



CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential— March

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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair Preview: March 2020

So Much of General Service in the air these two months around the annual Conference in New York, so having our Delegate attending the GSC, and attending PRAASA virtually, Agenda Topics Workshops, to prepare us all on one of the most important jobs, inform our groups and collect a group conscience becoming a physical part of the General Service Conference.

PRAASA as always as been an important contribution to my personal sobriety by listening and feeling trough my computer's screen the endless and immense love in action from members with the same purpose of helping the alcoholic that still suffers.

At our last Area Committee Meeting, we continued to discuss the motion on incorporating CNCA as a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation and that CNCA retain the services of a certified bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer, remaining several other items of old business like That CNCA requires affirmation of auto liability coverage, CNCA increase the reimbursement amount for qualified hotel stays from \$100 to \$150 per nigh.

We are getting ready for our Virtual Pre-Conference Assembly expecting a lot of people to share group consciences on the Agenda Topics; the Pre-Conference Assembly flyer lists what topics we will discuss each day. We will also hear group conscience on; That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced; That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties; and That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic" be produced.

Welcome again to all of you that rotated in this Panel, it may be too much to take in during this busy season, lets have fun and work together to maintain our mission to those alcoholics who need and seek for help

Miguel H.
CNCA Chair Panel 71

March 2021

As I write this, I have just had my spiritual tank filled by a weekend of love and service at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). In 2020, PRAASA was the last big service event many of us attended before the shutdown.

Over the years, as I rotated into different service positions, my relationship to PRAASA has also evolved. The continued experience only deepens my love for the event and Alcoholics Anonymous. From a shy but enthusiastic GSR who observed from the sidelines, to a DCM determined to be of maximum service to the GSRs in my subdistrict, to a DCMC watching the light come on in the eyes of members from my home district that we funded to travel as they discovered a similar love for PRAASA and General Service. As Area Chair and Alternate Delegate, I started attending smaller roundtables, with just 15 or so members doing the same service position, and I developed a greater appreciation for all the different ways our areas communicate. I've made acquaintances and forged friendships with members from all over the western U.S. that I really only see once a year. This year, I bonded so meaningfully with the other Pacific Region delegates, as the Panel 70s passed on their experience, strength and hope to us newbie Panel 71s.

It was bittersweet to go virtual this year, and not get to connect in the usual way. But I still felt the presence of so many friends. I have some group pictures of members of our Area taken by Miguel over the past several years, and I kept one on the desk in front of me as I participated for the first time as your Panel 71 Delegate. Not how I pictured it, but it was still magic. And so many of you reached out to me before and during the weekend to offer love and encouragement. It touched my heart, maybe more than you know. It's truly an honor and a privilege to serve with all of you.

It was a busy weekend. And now we get even busier! It's been so cool to see so many new GSRs and DCMs in the district meetings and more than the usual number of people in attendance at our monthly area meetings. You are off and running with agenda topic sharing sessions, and I am starting to plug away on what is now almost 1500 pages of background material. I look forward to hearing from you at our Pre-Conference Assembly next month. And you can also submit group consciences to me by email or a form on our website up until April 8. Together, we will help me become as fully informed as I can be before I attend the virtual General Service Conference later in April.

In service and gratitude,

Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—February 27, 2021

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 27, 2021

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on February 27, 2021. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Matt E. (District 03). Jose C. (District 18) read Tradition 2 and Ashley J. (District 07) read Concept 2. There were seven past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), David N. (Panel 59), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy BW (Panel 69). We introduced seven new GSRs and seven new DCMs. The January 2021 minutes and financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments/Comentarios*.
Attendance: 151 **Birthdays:** 83 years

Officer Reports

DELEGATE – JENNIFER B : DCMCs have the final list of Agenda Topics and the link to the background information to share with their Districts, and I will be emailing the Summaries on March 1. The PRAASA host committee is working with Tech 12 and doing their best to make this an awesome virtual experience. The PRAASA round table sessions on Friday and Saturday nights will be like regular Zoom meetings, but the panels, business meeting and big speaker meeting will all be webinar style. In news from *Highlights from AAWS*, revenue split between gross profits on literature sales and contributions in 2020 was about 37% literature and 63% contributions. Historically the split is reversed, with an average of 58% coming from literature sales and 42% from the 7th Tradition. So, we are seeing that we can indeed make strides toward the goal of being self-supporting through our contributions.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L: I will be facilitating a sharing session regarding the relatability and accessibility of the Big Book on March 14; flyers have been sent out to DCMCs.

