



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

At our June Area Committee Meeting (ACM), we unanimously approved the motion from the Interpretation & Translation Committee regarding having the option to use our "professional quality" AA members to provide Spanish/English interpretation at assemblies, as well as the professional interpreters. A number of committees are looking what needs updating in their guidelines to reflect motions passed this panel and current practices. And the Web Committee announced that they looking for a new member. Please let any Area officer know if you are interested in serving on the Web committee for the rest of the year (with the possibility of staying on for Panel 69).

We also had two presentations of new business. One came from the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum Host Committee: ***"That CNCA purchase volunteer vests and buttons for the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum, in an amount not to exceed \$600."*** This will remain ACM business and will be fast-tracked to old business due to time constraints. So please gather any group/district consciences or personal opinions and be prepared for a vote at the July meeting.

The other new motion came from a voting member who served on the Technology Ad Hoc committee and will be a presentation of new business at the Summer Assembly in August: ***"That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology."*** More information on the Summer Assembly is below, and pros and cons on the old business motions can be found inside this issue. I hope you can all attend!

In love and service,
Jennifer B., Area Chair

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06
OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
PRESENTS:**

THE 2018 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Saturday, August 11, 2018
River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna, CA

Registration: 8:45–9:45 a.m.

Orientation: 9:45–10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00–Noon

Lunch: 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Interpretation available at all workshops

Workshop Session I: 1:00–2:15 pm

1. General Service 101: What Motivates Us to Serve and Learn
2. Self-Support at Every Level: More than Money in the Basket
3. Accessibility for All: Identifying and Engaging Remote Communities

Workshop Session II: 2:30–3:45 pm

1. Humility and Me: Balance in Service
2. The Spirit of Rotation: Passing it On and Letting it Go
3. 12 Step Tools: How are the Grapevine and La Viña Still Relevant?

Report back: 4:00–4:30 pm

BRING YOUR FM RADIO FOR SIMULTANEOUS SPANISH/ENGLISH INTERPRETATION AND ASSISTED LISTENING

Sobriety has taught me to express my concerns. Al-Anon has taught me to say it once, then turn my focus away from others and put it back on myself. What am I doing to contribute to the solution, not the problem? I have now done 6 Delegate reports, which means I have expressed my concerns about the secret facebook groups 5 times more than I would have liked to. But even so, I am not going to take that out of my report because I believe I should give every district the dignity of the same report. But one thing that was not in my report was that even though I went to the conference with great anxiety, my biggest fears did not materialize. That fear was I could find myself in a room of my peers as the minority opinion about the action proposed against the trustees and the God Word pamphlet. I was in a room where there was substantial unanimity to support the actions of the board and that it was the right time to embrace the right of the individual AA member to believe or not believe in a Higher Power.

Bill W.'s quote from "As Bill Sees It" on p. 82 says: "I think this particular General Service Conference holds promise and has been filled with progress—because it has had trouble. And it has converted that trouble into an asset, into some growth, and into a great promise....If this Conference was ruffled, if individuals were deeply disturbed—I say, "This is fine." What parliament, what republic, what democracy has not been disturbed? Friction of opposing viewpoints is the very modus operandi on which they proceed. Then what should we be afraid of?"

So my question now to myself is: What am I doing about the 1st Tradition? What am I doing to promote unity in AA? I am still attending my home groups, and their business meetings and I am still participating. I am looking at my relationships with people I disagree with. Am I treating them with respect, patience, kindness and love? Not always. I can do better here. It is not necessary that we all agree on everything. The only thing I think we need to agree on is the fact we are alcoholics that would die without this program and the fellowship in the rooms. We have a common problem and a common solution. If you are an alcoholic of my type, then you probably need me as much as I need you in order to live. On these things we can agree.

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

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2018

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held June 23, 2018 at the Petaluma Community Center. Jennifer B. opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Ted B. (District 05). Jason V. (District 10) read Tradition 6 and Rose W. (District 04) read Concept 6. There were two past Delegates present: Doug G. (Panel 53) and David N. (Panel 59). 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 3 GSRs present. The May 2018 minutes (with a correction clarifying that the April 2018 minutes, not the April 2017 minutes, were accepted) and financial report were accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments. Birthdays: 108/7.*

Registered attendance: Voting (54) / Non-voting (33)

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – JOANN L: I sent out a letter from the GSO Manager regarding the request to display the Printer's Copy of the manuscript, a digital copy of the Conference Advisory Actions from 1951 to 2018, and the current grid of items being considered for the 2019 General Service Conference, which includes our Area's request for a PSA using full faces. I would also like to remind you of the need for stories for upcoming pamphlets regarding the Three Legacies and for Spanish-speaking women in AA.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: No report.

