



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

The February Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was fun. We got a preview of the re-subdistricting request which will be on our agenda at the Pre-Conference Assembly: *"That Sub-District 001 of District 11 (Napa Valley) be allowed to split into two (2) Sub-Districts for a District total of three (3) Sub-Districts."* You may wish to review the section in the CNCA motions book regarding redistricting (p. 29-30). And District 11 will be providing a map.

The Pre-Conference Assembly business meeting in the morning of April 8 will be jam-packed. "Pros and Cons" on three of the old business items at the Assembly are printed in this issue. A Pro and Con on the group safety pamphlet motion can be found on page 13 of the February 2016 issue of the Comments, though we have had more discussion since then. Keep in mind that Area motions are not General Service Conference agenda topics (but they could become agenda items if we vote to send them on).

I found your input on "how we can make our Assembly Orientations more useful" very helpful. And we will continue discussion on "What are the technological needs of the Area?" next month. We will be forming an Ad Hoc committee down the road to explore this question, but more discussion beforehand will help determine its focus. So please talk about it in your districts and bring your ideas to the March ACM. And have fun with your Agenda Topics Workshops and sharing sessions!

In service, Jennifer B, Area Chair

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2017

SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 8 & 9, 2017

Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building C 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566

Saturday

8:00 - 9:00am Registration

9:00-9:15am Orientation & remarks from Delegate

9:15am Business Meeting

12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Sharing on Conference Theme

1:30pm Group Consciences

Agenda

Finance

Literature

Trustees

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Archives

5:00-5:30pm What's on your Mind?

Sunday

8:00-9:00am Registration

9:00 am Group Consciences

Public Information

Grapevine

Report and Charter

Corrections

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Treatment and Accessibilities

Policy/Admissions

12:30-1pm What's on your Mind?

(If extra time is needed, we will break for lunch and return at 2pm to continue)

BRING YOUR FM RADIO FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

Wasn't February the most craziest month you ever saw? It was for me. First there were no Agenda Topics, then there were, and before you knew it, there were Agenda Topic Summaries, then translation of said Summaries (wasn't that a happy moment), then the next thing I know I am at PRAASA! (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) It feels like a house just fell on me. I do have these red shoes.

I arrive in the Sacramento area in not so fit a spiritual condition. I needed some fresh air and a pause. After checking into my hotel, I wandered down to the conventions center and found the past CNIA delegates putting together packets for the registration table. I asked if I could join in and in no time I had entirely forgot the tailgaters on I 80 and the credit card company that thought they were being helpful by denying my purchase. When I do service work I get the biggest relief from the bondage of self. In a short period of time, I was fit to be around others again. It is one of the main reasons I keep doing service.

I began to wonder how many will be having their first PRAASA experience. At my first PRAASA someone said "this is the college education of Alcoholics Anonymous." And not only do I get to learn more about A.A., I learn a lot about myself, my disease and my recovery from that disease. My growth gets challenged. I get asked to do things that are uncomfortable for me and I find I am able to do them because these rooms are filled with loving people who are just like me. Their spirits help sustain mine. If this is your first PRAASA, my hope for you is that you will find a spiritual awakening here. It was at PRAASA that I realized I was a part of a bigger whole. I went from being a part of my home group to a district, then to an area, then to a region and then to the whole of A.A. I remember at one PRAASA where someone from Siberia came to thank us for literature in their language. It was very clear then as it is today that what we are doing here is important work. I come here and my spirit is renewed.

I hope I will run into some of you this weekend. I hope we will return from this weekend ready to help the A.A. in our care with understanding these Agenda Topics and forming a group conscience. By the end of this month we will all be more ready for the first Assembly of Panel 67. See you in the rooms.

With deep gratitude,
Joann L
Delegate, Panel 67

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held February 25, 2017 at the Petaluma Community Center. Jennifer B opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Leslie W (District 08). Claudia N (District 12) read Tradition 2 and Mary Ellen R (District 13) read Concept 2. There were 5 past delegates present: Diane O (Panel 35), Woody R (Panel 50, Area 07), Doug G (Panel 53), Sharon A (Panel 57) and David N (Panel 59). David N also currently serves as a non-trustee director on the AAWS Board, and Doug G serves as an appointed committee member of the Trustee's Literature Committee. There were 6 GSRs present, 11 new DCMs and 1 new DCMC present. The January 2017 financial report was accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments. The January 2017 minutes were approved with one correction (adding the word Literature to the name of the Literature/ Grapevine/La Viña Sharing Session). Birthdays: 153/12.*

Registered attendance: Voting (62) / Non-voting (44)

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – JOANN L: The Agenda Topic Summaries were sent out last night, and the Spanish translations will be e-mailed tomorrow. I want to express my gratitude to everyone doing translation work. Background material in English has also been sent out to DCMCs in CD form (which is something we have always done). But not everyone has a CD reader, giving me the opportunity to realize that we are in a changing world, and how we do things in AA might need to adapt. Please do not post background materials on websites accessible to the public or leave printed copies out in public places. I am looking forward to PRAASA to continue sharing the message of hope and recovery.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: On Valentine's Day, I participated in my first presentation to members of the professional community – interns at the California Department of Rehabilitation at Point Richmond. The delegate and I had our first monthly luncheon. It truly was the calm before the deluge as that evening, the rain returned, together with 1200 pages of background information for the Agenda Topics. I have enjoyed reading some of it and writing some of the summaries, which are just that, *summaries. I encourage those with interest to seek out the background and delve deeper. It is what I did as GSR, to better serve my group and discover more about this exquisite process.*

CHAIR – JENNIFER B: We have four items of old business at the Pre-Conference Assembly that have carried over from the previous panel. Pros and Cons were emailed

out yesterday for three of the motions that have not been discussed much yet; the fourth and oldest item of business (regarding safety) is in the reconsideration stage; the next time the Assembly is ready to vote, it will be the final vote. GSRs may be understandably confused by the difference between the Area motion during the business meeting in the morning and the Agenda Item (regarding safety) under Literature this year, which we will be hearing group consciences on in the afternoon. Please keep that in mind when discussing the Assembly in your districts and sub-districts.

