



# CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential—July 2021

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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

The June Area Committee meeting was probably the busiest of the year, we passed five housekeeping motions and voted on three items of old business. In other news, the Area Officer have agreed to resume in person visits to any District that so request.

Our comfort using virtual platforms to discuss (and vote on) business has been serving us well; this will continue at our Summer Assembly, to be held August 7th. The agenda was distributed early this month. (Also available at the Area website, [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org)).

The morning business meeting will include discussion on two motions:

*That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties. – presented by District 08.*

*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.*

In the afternoon, workshops on a variety of topics of interest to AA members will be held; these will be held in three virtual breakout rooms, all with simultaneous interpretation. The workshop topics themselves, which were suggested by members of the Area, will be facilitated by six members of the Area, who will make presentations and then facilitate discussion on these big themes of importance to all of AA. The workshop topics are:

- Post Pandemic AA: How Have We Changed and What Have We Learned
- Being Bold in Twelfth Step Work: Connecting General Service to Our Primary Purpose
- Inventory: Navigating our Spiritual Discomfort Through Courageous Conversation
- The Twelve Concepts: Our Guide for CNCA Business
- Growth Opportunities: The Evolution of Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion in AA
- Circles of Love and Service: Unity Among Service Entities

I am looking forward to the discussions on these topics, always keeping in mind the new member that's about to arrive in to our rooms.

Always grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Miguel H.  
CNCA Chair Panel 71

Gratitude in action, expressed through our service work and contributions, is how we help the still-suffering alcoholic. Sometimes the one right in front of us, often one we never meet. Each of us has a responsibility to keep the doors open to our home group as well as to fund the services that help others around the world. The amount of our financial contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection of this act. Our Area treasurer recently showed me a check written to our Area for 28 cents. That group is participating in our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition as surely as one that happens to be able to contribute more.

At the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference, we approved two recommendations from the Finance Committee related to pages 7 and 13 in the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.” The goal was to help groups make more informed decisions about where to send excess funds. Needs vary in different locations, and at different times. There are a number of resources available at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) regarding contributions and self-support—look for the Self-Support link at the bottom of the home page. And this year, we know the cost of services per member provided by our General Service Office in NY averages out to \$7.34, and the cost of services per group is \$151.85. It’s a little lower than in previous years due to the pandemic and some cost-saving measures that will continue even when we are back to more of our in-person activities. There is a grassroots effort again this year to build awareness about services and self-support. If you are so inclined, you might encourage everyone in your group to send \$7.34 to GSO on July 31. Your DCMC has a flyer and you can make that contribution online at [aa.org](http://aa.org) and credit it to your group. Or, you might prefer a different way to communicate the need for contributions to help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

One thing I get a kick out of about contributing directly to GSO is that I get a thank you acknowledgement that states that “no goods or services were provided to the donor in return for the donor’s contribution.” I know it’s standard nonprofit tax language, but it always makes me smile. Because I know I owe my entire life today to the services and support so freely given to me by Alcoholics Anonymous.

In service and gratitude,  
Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

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# AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—June 26, 2021

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on June 26, 2021. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Elba S. (District 18). Bren B. (District 07) read Tradition 6 and Lupe O. (District 19) read Concept 6. There were six past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), David N. (Panel 59), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy BW (Panel 69). We introduced one new GSR and one new DCMC (District 11). The May 2021 minutes were accepted with the following corrections: that the motion in Old Business regarding the email broker state that the presenter was the CNCA PI/CPC committee only, and not presented by the Santa Clara PI/CPC committee; and the acknowledgement of the incorrect spelling of the District 10 DCMC. The financial report was accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments* and *Comentarios*.

**Attendance:** 116      **Birthdays:** 82 years

## Officer Reports

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B:** I have submitted the two motions we passed at our assembly for consideration as possible agenda items at the 2022 General Service Conference using the new Agenda Topics submission form. My hope is that they will start considering our proposals when the trustee's Literature committee meets at the quarterly Board weekend at the end of July. Resumes being accepted to fill various board vacancies next year are due this month, as well as resumes for Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees. For more information, please ask me or your DCMC, or check out the "What's New" tab at aa.org. We have already submitted one candidate suggested by someone in our Area, and I encourage you all to do outreach for these openings when they come up. I have given my Delegate Report twelve times now since the Post-Conference Assembly! And I have nine more scheduled between now and October, with room for more as requested. I'm so grateful for our Area's structure and your enthusiasm because it helps me fulfill my responsibility to report to our local members.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** I continue meeting with Alternate Delegates from across the United States and Canada monthly and am hearing about how different AA communities are navigating service in a post-pandemic future.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** We have a very full agenda today; you might notice that we have nine items of business to discuss, including a housekeeping motion for the approval on the recommendation of the venue for PRAASA 2024. I will be kindly enforcing time limits of 90 seconds for all reports and for all sharing at the microphone. The Summer Assembly is just six weeks away. Also, we continue to have a vacancy on the I&T committee. Anyone interested in serving, please submit your name to any Area Officer. As I continue to visit Districts and hear experiences of groups and Districts starting to meet in person, it might also be a good time to brainstorm ideas for questions for our Fall Inventory Assembly. Suggested questions are due by September 25.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** As of today, we have \$86,599.42 in our Checking account and \$11,038.30 in our Savings account, which is our prudent reserve. In May we received \$9,336.67 in contributions and expenses were \$2,497.47. Please thank your groups. What does it cost each member to cover the expenses of AA as a whole? The Area Challenge \$7.34 on 7/31 is a great way to bring up the conversation of self-support at the group level. Groups can collect \$7.34 for each member and then send it to the General Service Board on 7/31 by clicking the contributors tab on aa.org or by sending a check in the mail. This challenge began five years ago in Oregon Area 58 and is spread by members asking the question, "What does it cost to provide services to our groups?"