CHAIR – JENNIFER B.: Thank you all for the Summer Assembly workshop topic ideas. We will be sorting through about 50 tonight at our Officers' meeting, and a final flyer will be sent out in the next week or so with the workshops listed. Members of the Area are now writing pros and cons on the two items of old business at the Assemblies (regarding meditation literature and the Fifth Edition), and those will be printed in the next issue of the *Comments and Comentaríos*.

TREASURER – CHRIS H.: As of today, we have \$26,000 in our checking account (used for operating expenses) and \$11,140 in our savings account (which represents our prudent reserve). In May, we received \$8800 in contributions and spent \$6700.

REGISTRAR – LAURA W.: I have completed the process of restructuring our new database. This has allowed us to create a more effective way of organizing the information. The GSO Records department will be restructuring their database, and their system will be running soon.

RECORDING SECRETARY – ERIC L: About half of the Mo-

tions Book has now been transcribed by the nearly 50 volunteers in our Area who had volunteered to help reformat the original book, which was operating on outdated software and had numerous technical glitches.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – ERICA G.: The Summer Assembly is fast approaching. Bidding for next year's Pre-Conference, which is nine months away, is still open, with plenty of time to find a facility, put together a bid, and plan.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H.: Everyone can continue to support the *Grapevine challenge*. Topics for future issues of the magazine include young and sober and AA in the workplace. Our Big Book is now translated into 70 languages and available around the world.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G: We have started thinking about the November District elections, and attendance at our meetings continues to be strong. We discussed the Hispanic Women's Workshop.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – ELIYAH H: We discussed hosting our Delegate's report; there is a lot of enthusiasm, but finding a date has been difficult.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MARISOL A-D: We held our District meeting, where our Delegate gave an amazing report.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – MARIANNE G: It is unlikely we will hold our Unity Day, so we have extra money in our budget. Our Delegate will give her report in August at our District meeting.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – NICOLAS G: We discussed the manuscript litigation and brainstormed Summer Assembly workshop topics. We also discussed a motion to adopt Venmo as a payment option for individuals and groups, and had a discussion on creating a bi-monthly GSR/DCM training workshop with District 04.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – COLLEEN G.: Our Unity Day will be held June 30. After much discussion, a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement to 41 cents per mile for officers and chairs passed, as did a motion to disburse \$2000 to GSO.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DENNIS H: District 06 turned over our monthly meeting to our Delegate and her Delegate's report. This was a lively and interesting meeting.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – PATRICK C: Our District meeting will be held next week.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – DON Z: Last month, we celebrated our annual Delegate's Night.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – DON L: We passed a motion to share the cost of a joint CPC and PI table at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, and we continue discussing motions to reduce the District's prudent reserve and to purchase a one-year web-conferencing membership for use by the District. One sad note: the sudden passing of past DCMC Bert O'D.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – ERIN B: We are still recovering from the Assembly. We filled our Archives position and are considering sending her to the NAAAW in Illinois in September. We are also testing new budget worksheets.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – TONY W: Officers began the process of reviewing our guidelines. We are also discussing the pros and cons of passing the 7th Tradition basket at our District meeting.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – CATHY P: The much-talked about Safety Workshop will be held November 10 at the Senior Center in Marin City.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – JEFF D: A motion to restrict presentations and reports to three minutes passed, and our Unity Day was a rousing success, with more than 100 people in attendance.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – ROBERT F: We celebrated our Delegate's barbecue, with a presentation from the Delegate, perfect weather, and plenty to eat.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – MARY ELLEN R: We are discussing creating a new position of Outreach Representative to form a committee to visit meetings around the lake to encourage participation in General Service.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ROBIN T: We held a wonderful Unity Day, with a lot of participation. Our Delegate's report will be held in August in Willits.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – DEVIN P: No report.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FRANCISCO R: We will be celebrating our 33rd anniversary in July, which will include the Delegate's report. Grupo Gays y Lesbianas de Habla-Hispana closed, and disbursed \$400 to the District.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – MARIO S: We

celebrated our 28th anniversary. We are now encouraging GSRs to attend the Summer Assembly and are considering renting a van.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – HECTOR C: We answered a request from a priest in Fortuna to help form a Spanish-speaking group; the group has started meeting and is called Aprender a Vivir; it meets every Friday starting at 7 PM.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – MAGDALENO O: We celebrated our 23rd anniversary. Our PI committee is working with libraries, schools, hospitals and courts to provide *Big Books, pamphlets and directories*.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – TEODOMIRO S: We have started sharing job descriptions as part of a pass-it-on to prepare for next panel. We are also discussing a motion to contribute financially to the Hispanic Women's Workshop.

