



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

So much has changed in the past three months. We have learned that the fellowship is adaptable and unafraid of change. We have learned a whole new tech-savvy language. And we have learned that there remain barriers to accessing AA (one of those most glaring barriers is the inability for some people to access the technology to currently find our rooms).

One thing that has not changed, however, is the life-affirming message of Alcoholics Anonymous. And that message remains a life-saving tool for some, even in this time of social distancing and online meetings. I have been thinking a lot recently about my experience as a newcomer. I was not a "good" newcomer who immediately felt welcomed into AA. I was angry and afraid that this program wouldn't work for me or wouldn't accept me, and I was terrified to try and fail at yet another thing in life.

But people in Alcoholics Anonymous treated me with warmth and compassion. No one forced me to do anything I didn't want to do – and when I misbehaved, they gently guided me toward steps, traditions, and (eventually) concepts that would save my life.

At the Summer Assembly, on August 8, we will get to celebrate those three legacies and discuss a variety of different topics of interest to AA members. Those topics are suggested by you – the fellowship – and are intended to open up discussion about important topics of relevance in 21st century AA, like anonymity, accessibility, finances, history, humility, humor, attraction, public relations, social media, and organization structure. I expect that this year, we might have some suggestions regarding technology as well. Any suggested topics are due by June 27, at the end of the Area Committee meeting.

At the Summer Assembly, we will also resume discussing assembly business – including possible votes on motions to request a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic and on whether to create an Area technology committee. We took a break from this business while we acclimated ourselves to this new virtual world.

At the Area Committee meeting, we have already been voting. We approved adding a line item to future budgets to reimburse travel expenses for two liaisons to the Hispanic Women's Workshop each year, and we rejected a proposal to increase the rate we pay our interpreters at the Area Officer meeting. This month, we could vote on a proposal to lease storage space for use by Area officers, and other motions focus on annual financial support for the Hispanic Women's Workshop and on a proposal to hire a lawyer to help CNCA incorporate as a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation.

We also continue to discuss how to be financially prudent; though the Area is currently in good financial health, this has been a lively discussion, with a lot of exciting ideas starting to be proposed (but no motions have been made yet). I look forward to seeing what happens next.

In gratitude,

Eric L.
CNCA Chair Panel 69

As I write this, I have just finished the initial narrative for my Delegate's Report on the 70th General Service Conference. I have also assembled some photos and videos! Now, I get to pause in my telling of the tale before knitting everything together—all within the next 5 days!

The story of the Conference is enmeshed in the story of this quarantine and if you're anything like me, this quarantine has been both a joy, and a challenge. There are good bits and not so good bits. I can't help thinking what this would be like if I were still drinking. I shudder to think and pause to reflect with gratitude on the fact that I am now sober and with responsibility as I consider those who have yet to find a way out.

Writing the first draft has brought up a lot of emotions. In recovery, you have taught me that it's possible to feel several, sometimes conflicting, things at the same time, but to always be alert, paying attention to how I can be of service in the universe, particularly for the newcomer.

Now if you're wondering why I'm only at first draft stage, a week out from our Post-Conference Assembly, it's not that I'm a procrastinator—though I've got that too—but more a case of the fact that I need time to make sense of any important experience I've been through. Hopefully, I've left it long enough to make (some) sense, but not too late that I can't put it all together for next weekend. You will be the judge of that on June 6.

I could easily drone on for hours, but the 90-minute timeframe we wisely give our delegates in CNCA will help me focus as much on the story that you need to hear as the one I want to tell. And that's where I come full circle, back to how I can be of service in this situation.

So, you see, this pause has allowed me to connect with all of you, again, and re-orient myself on the service plane.

What an amazing program we share.

Teddy B.-W.,
CNCA Panel 69 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—May 23, 2020