TREASURER – CHRIS H: As of January 31, CNCA had \$37,123.32 in the checking account, \$9,196.21 in the savings account (which is our prudent reserve), and \$1375 in assembly deposits. Contributions exceeded our budget expectations, and expenses were under budget. We are looking pretty good, and if you have any questions, please come see me in the back of the room.

REGISTRAR – LAURA W: The process of updating the area's records for the new panel continues to be a busy process. It is wonderful to see so many people in service. I am working on re-structuring parts of the database and our reports to better serve the needs of the districts, and any feedback is welcome. Please continue to share the importance of keeping our information up to date with those who are not here today. The database is more than just a mailing list; it is also a key part of our system of communication, and I am grateful for this opportunity to serve.

RECORDING SECRETARY – ERIC L: I continue experiencing gratitude being able to serve. To ensure the accuracy of the minutes and voting member count, please use the sign-in sheets at your tables today and please turn in written reports. The CNCA Motions Book is now available in CD form; I can also transfer a copy of the Motions Book to you via USB drive, and those requesting to purchase printed copies should let me know so I can have them printed for you.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – ERICA S: The Pre-Conference Assembly is rapidly approaching. It will be held on April 8 and 9 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The final version of the flyer is now available, and includes the schedule of which Committee's agenda topics we will hear group consciences on each day. A request for ASL interpretation of the Delegate's Report at the Post-Conference Assembly has already been made. Three assemblies for this panel are still open for bidding.

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LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H: The new March issue of the Grapevine includes a special section on the Home Group. The Grapevine continues accepting articles for upcoming issues, including on topics like young and sober, being a Grapevine representative, and how your group uses the Grapevine to reach alcoholics in need. If you would like to purchase past issues of La Viña for 12th Step work, you can get assorted bundles of 30 issues for \$54. La Viña is also requesting stories from the fellowship for a special section on service.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G: We had a lively and informative meeting focused on the Agenda Topics and how to offer maximum support to our hard-working GSRs and trusted servants. Our previous PI/CPC chair made an impassioned plea for new leadership after rotating out, offering to provide training.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – ELIYAH H: Information packets on safety were distributed and enthusiastically received at our February meeting. Several GSRs took additional copies to further distribute to groups without representation. The packet contained a 2015 Post-Conference Assembly presentation, a report on a safety workshop at the 2016 Pacific Regional Forum, and the recent service material from G.S.O. One group in the district is compiling inventory questions on safety for their April inventory, and the district has been invited to submit articles for our Intergroup's monthly newsletter, which will hopefully be a great tool to raise awareness of General Service. Finally, one group is sponsoring their GSR to PRAASA – a District 02 first.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – ERIC H: The district has sponsored two hotel rooms for four GSRs at PRAASA, and we passed a motion supporting the CRUZYPAA bid for ACCYPAA 2018. Our Agenda Topics Workshop will be held March 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Aptos Grange Hall.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – MARIANNE G: This month, we gave away two PRAASA scholarships, and we will be practicing microphone etiquette at our next district meeting. Everyone is invited to our Agenda Topics Workshop on March 18 at noon at the Alano Club of San Jose; we are co-hosting with District 40.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – COREE H: Our visiting area officer gave a presentation on agenda topics, and, after that presentation, our DCMs gathered sub-district consciences on Agenda Topics. We also

discussed the new service piece on group safety, and our DCMs are so fired up that they've decided to start a Concepts study before the district meeting.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – COLLEEN G: Participation and enthusiasm is running high. We welcomed seven new GSRs at our last district meeting, and four sub-districts have elected DCMs. Our focus is on the Agenda Topics and on helping GSRs have the tools they need to get an informed group conscience. Our visiting area officer presented on how an item of business becomes an Agenda Topic, and on what happens with their group's conscience.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DENNIS H: Our Agenda Topics Workshop is March 18 from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at the Urban Life Center in San Francisco; Spanish interpretation will be provided. In other business, the district continues to discuss possibly moving the time of the meeting from 8:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We also selected a liaison to District 16, and we now have a full roster of trusted servants.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – BRENDAN M: We have met twice since the last Area Committee Meeting, and the district is on fire with enthusiasm and events. Our Agenda Topics Workshop (on March 11) will include a Trivial Pursuit-esque board game created by a DCMC about AA history and General Service. Our district also had a vibrant discussion about the use of Google Drive as a potential data sharing platform for district (and area) documents. We have also seen a beautiful resurgence at some meetings at our Intergroup meeting space after the death of one old-timer and the hospitalization of another. They had been holding multiple secretary positions for years with no rotation, and the meetings (mostly attended by newcomers) collapsed in their absence. After a short time, other members have taken up service positions and breathed new life into those groups, which are on the firing line of life in Oakland.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – DON Z: All of our positions are now filled, and we are excited to be co-hosting an Agenda Topics Workshop on March 11. We are also in the early stages of preparing a bid for an assembly in 2018, and we have re-started sub-district meetings. Four members of the district will be attending PRAASA.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – DON L: District 08 welcomed 19 new GSRs and alternates at our last meeting. We began discussing the Agenda Topics

