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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

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. We also made some decisions that will impact the Area in the future, including approving guidelines for Accessibility and Interpretation & Translation, approving two bids, one for the 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 P, Manuel R, Patrick C, Jeff D, Justin H, Don L & Megan M. And for the newest committee *Technology*: Nick S, Cindi W, Robert S, Gavin O, Shaun G, Maria Luisa S & Kelli E.

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.

At our 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.

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

2021, bring it on!

Miguel H.

CNCA Chair Panel 71

Happy New Year! And welcome to Panel 71! Our theme for this year's General Service Conference (GSC) is "A.A. in a Time of Change" and your service and leadership to your groups is a vital part of how we will keep our members informed and engaged in making decisions for our Fellowship. If you're a new General Service Representative (GSR), this year will be different in many respects, but the essential upside-down triangle structure and your role as a link between your group and the Delegate, and A.A. as a whole, has not changed.

Each of the 93 Area Delegates is assigned to a Conference committee for the two years they serve, and my assignment is the Trustees committee. What's that about, you ask? I took a look at its "Committee Scope and Procedures" document and here's what I learned. Since the 1951 GSC when the first five members were drawn by lot, this committee has been mainly involved in the qualifications and procedures for election of Class B (alcoholic) regional trustees and trustees-at-large. Members of this committee are part of the voting body and the chairperson of this committee co-chairs the elections. The responsibility of this committee has evolved over the years to include the qualifications and procedures for selection of Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees, General Service trustees, corporate board directors, and appointed committee members.

The Trustees committee reviews the resumes of all newly-nominated trustees of the General Service Board and nontrustee directors of the corporate boards (A.A.W.S. and the A.A. Grapevine). The committee also reviews the slates of members and officers of the General Service Board and the slates of corporate board directors and expresses disapproval, if any.

We will have eight trustees rotating at the GSC this year, including the Chair of the General Service Board. We will also be welcoming a new General Manager of the General Service Office, who will serve on the A.A.W.S. Board. It's a lot of change in a time of change, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

Chapters Nine and Ten in your *A.A. Service Manual* are a good place to start wrapping your brain around all of the different types of trusted servants we have at the bottom of our triangle. While I'm very excited to be serving on this committee, I recognize that your groups may be more interested in discussion topics that relate to Literature, Grapevine/La Vina, Public Information, and so on. And that's normal. Like every other Delegate, I will need to be informed about how our Area feels about all the GSC agenda topics in order to be well prepared for the Conference each year. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing all you have to share with me.

Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—Dec 20 2020

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on December 20th, 2020. Eric L. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the serenity prayer. JB (District 06) read the AA Preamble, Tradition 12 was read by Danielle T. (District 15), Benjamin G. (District 12) read Concept 12. Introductions: (9) new GSRs, (27) new / incoming DCMs & DCMCs. There were Past Delegates: George D. (Panel 25), Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Maine), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), David N. (Panel 59), Ken M. (Panel 61), Padee M. (Panel 63), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), and Joann L (Panel 67); David N. serves as a General Service Trustee. The November 2020 financial report was published in the November issue of Comments and Comentarios. Approval of the November 2020 Area Committee Minutes: Approved. 132 Attendees. Birthdays: 108 years.

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – TEDDY B-W: The process of rotation is in full swing and I met with Jennifer on November 29th. Our General Service Office has produced the revealing and transparent tale of our new GSO software. A project, which floundered, went significantly over budget, but is now back on course and yielding the kind of results that were intended. It's technical in nature and includes a lot of large numbers. Over 1,600 people were registered in advance of the Western US/Can Regional Forum. Gratitude is what is on my mind. I want to thank all of you for your trust, your patience, your opinions, and the love you have shown me these past few years. It has been a great honor to and a great responsibility to serve as your conduit for the spiritual current that courses so vibrantly through our area.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JENNIFER B: I was given my Conference Assignment, and I'm happy to report I will be serving on the Trustees Committee. Our first big (virtual) event next year will be the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA), the weekend of March 5-7. The PRAASA program chair has asked each delegate to submit a list of members who are available to serve as panel presenters, moderators, timers and readers. If you are planning to register and attend, and want to be available for service to the PRAASA program, please email me as soon as possible, but in any case prior to January 20th with your full name, email address, phone number, and Panel 71 service position. And please let me know what you are available to do. There will be a registration fee – somewhere in the range of \$15, but that isn't final yet. You can keep an eye on www.praasa.org and I will also keep you posted.

