



CNCA COMMENTS

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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

At the July Area Committee meeting, we voted to hold the Fall (Election) Assembly virtually. With that decision now made, we will have held all four of our assemblies this year virtually. That's pretty incredible, especially considering how, at the beginning of the pandemic, we weren't sure we would even be able to hold one.

Next up is 2021. If this year has taught me anything, it is to live fully in the moment. I hesitate to make any predictions, but I am pretty sure AA will continue to help alcoholics seeking a way out of misery next year. Our calendar for 2021 is finally available, and, as an Area, we are now looking for Districts to host assemblies for the next panel.

I am not sure yet whether those assemblies will be held in person or virtually; that's a decision that will be made based on the information available next year. But in this year of transition and change, we have learned that our Area is strong and participation remains robust.

At our Area Committee meeting this month, we had another virtual first; we voted on a motion (to lease a storage unit for use by Area Officers), the motion failed, the minority opinion was presented, a motion to reconsider was introduced and seconded, and that motion to reconsider passed. So that motion remains on our agenda for more discussion next month.

In August, we will also hear more presentations of new business (regarding auto liability coverage), continue discussing a proposal for an annual contribution to the Hispanic Women's Workshop, and begin discussing motions to incorporate as an Area and to retain the services of a bookkeeper.

I look forward to seeing you then.
Eric L., CNCA Chair - Panel 69

Nothing is Wasted

I hope you are enjoying your anonymity-protected copy of the Final Conference Report of this year's Virtual 70th General Service Conference.

As in “normal” years, the greater portion of the report is written before the actual Conference: the keynote, presentations, reports of the General Service Board and corporate boards, the committee and staff reports, the area highlights, listing of Conference members etc., is all known prior to the commencement of the Conference and so it is the ‘what happened’ that gets added after the Conference closes.

A few things you might note from the report this year is that it contains a provisional finance report, pending completion of the audit. That has now taken place. More will be revealed after August 15, when the members of the Conference convene again via Zoom to receive the audited financial figures. At that time, we should have the figure of what group services cost, per member, per year. Watch this space.

Something that this year's Conference did a really good job of, was moving things along rather than making final decisions. That's one of the reasons why there are only 16 Advisory Actions and 58 Committee Considerations this year. This year more than, perhaps, any other, I urge you to pay close attention to those Committee Considerations—pages 54-59. Things are moving along. Again, watch this space.

But more than checking out progress with the Agenda Topics, I urge you to read the keynote address on pages 6-7 and the presentations on pages 78-84. When I read them, I find them immensely inspirational and uplifting.

On page 83 as part of her report on the zonal meeting of the Americas, our Trustee-at-Large for Canada, Trish, states, “there are no mistakes — there is consulting and group conscience and trial and error and experience.” I highlighted this quote during my Conference report because I believe it applies no matter where we find ourselves in service. Right now, we have some area business that has stimulated vibrant discussion and strong opinions. At times like this, it's good for me to remember Trish's words and accept that there are no winners or losers, no right or wrong answers, only the group conscience, which is a work in progress, an organic indicator of where the group is on an issue at any given time.

Nothing is wasted in our A.A. way of doing business.
Teddy B.-W., CNCA Panel 69 Delegate

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—July 25, 2020

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, July 25, 2020

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on July 25, 2020. Eric L. opened the meeting at 12:30 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Megan M. (District 15) read the AA Preamble, Tradition 07 was read in Spanish by Jose F. (District 18), Lori R. (District 04) read Concept 07. Introductions: (8) GSRs, (0) DCMs. There were 9 Past Delegates: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28 - Maine), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), David N. (Panel 59), who currently serves as a General Service Trustee, Ken M. (Panel 61), Padee M. (Panel 63), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), & Joann L. (Panel 67). Visitors: Joanne H. (Alamo, CA). The June 2020 financial report was published in the June issue of Comments and Comentarios. Approval of the June 2020 Area Committee Minutes: Approved. 109 attendees. Birthdays: 83 years.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Teddy BW: Please thank your groups for their continued support of their Central Offices, H&I, and the General Service Structure. In June our General Service Board received over \$900K in contributions up substantially from the monthly average in good times of \$670K. On the month of July, the 2020 International Convention has come alive online to provide a new experience, this will be up and running at aa.org now and will be available throughout the entire month of July. The audit of A.A.'s 2019 financial statements has now been completed and the members of the Conference will receive a full presentation from the Treasurer on August 15. I continue to deliver my Conference Report around the area and am grateful for that opportunity.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Jennifer B: The Joint Committee Communication Meeting will be held on August 23rd at 1:30 pm. The password is the same as the one for this meeting: 1935. The Joint Committee Meeting is primarily intended for those who do service for H&I, Bridging the Gap, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Accessibilities. What seems especially crucial in this time of COVID-19 is cooperating with facilities to employ newer technology to make our presentations.