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, how to get started with Agenda Items, and the GSR experience. Our Agenda Topics Workshop was well-attended. We still have four vacant DCM positions, our district will be financially supporting twenty members of the district attending PRAASA, and our CPC chair is forming a committee and held a presentation this month at the Department of Rehabilitation.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – KEN T: We have now held our first two meetings of Panel 67. The Inter-District Workshop in January (with our friends from Napa, Solano North and Lake) was successful, and our GSRs are preparing for group conscience gathering. The proposed 2017 budget went to GSRs for group review, and PRAASA expenses were approved for 12 commuting members.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – TONY W: I was elected DCMC at our February district meeting, and we also added two new DCMs At our meeting, we held a GSR orientation, including a viewing of the excellent video 'Your AA General Service Office, the AA Grapevine, and the General Service Structure.' The video may be 25 years old, but the message and information presented in it still resonates in 2017. We also reviewed many of the GSR tools on our district website. Our Agenda Topics Workshop Unity Day! Will be held in Vacaville on March 11; all are welcome to join.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – CATHY P: District 10 and the YPAA community are mourning the loss of our good friend and fellow trusted servant, Greg W. On January 23, at the age of 33, Greg passed away while in Maui. Greg was sober 17 years. He had served in Marin General Service for many years and had served on ACYPAA and ICYPAA host committees.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – JEFF D: All of our positions (except for the Sub-District 002 DCM position) are filled, and we welcomed two new GSRs. We re-wrote our re-subdistricting request for clarity, and elected to hold a district business meeting on a weeknight (due to conflicts with PRAASA). We have been inspired by other districts and have also now provided PRAASA scholarships to three people.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – ROBERT F: We held a wonderful Agenda Topics Workshop on February 18, with more than 130 people and eight districts represented. We are excited about PRAASA and are expecting large attendance from Sonoma County. At our district meeting, a highlight was a presentation from our visiting area officer on 'The Gift of Participation.'

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – MARY ELLEN R: Our 2017 budget was presented and discussed; the budget, with adjustments, will be addressed (and hopefully voted on) at the March district meeting. Motions will be presented to increase our prudent reserve and to distribute excess funds not spent in 2016. Our old website is back in operation, and our next project is a newsletter. We also heard a progress report on Post-Conference Assembly planning, and our visiting area officer presented on facilitating an informed group conscience.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ROBIN T: We have experienced a lot of participation and enthusiasm at our district meetings. Eight of us are planning to attend PRAASA, and we are excited about the Agenda Topics and starting the group conscience process.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – CHRISTOPHER C: We have not yet elected a DCMC, so I (the Alternate DCMC) and our DCMs are sharing the workload. At our last district meeting, we formed website and finance committees, with three members each, and we distributed and discussed business meeting formats. We have adopted 'Robert's Rules' with a few modifications.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FRANCISCO R: Our visiting area officer spoke on the Agenda Topics. We are prepared for PRAASA, and when we get back from PRAASA, we will have our Agenda Topics Workshop on March 8.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – MARIO S: We continue to visit groups in our district to encourage GSRs, and we have been distributing the Agenda Topics. We still have three vacant positions and one sub-district without a DCM. The district also voted to discuss with the groups whether to increase financial contributions to the area.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – HECTOR C: Our visiting area officer spoke on the Agenda Topics and their importance. We distributed the preliminary Agenda Topics to the GSRs, and the district decided to change the Service Manual Study from a presentation format to a round table format. SOCYPAA also visited to share information about young people in Alcoholics Anonymous.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – MAGDALENO O: I was elected DCMC at our February district meeting; we still do have a few vacant positions. Our visiting area officer spoke on PRAASA and was asked

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asked many questions about this service assembly. We continue visiting groups and encouraging GSRs. We are also finalizing planning for our Inter-District Workshop and have chosen a location, and I will bring flyers next month.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – TEODOMIRO S: Our visiting area officer spoke on the importance of Agenda Topics and of attending the Pre-Conference Assembly. We are currently discussing whether to find a larger space for our district meeting, or of having a second bathroom available for women at our district meeting. District 20 is happy to continue cooperating with District 08 in preparing for the Pre-Conference Assembly, and our dinner speaker Saturday night will speak in Spanish, so bring FM radios.

Area Sub-Committees and Sharing Sessions

ARCHIVES – RICHARD W: Our archives workday was held on February 4. We are having fun preserving the history of the area and arranging displays to go out to all of the many upcoming events. Our committee meeting today was exciting, with 30 people in attendance. We had discussions on scope and permission. A high priority of the committee is preserving anonymity. At our next workday, we will hold our quarterly trainings, with an Archives 101 training and making two new displays, one for ACYPAA and one on archiving in the digital age.

BRIDGING THE GAP – KELLY H: District BTG committees gave 12 presentations and worked on 72 contact requests since the January committee meeting. We provided orientation to six new BTG chairs and alternates today, and will offer an orientation in Spanish next month. Several districts are proceeding with our short-term correspondence pilot project, and we will report on this program at the area committee meeting next month.