CHAIR – ERIC L: Thank you for the last two years.

TREASURER – DENNIS H: The Area Finance is ending the year in a very healthy condition. I anticipate that we will collect \$4,500 in 7th Tradition Contributions for December and have expenditures of \$2,600. The cost of the Archive Open House and Officer travel related to Pass-it-on activity added about \$900 to our expenses for the month. I have been meeting with the incoming Treasurer in a series of Zoom meetings over the last few weeks and will continue these meeting until all the knowledge that I have gained over the past fifteen months is transferred to the new Treasurer. I want to thank the Area for giving me this incredible opportunity to serve you as your Treasurer.

REGISTRAR – ERICA G: Please send me all the contact information from new DCMs and DCMCs of your District. GSO Portal is open so registrars can go in and make changes so you can get your new GSRs and DCMs kits by mail.

RECORDING SECRETARY – MIGUEL H: Thank you all for your reports and these last two years. I'm still working on preparing my pass it on to meet with Amy our incoming Area Recording Secretary.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – COREE H: I'm grateful for my service to CNCA and Panel 69. I'm waiting and hoping to become a non-trustee director for the Grapevine.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MAGDALENO O: The limited edition of a new book "A visual history of Alcoholics Anonymous" as been published. The new La Viña website has been completely redesigned and the themes for the July and August edition will be: "25th

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Anniversary of La Viña" (delivery deadline January 30, 2021). Please let your groups know that we continue to receive written and digital stories.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – SUSAN G: We held our final business meeting of Panel 69 and heard a presentation on the Regional Forum. We passed our 2021 budget.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – BRIAN M: No report

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MATT E: Thank you Teddy, DCMCs, DCMs and Santa Cruz officers for allowing me to be of service. Our elected DCMC stepped down. 10 DCMs positions remain open. We have a new website. BTG and H and I are working on bringing Virtual meetings into different entities.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – JULIE N: Excitement has been in the air and District 04 is ready to get into action. Santa Clara Central Office had to get in to the prudent reserve due to lack of group contributions.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – MANUEL R: We had our traditional speaker meeting. Thank you everyone, Officers, DCMCs, Area for all the work. We are working on the pass it on and keeping the enthusiasm up.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – MATT D: We had an end of panel party with a speaker to share their general service experience. San Mateo county will be having virtual Alkathons around Christmas and New Years – please check out the intergroup website for information. Thank you all for a wonderful two years – it was a pleasure meeting you all and serving together.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JUSTIN H: We almost filled all of our positions and have held a District pass it on so our incoming officers and volunteers can hit the

ground running in January. It has been an honor and privilege to serve my District these past two years.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – VIVIAN K: We had our final district meeting. Many thanks to 3 excellent speakers who shared from the heart their experience, strength, and hope of their services and recovery journeys. I'm glad to see many officers/liaisons stepped up for new roles. Officers pass-it-on is currently underway. With enthusiasm and also a little tiredness, we look forward to Panel 71. Thank you Panel 69 for this valuable education, and allowing District 07 to be of service.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – NORA H: We finished our elections; we elected a new panel 71. Was a pleasure to serve as DCMC for District 70.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W: At our last district meeting we elected our final officer positions and began our DCM elections. Thank you to our visiting Area Officer. We had a fascinating report-back from the Virtual National AA Archives Workshop from probably the best Panel 69 Archives Chair. We welcomed some new GSRs and Alternates and passed on Panel 69 to our incoming Panel 71.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – STEVE M: No report

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) TERRI M: It has been an honor to serve with you. I learned a lot. District is moving forward. We have a different financial situation than Panel 69, we passed the 2021 budget. We are having our annual Interdistrict in January.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – GUSTY M: Thank you panel 69 for these past two years, Jacqueline will rotate in as a DCMC. We will be meeting tomorrow (December 21st).

