

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA  
ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR  
2019 POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

The Post-Conference Assembly Business meeting of CNCA was held June 15, 2019 at the Ulatis Community Center, in Vacaville California. Eric L. opened the meeting at 9:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Orientation was done by Ken M. (Panel 61), The AA Preamble was read by Carol D. (District 90), Ikka G. (District 03) read the 12 Traditions in English and Sergio S. (District 40) read the 12 Traditions in Spanish. There were 13 past and current visiting Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Inez Y. (Panel 44 Area 07), Woody R. (Panel 50, Area 07) Marianne H. (Panel 56 Area 07), Lee W. (Panel 58 Area 07), David N. (Panel 59) Gustavo T. (Panel 59, Area 09), Jim F. (Panel 59, Area 38), Ken M. (Panel 61), Raymundo L. (Panel 65) Vicki R. (Panel 66 Area 07), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Mike K. (Panel 68 Area 07), David N. currently serves as a General Service Trustee. The minutes from the 2019 Pre-Conference Assembly were accepted as printed in the CNCA Comments with one correction noting that a motion to reconsider was made but did not pass. Registered attendance: Voting (231) / Non-voting (120)

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**DELEGATE – TEDDY B.-W.:** The NCCAA voted to go to two conferences a year starting in 2022. AAWS and the AAGV are looking for two new non-trustee directors. Applicants should have a solid service background. About the Fifth Edition of the Big Book as I think most of you know, the Conference did not greenlight that, this year. It is great to be back with you all.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JENNIFER B.:** I received a total of 249 submissions of the Agenda Topic Summaries survey. At the August ACM, there will be a Joint Committee Communication Meeting at 11am for Bridging the Gap, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and the Hospitals and Institutions Committee. Members from CNIA 07 will join as well.

**CHAIR – ERIC L.:** We are seeking suggestions for workshop topics for the Summer Assembly. If you have any ideas for things you would like to hear about, please let any Area Officer know by July 27.

**TREASURER – LAURA W.:** Give a ‘thank you’ to all the groups for their contributions- it is very important. We have \$14000 operating expenses, and we’re doing well, we are little under our budget. This is all about service. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

**REGISTRAR – ERICA G.:** Please remember to sign in at Assemblies, it is important to registrar because it helps to project the number of people for future Assemblies. I have been working with district registrars to keep the information updated. If you haven’t received your packages you can access to all that information at aa.org.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – MIGUEL H.:** Been working on keeping the minutes in order, any suggestions to help me improve my service are welcome.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H.:** Our next assembly will be held in Petaluma on September 14 and will be hosted by Districts 10 and 18. I wanted to thank the host districts in advance for their service at the Post-Conference Assembly. Pre-conference, summer, and election assemblies for 2020 remains available.

**LITERATURE/GRapeVINE/LA VIÑA – MAGDALENO O.:** We have a copy of the new book “Our Great Responsibility” for display There’s an opening for AA Grapevine Non-trustee director, interested AA members are encouraged to submit a resume.

**AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES**

**ARCHIVES – DENISE G.:** this year we have been busy organizing archives and creating two new posters. One of our goals this panel is to make CNCA archives more accessible to CNCA. We hope to accomplish this by digitalizing our materials and through participation in the CNCA Website.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – LARRY B.:** The CNIA joint meeting with Area 07 Bridging the Gap, H& I, PI/CPC will be held before the ACM on August 24 at 11:00am. This year we have received email from several institutions with the help of our fellow members from H&I.

**FINANCE – DON L.:** The committee started to review the expenses for 2020 sharing the cheat sheets and

providing a copy to each of the standing sub-committees for their input. Our revenue is about 91% of our budget and the expense are at 83 percent. Finances are doing well comparing to the budget for this year.

PI/CPC – JENNIFER B.: We were present at the Marriage and Family Therapists, Psychiatrists, Medical Students, Nurses, Social Workers and other mental health professionals. We handed out lots of literature and had meaningful interactions with a fascinating variety of professionals from all over the world, including Brazil, Poland, Australia, and Singapore.

WEBSITE – DREW B.: We continue with updates to the site. Our mission is to make the website easier to use and easier to look at. We are now actively working with both Finance & Archives committees to execute on area motions to provide their services on the website. We will be making a housekeeping motion at the June ACM to send one of members to National AA Technology Workshop in Kentucky.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JAMES B.: Juan and Manuel did the simultaneous translation. We have an opening in our committee. We assisted with ASL at this Assembly.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 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. – presented by District 40

Discussion: 100 percent strongly in favor for a new edition/ new stories on sobriety of vulnerable meetings, transgender, lesbian or members with disabilities and mental illness issues / adding stories of people around the world to keep give us bigger picture of different ways to stay sober / we voted substantial majority we don't want another edition / we like to hear more input from trustees on literature on this matter and bring back to our groups and then vote with more information maybe by the next assembly / we are in favor because of the time the process takes to have it done, let's start it now / unanimously in favor to keep up on the times and experiences, evolution of society is moving fast and we are not / we need to keep up on the times and make our big book a living document / in favor a lot happened in 18 years we need to reflect the current time / minority opinion mentioned that we should leave it up to the GV we need to use it more, our meeting in print / most members in favor but they feel that the 164 pages are not included and should also consider that too / group had opinion there's some pamphlets but no programs / expanding the appendices, including religious views that go further than Christian should be reviewed / strongly in favor to review appendices 1 and 5. *Motion remains Old Business at the Summer Assembly*

- That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology. – Presented by Dennis H.

