



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

We passed two motions at our July **Area Committee Meeting** (ACM). The first you've probably all heard about, regarding the disbursement of \$10,000 of excess funds to the General Service Board. As the saying goes, the check is in the mail. The second motion was time sensitive so we fast-tracked our usual procedure and it was presented and voted on all in one day: "That CNCA fund the participation of two liaisons to the **Hispanic Women's Workshop** (HWW) in Pasadena, December 3, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$2200."

I try to connect everything we do here in General Service either to Tradition One or Step Twelve, which is a guiding principle I learned from our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C. (and something you can use to help inspire group participation). And I have been moved to tears a few times in the days since the July ACM with love and gratitude for the unanimous decision you made on the spot to support the HWW. That was one of the most beautiful examples I've ever witnessed of our Area business being "all about unity and saving drunks." So thank you.

We also had a presentation of new business from our Web committee which we will start discussing next month: "That CNCA contract with a service provider determined by the Web Committee, to obtain a 'Hot Spot' for Internet access. Hot Spot to be available at all CNCA committee meetings, assemblies and other CNCA events. Internet access to be used by Standing Committees and Sub Committees and Area Officers to conduct CNCA business, committee work and presentations requested. Cost of provider not to exceed \$50 per month, plus initial set up fee not to exceed \$100."

And we will have two discussion topics on our August agenda that need your input:

- * Pros and Cons of using both volunteers and professionals (as available) for simultaneous interpretation at our Assemblies
- * Translating the *Comentarios*: Is our process effective? If so, how? If not, why not?

By the time you read this, our Summer Assembly will be over and that means it's now time to start thinking about our Fall Inventory Assembly. Please submit your suggestions for inventory questions to any Area Officer before September 23, 2017.

Have a great summer of love and service,

Jennifer B., Area Chair

I decided my topic for this newsletter would be Self-Support. As I was surfing the internet for ideas on this topic, I came across the webpage of AA in Cambodia. Cambodia! And then it hits me! (I have been getting hit by lots thoughts since I took this job!) If we did not have the 7th tradition and our World Services that are supported by our 7th tradition, would there be AA in Cambodia?

Self-supporting through our own contributions, are we? Maybe in our home groups we are. Maybe even in some Inter-groups Offices. But at the level of our World Service, the shortfall between our 7th Tradition funds and the cost of the services provided by General Service has been supplemented by the sale of our literature. This has been a topic of discussion for as long as I have been in General Service. I have been listening to a lot of people's opinion about the request to send \$7.27 to the General Service Board on July 27th. It amazes me that some people absolutely love this idea. And others not so much. It makes them very uncomfortable. While this is an idea that came from an AA member looking for a way to help increase our 7th tradition funds for AAWS, others think that this is promotional deal that has come from the General Service Office. It is not. Every year our delegate comes back from the General Service Conference there is always a report back about the cost of services and cost per member and the cost per group. This figure is arrived at by dividing the total cost of services for the year by the number of alcoholics believed to be in our fellowship. This year the cost per member is \$7.27 and the cost per groups is \$147.93. My job as the delegate is to give AA members information and encourage them to talk about what it means to be fully self-supporting through our own contributions.

My personal opinion about why some people love this idea of sending \$7.27 in on July 27 is it is something they can do. It is something they can do now and feel they are a part of and feel part of the solution. It is a doable amount. Maybe the reason it is irritating to others is it is not fully addressing the real question: Why are we NOT self-supporting through our own contributions? Do we want to be? What more can we do?

I look at the other number, the contributions per group and use it to check with my home group. My home group exceeds that amount every year. Maybe I can encourage you to look at what your home groups gives. Perhaps the answer is to start this conversation in the home groups. Maybe it should be the home groups that should answer these questions? Are we fully self-supporting through our own contributions? Are we giving our share to the other service entities? And if we are not self-supporting through our own contributions – do we want to be? What more can we do.

I am sure the people who gave the \$7.27 are feeling, "At least I can do my share." Individual-ly that idea only works if we all so our share. It really is the AA Group that needs to decide, "Yes, we know what these services are and we want to support them. We want to do our share."