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, MAY 23, 2020

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held Virtually on May 23, 2020. Eric L. opened the meeting at 12:30 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Don Z. (District 12) read the AA Preamble, Tradition 5 was read by Leslie W. (District 08), Sean F. (District 10) read Concept 05. Introductions: (5) GSRs, (1) DCM. Past Delegates: Diane O. (Panel 35), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Nancy H. (Panel 49), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), Joann L. (Panel 67). The April 2020 financial report was published on the April issue of Comments and Comentarios. Approval of the April 2020 Area Committee Minutes: Minutes accepted. 113 attendance. Birthdays: 68 years.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Teddy B.-W.: This year's General Service Conference was, as you know, virtual. We didn't rewrite the big book, but we are continuing the discussion with the fellowship on how our message can be accessible and remain relevant. I look forward to letting you know in more detail what I saw felt and heard at our Post-Conference Assembly. Please would you thank your groups for their continued support of their Central Offices, H&I, and the General Service Structure in these challenging times.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Jennifer B: A story from our past H&I chair, Karen C. was published in the latest Grapevine issue sharing how the pilot program for inmate sponsorship came about here in our Area. I have been in contact with a number of people asking about, and sharing how groups are handling requests by people in Zoom meetings who need court cards signed. It is still up to the group conscience if and how they will provide that confirmation, if you would like to see examples of the email templates please contact me.

CHAIR – Eric L: The Post-Conference Assembly business meeting will consist of reports only – business will resume being discussed at the Summer Assembly in August. The Area Committee

meeting in June will be held virtually; a decision on when to resume face-to-face gatherings will be made based on the suggestion of health experts.

TREASURER – Dennis H: CNCA continues to see a drop off in Contributions. I am projecting income of \$6,500 and expenses of \$4,146 for a net Income of \$2,354. Group contributions continue to run at 50% of budget, district contributions were up considerably. Expenses in May included \$1,680 for interpretation expense for the pre-conference assembly and some catch up expense for Bridging the Gap committee. As of today, we have \$25,746 in our checking account and our prudent reserve is fully funded at \$11,037. I wanted to remind everyone that our Web site CNCA06.org can accept contributions from individuals and groups.

REGISTRAR – Erica G: There are still issues with registration. I appreciate all of your patience this Panel as we have dealt with these challenges. Please keep in mind that you can always access everything digitally, from new GSR and DCM kit contents, the Service Manual, and our Area newsletter. If you want information, need any help, you are welcome to call or e-mail me anytime.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Miguel H: I have sent the notes from all the Group Consciences presented at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Thanks as always to Chelsea W. for all the help with the edits of our monthly ACM minutes and notes from the Assemblies.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – Coree H.: Thank all of you who got the chance to attend our Pre-Conference Assembly for making it such a fun and fulfilling experience. I found myself just as excited to hear group consciences online as in person. Fortunately, the Post-Conference will be significantly easier, so I'm looking forward to that.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – Magdaleno O. : Orders Literature and other items via your local groups, Intergroups and Central Offices. As A.A.W.S. continues to process Literature orders, contact me or the Order Department at (212) 870-3312 or email; orders@aa.org or directly at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>. "Planting Seeds" is the title of the June GV issue. The General Service Office

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(GSO) has a need for AA men to write inmates in English or in Spanish through the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS). The Language of the Heart is now available in audio in Spanish, MP3 or CD. La Viña workshop on June-14-2020 at 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – Susan G: We had a wonderful presentation from our visiting officer on a meta-analysis of A.A. covering over 10,000 people, conducted by a Stanford psychologist from a scientific point of view. We started a discussion on methods to reach the new person attending meetings on our digital format.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – Brian M: We did not have a District meeting in April, but will in May. Virtual meetings started slowly in our District, but have increased in number the last few weeks. We are collecting group consciences for our Delegate.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – Murias O: We have our recording secretary position filled. We elected an alternate DCMC. Our joint safety committee has 9 members and we are planning on meeting soon. Our intergroup is projecting to use part of our prudent reserve to keep functioning. The rent we paid this year will be pushed to next year.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – Julie N: We had enthusiastic discussions on obtaining our own zoom account and making online contributions to our district available for our members. PI/CPC is idle and Bridging the Gap is not meeting in during this time. PI/CPC was able to get a literature booth set up at the Parole and Probation offices right before the shelter in place order. SCCYPAA remains active. Our Intergroup Central Office is taking online literature orders that will be available on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – Manuel R: We set up a Venmo account to received contributions. We had a presentation on 7th tradition.