CHAIR – MIGUEL H: The Area will be offering two sharing sessions on Sunday, March 14 from 6-8 pm; one in English and one in Spanish, with the intention of collecting feedback on the questions related to the

GSO video presentation on the Big Book that will be passed along to the Trustees' and Conference Literature committees before this year's Conference.

TREASURER – CHITRA S: As of today we have \$74,457.65 in our Checking account, which is our operating expenses. We have \$11,038.03 in our Savings account, which is our prudent reserve. There is a motion in New Business to disperse funds. Our current expenses are in line with the budget.

REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N: Please continue to provide your group's service number and subdistrict for any group changes, as well as an email address for new servants, as I am unable to register anyone without an email address. Online groups are currently registered by emailing records@aa.org and will not be registered as part of our Area unless you have an address to link the group to.

RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M: It is very helpful to provide your written report to me electronically, via email, text, or WhatsApp. You can also send me a message through our Area website cnca06.org by going to 'Contact Us' and finding 'Recording Secretary' on the dropdown menu.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B: Flyers for the Pre-Conference Assembly are ready today. There are still two assemblies open for 2021- Summer Assembly and the Inventory Assembly. We have created a document that contains the days, times, and Zoom login information for the Area committees and Sharing Sessions.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W: Check the 'What's New' tab on aa.org; new information is added regularly. Just added was the World Service Meeting Final Report. The March issue of the Grapevine has a story by a past DCMC from our own District 90. La Viña is seeking stories to commemorate their 25th Anniversary.

District Reports

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A: We are preparing for gathering informed group consciences. A DCM hosts a monthly meeting for GSRs only. The GSRs

AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—, February 27, 2021 Cont'd.

use that time to study the Concepts and practice Agenda Topic presentations.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – JACK B: We are struggling to get GSRs and participation in General Service.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MATT E: We now have all of our Officer positions filled! Our new Workshop Coordinator got right to work, and we decided to hold our Agenda Topics Workshop in two sessions: One right after the close of PRAASA on March 7, 5:30-7:30pm and then on March 14, 3-5pm.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – LORI R: As part of our meeting we used several breakout rooms to practice Agenda Topics. Our Agenda Topics Workshop will be March 13, 12-3:30pm. Using the Zoom timer and having advance communication on how much time people share has helped us finish our agenda.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – BILL H: We welcomed a handful of new GSRs and our push for increased attendance continues. We established a new Venmo account, and our finances are stable. We are gearing up for our joint District 40 and 04 Agenda Topics Workshop on March 13.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) SARAH B: We elected two more District Officer positions and look forward to co-hosting a bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop with Districts 06, 16, and 17 on March 13, 10am-1pm. San Mateo Intergroup corrected a synching error with the Meeting Guide app so our recovery meetings all show up, with embedded virtual meeting links. As a result of a bilingual sharing session with members from General Service and Intergroups in San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, communication with the Spanish-speaking communities has improved.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JACKIE B: We elected two new DCMs since last month which brings us to six subdistricts represented. We created a Google Form to