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Joann L.,
Panel 67 CNCA 06 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2017

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held July 22, 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 Colleen G. (District 05). Molly M. (District 10) read Tradition 7 and Gail C. (District 14) read Concept 7. There were 6 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Woody R. (Panel 50, Area 07), Doug G. (Panel 53), Sharon A. (Panel 57), David N. (Panel 59) and Ken M. (Panel 61). David N. currently serves as a General Service Trustee, and Doug G. serves as an appointed committee member of the Trustee's Literature committee. There were 4 GSRs pre-sent and 1 new DCMC present. The June 2017 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 134/6.

Registered attendance: Voting (51) / Non-voting (45)

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – JOANN L.: To date, I have done 13 Delegate's Reports; over the next three months, I have 11 more scheduled. Teddy will be helping me by doing two of them for me in August. I hope to have covered every district by October. I received an email from the Trustee's Literature committee at GSO. They have received our letter and will be reviewing our motion that was passed at the Post-Conference Assembly regarding returning text to the book *Living Sober*. We have received a request to bid for the International Convention in 2030. Please ask your groups and districts whether they would support an International Convention if it were held locally. We would need thousands of volunteers.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: AA's annual mailing to the media informing them of our tradition of personal anonymity at the public level was completed in June. The letter was sent to more than 30,000 media outlets. I continue to work with the Hispanic women of CNCA around CNCA's participation in the 2nd Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop.

CHAIR – JENNIFER B.: Our Technology Ad-Hoc committee had its first meeting this morning, and they will be giving us an update on their progress as part of our agenda each month. We will be going back to allowing 2 minutes for reports and sharing at the Assembly business meetings.

TREASURER – CHRIS H.: As of today, we have \$41,884 in our checking account (used for operating expenses) and \$10,117 in our savings account (which represents our prudent reserve). We had budgeted ap-

proximately \$9000 in contributions and received \$6000. We had budgeted \$6500 in expenses, and spent \$11,750. Year to date, we are now about \$25,000 ahead of budget.

REGISTRAR – LAURA W.: I continue to process changes as they come in from our district registrars and have been collecting feedback to make the process more efficient. We have identified the problem that was interfering with rosters for the Area Committee Chairs, and this will be fixed this weekend. I am still working on reconciling differences and discrepancies, and am on track to complete this project by the end of the year.

RECORDING SECRETARY – ERIC L.: One of my primary responsibilities is to maintain and update our Motions Book, and our first quarter has been sent off for translation. The next version of the Motions Book will include a brief history of the Accessibilities Sharing Session, information about our Technology ad-hoc committee and the last seven years of Summer Assembly topics.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – ERICA S.: The Summer Assembly is just two weeks away. District 18 has been working hard preparing to host all of us, and I know they are excited about it. The workshop topics have been chosen and are printed on the flyer. Simultaneous interpretation will be available at all workshops.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H.: If anyone wants to sponsor a *Grapevine* or *La Viña* subscription, please purchase one and give me the information so I can make sure it gets to a future member of AA through H&I, BTG or PI/CPC. Our *Big Book* has been translated into 70 languages. In Mongolia, they have the *Big Book*, the *Twelve and Twelve*, and seven different pamphlets in their language. *Living Sober* is now being translated also.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G.: Our thoughtful discussion on distribution of funds above our prudent reserve continued, and we decided to send the General Service Board \$727.70 on July 27, 2017. Our next monthly meeting will be our Dessert with the Delegate; we won't hold a business meeting, but we will recruit volunteers for the local BTG Conference on October 21 in Monterey.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – ELIYAH H.: We amended our reimbursement guidelines and budget and will be voting on this at our next meeting. We received an anonymous donation of \$500, and several groups

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

have increased their contributions to the district. We are preparing a workshop for secretaries and treasurers, and registrations for our Sunshine of the Spirit event are coming along nicely.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – ERIC H.: We discussed no business at our last meeting, which was turned over to a potluck and Delegate's Report. We have begun planning for our District inventory in the fall.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – MARIANNE G.: We approved a motion to financially support someone attending the BTG Workshop Weekend in Minnesota.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – COREE H.: Our Pre-Conference Assembly planning committee has elected most of the Chair positions. We conducted sub-district consciences on the 2014 membership survey. We got a lot of excellent feedback, which we are forwarding to the Conference PI Committee Coordinator. We also passed a housekeeping motion investigating the feasibility of re-subdistricting.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – COLLEEN G.: Our Unity Day will be held July 29. It has been exciting having six GSRs involved in the planning and to watch their enthusiasm. We passed two motions at our last meeting, funding travel to the National AA Archives Workshop in Canada and the BTG Workshop Weekend in Minnesota.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DENNIS H.: There is a lot of enthusiasm in our District. Our Bridging the Gap committee is reforming after a number of years of being dark. At our last monthly meeting, we had five members make themselves available to be Co-Chair of BTG. We had a lively Third Legacy election. Our District Treasurer formed a budget committee.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – BRENDAN MC.: Our District conscience to implement a Google G-Suite account to meet our technology needs has yielded results, though there is still a strong minority voice. We have a new website (alamedanorth.org) which includes private links for committee members to access documents. I am saddened to report that Frank Oliva, a past DCMC, passed away following a long battle with cancer. We are grateful to him for his many years of service to AA.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – DON Z.: We will be conducting a District inventory in October. Members of the District are in the process of selecting the inventory questions. We are forming a host committee