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – CHITRA S: The practice of encouraging each district officer and GSR to do their roles taught me kindness. I leave this position a kinder, more gentle human, and I can't wait to see the gifts that our next DCMC Robin receives after panel 71.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – CLAUDIA N: All our sub-

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committees have gotten new chairs and 7 out of 8 of our DCM positions have been filled. We have gotten our Chairs in place for our Agenda Topics Workshop February 20th, 2021. The changes that are coming and the rotation of servants seem to be bringing freshness to our eyes for these new and changing times. No matter how we feel about our business and motions and finances, our little plans and designs...let's not lose track of our primary purpose.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE COUNTY) – SHERRIE R: District 13 is grateful to our visiting officer who shared on the importance of the "Spirit of Rotation". We were successful in electing new officers for Panel 71 and I am delighted to announce Paul G. as our new DCMC. District 13 wants to remind everyone about the 15th Annual Inter-District Workshop, Saturday, January 16th at 10:30am Zoom ID: 846 9087 559 password: Inspire

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – AMY M: I'd like to congratulate our incoming DCMC, Warren R. Later you will hear a bid presentation from us for the 2021 Post-Conference Assembly. Going into the next Panel, District 14 is in good financial condition, and I would like to say a huge thank you to Tim D. for his dedication to General Service. I look forward to serving you as Panel 71 Recording Secretary.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JERRY C: District 15 is rotating in smoothly with young and smart members. We thank Tim for all the service he provided to our District.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – EMMA M: We enjoyed the forum and the class A trustees shares. We have to pass the message higher than the clouds this year, and we keep floating in our Area, I'm grateful.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – FERNANDO R: Thank you Panel 69. We had elections and we elected a new DCMC. We continue to serve panel 71.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE F: We passed on

our commitments to the new incoming Panel. We will elect a liaison to our neighboring districts. Thank you for allow me to be in service this panel.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – JULIO F: I learned a lot on General Service. Thank you area officers, thank you all DCMCs. Our area officers talk about concept 9 and leadership. We had elections and Lupe will be our new DCMC on Panel 71.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JOSE M: We're planning to have a pass it on meeting this month of December. We have elected a new and young committee, I learned a lot these two years. Hope to see you all soon.

Area Sub-Committees and Sharing Sessions

ACCESSIBILITIES- CAROLYN M: A request for a women workshop was done. We increased the number of people participating in our committee. We thank Alan for doing such great job this panel.

ARCHIVES – DENISE G: We gave our final reports and reviewed our accomplishments for the panel and projects that will carry over. The Digital Librarian position remains open. We spent our workday finalizing preparations for our Open House. At our workday we had presentations, live and digital demonstrations, virtual tours, and the highlight was the interview and oral history which was given by our current delegate. We want to focus on increasing the participation from those districts that do not have active archivists for their district. Thank you the Archives Committee for their tremendous support, dedication, and many hours of contribution to the committee.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LARRY B: We continue to provide virtual presentations only. We continue focus on ways to be on service to the newcomers. District meetings made efforts to keep the line of communication open. We developed presentations templates for districts to

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - 11/2020

California Northern Coastal Area BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2020 BUDGET - FY20 P&L January - November, 2020