Area Sub-Committees and Sharing Sessions

ARCHIVES – RICHARD W: We passed a motion to purchase digital storage drives in our committee meeting today; we will present that motion at the ACM soon.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LARRY B: This month, your BTG committees gave 10 presentations and handled 60 requests for contact. We accepted a bid from District 10 to host our annual BTG Forum in Novato in November. Our Correspondence Secretary received seven letters this month, for a year-to-date total of 95.

FINANCE – CLAUDIA N: We had a lively meeting this morning reviewing our current Finance committee guidelines, and we reviewed the first draft of new wording for our committee description on the website.

PI/CPC – TEDDY B-W: No report.

WEBSITE – ROBERT E: Our Website Ad-Hoc committee will present the new website to the committee next month. We will soon have a vacancy on the committee; if you are interested in joining us, please let the Chair know.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MICHAEL Q: We confirmed plans for interpretation at the Summer Assembly. We are also discussing a motion to compensate our translators for their English to Spanish written translations, and we are reviewing guidelines as they pertain to our job descriptions and to *Comentarios responsibilities*.

CNCA COMMENTS – JOSÉ A: The *Comments* were sent with the support of 16 people.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA – ERIC H: No report.

NEWSLETTER AD HOC – RAY W: We have now held two meetings and are looking at several aspects of the *Comments* and *Comentarios* to issue some recommendations. We are looking at production, content, design, distribution and translation.

DCM SHARING SESSION – JACQUELINE P (SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY): We heard a presentation on using the Concepts in our lives. Our presenter share that the Concepts deal with leadership, trust, equanimity, structure, accountability and transparency, qualities she strives for in her life. Next month, the topic will be on dealing with negative perceptions of General Service.

ACCESSIBILITIES – CAROLYN M: We have been discussing whether to make a motion to form an Accessibilities committee.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MIGUEL H: We shared thoughts on a motion requesting a Fifth Edition of the *Big Book*.

NCCAA – ROBERT G: The next NCCAA will be held in October in Fresno. Our Chair was asked to resign, and in Fresno, we will be voting on whether to allow the interim Chair to continue to serve.

H&I – KAREN B: We are in good financial shape and continue to spend in accordance with incoming contributions. Online contributions are increasing. We are now exploring an idea related to sponsorship of inmates.

LA VIÑA 22ND ANNIVERSARY – JUAN MANUEL H: The 22nd anniversary will be celebrated in July. We are now looking for a District or Area to host the 23rd anniversary; it could possibly be us.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – MARIA LUISA S. AND EMMA M: We continue visiting Districts and Areas providing information about this workshop and have been received with gratitude and love.

2018 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM – DOUG G: The Regional Forum will be held in 76 days. Many Spanish speakers will be forming caravans from Southern California and Arizona to attend. Registration will open on July.

AREA 06 FORO HISPANO– JORGE O: The Foro Hispano will be held October 28 in San Pablo. We have chosen the theme The Voice of the Three Legacies in Action.

Housekeeping Motions

That CNCA fund one person from the BTG committee to attend the 28th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop

Weekend, to be held in Westminster, CO on September 7-9, 2018, at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$850. – *presented by the Bridging the Gap committee*

Presentation: This is a budgeted item.

Questions: None

Seeing no objections / Motion passes.

That CNCA fund the BTG committee to hold its 13th Annual BTG Forum at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1000. – *presented by the Bridging the Gap committee*

Presentation: This event would be hosted in Novato on November 17.

Questions: Q: Was the full amount in the budget? A: Yes.

Seeing no objections / Motion passes.

That CNCA purchase three microphones at a cost not to exceed \$150. – *presented by Erica G., Assembly Coordinator*

Presentation: We do not have enough microphones currently for the Summer Assembly. Two have broken.

Questions: None

Seeing no objections / Motion passes.

Area Business

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology. – *presented by Dennis H; seconded by Don L*

Presentation: This motion arises from the findings from the Technology Ad Hoc committee. It is a motion to set up a standing committee on technology, focused on moving forward with technology so that technology better serves our needs, increases unity and improves Twelfth Step service. This Technology committee could make improvements in our technology, make recommendations, and make financial plans. I am not asking for approval of the Technology Ad-Hoc committee report, but for the formation of a Technology committee, which could be a vehicle for making some of those recommendations.

Questions: Q: In designating this as a standing committee, this implies that it would be Officer appointed. Is that the intention? A: Yes. Q: Would this replace the Web committee or be merged with the Web committee?