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.

TREASURER – Dennis H: Both income and expenses are below budget in July. I am estimating that we will receive \$7,000 in contributions and spend \$1,900, for a net of contribution over expense of \$5,100. In addition, CNCA received \$9,730 from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds to reimburse us for the Pre-Conference Assembly. To date we have received \$60,000 in income and paid out about \$30,000 in expenses. Our checking account currently has a balance of \$47,173, with about \$14,000 earmarked for PRAA-SA and fall assembly costs, leaving an available balance of approximately \$33,000. Our web site CNCA06.org accepts contributions from individual and groups.

REGISTRAR – Erica G: There are still issues with registration. I appreciate all 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'm working on my "pass it on" and keeping the motions book up to date. Thank you to those members always available to help with the editing of the minutes.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H: We are looking forward to the Election Assembly, whether it will be virtually or in person. I'll remind everyone that in order to successfully do an in person Assembly, the county/state would have to be allowing gatherings of 500+ people, which it currently is not, however with the rapidly changing state of legislation and executive orders, anything is possible at this point. Because the Virtual Ad Hoc committee has devised ways of incorporating host districts into the virtual assembly process, we are encouraging districts to bid for Panel 71 Assemblies.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – Magdaleno O: Literature: Summer special big book offer, starting July 1st through August 30th orders in all format and languages will receive a discount percentage, we invite you to pass around this information. Grapevine: Members of AA share their experiences related to Acceptance, Tolerance & Love, also share experiences of hope

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during these tough times due to COVID 19. You can subscribe digitally and have access at any time on your computer or smart phone. For more details go to aagrapevine.org.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – Susan G: We experienced the delegate's report at our monthly meeting through the wonders of digital technology. Thank you for an inspiring presentation. We continue to have good participation and are grateful for the dedication of our trusted servants.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – Brian M: At our July meeting we discussed if and how, in person meetings were being held. We discussed district elections to be held in November. We will have our delegate's report on August 5. Thanks for the visiting officer's report and experience in these trying times.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – Matt E.: Thank you, we have been talking about what's going on with meetings. Most of the venues remain closed. We are trying to work together with our central office to be available to groups. GS and Intergroup are having our safety workshop.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – Julie N: We had new GSRs at our last district meeting. We are working on the process and an account to start taking contributions. Our central office is still running on its own and continues to have a curb side pick-up for literature orders. BTG remains dark in Santa Clara.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – Manuel R: We passed a motion to upgrade our district zoom account to keep meetings virtual and be able to provide interpretation. Officers decided to keep meeting virtually due to the current situation. We will have our Unity Day on August 29.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – Matt D: The majority of meetings remain closed temporarily, some meetings are being held in person, one group with an outdoors setting. We continued the discussion on financial contribution to GSO in response to the financial impact. One of our members with a legal background gave us a presentation on the motion of CNCA structure.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – Stephen R: We scheduled the delegate's report for the beginning of the meeting, leading to a comfortable report, solid questions, and thorough answers. We were updated

on the status of in-person meetings in our district. We encouraged attending the virtual International Convention. We keep encouraging folks to look deep if they are available at the fall elections. We reviewed workshop topics for the Summer Assembly. We reminded GSRs that group consciences are needed on the pamphlet "Experience, Strength, and Hope for the Transgender Alcoholic."

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – Vivian K: Many meetings said that in spite of shelter-in-place, meeting attendance has spiked and 7th Tradition contributions were very healthy. Many first-time newcomers and patients/residents from treatment settings dial in to join zoom meetings. Zoom bombing, unfortunately, is still rampant. The East Bay Intergroup is hosting a "safe-opening town hall".

