

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA
POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES FOR
June 06, 2020**

The Post Conference Assembly of CNCA was held virtually on Saturday June 06, 2020. Eric L. opened the Meeting at 10:00 am, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Zoom Virtual Orientation was given by Jackie B. (District 06); the AA Preamble was read by Ginger O. (District 15); Amy M. (District 14) read the Twelve Traditions in English; the Twelve Traditions in Spanish were read by Salomon G. (Colima, Mexico). There were 19 past Delegates & 3 current Delegates: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Maine), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim A. (Panel 45), Inez Y. (Panel 44, CNIA), Salomon G. (Panel 45, Colima Mexico), Sharon A. (Panel 57), Woody R. (Panel 57, CNIA), Gustavo T. (Panel 57, Area 05), Jim F. (Panel 59, Eastern Missouri), David N. (Panel 59, currently General Service Trustee), Ken M. (Panel 61), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), Joann L. (Panel 67), Steve (Area 72), Tom A. (Panel 70, CNIA), Juan Carlos P. (Mexico), Raul G. (Mexico), and Madeleine P. (past Pacific Region Trustee). Visitors: Three Past Area Officers were also present: Margaret V, Michael Q, Judy W, Ray W. Approval of the 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly Business Meeting Minutes with a correction noting that the minutes were for the 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly, and not the 2019 Fall Assembly.

Attendance: More than 300

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: I have created a sheet that maps the agenda topics results. I also attached the advisory actions and committee considerations. 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. Please 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: We are in the early planning for a Virtual Joint Committee Communication Meeting for BTG, PI/CPC, and H&I committees, with members from CNIA 07 joining us. Speaking of H&I, I hope you saw the article in the June Grapevine featuring a story by Karen C. of Oakland about the inmate sponsorship program that started last year at San Quentin. Currently, the only prisoners who are getting any direct contact with outside A.A. are the guys in that sponsorship program.

CHAIR – ERIC L: A decision on when to resume face-to-face gatherings (including Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings) will be made based on the suggestions of health experts. Regardless of the location, we will resume discussing (and possibly voting on) Area business – including motions regarding a technology committee and a proposed pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic – at the Summer Assembly.

TREASURER – DENNIS H: CNCA is in good financial condition. We ended May with \$22,800 in our checking account & Prudent Reserve is fully funded at \$11,037. CNCA has seen a decline in contributions during the current pandemic. Group contributions, the most important element has been running at 50% of budget, expenditures are at about 25% of budget for the same period. CNCA now accepts Group and Individual contributions online via our web site CNCA06.org. We first offered this option at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Since that time over 100 separate contributions have been received. Total amount received is currently a little over \$1,500. If your group treasurer does not know that they can contribute online please let them know.

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: Please send me your report by email, text, whatsapp etc... to make it part of the monthly minutes. Big thanks to Chelsea W. for her service helping with the edits of the monthly Area Minutes and the Assembly Minutes.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H: This is our second virtual assembly, normally at this time, I would start giving heavy hints that some of the districts should start considering bidding for the 2021 assemblies, however in these uncertain times it may be better to just... Start considering. Other than that, I'm looking forward to the remaining assemblies of the panel whether they take place virtually or face to face, since I do miss all of you intensely. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MAGDALENO O: I just want to announce that we are going to have a virtual workshop of "La Viña" on June 14, 2020 at 10:00 am (Pacific Time) with different topics of interest such as:

The origin of La Viña process, editing and printing of La Viña, and La Viña in the digital age. We will also have Q & A. Prepare your jokes related to "Drunks" the funniest jokes will be elected and be sent to the editor in NY. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Standing and Sub-Committees Reports

ACCESSIBILITIES – JEFF R: The Committee has met once since the Pre-Conference Assembly. The committee's work continues to be focused on transitioning from a Sharing Session to a full committee and discussion of the accessibility implications of the pandemic lockdown. The ad hoc committee we formed to develop committee guidelines has been making progress, and it seems likely that draft guidelines can be shared at the next assembly. Our regular meetings will continue to be at 10:00 a.m. the morning of the Area Committee Meeting; in June we will talk more about hybrid meetings and other implications as meetings start to reopen.

ARCHIVES – DENISE G: Our committee will meet virtually on June 13th, 2020 via Zoom. Our archivist is currently working on the digitization of the 2019-2020 records and at the same time keeping records on how groups responded to the pandemic. We are in the process of revising our Archives guidelines and defining our scope of collection. We recently were able to provide a PRAASA Ad-Hoc committee with some digitized materials which we store for PRAASA.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LARRY B: Some of our district committees are resuming presentation activity this month using Zoom. We appreciate the initiative of the committees involved and intend to share their experience with the rest of our district chairs. Volume at our BTG post office box has slowed to a trickle. In particular, the disruption in H&I meetings in our local correctional facilities has interrupted our typical flow of requests coming from those facilities. The BTG Committee looks forward to participating in an online joint committee meeting.

FINANCE – DON L: The Finance Committee is preparing the yearly budget for the Area. A review of the current budget versus actual for the first five months of this year reports that, contributions (or revenue) is at 80% of our budget, while expenses are only at 48% of the budgeted amount, with net revenue exceeding the budget at 3,563% or \$19,268, the budgeted net revenue was a negative \$526. With the first two full months of meeting restrictions, the April and May group contributions have been at 53% of the budgeted amount. These new restrictions have also reduced the Area's normal expenses that is also affecting the budget. The committee is currently beginning the process of the 2021 budget and it will be a challenging task.

