

I have been participating in an AA virtual meeting for over a year now. This meeting, which I consider my home group, reported at our last business meeting that 18 out of 30 members currently attending are newcomers and maybe half have of them were sent by a judge. I participate in General Service because I am responsible for carrying the message of AA and making sure my meeting is accessible to the still suffering alcoholic. When hearing the loving discussion of our members, along with the concerns raised by our districts, sub and standing committees every month at CNCA, it makes me feel that the new members attending my meeting will have the same opportunity I had when I first walked into the doors of AA.

We continue to have an opening at the Interpretation and Translation committee; anyone who is interested should submit their name to any Area Officer.

Another opportunity to participate is at the upcoming Summer Assembly, to be held Virtually on August 7th. We are currently seeking out workshop topics for the Assembly. These topics can open up discussions about important areas of relevance during these times of change, areas like virtual anonymity, accessibility, finances, history, humility, humor, attraction, public relations, social media, and organizational structure. Any suggested topics are due by June 26.

Concerning the Area Committee Meeting, we remain quite busy. This past month, we heard a presentation of two housekeeping motions:

That CNCA provide up to two hours of Spanish/English interpretation for two interpreters at the Alcoholics Anonymous Discovered event on July 24, 2021, at a cost of \$240.

That CNCA provide up to two hours of American Sign Language/English interpretation for two interpreters at the Alcoholics Anonymous Discovered event on July 24, 2021, at a cost of \$480.

We also heard a Presentation of New Business:

That CNCA contract with an email list broker to contact a minimum of 50,000 professionals (in healthcare, corrections, law enforcement, the court system, educators, HR managers, local government, and members of the clergy) regarding information about AA and encourage attendance at two CPC events on September 22, 2021, at a cost of \$12,500.

All three of these motions were presented by the CNCA PI/CPC Committee.

This month I will start to send out the Area Committee Meeting minutes to the DCMCs and Area Committee chairs as the soon as they have been translated. This will allow the DCMCs and Committee chairs to share them with their members as early as possible. Hopefully, this will allow all members more time to familiarize themselves with the Area business before the next ACM.

Thank you all for teaching me how to be useful, for working for those alcoholics who still stumble in the darkness one short block from our rooms, for making CNCA and AA accessible in these times of change. I hope that all alcoholics will, in the ages ahead, find in A.A. that same rebirth that brought each of us back to life.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

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