



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

The June Area Committee meeting might be the moment in which our Area finally and fully became a virtual Area. We passed four housekeeping motions, discussed two items of business, and voted – again – to continue discussing a motion regarding the Area's possible incorporation at the Area Committee meeting.

Our comfort using virtual platforms to discuss (and vote on) business will serve us well; we will be doing the same at our Summer Assembly, which will be held August 8. At that assembly (flyers are included in this newsletter and are available on the Area website, www.cnca06.org) the morning business meeting will include discussion (and possible votes) on motions to request a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic and the possible formation of an Area technology committee).

In the afternoon, workshops on a variety of topics of interest to AA members will be held; this will be a major test of our virtual capabilities, with simultaneous interpretation across three concurrently-operating virtual rooms. The workshop topics themselves, which were suggested by members of the Area, will be facilitated by six members of the Area, who will make presentations and then facilitate discussion on these big themes of importance to all of AA. The workshop topics are:

- AA in the Digital Age: Moving Ahead Without Leaving People Behind
- AA – Our Financial Future and Our Options
- Our Tenth Tradition – When “Outside Issues” Affect Our Primary Purpose
- Passing it on in General Service – Variations on the 12th Step
- I Am Responsible – Inclusion and Diversity
- Sustaining AA and Our Legacy for the Future

I am looking forward to the thought-provoking discussions that we will have, and for the exciting new ideas that may one day contribute to the sobriety of alcoholics we have not yet reached.

In gratitude,

Eric L.
CNCA Chair Panel 69

July – 7th Tradition Month – comes in the midst of great uncertainty for all of us. With no likelihood of a return to what life was like before the coronavirus anytime soon, we're left in limbo.

As an alcoholic, I prefer certainty and closure, but as a sober alcoholic you have taught me to have patience with the things that are unresolved. Our maxim, one day at a time, has been particularly helpful for me these past months and, I'm sure, for many to come. Yet, as Bill warns us in his essay on leadership, this slogan refers to our mental and emotional lives and that "we shall surely suffer if we cast the whole job of planning for tomorrow onto a fatuous idea of Providence." He goes on to say that God has given us foresight and expects us to use it.

So, as a sober alcoholic what does this moment mean for me and my 7th Tradition responsibility? When I first got sober, I had little money and found myself at my home group with nothing for the basket. The guy next to me noticed and put in for me. I thanked him and said I would pay him back as soon as I could. He winked at me and told me to pay it forward. One of my home group members was a loving old-timer. I remember him sharing that he had been lucky enough to receive the gifts of sobriety and how grateful he was for that and one way he expressed that gratitude was in the basket. A few years later I heard one of our (now) past delegates talk about a personal contribution plan to A.A. Now, up to that point my personal contribution plan had been a fear-based reaction to the basket when it hit my lap in a meeting. Over time, I have become aware of all the myriad ways there are to support my home group, my intergroup, my area, H&I, our general service board, and the Grapevine/La Viña.

Even so, my personal contribution plan remained in my head. One outcome of the current situation, for me, has been for me to write my plan out. It turns out I was doing a good job of patting myself on the back instead of doing a searching and fearless inventory. Turns out that was the key for a larger inventory and all the benefits that flow from that.

In these tumultuous times we should take care of our groups first, our local services next, and then, if we have funds to spare, consider our wider 7th Tradition responsibilities. The way in which our districts, groups, and individuals have responded to the current situation is truly inspirational. We may not have chosen to do it thus way, but these trying times have given us the vehicle to reach new levels of understanding and responsibility as it relates to self-support.

Teddy B.-W.,
CNCA Panel 69 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—June 27, 2020

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, June 27, 2020

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held Virtually on June 27, 2020. Eric L. opened the meeting at 12:30 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Don Z. (District 08) read the AA Preamble, Tradition 6 was read by Jerry C. (District 15), Amy M. (District 14) read Concept 06. Introductions: (6) GSRs, (0) DCM. There were 5 Past Delegates: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28 - Maine), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 43), David N. (Panel 59), David N. currently serves as a General Service Trustee. Visitors: Claudio B. (Area 07, Alt-Chair) The May 2020 financial report was published on the June issue of *Comments* and *Comentarios*. Approval of the May 2020 Area Committee Minutes: Minutes accepted with two amendments. 1) District 70 report: "We Elected a New DCMC" Correction: "We elected a New Alt-DCMC" 2) YPAA report: "ACYPAA event in October" correction: "ICYPAA event in February" 111 attendance. Birthdays:173 years.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Teddy B-W: I am very pleased to report that in May, our General Service Board received \$838K in contributions, up substantially from the monthly average in good times of \$670K. The deadline for submitting a resume for either or both of the non-trustee director vacancies coming up are July 24 for A.A. We also have a vacancy coming up for trustee-at-large/US and we will be conducting a third legacy procedure at our election assembly to select our nominee as we also have vacancies for three Class A. non-alcoholic trustees. The 2020 International Convention will come alive online. I have begun to deliver my report at district meetings and if you would like me to visit your district, please let me know. I created a document that maps the agenda topics to the results, if you like a copy, let me know and I'll email one to you.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Jennifer B: The Summer 2020 issue of the *About AA* newsletter for professionals has a nice write-up about the annual Hispanic Women's Workshop we participate in each year. It speaks to the cultural challenges faced by Spanish-speaking women alcoholics and how A.A. is doing more to reduce the barriers to help. The cover story is about Technology, Professionals, and A.A. with information about all the resources helping people get and stay sober. I was on a Zoom call with CPC chairs from around North America. Diana L. from the CPC and Treatment desk at GSO shared with us. Using Google sheets, links to AA.org and a free app