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

A: No. The Web committee would focus on the website. This committee would focus on technology. Either committee would be stretched too thin if they were responsible for both technology and the website.

Motion forwarded to the Area Assembly Business Meeting. (substantial unanimity to forward to the assembly). Motion will be Presentation of New Business at the 2018 Summer Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

That CNCA purchase volunteer vests and buttons for the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum, in an amount not to exceed \$600. – *presented by the Pacific Regional Forum Welcome committee*

Presentation: We discussed several options to identify volunteers (caps, sashes, buttons, etc.). Looking at the various options available, a bright vest would be the most visible. We got quotes from a vendor, and the amount would not exceed \$600.

Questions: Q: What happens to the vests once the event is over? A: One would go to the Archives, and the others would probably be disbursed among the volunteers. We considered leaving off the year and passing them on to Las Vegas (hosting the next Regional Forum) but decided not to make decisions for them.

Motion remains Area Committee Meeting Business. Motion will be Old Business due to time constraints.

OLD BUSINESS:

That CNCA amend Motion 1008-3 from “provide professional simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at Assemblies...” to read “provide professional quality simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at Assemblies...” – *presented by the Interpretation & Translation (I&T) committee*

Discussion: We were strongly in favor of this motion, with a minority opinion focused on the meaning of the word professional. // English is my first language, and I understand some Spanish. Both professional and professional quality interpretation are good. I hear the language of the heart in both. // My only concern is the vetting process, ensuring that we have qualified people providing interpretation. // I want to note that this motion does not preclude us from using our professionals. This would just give us the option to use our professional

quality interpreters if we wanted to.

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 (0) / Abstained (0). Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

That CNCA, as a host Area, contribute no less than \$1200 and no more than \$2000 to the 3rd Annual Hispanic Women’s Workshop to be held December 1, 2018 in San Francisco. – *presented by the Hispanic Women’s Workshop Host committee*

Discussion: It is critical we share this information with one another. We have also been sharing about this at some of the women’s meetings in our District. // Area 07 sent a contribution. My District will now consider sending our own contribution as well.// We should be contributing to the workshop. We will be hosting it. I have been sitting in on committee meetings and they are trying to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic, and that takes money. This is a gesture of love and support. // Excess money would be passed on to the next Area that hosts the workshop. // This workshop is here to support people in AA. We just passed three housekeeping motions to spend money; we can do this also. // Spanish-speaking women are considered a remote community. When English-speakers hear the experience of Spanish-speaking women, they want to know what they can do. Putting money in the Seventh Tradition basket is what we do. Our contributions are going to support this remote community. Women are coming together to make this happen. This is fundamentally at the heart of AA. We want to be there for the newcomer. // I worry about the wording of the motion. It is weird to set a minimum and maximum contribution amount. // There is a tremendous number of women who need help and guidance. // When we invited the other Areas to participate, we asked them to contribute \$600. Not all the Areas are able to give that amount, so we made sure to have a cushion, thus the language in the motion.

Motion moved to Old Business.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Guidance for the General Service Board: Should a legal remedy ever be initiated by AA?

Discussion: Our Board is in charge of two New York non-profit corporations. They are governed by New York non-profit laws. As part of the additional committee considerations, the Trustees committee discussed polling the Delegates or providing information to the Delegates. // We should be able to seek out a legal remedy, especially when dealing with copyright infringement. People can steal stuff from us, and we should be able to initiate a lawsuit. // While I love the concept of polling the Delegates, I think we are blurring the lines. The Trustees are running things on a day-to-day basis. We need to trust our trusted servants. // Experimenting with polling the Delegates could be helpful. The more information that is available, the better, especially in the future. It could save us from having to take Excedrin and Tylenol. // I am uncomfortable about polling the Delegates, because getting an informed group conscience is important. What is the quality of discussion that goes on if we just take a poll? // If someone were to take off with the retirement funds of AA, nothing should be able to prevent us from filing a lawsuit. A Board of Directors is sometimes asked to make time-sensitive decisions, and sometimes consensus (or getting consensus) may make us miss an opportunity. // The controversy regarding the manuscript litigation encouraged more General Service participation. // Unless the Delegates have all the information, you are just setting up two-minute judgments. I thank the Trustees from the bottom of my heart for all that they have done. // The Trustees were in a difficult situation because any decision that they made would be controversial. There are times we do have to have to seek legal remedies because we are not outside of the law. We do not necessarily want to do that, but we must. // I typically avoid talking about money. But a lot of money was spent on this litigation (approximately \$460,000). Litigation can get expensive, and that concerns me. // I was sickened at the cost that we ended up spending. Should we ever? It seems very all-or-nothing, and I do not want us to be in that kind of position. I am saddened that we spent so much money pursuing property, especially considering what else we could have done to carry the message to people who are dying. // I was alarmed by the suggestion that the Trustees be censured. Who wants to be in a voluntary position and then get censured for making a decision that you believe could benefit the

Fellowship? Would Class A Trustees even want to serve us? // My first reaction is to over-react – and then to listen. This was the best way it could have gone. // As a Fellowship, we avoid litigation. It has the potential to draw us into controversy. We have very little property, but one thing we do have is our message. I would want our Board to pursue litigation in which there was a copyright infringement. But should we pursue litigation regarding the international Convention logo? Probably not; logos do not carry our message, but our literature does.