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	76,090.98	92,972.00	81.84 %
003 District Contributions	12,457.64	11,837.00	105.24 %
004 Assembly Contributions	5,367.69	7,200.00	74.55 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,474.78	3,344.00	44.10 %
006 H & I Archives Rent		0.00	
007 CNCA Subscriptions		12.00	
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	1,629.36	901.00	180.84 %
010 Interest Income	4.19	5.35	78.32 %
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	0.00		
Total Revenue	\$97,024.64	\$116,271.35	83.45 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$97,024.64	\$116,271.35	83.45 %
Expenditures 020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense			
	2,796.15	7,741.61	36.12 %
050 Officer Expense	5,085.09	26,076.55	19.50 %
130 Committee Expenses	11,449.34	26,429.15	43.32 %
300 General Expenses	24,430.30	64,900.68	37.64 %
Total 020 EXPENSE	43,760.88	125,147.99	34.97 %
2019 Fall Assembly		0.00	
401 Pacific Region Hospitality Room	41.44	0.00	
PRAASA 2024	0.00		
Total Expenditures	\$43,802.32	\$125,147.99	35.00 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$53,222.32	-\$ 8,876.64	-599.58 %
Other Expenditures			
400 Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.20		
Total Other Expenditures	\$0.20	\$0.00	0.00%
NET OTHER REVENUE	-\$ 0.20	\$0.00	0.00%
NET REVENUE	\$53,222.12	-\$ 8,876.64	-599.58 %

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—11/2020

California Northern Coastal Area

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of November 30, 2020

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	58,938.95
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,037.77
Total Bank Accounts	\$69,976.72
Total Current Assets	\$69,976.72
TOTAL ASSETS	\$69,976.72
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	5,614.60
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	53,222.12
Total Equity	\$69,976.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$69,976.72

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use. If your district elects a new chair, make sure we get their contact information. Next meeting will be held on January 21st.

FINANCE – DON L: The finance committee met for the last time for Panel 69. We reviewed the current financial status and projected income and expenses for December. The November financial reports were reviewed. We have reviewed the excess funds status and the projection for year end. A minor update of the finance committee guidelines has been completed and will be presented today. All old business remaining on the Area agenda will be passed on to the Panel 71 committee. The committee has finalized the pass it on process for the next panel.

PI/CPC – JENNIFER B: Public Information Committee of the General Service Board has an opening for 1 or 2 nontrustee appointed committee members to serve for at least one year. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2021. We will be hearing a lot more about digital projects in the coming year, both from GSO and our local committees. Watching people growing in service, learning more about technology, and finding new ways to reach out was a real highlight. And earlier this month, I got to share at an online meeting based in Mexico about what we are doing in PI and CPC.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – NICHOLAS S: We met with the incoming and outgoing Registrars, Claudia & Erica. Tech committee will continue support our registrar and setup the backend of Airtable database so using the software will be as user friendly as possible and will require a minimum amount of technical knowledge. Working on compiling a list of all hardware/software used by the Area. If you received an email from me asking about hardware/software, please get back to me when you've had a chance to confirm. Planning on requesting a 15-30 minute slot at the next Area Assembly to give a presentation. Possible topics: "using zoom efficiently" or "supporting your area registrar"

WEBSITE – DREW B: We'd like to highlight the things we accomplished, we created an easy way for the committee to function and communicate and Slack was one of them, we created a work flow, we upgraded the statics

and functionality - made it look more modern, now we have way to accept contributions through the website, now the Delegate can accept group consciences electronically. More of what we do here in CNCA goes through the website. Thanks to the work this panel did.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JAMES B: We held our last meeting and we hope to see our proposed updated guidelines approved. A few changes in this panel worth mentioning are that we began compensating our translators for their work. We also learned much about the interpretation feature in Zoom. Will you be ready to go back to the FM radios in the future? It was amazing to work with so many wonderful people who showed a willingness and desire to help on this committee.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– KELLY H: The Comments & Comentarios were distributed by the Area Chair & posted on the CNCA website December 12. Thanks to our translators and the web committees for their assistance. Please ask your district registrar or DCMC to update their email address list, or download at CNCA06.org, if you didn't already receive your copy. Thanks to everyone who helped at the many Lick & Sticks this Panel, and to the Area for letting Districts 07 & 20 be of service. Good luck to Districts 6 & 16 with the fun in Panel 71!