called Glide, they've created a flexible technology tool that carries our literature-based message.

CHAIR – Eric L: At the Summer Assembly business meeting, we will resume discussing – and possibly voting on – Area business, including the request for a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic and the proposal to create an Area technology committee. We will continue meeting virtually for the Area Committee meeting through at least August.

TREASURER – Dennis H: June is historically one of the lightest months for Group Contributions, also the percent of contributions to projections rose from 50% for May, to 75% in June. Expenses remain light, with translation at the pre-conference assembly and the ACM accounting for 2/3 of our expenditures in June. Total June expenses were \$3,114 total income was \$5,330. Money held for the Pacific Region Hospitality room will be return to the area, contributing the funds by the end of June. In addition, we received \$9,418 from the PRAASA 2020 committee. I wanted to remind everyone that our web site, CNCA06.org can accept contributions from individual and groups.

REGISTRAR – Erica G: We are not mailing the *Comments/Comentarios*. They are being distributed electronically by DCMCs. Attendance at the Post-Conference Assembly was 300+, as we maxed out our 300 person capacity. This was typical attendance for Post-Conference Assembly. Members can access all trusted servant tools at aa.org searching GSR kit or DCM kit.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Miguel H: Thank you all for your help by sending your reports, email text works fine. Thank you to all the members' involved on the editing of the minutes every month. As part of the virtual ad-hoc committee I'd like to make my self-available to help with anything related to virtual meetings.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H: I need to make a brief amends to the Area. At a certain point in our Delegate's report, we hit our capacity of 300 in the Assembly room. We initially intended to have our capacity at 500, however there was a miscommunication with the Zoom team. We have since made absolute sure that our account's capacity is at 500 for the Summer Assembly (should it be hosted on Zoom). Given that we're about 75% through the panel, it's about time we start considering Assembly bids for 2021/2022. The future of in-person Assemblies is still uncertain, however we are well aware of how to incorporate host districts into virtual assemblies. I look forward to seeing who will be available to be of service.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – Magdaleno O: One of the Conference Advisory Actions is; that the video "Your

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General Service Office, The Grapevine and the General Service Structure” be approved. “That the “A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and other A.A. Materials” be acknowledged and accepted by the General Service Conference. One of the Advisory Actions of Grapevine is; That the name of the Conference Committee on Grapevine be changed to the: “Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Vina”. The Grapevine Daily Quote Book with a beautiful new cover is now available in English, French and Spanish!!! Start your day with an inspiring quote contributed by A.A. members, with many written by our Co-founders.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – Susan G: We reviewed our budget and decided to contribute 500 dollars to our GSO. Our GSRs discussed items that we needed to reconsider prior to resuming physical meetings.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – Brian M: we did not have a meeting in June. We don't have registered meetings in Salinas but San Benito does have physical meetings.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – Murias O: Thank you Teddy for the conference report. We had a sub-committee discussion about not having face to face meetings and or outdoors meetings. We will meet with the safety committee this month of July. H&I and BTG continued not meeting in person.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – Julie N: Santa Clara County has decided to have a virtual Unity Day with Al-Anon participation, it will be held on August 29th and all are welcome. We would like to thank our area officer for leading us in a rousing discussion of the 7th tradition. District 04 has decided and is setting up the capability to accept online contributions. We have a handful of meetings in a couple of fellowships that have opened to in person outside meetings. Central Office continues to have curb side pick up of literature from 11-2 pm on Saturdays.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – Manuel R: We talked about the possibilities of opening meetings and how to handle them. Thank you to the area officer for sharing on the best way to carry the message. Our Alano club has opened, some meetings began to reopen with some members unfortunately resulting infected.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – Matt D: As restrictions lift and meetings consider the prospect of resuming in person, our Intergroup has provided on their website relevant information and discussion topics for groups