We had a Q & A with our Area officer on how to contribute to GSO.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – Matt D: San Mateo groups have collectively found a way to share experience as we fulfill our primary purpose virtually, the fellowship been working on how to handle the 7th Tradition virtually. These relevant topics have been central to our meetings. We held a sharing session on virtual AA, the current state of the fellowship, and our path forward as new information becomes available. Treasurer position remains open.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – Justin H: We discussed the pre-Conference Assembly and the Conference structure. We are working on a redesign of our District website and transitioning to a new email platform. We are reviewing the changing Shelter in Place and how to continue to provide a safe and accessible District meeting place. Accordingly, District 06 will be conducting its regular business meeting virtually until further notice.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – Vivian K: Members seem to be very comfortable with online meetings, Visitors from other cities, states, and countries are common occurrence. I was invited to join a Mandarin Chinese AA meeting originated in Los Angeles, I can share that meeting with other Chinese speaking suffering alcoholics wherever they are. Our Central Office has found a new space in Oakland to operate.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – Nora H: Meetings are going well. We elected a new DCMC/PI CPC chair. PI CPC is doing well.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – Richard W: This month we were more organized with break out rooms for having orientation and manual study simultaneously. We decided to suspend in person District meeting until it's safe to do so.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – Steve M: Majority of District 09 meetings moved to zoom until farther notice. A few groups are struggling on maintaining their meeting's site due to lack of 7th tradition.

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DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) Terri M: District 90 is staying connected via zoom, probably through July. Our local Intergroup Office will reopen on June 1st. Our local Alano Club, has reopened and required them to remove about 60% of the available seats. Many groups have chosen to stay on Zoom and some will be doing both live and Zoom. We had great feedback on utilizing the online format for the Pre-Conference Assembly.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – Gusty M: We elected a new recording secretary at our last virtual district meeting. We currently have three open District Committee Positions within our district.

Our monthly concept study is changing time to 7PM on the first Wednesday of the month.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – Chitra S: Our visiting Area officer shared their experience on how the virtual platform has been for them during the agenda topics process. We discussed the logistics of having a Venmo account for 7th tradition at the District level. We began discussion on the AA literature Beginner's Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA and whether or not to have it available at the District sponsored Beginner's Meeting. We currently offer Living Sober and the Big Book at no cost to the newcomer.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – Claudia N: We had our new monthly Joint Communication Committee meeting made up of the Chairs for GS, Intergroup, H & I, PI/CPC, BTG, Access and SOCYPAA. Most recently H & I has shared their protocol with Bridging the Gap and our own BTG. They have now got their own zoom account. Our Intergroup has informed that our Bookstore has new hours with its "soft opening. I see our groups bringing to the fellowship more ways to contribute to our 7th tradition. This year we will be having a Virtual Delegates BBQ on the 1st Monday of July, having Teddy speak 1st from 6-7:30pm.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – Sherrie R: No Report.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – Amy M: Our visiting Area Officer shared about AA finances, in CNCA and globally. We are planning our virtual

Unity Day on June 20 on Zoom from 10am-2pm. MENDYPAA had their elections and have a slate of new trusted servants including a new GSR. Y una nota personal, recibí una 'A' en mi clase de español, y espero que tengamos una oportunidad de hablar en conjunto como un grupo en un futuro cerca. Gracias para mi vida. (Amy reported partially in Spanish)

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – Jerry C.: We are doing well. We are using 7th tradition for our meeting we are working on getting better at that. Humboldt meetings are allowing to meet up to 10 people with the sanitized requirements.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – Emma M: We had our first zoom meeting. We had help from district 19. Our Area officer talked on how to work with others in this climate. Some groups are meeting in person with meetings spaces sanitized.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – Fernando R: Recently 12 groups reopened with lots of restrictions and we hope we will too.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – Jose F: I keep sending information to all our district members. We had our second meeting via zoom. We talked on how to send contributions to AA entities and GSO also on how to use tech for 7th tradition. Our delegate will give his report. on June 14.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – Julio F: We had our meeting via zoom. Our visiting area officer talked about the impact, both good and bad, of going virtual. Some groups decided to open and not follow the sanitary restrictions.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – Jose M: We are encouraging our groups to have their meetings via zoom, as some groups keep meeting in person after positive results of Covid in our fellowship. Area officer talked to us about the finance from GSO and we keep informing on how important this is. Our website still open and running.

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AREA SUB-COMMITTEES AND SHARING SESSIONS

ACCESSIBILITIES- Alan W: We discussed about the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook, finalizing a letter to GSO about the prominence of the link to Online Intergroup at aa.org, and the work of our ad hoc committee drafting guidelines. We finalized our ad hoc committee's draft. We had a conversation about work being done to provide people in hospitals and psychiatric facilities access to AA using Zoom. For our next meeting, we will be in sharing session mode, having an open discussion about continuing to have Zoom meetings when the quarantine ends, issues we may experience as meetings re-open, and hybrid meetings.