to begin planning for the Election Assembly next year, and are looking to fill the newly-created District Accessibility Chair position. We are also compiling a Motions Book and are working with previous treasurers' documents and our current expenses to update our annual budget and financial guidelines.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – DON L.: We continued discussion of a motion to fund one member of the District to the National Archives Workshop. We also heard a presentation of new business to purchase a sound system for the District. A discussion on whether our meeting space meets the District's needs is ongoing and will continue next month.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – CLAUDIA Y.: We added our third and final DCM (for Subdistrict 003) at our last meeting. She came to our Post-Conference Assembly, ran into old friends, and wanted to get involved again. Our PI/CPC budget is being prepared, and we have scheduled our Delegate's Report and Service Day for September 16.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – TONY W.: Our Treasurer presented a budget projection for next year, and I floated the idea of using Airbnb at next year's Summer Assembly. We continued discussing the motion made by a GSR to develop literature sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation, and we may vote on this motion next month.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – CATHY P.: We had a skit presentation from our PI/CPC committee; in the coming months, we will hear presentations from BTG and Marin Teleservice, giving GSRs an opportunity to see what other services are available and how they each carry the message of hope.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – JEFF D.: We had an awesome Unity Day, with more than 140 participants, many who asked about how they could participate in General Service. Because our next District meeting would conflict with the Summer Assembly, we will have a short makeup meeting on August 3, consisting of only Chair and Committee reports and limited business.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – ROBERT F.: We will be holding our Unity Day on September 30 in Sebastopol and an Aging in Sobriety workshop on October 21 in Santa Rosa. I reported last month that our PI/CPC speakers presented to social workers in Sonoma County. We have gotten our reviews back and got 4.5 out of a possible five points. Our veterans outreach group has a new presentation coming up shortly.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Our I&T committee presented a motion to loan FM radios at any event where we provide Spanish interpretation.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – MARY ELLEN R.: Someone outside of AA bought a storage locker at auction, found three large scrapbook replicas of 'The Archives of the General Service Board' including newspaper clippings dating from 1939 to 1945 and handed them over to an AA member. This material is now with our Archives Chair. We filled the Alternate DCMC position, and we will start holding an officer's meeting prior to the District meeting to plan the agenda and discussion topics.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ROBIN T.: We will hold our Delegate's Report on August 20. We are now rewriting our District's financial guidelines to allow for additional travel reimbursement for officers. Our BTG committee is actively recruiting service volunteers.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – DEVIN P.: Our Unity Day was a success, with many people having a great time. We want to thank the Delegate and the Archives committee, which brought an awesome display. We will be electing our host committee for the 2018 Summer Assembly next month.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FRANCISCO R.: We continue visiting groups to encourage them to elect GSRs. Our District will celebrate its 32nd anniversary on July 23.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – MARIO S.: We continue visiting groups without GSRs. Our Literature Chair resigned, and we elected a new one. We also elected an Archives Chair, leaving us with just three vacant positions.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – ZENAIDO M.: We are looking forward to hosting the Summer Assembly, and we are getting ready to give you all a warm welcome. The Summer Assembly dinner will be the night before, and we still have tickets. Our PI/CPC committee is cooperating with DUI programs in San Rafael and Santa Rosa.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – MAGDALENO O.: We continue meeting several times a month, and our PI committee is active, having made several presentations, including one at a church. We currently have a vacancy, and we are looking for a new Recording Secretary.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – TEODOMIRO S.: We continue discussing whether to increase the size of our

District meeting room. Our PI committee will be presenting at a DUI school in Richmond, our CPC committee is working with La Clinica De La Raza, and our BTG committee is presenting at a rehab center in Oakland. Our La Viña committee is hosting writing workshops at groups to encourage members to write stories for the magazine.