to consider. A member from our district has been tasked with reviewing the resources available on the current motion regarding CNCA structure and will be giving a presentation to our district next month. Lastly, we are exploring effective virtual ways to leave the district in good standing moving forward in preparation for the next panel.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – Justin H: Safely returning to in-person meetings has been at the top of our mind in District 06. The A.A. SF/Marin Intergroup held a virtual Town Hall and presented very helpful information from members discussing this issue and the resulting considerations. If Groups in your District are considering returning to in-person meetings, I highly recommend reviewing the notes, materials, and feedback from the Town Hall online at <https://aasfmarin.org/resuming>. On July 14th, we will welcome our Delegate and look forward to hearing his Report from the General Service Conference.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – Vivian K: June is a quiet month at District 07. A couple of new GSRs joined us. Most of us are settling in with the Zoom meetings and get quite comfortable with them. Many members are wondering about the prospect and reality of in-person meetings. There is a lot of skeptical opinions because of the major health consequences if group gatherings happen too soon. We were very glad to be able to hear the delegate's General Service Conference report again.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – Nora H: Most of the meeting is happening via zoom. We elected a new access chair. We were able to distribute \$1,250 to GSO. We will be holding our conference report on August 24th.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – Richard W: Some facilities are discussing opening back up, at the same time the Alano Club and other entities are currently open. We accepted the motion “to accept electronic contributions”. We will have the Conference Report at our August District Meeting on Sunday 27th we'll have a literature workshop.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – Steve M: Our district is moving slowly. We are part on an incoming event on October 31st. We hope we can serve food; we will discuss it. Zoom is getting a little more popular. Financially we are doing well.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) Terri M: Our local Central Office has reopened. We currently have meetings in person. At our officers meeting we brainstorm ideas to stimulate our GSRs. We are considering having a

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virtual Unity Day. We have been doing presentations on Job descriptions at our district.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – Gusty M: We passed a house-keeping motion to keep our monthly District Concept Study on zoom. We are also beginning to discuss creating a district accessibilities committee. GSRs reported back from the Post-Conference Assembly. Our Intergroup in Marin and San Francisco held a town hall last week on the topic of reopening meetings to provide information and a space for groups to ask questions. Resources can be found at <https://aasfmarin.org/resuming>. We are planning our District Unity Day which will be held virtually in the fall.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – Chitra S: An enthusiastic GSR and our DCM gave presentations on what they heard at the Post Conference Assembly. Our District offers a weekly Beginner's Meeting and we currently offer Living Sober and the Big Book free of charge to newcomers on request. We are considering offering the Beginner's Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA free as well on request. We passed a motion to fund a District Zoom account.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – Claudia N: We held our first virtual GSR Orientation & Service Manual Study. We thank our Area Officer for their presentation "Where money & spirituality mix". Our BTG Committee started presentations on zoom and another facility requested. Our BTG Chair is moving out of the Area. Our H&I committee is still presenting via zoom. Our Intergroup office is open full time, with orders at the door. Unity Day will be held virtually on 10/3/2020. Our Delegates BBQ is on July 6th it should be a lot of fun.

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

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – Amy M: We had a successful Unity Day via Zoom, thank you all that attended. In our meeting we had a discussion about sending a contribution to GSO. Our visiting area officer talked about the motions pending for our summer assembly. H&I coordinator received an email from inmate services surprisingly allowing to ask our committee for AA meetings to resume in the men's jail, women's jail and juvenile hall. Some meetings have resumed in person. The web master incorporated the zoom meetings into the meeting guide app.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – Jerry C: We now have our own zoom account. Unity Day will be held on July 11th and we'll be having our delegates report.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – Emma M: We had a zoom meeting with two new GSRs. We will have a

meeting in person with less than 10 people. We attended La Viña workshop on June 14th.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – Fernando R: We started our activities via zoom with some success. We had our delegates report. We are planning our next interdistral on June 30th and are hoping to count with the Area's Zoom account. We continue to bring information to local entities. We are excited seeing members participating in Santa Clara County. We remained closed to in person meetings.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – Jose F: We voted to try to meet in person with appropriate social distance. District 18 anniversary will be on September 7th virtually.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – Julio F: Most of the meetings have opened, the only meeting that's actually virtual is the district meeting. We also celebrated 25 years of district 19. We haven't got much participation from members virtually. We are hoping to participate at the next interdistral.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – Jose M: GSRs participation has been really low this month. We continue to share the information we receive from the Area. We are considering reopening in person meeting in August. We are reviewing and discussing the District necessities and our budget due to a drop on group contributions. We are planning our delegates report on July 26th.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES AND SHARING SESSIONS

ACCESSIBILITIES- Alan W: We met to share accessibilities resources and updates from around the Area, as well as discuss virtual meetings, hybrid meetings, and re-opening. There is now a thriving Mandarin-language Zoom meeting out of Los Angeles that would be available to Mandarin-speakers in our Area. Contact David F or me (at access@cnca06.org) for information. Our ad hoc committee has produced a draft of guidelines which has now been shared with committee participants. At our next meeting, we may also have time to discuss strategies (and perhaps a new officer position). Our alternate chair has had to step down, I'd like to thank Jeff R for his service—he has been a wonderful contributor to our meetings.