ARCHIVES – Denise G: Our meeting was held at the same day as our workday May 9th via zoom. The National Archives workshop is planning to be hosted via Zoom sometime in the fall. Our sub-committee on defining our leap of collection provided us with a draft. District archivist been busy digitalizing our records.

BRIDGING THE GAP – Larry B: We discussed the support our district committees will need to provide online presentations. Our committee will need more help from facility staff to provide this format. The amount of support needed may vary based on the skill sets of the committee members. In CNIA, Jason C. has participated in our last two committee meetings so their committee is aware that they may begin receiving BTG requests from the treatment centers in the North Bay as we resume activity and they are eager to be of service.

FINANCE – Don L: We are continuing to monitor the income and expenses. The finance committee has reviewed the current HKM. Expense Reimbursement Guidelines are continuing to be reviewed for future updates. The 2021 budget process will begin in June with the worksheets being sent to the committee chairs and will be due back to the finance committee by the Summer Assembly. If you have any questions for the finance committee please let us know.

PI/CPC – Jennifer B: This month, we had an excellent presentation on CPC and the Courts from Carole in District 90. Next month, we will hear from members who have been working to reach out to underserved and underrepresented populations in our communities. I received an email from Racy at the Public Information desk at GSO, and she says they are currently looking for more shared experience to pass on about how groups and members are making the A.A. message available in virtual A.A. She also included a link to the new press release which was added to the aa.org website last week, entitled Physically Distanced but Digitally Connected. Now more than ever, our websites are a vital PI tool.

WEBSITE – Drew B: We met on Zoom with an Area Officer. You can now make your personal and group contributions on the website- www.cnca06.org We continue to explore the need for a long term, Area wide Cloud storage account.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – James B: : We determined that the current meeting date and time worked best for all involved. We will be begin using the Area account in June, this means we will be using a new meeting ID and password. We discussed items related to interpretation request process. We addressed ASL request for the post conference, which I would like to remind you that there is large collection of recordings of the Delegate's report from the post conference that are available from the Archive committee. We are ready for the Post Conference.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– Kelly H: *May's Comments & Comentarios* were emailed to the district chairs and posted online earlier this week. If your group didn't receive a copy, please ask your district registrar & DCMC to update their email address list, or download it from CNCA06.org. Thanks to the I&T & Web committees for their assistance, and to everyone for letting Districts 07 & 20 be of service.

VIRTUAL AD-HOC COMMITTEE- Coree H: Our ad

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hoc was quite content with the execution of the Pre-Conference Assembly. While there were some problems, it seemed to be a big success. As for the Post-Conference, we're looking into ways that we can provide ASL interpretation if requested.

As far as the Summer Assembly, we're examining the options on doing both assembly business and breakout rooms. Finally with the Election Assembly, we're still keeping our fingers crossed for it being in person, but we've discussed ways to do anonymous voting via Zoom polls.

DCM SHARING SESSION – Sarah B: We had a presentation on The Homegroup and Technology from an AA member whose group has been using technology widely to facilitate communication and service, various ways technology can be leveraged and the types of technology groups can use in accordance with our final responsibility and ultimate responsibility under Concept One. We shared on the use of Venmo and Stripe for 7th tradition, Slack, and Zoom. Members discussed considerations for transitioning from online to in-person meetings, challenges encountered with members who don't use or don't know how to use technology, and using technology to collect online contributions. There was discussion on how to integrate virtual and in person meetings simultaneously, and members shared the various ways to do this.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA –Magdaleno O: We meet from 8:45-9:45 am on the 4th Saturday. The AA message keeps moving via zoom. We have received people looking for help including from different areas. District 08 its hosting a GV workshop on June 30. And also we are hosting another workshop on June 14th.

H&I LIAISON – Karen B: Meetings in treatment centers continue via Zoom. We support these meetings by reimbursing the areas for the electronic meeting charges. It is not clear when we will be able to start in person meetings in Jails

and prisons. The Inmate Visitation Sponsorship Service at San Quentin, in this era of COVID-19 is that inmates who have been matched with sponsors can continue to meet. Those meetings happen in the visitation areas and they have glass between them. Our current finances are ok, but the outlook is uncertain. Thank you for your Contributions to H & I, are very important.

