



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Chair Preview: April 2021

We experienced our first Pre-Conference Assembly of Panel 71, we got to see, hear and feel the love, unity and deep thoughts of our Area. Having our Delegate listening to what you had to share from your groups, having my heart and mind deeply fortunate for being able to be a physical part of the General Service Conference process. Also we got a lot of practice voting, heard our first minority opinion of the new panel and passing our first Assembly Business referring to a requests for a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic" be produced. Big thanks to District 08 and all the volunteers helping conducting the assembly.

On other topic, at the Area Committee Meeting we've spent several months discussing a number of motions including the motion related to incorporating CNCA as a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation having a presentation by the ad-hoc committee chair Justin H. from last panel to help understand the origin and the intention of the motion. We also approved a bid for the 2021 Summer Assembly proposed by District 70, which will be held virtually in August.

Reminding us that we still have work to do with several Old business items; 1.- That CNCA requires affirmation of auto liability coverage for any member or contractor that CNCA reimburses for mileage & 2.- Increase the reimbursement amount for qualified hotel stays from \$100 to \$150 per night. It is very likely that additional motions will be introduced in the coming months, giving us much more to discuss as we strive to make AA the inclusive, welcoming place it can be.

Thank you for my Service  
Miguel H.  
CNCA Chair Panel 71

## Constructive Criticism

As you continue in service, I encourage you to read Bill's essay on leadership from time to time. This month, a particular passage spoke to me directly:

*There are always the constructive critics; our friends indeed... Then there are those whom we like to call our "destructive" critics. They power-drive, they are "politickers," they make accusations. Maybe they are violent, malicious. They pitch gobs of rumors, gossip, and general scuttle-butt to gain their ends — all for the good of A.A., of course! But in A.A., we have at last learned that these folks, who may be a trifle sicker than the rest of us, need not be really destructive at all, depending very much on how we relate ourselves to them... There are few better means of self-survey and of developing genuine patience, than the work-outs these usually well-meaning but erratic brother members afford us.*

I'm not perfect yet, so when I find myself in an uncomfortable spotlight, my first reactions are far from the state of humility—that perpetual quietness of heart—that I would love to possess at all times. But then I can do a spot-check inventory. I can look to the spiritual principles in our steps, traditions and concepts. I can reach out for support from trusted fellow members, including my sponsor and service sponsor, and be open to the lessons.

And in a very recent instance, I was able to have a wonderful discussion with other affected members with whom it is my pleasure to serve. Some of the most difficult conversations can be the most beautiful in A.A., when we bring our best selves to the table in the spirit of mutual respect and love.

I do not always need to reach out directly to another member and try to "correct" them. And I need not carry resentment. I can be grateful for the constructive workouts I receive. And if I ever find myself in their shoes, which I could at any time, I will try to ask myself before I speak, "Is what I am saying true? Is it helpful? Is it kind?"

Striving to be a good example,  
Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

## References:

"Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need" (Concept IX)  
As *Bill Sees It*, pp. 183 and 215

## Looking for Something?

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# AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—March 27, 2021

## CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 27, 2021

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on March 27, 2021. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Susan G. (District 01), Javier L. (District 20) read Tradition 3 in Spanish and JB (District 06) read Concept 3. There were seven past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy BW (Panel 69). We introduced five new GSRs and two new DCMs. The February 2021 minutes and financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments/Comentarios*.

**Attendance:** 127 **Birthdays:** 191 years

### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B :** Deadline for sending me your group consciences is April 8. If you are unable to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly and give your group conscience in person, you can email me or use the web form on the Area website. If you held a watch party for the Big Book video and have notes from those sharing sessions, it's most helpful to email those to me and I'll compile and share all feedback to the literature desk at GSO. I met with a number of Central Office Managers from Northern California and heard feedback on some Agenda Topics and explored future communication opportunities. The latest issue of the Quarterly Report from GSO is available on aa.org under the 'What's New' tab.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** PRAASA wasn't quite the same, but our commitment to help still-suffering alcoholics a year into the pandemic remains a bedrock of our recovery.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** The flyer for the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 3-4 has been posted to our website cnca06.org and in the newsletter *CNCA Comments and Comentarios*. On Saturday of the Assembly we will hold our first Assembly Business Meeting of the new Panel. For discussion we have two items of Old Business and two items of New Business.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** As of today we have \$72,425.72 in our Checking account, which is our operating expenses. We have \$11,038.03 in our Savings account, which is our prudent reserve. Last month we had \$4,272.34 in expenses and brought in \$8,614.02 in contributions. This makes us self-supporting.