facilitate the increasing requests from new GSRs for service sponsors. District 06 approached SF-Marin Intergroup to host a virtual Town Hall on March 18 with participation by District 10. There will be a viewing of the Big Book video presentation and public sharing session to collect feedback for the General Service Board. We are co-hosting a bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop with Districts 05, 16, and 17 on March 13, 10am - 1pm.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – ASHLEY J: We elected a Bridging the Gap liaison and also new DCMs. We now have three of five subdistricts represented. A member organized an FAQ about what a subdistrict is, which gave us good information about where to outreach to groups about General Service. Our Agenda Topics Workshop will be held on March 14 (pie day), 10am-2pm.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – FRANK C: We are still looking to fill the Alt. DCMC position which also serves as the PI/CPC chair.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W: We held our first-ever virtual Agenda Topics Workshop on February 6. We've elected five DCMs so far and will be holding an election in March for another. To allow more time to discuss business carried from last panel, we move one item ahead of our Officer reports. We are discussing a motion to approve a District website, although the website has already been developed, the domain name has been paid, and the web address published. We are starting a 6-month pilot program to explore the need for a new service position that links General Service to Intergroup.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – ERIN B: Our Central Office is understaffed. We are exploring ideas to build communication with Spanish-speaking groups. I hosted a sharing session for some non-AAs and ex-AAs to get feedback about literature accessibility issues that brought beautiful discussion of ideas and resources for Harm Reduction model literature, 12-step history, transgender inclusivity and reading comprehension.

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DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – *BILL H*: We elected a new DCM and now have three of four DCM positions filled. District 90 is looking for a new PI/CPC chair. We are hosting our first virtual Agenda Topic Workshop on March 13, 1-4pm.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – *JACQUELINE P*: District 10 and District 06 will join with the SF-Marine Intergroup to host a Town Hall on the Big Book video, followed by a sharing session March 18, 7-8:30pm. Our virtual Agenda Topics Workshop is March 13, 11am-2pm. The Marin Teleservice Committee is creating a website. After many months of loving discussion, the membership of the SF-Marine Intergroup voted to decline a large monetary bequeathment to the Central Office in San Francisco.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – *ROBIN H*: All three DCM positions are filled, and they are committed to guiding our GSRs through the Agenda Topics process and visiting meetings that do not have GSRs. We have created an ad hoc committee to research and implement available technical resources and we are becoming more visible through our Intergroup website. Our March and April District business meetings have been rescheduled due to PRAASA and the Pre-Conference Assembly.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – *JAMES B*: We held our Agenda Topics Workshop last weekend, and we had an amazing panel of speakers and mock sharing sessions with great attendance from many districts, including some visitors from Michigan. We had an opportunity to discuss a recent event a District Officer experienced at an in-person meeting. This was a safety in an AA meeting issue in which there was a need to contact law enforcement to deal with a problematic individual. This led to loving discussion and support. We are looking forward to PRAASA.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – *PAUL G*: We have a new webmaster upgrading our website and we are putting together an online meeting format and discussing adding a position of an online meeting coordinator. These ide-

as are a result of the Inter-district Workshop last month with Districts 11, 9, and 90 and getting support from the Area Technology committee.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – *WARREN R*: We are excited about the Agenda Topics. Some groups are setting up sharing sessions. We are gearing up for PRAASA and Pre-Conference Assembly. We are still trying to fill some positions. Thank you to District 12 for the Agenda Topics Workshop.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – *JERRY C*: Our DCMs held a GSR sharing session on February 20 to assist GSRs with the Agenda Topic process. We have lost contact with our Spanish-speaking groups due to Covid meeting closures. We are starting to add Spanish language announcements on our District 15 website. Highway 101 between Humboldt and Del Norte Counties was shut down due to a landslide and is now just one lane is open, so travelling around the District is difficult right now.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – *FERMIN R*: We are excited to co-host a bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop with Districts 05, 06, and 17 on March 13, 10am-1pm. We are visiting groups with no GSR, and also have a Service Manual book study.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – *JOSE L*: We voted unanimously to send a motion requesting a large-print *Daily Reflections* book in Spanish. We were invited to participate in the Agenda Topics Workshop with Districts 05, 06, and 16 on March 13. District 17 is hosting an Inter-district meeting on March 20 and interpretation will be provided.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – *JOSE C*: Groups continue to be visited to raise awareness of the importance of having a GSR. On the first and third Mondays in March we will hold six meetings to offer information and training to GSRs. They were given the Agenda Topics and we informed them of PRAASA and provided the registration link.