YPAA – Jackie B: CRUZYPAA like to thanks to SCCYPAA for their invaluable support. In October we were even able to put forward a bid to host ACYPAA in 2020. We voted to shift our election schedule to be in line with the annual rotation of ACYPAA. We have been able to host a number of virtual events. ACYPAA still booked for September 3-6. We are bidding for the International in San Francisco. We have access to a spread sheet with most of the YPAAs Zoom meetings around the world if you like to have a copy contact me (Jackie B.)

MUJERES WORKSHOP – Ana V, Sandra G: : We had two meetings on the traditions with participants from San Diego, Louisiana, New York and Indiana that share the lack of meeting in their area. We will have a themed workshop. Our contribution as an Area will be \$365 and the total budget for the event is, \$4,154. Our alternate is Sheila M. with the second alternate position vacant.

LA VIÑA ANIVERSARIO – Genaro G.: We have participants from all the pacific region. We still planning to meet in person on July 24-26, the public relations chair had contacted the hotel where we are planning to host the event in the State of Arizona which is programed to reopen on May 18, 2020 for that reason the cancelation or postponement has not been considered at this point, it's not negotiable, more will be revel.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS

- That CNCA provide interpretation for two hours at a virtual La Viña Workshop on

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020

California Northern Coastal Area Budget vs. Actuals: 2020 Budget - FY20 P&L April 2020

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	36,558.46	41,172.00	88.79 %
003 District Contributions	2,062.04	4,137.00	49.84 %
004 Assembly Contributions		2,425.00	
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,051.03	1,294.00	81.22 %
006 H & I Archives Rent		0.00	
007 CNCA Subscriptions		6.00	
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	411.12	376.00	109.34 %
010 Interest Income	0.89	1.85	48.11 %
Total Revenue	\$ 40,083.54	\$ 49,411.85	81.12 %
Gross Profit	\$ 40,083.54	\$ 49,411.85	81.12 %
Expenditures			
012 EXPENSE			
Total 013 Delegate Expense	1,538.91	3,574.86	43.05 %
Total 038 Officer Expense	4,358.74	8,101.87	53.80 %
Total 093 Committee Expenses	5,986.80	10,039.52	59.63 %
Total 158 General Expenses	18,816.71	32,588.96	57.74 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	30,701.16	54,305.21	56.53 %
2019 Fall Assembly	-4,500.84	-4,500.00	100.02 %
Pacific Region Hospitality Room	-1,844.60	-1,725.00	106.93 %
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,355.72	\$ 48,080.21	50.66 %
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 15,727.82	\$ 1,331.64	1,181.09 %
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CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION — APRIL 2020

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position April 2020

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	19,381.24
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,037.13
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 30,418.37
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	\$ 1,500.00
Undeposited Funds	
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 1,500.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 31,918.37
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 31,918.37
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	5,089.60
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	15,688.77
Total Equity	\$ 31,918.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 31,918.37

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June 14, 2020, from 10 AM to noon, at a cost of \$120. – *presented by Magdalena O., Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair*

Questions: It's that the total cost? A: Yes / Q: this as something we can do with the interpreters provided at the area? A: we have members we considering could do the work / why its this so low? We asked for similar serviced before for 75 dls in hour why? A: our interpretation rare at the area is 60.00 dls in hour, this is different than the officers meting interpretation that do cost 75.00 / Q: its this motion made specifically for that event only? A: yes.

Voted: No objections, motion passed

ASSEMBLY BIDS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA incorporate as a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation and retain the services of a qualified California Business Law attorney to attend to the incorporation and ongoing reporting requirements. The timing and retention of said attorney shall be determined by the Area Officers. – *presented by the Area Structure ad hoc committee*

Presentation and Questions: IRC stands for internal revenue code. Google 26 us code section 501 and will take you there. / the wording is not matching with the intention, after you gave your report, the committee voted for making this motion? A: It was more accurate at the time, now we believed it is necessary to contact someone and confirm, we expect the officers to decide before move forward, we feel that it should be incorporated / the intention is that the area officer will pick the contact to do the work? It won't go back to area for to approval to get the funds for it? A: The prices of the attorneys vary, it's more important that officers choose someone to work with / /Q: how much will cost? A: we interviewed some people and have different fees. From 200 to 5000 dls, CNCA is a nonprofit, it will require specific forms? A: depends on who the area officers decides will speci-