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – Nora H: BTG is doing an amazing job. We are going to start our pass it on in our district. We are getting reports from groups mentioning increased numbers of new comers via zoom.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – Richard W: Some groups and meeting facilities have been discussing opening back up. The El Sobrante fellowship, Antioch Alano, and Concord fellowship are currently open. We will be having a district-hosted workshop on the 5th Saturday of August, the working title is Corona in Contra Costa, held via zoom from 2-4. Our delegate's report will be held during our August 4th district meeting. In September we will be having literature and PI/CPC workshops.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – Steve M: Our delegate's report will take place at the same day of our district meeting. District 09 is just waiting for changes.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) Terri M: Intergroup office has been given a green light to remain open. We are experiencing some confusion on health orders from our county. We are continuing to keep communication open to keep our membership informed. We are working on hosting our Unity Day. We are starting to give our job descriptions.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – Gusty M: We started presenting district officer job descriptions, continued discussing forming a district accessibilities committee, and passed a motion to disperse \$800 to GSO of money brought in by group contributions. Thank you so much to our visiting area officer for your presentation on the general service conference. We will be

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holding our virtual unity day on October 17th from 11-2. Our PI/CPC committee is in contact with Marin Public Health, who is working to put out guidelines for recovery meetings in person, including outside meetings.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – Chitra S: We had our first virtual Unity Day with an AA trivia jeopardy game put on by NAPYPAA. Our visiting area officer gave an excellent presentation on the spirit of rotation and what it means to be available. A GSR gave us a virtual tour of the 2020 international Convention website and loved the section on old-timer stories. We began presentations on our officer job descriptions to start generating interest in our upcoming November elections. We passed a motion to distribute \$6000 split equally between CNCA06 and GSO.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – Claudia N: We had our delegate's BBQ Zoom meeting in lieu of our regular district meeting with dance party, BBQ and the No Theme room. Our BTG committee elected a new chair and our other committees continue to meet discussing other ways in which they can carry on their 12-step work. H&I is still presenting via zoom in facilities and our Intergroup office is open full time. We are seeing some groups open back up with some outside meetings and some are attempting hybrid meetings as the requests for keeping zoom available is pretty high. We are looking forward to hosting Unity Day on October 3rd.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – Sherrie R: no report

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – Amy M: Our district meetings on Zoom remain small yet steady. Thank you to our visiting area officer who helped me facilitate two sharing sessions to arrive at a district conscience for our area motions that we hopefully will vote on at the Summer Assembly. MENDYPAA and SACYPAA co-hosted a sponsorship workshop on Zoom last weekend.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – Jerry C: We had unity day and had the delegate's report. We are developing our own zoom account. We have been approved from the city for a live meeting in Crescent City daily with two meetings per day. Live meetings and hybrid meetings are working well for us.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – Emma M: Thank you to our visiting area officer for the great information. We are breaking the ice on using technology. We are meeting to talk and discuss how to get our own platform.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – Fernando R: We continue to have virtual meetings. We don't have access to our room for our district meeting. Some meetings are still meeting in person. We started giving our district officers' job descriptions. We are preparing the inter-district.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – Jose F: We have tried to meet in person, but at the moment it's not possible for the rest of the year. We are celebrating the district anniversary on September 27. We talked about the importance of rotation at the district. I continue to share information I receive with the rest of the district.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – Julio F: We are hosting the inter-district. We are preparing to have the delegate's report on Saturday.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – Jose M: We keep meeting via zoom. All the officers meet in person following the safety precautions. We are discussing how to have hybrid meetings, maybe to start in September. We are having our delegate's report this month.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES AND SHARING SESSIONS

ACCESSIBILITIES- Alan W: We elected a new alternate chair, Jacqueline P. We reviewed a guidelines draft and referred them back to the *ad hoc* committee for further revisions. We selected a representative to present at the Joint Committee Communication Meeting. We had a conversation about accessibility barriers to virtual meetings. Our committee members have been monitoring efforts to continue to have face-to-face meetings. We heard that one police department is so worried about outdoor AA meetings that they may send in cops if "the president of AA" doesn't shut it down first.

ARCHIVES – Denise G: We all have projects that we are currently working on remotely like digitizing our 2019-2020 records, revising the CNCA guidelines, defining our scope of collection, providing needed materials for the archives link on the CNCA website, and documentation relating to how CNCA has been impacted by COVID. We also discussed creating a new position of alternate digital systems administrator.