PI/CPC – JENNIFER B: A number of your local PI and CPC committees are exploring the idea of creating their own websites to make it easier for local professionals to find relevant information and interact with their committees. There is a new press release available on the AA.org website entitled *Physically Distanced but Digitally Connected*. At the Public Information desk at the General Service Office, there was a request for more shared experience about how groups and members are making the A.A. message available in virtual A.A. meetings and events, and addressing the topic of anonymity.

WEBSITE – DREW B: The website has become even more vital in our actions to remain unified in the face of the pandemic. You can find nearly all the information you need to remain connected to each other and 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 with both digital and document storage. In the last quarter of the panel, we look to do one more aesthetic upgrade to the website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JAMES B: To date, the feedback we have received about using Zoom for interpretation has been extremely positive. If you joined after the Zoom orientation and haven't heard this yet, please be sure you select a language for interpretation using the globe icon below or the triple dots on a mobile device. Thanks to the entire I&T committee for all the work they do.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY AD HOC COMMITTEE – COREE H: ASL interpretation will be provided and recorded. Our ad hoc committee has met to discuss the logistics of holding the summer assembly virtually, and have a simple, yet effective, plan of action. I have also met with the "chief architect" of the virtual general service conference, and they were very helpful in confirming the ideas put forth by the ad hoc about how to do virtual assemblies. At this point, we are fully prepared to do the remaining assemblies virtually, if that's what is required.

What's on your mind?

I came into this year as a new GRS and saw lots of changes and even though it's been difficult, we elected an Alt GSR / it was a challenge getting our meeting online, the way GS works is wonderful and getting input

from our groups was wonderful / with the way things are going in our county we'll be going to live meetings and keeping Zoom, there have been lots of talks about what involves a violation of anonymity, are we talking about this and is there anything to bring to our groups? / are we making the people of color feel welcome and included or are we just saying everyone is welcome but not acting to make everyone feel included? / What do we do when our group doesn't respond on the agenda topics process? I was unable to collect any group consciences, maybe silence was part of the group conscience? / it's easier to hear and absorb the information via zoom because of all the background noise and cross talk happening at live assemblies / I'm impressed with the response from our GSRs, some done it by email, others virtual discuss, I am just impressed, it's still working, different agenda topics were presented, it's inspiring seeing these people doing all this service in the world we are living in currently / we are having our annual BBQ, with everyone eating at home and being together virtually, as we hear our Delegate's report at our district, and play AA jeopardy via zoom, we'll have break out rooms and so it looks like fellowship is still possible virtually / District 08 is having the delegate's report the first Tuesday of the month of August at 7:30 pm / in the PSA playing today, I noticed there were only white people and only in English, we need to work in more diversity for more inclusivity so more can identify / this year I see the lack of participation in my district, it's difficult to convince members to use Zoom, I'm not scared anymore I like this method / I used our group's phone list to contact members, I don't have much representation but it's the best I can do / I was able to work with our group, we started opening in-person 3 days at week with restrictions / I learned a lot attending the area meetings this way, I will pass on the information / I am conscience that lots of GSRs are not fully connected yet, but our District's members still figure out ways to contribute, some groups started meeting in-person again, District 20 is following area guidance / we were slow to move online, by the time we got connected via zoom it was too little late for the deadline for agenda topics process, sponsorship helps, email was enough to connect in the meantime and some groups participated by holding sharing sessions / lots of Serenity Prayers everyday helped, now we are on Zoom everyday having meetings, for that I'm grateful / the timing was interesting, groups talking about how they felt using the zoom platform, once we moved forward, we learned this is effective, there are new ways to do our work / how to reach the alcoholics that still suffers? / Service sponsorship is a great tool / young people didn't have a GSR, I love hearing old timers saying they had no idea what GS was, I'm excited to hear the Conference report and continue in General Service to pass these on to them / in the financial aspect, what's the reason AAWS and GSO remain headquarter in Manhattan? (Answer from Teddy: The building has a lease with a significantly reduced rent due to being a nonprofit, they have looked into moving locations but they have not yet found a change that would save any money, if something changes we will consider taking action) / thank you Teddy for your service and leadership / Sunday June 14th Teddy will be giving the Conference report at District 20 / Baja California Sur de Mexico was present and it is an honor to be a part of this, thank you Teddy, I'm impressed, I will share this with our area here in Mexico / we are anticipating more need with inmates in Saint Quentin, we are looking for more people for the inmate sponsorship program, we are taking applications are at this time / in regards to literature, anyone can go online and get books on pdf for free, is there a way to make a donation and make some profit for GSO? / thank you Teddy, I think this is an example how we are culturally inclusive in AA, facing barriers that others are facing too / we had a great response from members contributions just by adding a line in our 7th tradition announcement mentioning that it is suggested that for "those who are able to contribute more than a dollar" / Past Delegate Lee W. memorial ceremony June 11, at 12:30pm we will had a link on how the service will be done / I have some disappointment to hear that the agenda topic about the African American pamphlet was tabled again this year because the committee ran out of time, I'm disappointed because the same thing happened last year, so for two years this topic has been postponed / regarding the Conference budget, do you think everything will balance out or we going to keep using the prudent reserve? A: I think we will go in to our prudent reserve, it's not chaotic but it's a big concern for all of us, remember to thank your groups for all the contributions they send / is there a new book in progress? Or how's the progress on the pamphlet for the Hispanic women? A: the pamphlet it's moving forward, maybe we will get a draft next year, no new books but Grapevine is always-producing new material.