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** GSO's new database Fellowship Connection has granted 'read only' access to DCMs and Delegates, and can be a great resource to districts and groups. I am working out details for a Registrar Workshop. Also I will be providing a registration link at our Pre-Conference Assembly, designed to mimic the registration style of our in-person assemblies. I am hoping to get an idea on who is attending our virtual assemblies.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** I'm looking forward to capturing your group consciences at the Pre-Conference Assembly, as well as your discussion on the Area motions at the Assembly Business Meeting. Please send me your reports via email, text, WhatsApp, or by using the web form on our Area website.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** We are hearing a bid today for the 2021 Summer Assembly. We are still looking for bids to host the Fall Assembly.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** The book *A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous* is still available at the online bookstore, but it's a single print run so once they are gone, they're gone. The new edition of the Grapevine has a story from a member in Santa Cruz. In April, Grapevine and La Vina are releasing two new books: *Free on the Inside* and a Spanish-language book *Women in AA*.

### District Reports

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A:** A DCM hosts a monthly meeting for GSRs only and this meeting has been very informative and helpful in preparation for the Agenda Topic process, as well as a Concepts and Service Manual study. We viewed the literature video presentation at our last District meeting and had a live-

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ly sharing session and provided useful feedback to our Delegate.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – *JACK B*: No report

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – *MATT E*: We had our Agenda Topics Workshop in two sessions, and at our District meeting we used breakout rooms to hold mock sharing sessions. Our GSRs are feeling prepared and enthusiastic. Our visiting Area Officer discussed Grapevine Item C and provided an example to the GSRs of how to dive into the Agenda Topics full background material.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – *LORI R*: We welcomed some new GSRs and alternates. We viewed the Big Book video presentation from GSO at our District meeting. We conducted a successful Agenda Topics Workshop. I'm so taken aback by what is available to do as a result of new technology and using Zoom.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – *BILL H*: Our attendance continues to grow, and we welcomed new GSRs. We co-hosted a successful Agenda Topics Workshop with District 04. We are using Venmo now and finances are stable, and we offered financial support to the San Jose PI/CPC committee. More outdoor face-to-face meetings and hybrid meetings are opening up.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – *SARAH B*: District 05 co-hosted the first virtual bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop along with Districts 06, 16, and 17. Our District meeting devoted ample time to prepare GSRs for the Pre-Conference Assembly, and we used breakout rooms to have mini sharing sessions. On April 24 and May 1, San Mateo Central Office will host a Trusted Servants Workshop meant to prepare group secretaries, treasurers, and literature persons for service. Our local H&I will soon have their first business meeting in quite some time.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – *JACKIE B*: We co-hosted an Agenda Topics Workshop with 05, 16, and 17. SF-Marin Intergroup, in cooperation with our District and District 10, hosted a Town Hall with over 100 AA members in attendance called 'The Future of the Big Book' with a viewing of the Board's video presentation followed by a sharing session. We reached out to other local service entities with Agenda Topic items that are relevant to them to encourage group consciences from various committees, and we are working with Intergroup to revive the San Francisco Accessibilities committee. We continue to work close with District 16 Spanish Central and are discussing a motion to share a Zoom account that would include the language interpretation feature.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – *ASHLEY J*: We elected a DCM and an alternate, so we now have four of five subdistricts filled. Our meeting focused on 'What does the Delegate need to know?' and we also saved time for members to share about their experiences attending PRAASA, the Agenda Topics Workshop, and the Area Big Book sharing session.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – *FRANK C*: Our meeting time and info are now posted on the Valley Service Center and East Bay Intergroup websites. A motion carried over from the end of last Panel to split the position of Alt. DCMC and PI/CPC Chair into two separate positions passed, and we are still looking to fill those positions. District 70 also passed a housekeeping motion to submit a bid for the 2021 Summer Assembly, and we elected a chairperson for it.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – *LESLIE W*: We approved the BTG website for Contra Costa County and by the end of April we will unveil the CPC page as well. We have two open positions; Archives and Coffee/Set up, and while we are still meeting in cyber space, the suggestion was made to have our Set up Officer be our 'tech host/help' for our Zoom meeting. Our Ad Hoc committee on the creation/implementation of the District 08 website has begun meeting and brainstorming. Please join District 08 at the kick-off for the Pre-Conference