DCM SHARING SESSION – CHASE C: Members shared on "what we learned and what we can pass on to incoming DCMs". Some suggestions and sharing included: There was a question on how to obtain contact information of other DCMs. A member suggested using the chat on Zoom. A member shared that contact information was not shared with the sharing session as a whole during Panel 69, but if the group decides they want to share widely Panel 71, they can. Work with registrar and intergroup to identify meetings and groups. Take what you learn back to groups; share information. Attend dark/unrepresented meetings to encourage service, but respect the autonomy of groups. Get a service sponsor. Use your voice for service, expecting nothing in return. Set aside your opinion, and focus on supporting groups. Be humble, be open to being "wrong," remain teachable. Video Conferencing extends the reachability of the arm of A.A.; thus the hand is there to serve

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even more so.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA –MAGDALENO O: We had a fun session with a guest, the Area 58 Lit Chair. We had new Lit / GV chairs attending. We talked on how to log in to the GV/LV web and you tube channel.

H&I LIAISON – KAREN B: COVID-19 continues to impact the way we carry the message to the alcoholic who is confined. We continue to offer Virtual Meetings and support with literature especially the Grapevine our meeting in print. We finished our fiscal year with both contributions and expenses down. We remain in good financial condition. If you are interested in H & I service, information is available on our website handinorcal.org Thank you for your contributions to H&I, which enable us to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined.

YPAA REPORT – JACKIE B: NorCal bid for ICYPAA has a lot of service positions, Area 06 liaison to replace me is attending this monthly meeting and the monthly NorCal business meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month. They also have an open position for a accessibility chair and Spanish speaking liaison. You can email me for information on multiple alkathon meetings and events held by YPAAs this month. jackiebendzinski@me.com

BLACK AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) – KIMBERLY W: We are Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) recovering from alcoholism. We intentionally choose the term “BIPOC” to center the Black and Indigenous voices who have systematically been discriminated against and silenced within communities of color, the world at large, and the recovery community. This committee is organized for BIPOC by BIPOC. We are an events and service organization that carries the AA message to BIPOC in recovery and to any BIPOC alcoholic who still suffers. We work to build lasting unity and fellowship among sober BIPOC--many who find it difficult to access the A.A. message in meetings, twelve step work and other A.A. services. We fulfill AA’s primary purpose of being of service to the newcomer by highlighting the experience, strength and hope of the BIPOC community. We strive to create safe, welcoming spaces which allow BIPOC to find relief from alcoholism while honoring our intersectional identities. Since we’re a

young committee (created this spring), we’re here to raise awareness about what we’re doing, with the hope of getting the message out to BIPOC folks around California, the US, and the world. You can reach us at bipocrecovery@gmail.com at 916-562-2941.

HISPANIC WOMEN WORKSHOP: ANA V: We thank you for all the support this year all the districts. We had 152 members attending the Workshop virtually including seven Areas. The next Hispanic Women Workshop will be held by Area 03 in Arizona.

Guidelines

Accessibilities guidelines – presented by the Accessibilities committee ☐

Amendments accepted, under Part 3, Officer Job descriptions should said “Recording Secretary” instead of “Secretary” // Page Item C 2. Instead of “in a position” became “if the position” // Item E 3 remove word treasure.

Voting: Abjections 0 / Guidelines Approved

Interpretation and Translation guidelines – presented by the I&T committee ☐

Q: on number 3, division of duties; “translation coordinator as need it on security translation sources need? It’s not their primary responsibility it’s two different responsibilities.

Amy: there is a contract to borrow equipment; handouts review time to time?

Voting: Abjections 0/ Guidelines Approved

Assembly Bids:

Post-Conference Assembly 2021 – presented by District 14

Not extra cost, good opportunity to serve the area, it was review by Assembly Coordinator. District 14 will be running pieces of it. This will be a Virtual Assembly.

Q: is there any additional cost for this assembly? A: we have access with 50 dollars per month allowing up to 500 people to access / Q: We doing translation, Are we paying for it? A: the bid shows the cost for the assembly not the actual translation cost.