ARCHIVES – Denise G: Our focus has been to complete the digitization of 2019-2020 records by the end of this panel, a lot of this work can be done from our homes, which has been very helpful. Our other projects include Revising the CNCA Archives Committee Guidelines, Defining our Scope of Collection, Completion of Archives material to the CNCA Website. With the assis-

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tance of past Archives Chair Richard W., we were recently approached by a PRAASA ad-hoc committee that was working on a revision of their Financial Guidelines, all the records had been digitized and they were so grateful that we were able to fulfill their request. Our committee meeting is via Zoom the 2nd Saturday of each month. It is immediately followed by our Zoom Workday, effective 7/11/20.

BRIDGING THE GAP – Larry B: This month we had 16 requests and two presentations in person, one of them outdoors practicing social distance and wearing masks, the other one indoors and with practice of the sanitary protocol. We had one intent of a presentation via zoom, but we had some technical difficulties. We had our monthly business meeting discussing topics on the planning point of view, like BTG its an organized and part of our Area and are we doing enough to be still relevant to the newcomers we serve? We are in contact with facilities we serve concerning if August is time to retake in person presentations, we are being optimistic, now we have to sit back and develop new tools to remain relevant to those newcomers. We now have an ad-hoc zoom committee to develop a template for virtual presentations.

FINANCE – Don L: We reviewed the current financial status and projected income and expenses. We are continuing to monitor the income and expenses. The finance committee has reviewed the current HKM. An updated version of the Expense Reimbursement Guidelines was finalized and will be forwarded to the area officers for review and will be presented at a future ACM. The 2021 budget process has begun with the worksheets sent to the committee chairs and will be due back to the finance committee by the Summer Assembly.

PI/CPC – Jennifer B: I met with Larry from BTG, Karen our H&I liaison and some other folks from Area 07 and H&I, and together we set the date for our virtual Joint Committee Communication Meeting. It will be Sunday, August 23rd, from 1:30-3:30 pm. We had a lovely roundtable discussion about outreach to underserved and underrepresented populations in our communities. District 06 has created a Diversity Outreach position and is focusing on a variety of groups including Filipino and Buddhist churches and Asian Health Services. District 10 has created an African American Outreach Coordinator position.

WEBSITE – Drew B: In the last quarter of the panel, we look to do one more aesthetic upgrade to the website. We met on Saturday June 20th on Zoom. We continue to explore the need for a long term, Area wide Cloud

storage account with both digital and document storage. Our committee is now starting to put together our pass-it-on's for the next panel.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – James B: The Post Conference went great in addition of the recording of the ASL interpretation to make it available to the Area. We are ready to support and provide interpretation at the Summer Assembly. We are working on creating a list of members available to do interpretation, the zoom rights allow us to have more larger availability.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– Kelly H: June's *Comments & Comentarios* were emailed to the district chairs and posted online by June 8th. Both of next month's editions will be larger, as they will include minutes from our Post-Conference Assembly, the flyer for the Summer Assembly, and more from Area officer job descriptions. If your group didn't receive a copy of either edition, please ask your district registrar or DCMC to update their email address list, or download from CNCA06.org.

VIRTUAL AD-HOC COMMITTEE- Coree H: The Ad Hoc Committee is quite happy with how the Post-Conference went, and are diligently at work to make sure that if needed, we can do all Assemblies virtually for the remainder of the panel. If you have, as Erica likes to say, constructive criticism only, please let me know via email. Miguel is part of the committee if you need help with our Spanish speaker members.

DCM SHARING SESSION – Sarah B: We had a presentation from the Alternate Chair from California Northern Interior Area on their Area's response to COVID-19. We learned how their Area is facing many of the same challenges that CNCA is experiencing, but overall they are adapting to the challenges and changes using new and creative ways to continue carrying the message. He stressed the importance of unity, flexibility, adherence to traditions and public health directives, and communication. Next month we will have a presentation and discussion on hybrid meetings.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA –Magdaleno O: We continued talking about how to continue transmitting the message of A.A. via Zoom. We are working giving information creating Workshops, both Literature, Grapevine and La Vina. We have a Grapevine Workshop at the Area level scheduled for October 31st at 2:00pm.

H&I LIAISON – Karen B: The Northern California Hospitals and Institution Committee continues to offer reimbursements to our area committees for expenses associated with Zoom meetings. We are offering literature,

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especially the *Grapevine & La Viña* to the jails and prisons. We approved the changes needed in our Pink Pamphlet for the Inside Visitation and Sponsorship Program. The IVSS Program is currently only offered at San Quentin. We discussed offering financial support to our H&I local areas. Many local H&I areas are struggling to meet their operating expenses such as rent, printing and storage and are unable to maintain a prudent reserve. Contributions are off some and we expect to see that trend continue. Please ask your groups to pass the pink can in what ever way they are able, but as always, your 7th Tradition comes first.

