

Chair Preview: July 2019

At the last Area Committee Meeting (ACM), we set a new voting record when we approved a series of motions – eight in total – and heard a presentation of new business regarding web conferencing services. We also heard a presentation for an assembly bid in 2020 (that might be presented again next month) and continued discussing a motion to provide interpretation at the officers' meeting. And, finally, we also continued conversations regarding whether Area Assemblies are open or closed and regarding the potential electronic distribution of the *Comments* and *Comentarios*.

Clearly, Panel 69 is engaged in active service. Our next big event comes this September 14, when Districts 10 (Marin) and 18 (Spanish North) host the Summer Assembly in Petaluma. The morning business meeting remains the same – with the same four items of business under discussion (and possible votes on any of the motions). But the afternoon is where the magic happens – when members of our Area present on a variety of workshop topics about issues of importance to AA as a whole, and then the Area gets to talk and share. Past workshop topics have included the modern-day relevance of the *Grapevine* and *La Viña* magazines, how AA helps our most vulnerable members, anonymity in the digital age, whether anonymity is still relevant, how to keep AA safe, carrying the message to alcoholics with special needs, singleness of purpose in a changing world, and the 7th Tradition in the digital age.

These workshop topics are suggested by you – the members of the Area. All workshop topic suggestions are due by July 27, so please email me any suggestions you may have at chair.p69@cnca06.org.

I was told I write too much, and the Comments this month are quite hefty. So I just want to thank you for your continued participation, and for enhancing my sobriety.

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