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - January 1 to January 31 2021

California Northern Coastal Area

Budget vs. Actuals: 2021 Budget - FY21 P&L

January 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	7,979.15	11,250.00	70.93 %
003 District Contributions		1,200.00	
004 Assembly Contributions		0.00	
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	188.00	50.00	376.00 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	1,482.94	100.00	1,482.94 %
010 Interest Income	0.67	0.25	268.00 %
Total Revenue	\$9,650.76	\$12,600.25	76.59 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$9,650.76	\$12,600.25	76.59 %
Expenditures			
020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense	30.20	20.83	144.98 %
050 Officer Expense	334.96	190.83	175.53 %
130 Committee Expenses	894.16	1,055.49	84.72 %
300 General Expenses	4,329.24	4,330.00	99.98 %
Total 020 EXPENSE	5,588.56	5,597.15	99.85 %
Total Expenditures	\$5,588.56	\$5,597.15	99.85 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$4,062.20	\$7,003.10	58.01 %
NET REVENUE	\$4,062.20	\$7,003.10	58.01 %

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—JANUARY 31 2021

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position As of January 31, 2021

		Total
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Operating Funds - Checking	67,995.00	
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,037.95	
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 79,032.95	
Total Current Assets	\$ 79,032.95	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 79,032.95	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	63,830.75	
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00	
Net Revenue	4,062.20	
Total Equity	\$ 79,032.95	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 79,032.95	

Saturday, Feb 06, 2021 04:07:28 PM GMT-8 - Cash Basis

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DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – *GUADALUPE O*: We continue to reach out to groups with no GSR. As a District we decided to start meeting twice a month. The 2nd Tuesday of the month will be virtual with our visiting Area Officer and we will meet in person on the 4th Tuesday.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – *JAVIER L*: Our District meeting was a hybrid meeting. On February 15 we had a drill on how to raise the awareness of the groups about the Agenda Topics. We continue to visit groups to motivate and inform. District 20 made two important decisions: to make an Accessibilities committee and to make a Technology committee.

Area Standing & Sub-Committees, Sharing Sessions, and Liaison Reports

ARCHIVES – *PAUL W*: We are currently focusing on items that can be done by individuals rather than group work to maintain adequate social distancing when working in our limited archives space. Our technical team members are digitizing documents and converting various types of media (cassettes, MP3s, etc.) to a digital format. We have a motion to create a new position of a System Architect/Technology Specialist who would assist with this process. At our virtual meetings we are doing presentations and we recently had one on 'Ethics for Archivists.'

BRIDGING THE GAP – *GEORGE X*: Last month we elected a Spanish Coordinator so now we have all positions filled and wish to have BTG Chairs for all Districts. We are offering New District Chair Orientations in English on March 3 and March 25 at 6pm and soon will schedule an orientation in Spanish. We presented at twelve treatment facilities in CNCA, both virtual and in-person, and collected forty-nine Contact Requests for 12th-Step service work through BTG. We have created a digital District Activity Report form that can be submitted online by District Chairs to make reporting easier.

FINANCE – *JOANN L*: After reviewing our current financial status and expenses we elected liaisons to the

standing and subcommittees for the Budget Process and did a review of our job descriptions.

PI/CPC – *ERIC L*: This month, we discussed how to work effectively, both virtually and in-person, with professionals. We focused on setting up partnerships with drinking and driving programs, churches, high schools, Veteran Affairs offices, senior living facilities, correctional facilities, police departments, and university programs. Next month, we will discuss the Conference Agenda Topics in PI and CPC.

TECHNOLOGY – *NICK S*: We are meeting weekly to distribute the workload of getting a new database called AirTable ready for our Registrar to use. We are reaching out to our Spanish-speaking Districts to offer trainings in running meetings on Zoom.