Discussion continues next month.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Service opportunities are available at the Pacific Regional Forum. // I had a wonderful time chairing the PI/CPC committee on behalf of the Alternate Delegate, who was sick. // The Regional Forum is not just for service geeks. This is a great opportunity for the “average” AA member to see the breadth and depth of AA. // I had a wonderful time at the District 14 Unity Day. It was so welcoming and it was an incredible experience. // The Big Book in ASL is being re-done. The old version was out-of-date, the translation quality was not that good, and the technical quality was not great. An independent review of the new translation, looking at the quality, clarity and style of the translation, was very positive. An audio of the Concepts is nearly ready for distribution. Since the Navajo translation of the Big Book was released, 900 of the 1000 units have already been distributed. There were some errors in translation, and another print run will be made soon. // The Unity and Service Conference will be held starting July 20 in Concord. // I am so grateful that the Spanish-speaking women have opened up planning meetings to us. I feel this heartfelt energy; it is a spiritual experience. // When you listen to other people, presume good intent.

The meeting was closed at 3:08 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Eric L.

CNCA Panel 67 Recording Secretary

**California Northern Coastal Area
Statement of Financial Position
As of May 31, 2018**

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	27,583.09
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,140.09
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 38,723.18
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	1,950.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 1,950.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 40,673.18
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,673.18
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	33,063.45
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-3,530.27
Total Equity	\$ 40,673.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 40,673.18

Expense Report May 2018

California Northern Coastal Area

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2018 BUDGET - FY18 P&L

January - May, 2018

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	48,680.91	35,600.00	136.74 %
003 District Contributions	1,644.00	5,833.30	28.18 %
004 Assembly Contributions	4,146.19	4,400.00	94.23 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,670.63	1,300.00	128.51 %
007 CNCA Subscriptions		12.00	
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	472.50	500.00	94.50 %
010 Interest Income	1.89	1.97	95.94 %
Total Revenue	\$56,616.12	\$47,647.27	118.82 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$56,616.12	\$47,647.27	118.82 %
Expenditures			
012 EXPENSE			
013 Delegate Expense	3,311.80	4,030.76	82.16 %
038 Officer Expense	10,800.19	12,361.21	87.37 %
093 Committee Expenses	10,085.40	12,418.95	81.21 %
158 General Expenses	35,949.00	35,137.09	102.31 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	60,146.39	63,948.01	94.06 %
Total Expenditures	\$60,146.39	\$63,948.01	94.06 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -3,530.27	\$ -16,300.74	21.66 %
NET REVENUE	\$ -3,530.27	\$ -16,300.74	21.66 %

5TH EDITION OF THE BIG BOOK PRO AND CON

MOTION: “That the Trustees’ Literature Committee consider publishing a 5th Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the updated stories to more broadly reflect our current fellowship, as well as updates or additions to Appendices III and V.”

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: This motion affects only the story section and Appendices III (The Medical View on AA) and V (The Religious View on AA) of the Big Book. The 4th Edition was published in 2001. In 1994, the Literature Committee reviewed the request for that edition. Over 1,200 stories were submitted for review as of the 2000 General Service Conference. This motion comes timely since the Conference recommended next year’s theme to be “Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages.”

The growing diversity of our Fellowship is apparent in today’s meeting rooms as well as in recent years’ Grapevine stories. Member stories from the military, prisons, greater range of gender variance, mental illness and alcoholism dually-diagnosed, believers and non-believers, elderly newcomers, and people with other accessibility challenges are numerous. I do not see that vivid spectrum of diversity in the 4th Edition.

Bill W. wrote to Bernard Smith in June 1954: “The story section ...is our principle means of identifying with the readers outside of AA; it is the written equivalent of hearing speakers at an AA meeting; it is our show window of results...to increase the power and variety of this display to the utmost... (the) difference between ‘good and excellent’ can be the difference between prolonged misery and recovery, between life and death...” In the 2nd and 3rd Edition Forewords (p.xx & p.xxiii), the editor(s) expressed the necessity to allow more diversity and broader religious views. Eighty years ago, the “Doctor’s Opinion” laid out the medical evidence. By updating the appendices on religious and medical views along with the stories we will establish strong consistency and modern day relevancy to the entire volume – the key message remains that Alcoholism is a fatal disease and our solution is of a spiritual nature even in the 21st Century.

