

Welcome to Panel 71!

My name is Miguel and I'm an alcoholic, I'm really nervous as I'm excited to get to serve AA in this capacity as an Area Chair. I'll get to use this preview as a way of letting AA members in Northern California know what is going on in our Area.

At our December Area Committee Meeting we heard final District reports from outgoing DCMCs, committees, sharing sessions and Area Officers. You can read sections of that day in the minutes. We also made some decisions that will impact the Area in the future, including approving guidelines for Accabilities and Interpretation & Translation, approving two bids, one for the our Newsletters Comments and Comentarios from Districts 06 (San Francisco) and District 16 (Spanish Central) and the second from District 14 (Mendocino) for the 2021 Post-Conference Assembly.

After the ACM, the new Panel 71 officers met and selected our new standing committee members.

*Finance:* Matt D., Jose F., Joann L. & Gusty M..

(Chitra S. CNCA elected Treasurer)

*Interpretation and Translation:* Emma M., Dennis H., Susan G., Kelly H., Magdaleno O., Cathy P. & Sherrie R..

*Website:* Gina Pa., Manuel R., Patrick C., Jeff D., Justin H., Don L. & Megan McC..

And for the newest committee *Technology:* Nick S., Cindi W., Robert S., Gavin O., Shaun G., Maria S. & Kelli E..

Next month, we will be discussing two pieces of new business at the ACM, one due to the current checking account exceeding funds at CNCA, to disburse \$25,000 to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. We will also be discussing the funding the translation of the CNCA Discussion and Reports section of the Area Motions Book.

I am looking forward to attending Virtually PRAASA 2021, hosted by Area 93. For more information on this once-a-year event, which aims to develop unity within the Pacific Region, encourages the exchange of ideas and experiences, and provides an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA, visit the PRAASA website at [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org).

I am also excited about our upcoming Virtual Pre-Conference Assembly, we will be discussing several motions, including a request for a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic", a publication of and a request one-page summary of the six warranties and a requests for a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic, Now is a good time to start gathering group consciences on these motions, as the busy Agenda Topics season is nearly upon us. Final Conference agenda topics and background information will probably be available in mid-February, and your incoming Area Officers already have a plan to create the Agenda Topics Summaries as soon as the information is available.

It seems like a lot and it could be. AA works in strength ways when we put principals in to action . So please come visit us virtually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. I am looking forward to learn along with Panel 71 trustee servants.

2021, bring it on!

Miguel H.

CNCA Chair Panel 71

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