FINANCE – LAUREN H: Liaisons introduced themselves to respective committees this morning, and we will be increasing the area's prudent reserve to equal one month's expenses (based on the 2017 budget). The treasurer will begin setting up our Square account, and we have chosen two members of the committee who will be able to accept electronic contributions at assemblies and at the ACM starting at the Post-Conference Assembly. We have also started discussing an e-mail receipt option for check contributions.

PI/CPC – TEDDY B-W: We heard a great presentation (including an awesome flipchart) and then had a dis-

cussion on training AA members to make Public Information presentations and presentations to the professional community. The American Counseling Association will have its conference in San Francisco next month, and we will be staffing a booth on behalf of AA. Next month, we will discuss how to stimulate interest in district PI/CPC work.

WEBSITE – DON Z: The website committee elected our full complement of committee trusted servants, and we have renewed our website hosting with InMotion Hosting; by asking, we also got a 10 percent reduction in our renewal fee. We have been discussing the possibility of software volume licensing and understand this is a matter being discussed by the officers as well.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MICHAEL Q: We had an incredibly busy month, with over 25 translations, some being quite wordy, and that's not including the Agenda Topic Summaries which were finished at 8 AM this morning; many thanks to Manuel and his team and to Raymundo for his commitment. We will be providing full translation for the Pre-Conference Assembly Dinner. ASL has been requested for the Post-Conference, and we will provide the interpreter.

CNCA COMMENTS – NICOLAS G: The Comments process is working smoothly; we had 35 people helping at our 'Lick and Stick,' we purchased 3000 stamps (some as a back-up), and we sent out the Comments on time.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA – MANUEL R: We sent 161 copies of the Comentaríos out this month. Please continue to send updates to the area registrar to ensure the Comentaríos are sent to everyone who wants / needs them.

DCM SHARING SESSION – JACQUELINE P: 49 people attended the DCM sharing session; the topic was 'The Conference Process,' as presented by Paul, who provided a comprehensive overview and a reminder that our upside-down process is a spiritual one that allows the groups to run AA. We aren't alone in this process, and we won't 'break AA' if we do a group conscience imperfectly. There is no right way to collect a group conscience, and it is important to get and use a service sponsor.

ACCESSIBILITIES – LAURA W: The first Accessibilities Sharing Session was very well-attended. We shared our experience with this type of service, and many topics were discussed, including transportation

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to meetings, bringing meetings to home-bound members, dual diagnosis meetings, and child-friendly meetings. The sharing session decided to hear a presentation each month and have a rotating recording secretary. Next month, we will hear on one group's Accessibilities Committee that takes a meeting to a member who wouldn't otherwise have access to a one.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H: Cindy presented on service sponsorship, and we will hear a presentation next month on how to promote our Literature/ Grapevine/ La Viña service positions. Please bring your questions; this is your meeting, and we can share and learn together.

NCCAA – PETER M: NCCAA will celebrate its 70th anniversary this year; the next conference, from March 10 to 12 in Foster City, will include two featured speakers from CNCA.

H&I – DIANE O: We had a very successful and exciting three-day conference at CTF Soledad last month. Our General Committee Meeting on February 12 was well-attended, included very respectful sharing, and was capped by a vote to pass on our excess funds to other service entities. The proposal passed by a large margin, a huge step forward for our committee.

YPAA – AVERY J: ACYPAA is about 30 days away, and we already have more than 1000 registered attendees; we are expecting to have between 2000 to 2500 people at the event. Numerous events promoting the conference are coming up; please visit 2017.acypaa.org for more information.

LA VIÑA 21 ANNIVERSARY – RAFAEL R: I attended the vote choosing the slogan and artwork of the La Viña anniversary workshop; the slogan and artwork selected were drawn up by members from our area. The anniversary celebration will be held in Oxnard, California, in July. (Several members of the host committee then introduced themselves to the area committee meeting).

Seventh Tradition and Break (1:55 to 2:10 PM)

Re-Subdistricting Request

That Sub-District 001 of District 11 (Napa Valley) be allowed to split into two (2) Sub-Districts for a District total of three (3) Sub-Districts. – *presented by District 11*

Questions: Q: How many groups are currently in Sub-District 001? A: Approximately 40 groups (72 meetings). Q: Will there be a map available? A: I will be happy to supply one. Q: Was the district supportive? A: Yes. Q:

Was the purpose of the re-subdistricting to help attract GSRs? A: Yes, re-subdistricting will give DCMs a chance to visit all the groups and meetings. Q: Was there discussion about shifting sub-district boundaries? A: Yes, but that did not have support. Q: How many groups are in Sub-District 002? A: Approximately 14 groups. Q: Is one sub-district larger than the other? A: Geographically, they are currently about the same size.

This re-subdistricting request will be presented at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Area Business

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

What are the technological needs of the Area?

Discussion: It can sometimes be difficult to get electronic copies of material via email. // It would be nice to have a CSV format interchange for district registrars. // At our district, we have been having a vibrant discussion about the technological needs of AA. The area could benefit from having a secure toolkit provided by the area for distributing documents securely. // I would love to see space on the area website for districts. I would also like a secure space on the website for documents. // As our area committee is growing and we get greater participation, I see a need for our equipment to improve so that we can facilitate interpretation at other committee meetings. We may need a new transmitter and a new microphone, and we already need new software. // Last year, we had an ad-hoc committee in I&T for software to make translation easier. There is room to grow, especially with the growing need for translation and interpretation. // The Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend uses a password-protected website that, once you have access to the website, provides a lot of useful information. // A technological need we have is splitters for headphones. // The migration from floppy disc to CD to flash drive has meant that some information that was once accessible is no longer easily accessible due to changes in technology. // I would like CNCA to have a secure part on the website for information. // Do we own a projector? (Answer: No.) // I have watched my district struggle with technology. We have technology that we bought a number of years ago that has disintegrated and that we then abandon. Is there a way for us as an area to share information on technology and the needs that different districts have. // I would like some thought as to how we can keep technology running and share information between various districts. // One idea I've had is the idea of a 'technology officer' at the area, especially regarding purchasing computers, managing software licensing, as well