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** GSO sent out an email about what their responses will generally be regarding virtual groups with respects to the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference recommendation pertaining to participation in the U.S. and Canada Service Structure. It states: "The U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as "International Correspondence Meetings."

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** I continue to be humbled by the kindness and enthusiasm I experience at the Districts I have visited. Thank you for sending me your written reports. I can receive them via email, text, WhatsApp, or through the web form on cnca06.org. And if you are not already doing so, please remember to also send them to our Chair, Miguel as well as to Manuel, who is our Spanish/English interpreter for our Area Committee Meetings.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** Thank you to all who stepped up to cover for me while I was gone last month due to a death in the family. Your support is appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing what topics you have submitted for our workshops at the Summer Assembly. It will be held virtually on August 7 and hosted by District 70.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** Today is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Viña, and it's commemorative July/August issue is out now. I am delighted to inform you that the updated AA Preamble has appeared in the current month's issue of both Grapevine and La Viña. This month's Grapevine is also the annual Prison Issue and features a story from one of our Area Officers, Claudia N, Claudia, thank you so much for your submission! What an incredible story! I am launching a contest in favor of Carry the Message, and I will email the information to the DCMCs and Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chairs on July 1.

## District Reports

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A:** The Delegate's Report was exciting and informative, and we appreciate her time. Our GSRs continue to study the concepts and the GSR

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role during our GSR sub-District meeting hosted monthly by our DCM. We continue to announce General Service opportunities at our local meetings that don't currently have a GSR.

**DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – JACK B:** I am reporting from the hospital on oxygen with a lung infection and could sure use your prayers. We are still struggling to get participation in General Service, and groups are finding their way back to in-person meetings.

**DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MATT E:** More meetings in Santa Cruz are slowly but surely beginning to open back up and meet in person. There are several institutions that are beginning to welcome back in-person meetings by H&I and volunteers are being asked by the H&I committee to begin the process of getting clearance to bring those meetings in. We did no business at last month's District meeting and welcomed Jennifer to give her Delegate Report. Thank you so much Jennifer for your service and your fascinating report! **DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – PRIS J:** As state restrictions begin to lift and some groups resume in-person meetings, we launched a poll and discovered that many members prefer the virtual platform for the District meeting. We are discussing a motion pertaining to our prevalent AA literature and the use of gender-neutral pronouns.

**DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – BILL H:** At the next District meeting we will turn our "Sub-District Spotlight" on sub-District 007 (south San Jose). We presently have four registered GSRs there and with face-to-face meetings starting up in this sub-District, we should get some active reports. Finances are stable in our District. But as we move closer to going back to live activities, we will do a review to see how close we are to the projected budget and possibly revise the spending for the second half of the year if needed. Our District has not yet set a date to return to live meetings, but we will continue to discuss the possibility.

**DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) SARAH B:** BTG continues to stay in communication with detox centers in preparation for future presentations when permitted. PI/CPC has a pending presentation on July 1 for parolees. West Bay Alano Club will be having a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration with a speaker meeting, and jail coordinators from H&I are starting to reach out to volunteers to start the process of re-badging. Ideas generated from our breakout rooms at our District meeting were how to make information and documents more accessible by use of digital formats such as Google Drive, Dropbox, and a District website. We are finalizing the program for our virtual Unity Day in July.

**DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JACKIE B:** The first half of our June District meeting was dedicated to the Delegate's Report and Q&A. We continue discussing several items of Old Business, including a resolution regarding the distribution of the *CNCA Comments and Comentarios*, as well as a motion to adopt the payment platform Stripe as a plug in on our WordPress website. We are happy to report that the [www.sfgeneralservice.org](http://www.sfgeneralservice.org) website is now host to both District 06 San Francisco and District 16 Spanish Central. In Inter-group news, an Interim Chair has been identified for kickstarting the defunct San Francisco Accessibilities committee. Next month, District 06 will begin discussion on the future "location" of our District meetings, whether to stay on Zoom, resume in-

person, or find a hybrid solution. We will also begin discussing what to do with our excess funds.

**DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – ASHLEY J:** We continue to have consistent participation in District meetings while conducting them on Zoom. Due to recent changes in Covid restrictions, this month we conducted a poll to gauge members' preferences towards future District meeting formats and learned that the majority prefer to continue meeting either virtually or in a hybrid format. I have formed an Ad Hoc committee that will meet this summer and make recommendations for discussion and vote this fall. Also, we welcomed two new GSRs and heard our Delegate's Report.

**DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – FRANK C:** Much of our May meeting was dedicated to hearing our Delegate share her experience at the General Service Conference. We are seeing more groups in our District return to in-person meetings, and we have yet to determine the course of our District meetings. We elected a new Alternate DCMC, Roy. In preparation to host the Summer Assembly, we have two trainings with the Assembly Coordinator in advance of August 7.

**DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W:** Our BTG committee is reporting they have two new facilities; a location in San Pablo and one in Concord, and the Chair reported three new committee members as well. There is a tradition in Contra Costa county that the DCMC invite all other service entity Chairs to a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting to discuss and share on our responsibilities to AA and where we all might be of assistance to each other. This meeting is a collaboration with H&I, EBYPAA, Inter-group and General Service District 08. Also, the Mayhew meeting room in Contra Costa County, as part of the Inter-group office, is opening the meeting room effective July 1.

**DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – ERIN B:** We still have several open positions: DCM-002 and DCM-003, BTG, and Archives is looking for a replacement. We have over \$4,000 in cash and want to host a workshop with the Delegate's Report (Date TBD). Several ideas have come up to generate interest for current AA members and newcomers, as well as AAs already in General Service. We are open to collaborate with other Districts. Mostly, we are just shifting back to in-person meetings. Zoom meetings seem to be going dark in a natural way.

**DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – BILL H:** The District 90 Delegate's Report will be on July 31, 1pm-4pm on Zoom. We have a new motion just passed in our District concerning the *Living Sober* book. We will present it to the Area next month. We are still looking for a PI/CPC Chair.

**DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – JACQUELINE P:** There has been a fireworks-style burst of love and gratitude as our Marin meetings come back to in-person, and while some are experimenting with hybrid meetings we remain grateful for the technology to do so. Our Marin General Service Unity Day in October is going to be an in-person event. Our BTG and PI/CPC committees are revving up to meet requests for live presentations. Our Accessibilities committee is still seeking and receiving donations of equipment to allow members to attend Zoom meetings. Please visit our websites for event and service info. [aasfmarin.org](http://aasfmarin.org) and [aamarin.org](http://aamarin.org).

**DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ELIZABETH B:** This last month, we celebrated our Unity in Service with a virtual Unity Day where

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our Delegate gave us an entertaining report on the Conference. I am grateful to fill the role of the new DCMC, as we had our DCMC Robin H. step down because she is moving to Montana. We all appreciate her service to District 11.

**DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – JAMES B:** We didn't have our District meeting this month as we held our annual Delegates BBQ. We had a great workshop "Keeping our emotional sobriety in the midst of disaster" put on by the District 12 Access committee. We continue to discuss what "opening" could look like, and at our Officer meeting it was determined we want to continue to meet on Zoom-only for the remainder of the panel. We are exploring a hybrid meeting format for the District meeting but need to be sure of its success prior to trying it out on our GSRs. In the coming month we will be holding a loving discussion on a motion to provide English and Spanish interpretation at our District meeting.

**DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – PAUL G:** Transition from Zoom AA to in-person has been sudden and dramatic, particularly since June 15. We have our first printed schedules, and the new website is getting very close to a publishing date, possibly 30-60 days. Our largest fellowship gathering, Lakeport Fellowship is fully back with three meetings daily, although some meeting halls are still closed, and we are using alternative sites such as churches. Events such as our Soberfest campout and Unity Day are next on the agenda.

**DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – WARREN R:** We have a lot of meetings going live in our District with some hybrids. Our next District meeting will be hybrid in Ukiah at the Ukiah Fellowship Hall. We elected a new Treasurer. Many thanks to our outgoing Treasurer who has served in that capacity for two Panels.

**DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JERRY C:** As more meetings resume in-person, we are finding more Zoom meetings are closing. Del Norte is planning to do the Panther Flat campout in August but there are still no committed flyers. 'Sobriety by the Sea' gathering is in September, but there are no flyers yet. District 15 is set to have a Unity Day event on August 14.

**DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FERMIN R:** We welcomed a new GSR. We look forward to hosting the annual Interdistrictal meeting and planning the anniversary of District 16. We found that some groups are resistant to the AA Preamble revision, but we remain committed to be of service to our groups by providing the most information possible. Members from District 16 have participated in the editing and proofreading of the *Comentarios*.

**DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – JOSE L:** We had a wonderful Founder's Day celebration in collaboration with the other linguistic Districts. We announced that we are celebrating the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of District 17 on July 25. Our Intergroup liaison for the Santa Clara Office informed us that there is a new website. Please visit [aasanjosecaintergrupal.org/home/](http://aasanjosecaintergrupal.org/home/).

**DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE C:** We hope to have good GSR attendance at our Delegate's Report. Thank you to the other linguistic Districts for a great collaborative Founders Day unity event last month.

**DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – GUADALUPE O:** On the 2nd Tuesday an Area Officer visited our virtual District

meeting, and we also meet in person on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. We have representation for Bridging the Gap, the Hispanic Forum, and Archives. The Public Information committee from the Intergroup in Watsonville will have a table at this year's Strawberry Festival.

**DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JAVIER L:** Our District meeting continues to be hybrid. We are looking forward to the Interdistrictal meeting with the other linguistic Districts. Our PI/CPC Chair resigned, and we now have Technology and Accessibilities committees with volunteers to serve on them.