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Assembly at our Speaker/Game event on Friday at 7pm. Spanish interpretation provided.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – *ERIN B*: Our Central Office is understaffed. Two of Solano County's main meeting halls are being asked to move. SSAC will be out by April 23 and VFAA is trying to work with the landlord towards an amicable solution. We are retaining extra District funds to plan for post-Covid travel expenses or possible workshops.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – *BILL H*: We had thirty-five people at our virtual Agenda Topics Workshop. District 90 is looking for a new PI/CPC chair.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – *MOLLY M*: A hybrid meeting in Novato is serving as a resource for other Marin County groups to adopt the hybrid meeting style. We had a successful Agenda Topics Workshop with fourteen new GSRs in attendance. Marin Teleservice has a new website, and the Accessibilities committee continues to solicit donated tech equipment to assist members in attending virtual meetings and hopes to collaborate with District 18 Spanish North.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – *ELISABETH B*: Our PI/CPC committee is gaining momentum and now has a landing page on the Intergroup website. We rescheduled our April District meeting due to the Pre-Conference Assembly.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – *JAMES B*: It was a busy start last month going straight from our last ACM to our District meeting and then PRAASA all in one week. We viewed the Big Book video presentation and had a sharing session. Our GSRs have been busy getting ready for the Pre-Conference Assembly. Discussions about when and how meetings can start to open up as Covid restrictions change have started to move to the top of the list. We are going to update our Hospitality Chair position to assist in running the District Zoom meeting instead of the DCMC.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – *PAUL G*: Lake County Intergroup elected a new webmaster and together with General

Service we are collaborating to enhance AA communication countywide to our GSRs, members, newcomers and those that visit our rural area. We've received much help from our neighboring Districts and other Bay Area Intergroups. These projects and partnerships have ignited a new level of excitement with members of Lake County AA.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – *WARREN R*: More in-person and hybrid meetings are popping up. Mendocino Coast Intergroup will be hosting another virtual Father Tom speaker event, and MENDYPAA is planning a beach BBQ/speaker event sometime in May.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – *JERRY C*: We are in preparation of the Pre-Conference Assembly. There were a few that questioned having the event on Easter weekend. The progress of inoculations and the ability of meeting face-to-face has continued conversations on the three kinds of meetings; face-to-face, hybrid and Zoom.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – *FERMIN R*: Our meeting was a hybrid meeting. We are preparing our GSRs with the Agenda Topics and continue to visit groups with no GSR. We had a visitor from the Area Tech Committee attend on Zoom who gave a presentation to assist the District and groups with conducting Zoom meetings. We co-hosted the bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop with Districts 05, 06, and 17. PRAASA being virtual was different, but it is exciting to learn new ways of doing service.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – *JOSE L*: We had a significant participation at PRASSA by GSRs and committee members. We co-hosted the Agenda Topics Workshop with Districts 05, 06, and 16. Also an inter-district workshop with all five linguistic districts was held on March 20. District officers and GSRs visited all active groups to deliver the Agenda Topics, which resulted in adding another new GSR. We are still hoping to create the Foro Hispano committee.

# CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - January 1 to February 28 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - February, 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
002 Group Contributions	12,989.10	16,750.00	77.55 %
003 District Contributions		2,400.00	
004 Assembly Contributions		0.00	
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	240.50	100.00	240.50 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	1,624.79	200.00	812.40 %
010 Interest Income	1.31	0.50	262.00 %
011 Square Income	150.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,005.70</b>	<b>\$19,450.50</b>	<b>77.15 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$15,005.70</b>	<b>\$19,450.50</b>	<b>77.15 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>020 EXPENSE</b>			
021 Delegate Expense	30.20	216.67	13.94 %
050 Officer Expense	334.96	381.66	87.76 %
130 Committee Expenses	964.16	3,015.01	31.98 %
300 General Expenses	4,371.96	5,160.00	84.73 %
<b>Total 020 EXPENSE</b>	<b>5,701.28</b>	<b>8,773.34</b>	<b>64.98 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,701.28</b>	<b>\$8,773.34</b>	<b>64.98 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$9,304.42</b>	<b>\$10,677.16</b>	<b>87.14 %</b>
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# CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of February 28, 2021

		Total
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Operating Funds - Checking		70,565.77
Prudent Reserve - Savings		11,038.03
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>81,603.80</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Assembly Deposits		0.00
Undeposited Funds		2,671.37
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,671.37</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,275.17</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,275.17</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted		63,830.75
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings		11,140.00
Net Revenue		9,304.42
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,275.17</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,275.17</b>

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DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – *JOSE C: PRAASA* was a spectacular event, and the spiritual experience was lived. We continue working with groups to motivate and express the importance of having a GSR. We passed a special collection of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to send direct to GSO. A volunteer stepped up to be of service to the CPC committee.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – *GUADALUPE O:* On the 2nd Tuesday an Area Officer visited with input on the Agenda Topics. We delivered the Agenda Topics to several groups and through these weeks we worked with groups and GSRs to prepare them for the Assembly. There will be more changes next month.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – *JAVIER L:* We had an inter-district workshop with the other linguistic Districts, and we continue with our hybrid meetings. We are working with GSRs to raise awareness about the Agenda Topics. We are now working on creating an Accessibilities committee and a Technology committee. Many of us were at PRAASA and although it was different, the same emotion was felt as every year, and it was especially felt when all the Delegates were dancing at the end.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – *KAREN H:* We had a sharing session on Literature Item Z. Several Districts are in the early stages of forming District Accessibilities Committees, while others are making motions to get them established. There will be growing opportunities for members to participate in Accessibilities service.

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.

BRIDGING THE GAP – *GEORGE X:* In March, we made fourteen presentations at treatment and correctional facilities throughout Area 06, still delivering a hybrid style of in-person and Zoom teleconferencing. We gratefully received thirty-six contact requests, six of which were routed to CNIA 07 and Reno, NV. Six new District Chairs attended the New District Chair Orientation on Zoom offered in March. An in-person New District Chair Orientation will be given to each of the Spanish Districts individually in the months to come. We held a sharing session on Corrections Items A and B.

FINANCE – *JOANN L:* We reviewed the Statement of Financial Position, Budget vs Actuals, and the February expenses. We discussed how to approach the various committee Chairs to begin the discussions for the 2022 Budget process. We looked over the current ACM motions and their financial impact, and also had a sharing session on an Agenda Topic for Finance.

PI/CPC – *ERIC L:* This month, we discussed the Conference Agenda Topics in PI and CPC. Next month, we will discuss reaching out to minority communities in PI/CPC work.

TECHNOLOGY – *NICK S:* We are still meeting weekly to distribute the workload of getting a new database ready for our Registrar to use and we secured a 50% discount on AirTable, which was approved for purchase last Panel. The Tech Committee has also secured ten licenses of Microsoft Office Professional for free. This includes access to OneDrive (1TB each), Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and many more. We are reaching out to our Spanish-speaking Districts to offer trainings in running meetings on Zoom. The Tech committee will be joining forces with the Web committee over the next month to help distribute technical responsibilities for the Area that the Web committee has taken on.