Every revision of the Big Book is a spiritual exercise. It helps the fellowship as a whole to clarify our purpose and express that in the form of a publication. If we start now, we can get to work and let the spiritual principles guide us. All prior revisions of the stories had been attempts to present a more accurate cross-section of AA’s membership. The Big Book is our most iconic tool for carrying the AA message: it is an evolving, living symbol, and mirror of the Fellowship. As we approach a new generation (between every 15 to 25 years), a thoughtful update of the story section and appendices, is a demonstration of unity.

—Vivian K., GSR, District 07

ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MOTION: The Big Book is the original text which contains the heart of our program; therefore we should take great caution to protect and preserve it. AA continues to publish and revise additional literature to fill the needs of our ever-expanding fellowship. Therefore, as Dr. Bob advised Bill toward the end of his life, “let’s keep it simple.” Let us not unnecessarily involve our fellowship in an expensive, time-consuming process of developing another Big Book. This motion poses a threat to our A.A. unity, especially in deciding which stories are added and which stories go. There is also risk of being drawn into public controversy and crossing the line into promotion rather than attraction if we update Appendices III and V. These chapters contain endorsements of A.A. by doctors and clergy members, which by their very nature suggest some amount of affiliation with and an implied opinion of favor for these individuals and groups, which can be dangerous according to our Sixth and Tenth Traditions. Further, while we know it is unwise to personally promote ourselves according to the Eleventh Tradition, shouldn’t we also be careful about using the opinions of the clergy or medical professionals to achieve the same end?

5TH EDITION OF THE BIG BOOK PRO AND CON (Cont)

Setting aside the arguments against the idea of a Fifth Edition entirely, another matter to consider for those in favor of a Fifth Edition is the specificity of the motion itself. Making specific recommendations about which parts of the Big Book to change challenges the “Right of Decision” under Concept III; it instructs the Literature Committee on how to revise the Big Book rather than allowing them the right to decide how they will apply their own authority and responsibility. Additionally, it blocks the possibility of other parts of the Big Book being updated. If we need to more broadly reflect our current fellowship, why not examine the entire book for ways to improve it? What about the masculine and heterocentric viewpoints throughout the book and the chapter To Wives? What about the accessibility of *We Agnostics* to atheist alcoholics, some of whom may feel put off by its attempt to persuade the alcoholic to believe in God? What about *Working With Others* and the changes in how we find and work with newcomers today? In discussing this motion with our groups, these and other potential revisions not covered by the motion will likely come up. Many will likely agree that it’s time to start considering a Fifth Edition to more broadly reflect our fellowship today, but the restriction of changes only to the stories and Appendices III and V may not go far enough to meet this need.

—Sarah B., GSR, District 06

CNCA MOTIONS JULY 2018

CNCA Motions – July 2018

Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

- “That CNCA, as host Area, contribute no less than \$1200 and no more than \$2000 to the 3rd Annual Hispanic Women’s Workshop to be held December 1, 2018 in San Francisco.” —*Hispanic Women’s Workshop Host Committee*
- “That CNCA purchase volunteer vests and buttons for the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum, in an amount not to exceed \$600.” —*Pacific Regional Forum Welcome Committee*

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion topics:

- Guidance for the General Service Board: Should a legal remedy ever be initiated by AA?
- How much is too much money in our CNCA checking account?

Area Assembly Motions:

Redistricting Requests:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

“That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology.”

Old Business at Area Assembly:

- “That literature be developed sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation.” —*District 90*
- “That the Trustees’ Literature Committee add to its agenda to consider publishing a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, with updated stories to more broadly reflect our current fellowship, as well as updates or additions to Appendices III and V.” —*District 40*

CNCA CALENDAR - PANEL 67 - 69

<u>2018—Panel 67</u>	<u>2019—Panel 69</u>
July	January
August	February
September	March
October	April
November	May
December	June
	July
	August
	September
	October
	November
	December

2018—Panel 67

28—Area Committee Mtg
11—Summer Assembly, River Lodge, Fortuna, hosted by District 15
25—Area Committee Mtg
7-9—Pacific Regional Forum, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, San Jose, CA
22—Area Committee Mtg
27—Area Committee Mtg
3—Election Assembly, Robert Livermore Community Center, Livermore, hosted by District 70
24—Area Committee Mtg
1—Spanish Speaking Women’s Workshop, ILW Union Hall, 4 Berry St., San Francisco
15—Area Committee Mtg (Note: 3rd Sat)