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

**ACCESSIBILITIES – KAREN H:** Today we discussed the process that Districts go through when proposing and getting approval for a District Accessibilities committee, and we will hear next month of the vote on the motion in District 07 to form one. As we try to get more members engaged in this work, it will be important for there to be more District-level committees for groups to plug into for information, resources, and support. Our committee meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10am. All are welcome. To receive our agendas and Zoom links by email, you can email me or use the "Contact Us" form on [cnca06.org](http://cnca06.org).

**ARCHIVES – PAUL W:** The Archives team is gearing up for a return to the repository in Walnut Creek where the CNCA Archives are housed. We have discussed the make-up work needed that was slowed during the pandemic and our team could not meet at the facility. The impact the pandemic had on the fellowship was huge and we are hoping to acquire documentation from groups on how they navigated this time and incorporate their challenges/solutions into existing Group Histories, as well as reach out to groups that do not yet have a Group History on file.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – GEORGE X:** Since the last ACM, our Districts have made twenty-one presentations at treatment and correctional facilities across CNCA. We gratefully received 53 contact requests, six of which left our Area (five were routed to CNIA 07 and one to Nevada City). Also, two letters were received at our P.O. Box: one from Mule Creek State Prison and the other from Santa Rosa. I'll be presenting a housekeeping motion today to fund one member to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Rock Island, IL in September, and at our committee meeting today we put four names in the hat and randomly selected our attendee.

**FINANCE – JOANN L:** We reviewed the Statement of Financial Position, Budget versus Actuals and May Expenses. We also looked at the financial impact of the motions on the CNCA Area Committee meeting agenda today. As we continue to discuss the motion to send \$25,000 to General Service Board in New York, I would like to encourage all of you to review Leslie Backus, Class A trustee's financial report, *Around the Picnic Table*. We are updating the Expense Reimbursement Guidelines and we have started the discussion to have a finance workshop about how to talk to your AA group about money.

**PI/CPC – ERIC L:** At our monthly meeting, we discussed effective search engine optimization strategies to ensure AA is

# CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JANUARY TO MAY 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - May, 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
002 Group Contributions	29,209.15	34,750.00	84.06 %
003 District Contributions	2,412.67	6,000.00	40.21 %
004 Assembly Contributions	865.00	2,000.00	43.25 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	804.75	550.00	146.32 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	3,010.30	500.00	602.06 %
010 Interest Income	3.53	1.25	282.40 %
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$36,305.40</b>	<b>\$43,801.25</b>	<b>82.89 %</b>
<b>Expenditures 020 EXPENSE</b>			
021 Delegate Expense	560.12	2,740.39	20.44 %
050 Officer Expense	478.25	6,580.20	7.27 %
130 Committee Expenses	4,968.39	9,814.49	50.62 %
300 General Expenses	8,993.90	28,962.66	31.05 %
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,000.66</b>	<b>\$48,097.74</b>	<b>31.19 %</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$21,304.74</b>	<b>-\$ 4,296.49</b>	<b>-495.86 %</b>

# CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—MAY 31, 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2021

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating Funds - Checking	85,235.19
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,038.30
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<u>\$ 96,273.49</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Assembly Deposits	0.00
Undeposited Funds	2.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 96,275.49</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 96,275.49</u>
<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	21,304.74
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ 96,275.49</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 96,275.49</u>

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accessible to a public that increasingly relies on search engines to address questions like “How do I stop drinking?” or “Where can I find a meeting?”

**TECHNOLOGY – NICK S:** Our efforts to get AirTable up and running has been going well, and we continue to meet two additional times a month to work on it. Additionally, I have received the GSO database to help validate information and add in the new group numbers. We have been working closely with the Web committee to smooth out the use of our ten premium Microsoft accounts. We have successfully integrated the cnca06.org email address as the domain for user login.

**WEBSITE – MEGAN M:** We continue to meet several Saturdays a month for training on WordPress, the platform that our website uses. We have entered all committees' monthly meetings into the Event Calendar. This means you can access the location or Zoom # of the committee meetings by going to the calendar on the website. The Web committee continues to work with the Tech committee in the development of cloud storage for committees and Officers. Soon we will be updating the process of collecting 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition on the website to allow for subscriptions and ensure privacy.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** We have the new interpreter schedule for the next six months ready. We are coordinating with the Technology committee to expedite the documentation that must be translated. We have a vacant position of Equipment Technician; if there are any volunteers, please contact the Area Officers. We are beginning to test our equipment to see what condition it is in, so we are prepared by the time we meet in person.

**PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY BW:** The PRAASA 2024 Steering Committee received a report from the Facilities committee and approved, by a vote of 19-1, its recommendation that the venue for PRAASA 2024 be the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco. This is on our agenda later today as a housekeeping motion.

**CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS– DENNIS H:** Producing the monthly newsletters involves input from many CNCA trusted servants, therefore it is always difficult to predict when the *Comments/Comentarios* will be ready. But I am hopeful that we will continue to have them available around midmonth. The June edition includes the minutes from the Post-Conference Assembly business meeting.

**DCM SHARING SESSION – CHASE C:** We heard a presentation on the effectiveness of meeting virtually. Members shared various ways in which we could meet for the monthly Area Committee Meetings: hybrid, virtually, in person. The pros and cons were clashing as titans in a loving manner at this morning's Sharing Session that led to the topic for the next meeting, “Researching how to host a hybrid Area Committee Meeting.”