WEBSITE – *MEGAN M:* The Web committee successfully created the website form which is now available on [cnca06.org](http://cnca06.org) for submission of group consciences for our Delegate to bring to the General Service Conference. We are testing out the security of a password-protected portion of our website that would hold and share with members material that we do not share with the public.



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Before implementing this we will present a motion to the ACM or Assembly.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** We have a new vacancy on the committee. We have interpreters ready for the Pre-Conference Assembly. If there is a committee that needs written translation of their agenda and minutes, please let us know as it is in the guidelines that we provide this service, and it usually can be turned around in a week.

**PRAASA – TEDDY BW:** March 26 was the response date for venue prospects and the co-chairs of the Facilities committee are selecting the venues that show promise for a site visit. My goal for planning for PRAASA is to have co-chairs for each committee to prevent turnover prior to the event, and now most committees are staffed. I hope to have a roster by the next ACM.

**CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– DENNIS H:** On a monthly basis I receive submissions from the Chair, Delegate, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and DCM Secretary. While I put together the *Comments*, the translator is preparing the material for the *Comentarios*. The final product is sent to the Web Chair and Area Chair for distribution. This month the web version was updated three times as errors were discovered and corrected. I anticipate the April newsletter will be quicker and smoother.

**DCM SHARING SESSION – CHASE C:** We heard a presentation on the topic 'Experience, Strength, and Hope on the Agenda Topics Process' which concluded with eight key points to take away and a reading from *Language of the Heart*. Next month our topic will be 'What and How Could the DCM Help the GSR Learn? What are the DCMs' Methods in Helping the GSR?'

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** We discussed some Agenda Topics today. Next month we will hear a presentation on the timeline of the magazine production and distribution, and the process of becoming a Grapevine or La Vina Representative.

**H&I LIAISON – KAREN B:** The Hospitals and Institutions Committee continues to serve alcoholics who are incarcerated or in other institutions who cannot attend regular AA meetings, by offering virtual meetings and literature,

including the Grapevine, our meeting in print. Many of our local H&I Committees continue to meet virtually to do business and would love to have more volunteers. Our January 2021 newsletter is available on our website [handinorcal.org](http://handinorcal.org) and our next General Committee Meeting is June 13 and will be held on Zoom.

**YPAA LIAISON -** I am here on behalf of the Nor Cal Bid for ICYPAA. We are a committee of young people who cover Areas 06, 07, and 42. We are bidding to attempt to bring the next ICYPAA to San Francisco. It looks like ICYPAA will be being held in some capacity in New Orleans later this year. Young people were able to have an unofficial roundtable at PRAASA this year. We talked about diversity, accessibility, and ways in which we can improve our conferences. ACYPAA is having their annual event today and tomorrow. Nor Cal Bid will be having a subcommittee meeting tomorrow to discuss Agenda Topics.

**BIPOC LIAISON – KIMBERLY W:** We had good attendance at our Black History Month speaker panel last month. We participated in an event hosted by Area 27 Louisiana called 'People Like Me' as well as having a presence at ACYPAA. We conducted a group inventory that resulted in some actionable items, and held a sharing session to discuss some Agenda Topics.

### **Presentation of Bid for virtual Summer Assembly- presented by District 70**

*Vote: Yes: Unanimous, No: 0; approved; District 70 will host virtual Summer Assembly on August 7, 2021*

### **Presentation: CNCA Ad Hoc Committee Report Regarding Legal Structure- presented by Justin H.**

(currently an item of Old Business)

**Q.** Is there any history of CNCA or any members being sued or in a lawsuit? **A.** Not that I am aware of. **Q.** Will officers become Board Members, and if so it would be a requirement to have an Annual Board Meeting. Would the Area Officers acting as Board Members set the agenda for that? **A.** Yes, there is something that has to be submitted annually to the Secretary of State, but I don't know that when or how that is carried out is strictly