BRIDGING THE GAP – Larry B: Our districts reported 6 presentations and 21 requests. We had no written correspondence this month. Our presentation activity continues to be hindered by Covid-19. At our

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committee meeting this past week we reviewed suggestions for items to screen share during a Zoom BTG presentation and began to review job descriptions for our committee officers.

FINANCE – Don L: Our finance committee met and reviewed the current financial status and projected income and expenses. We continue to monitor the income and expenses. The finance committee has reviewed the current housekeeping motion. A review of the current hotel reimbursement amount was completed with a motion being developed for presentation at a future area committee meeting. The 2021 budget process has begun and the worksheets that were sent to the committee chairs are due back to the finance committee by the Summer Assembly.

PI/CPC – Jennifer B: We continued our roundtable discussion about outreach to underserved and underrepresented populations. Some of the key takeaways this month were that a focus on approaching community leaders could be the best way to get information about AA to underserved groups. A new PI/CPC chair from the east bay pointed out that some cultural differences may mean that our AA format of sharing so intimately about ourselves in meetings could be off-putting for people from other backgrounds. There were a few moments in the meeting where we realized we are far from having all the answers, but we are glad the conversations are happening.

WEBSITE – Michael K: An aesthetic upgrade to the website is coming, keep an eye on cnca06.org We have seen a huge surge in cyber-attacks and spam emails but our defense systems are holding strong. Our committee is now starting on putting together our pass-it-ons for the next panel.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – James B: We are ready to facilitate the interpretation at the upcoming “fun” assembly, also known as the summer assembly. Jackie is working on a database of professional ASL & Spanish interpreters/translators who have been used throughout the area. This can include at districts, Intergroups, and or YPAA.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– Kelly H: Both July editions were distributed by the area chair & posted on the website by July 17. Thanks to our translators and the web committees for their assistance, and to everyone who reads these so carefully and makes suggestions for improvement. As we

prepare to rotate service for Panel 71 & continue confronting the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, now might be a good time for the area to re-consider modes of distribution for *Comments & Comentarios*.

VIRTUAL AD-HOC COMMITTEE- Coree H: The *Ad Hoc* committee met to discuss how we're going to handle the Summer Assembly, particularly with the breakout rooms. We will be doing an orientation the day of the assembly in case anyone is confused. We've also been working on a plan for the virtual election assembly. With that, we would be entirely prepared for every CNCA Assembly to be held virtually going forward.

DCM SHARING SESSION – Sarah B: We discussed experiences with hybrid meetings followed by Q&A and sharing. Speaker meetings are easier to run as a hybrid model compared to discussion meetings, but there are nonetheless challenges associated with any hybrid meeting. It was recommended that groups create service positions to handle technological needs and engage in discussion to address different needs.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA –Magdaleno O: We continue to discuss and are working on how to continue transmitting the AA message through zoom. The Grapevine virtual workshop will be holding on October 31, at 2:00 pm. We are also preparing a virtual literature workshop for December 5, at 2:00 pm.

H&I LIAISON – Karen B: We are still not taking meetings to California state correctional facilities. The situation at San Quentin illustrates the dangers of Covid-19 in areas where people are in close quarters. We are offering literature, especially the *Grapevine & La Viña* to the jails and prisons and other facilities. Currently our finances are ok. Please ask your groups to pass the pink can in whatever way they are able, but as always your 7th Tradition comes first.

YPAA – Jackie B: ICYPAA has been meeting since 1958 and has been postponed to 2021. Members from area 06 and 07 are coming together to make a bid for ICYPAA 2022. Several other YPAA conferences are postponed. There are several events coming up hosted by YPAAs from Area 06.

La Viña Aniversario – Genaro G: The event of the 24th Anniversary of La Viña finally took place via Zoom on July 25th. I hope to bring a report for the

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next meeting, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS

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

Q: how we will make our self-available in a virtual assembly A: we are still working how the process will look like adopting the best practice. Voted: objections: 1 / became new business

We are out of time we need to move on / doesn't make any sense debating at this point, things are not getting better / the options are, we do it via zoom or not having an elections assembly / the ad hoc committee thinks this is the best option / I really like to have the assembly in person / the GSC was held via zoom we can use that as an experience / even if we have a solution for the virus it will take awhile before we can met in person / we need time to set it up / Q: who will held the elections ? A: we reach out to area 07, no matter what system we use area 07 will coordinate the elections / why was there an objection / have you considered and combining it in some way so we could have limited to people and have it in person ? / we hear things about the tech, I'm worried people are very concerned, and don't have the best equipment / keep in mind we have to consider meeting in person is against tradition one. Voted: 1 against / Motion Passed

- "That CNCA provide interpretation for one hours at a virtual Grapevine Workshop on October 31, 2020, from 2 PM to 3 PM, at a cost of \$60." – *presented by Magdaleno O., Literature/ Grapevine/La Viña Chair*

No objections / motion passed.