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** Today we discussed the numerous changes in literature since we last met, particularly the revision to the AA Preamble that was printed in the July issue of the Grapevine and La Viña. We shared about the various types of literature meetings in our Districts and discussed ideas for a Grapevine and/or La Viña workshop and a possible book club. Next month a member is going to share an idea of how to promote subscriptions by attraction. We meet at 9am on the morning of the ACM.

**H&I LIAISON – KAREN B:** Prison/Jail reopening is complicated. Recent reports give the total number of Covid cases in the California Prison system as 87, and 70% of the incarcerated are vaccinated. Our Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service is expanding to a second prison, Soledad/Salinas Valley. Currently we have 50 inmate/volunteer matches at San Quentin. If you are interested in this service opportunity, please visit [www.norcalhandl.org](http://www.norcalhandl.org). Literature orders are starting to increase. We passed a motion that we change our fiscal year-end from November 30 to December 30 in 2022. This aligns our fiscal year with the tax year. In 2022 we will be filing two tax returns to accomplish this change. Our next General Committee Meeting will be in October. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**YPAA – TEDDI G:** I am happy to announce YPAA is starting to come alive again. There are currently eight active young people's committees within Area 06. We are beginning to reunite and host outdoor events and campouts. Nor Cal Bid for ICYPAA, the committee I represent, is currently working full steam ahead toward presenting our bid to host the 63rd ICYPAA in San Francisco. Finally, we are so excited about the Grapevine Workshop we are hosting tomorrow. Greg Tobin, past General Manager of GSO, is running a workshop on writing your own story for the Grapevine.

**HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – ANA V:** We have a new liaison from District 20 to represent CNCA for this event. The workshop will be on December 04 in Arizona and is starting to attract representation from more Areas in other states. Logo designs are still being accepted. It was decided that this year the event will be a closed meeting for women only.

**LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – CRISPIN P:** The 25<sup>th</sup> La Viña Anniversary will be held in Phoenix, AZ on July 23-25. The event registration is \$65, and I have about 350 registration cards and 70 t-shirts I can share with Area 06.

### AREA BUSINESS:

#### Housekeeping Motion:

- That CNCA write a letter of support for the Northern California Bid for the International Conference of Young People in AA in 2022. -*presented by Teddi G., Northern California Bid for ICYPAA committee*

*Presentation:* CNCA has written these for us in the past. This request is asking only for spiritual support, not financial support. **No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>**

#### Housekeeping Motion:

- That CNCA approve the recommendation of the PRAASA 2024 Steering Committee: that the venue for PRAASA 2024 be the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco. -*presented by Teddy BW., 2024 PRAASA Chair*

*Presentation:* I'd like to first clarify that this has no financial impact on CNCA; PRAASA in its design to be self-supporting makes no money either, however there will be money flowing through CNCA. We started by creating a Request For Proposal document with our own specifications of a 450-room block, the



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locked in dates of February 29-March 3, 2024, meeting space requirements for the main meeting hall and breakout rooms, parking, etc. After reaching out to about 20 venues, we narrowed the list to three locations in the Bay Area. We chose the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco because it met all the needs of our RFP and for a good value. If approved, this will be the first time PRAASA will be held in San Francisco (the two other times CNCA hosted PRAASA, it was held in Oakland and San Jose).

**Questions:** **Q.** Is there a list of accessibility requirements they met and can I get that list? **A.** We did not acquire a list like that, but we can be assured it meets all the ADA specifications. **Q.** Do we have insurance, so that if something like the pandemic were to occur, we could get our deposit back? **A.** Once we have agreed to work with this venue and enter a contract, we could assume that insurance is worked into it per industry standards. **Q.** Will there be other hotels that will be added in? I'm confused why it is only a 450-room block. Also, is there parking, and what is the room rate? **A.** The room block is compatible with our needs. It's called the 'pick up', or the number of rooms we are committed to within the block, and we don't want to commit to more than we can fill. With it being in San Francisco there are so many other options and many people do choose to stay in places other than the host hotel, so it is not at odds with expected attendance. There is a parking facility associated with the hotel for \$24/day. The cost of the room is \$189/night which is the middle range of the average of past PRAASA in the Pacific region. **Q.** The price of the room and cost of travelling to get there is quite a lot. Was the affordability of this event considered? **A.** Yes, and something we will explore later is creating a network of community housing; people who live in San Francisco that are willing to house guests for the weekend. **Q.** Do you have a Hospitality committee? **A.** Yes, and a robust one. It includes Joann L. and Raymundo L.

**No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>**

### Housekeeping Motion:

- That CNCA fund one member of the Archives committee to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop to be held in San Antonio, TX from September 30-October 3, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$1,300. - *presented by Paul W., CNCA Archives committee Chair*

**Presentation:** This is something we do every year by housekeeping motion. The event is a good education for someone doing archives work, and we try each year to send someone new.

**Questions:** **Q.** Have you selected an attendee yet? **A.** Not yet, we wanted to wait until the motion was approved.

**No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>**

### Housekeeping Motion:

- That District 16 use the CNCA Zoom Account for the Interdistrictal Meeting on June 27 from 11:00am-2:00pm. - *presented by District 16*

**Presentation:** We confirmed that using the account does not conflict with any other meeting, and there is no financial impact.