YPAA – : No Report

MUJERES WORKSHOP – Ana V, Sandra G: We continue with the zoom meetings. A drawing workshop was held together with the Committee. The deadline is June 30th. The budget is \$4,154 including the contribution from our area of \$365. We are supporting a women's group on the Zoom platform where we inform about the workshop and participate in the unity of Hispanic woman.

LA VIÑA ANIVERSARIO – Genaro G.: The event will be postpone to next year, if the committee cancels the deposit will be lost. We are not ready to have the event virtually.

FORO HISPANO – Rafael R: No Report

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

- “That the Area Committee Meeting be moved from August 15, 2020, to August 22, 2020, because of the cancellation of the Pacific Regional Forum”. – *presented by Coree H., Assembly Coordinator*

Voted: objections 0 / motion passed

- “That Districts 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 be granted administrative access to the Area's Zoom account on August 16, 2020, from 9:30am to 1:30pm, to host a virtual Inter-District meeting”. – *presented by Emma M., Fernando R., Jose F., Julio F., and Jose M.*

Q: do you have a team or members helping with the features during the event? A: yes

Voted: objections 0 / motion passed

- “That the CNCA Summer Assembly be held virtually (rather than in person)”. – *presented by the Virtual Assembly Ad Hoc committee*

Q: Why are we making this motion, why is this up us? A: with previous virtual assemblies we didn't have the time to ask, we have a precedent when we changed dates / in case the area its able to do it in person, do

we have the requirements? A: no, it has been canceled.

Voted: objections 0 / motion passed

- “That CNCA provide interpretation for two hours at a virtual Joint Committee Meeting on August 23, 2020, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, at a cost of \$120”. – *presented by Jennifer B. and Larry B.*

Q: Can you clarify what's joint? A: both areas are participating CNCA 06 and CNIA 07, BTG, PI/CPC, H&I, and Accessibilities / In the past we paid for this? A: yes, we have done it during the PI/CPC sharing session /are we paying the whole amount or both areas are funding it / we co-host CNIA organized this last year, CNCA is doing it this year.

Voted: objections 0 / motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

- “That CNCA lease a storage unit for use by the Area Officers at a cost not to exceed \$150 a month”. – *presented by Coree H., Assembly Coordinator*

PO: seems like this motion only applies for this panel or will it continue? / when we make ourselves available, we know the needs of storage I don't believe we should be paying for storage / a single location does not solve the problem for \$1800 a year / officers travel long distance, if one officer doesn't make it could other officers have access / our district has a storage, we all don't have full access a big home could solve lots of problems / not everyone can afford a home with room for storage, the motion is very flexible / looks like an alternative to add a line to have storage would be needed in the yearly budget / those motions shouldn't affect members to make them selves available next panel / we should clarify the reimbursement guidelines before we decided / for the next assembly coordinator where will all this be putted? / love to see officers in action, how much can this take up room in our house, is this really a need, do we need to spend this money? / as a past assembly coordinator I figured out if I didn't have a truck I could ask for help and I was able to store everything in my apartment, \$1800 is expensive / this is storage for the rest of the area officers as well because it feels like a lot, I wouldn't like to travel and pick up equipment every month, our guidelines does not apply for officer travel to storage / recently the area asked everyone to check budgets to take care of the financially phase of our Area, if we live far from the storage, this is not a necessary expense / I was the first one who asked if this is only for the assembly coordinators, it could be hard for people in remote communities, the

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

California Northern Coastal Area Budget vs. Actuals: 2020 Budget - FY20 P&L January—May 2020

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	40,275.59	48,072.00	83.78 %
003 District Contributions	4,575.64	5,137.00	89.07 %
004 Assembly Contributions	641.85	3,975.00	16.15 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,152.03	1,594.00	72.27 %
006 H & I Archives Rent		0.00	
007 CNCA Subscriptions		6.00	
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	655.70	451.00	145.39 %
010 Interest Income	1.18	2.35	50.21 %
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	0.00		
Total Revenue	\$47,301.99	\$59,237.35	79.85 %
Gross Profit	\$47,301.99	\$59,237.35	79.85 %
Expenditures			
012 EXPENSE			
Total 013 Delegate Expense	1,538.91	4,196.25	36.67 %
Total 038 Officer Expense	4,358.74	10,862.25	40.13 %
Total 093 Committee Expenses	7,730.02	12,396.55	62.36 %
Total 158 General Expenses	21,277.45	38,533.20	55.22 %
Total 012 EXPENSE	34,905.12	65,988.25	52.90 %
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	\$28,559.68	\$59,763.25	47.79 %
Net Operating Revenue	\$18,742.31	-\$ 525.90	-3,563.85 %
Net Revenue	\$18,742.31	-\$ 525.90	-3,563.85 %