ASSEMBLY BIDS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- “That CNCA retain the services of a certified bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer with both set up (once per panel) and to review the books

on a quarterly or semi-annual basis (with finance committee approval as to frequency) to ensure that the Treasurer is adequately supported, to strengthen internal controls (by reporting to both the treasurer and the finance committee chair), and to make this service more attractive.” – *presented by Teddy B.-W., Delegate, and Dennis H., Treasurer*

A high functioning bookkeeper can cost about \$40 an hour/ \$1500 for the first year

Q: the finance committee considered for this role?

Why do we have to have a bookkeeper? A: This is the best solution for continuity and to make the position accessible, we may not have a treasure who can do these parts of the job, we rotate every two years / Q: did you look to get a certified bookkeeper or not certified? A: Certified probably; we haven't talked to any bookkeeper yet / Q: in the job description for treasurer it wasn't necessary to have financial background, so why pay for bookkeeper? A: the main need is to have it over time, for continuity, it's not required but the discontinuation some methods between panels is the reason of having a bookkeeper / Q: this intent is coming from doing more online funds and a book keeping program? A: no that's not the intent, we are trying to provide services to the treasurer cause we don't know if the new treasurer will have skills or knowledge / Q: are we aware if other areas are using professional bookkeeper? A: we are not, but will be hard to find an area with the revenue and complications like CNCA, it's a question of skill but also a question of volume / Q: if this motion passed, it will be something available for the treasurer to use it semi annual? A: it will be required, this is for internal control, at the moment we put lots of responsibilities on a single person / Q: you mentioned price figures, are these prices better than the motion or will the finance committee be able to decide what they feel necessary? A: Correct it's to give the finance committee the flexibility to decide / Q: the treasurer will have to travel and meet with the bookkeeper? A: the work could be done online, meeting in person will be minimum / Q: this person will have the initial entrance, help quarterly, or if the treasure has questions? A: Correct / Q: is there any in place right now that review the

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL 2020

California Northern Coastal Area Budget vs. Actuals: 2020 Budget - FY20 P&L Through June 30, 2020

| | Total | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | % of Budget |
| Revenue | | | |
| 002 Group Contributions | 44,709.01 | 53,622.00 | 83.38 % |
| 003 District Contributions | 5,325.64 | 6,237.00 | 85.39 % |
| 004 Assembly Contributions | 790.85 | 3,975.00 | 19.90 % |
| 005 Tradition 7, Area Comm. | 1,224.03 | 1,869.00 | 65.49 % |
| 006 H & I Archives Rent | | 0.00 | |
| 007 CNCA Subscriptions | | 6.00 | |
| 008 Personal/Misc Contributions | 710.15 | 526.00 | 135.01 % |
| 010 Interest Income | 1.52 | 2.85 | 53.33 % |
| Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue | 0.00 | | |
| Total Revenue | \$ 52,761.20 | \$ 66,237.85 | 79.65% |
| Gross Profit | \$ 52,761.20 | \$ 66,237.85 | 79.65% |
| Expenditures | | | |
| 012 EXPENSE | | | |
| Total 013 Delegate Expense | 1,538.91 | 4,790.65 | 32.12 % |
| Total 038 Officer Expense | 4,642.92 | 13,203.64 | 35.16 % |
| Total 093 Committee Expenses | 8,372.42 | 14,896.84 | 56.20 % |
| Total 158 General Expenses | 23,470.74 | 40,502.44 | 57.95 % |
| Total 012 EXPENSE | 38,024.00 | 73,393.57 | 51.81% |
| 2019 Fall Assembly | -4,500.84 | 0.00 | |
| Pacific Region Hospitality Room | 41.44 | 0.00 | |
| PRAASA 2024 | -9,418.48 | | |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 24,147.11 | \$ 73,393.57 | 32.90% |
| Net Operating Revenue | \$ 28,614.09 | \$ -7,155.72 | -399.88% |
| Net Revenue | \$ 28,614.09 | \$ -7,155.72 | -399.88% |