Voting: Yes 34 / opposed 0 / abstentions 2 / bid passed

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Newsletter Bids:

CNCA Comments and Comentarios bid – presented by Districts 06 and 16

Q: 2021 cost are smaller than 2020, cause the cost of paper? A: Yes

Voting: Yes 41 / opposed 0/ abstentions 0 / Bid Approved

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

PO: concerns what could happen if passed, such as the officers hiring an attorney or how to go about creating guidelines or bylaws / If this motion passes, it does give the area officers the ability to hire an attorney to attend to the incorporation, nowhere does it state that the officers will create bylaws that define the entity structure without further input from the area. We might see another ad hoc formed to work on bylaws so that members other than officers will have the opportunity to give input. Our spiritual way of doing business would not change. Don't let any fear about being left out of the rest of the process factor into your decision. / The language of the motion allows officers to make decisions, at this point we don't have enough information to share with the groups and the districts / we are one of the largest and more active areas with the largest budget, it would be devastating to put our trusted servants in a law suit, we have higher liability to get in trouble, we shouldn't be afraid / I don't feel comfortable talking about this, incorporating is very confusing / I'm opposed, it won't address the issue, just the thought that it could happen, the insurance now can cover for that, do we need it now? / Real concern from me is how serious the area is taking this, depending on the traditions on the guidelines / seems if we decided to we have to involve expenses, we've just received new information in the chat pros and cons / the information posted in the chat, it's information we been sending out

since the date of the motion was presented, it is not new information / I can't see an strong reason for incorporating, it needs to be checked, pro and cons are barely being posted, no matter what we do we shouldn't vote today / we have the ad hoc committee, we didn't have a chance to get professional advice officially / I agree to hire a professional and be prudent, officers can be sued even personally / it's more complicated than just an insurance everyone goes for all the considerations to incorporate or not, it's something that we need to be clear on before we vote / we should hire a lawyer and get help getting well informed, makes sense as a corporation, also not sure if will make sense as an incorporation / we had an attorney come to our area meeting explained all the pros, if we like to have a lawyer to come and inform? it would have to be a separate motion than this one / we did get information from a lawyer, we made sue this makes sense and as a result the ad hoc committee came and recommended to proceed on this / Incorporation is a way to avoid personal liability for wrongs, but carrying adequate insurance is how we can best be prepared to make amends in the event of any wrongs.

Voting: Substantial Unanimity

**Favor 23 / Against 17 / Abstentions 5 / motion failed
Minority Opinion**

I served on the ad hoc committee, we talked to an attorney, it confused us but we have lots of information, we had a 9 page ad-hoc report to share, we like to have people trust our trusted servants / our AA guidelines state they should be going the path to nonprofit "an account or tax work can for in the process" the motion is entirely consistent in this advice, report and charter article 10 states the service board of AA should be incorporated, trust in the transition, the committee is directly responsible for those it serves, our area is a 9th tradition committee / the intergroup associations and the majority of areas are incorporated. If the motions doesn't pass our area is vulnerable / I have been the area 2 years regularly, none of this information its new, COVID makes things harder, I like to encourage peo-

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ple, it's why GS conference has recommendations, we don't have to be in favor but a lawyer recommended this / we have a spirit of protect AA with its principles, this is not something we should be afraid of, we're serving AA / as an officer its something we should consider.

Motion to Reconsider: Yes 32 / No 11 / Remain Old Business

What's on your mind

Thank you to all; you made this possible for all of us to feel connected with CNCA had it not been for your commitment to carrying on the duties you have undertaken. // Welcome Panel 71 officers. // Please read the con arguments regarding the incorporation motion. // Thanks to the Virtual Ad Hoc committee! // This was a hard slog in quicksand; many Areas were deeply impacted by the pandemic, and we remain strong. There is magic, the lights stayed on, the doors stayed open, and the coffee is still brewing. // A group in District 70 needs support and attendance. // I guess I should read about the incorporation motion. I have been around the Area meetings for the last couple of years, and my hand is now raised as the incoming DCMC. // Thank you to outgoing officers. // I came from a weird background and General Service let me meet incredible people. I am now a peer to them. // General Service is my spiritual home group in AA. // Good luck!