fy the needs. / Q: have you reached out a Nor Cal entities or are you trying to re-invent the wheel? A: the committee members are not going to be involved, the committee suggested that the officers empower the right of decision and decide, it will be some customized comparing to other areas or entities but we are not sure / respecting about retaining the lawyer is the purpose, in case we decide to move forward with incorporated? A: our expectation is that if it passes, the officers will consult with an attorney, maybe pay for an hour, describe the situation and see that the attorney sees and review with analysis because this was not prepare for a legal standards / The officers are partially qualify to decide on these, it's why the ad hoc committee was formed, to investigate with their AA glasses on to see if it makes sense (teddy) / with this new legal structure, are we be able to kick out liability insurance? Cause it's under a different umbrella / A: yes, however I will suggest that / Q: is this motion a suggestion to empower area officers to vote and see the best option? A: that's not the intent of the motion, the intention is to search for an attorney and consult to do the best after all this information / The reason we didn't include the cost is because a was so wide. Voted to remain Area Committee meeting business; will be new business in June.

OLD BUSINESS

- "That CNCA amend the motion "to provide two hours of professional Spanish/English interpretation, if requested, during the monthly Area Officer meeting at the rate of \$75 per hour" to "\$100 per hour and mileage reimbursement." – presented by Coree H., Assembly Coordinator

Voted: substantial majority: against 19 / Favor 26; Motion fails

- "That CNCA add a line item to future budgets, with the approval of a housekeeping motion, to authorize funding the travel expenses of two liaisons to the Hispanic Women's Workshop". – presented by Sandra G. and Ana V.

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Discussion: I'm in favor, other areas are doing similar things, remote community are important / in favor, I have seen women getting the benefit of these workshops. Voted: Substantial unanimity: Favor 45 / Against 3 / Abstentions: 0
Minority opinion: Times change, we don't have this even for archives or other Area committees, we are focusing on a particular group not a functional service to AA, as an exclusion of the rest of us, we are setting a precedent here, we are going to fund on regular bases, adding more lines is not the right way to do it.
Motion to Reconsider: Yes (10) / No (34). Motion to Reconsider fails; Motion passed.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Discuss ideas and options to operate CNCA on a more financially prudent basis
Knowing our assemblies are the most pricy activities, virtual assemblies could be an option to look at / This is a tool now, an option after seeing how successful it went, we can invite remote areas to join and save money / what we considered here is a financial approval / Finance committee look at what we can cut, we can have a cash flow and work but seeing if the money is available ahead of time is complicated / really how successful the virtual assembly was? we had 275 Saturday and 195 Sunday, before could be over 400 Saturday and over 200 Sunday, it was easier and still we didn't get much participation, I don't like the idea of virtual assemblies / virtually we could have over 500 people, one on one is more connection and contact / pre-conference was incredible, seem people closer, we can still transmit information, I miss gathering, we have more avenues, maybe have one virtual assembly a year, utilizing zoom for people that can't travel including participation and Area Officers visiting districts, I'd like to see that money go to the alcoholic who still suffers / this times is forcing us to use this platforms in past discussion topics we talked about distributing this information this way, now here we are / visiting area officers link GSRs and Districts to area, having

hybrid tools can make this more successful, a could be an inventory topic / virtual has the same benefit, allows different members to attend / those that have the members from remote area showing up can help the accessibilities / we have other assemblies where we can practice and have other rooms, not compared this with other assemblies in person / maybe we don't have to come every month, maybe quarterly to cut expenses / we doing this as an emergency, we could figure out, this can make us less sensitive, we can forget the purpose of saving lives, investing money in other things but do not abandon our primary purpose, you can't imagine how important it is for us having the Officers visiting our Districts.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

I have information about how successful our assembly was with over 300 consciences before the assembly, and I continued to received more with 1000 group consciences counted to get well informed as your delegate, thank you / we should pay attention of the dynamic this platform is giving us, many years ago we were trying to have a Spanish sub-district in our English district, I have been concerned about the electioneering - as it has been called by other areas - that can go on at the area committee meeting here, screen time as an impact / Dist 08 is hosting a GV workshop on Sat May 30 via zoom / there is some General Service history videos on you tube, if you like to have the link you can contact me (Jackie B.) / thanks to zoom we have people Spanish speaking members from all over and we have been exchanging information and are now able to make the hand of AA more available virtually.