Area Sub-Committees and Sharing Sessions

ARCHIVES – RICHARD W.: We held two workdays and attended two Unity Days this past month. Our Audiovisual Librarian taught me how to transfer reel-to-reel recordings to MP3. I was really excited when I transferred my first recording. The first side came across perfectly, but the second side started mid-sentence, suggesting that about 30 minutes deteriorated. We have 1019 reel-to-reels left to convert.

BRIDGING THE GAP – KELLY H.: This month, your BTG committees gave 21 presentations and handled 108 requests for contact. We are now busy preparing for the 12th Annual BTG Forum on October 21 in Monterey. We are also preparing our 2018 budget worksheets, and we continue seeing a strong response to the Pre-Release Contact Service.

FINANCE – CLAUDIA N.: Some of our committee members visited other committees as liaisons to answer any questions regarding budget worksheets. We spent most of our meeting discussing our 2018 budget.

PI/CPC – TEDDY B.: We reviewed the CPC handbook, and read that "CPC work can begin when individual AAs reveal their membership to their doctor or drop a quiet word in the ear of a pastor, priest or rabbi." With that in mind, the committee is working on a template letter that individual members of AA can hand to their doctor that starts the process. Next month, we will hear a presentation about the critical role of PI/CPC in the early growth of AA.

WEBSITE – BILL B.: We reviewed and discussed our 2018 budget worksheet, and we approved the purchase of a projector and screen. This will be brought to the ACM as new business. We reviewed a preliminary site map of the proposed Drupal-based website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MICHAEL Q.: All six afternoon workshops at the Summer Assembly will have English to Spanish and Spanish to English interpretation. Please bring your FM radios. We have received 10 new radios from our recently-approved motion to add to our inventory of radios for loan.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Demand has exceeded our supply at each of our past assemblies, and the Summer Assembly usually results in the highest demand for radios. We will also be providing interpretation for the speaker portion of the Pre-Assembly Dinner on Friday night. We have had a request for our ASL interpretation of our Delegate Report from Area 72's Accessibilities committee, and I sent them the DVD.

CNCA COMMENTS – JUAN T.: The *Comments* were sent on time. Ten people helped at the lick and stick.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA – ERIC H.: We have been struggling with the *Comentarios* and we apologize for not having yet gotten the *Comentarios* out. Half of the translation has not yet been complete. We underestimated the amount of work required and we did not plan well. We are now working through the challenges, and are doing what we were taught in AA: to ask for help. We are now finding out what the next steps are, and we will do our best.

DCM SHARING SESSION – JACQUELINE P.: We heard a presentation on being an effective DCM. People shared about how continuing to be in service allows them to live the primary purpose of AA. Many DCMs reported that subdistrict meetings are under-represented, and several DCMs made it a goal to visit all the meetings in their subdistrict. Next month, the topic will be Helping GSRs with Controversial Topics.

ACCESSIBILITIES – GAIL C.: At today's sharing session, we heard a presentation from Access Sonoma County about the upcoming Aging in Sobriety Workshop in October. They also told us a little about the professionals that speak at their workshops. Next month, we will hear from a member who works with people with disabilities.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H.: We shared about how to report to groups and districts information about literature, with ideas like using visual materials (pamphlets and displays). Next month, we will be writing stories about service to send to *Grapevine* and *La Viña*.

NCCAA – DIANE O.: Our final conference of 2017 will be held October 13, 14 and 15 in Lodi. There are some terrific speakers scheduled.

H&I – DIANE O.: Thank you for your generous contributions to the pink and white cans. Without them we wouldn't be able to carry the message of hope to the confined alcoholic. Our next Steering Committee meet-

ing will be in September, and the General Meeting will be in October.

TECHNOLOGY AD-HOC – SHARON A.: We met for the first time this morning. Our purpose is to assess the technology needs of the Area for the next three to five years. Our Committee Chair is Nora H. I am the Recording Secretary. James B., Dennis H., Mario S., Murias O'C., Magdaleno O. and Chitra S. make up the rest of the committee. We will be talking to standing committees, Area Officers and those involved in our sharing sessions. We are grateful to have a wide range of both experience and inexperience with technology on the committee.