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CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION — JUNE 2020

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2020

| | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| Operating Funds - Checking | 32,831.37 |
| Prudent Reserve - Savings | 11,037.32 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$ 43,868.69 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| Assembly Deposits | 1,500.00 |
| Undeposited Funds | |
| Total Other Current Assets | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 45,368.69 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 45,368.69 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Total Liabilities | |
| Equity | |
| Operating Funds ~ Adjusted | 5,614.60 |
| Prudent Reserve ~ Savings | 11,140.00 |
| Net Revenue | 28,614.09 |
| Total Equity | \$ 45,368.69 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ 45,368.69 |

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books in a regular bases? A: no / Q: this motion is related to the experience to our first treasurer in this panel ? A: yes and no this as been in my mind, the experience on this panel was helpful to decided it was time / Q: can you accept a friendly amendment to add "certified" before the word "Bookkeeper"? A: amendment accepted / Q: what makes CNCA book so complex? /A: we have lots volume going through, cause the number of amount of money and the questionable activity that are in the books, long period of times that passed makes the work more difficult, the more transactions the more this can create conflicts to us / CNCA has the most robust reimbursement than other areas also depend on the status of the treasurer and time on the personal life / Q: we don't currently have cant see the financial documents and details on the activity? A: no we do not, we review financial report and the treasurer has the access to the banking account / Q: are we considering to have an appropriate job description, having a special service worker? A: we have help on this, the Chair, Delegate, Alt-Delegate and Treasure have access to banking account. Voted: Area Business / Assembly Business: Area Business

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*

In favor and maybe have another new service position to find a way to accomplished this job / this should be available to future officers similar to the bookkeeper, soon it will be fewer home owners / for the assembly coordinator only or make other position available, the job description mentioned this needed a storage / it will be for all the other materials too / I feel there's a need, there's ways to have positions available and this could be the solution / we should do whatever it takes to serve better / people's positions and geography, are we going to put an item in the budget to lease an storage every panel? / I wouldn't like to drive to the east bay to get the material, when we start talking we discussed storage for only one committee, now we increased the size, the price may increased too / we storage the I & t committee in my own house, every job can be done by everyone if I really want to do it using and doing what I can, we are using groups mon-

ey here / I don't agree to get the storage unit, the delegate takes days off his job, I know you don't have to have a house, it can be stored anywhere / let's upgrade our equipment instead, I'm not in favor on this. Voted: Substantial unanimity: favor 16 / opposed 29 / abstain 3

Minority opinion: I feel I'm hearing lots of sentimental and is hard to not take it personal, I don't have storage now, young people are the future, I can own a house but I don't now, / it's important that those who don't have a space to store this stuff still have access to serve / like to encourage people to reconsider it / officers do a magnificent job we should provide them what they need to keep doing it for us. Voted: Motion to reconsider: passed

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

I want to comment on the Hispanic women funds, this is our primary purpose for a group of people that have a need, we didn't have a line in the budget, we can have a lot of ways to meet with out the traveling / great interest in the fall assembly, in district 06 it's a topic on how to incorporate this into the AA meetings / on Teddy's motion, we do need another set of eyes in our finances and our committees / Eric can you post the agenda for the area earlier thank you / thank you for Dennis for stepping up and doing the job / I attended Area 07 and couple of the hispanic members lost lots of members due to Covid. / I hope in our area we can stay healthy / on the reports section what a means central offices? This is for a liaison to report from any central office / about the election assembly we didn't have any option, we should look to those who didn't have access / I like to thank you area chair, and last couple of months for your tolerance and the way you respond and handle business and making decisions / it's wonderful having a virtual assembly and have features and gear to participate virtually / for the next assembly it could be good to practice and see it before we use the features on Zoom / just to remind you August 16 with our interdistrictal.