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defined. **Q.** Can you tell us the process of the bylaws? Would we create a second set of bylaws? **A.** A set of bylaws will be drafted, and the spirit of the Concepts and Traditions will fold into it. **Q.** Isn't it true that the Ad Hoc committee made certain recommendations that are quite different than the wording of the motion? **A.** Yes. The wording was amended for understandability. **Q.** Can we find out the cost? **A.** We gave a range because the cost could depend on the location of the attorney. Cut and dry work like this is about 2-3 thousand. Cost also depends on the customization of the language in the document, and the AA language of our Area is highly customized. I would guess 3-5 thousand. **Q.** Will this affect the eligibility or qualifications for members to be of service to the Area who are not documented or have past felonies? **A.** No, to my knowledge. **Q.** I am aware that the Ad Hoc committee is not offering professional legal advice here, but were there members on the committee that do have actual legal background and experience? **A.** Yes. **Q.** If it was created as an umbrella organization we would worry less about anonymity issues. **A.** We would have to consult an attorney on that.

### ***Motion remains Old Business.***

### **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.*

Does not the Finance committee assist and oversee the Treasurer? // Yes, we do. // Is there a requirement that at the Treasurer or at least one person on the committee have professional accounting experience? // No. // I think it's important to provide this professional service. // As a past Area Treasurer I think it would have been beneficial to have then. // I didn't think the Area Treasurer job was particularly arduous. I don't think this is necessary. // We can handle this internally. We have a host of capable members that can do this. // If I would want to make myself available for this position, providing this service does make it more attractive to me. // We had discussions twenty years ago about ideas of creating a position(s) to assist the Treasurer. There's been different ideas, but the need to talk about it is still here after two decades. // This seems counter-intuitive to the previous motion. We should use our available servants and pay them. // It's not possible for a member to provide the service that is being asked of the hired professional. I had to do things in the books and wouldn't know if it were wrong or not. Our Traditions say use it if we need it, and I think we need it. // A benefit is that the professional would have 'institutional memory' of our practices, whereas we rotate every two years. // I have served on the Finance committee and feel that there is a steep learning curve and it's easy to fall behind. It would provide more guidance and oversight and help with reporting and tax purposes. // I owned my own business and for a long time I thought I knew enough to do myself, but I learned there's a difference between just looking over the books and actual bookkeeping. We have the money; I think we should do it.

**Vote by substantial unanimity: Yes: 40, No: 6, Abstain: 1**

### **Motion <<<PASSED>>>**

- 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 Panel 69 Finance Committee*

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It is a formality with the insurance broker. It's not required but we were asked if it is something we have on hand and we do not. // If someone was driving for the Area and doesn't have their own insurance or don't want to show it, they can just not ask to get reimbursed. // If it's not required then don't do it. It's intrusive and excludes people that don't have legal status. // We were asked if we could provide proof, we should share it.

**Vote by simple majority: Yes: 37, No: 10, Abstain: 3**

**Minority opinion:** It's an invasion of privacy. I'm transgender and my insurance card displays my dead name, and I wouldn't feel comfortable sharing it. // It could be exclusionary. // We voted on a simple majority and I think because it would obligate the next Panel to enact a policy, it should have been a 2/3 vote. // I voted against it because I don't fully understand this yet. It could be something to prevent me from being of service if there is something I need to fear about not having the correct documentation.

**Vote by simple majority for Motion to Reconsider passed. *Motion remains Old Business***

### **What's On Your Mind?**

Last year since we started using Zoom we used polls for voting. I'd like to see that come back; we'd be able to clearly count and see voting results. // For those of us new to General Service, an explanation of voting procedures would be helpful. I got really confused about the Motion to Reconsider, for example.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M.