**No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>**

### Housekeeping Motion:

- That CNCA fund one member of the Bridging the Gap committee to attend the National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Rock Island, IL from September 10-12, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$1,350. - *presented by George X, CNCA Bridging the Gap committee Chair*

**Presentation:** Presenter read the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend statement of purpose.

**No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>**

### Old Business:

- That CNCA provide up to two hours of Spanish/English interpretation by two interpreters at the Alcoholics Anonymous Discovered event on July 24, 2021, at a cost of \$240. - *presented by the CNCA PI/CPC committee*

**Discussion:** I created a con argument and had requested it get posted in the Chat and that was refused. I sent it via email to all the DCMCs and I was told I shouldn't have done that. I don't know any other way. How else can we collect a con argument? This group has asked CNCA for this financial support but if it doesn't come from us, the event will continue with or without it. // We have many examples of financially supporting endeavors outside the General Service structure, such as the Hispanic Women's Workshop, Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend, National AA Technology Workshop, National AA Archives Workshop, and contributed to the booth rental for CNIA at the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Facility Association training. The National PI/CPC Working Group is a collection of PI/CPC Chairs from across the county and puts on events much like the above mentioned. // I asked fifteen GSRs and begged them for their input and got no response. // I presented this to my group for two weeks and no one responded. We have the money to do it. // I know that there was one group that wanted to know more about this. I am interested in hearing more of the minority opinion. // It is the responsibility of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to not keep an excess of funds. The money is there, I don't see a problem with using it for this purpose. // A District BTG Chair suggested that this is a wonderful opportunity for the facilities we coordinate with. // I have concerns about how this was handled by the Area. The con side is getting no time, it feels like censorship by the Area Officers. If there wasn't adequate time to discuss it, then it should have been presented sooner. I'd like to know why we are funding this, and not deny any reasonable debate about it. // I shared this with my District and with the groups. We are in favor and have confidence in our trusted

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servants. // This is a great use of funds. And we are in the middle of discussion, there is still an opportunity for the minority opinion to be expressed. // I am in favor. I don't understand why there is an objection to the process and why we are talking about pro and con sides. The discussion is happening now, why would a con argument need more time? I am not comfortable with a separate dialog happening by email. // I'd like to thank the people who brought the motion forward. How something is put on the agenda isn't always ideal, but it is here now. What if it does set a precedent? We can look at it and ask, "How did that work out?" // We are supposed to get rid of excess funds right away. We have a motion to contribute big funds to GSO that keeps getting pushed back. // I hear people objecting to the process, but this is how we have handled all motions. Here at the microphone, not over email. This will help the still-suffering alcoholic, that is why we are here.

*The Chair asked the committee if they were ready to vote and members were ready to vote. Substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for this motion to pass.*

**Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity: Yes: (53), No: (9), Abstained: (3)**

**Minority opinion:** Concept 1 and Tradition 2 say we need to reach the broadest and most fully informed group conscience. We are depriving the groups the opportunity to discuss this by rushing it and not sending it to the Assembly for full participation. It is not a regular practice for CNCA to make such quick decisions. The event will happen regardless of CNCA support.

**No motion to reconsider. <<<Motion Passed>>>**

### Old Business:

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

*Discussion:* This motion is for an event designed for the professional to learn more about and dispel misconceptions about AA. I know the timing is terrible, but we introduced it as we learned about it. We just approved another housekeeping motion that was rushed in for something that is happening tomorrow, but it wasn't a bad thing for that one, just this one. // This was just presented to the committee in May and there was no discussion about it. // I presented this to my sub district and the GSRs share my opinion. This work group is not part of the General Service structure, and it was proposed to the Area committee on short notice. This has not been done before and they can find the money elsewhere. It feels like a freight train and the Area Officers just want to push it through. // For an amount of \$450 for interpretation, which meets an accessibility issue, I am not going to bring this to the groups. I trust our trusted servants, and I am not concerned if it sets a prece-

dent. // I am getting more clarity now that the opinions I am hearing on this are gearing up for the next motion. // I don't see a problem with this. Providing interpretation is an accessibility issue. // In some cases, providing ASL can be difficult because of the cost. The Area PI/CPC also serves the greater interest of other local service entities that sometimes can't meet the financial need of providing ASL. That is why it is not as common that ASL is offered, and we can do it here.

*The Chair asked the committee if they were ready to vote and members were ready to vote. Substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for this motion to pass.*

**Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity: Yes: (52), No: (4), Abstained: (3)**

**No minority opinion was heard. <<<Motion Passed>>>**  
**Old 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. - *presented by the CNCA PI/CPC committee*