**California Northern Coastal Area
Statement of Financial Position**

As of January 31, 2017

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	37,123.32
Prudent Reserve - Savings	9,196.21
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 46,319.53
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	1,375.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 1,375.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 47,694.53
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 47,694.53
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	25,451.03
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	9,194.86
Net Revenue	13,048.64
Total Equity	\$ 47,694.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 47,694.53

Expense Report January 2017

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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2017 BUDGET - FY17 P&L

January 2017

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
REVENUE				
002 Group Contributions	18,772.34	13,000.00	5,772.34	144.40 %
003 District Contributions	1,036.00	3,000.00	-1,964.00	34.53 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	326.25	340.00	-13.75	95.96 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	16.90	100.00	-83.10	16.90 %
010 Interest Income	0.31	0.00	0.31	
Total Revenue	\$20,151.80	\$16,440.00	\$3,711.80	122.58 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$20,151.80	\$16,440.00	\$3,711.80	122.58 %
EXPENDITURES				
012 EXPENSE				
013 Delegate Expense	229.84	205.00	24.84	112.12 %
038 Officer Expense	2,090.77	2,291.00	-200.23	91.26 %
093 Committee Expenses	571.39	2,258.00	-1,686.61	25.31 %
158 General Expenses	4,282.00	9,841.00	-5,559.00	43.51 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	7,174.00	14,595.00	-7,421.00	49.15 %
Total Expenditures	\$7,174.00	\$14,595.00	\$ -7,421.00	49.15 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$12,977.80	\$1,845.00	\$11,132.80	703.40 %
NET REVENUE	\$12,977.80	\$1,845.00	\$11,132.80	703.40 %

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

as to get deals on software licensing (like Office products). // Other areas are looking to see what CNCA is doing. // When BTG presented background material on corrections correspondence, we used a cloud-based service. // I do worry about how we archive materials considering ever-changing technology. // Perhaps we should have a technology sharing session at the Summer Assembly. // We could invest in better equipment so that interpreters can hear what is being spoken, whether here at the area or at assemblies. We have to balance between being brief and slowing down when speaking. // Maybe we should have an ad-hoc committee to put something together. This subject is too big for a motion. // We need to be cautious regarding cloud-based services, especially in regards to data-mining. Most free services (like Google Drive) reserve the right to do whatever they want with that data. We need to make sure that data-mining is not happening. If we established our own private servers, that could bypass all of that. When something is free, it might not be free – someone could be using that information to their advantage in ways we don't have control over. // There is technology and software that helps with interpretation and translation. // There is so much information on this topic, and so few details. I suggest we create an ad-hot committee. // Something we could use is teleconferencing so that people from remote districts could participate at assemblies and at the ACM without spending so much money and time traveling. // Does the data-mining concern effect our way of using free public email services also (many of us use Gmail)? // Most free services clarify that if they own the hard drive, they own the data. // We (District 7) have 25 pages of background regarding Google Drive, including legal analysis. Please see me if you want that information. // There are vendors that are designed to work with secure documentation. Perhaps someone could contact them to figure out price points. // I want to talk about the progress the area has made. I was a GSR in 2001. Coming back to area now, I can get the Comments on the website. We have made tremendous leaps. I remember when we first discussed having a website in this room. How far we've come! // AA came up with its own publishing company. AA might have the means to make its own data sharing software. // Being from a rural, remote district, I think that certain aspects of technology could be used to increase participation from those who have a long way to travel. I know on long drives, I have recently been getting podcasts from recovery meetings, and I am wondering if there was a possibility of doing the same kinds of things with General Service meetings in an encrypted

form. *Discussion continues next month.*

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

How can we improve our Assembly orientations?

Discussion: I remember when I went to my first assembly, and the attention that I paid to the orientation... I wish I could say that I had been as diligent since, but I'm not, and I notice that during orientation, there a lot of other things going on in the room. In an ideal world, it would be lovely if we had a break out space for an orientation. But many of the venues that are affordable do not make that a possibility. // We could maybe switch the order of orientation around, or do brief orientations prior to different parts of the meeting, for example, an orientation just prior to reports about reports, and an orientation prior to discussion about presenting group and individual consciences on motions. // I paid attention last panel because it was my job. But my ability to pay attention depended on the facility that we were in. At the fall assembly (and in smaller venues), it was beautiful; there was no chatter, and everyone was involved. But in larger facilities, people milled round in the back. // I love the orientation. I love that we ask our past delegates to come join us and get involved. // One past delegate turned in their talk from an orientation they did. It would be nice to have a welcoming packet with shared experience on assemblies to hand out. // Perhaps there could be a one-page reference sheet for people. Some people are visual learners. // Perhaps orientations could be more interactive. // I have been to a few of these (23 years in General Service). One year, I remember the orientation person did not make it, and we were left to our own devices at each table. I was a DCM, and the DCMC and the DCMs went through the process, involving everyone at our table. // We talked about this last year, and we shortened the orientation after the Post-Conference Assembly in Eureka. // The venue makes a terrific difference. // I appreciate the Shushers. When someone has spent 30 hours preparing something, the least we can do is listen to them. // I think the area is doing a good job orientating new GSRs. We have a lot of resources in this area. // In a smaller setting or smaller groups, orientation might be more useful. It is the job of DCMs and DCMCs to educate GSRs about what is happening. // I find it quite chaotic to have orientation in such a large setting. One idea I have considered was getting a pop-up tent for orientation, to keep it calmer, quieter, and in a smaller group. // I would like bullet points, handouts, and, potentially a PowerPoint presentation. // There could be multi-