WEBSITE – *MEGAN M*: We've been meeting on additional weekends to learn how to use Wordpress, which is our Content Managements System (CMS) for the CNCA 06 website. There is now a 'Search' function at the top of the right-hand column on almost every page. In order to demonstrate how CNCA could use a password-protected website as a repository of material that normally cannot be posted on a regular website because of privacy and anonymity issues, we are creating a sub-domain website. The Web committee is working on a motion to that end.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – *MAGDALENO O*: The Area interpreters and translators are available and scheduled for all our meetings and professional interpreters are available for assemblies. We are already working with Spanish interpretation for the Pre-Conference Assembly and ASL interpretation for the Post-Conference Assembly. The Agenda Topic Summaries are translated.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– *DENNIS H*: The *Comments/Comentarios* were delivered to the Web a little late this month; the newsletter should be out earlier in the month for March. I am soliciting feedback on the ease of reading the publications. It is possible to change fonts, spacing, etc. and I will explore options if there is a demand.

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DCM SHARING SESSION – *CHASE C*: We heard a presentation on the topic 'How to attract rather than promote involvement in General Service during a pandemic.' Our topic for next month is 'Experience, Strength, and Hope on the Agenda Topics process.'

ACCESSIBILITIES – *JENNIFER K*: We elected a new Chair today. We look forward to getting a group conscience on Agenda Topics related to Accessibilities.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – *RICHARD W*: Today we talked about Agenda Topics and how we can help serve groups in this virtual world. We also discussed presenting literature at online meetings and how we can use Grapevine and La Viña as a 12th-Step tool.

H&I LIAISON – *KAREN B*: We provide virtual meetings and literature wherever possible. For the institutions we serve that are not allowing virtual meetings we continue to offer literature, especially the Grapevine. Our next General Committee Meeting is June 13 and will likely be virtual. We are always looking for more volunteers. More information can be found on our website handinorcal.org.

BIPOC LIAISON – *KIMBERLY W*: We elected a Spanish-speaking liaison and created a list of BIPOC AA meetings. For Black History Month the BIPOC Service Committee is hosting a speaker panel event on February 28, 1:30-5:30pm. All are welcome.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP LIAISON – *ANA V*: The 6th Hispanic Women's Workshop will be on December 4, hosted by Area 03 (Arizona). A new CNCA 06 liaison is needed.

PRAASA – *TEDDY BW*: CNCA 06 is hosting PRAASA 2024, and the co-chairs of the Facilities Committee are working on selecting a venue and will know more by March 26. Let me know if you are available to serve on any of the following committees: Access, Archives, Attraction & Outreach, Budget & Finance, Facilities, Hospitality, Interpretation & Translation, Literature, Program, Registration, Web.

Housekeeping Motion:

- That Districts 05, 06, 16, & 17 be granted use of the Area's Zoom account for a bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop on Saturday, March 13 from 10:00am-1:00pm. – *presented by Jackie B., Sarah B., Jose L., and Fermin R.*

Q. Is there a protocol in place for borrowing the account, in case of the situation of it already being used? **A.** No there isn't, so far this hasn't occurred. **Q.** Why don't the Districts pay for the Zoom upgrade themselves? **A.** We could if we needed to. Since the Area account can accommodate a larger participant capacity and has the interpretation capability we would like to ask the Area for this one-time event if it is available.

No objections. Housekeeping Motion <<PASSED>>

- That CNCA 06 Archives Committee creates a position as an Assistant to the Digital Systems Administrator (ADSA). – *presented by the Archives Committee*

Q. Is there any financial impact? **A.** No. **Q.** Why is this being asked if it's in your committee guidelines? **A.** It is not yet in the guidelines. If the position is created it would get added and new guidelines presented.

No objections. Housekeeping Motion <<PASSED>>

- That District 17 be granted the use of the Area's Zoom account for an Inter-District Workshop on Saturday, March 20. – *presented by Jose L.*

Q. I'm not objecting, but do you know which account you want to borrow? Both may be already used on that day. **A.** We will need to coordinate with PI/CPC and Web.

No objections. Housekeeping Motion <<PASSED>>

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Presentation of New Business:

- That the Trustees' Literature committee develop a graphic novel or a series of graphic novels that depict the first 164 pages of the Big Book. – *presented by District 90*

This came from a group in District 90 and was discussed and voted last panel. Not everybody is at the reading level to comprehend the Big Book, and we think the use of pictures as used in graphic novels could be helpful.