3:25 p.m. -Closing

CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—January 2021

CNCA Motions – January 2021

Area Committee:

Old 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.
- 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*
- That CNCA increase the reimbursement amount for qualified hotel stays from \$100 to \$150 per night. – *presented by the Finance committee*

New Business:

- That due to funds in our checking account currently exceeding established 7th Tradition needs of Area 06, CNCA is to dis-

burse \$25,000 to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. – *presented by the Finance committee*

- That CNCA fund the translation of the CNCA Discussion and Reports section of the Area Motions Book, at a cost of \$4,640.

Area Assembly Motions:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

- 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 at Area Assembly:

- • 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 December 20, 2020

11:00 am - Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B., stand-in chair.

Our meeting is open to everyone to learn and participate on the topics. Members shared on “**what we learned and what we can pass on to incoming DCMs.**” Some suggestions and sharing included:

- Participate in that sharing session: speak up when you have something to share; let us know what’s going on with your district; ask questions. Volunteer to present at the DCM sharing session.
- Take notes, read notes if you can’t
- Get to know other DCMs. There was a question on how to obtain contact information of other DCMs. A member suggested using the chat on Zoom. A member shared that contact information was not shared with the sharing session as a whole during panel 69, but if the group decides they want to share widely panel 71, they can.
- The sharing session is an open meeting, you can invite GSRs and others to the sharing session to encourage learning and future service
- Make yourself known in groups in your sub-district. Work with registrar and intergroup to identify meetings and groups. Take what you learn back to groups; share information. Attend dark/unrepresented meetings to encourage service, but respect the autonomy of groups
- Get a service sponsor
- Use your voice for service, expecting nothing in return. Set aside your opinion, and focus on supporting groups
- Be humble, be open to being “wrong,” remain teachable
- Talk to others for feedback when you feel like you’re falling short (e.g., service sponsor, sponsor, GSRs). Go easy on yourself.
- Someone shared that being a DCM is the best service commitment in A.A.
- Get contact information from members of your district
- Many members shared their gratitude for the sharing session and the value of it, and many new to the meeting expressed that they look forward to serving
- A member shared that the higher you are on the upside down triangle, the more your voice should be heard (i.e., we need to hear GSRs). The newer you are, the more we need to hear your voices.
- There is a need to educate others on what DCMs do, and doing so encourages more involvement in service.
- Consistency and commitment to the position are important
- Have a brief study of the concepts at your sub-district meeting
- Video Conferencing extends the reachability of the arm of A.A.; thus the hand is there to serve even more so.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am with the Responsibility Statement

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

PRAASA

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly is an annual assembly hosted by one of the 15 areas in the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous each year and it therefore moves around the region.



March 5-7, 2021
Central California
www.praasa.org

2021 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 71

<p>January 23—Area Committee Mtg. February 27—Area Committee Mtg. March 5-7—PRAASA, virtual 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, District 14 22—Area Committee Mtg. June 26—Area Committee Mtg. July 24—Area Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>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)</p>
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PANEL 71 ASSEMBLIES

2021 Pre-Conference Assembly,
 April 3-4

2021 Post-Conference Assembly,
 May 15 (Hosted by District 14)

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, Nov. 5

If your District is considering making a bid for a Panel 71 Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Drew B at assemblycoordinator.p71@cnca.com

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**To contact an Area
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**the password for any meeting,
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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):

CNCA Area Committee meets the 4th Saturday at 12:30 pm, Zoom ID 632-553-607. [Contact Miguel H.](#) or your
DCM or DCMC for the password.

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

Archives committee meets at noon, the 2nd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 981-8745-2281. [Contact Paul W](#) 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 George X.](#) 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 Miguel H.](#) 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 Richard W](#) 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 Eric L.](#) for password.

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