Area Business

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

That CNCA contract with a service provider determined by the Web Committee, to obtain a 'Hot Spot' for Internet access. Hot Spot to be available at all CNCA committee meetings, assemblies and other CNCA events. Internet access to be used by Standing Committees and Sub Committees and Area Officers to conduct CNCA business, committee work and presentations requested. Cost of provider not to exceed \$50 per month, plus initial set up fee not to exceed \$100. – *presented by the Web committee*

Presentation: At the Pre-Conference Assembly, we were working as a committee using our own Hot Spots and phones. One of us ran out of data, hindering activity. Our Finance committee has recently started accepting electronic payments using Square, again utilizing their own phones or public Wi-Fi. A Hot Spot provides a private network, allowing us not to worry about using our personal data plans or having to rely on public Wi-Fi, which is not necessarily secure.

Questions: Q: What is a Hot Spot? A: It is a small device we can move with us which provides us access to secure Internet. Q: What is the advantage of private Hot Spot rather than using a public network? A: On a public network, people can 'sniff' the data. Q: Is the bandwidth and amount of data going to be adequate to meet the needs of the Area? A: We are looking at about 5 GB a month, which would most likely suffice for a two-day assembly and an ACM. Q: Will the \$50 cover all of that? A: Yes. Q: Can you expand on the technological specifications of the Hotspot? A: No, I cannot. We have not chosen a provider. Q: Is there any equipment fee? A: That is included with the set-up fee. Q: Are we going to need a username and password to get onto this net-

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work? A: The actual specifics will be decided by the Web committee. But yes, this will be a private network.

Motion remains Area Committee Meeting Business (by substantial majority, no count taken). Motion will be New Business.

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

That CNCA fund the participation of two liaisons to the Hispanic Women's Workshop in Pasadena, December 3, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$2200. — *presented by Teddy B., Alternate Delegate; seconded by Ray W. (DCM, District 70)*

Presentation: The spirit of the workshop is to build up Hispanic alcoholic women, strengthen their understanding of our spiritual principles, encourage them to be of service in our Fellowship, build sisterhood and share experience, strength and hope with each other. Last year's workshop (the first) was attended by 70 women from all over the state. This year, an attendance of between 100 and 150 is hoped for. The budget of the workshop is \$3000, and each of the six Areas in California is being asked to contribute \$600. Each Area has also been asked to appoint two liaisons to participate in planning meetings and to inform the Area of developments, stimulate interest and attendance, distribute flyers and attend the workshop. The first planning meeting is scheduled for August 13. The budget for CNCA to participate is \$2200, which includes the \$600 contribution and travel and shared accommodations for two representatives to attend two planning meetings and the workshop. Also pertinent to this discussion is the definition of a remote community, which, in AA, is understood to be "any community where it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography." I would also like to read a letter from the workshop organizer. "Before the Hispanic Women's Workshop in 2016, there were only four Spanish-speaking women's meetings in California, a state with more than 39 million people. Now, we have seven meetings... and one coming soon in Hollywood. Also, today, a new one starts in Las Vegas."

Due to time constraints, motion remains Area Committee Business by Chair decision. Motion moved to Old Business.

Questions: Q: How would the liaisons be chosen? A: Anyone who is interested in serving as a liaison should give their name to the Chair because Area Officers will be reviewing those names and picking liaisons. Q: Why is food included? A: That is consistent with our expense

reimbursement guidelines for CNCA. Q: Do we have the funds to pay for this? A: Yes. Q: Will we hear report backs from the liaisons to our Area? A: Yes.

Discussion: I think this is a great idea. But I am concerned that if this becomes an ongoing event, we may want to discuss this earlier and not rush decisions. // I attend a Hispanic women's meeting in Santa Rosa, and there is a real need for us to get the word out. Because I attend English-speaking meetings also, I see the differences, especially the lack of information about step studies and sponsorship. // Anything we can do to promote Hispanic women's participation in AA is a valuable thing to do. // We are very fortunate as an Area that we are able to do things like this, and this gives us an opportunity to be supportive of a community in AA. // I find this inspiring, especially for women who may travel back to their home countries and will then continue to share the message. When I went to Argentina and other South American countries, the majority of people in meetings were men. We need people here in the United States who can be bridges to other cultures. // There are strong feelings in my District that we want to do more for remote communities.