Q. What about the Roman numeral pages? Could you include the Doctor's Opinion? **A.** Yes, good idea. **Q.** How is this different than the ideas coming from the current GSO video about the Big Book? **A.** District 90 started talking about this last Panel before that video was released. **Q.** Do you have any samples? **A.** No.

Q. Do you have any statistics on how well other AAWS illustrated material has sold? **A.** No, I do not. **Q.** Is it possible this could be something for the Grapevine? **A.** It would be up to the Conference, but we want to start with getting the idea out there. **Q.** Would the chapters included be 1-7 plus the Doctor's Opinion, and also 8-11? **A.** It would be up to the Literature committee. **Q.** Do you have a sampling size of the fellowship this serves a need for? **A.** We did not take any surveys, the idea came from a group. **Q.** Isn't the Twelve Steps Illustrated useful to this need? **A.** This idea is to incorporate more than just the Steps, and also intended to be full color.

Vote to keep at ACM or forward to Assembly by simple majority: ACM 12, Assembly 42

Forward to Assembly business. Motion becomes New Business at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

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 have heard a lot of discussion and have flipped my view about it a couple times. Where can I reference a full background of past discussions? // I am still in favor, but I think it is necessary to invite back the lawyer that made this recommendation to us, because there are so many new people to this Panel. // I have prepared a Con argument, and the Pro argument is the report given by the Area Structure Ad Hoc committee. // If not having this protection would bar a future leader from wanting to serve CNCA out of fear of being sued, it's an internal responsibility and the right thing to do as an organization. // I would welcome the idea of the attorney speaking to us again.

Motion remains Old 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., Dennis H., and the Panel 69 Finance committee.*

Our group conscience is that if our trusted servants feel the need for the support then we trust it. // When Panels change, it would bring consistency. // If the presenters of the motion found it necessary then it probably is.

Vote by substantial unanimity: Yes 50, No 9

Minority Opinion- We have qualified AA members to do the job. We keep going for outside services and spending more money than we need to. // There is not a need. We have standard operating procedures between the Treasurer and the Finance committee. If there is a need for better communication we can

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strengthen it. // We used to only have a Treasurer, now we have a Finance committee. We want to hire an accountant, now a bookkeeper; when will it stop? We are getting too professional.

Vote by simple majority for Motion to Reconsider:

Yes 32, No 24

Motion to Reconsider passed. *Motion remains Old Business*

What's On Your Mind?

As a past outgoing Delegate I am happy to pass on the tradition of giving a gift to our newest outgoing Delegate. When you are Delegate and everybody knows who you are, it's like being a peacock and spreading your feathers. I give you this beautiful feather duster to remind you that your feathers are still useful. Welcome to the back porch, Teddy! // I'd like to show Miguel some love and point out that in past ACMs people weren't able to unmute themselves. It would be good if we went back to that so we can let Miguel do his job. // During our introductions I found it difficult to follow where people are from when we just say our districts and subdistricts in a string of numbers. It would be helpful to say where we are from too. // I would like to apologize to the Chair and the Area committee too. I agree that if I wasn't able to unmute myself I would not have taken the opportunity to jump in. // It would be helpful if there was a link in the minutes for where to find past discussions on Area motions. // I appreciate that the wording to the motions was dropped in the chat at the time we were talking about them today. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M.

CNCA Recording Secretary- Panel 71

DCM SHARING SESSION , Feb 27, 2021

DCM Sharing Sessions Minutes February 27, 2021

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B., Chair. The session opened with a five-minute presentation by JB from San Francisco on the topic, “**How do we get more people involved in General Service?**”

The Presenter shared about the importance of GSR representation being the link between the group and the district and various ways to attract General Service in getting people involved. It was suggested to consider the question from a past trustee, “What are we doing wrong that more people aren’t attracted to General Service?” An excerpt from AA.org back in 1997 was also shared, “Due to a lack of a central geographic location, online AA Groups are not a direct part of the US/CANADA Service Structure.” Upstate New York is a very rural district that has 23 groups in one district. On average there would be 3 GSRs at the district meetings. Some do not have business meetings. Making announcements and having a service sponsor could enhance one’s sobriety in service immensely. In closing, an A.A. Grapevine quote from Springfield UTAH 1998, “Unity seldom means that we all agree on everything. Unity is best achieved by a full hearing of all points of view...”