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION — MAY 2020

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position As of May 31, 2020

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	22,839.69
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,037.22
Total Bank Accounts	\$33,876.91
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	1,500.00
Undeposited Funds	120.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$1620.00
Total Current Assets	\$35,496.91
TOTAL ASSETS	\$35,496.91
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	5,614.60
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	18,742.31
Total Equity	\$35,496.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$35,496.91

Cash Basis: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:28 AM GMT-07:00

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need is unpredictable.
Remains old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- “That CNCA add a line item to future budgets, with the approval of a housekeeping motion, to authorize an annual contribution no greater than \$600 to the Hispanic Women’s Workshop”. – *presented by Sandra G. and Ana V.*

PO: Where is this going to be in the budget? A: in 2017 a line was added to contribute this workshop / I’m in favor, I like to keep supporting the women’s participation / I’m in favor, the challenges we have to face, the limitations has lots of AA values, depends on the financial situation we can review it every year / where the motion will be placed, this is not practical, we should put this in the budget and the committee can place it where they consider its convenient, but its not a practical idea / I have a concern seeing the budgets with 78 items with mandatory expenses, if we are going to expand this every time, it seems like a lot.

OLD 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*

I believe we submit this to the GSRs, it’s a sea of change to CNCA, I’m opposed to the motion personally, its important for GSRs to vote on it / we are asking too much by sending this to GSRs that don’t have experience, this can be hard, doing this at group level can be overwhelming / this is not permanent, we have an obligation to the groups and a responsibility, how we expend their money, and give them the right of decision, this will guide on going forward at the Area / its appropriate to keep it at ACM, its why we have this right, if we send this to our groups we have to count with a long time / I agree that it can be a lot for GSRs or ask them to do too much, I feel when we voted where to go, if we can send it to the Assembly this will take a long time for the Districts and the groups to decide / I appreciate the process and the willingness, its easy to go sideways just with wording, we have to respect the people that put the work in it, I’m in favor on keeping it at the ACM / one point of information, ill be fine going anywhere my preference its to the ACM, we are getting a groups conscience, having all that information at groups its too much, the document describes a very complex issues /

have the GSRs to discuss this is hard, I really believe on sending it to the Assembly the bigger the issue the bigger the discussion, this involves everyone that has a vote / I am strongly opinionated to have this done at the area, most of people wont be wiling to discuss all the way / not all groups will be able to discuss this on how to handle it, we should ask the assembly if we can handle it at the area / not sure about the by laws I’m new on this but as a GSR we learn by doing things, let the process go through the groups that want to participate.
Voted: Remains Area Committee business

WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?

Santa Clara Unity Day August 29th Districts 04 & 40 / we should decide better ways to voted on the recent motion, maybe have more discussion in the future before we vote, sometimes we don’t realized clearly what should go to assembly or stay at the area / thank you Eric for your love and tolerance dealing with all business, I’m not an easy person / thank you to the Web-Committee for all the evolution, but I was wondering if it is too much to ask for a checking box for regular individual contributions / something I read about reaching out to the African American alcoholic reported by the GSB 2018 racism exist within the meetings of AA people often say this is an outside issue, members treated or called names base on their skin color inside and not outside issue, I attended a private young color/indigenous members listening with the topic of 10th tradition used to silent members when they talk about their personal experience with racism and how it affects their sobriety, we wont silent soldiers talking about their experiences at war during the meetings and how that traumatizes, people use traditions to silence members, we should think about this and talk about the violation of traditions / I’m blown away with the discussion and makes me think what happened in my own group, we haven’t had a GSR for this time, what’s going on even what to bring from area it has not been transmitted, we can’t call this an informed group without representation / thank you Area for making a quick decision on the summer Assembly, no facility will accept anything over 100 people, we will make a bid in the future / I am proud to be part of GS, watched tough decisions taken, I’m proud of this area listening and communicating, love and tolerance is our code / this is an opportunity to unify once a month to share different committees the existence and the immensity of AA and it motivates to serve.

3:30 p.m. -Closing

- Miguel H., CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES—June 6, 2020

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

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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

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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.

- Miguel H., CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL
AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS

SUMMER ASSEMBLY 2020

“2020 – A Clear Vision for You”

SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2020

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM JOIN LINK](#)

**MEETING I.D. 915 1109 1230
JOIN BY PHONE: 408 638 0968**

Zoom Room Opens	8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Orientation	9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
Business Meeting	9:10 – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch Break	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Workshop Session I: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

1. AA in the Digital Age: Moving Ahead Without Leaving People Behind
2. AA – Our Financial Future and Our Options
3. Our Tenth Tradition – When “Outside Issues” Affect Our Primary Purpose

Workshop Session II: 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

1. Passing it on in General Service – Variations on the 12th Step
2. I Am Responsible – Inclusion and Diversity
3. Sustaining AA and Our Legacy for the Future

Questions & Answers	4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
What’s on Your Mind?	4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**SPANISH-ENGLISH INTERPRETATION IS PROVIDED DURING ENTIRE MEETING,
INCLUDING ALL WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

JOINT COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION MEETING

California Northern Coastal and Interior Areas 06 & 07

Bridging the Gap (BTG)

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Public Information (PI) and

Accessibilities committees

and

Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee (H&I)

**Learn how these committees continue to work together
and share ideas for what more we can do to carry the
message to the still suffering alcoholic.**

Sunday, August 23, 2020

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3894 5349

Dial in: 1-669-900-6833

Please do not post zoom info on social media sites

All are welcome!

Simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation provided

Questions? altdelegate.p69@cnca06.org

AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION: RECORDING SECRETARY

Meeting Minutes: Area Committee - These are due monthly, seven days after the area committee meeting, to the Area Chair. The *Comments* editor is responsible for sanitizing (removing last names), but, to help, I often highlighted the last names, especially when they are buried in the middle of large amounts of text. The minutes have generally taken between three and six hours to complete. Area Officer Meeting Minutes - Unlike the ACM Minutes, which are more formal and cautious, these are much simpler to write, and they consist of minutes from the Area Officer Meeting which happens after the ACM. These generally take me about 30 minutes to complete, since most of what was said I wrote down during the Officer Meeting. These are then sent to the Area Chair, who distributes them to the Area Officers only. Note: You may not need to write these, depending on the Chair.

District Visits: Each officer visits between two and four districts a month. Often, districts will request that you speak on a topic; as part of my pass-it-on, I will be including presentations I made at districts, especially since these presentations are similar over the course of the years. District visits are a highlight of this experience. It has been so rewarding to get to see our Area as it supports vital Twelfth Step work. Because of the travel involved, these can be time-consuming, and some time management skills will be beneficial.

Motions Book: While taking minutes is likely the most visible part of your service position (and the editing of the minutes can be the most time-consuming aspect part of the service), the Motions Book – and the necessity of keeping up to date with it – is the trickiest. The Motions Book is divided into two sections. The motions themselves are relatively easy to keep track of, as long as you are consistent in updating the book each month. The Discussion and Reports section includes quarterly reports (which you have to request from standing committees), and significant discussions the Area held (this panel, we discussed the Comentaros, technology needs and disaster preparedness) and other things (like topics at the Summer Assembly or the inventory questions discussed that panel) that may be useful in the future.

Assemblies: Pre-Conference Assembly - This is perhaps the most challenging Assembly for the Recording Secretary. You are responsible for the minutes at all Assembly business meetings. But at this Assembly, you are also responsible for capturing the group consciences shared at the microphones. Post-Conference Assembly - While you continue to take minutes of the business meeting in the morning, you are not responsible for minutes in the afternoon or during the Delegate's report. Summer Assembly and Inventory Assembly - Like with the Post-Conference Assembly, minutes are only necessary from the morning business meeting. At the Summer Assembly, you may collect reports from each workshop also, which can be helpful to people if they are included in the minutes. At the Inventory Assembly, an outside Recording Secretary will take minutes during the inventory process. Election Assembly - After the Assembly, you will create a Certificate of Election that informs the bank of changes in who will sign checks.

Other: Agenda Topic Summaries - All Area Officers participate in preparing the summaries. This includes a trip to a central location to discuss plans for the Pre-Conference Assembly and divvy up the task of summarizing the 1,000-plus page background information.

Sharing Sessions and Committees - All Area Officers visit different sharing sessions and committees during the weekends of the ACM. These visits include the Accessibilities Sharing Session, the DCMC Sharing Session, the Archives committee, the Bridging the Gap committee, the Web committee and the Interpretation and Translation committee.

Inter-district Meetings, Inventories, Anniversaries, Workshops, etc. - As an Area Officer, you will be invited to attend many events. None of these are required, but they are opportunities to be helpful and experiences I personally have enjoyed.

My reflections on this position:

The key part of the commitment is that you take the minutes for the Area, becoming, in some ways, a historian of what we did, how we thought, and why we made the decisions we made over the course of two years. You are also responsible for the Motions Book and have the opportunity to go on District visits (an average of three a month).

Skills you may need include: typing, an ability to listen, an ability to condense and summarize, and some organizational skills.

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CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—JULY 2020

CNCA MOTIONS – JULY 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.
- That CNCA add a line item to future budgets, with the approval a housekeeping motion, to authorize an annual contribution no greater than \$600 to the Hispanic Women's Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

- 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

- Discuss ideas and options to operate CNCA on a more financially prudent basis
- Discuss content available on the Area web-

site, 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*

Area Officer Job Description: Area Recording Secretary (Continued from p. 16)

This service has been a highlight of my sobriety. It is time-consuming (somewhere between 19 hours and 45 hours a month, depending on District visits and Assemblies), and can sometimes feel overwhelming (Saturday evening after the Pre-Conference Assembly has been mind-boggling). But there is a lot of support. And the benefits far outweigh any downsides.