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

ple ways to deliver information, because people absorb information in different ways. I do like the idea of a one-page cheat sheet. // I like the idea of one person with a lot of experience sharing their personal account of that experience. // The only people who haven't been exposed to orientation before would be the people new to an assembly for the first time. Most of the people in the room have heard this before, and some of them have heard it orientations numerous times before. Some of them want to do other things (talk to each other, crack walnuts, throw paper airplanes back and forth). I don't know how to resolve that problem. We are just talking to a small minority of people in a large room. // We could have smaller presentations "in the tent" several times over the course of the morning. // We could give people at their first assembly a special sticker so that we know they are new to assemblies and we can welcome them. // We hear these orientations four times a year, for two years, and they last 15 minutes. That's just two hours. But at every meeting we go to, we hear How It Works. I have heard it many times, but I still sit there quietly. That's what we do at every meeting. I can hang in there for 15 minutes and be quiet. // An orientation table or help desk for information (like where to get radios, what to expect) could be useful. // I view those first 15 minutes as a way to settle in, to get ready, to settle

down, so that we can then begin. I think those 15 minutes are invaluable. // We probably should keep it down when running orientations. // I have no clue what I am doing, but how wonderful it is that I am going to have an orientation at my first assembly. I really enjoy how grown up we are (Room laughs in response). // Usually the orientation speaker (at many AA events) shares the language of the heart.

Discussion closed.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

There is a sentence in the new service literature that I found put an implicit caveat on the third tradition (regarding common sense and courtesy). // Hopefully you will get your orientation packets from GSO soon. // I have flyers for the Pre-Conference Assembly dinner. Please see me if you would like to participate.

The meeting was closed at 3:13 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Eric L

CNCA Panel 67 Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM CHAIR

Please remember to bring your FM radio to all Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies for Spanish/English interpretation and Assisted Listening for the hearing impaired.

PANEL 67 ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2017 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 8-9, Alameda County Fairgrounds
(Hosted by Districts 20 and 08)

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 Veteran's 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 03 or November 10

(Underlined dates preferred)

If your District is considering making a bid for an Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Erica S at assemblycoordinator.p67@cnca06.org

49 DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Erica S. facilitated. Translation by Nicolas.

Topic Presentation – The Conference Process

Paul W. provided a comprehensive overview, with an educational handout and presentation, of the Conference Process. He highlighted that our AA process is the “exact opposite” of the way a mainstream business runs. Paul noted the important spiritual task of the group conscience, which is how the voice of the member comes through the group, to our delegate and our General Service Conference, to do the business of AA.

AA’s General Service Conference facilitates change on a yearly basis and it is a way for a group to express their concern to AA as a whole in the U.S. and Canada

Main points from the sharing session

The tight timeline of the conference process creates pressure for new GSRs who begin their panel in January. DCMs can educate GSRs about the timeline, the process and offer assistance

As a DCM, use your enthusiasm and love of Alcoholics Anonymous to encourage participation by groups whenever and however you can by visiting meetings, talking about General Service, offering your service as a facilitator, and providing topic agenda guidance, info and summaries to GSRs

We don’t have to conduct the group conscience alone – ask for help. We won’t “break” AA if we do a group conscience “imperfectly”

There is no perfect or one way to collect a group’s conscience. The main task is to ask the group’s participation in the greater whole of AA

Several DCMs reflected that they were able to help GSRs by conducting practice group consciences at a workshop, District meeting or a Sub-District meeting

There were many questions about the details of the conference process and about the relationship between General Service and Intergroups.

The number of questions about the way Agenda Topics reach a World Service Committee and about the function and purpose of intergroups served as a reminder to get and use a Service Sponsor.

Edited details from sharing

The Agenda Topic workshop our district did was one of the most important ways we help the incoming GSR. We do sub-district group consciences

in round tables at the workshop, which is good practice in front of our fellows. There is a lot of information to try to remember in the process, so I’ve found that use email to stay in contact with the GSRs. There’s a lot of stuff to remember.

One of the most important jobs for me as a DCM is to encourage group participation, no matter what. We don’t have to do it perfectly. I am constantly amazed at how much more intricate this process is.

Of our 40 groups, only 10 or 11 are registered with the district. I use this as an opportunity to visit the groups and talk about the Agenda Topics and the General Service Conference. There are a lot of very opinionated people in our membership and they often get interested in the topics.

A Group Conscience is not an easy process, and, because of that, it is a spiritual process. As a DCM, I want to engage and invite our members and group to engage.

Since the process is so intricate, I am constantly learning new things. It can be overwhelming but taking one piece at a time helps me. I don’t have to perfect. I have a Service Sponsor and I share my enthusiasm.

It’s important to realize that we as DCMs are not the “voice” of AA. When we go to our groups, we represent not AA but rather our own experience AA.

In order to determine which topic to approach, I use the topic summaries, make a list, and pass around a clipboard at my meeting so members can “vote” for the topic they want to have a group conscience on.