The Area committee was asked if they were ready to vote, and members were ready to vote. Substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for the motion to pass.

Vote: Yes (51) / No (0) / Abstained (0). Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

That, due to funds in our checking account that exceed established Area 06 7th Tradition needs, CNCA disburse \$10,000 to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. — *presented by the Finance committee*

Discussion: My group wanted the Area to know that it is the Fellowship's money, not the Area's money, and they want to pass it along. // The minority opinion was that they would like the money to stay in California. // The overwhelming majority were in favor of sending the money off. The concerns expressed were that we may be telling groups we no longer need the money. // At multiple meetings in our District, there were thoughts that the money would be better spent in direct local 12th Step work. // We may have wanted to look at our needs (technology, workshops) prior to sending off that much money. // An important aspect of the Traditions is to send money to New York to eliminate arguments about what to do with money. // Much of the money groups disburse beyond their prudent reserve is being used

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	34,816.22
Prudent Reserve - Savings	10,117.98
Total Bank Accounts	\$44,934.20
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	3,390.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$3,390.00
Total Current Assets	\$48,324.20
TOTAL ASSETS	\$48,324.20
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	24,557.99
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	10,117.90
Net Revenue	13,648.31
Total Equity	\$48,324.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$48,324.20

Expense Report June 2017

California Northern Coastal Area

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

June 2017

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
REVENUE			
002 Group Contributions	5,093.08	8,000.00	63.66 %
003 District Contributions	606.00	625.00	96.96 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	290.60	300.00	96.87 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions		100.00	
010 Interest Income	0.40	0.00	
Total Revenue	\$5,990.08	\$9,025.00	66.37 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$5,990.08	\$9,025.00	66.37 %
EXPENDITURES			
012 EXPENSE			
013 Delegate Expense	255.15	616.00	41.42 %
038 Officer Expense	2,283.57	2,021.00	112.99 %
093 Committee Expenses	709.35	2,557.00	27.74 %
158 General Expenses			
159 Assembly Expenses		75.00	
177 Area Committee Expenses	2,097.88	1,217.00	172.38 %
190 General Service Conference	6,400.00	0.00	
192 Returned Check/Bank Fees	22.00	20.00	110.00 %
Total 158 General Expenses	8,519.88	1,312.00	649.38 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	11,767.95	6,506.00	180.88 %
Total Expenditures	\$11,767.95	\$6,506.00	180.88 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -5,777.87	\$2,519.00	-229.37 %
NET REVENUE	\$ -5,777.87	\$2,519.00	-229.37 %

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locally. Usually what the Area gets is a small sliver. We need a relief valve. A positive message to the groups isn't "we have too much money and don't need money." What we communicate by forwarding the money is that we do not accumulate excess funds beyond a stated AA purpose. // In our District, PI/CPC is not a part of General Service. They must do fundraising to provide services. I feel as though when people send money to the Area, they think the money goes to PI/CPC. // We should maintain the long-standing precedent of corporate poverty. We are already bickering about what to do about this money.

The Area committee was asked if they were ready to vote, and members were ready to vote. Substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for the motion to pass.

Vote: Yes (43) / No (5) / Abstained (3). Motion passes.

Minority Opinion: Many meetings don't have to finance things because of generous individual donors. I don't want to suddenly see well-off people taking service positions because they are the only ones that can afford it.

No motion to reconsider. // **Motion passes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

That a portion of CNCA Motion 1008-3 be amended from '...professional quality simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at all assembly workshops, the Area Meeting (including the DCMC and DCM sharing sessions and 2 standing committees on a rotating basis but so that there shall be no more than 2 being interpreted concurrently)' to read: '... professional quality simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at all assembly workshops, the Area Meeting (including the DCMC and DCM sharing sessions and all standing committees, subcommittees and sharing sessions which request interpretation). Interpretation shall be subject to availability of interpreters and available equipment.' – *presented by the Interpretation and Translation (I&T) committee*

Questions: Q: Do we have any idea on how much cost would be involved? A: If we were to provide interpretation to three committee meetings at 10 AM and 11 AM, the cost would be \$2300 a year.