3:28 p.m. -Closing

- Miguel H.
CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Chair & Assembly Coordinator

LITERATURE, GRAPEVINE, AND LA VIÑA CHAIR

- Assist members and districts from CNCA 06 with anything related to Literature, *Grapevine* and *La Viña* order forms and new service materials. Also making sure that literature display stands has all the new books and pamphlets. This requires making subscriptions and renewing them when possible.
- Have the latest information and activities related to Literature, *Grapevine*, and *La Viña*. Useful tools to stay up to date include: Box 459, AAWS highlights, current Delegate reports, and the Trustee's quarterly report.
- Be prepared to answer any questions and concerns of our members.
- Be available to answer phone calls, emails, etc., and respond to calls in a timely manner.
- Have enough space to store around a dozen boxes with literature and materials from our Area, as well as from *Grapevine* and *La Viña*.
- Bring the literature display to our monthly business meetings (about three to four boxes), as well as to the four Assemblies of the year and to the Northern California Council (NCCAA) Conferences, as requested.
- Attend a three to four hour meeting after the monthly Area business meeting every fourth Saturday of the month (on occasions the third Saturday). An average of 12 hours.
- There are also additional meetings with the rest of the Area officers to work on the Agenda Topics Summaries.
- Visit three Districts each month, sometimes four when our Delegate attends the General Service Conference.
- Immediately report, through email or phone calls, to the DCMCs when the monthly calendar is done at the officers meeting.
- Prepare with the requested topic or presentation to the district, prior to the visit.
- There could be invitations to Unity days, Workshops, District or Group Events, etc.
- It's really suggested to attend PRAASA and Regional Forums.
- Facilitate the monthly Literature, *Grapevine* and *La Viña* Sharing Session, from 10:00 - 11:00 am, at the Area Committee Meeting in Petaluma CA.
- As a facilitator this is a chance to listen to members share what works for them and how they develop their Service within AA. This is a great opportunity, and regularly there is always something to talk about and lots of information to share each month.

- *Magdaleno O., Literature, Grapevine, and La Viña Chair*

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR

- Attend Area Committee Meetings. Arrive by 9am to set-up sound equipment and post signs outside of meeting rooms. Monitor sound during business meeting.
- Facilitate DCM Sharing Session at 10am.
- Attend Area Officers meeting following ACM.
- Motivate districts to bid for assemblies. Help prepare and review bids. Visit potential assembly sites for review and approval.
- Attend 1-2 planning meetings for each assembly. Support host committees, be available to them as needed, and be their biggest fan.
- Attend 4 assemblies per year. Attend set-up, usually the day before. Transport and set-up sound equipment. Arrive at assemblies at 7am, monitor sound, be available to troubleshoot throughout the day.
- Set future assembly dates with input from other Officers.
- Create assembly flyers.
- Update guidelines, bid forms, and other assembly documents as needed.
- Liaison to Petaluma Community Center. Book ACM dates.
- Visit average of 3 districts per month.
- Work on Agenda Topic Summaries with other Officers.
- Storage space: 3.5ft x 4ft(width) x 5.5ft(height)

Coree H., Assembly Coordinator

CNCA MOTIONS – JUNE 2020

AREA COMMITTEE

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA Lease a storage unit for use by the Area Officers at a cost not to exceed \$150 a month.

NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA add a line item to future budgets, with the approval a house-keeping motion, to authorize an annual contribution no greater than \$600 to the Hispanic Women's Workshop.
- That CNCA incorporate as a California Public Benefit Corporation and retain the services of a qualified attorney to attend to the incorporation—*presented by the Area Structure ad hoc committee*

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Discus ideas and options to operate CNCA on a more financially prudent basis
- Discuss content available on the Area website, and what might be added to improve communication
- Discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants

- Discuss ideas on how to convey information regarding Area Assembly motions to the GSRs

AREA ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA establish a standing committee on Technology.
- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced. – *presented by District 07*
- That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties. – *presented by District 08*

NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic" be produced. – *presented by District 40*

DCM SHARING SESSION MAY 23, 2020

11:10 am - Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Coree H. Chair. Our meeting is open to everyone to learn and participate on the topics. Announcements. Recording secretary announced providing your email to be included on the email list.

Presentation – The Home Group and Technology by Drew B. Technology can be utilized to help facilitate communication and service within your homegroup (e.g., Venmo and Stripe for 7th tradition, Slack for communication/meetings, and Zoom for accessibility). His homegroup's use of electronic contributions led to 20-30% increase in contributions. Use of technology can be leveraged in accordance with our final responsibility and ultimate authority in Concept One. He found that some members had unique technology skills that could be used for service, and he talked about the different roles that can be played when using technology. He talked about considerations as meetings start transitioning to in-person meetings.