I am intimately familiar with the going-ons of the Area. As the person who takes all of the reports and tries to summarize them into a four-page document, I read (and re-read) all of the reports that are submitted, and I am always listening. I feel very connected to all of you.

Gracias!

- Miguel H., CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

DCM SHARING SESSION June 27, 2020

11:00 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. Area officer job descriptions (Recording Secretary and Registrar) were read and questions answered.

Announcements. DCM Sharing Session recording secretary requested participants provide their email to be included on the email list.

Presentation – CNIA Response to COVID-19 by Claudio B. Claudio shared about changes and challenges in the Area as a result of the pandemic, including, but not limited to: how to keep GSRs engaged, use of Zoom for area and group meetings, utilizing workshops to learn how to use Zoom, maintaining unity, how to handle opening up meetings in accordance with County health regulations, forming transition ad hoc committees, the importance of the Twelve Traditions in handling issues facing groups, bridging the gap of less participation in online meetings in the Spanish-speaking community, continuing to practice the 7th tradition, and the benefit of continued use of virtual meetings for members who have difficulties with accessibility to in person meetings. Claudio shared about the different format of assemblies for CNIA, where GSRs go to the mic and share on whatever agenda topics they'd like to, resulting in variation in time allotted to share. Claudio shared how the Pacific Regional Forum was cancelled and that they adapted by incorporating aspects of the PRF into their assembly. The meeting was opened for Q&A and open discussion:

- A member shared that Bridging the Gap and H&I have been able to bring virtual meetings into facilities, although not all facilities are open to this; she stressed the importance of communication to continue carrying the message
- A member shared with respect to anonymity in virtual platforms, that she would rather be sober than anonymous
- A member shared her concern about the im-

pact on unity in the fellowship due to the divisiveness of differing member preferences for and against virtual meetings

- A member shared her experience with attending a “hybrid” meeting, including her impression that it seemed “personality-oriented.” She shared how she refers to the pamphlet The A.A. Group to guide her
- A member shared that the National A.A. Technology Workshop would now be held virtually on September 12th, suggesting that members consider attending
- A member commented on the danger of A.A. groups subjecting themselves to public controversy by “going rogue” and opening meetings against county public health guidelines
- A member shared her interpretation of personal anonymity; she believes each person gets to determine what the appropriate level of anonymity is for themselves in virtual meetings
- A member shared how her group has divided into two meetings, one virtually and one in person, in accordance with public health guidelines. She shared that the format has changed to literature-based due to difficulties bringing in speakers.

Topic suggestions/speakers for next month: 1) COVID cases rising and how districts respond, 2) how does the group welcome/reach newcomers to A.A. virtually, 3) experience holding hybrid meetings, 4) how to improve our future, 5) the spirit of rotation. Chair suggested bringing in a speaker from out of the Area and the group agreed. A poll was used and the group voted in favor of a presentation on hybrid meetings. Second choice was welcoming newcomers, which will be the topic for August. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah B.,

DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary

2020 CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 69

July	2020—Panel 69 25—Area Committee Meeting	November	7—Election Assembly, Robert Livermore Community Center, hosted by Districts 05, 07,08, 17, 20 & 70
August	8—Summer Assembly, https://zoom.us/j/91511091230	December	28—Area Committee Meeting
September	22—Area Committee Meeting		19—Area Committee Meeting
October	26—Area Committee Meeting 24—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.

2020 Summer Assembly, <https://zoom.us/j/91511091230>

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](#).

AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION: REGISTRAR

- *Comments/Comentarios*: Generate and print mailing labels monthly. Communicate with newsletter editor(s) regarding number of newsletters to print and to coordinate timely delivery of labels. Process returned mail monthly to make proper updates to our and GSO's databases.
- Assemblies: Provide adequate sign-in sheets and miscellaneous registration materials. Communicate with host/Registration Chair. Check-in with volunteers and ensure that the Registration team knows they are obviously the best. Provide attendance counts during assembly. Compile accurate totals by district and position and distribute spreadsheet in a timely manner following assembly. Provide roll of eligible members for Area elections.
- Registration updates: CNCA: Maintain Area database of all current trusted servants within CNCA. Process updates from Districts as provided, and send updated rosters for verification or corrections. GSO: Process all relevant updates with GSO. Use GSO's database to research issues and new group numbers. Work with GSO to fix incorrect or outdated information.
- Attend Area Committee Meetings & Area Officers meeting following ACM.
- Visit average of 3 Districts per month.
- Work on Agenda Topic Summaries with other Officers.
- Attend 4 assemblies per year. Arrive 30-60 minutes before registration.

- Erica G., CNCA Panel 69 Registrar

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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 passwords.

Interpretation & Translation committee meets at 11 am on 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 on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 880-3494-4851. [Contact Drew B.](#) for password.