Discussion: We have had a few months when we did not have interpretation because of a lack of availability. It was frustrating. // One of the biggest issues for the Spanish community is the language barrier. If the Area provides interpretation, there is no excuse to not come

to the Area. // We need to remember this is a bilingual Area, and five of our 23 Districts are Spanish-speaking Districts. We should allow everyone to participate and for everyone to understand what is being said. // When I was in committees, I could only understand half of what was being said at times. I feel like I am flying when I come to the Area, and I felt like my wings were cut when interpretation was not available. // When I was here 10 years ago, I could understand what was being said. It was a great value to have interpretation. We lend radios and people want them because they want to know what is going on.

Motion moved to Old Business.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Simple majority decisions and the minority opinion

No comments

Discussion closed.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Pros and Cons of using both volunteers and professionals (as available) for simultaneous interpretation at our Assemblies

We are mandated by motion to use professionals at our assemblies. We use professional quality interpreters at the ACM and at other events. When the I&T committee was being formed, one of the problems an ad-hoc committee identified was that DCMs and GSRs were often doing interpretation, making it difficult for them to participate. Using professional interpretation was, at that time, the right thing to do. It was debated for months, and it was decided that we use professionals at our assemblies. At our last assembly, one of our professionals was unable to come at the last minute. We were lucky enough that someone else made herself available. I love our professional interpreters. They have learned the language of the heart. They have been with us for years. But they will not be around for years. We have talked about this the whole panel, and we feel we should have the option of using professional quality volunteers. We would like the option of using our professional quality volunteers whenever, especially in an emergency. // It seems to me that when we can have professional people work for us, it is at our discretion. But it should not be mandated. At the time, it may have been there were no resources. I support the idea that the I&T committee makes the decision. // At one assembly several years ago, we did have some people tell us they felt the meaning of the words that were being

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

translated weren't quite correct. That makes me sometimes think that volunteers (professional quality) may actually be better at that job. // It should be left up to our trusted servants, our current committee, and ultimately our Fellowship, especially if we're finding that our translation needs more language of the heart. Hopefully our Spanish-speaking community will step up. // I serve as an interpreter – but I am not certified. I am professional quality. When the discussion came up initially, it was because we were going through a time when some of our volunteers were not reliable or accurate. There was a call from the Fellowship that we needed better interpreters. The drawback is that we could get professionals that don't know the AA language. The advantages of getting quality interpreters who are AA members is that they know our language. // When AA first started, the Alcoholic Foundation received outside help. When our translation services were stating out, it made sense to have that outside help. Now we have veterans who are bilingual and are providing a professional quality volunteer service. I would not want to take away the possibility of participating in General Service. We have a much larger pool of AA members who know that language of the heart to tap into. // At PRAASA, the interpreters appeared to be translating a soccer game, not a spiritual message. I understand that our I&T committee must hire professional interpreters, but really, the interpretation provided by a bilingual AA member better transmits the message, it is more genuine.

Discussion continues next month.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

After H&I redistributed excess funds, they saw a huge decline in contributions. I want people to know that it is OK to pass the pink and white cans again. // We will have our All Groups speaker meeting in Vacaville next Saturday. // We have a series of plays scheduled about the history of the Third Legacy. This play was written for people who are not necessarily involved in General Service, and looks at the entire history of the Third Legacy, including the publishing of our *Big Book*, the birth of the *Grapevine*, and the decision as to why we have a General Service Conference. Please share these flyers with your group, because there is a lack of information about why General Service is needed. Not everyone will read the Third Legacy pamphlet or *AA Comes of Age*, but they may want to see a play. // In

San Francisco on August 20, our Intergroup Archives committee is hosting an archives event in the afternoon. We will hear about the history of the founding women of AA, and a long-time member will give a history of the AA women in the Bay Area. // In our subdistrict, two groups decided to stop passing the pink and white cans for H&I. One of them has now started passing it again. Usually, after a while, we alcoholics come to our senses and support our services. // I want to thank the Archives committee for the fantastic presentation at the Past Delegates' Reunion. // Two weeks ago, I was at the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting, and I was asked by the Chairman of the Board for GSO in Mongolia to extend his love to all of you. Of the 105 groups in Mongolia, only four did not have representatives at the meeting. Mongolia will be celebrating 20 years of AA, and they are having a convention in July 2018. Anyone who would like to go is welcome to attend. AA in Mongolia is alive and well, especially in rural areas. When the village drunk gets sober, it causes a stir. // We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Summer Assembly, and at the dinner on Friday night. // We talk about translation as an economic problem, but translation and interpretation are spiritual as well. We must be able to talk to one another, and we need to provide translation and interpretation. The costs associated to provide this should be secondary. This is a spiritual decision that should be based on need. // I am preparing a photo scavenger hunt and viewing party associated with the steps, the traditions, and things from your story to be submitted to the *Grapevine*. // Most of the meetings I attend do not have flyers for events I hear about here available. I would like these files to be available on our Area website (or another website) so that I can print them out.