The meeting was opened for Q&A and open discussion:

- Q: Is it possible to use virtual and live meetings simultaneously? A: Things to consider: guidelines of the location in which the meeting happens, how people will share, and feedback noise. The presenter suggested creating a "podium meeting," where device is placed on the podium, and those that share have to come to the podium, which reduces the need to pass around a device and therefore prevents potential contamination issues.
- A member shared how her group met outside to adhere to social distancing and commented that each group is going to have to come up with their own solutions to meet the needs of their group.
- A member shared the use of two cameras, one on the podium, one on the group, and the use of a tv to display the attendees joining virtually.
- Q: How do we know how to conduct our meetings in consideration of health and safety measures? A: Counties will provide guidance on this. Groups can call counties to find out where their meeting falls within that guidance.
- A member shared their opinion that hybrid meetings should be considered as a standard practice for the future
- Members shared their experience with how their groups have been responding to the inability to meet in person
- A member brought up the issue of meeting verification (e.g., members needing verification that they attended the meeting) and mentioned that the secretary can send an email with the zoom meeting link
- A member shared her experience with increasing accessibility for deaf members via the use of a sign language interpreter
- A member shared the importance of communication within the group to determine a path forward

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah B.,
DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary

2020 CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 69

2020—Panel 69

June **27—Area Committee Meeting**
July **25—Area Committee Meeting**
August **8—Summer Assembly, Crosswalk Community Church, Napa, hosted by District 11**
15 or 22—Area Committee Meeting (*Note: 3rd Saturday possible*)

September **26—Area Committee Meeting**
October **24—Area Committee Meeting**
November **7—Election Assembly, Robert Livermore Community Center, hosted by Districts 05, 07, 08, 17, 20 & 70**
28—Area Committee Meeting
December **19—Area Committee Meeting**
(Note: 3rd Saturday)

The CNC Area Committee holds its monthly meeting the 4th Saturday of every month, 12:30—3:30 pm. (Typically 3rd Saturdays in December, sometimes January). DCMs & DCMCs (or their alternates, if the person with whom they serve is absent) are voting members of the Area Committee. Zoom meeting ID is 632-553-607. [Contact the Area Chair](#) for the password.

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLY DATES—2020

2020 Summer Assembly

August 8, CrossWalk Community Church, Napa (Hosted by District 11)

2020 Fall Election Assembly

November 7, Robert Livermore Community Center, Livermore (Hosted by Districts 05, 07, 08, 17, 20, & 70)

If your District is considering making a bid for a Panel 71 Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator, Coree H, via the [web form](#).

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To contact an Area officer or Committee, or get the password for any meeting, please use [the web form](#).

CNCA Standing Committees & Sharing Sessions

Note: Some Committees & Sharing Sessions have changed their meeting days & times.

For questions about meetings, including passwords, please contact Committee chairs (ideally in advance of the times noted below):

Accessibilities committee meets the 4th Saturday of every month at 10 am. Zoom meeting ID is 828-0945-2039. [Contact Alan W.](#) for password.

Archives committee meets at noon on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 981-8745-2281. [Contact Denise G.](#) for password. The Archives mailing address is 185 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek CA 94597-2065.

Bridging the Gap committee meets at 7 pm on the Thursday prior to the Area Committee meeting each month. Zoom meeting ID is 988-7891-7593. [Contact Larry B.](#) for password. BTG mailing address is PO Box 750623, Petaluma, CA 94975-0623.

DCMs' & DCMCs' sharing sessions are held before the Area Committee meeting on the 4th Saturday of every month. The **DCMC session** at 10 am is open to DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only. Zoom meeting ID is 632-553-607. The **DCM session** at 11 am is open to all members. Zoom meeting ID is 632-553-607. [Contact the Area Chair](#) for password.

Interpretation & Translation committee meets at 11 am the 4th Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 632-553-607. [Contact James B.](#) for password.

Literature/Grapevine/La Vina sharing session is 9 am the 4th Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 824-9101-6140. [Contact Magdaleno O.](#) for password.

Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee meets at 11 am the 3rd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 568-947-843. [Contact Jennifer B.](#) for password.

Web committee meets at noon the 3rd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 880-3494-4851. [Contact Drew B.](#) for password.