I used a handout from a former DCM that said everything I wanted to say. I then selected a topic that everyone knew was controversial and it helped to engage the group.

As a DCM, I facilitate the group’s voice. When I wish to give my conscience, I go to another meeting.

March’s topic: The Service Sponsor

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am with the Responsibility Statement and a reminder to bring radios in February to hear translations.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline P
Recording Secretary
DCM, District 10, Sub-District 03

MOTION TO ADD REMOVED TEXT BACK TO LIVING SOBER BOOK PRO & CON

MOTION: The full motion can be found on page 16.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: Since the beginning, AA's "non-position" on use of other chemical substances emphasizes the stance that "AA's do not play doctor." Numerous pieces of literature have been produced and rigorous revisions over the decades evolved to the pamphlet *AA Member- Medications & Other Drugs* (P-11) that we see today. The above statement itself is not what's under question here. The motion is to add it back into the appendix of *Living Sober*. The first edition of *Living Sober*, in 1975, did not have an appendix and it did not have a note to medical professionals, but the literature pertaining to Chapter 21 and cooperation with medical professionals has always been at the forefront. Interestingly, in a 1998 Advisory Action it was recommended that:

"The following sections from the pamphlet the *AA Member- Medications & Other Drugs* be added as an appendix to the booklet *Living Sober* at its next printing:

The lead-in and 9 points on pages 5 & 6 in the section entitled 'A report from a group of physicians in A.A.'

Page 13 entitled 'However, some alcoholics require medication...' (Floor Action)"

The Conference saw the need for this information to be found in the widely distributed and widely read booklet, and made it so in 1998. The Advisory Action in 2010 for the trustees' Committee on Literature to review *Living Sober*, and the 2012 Advisory Action to approve it with revisions to "outdated language or practices" and "minor editorial changes" does not seem to account for the omission of a section of such importance, and did not seem to succumb to the scrutiny most literature revisions undergo.

Why is it so important? It is about the newcomer. It is much more likely for someone new in A.A., or even unsure if they are ready for A.A. to get their hands on *Living Sober* and read it through, than it is for them to choose from the dozens of pamphlets on our racks. They are all exquisitely written and yet customized to answer specific questions singularly, and explain a vast array of topics and standpoints. Many groups give the newcomer a copy of *Living Sober* at their first meeting, maybe along with a phone list and a few pertinent pamphlets, which is a really solid beginning to help the suffering and unsure alcoholic. They can see for themselves the inclusiveness of our Fellowship, and perhaps be inclined to inquire further about the Big Book and the program for recovery. The **entire** Chapter

21 **and** the Appendix* in the 1998 edition about other drugs and prescribed medications in *Living Sober* is important information for anyone just learning about AA, to know that they will be safe and not judged or persuaded in any way. Passing this motion is a way to carry the message to the needs of the whole Fellowship. —Amy M, GSR, District 14

ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MOTION: The proposed change to "Living Sober", further detailing the discussion of Medications & Other Drugs, along with a partial list of related ailments outside of alcoholism, is a repetitive, redundant and unnecessary addition to a book directed to new members often struggling to take in the program for the first time. The specific list of diseases, some of which may be outdated, is an incomplete and limiting, perhaps even exclusive identification. Pushing the limits of our Singleness of Purpose, it makes us appear to be more of an authority on these issues than we need to be to make the point. The appendix comments "A Report from a Group of Physicians" and Chapter 21 *Living Sober*, "Avoiding Dangerous Drugs & Medications" state clearly, the opinion recovering alcoholics may adopt to focus on what we know and avoid problems with "advice giving" about topics for which we do not purport expertise.

The finite list is too specific and requires more maintenance as labels such as Bi-Polar can also be called Manic Depression and naming a few may appear to exclude or reduce to "others", those not listed, such as Multiple Sclerosis or CHF patients. Are the sufferers listed more prominent than those excluded? We alcoholics are a sensitive group. Perhaps it is best to include everyone in our discussion wherever possible.

Clearly, there were reasons for editing this piece from the book in the '90s that, while meriting further discussion, are still intact today. Our caution with literature, is that well-meaning alcoholics often overstate and over-advise, thus confusing the message. This information is already in a pamphlet. Let's keep it simple. —Paul G, Registrar, District 13

MOTION: The full motion can be found on pages 16-17.

vote and others cannot. Although this statement is true for some areas, it is too vague to accurately reflect the wide array of procedures conducted in varying area assemblies.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION:

I think it's great —I don't know anywhere (easily found) that mentions and explains the Agenda Topic process.

—Sarah G, DCM, District 90

I would love to be able to refer to a specific piece of literature or pamphlet when explaining this process to a new GSR or General Service member.

Can we help further define "language similar"? But that is not a deal breaker —anything down on paper to refer to would be helpful.

I think the section "How Decisions Affecting A.A. Are Made" is the perfect place for this information as it is exactly what we are trying to describe. So wherever this section is located, in this case "The A.A. Group" pamphlet, that's where this paragraph should be added.

Then it would also be online where someone could "Search" for the information.

—Lynes D, Jr., DCM, Sub-district 06 in District

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MOTION:

I am against including the aforementioned excerpt in the pamphlet entitled "The A.A. Group" due to the inaccuracy of the statement. In some areas it is true that GSRs carry the group conscience on Agenda Topics to

the area delegate at the area assembly, however this statement fails to reflect service structures in other areas. According to the AA Service Manual on page s37 which states, "Uniform practices throughout the Fellowship are in no way obligatory, or even practical in many cases. It is important for the area to agree upon a set of procedures, and each individual assembly is the best judge of whom it will seat. Several areas have developed written procedures for all aspects of area operations." This statement reflects that each area is autonomous and can agree on its own individual module.