2019—Panel 69

19—Area Committee Mtg (Note: 3rd Sat)
23—Area Committee Mtg
1-3—PRAASA, Irvine Marriott, Irvine, CA
23—Area Committee Mtg
13,14—Pre Conference Assembly, tbd
27—Area Committee Mtg
28-May 4—General Service Conf., NY
18—Post Conference Assembly, Ulatis Community Center, Vacaville (Hosted by District 90)
25—Area Committee Mtg
22—Area Committee Mtg
27—Area Committee Mtg
10—Summer Assembly, tbd
24—Area Committee Mtg
28—Area Committee Mtg
26—Area Committee Mtg
2—Inventory Assembly, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco (Hosted by District 06)
23—Area Committee Mtg
21—Area Committee Mtg

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2019 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 13-14

2019 Post-Conference Assembly

May 18, Ulatis Community Center, Vacaville (Hosted by District 90)

2019 Summer Assembly

August 10

2019 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 2, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco (Hosted by District 06)

2020 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 4-5

2020 Post-Conference Assembly

May 16

2020 Summer Assembly

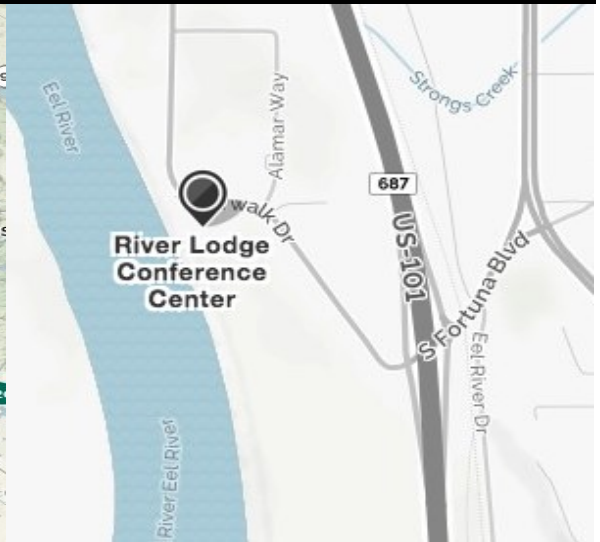
August 8

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 G. at assemblycoordinator.p67@cnca06.org

DIRECTIONS TO THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY 2018 FORTUNA



Getting to Fortuna from the South: Take Hwy 101 North, take exit 687 for Kenmar Road, turn left onto Kenmar Rd., Fortuna River Lodge will be on the left

Getting to Fortuna from the North: Take Hwy 101 South, take exit 688 for Riverwalk Dr./12th St., merge onto Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna River Lodge will be on the right

Lodging in Fortuna:

Best Western Country Inn

2025 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, CA
bestwestern.com
(707) 725-6822

Mention CNCA for group rate Super 8

1805 Almar Way, Fortuna, CA
wyndhamhotels.com/super-8
(707) 725-2888

Mention CNCA for group rate

Comfort Inn & Suites Redwood Country

1583 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, CA
Group rate link: <http://bit.ly/2Hu5hOT>
(707) 725-7025

Riverwalk RV Park

(RV park/tent camping/cabins)
2189 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, CA
riverwalkpark.com
(707) 725-3359

Local AA Meetings:

Friday:

Seeking Serenity

1815 Main St., Fortuna (Crab Shack)
4:30pm

Fortuna Into Action

1815 Main St., Fortuna (Crab Shack)
7:30pm

Saturday:

Fortuna Into Action

1815 Main St., Fortuna (Crab Shack)
8:00pm

Sunday:

Living Sober

2331 Rohnerville Rd. (7th Day Adventist)
10:00am

For additional meetings visit:

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MEDITATION LITERATURE PRO AND CON

MOTION: “That literature be developed sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation.”

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION:

Meditation, as it's currently understood and taught, increases self-awareness of mental and emotional states. It helps the practitioner to master instinct and compulsive reactions, and to explore and deepen personal religious themes, images, and feelings. It has become broadly accepted and acknowledged by the medical and therapeutic community as an essential tool for self-mastery. In the “Big Book” of Alcoholics Anonymous, it is written in several different ways that we practice “prayer and meditation” in order to develop a relationship with a power greater than ourselves. Yet the words as they were used in 1939 meant something other than they do today. Our membership deserves examples of how meditation can be a part of the wide range of acceptable “AA approved” techniques.