*Discussion:* Our District is in favor. Once we discussed the financial standing of the Area, we think why not invest it into this project. // Our group felt like we needed more time and information. // Our sub-District conscience feels it should go to the Assembly, or at least give the groups more time to discuss it. // There is a precedent like this in AA already. Bill W. sent postcards to 400 doctors in 1939 inviting them to purchase the Big Book prior to its publication. We are using the technology available at the time, which today is email not stamps. The email that was sent to DCMCs as a con argument I feel has inaccurate statements about PI/CPC ignoring the Traditions and operating without discussion from GSO. This is not advertising and promoting, we are sharing information about AA and reaching out to professionals in the manner they wish to be reached, and with several Class A trustees participating in the event, GSO is definitely in the loop. I was offended by being called a "bankrupt idealist" in previous emails and feel that name-calling has no place in AA. // This can have a huge benefit for all of CNCA. I saw a statistic that one doctor sees an average of 1,900-2,500 patients per year and say if 12%-15% of them are alcoholic and we receive attendance of the hoped-for 1%-2% of the 50,000 emails sent out. We can potentially reach a lot of alcoholics through these professionals being well-informed about AA. And email technology is nothing new. This is how they prefer to be contacted and we need to reach them where they are at. They opted-in for this kind of

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information. // With the motion on the table to disburse \$25,000 to GSO, plus this motion of \$12,500 in addition to all the other current motions that involve money, if they all passed, we would still have over \$47,000 in our checking account and our prudent reserve of \$11,000. // Not speaking to the process of how this motion came about, I see this as a valuable opportunity. That seems to be getting lost in this thread about the decision to fast-track it. I appreciate the old-time efforts of sharing information, and this is a smart way to share information today, and to prevent misinformation about AA. // I am very active in PI/CPC in my group and the District, and I am in favor of this. For those that want to find more information on how to get help with a drinking problem, it continues to be a problem that we are not as easy to find online as we could be. // We need to be asking, "Does this have potential to help the still-suffering alcoholic?" If the answer is yes, then let's help the professional help them. This is the manner that the professional wants to receive information. In the past it was grabbing the Yellow Pages and making calls. We are self-correcting, so if this ends up creating a problem, we won't do it again. Either way we will have learned something, and that is a good thing. // In a quote from Bill W. in *Language of the Heart*, he says, "So it seems clear that sound policy can only be made by rubbing the conservatives and the promoters together. Their discussions, if free from personal ambitions and resentment, can be depended upon to produce the right answers..." So, it's not always comfortable, but we are supposed to rub against each other. // I agree that this is an efficient and effective way to reach our friends of AA. I do still question how soon do we have to do it? Is there time to allow it to go to the Summer Assembly? I am in favor of the GSRs having a vote on it. // I am a new GSR, and I would like to know when I would do a group conscience. And am I understanding correctly that there is a difference between a group conscience and the collective vote of the GSRs? // In the original Doctor's Opinion, Dr. Silkworth did not want to put his signature to his testimony. His view changed as well as much of the medical view of alcoholism since then. It's proven to work and saves lives. We have an opportunity to get many professionals involved who want to put their signature on it. They want to hear from us.

*The Chair asked the committee if they were ready to vote and members were ready to vote. Substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for this motion to pass.*

**Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity: Yes: (48), No: (9), Abstained: (2)**

**Minority opinion:** I don't deny the magnitude of this opportunity and am in favor of the idea. I am just concerned about the spiritual process of this motion and wish to be informed as possible as an Area, which is made up of all groups. // This is a lot of money and there are concerns from my sub-District that even if we aren't always united, we want to be informed. It is disturbing that I was denied the ability to put my con argument in the Chat. Also, I fear that we could receive a lot of blowback from our friends that are used to being reached the old-fashioned way. This has the potential to appear as spam mail and that we are promoting ourselves.

**No motion to reconsider. <<Motion Passed>>**

### What's On Your Mind?

I appreciate the passion I hear today, and I'd like to say if someone is truly seeing a systemic unfairness to our process, please consider it as a possible inventory question. We can have a much broader discussion about it when we do our inventory this Fall. // I know that we all care for Alcoholics Anonymous, and our discussions can reflect many views, but I hope that we can stay away from questioning each other's motives as an incentive to disagree. // PRAASA Chairs from the Pacific Region have created a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion email group and we are adding members at their request. If you would like to join this group to participate in discussions about planning for a more diverse PRAASA experience, please email me. // The last weekend in June is always Pride weekend in the Bay Area. I noticed that we change the date of the ACM in December to avoid Christmas, so maybe we can avoid having ACM on other holiday weekends too. // I would like to acknowledge the passing of Pam Brown. She served as an Area Officer here in CNCA and she will be missed. // I need to speak up about the practice of using email as a sidebar to the ACM for sharing opinions. People know of me that I am very vocal and have strong opinions and have a lot of historical information I bring with them. But when I have a need to speak up, what I do is I wait and bring them to the microphone at the ACM. If there is a feeling that the presenters of a motion spent an exorbitant amount of time presenting it, then offer a con argument as part of the discussion at that time. // I hope to see on the Area website a registry of Zoom groups. // Pro/Con arguments used to be published in the *CNCA Comments*. // As we experience moments of discomfort in our discourse, let's remain aware of our spiritual field and continue to embrace tolerance and gratitude. // I would like to emphasize that the motion to use an email broker is not spam. These professionals have signed up to receive this type of information; they opted-in for it. // The Area needs more English/Spanish translators for our written documents. Please let me or Miguel know if you are available. // I appreciate the discussion today. When I was a new GSR I remained quiet for a long time while hearing both sides of a discussion. Eventually I learned to find my voice. I'd like to remind people that when we are on the screen, our reactions to each other's shares are visible. We need to maintain that this is always a safe space to speak our mind. // Both sides of a discussion have value, whether it is the majority or minority opinion. We are all equal and no one view is above the other. // The PI/CPC committee is very happy to have the motions passed today, and regardless of our opinions, there is no dispute that we all love Alcoholics Anonymous, as we are all together here on a Saturday to talk about this. 60% of alcoholics die from alcoholism not knowing about AA.