Discussion: I served on the ad hoc committee, we are discussing ways to do things better, we are not ready to have another committee / don't feel this is necessary / create new positions will not be sustainable and hard to keep the positions filled every panel / we are in favor having members that know how to do the job / my district wants to keep discussing this / we are in favor, we have issues at the area like improving and assisting the area web committee and registration issues for two panels / the effect, the duties on technology and details like administration could be more work than the creation of a whole new committee / ad hoc can help and rename the existent web committee to a Technology committee / against because we're becoming more dependent special workers versus trusted servants / the tech issues that we have are also producing financial issues too, this committee can help, then we need to address all the administration to make it accountable to the Area. *Motion remains Old Business at the Summer Assembly*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA continue the work of the Accessibilities Sharing Session by creating an Accessibilities Sub-committee. The main purpose is to continue the sharing session and support accessibilities work at the district level. – Presented by the Accessibilities Sharing Session

Discussion: I have passion for this work, and it is a broad issue, includes alcoholics with disabilities and physical barriers, mental illness, it is very important to consider all this / district access committees, definitely should be a committee at the area / The committee is doing a great job with members with

limitations, helping people directly and getting more members to attend meetings, like getting to a meeting with a wheelchair is complicated / it would also help to have knowledge and inform on how important this is and how to help / people who can't hear, people with physical issues, we take our own abilities for granted, we are in favor / I work with special need people, still I never realized how much people needs this / there's lots of people everywhere with limitations / hope we all hear this and embrace the responsibility / inclusive fellowship includes all members, I'd like to know more about it / it's not about good idea, this is about do we need a subcommittee or just continue as a sharing session but keep informing maybe for future reference / I'm serving to create a workshop on this topic, including members using medication and other issues / we are taking actions to help those who can't attend a meeting / are we accomplishing our primary purpose on how we reach out by creating a committee, we are not the first or last generation with this issues I am in favor and looking for more definition / we hear examples at PRAASA what to do when a deaf person comes to your meeting, we don't have resources, this committee could be responsible for informing groups and provide ideas, to be able to help / where we would draw the line? Between is it the group's responsibility or districts' responsibilities? / This committee could be available and can be figure out the best way to work every panel / I can't hear from one ear and I am hard hearing now from my other ear, the issue is what am I'm going to do once I lost all my hearing? We can receive help from this committee at least having workshops when we are partially deaf and we are sober we can ask for help and receive it sometimes but what about the new comers? They don't have friends when they're new, you can't even share that you have some kind of disability and have the information it's intimidating, we need to structure something to help at group level / we don't see much of these issues at our Spanish speaking meeting, we need a committee / Are we trying to do this personally or help as AA members at every level? / we do need to put the hand of AA out there / I'd like to hear more about what is your district doing for accessibility? if your group is not doing anything or if you don't know what the service is about, we can start there / we have a case with a mom's child in a wheelchair, meetings underground, it is hard to help this member to attend meetings, I'm in favor. *Motion moved to Old Business at the Summer Assembly*

- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced. – Presented by District 07

Discussion: There's some in existing pamphlets but not related to how to work the program or exclusive information / we need to consider if our meeting is LBTGQ friendly and make all welcome, we need to be more sensitive and open, it's a need / overwhelming in favor and we acknowledge that the pamphlet needs to be produced / we felt welcome when we came we should do the same with all / we feel we want to include this community / my group: just add to the current pamphlet more stories / we are in favor, it's a remote community, this pamphlet will improve our inclusivity / members been rejected from families, we can reach more alcoholics with this / there's more than just a drinking problem, people are being targeted, my group feels we should tell meetings what to do and help, step in to help if they need it / not necessary to have a new pamphlet but this discussion helps / we are against, if we create a new pamphlet we will separate the membership and start creating more material for other issues, most of the group's members were against it. *Motion moved to Old Business at the Summer Assembly*

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? (NOON)

Unity and service conference 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of July / Sober Fest Lake County on August 23-25 / interested in experiences on Virtual AA meetings (talk to Molly) / experience at Spanish speaking meetings and the importance of having boundaries and barriers that we don't have at out area with interpretation / Living Sober Conference, the first and longest running LGBTQ conference labor day weekend in San Francisco / importance on the LGBTQ pamphlet related on how we look ourselves, how people see us, makes me excited and maybe I will share my own story / I am Responsible Play in Novato and Danville / online closed meeting, members having accessibility issues (contact June from District 12) / about the LGBTQ pamphlet may not look very relevant but when you live the experience, in your family as a father, it is easier once you understand, I'm glad for this discussion / NCCAA October 11-13 in San Ramon /

District 11 Unity Day, June 29 / we hope to have the accessibility meeting to reach out deaf committee and members that can't attend meetings / Unity Day Santa Clara County, August 25.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? (AFTERNOON)

Statistics: 231 Voting members, 120 non-voting members, total 351, most attended Post-Conference Assembly since 1993 / we still missing one FM Radio, thank you Manuel and Juan for interpretation / Summer Assembly Districts 10 & 18 on September / thank you District 90 for the Assembly / Thank you Teddy for your service, words of wisdom from Doug G. in Japan / 7<sup>th</sup> tradition \$1286.50.

Submitted by Miguel H.  
CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary  
Thank you for my service.