference is made with attitude and desire to do your job. Learning what you don't know and learning what you might have a problem with and sometimes that is how we learn where we need to grow.
- Each individual does their pass it ons differently. Some pass it ons are very detailed and what works for them. Pride in their work. My job is letting go. Taking jobs where it is not our strong point allows for learning. Sometimes we learn more by listening instead of talking.
- Our positions give us the ability to find our voice and be able to stand up in our District.
- Letting go can be difficult when you love your job. Don't take it personally if the new trusted servant doesn't want your input from your experience. Gratitude is a great by-product.
- Encouragement from our service sponsors helps us to take commitments that we wouldn't normally take. Take it in piecemeal. God puts people in our lives to help us. Too much information can be too much!

- Don't be afraid to ask for help!  
Learned a lot by participating in the DCM Sharing session. Found a lot in the service manual. 80% of job is just showing up! Ask questions! There is no stupid question!
- District 12 created a committee to provide a pass it on for our DCMs. We now have a guide for others to follow.
- Encourage others and recruit with love and service. Letting go is difficult, but being available to help others is a lot like our 12<sup>th</sup> step. Using our service sponsors to help us in all our feelings around our commitments is very helpful.
- Pass it ons can be useful to bring missing information to your group.
- Pass it ons are somewhat like being a temporary service sponsor. Take an inventory of your job. Reduce down to minimum amount to be done to do that job. Don't overwhelm the new person.
- General Service has educated me about the importance of pass it ons.
- Educate your district about pass it ons. It is our responsibility to educate about pass it ons.
- How to accept your subdistrict is going dark? Creates a dilemma.

#### **Next Month's presentation:**

**Group What's on your mind & potluck**

#### **Remaining Topics for Consideration**

**Conference Report and how to share with  
your groups**

**How to bring on new Gsrs in our district**

**Submitted in Love and Service,  
Claudia N., Recording Secretary – DCM  
Sharing Session – Panel 65**

## CNCA AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS DECEMBER 2016

### Area Committee:

#### Assembly Bids:

#### Housekeeping Motions:

#### Guidelines: Approval of the 2017 CNCA Area Budget

#### Presentation of New Business:

#### Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

#### New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

#### 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 develop 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 to the following 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*

#### New Business at Area Assembly: None

## CNCA CALENDAR 2016 -- Panel 65

December 17—Area Committee Mtg

## CNCA CALENDAR -- PANEL 67

### 2017—Panel 67

**January 21—Area Committee Mtg**  
**February 25—Area Committee Mtg**  
**March 3,4 and 5 PRAASA 2017**  
 McClellan Conference Center  
 Sacramento, hosted by CNIA  
**April 25—Area Committee Mtg**  
**8-9,—Pre Conference Assembly**  
**Alameda County Fairgrounds,**  
 Hosted by Dist 8 and 20  
**23-29—General Service Conf, NY**  
**22—Area Committee Mtg**  
**May 13—Post Conference Assembly**  
**Lake County Fairgrounds,**  
**Lakeport**  
 Hosted by Dist 13  
**27—Area Committee Mtg**  
**June 24—Area Committee Mtg**  
**July 22—Area Committee Mtg**  
**August 5—Summer Assembly**  
**Petaluma Community Center**  
 Hosted by District 18  
**26—Area Committee Mtg**  
**September 23—Area Committee Mtg**  
**October 28—Area Committee Mtg**  
**November 4—Fall Inventory Assembly,**  
**Petaluma Veteran’s Hall**  
 Hosted by Dist 12  
**25—Area Committee Mtg**  
**December 16—Area Committee Mtg**

### 2018—Panel 67

**January 27—Area Committee Mtg**  
**February 24—Area Committee Mtg**  
**March 24—Area Committee Mtg**  
**April 7,8—Pre Conference Assembly**  
**22-28 General Service Conf., NY**  
**28—Area Committee Mtg**  
**May 12—Post Conference Assembly**  
**Solano County Fairgrounds**  
 Hosted by District 09  
**26—Area Committee Mtg**  
**June 23—Area Committee Mtg**  
**July 28—Area Committee Mtg**  
**August 4 or 11—Summer Assembly**  
**25—Area Committee Mtg**  
**September 22—Area Committee Mtg**  
**October 27—Area Committee Mtg**  
**November 10—Election Assembly**  
**24—Area Committee Mtg**  
**December 15—Area Committee Mtg**

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