CNCA Recording Secretary- Panel 71

# DCM SHARING SESSION MARCH 27, 2021

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B., Chairperson. The session opened with a 10-minute presentation by Benjamin G. of District 12/Sonoma on the topic: **Experience, Strength, and Hope on the Agenda Topics process**

The Presenter shared:

The importance of reading the literature and knowing what the topics are and how they get to the conference. These topics are suggestions by AA members throughout the structure of A.A. No matter where they originate from they go through the same process of the Conference agenda. The GSO Staff reviews to see if it is a topic that has been submitted previously before sending it to the GSC Committee. The presenter expounded on the process of how the suggestions goes through the various channels in reaching the General Service Conference. A lot of topics are not original they tend to continue to come up. This allows participation amongst the fellowship in researching issues. They continued and concluded with sharing their experience in General Service and encouraged others to participate in writing an Agenda Topic, and sharing tools to take away:

- 1) Sharing experience, strength and hope with the groups and other GSRs telling how participating has improved their recovery
- 2) Learning how to have a voice and listening to other's opinions
- 3) Having a Service Sponsor as your Go-To
- 4) Agenda Topics Timeline (available on the Area's website of what to expect)
- 5) Reading the AA Service Manual
- 6) Attending the Agenda Topics Workshop hosted by your Districts
- 7) Have refreshments/snacks/food as an initiative

- 8) Invite a God of your understanding: Starting with a Prayer and Closing with a Prayer

In closing, the presenter shared a reading from the Grapevine book AA Today, July 1960 *The Language of the Heart* "It occurs to me that every aspect of this global unfoldment can be related to a single crucial word. The word is *communication*. There has been a lifesaving communication among ourselves, with the world around us, and with God."

18 Members shared: Their experience, strength, and hope in response to the presenter and the topic. A conglomerate of GSRs, DCMs, and Members of Committees in General Service throughout Area 06 were those members that shared on various ways to increase participation and bringing forth an enthusiasm attractive enough for those new to the Agenda Topics Process. Their experiences as past representatives and new representatives complemented the ins and outs of the daunting task presenting to a Group. The importance in suggesting captivating incentives to gather the Group is to not only share ones own opinions, thoughts and attitudes on a particular topic but to also gain the vital experience: a spiritual experience. A member shared the importance of communicating that there's a Spiritual Experience that comes by hearing God speak through the members of the Group. Jubilation permeated the sharing session hearing the reports of DCMs participating in their GSRs sharing sessions and an abundance of gratitude for the Area Officers putting the Summaries together.

**TOPIC FOR NEXT MONTH: How and what are some methods a DCM can use to help GSR's learn? How do you help GSRs learn about General Service**

**A collective conscience was given that the lead Ginger O. will present this topic for next month's session 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*

## CNCA Motions – April

### 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 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 disburse \$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 AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties. – *presented by District 08*
- That CNCA requests that a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic" be produced. – *presented by District 40*

#### **New Business at Area Assembly:**


- 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*

# **CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2021**

“2021 – AA in a Time of Change”

**SATURDAY MAY 15, 2021**

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

Zoom Room Opens	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Orientation	9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
Business Meeting	9:10 – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch Break	12:00 –12:30 p.m.
Panel for Sharing on the Conference Theme	12:30 – 1:15 p.m.
Delegate’s Report (ASL Interpretation)	
	
	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Questions & Answers	3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
What’s on Your Mind?	4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**SIMULTANEOUS SPANISH-ENGLISH INTERPRETATION IS  
PROVIDED IN THE ZOOM APP**

## 2021 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 71

<b>April</b>	<b>18-24—General Service Conference</b> <b>24—Area Committee Mtg.</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>25—Area Committee Mtg</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>15—Post Conference Assembly, District 14</b> <b>22—Area Committee Mtg.</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>23—Area Committee Mtg.</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>26—Area Committee Mtg.</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>6—Inventory Assembly, tbd</b> <b>27—Area Committee Mtg.</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>24—Area Committee Mtg.</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>18—Area Committee Mtg.</b> (Note: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)
<b>August</b>	<b>7—Summer Assembly, District 70</b>  <b>28—Area Committee Mtg.</b>		

### 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**  
(Hosted by District 70)

**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](mailto:assemblycoordinator.p71@cnca.com)

## PANEL 71 AREA OFFICERS & AREA MEETING INFORMATION

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*To contact an Area officer or Committee, or get the password for any meeting,*

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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 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 more information.

**Web** committee meets at noon the 3rd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 337-574-6264. [Contact Megan M.](#) for password.