*The meeting was closed at 3:30pm with the Responsibility Declaration.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy M.  
CNCA Recording Secretary- Panel 71

## CNCA Motions – JUNE 2021

### Area Committee:

#### Old 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*

#### New Business:

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

### Area Assembly Motions:

#### Old Business at Area Assembly:

- That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the six warranties. – *presented by District 08*
- 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*

# DCM SHARING SESSION JUNE 26, 2021

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B., Interim Chairperson for Drew B. The session opened with a 10-minute “in the moment” presentation by JB on the following topic: **Keeping Area Meetings Virtual -- What are the costs, assets, and liabilities?**

*JB presented “in the moment” for the previous designated presenter who was not present and presented the idea to Area and admitted that they were slightly bias on the topic.*

## **The presenter shared:**

Covid has proved that Virtual AA, District, and Area meetings work. Continuing our Area Committee meetings on virtual format is possible. Being a witness seeing people enter and stay in recovery using virtual meetings has proven the possibility. In the past year plus months, Area has held elections and sent our Delegate along with the Group Consciences to the Virtual General Service Conference twice.

List of observations while hosting virtual Area Committee Meetings:

- No more rent for the PETALUMA Community Center.
- Cost of fuel and pollution to travel to and from.
- Travel time for members considerable.
- Cost of districts to reimburse GSRS and DCMS for travel mileage.
- Cost reduction for accessibility members for distance GSRS and DCMS (long-distance travel)
- All are able to attend.
- Increase General Service participation.

I am aware that many will balk at the idea, let’s remember that we can continue to have Assemblies in person. We do like to party and enjoy each other’s fellowship.

## **Members Shared:**

- That they have seen a boom in participation to the monthly General Service meetings because of Zoom; missing being in person; the idea of a hybrid Area meeting is not easy due to a lack of equipment; there are various ways to accommodate a hybrid meeting for the quarterly Assemblies; meet on Zoom for the monthly Area meetings; the cost and time spent

attending a monthly Area meeting is not ideal for everyone; Zoom discourages the togetherness that keeps us linked; in favor of Assemblies being in person; seeing each other on screen does not compare seeing each other in person; because of Zoom there were voices at PRAASA that were heard that had never been heard before; people were able to attend PRAASA because of the low cost; less effective representation virtually; service takes a lot of time and money; we ride together, we share rooms; fellowship, having lunch, meeting newcomers; attending conferences and events with a roommate; it takes 2.5 hours going and coming, ridesharing with other members of the fellowship; District chatter about how convenient it is meeting on Zoom, but inconvenient and time-wasting was it awaiting a dope dealer and driving around to get a drink? Why not attend the Area meetings and spend the gas; coming to the meetings in person is where it is learned what it is like to be of service; the cost to host a hybrid meeting would be minimal in comparison to meeting monthly in person; hybrid is a good instrument for A.A.; how many people in the room does not have to check their account before filling up for gas? How many struggle to attend due to work? There is a language of unwillingness to consider those that are inconvenienced; people leave A.A. because of the language that feels like they are being talked down to by those that don’t know what others go through.

**TOPIC FOR NEXT MONTH: Hybrid Meetings!! What does that mean? What is the setup? Chase C. from D70 volunteered to present this topic for July 2021 DCM Sharing Session**

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

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**SUMMER ASSEMBLY 2021**

“2021 – AA in a Time of Change”

**SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021**

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MEETING I.D. 930 5440 6846  
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Virtual Room Opens	9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
Virtual Orientation	9:50 – 10:00 a.m.
Business Meeting	10:00– 12:00 p.m.
Lunch Break	12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

**Workshop Session I: 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

1. Post Pandemic AA: How Have We Changed and What Have We Learned
2. Being Bold in Twelfth Step Work: Connecting General Service to Our Primary Purpose
3. Inventory: Navigating our Spiritual Discomfort Through Courageous Conversation

**Workshop Session II: 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

1. The Twelve Concepts: Our Guide for CNCA Business
2. Growth Opportunities: The Evolution of Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion in AA
3. Circles of Love and Service: Unity Among Service Entities

Report Backs from Workshops	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
What's On Your Mind?	4:00-4:30

**SPANISH-ENGLISH INTERPRETATION IS PROVIDED DURING ENTIRE MEETING, INCLUDING ALL  
WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

## 2021 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 71

<b>June</b>	<b>26—Area Committee Mtg.</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>6—Inventory Assembly, District 04</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>24—Area Committee Mtg.</b>		<b>27—Area Committee Mtg.</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>7—Summer Assembly, District 70</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>18—Area Committee Mtg. (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)</b>
	<b>28—Area Committee Mtg.</b>		
<b>September</b>	<b>25—Area Committee Mtg</b>		
<b>October</b>	<b>23—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 (Hosted by District 04)

**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 [here](#).

## PANEL 71 AREA OFFICERS & AREA MEETING INFORMATION

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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 962-2698-7068. [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 880-3494-4851. [Contact Megan M.](#) for password.