Some differences include whether a GSR or DCM can vote in the area assembly, if a single GSR can represent two groups and also can decide how long a group needs to be in existence to be part of the area assembly. Also in some areas prison and hospital groups can

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: This motion affects voting at the monthly ACM (Area Committee Meeting) and at Area Assemblies. The ACM acts as a steering committee for Assemblies, whereby determining what new business will be decided at the ACM or taken to the Assembly where GSRs can discuss and vote on motion(s). Currently, simple majority dictates how the ACM will vote, either by substantial unanimity or simple majority. Simple majority is also used when two or more bids from potential host districts for Assemblies are being considered.

If this motion passes, substantial unanimity will be the only voting process, eliminating the time we spend when we vote on how to vote. It will require a minimum of 2/3 concurrence for motions at area to be decided at the ACM or sent to Area Assembly business and/or Assembly bids. Passing this motion also safeguards the 2/3 consensus at Area Assemblies, eliminating the simple majority vote.

Why should Area business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity? A 2/3 majority decision ensures unity through a spiritual path of inquiry. Substantial unanimity allows members to ponder in careful consideration decisions which affect us as a whole. It allows a minority perspective to be heard and deliberated.

Warranty Four in Concept XII tells us “That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity”. It goes on to say “Here on the one hand we erect a safeguard against any hasty or overbearing authority of a simple majority; and on the other hand we take notice of the rights and the frequent wisdom of minorities, however small.” Why then are we using simple majority at all? Shouldn’t we always use substantial unanimity for important decisions as outlined by our founders? Our members are less likely to have resentments or hurt feelings when a motion passes by at least 2/3 rather than 50% + 1.

Traditions I and II remind us that our common welfare comes first through a divine group conscience through our trusted servants who do not govern. Substantial unanimity is consensus decision making at its best. Consensus voting is a spiritual way of reaching agreement between all members of a group. A simple majority decision could promote misinformation and derision. Consensus decision making, on the other hand, results in unexpected and inspired solutions, stimulating both the individual and the group as a whole. In consensus there are no winners or losers but the will of the whole through the group conscience.

I believe that 2/3 substantial unanimity was

implemented to allow God in our decision making, keeping us spiritually fit and united. —*Jennifer T, Registrar, District 11*

ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MOTION: The motion appears to go against the tradition of least possible organization. If passed, a new rule/guideline would be added to our current voting process. While the intention “to incorporate the spiritual principle of substantial unanimity in more of our decision-making and to promote unity” offers to provide reassurance in our voting and decision making, the impact of adding a rule like this will not translate into deep, meaningful faith and trust in the process that unfolds at General Service. Requiring 2/3 to pass is not commensurate with group unity; nor, for that matter, is substantial unanimity a guarantee decisions are in the best interests of AA.

The focus of this motion is more about the outcome (final vote) than the process (how we arrive at a vote/decision). Our process is sacred. Let us remember there are no spiritual short-cuts. We cannot apply more rules to ensure our group conscious will adhere to God’s will. Instead, we must explore our many motives (are they fear or faith based?) and be willing to hold our ideas up to spiritual scrutiny. After this thorough practice, we can have faith in the right of decision which encourages us to trust our service representatives and the decisions they make (even when we’re nervous about it— or perhaps, especially when we’re nervous).

Thus, we must continue to ask ourselves—Can we allow for less personal control over outcome by having faith in our elected trusted servants and our process? If we were to place more rules on them, would it not be motivated by fear of them failing us? While prudence is invaluable, faith is vital. While we must continue to plan and vote responsibly, and in the best interest of AA, let us keep our diligent spiritual practice of arriving at our group conscious through patience, faith and trust instead of applying a new guideline in our voting procedure.

—*Chelsea W, Recording Secretary & DCM District 06*

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion topic:

What are the technological needs of the Area?

Area Assembly Motions:

Redistricting Requests:

“That Sub-District 001 of District 11 (Napa Valley) be allowed to split into two (2) Sub-Districts for a District total of three (3) Sub-Districts.”—*presented by District 11*

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous approve the development of a new public service announcement in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.). – *presented by the CNCA PI/CPC Committee*

Old Business at Area Assembly:

Motion.—“That the General Service Conference develops a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety.”

Motion.—“That all Area business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity, usually 2/3.”

Motion.—“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*

Motion.—“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.

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“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

CNCA CALENDAR -- PANEL 67

2017—Panel 67

March	25—Area Committee Mtg
April	8,9—Pre Conference Assembly, Alameda Fairgrounds, hosted by Districts 08 and 20 23-29—General Service Conf, NY 22—Area Committee Mtg
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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
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December	15—Area Committee Mtg

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8:00 - 9:00am Registration

9:00 - 9:15am Orientation & remarks from Delegate
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9:15am Business Meeting

12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Sharing on the Conference Theme

1:30pm Group Consciences

5:00-5:30pm What's on your Mind?

Please clean up all your belongings

Sunday

8:00-9:00am Registration

9:00am Group Consciences

12:30-1pm What's on your Mind?

(If extra time is needed to hear group
consciences, we will break for lunch and
return at 2pm to continue)

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6:30 P.M.

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8:00 P.M.

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