The only real direction given to do this given by Alcoholics Anonymous textbook is a practice of reflection on our day's events, and a morning meditation seeking “God's” guidance. The 12X12 similarly gives little direction, and only incorporates one theology of meditation. Although it says there are books available, our own literature could do better.

When they wrote the Big Book they tried very hard not to limit where spirituality could go, and did their best to state very clearly that we had no real knowledge of what spirituality meant, and that we shouldn't restrict ourselves to any rigid perspective that limited us, but perhaps some of the existing literature does just that. Are we not trying every day to incorporate the diversity of our membership to include what “WE” have done to escape our alcoholism? This endeavor of creating new literature is a great way to bridge the chasm of where we came from to where we can go with our path to spirituality. In this way we will continue to improve success as well as increase inclusivity and open-mindedness. From where I stand, one of our greatest values is to use modern science and research as well as the success stories and experiences of our community to expand the scope of our literature. A conference action to do this seems an obvious next step. —*Shannon L., GSR, District 70*

ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MOTION:

The motion as is currently written is incomplete, vague, and largely unnecessary. While meditation is clearly suggested as part of our 11th step, this motion makes no mention of prayer, thus appearing to separate the two and perhaps even diminish the importance of the 11th step in its entirety. Conference-approved Alcoholics Anonymous literature regarding the 11th step already exists, providing guidance via the 12x12, stories in the back of the “Big Book,” and personal stories of experience, strength and hope in the Grapevine and La Vina. In fact, at the 68th General Service Conference, the Grapevine Committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Corporate Board a suggestion that in 2019 or later, Grapevine produce a book on “Prayer & Meditation” (working title).

Since we already have access to more comprehensive material addressing this topic, with new AA literature possibly on the way, passing this motion now may create a gratuitous cost to AA General Service Office. Our current literature is careful to point out when one might be best served by seeking resources outside of AA, and when it comes to the spiritual or religious realm, the 12x12 enthusiastically directs us to the “world's libraries and places of worship...” Additionally, literature that exclusively focuses on meditation may be confusing or even alienating to those who already have their own meditation practice or who are averse to ritual activities. Meditation practice comprises very personal principles and beliefs and as such, is likely to be best addressed one on one with ongoing guidance from a sponsor or other fellows in the same way that AA was first founded with recovery beginning with one alcoholic talking with another. —*Beth S., GSR, District 06*

Area Officer Job Description: Registrar

District Updates, CNCA Committees and More

The CNCA Registrar processes all changes received from our 23 districts monthly and sends the Check-In Sheet and other requested documents to the District Registrars (and DCMCs if requested). The number of changes varies significantly by district and time of year. We also maintain records for the Standing Committees, Sub-Committees, Past Delegates, Comments/Comentarios subscribers, and more.

GSO Updates

Once most updates are processed in the CNCA database they need to be updated in the GSO database (it is important to keep track of which service positions should be updated with GSO). This can generally be done directly or by mailing or emailing the appropriate form. GSO will be replacing their database around the end of this year, so there may be more options in the future.

Comments and Comentarios

The CNCA Registrar is responsible for generating the mailing lists for the Comments and Comentarios. This information is generated from the database and formatted for the mailing labels. These are then printed and distributed to the districts who are responsible for printing and mailing the newsletters. Returned mail is received at the ACM and needs to be processed as soon as possible after the ACM.

Assemblies

For assemblies, the Area Registrar arrives early, with Assembly Registration sheets, and stays until the end; maintains Assembly attendance records, analyzes and reports trends. Prior to the Election Assembly, the Registrar prints a list of people eligible for Area Office, so that those present may respond to their name read aloud saying "available" or "not available" during the third legacy election of Officers.

Time Commitment

Each Area Officer visits an average of three districts per month and travels anywhere from about 4,000 to 16,000 miles per year doing district visits. With the new database the time needed to process updates will likely be reduced to 10-20 hours per week. During the first three months of the panel it will be at least 25 hours per week.

Laura W.
Panel 67 Registrar

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.

The Interpretation and Translation Committee is always in search of more bilingual members to help with written translation.

Contact: translation.p67@cnca06.org

Panel 67 Area Officers & Area Meeting Information

Feel free to contact the Area officers by using the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org

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

Archives Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Richard W by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website. The Archives mailing address is 185 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065.

Bridging the Gap meets at 11:00 am. For Information contact Kelly H by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Teddy B-W by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Interpretation & Translation Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Michael Q by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

Web Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Robert E by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

DCMs & DCMCs Sharing Sessions meet at 10 am

Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Sharing Session meets at 10 am. www.aagrapevine.org

Accessibilities Sharing session meets at 10 am. For information visit the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website