3:30 p.m. -Closing

- Miguel H.
CNCA Panel 69 Recording Secretary

California Northern Coastal and Interior Areas 06 & 07

Bridging the Gap (BTG)

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Public Information (PI) & Accessibilities committees

& 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

Please contact us if you need the password

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—CNCA TREASURER

Treasurer Job Description:

Processing Contributions

Receive weekly bundle of 'contributions' envelopes
USPS 'Mail

Sort Mail (Returned mail / Contributions / other A.A.
Service related information or correspondence)

Enter contributions (30 - 200 per week) into Quick-
Books

Print Receipts

Deposit checks

Light correspondence with Group Treasurers

Process Square Contributions

Pre - Area Committee Business Meeting

Request and review expense reports and check re-
quests from Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and
Interpreters.

Enter expenses into and save expense reports in
QuickBooks Print checks to be signed by Delegate &
Chair at ACM.

Pack supplies for ACM (buckets, receipts, stamps,
envelopes, returned Comments, etc.) Write a Treas-
urer's Report for ACM.

Prepare report for monthly Finance Committee Meet-
ing.

During - Area Committee Business Meeting

Attend Finance Committee Meeting from 11 – 12pm.

Help Finance Committee stuff contribution receipt
envelopes during ACM Deliver a monthly CNCA
Treasurer's Report

Attend Officer's Meeting from ~ 4 – 7pm.

Post Area Committee Business Meeting

Sort and drop contribution receipt envelopes at Post
Office

Count cash from 7th Tradition Contributions and enter
in QuickBooks

Enter checks cut at ACM into QuickBooks

Enter other contributions received at ACM into Quick-
Books Print and mail receipts as needed

Mail any checks not distributed at ACM

Make bank deposit

Assemblies (4 per year)

Miscellaneous prep of forms, checks, supplies, etc.

Prepare and deliver up-to-date CNCA Treasurer's
report

Along with assistance from members of the Finance
Committee: Collect, count and deposit 7th Tradition
Assembly Registration/Food/Coffee cash contribu-
tions

Issue checks to Interpreters, and to other trusted
servants seeking reimbursement and enter pertinent
data into QuickBooks

Make bank deposit

Finance Committee

Stay connected with Finance Chair and Committee
members throughout the month Review and provide
input on Finance Committee agenda

Attend to work or preparation related to any Finance
Committee agenda discussion and/or business items.

Budget preparation for upcoming year

Liaison with Tax Preparer and review tax returns and
government filings

Work with Insurance Broker to obtain quotes for re-
newal, provide proof of insurance when needed.

Other Tasks: Time TBD

Area Officer Agenda Topics Meeting & Summary
Writing Reconcile bank statements for prior month
with QuickBooks

Run financials reports for Comments/Comentarios

E-mail financial reports for Comments/Comentarios to
editors and liaisons

Area Officer District Visits: 6 hours per month

On average visit (3) districts and make a separate
report/presentation (mostly CNCA Treasurer-related,
but not always) at each.

Other A.A. Service Related Events: TBD.

Depending on availability, attend, support, and partici-
pate at: PRAASA / Pacific Regional Form / Unity
Days / Interdistrict events / etc.

TOTAL: Anywhere from 8 – 12 hours per week / 35 –
50 hours per month

- *Dennis H., CNCA Treasurer*

CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—AUGUST 2020

CNCA MOTIONS – AUGUST 2020

AREA COMMITTEE

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA requires affirmation of auto liability coverage for any member or contractor that CNCA reimburses for mileage. The Area Treasurer will be responsible for collecting and maintaining such affirmation. – *presented by the Finance committee*

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*
- That CNCA retain the services of a bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer with both set up (once per panel) and to review the books on a quarterly or semi-annual basis (with Finance Committee approval as to frequency) to ensure that the Treasurer is adequately supported, to strengthen internal controls (by reporting to both the Treasurer and the Finance Committee

Chair), and to make this service more attractive.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Discuss 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 July 25, 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. Area treasurer job description was explained and questions answered.

Announcements. Recording secretary announced providing your email to be included on the email list.

Presentation – Hybrid Meetings by Dan M. from Reno: He talked about how one group he attends decided to implement a hybrid model through group conscience; there were several questions raised regarding implementation. He spoke of one group that alternates every other week with speakers in person and on zoom. They brought a tv into the meeting so attendees could see and hear the speaker. He didn't recommend hybrid model for discussion meetings due to the challenges of how to allow members to share; speaker meetings seem to be easier to implement.