Members shared in response to the presentation given by JB, “How do we get more people involved in General Service?”

Members shared generally on various ways of building interest and informing the groups

within their districts and sub-districts about the importance of participating in the General Service structure; attending both meetings and groups as DCMs showing they have the support and ways to stay linked to A.A. as a whole. There were shares of many ways of communicating during the pandemic and how an unwelcomed turn of events has broadened A.A.’s outstretched hand. Some of the ways that were presented by current DCMs were: creating email lists, the convenience of not having to drive from meeting to meeting within a district, the use of Zoom technology and its effectiveness in sharing information. Some members posed the question of how to build interest with meetings that are unaware of the General Service structure or even “calcitrant” to the idea of being affiliated with the structure. Some of the uptick in the discussion were the benefits of the increase of participation at District and Area meetings. Meeting virtually breaks the barrier of not being able to attend because of distance, but that that is not entirely the case noting that the digital divide plays a role with who can attend virtually and who cannot attend.

Chair thanked JB for their presentation.

TOPIC FOR NEXT MONTH: Experience, Strength, and Hope on the Agenda Topics process

A collective conscience was given that the leader Ben from District 12 will share a report for about 5-7 minutes to kick us off into discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM with the Responsibility Statement

*Respectfully Submitted, Chase C. DCM
Sharing Session Recording Secretary*

CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—March 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*
- That the Trustees' Literature committee develop a graphic novel or a series of graphic novels that depict the first 164 pages of the Big Book. – *presented by District 90*

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PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2021

“2021 – A.A. in a Time of Change”

SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 3 & 4, 2021

[Zoom Meeting ID: 632 553 607- Password: 1935](#)

Saturday

8:45 - 9:00AM Orientation

9:00AM Business Meeting

12:00 – 12:30PM Lunch

12:30-1PM

**Remarks from the Delegate
Sharing on the Conference Theme**

1:00PM Group Consciences

**Agenda
Trustees
Finance
Public Information
Literature
Intl Conventions/ Regional Forums**

5:00-5:30pm What's on your Mind?

Sunday

9:00AM Group Consciences

**Grapevine/La Vina
Policy/Admissions
Report and Charter
Cooperation w/Professional
Community
Corrections
Treatment/Accessibilities
Archives**

12:30-1PM What's on your Mind?

(If extra time is needed to hear group
consciences, we will break for lunch
and return at 2pm to continue)

2021 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 71

March	27—Area Committee Mtg.	August	7—Summer Assembly, tbd 28—Area Committee Mtg.
April	3-4—Pre Conference Assembly, District 8 18-24—General Service Conference 24—Area Committee Mtg.	September	25—Area Committee Mtg
May	15—Post Conference Assembly, District 14 22—Area Committee Mtg.	October	23—Area Committee Mtg.
June	26—Area Committee Mtg.	November	6—Inventory Assembly, tbd 27—Area Committee Mtg.
July	24—Area Committee Mtg.	December	18—Area Committee Mtg. (Note: 3rd Sat)

PANEL 71 ASSEMBLIES

2021 Pre-Conference Assembly,
April 3-4 (Hosted by District 8)

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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CNCA Standing Committees & Sharing Sessions

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 818-2594-1066. [Contact Karen H.](#) for password.

Archives committee meets at 12:30, 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' sharing sessions are held before the Area Committee meeting on the 4th Saturday of every month. Zoom ID 632-553-607 [Contact Drew B](#) for password

The **DCMC session** at 10 am is open to DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only. Zoom meeting ID is 632-553-607. [Contact the Miguel H](#) for password.

Interpretation & Translation committee meets at 11 am the 4th Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 897-0815-0798. [Contact Magdaleno O.](#) 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 9 am the 3rd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 568-947-843. [Contact Eric L.](#) for password.

Technology Committee meets at 8:00 PM on the third Thursday [Contact Nick S](#) for password

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