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

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Eric L., CNCA Panel 67 Recording Secretary

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

"That a portion of CNCA Motion 1008-3 be amended from '...professional quality simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at all assembly workshops, the Area Meeting (including the DCMC and DCM sharing sessions and 2 standing committees on a rotating basis but so that there shall be no more than 2 being interpreted concurrently)' to read:

'... professional quality simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at all assembly workshops, the Area Meeting (including the DCMC and DCM sharing sessions and all standing committees, subcommittees and sharing sessions which request interpretation). Interpretation shall be subject to availability of interpreters and available equipment.'" —*Presented by the I&T Committee*

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

"That CNCA contract with a service provider determined by the Web Committee, to obtain a 'Hot Spot' for Internet access. Hot Spot to be available at all CNCA committee meetings, assemblies and other CNCA events. Internet access to be used by Standing Committees and Sub Committees and Area Officers to conduct CNCA business, committee work and presentations requested. Cost of provider not to exceed \$50 per month, plus initial set up fee not to exceed \$100." —*Presented by the Web Committee*

Discussion topics:

- Pros and Cons of using both volunteers and professionals (as available) for simultaneous interpretation at our Assemblies
- Translating the *Comentarios*: Is our process effective? If so, how? If not, why not?

Area Assembly Motions:

Redistricting Requests:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

1. "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.'

2. "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*

New Business at the Area Assembly: None.

Erika R. presented on *How To Be An Effective DCM*

*Service is the key to contented sobriety. When you feel as though you don't have much to offer your group, show up and take on a role. Continuing service allows us to live the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous. You don't have to be an expert—just showing up willing

*The DCM's "job description" is in the AA Service Manual, pages S31-35

*Most DCMs report that their Sub District meetings are quite under-represented with GSRs, which is perceived as a sizable spiritual challenge. Many DCMs and GSRs often run across the attitude that their meetings can live without General Service

*Persistence, warmth, personal connection and passion for General Service are the spiritual tools that educate and inspire members to General Service

*Many DCMs make it a goal to visit all the meeting in their sub-districts, to be a General

Service presence. Warm personal contact and inviting GSR meetings help keep members engaged.

The August Topic Presentation: *Helping GSRs with Controversial Topics*

Respectfully submitted, -

Jacqueline P.

DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary,
CNCA06 Panel 67 - DCM Dist. 10, Sub-District 3

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2019 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 13-14

2019 Post-Conference Assembly

May 18

2019 Summer Assembly

August 10

2019 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 2

2020 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 4-5

2020 Post-Conference Assembly

May 16

2020 Summer Assembly

August 8

2020 Fall Election Assembly

November 14

Bids have been accepted for all Panel 67 assemblies; see CNCA Calendar for dates and locations. If your District is considering making a bid for a Panel 69 Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Erica S.

CNCA CALENDAR -- PANEL 67

2017—Panel 67

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 Veterans Building, hosted by District 12
	25—Area Committee Mtg
December	16—Area Committee Mtg

2018—Panel 67

January	20—Area Committee Mtg (Note: 3rd Saturday)
February	24—Area Committee Mtg
March	2-4, PRAASA, Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV, hosted by Area 42
	24—Area Committee Mtg
April	7,8—Pre Conference Assem- bly, Santa Clara County Fair- grounds, hosted by Districts 40 and 02
	22-28 General Service Conf., NY
	28—Area Committee Mtg
May	12—Post Conference As- sembly, Solano County Fair grounds, hosted by District 09
	26—Area Committee Mtg
June	23—Area Committee Mtg
July	28—Area Committee Mtg

August	11—Summer Assembly, River Lodge, Fortuna, hosted by District 15
	25—Area Committee Mtg
September	7-9—Pacific Regional Forum, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, San Jose, CA
	22—Area Committee Mtg
October	27—Area Committee Mtg
November	3—Election Assembly, Rob- ert Livermore Community Cen- ter, Livermore, hosted by Dis- trict 70
	24—Area Committee Mtg
December	15—Area Committee Mtg

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