- The meeting was opened for Q&A and open discussion:
A member shared about a group that uses a Bluetooth external speaker on the podium, which worked well for a participation meeting; about 50% of attendees joined on zoom and 50% participated in person.
- A member shared that in her district, hybrid meetings haven't taken off because groups that tried it found it too cumbersome.
- Q for Dan: Is there a need for WiFi or is cellular data on a smart phone sufficient? A: One group uses the clubhouse WiFi, but sometimes there were still problems with connection; using a cell-phone sometimes causes it to overheat and shut down.
- One member brings in a personal laptop and uses six different speakers, and it has worked well.
- A member shared that her homegroup has essentially split in half (those that don't like zoom and those that won't meet face to face). Q: With a hybrid group, how would the face to face group know that someone on Zoom has raised their hand to speak, and how does the Zoom group know that a face-to-face person wants to speak?

A: Create a service position of someone in front of a computer to monitor this.

- One member shared that she uses a hybrid model for an H&I meeting. She and the speaker log into Zoom and those in the institution are looking at the screen to see and hear the zoom attendees. She said it works pretty well.
- Q: What are the costs associated with a hybrid meeting? It seems to cost more. A: There are costs starting up: Zoom subscription, rent for meeting location, TV for screen.
- Q: What is a hybrid meeting? A: In-person meeting with a computer so members can join virtually.
- A member requested that those holding hybrid meetings share the meeting information so that she could attend one. Dan shared Meeting ID: 247 233 517 Sunday 11am. He also suggested searching online "AA Hybrid meetings." A member shared that AA-intergroup.org doesn't list meetings as hybrid.
- A member shared that, at their group, when a person at the in-person wants to share, they will walk up to the tv monitor/camera to speak.
- A member suggested handling, with humor, the changes in meeting format and challenges that come up.
- Q: Do you have experience with having to turn people away in person due to exceeding room capacity? A: It is a concern but hasn't happened yet. Many people are still not willing to come to meetings in person.
- A member suggested adding a separate category for hybrid meetings to the Meeting Guide App, and stressed the importance of technology service positions

Topic and speaker selection for next month: Chair suggested bringing in a speaker from out of the Area and the group agreed. Per decision from June meeting, group agreed that welcoming newcomers would be the topic for August. Meeting adjourned at 12 with the Responsibility Statement

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

2020 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 69 & 71

2020—Panel 69

August 8—Summer Assembly,
<https://zoom.us/j/91511091230>
 22—Area Committee Mtg.

September 26—Area Committee Mtg.

October 24—Area Committee Mtg.

November 7—Election Assembly,
<https://zoom.us/j/95948703654>
 28—Area Committee Mtg.

December 19—Area Committee Mtg.
 (Note: 3rd Saturday)

2021—Panel 71

January 23—Area Committee Mtg.

February 27—Area Committee Mtg.

March 5-7—PRAASA, tbd
 27—Area Committee Mtg.

April 3-4—Pre Conference Assembly, tbd
 18-24—General Service Conference
 24—Area Committee Mtg.

May 15—Post Conference Assembly, tbd
 22—Area Committee Mtg.

June 26—Area Committee Mtg.

July 24—Area Committee Mtg.

August 7—Summer Assembly, tbd
 28—Area Committee Mtg.

September 25—Area Committee Mtg.

October 23—Area Committee Mtg.

November 6—Inventory Assembly, tbd
 27—Area Committee Mtg.

December 18—Area Committee Mtg.
 (Note: 3rd Sat)

PANEL 69 ASSEMBLIES

2020 Summer Assembly
 August 8, <https://zoom.us/j/91511091230>
 (Hosted by District 11)

2020 Fall Election Assembly
 November 7, <https://zoom.us/j/95948703654>
 (Hosted by Districts 05, 07, 08, 17, 20, & 70)

PANEL 71 ASSEMBLIES

2021 Pre-Conference Assembly, April 3-4

2021 Post-Conference Assembly, May 15

2021 Summer Assembly, August 7

2021 Fall Inventory Assembly, November 6

2022 Pre-Conference Assembly, April 2-3

2022 Post-Conference Assembly, May 14

2022 Summer Assembly, August 13

2022 Fall Election Assembly, November 5

If your District is considering making a bid for a Panel 71 Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Coree H. at assemblycoordinator.p69@cnca06.org.

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*To contact an Area
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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, 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, 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. 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.