



# CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential—December

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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

As we approach halfway of Panel 71, CNCA enters a new transition, preparing with all our capabilities to resume meeting in person again this January, collecting unimaginable experiences that we were unaware of in the beginning. Area members and committees with love and willingness figured it out and kept the ball rolling for the good of AA and all of us.

We will gather in person as an Area for the first time since March 2020. *It will require the use of mask at all times at the Area Committee Meeting, food and coffee won't be served please feel free to bring your own.*

DCM sharing session	10:00 AM
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Literature/GV/La Vina sharing session	10:00 AM

Archives	11:00 AM
Interpretation & Translation	11:00 AM
Finance committee	11:00 AM

Area Committee Meeting 12:30 PM time  
**320 N McDowell Boulevard in Petaluma, fourth Saturday of every month.**

At our last ACM in November we reviewed the 2022 budget, an assembly bid for the Pre-Conference Assembly by District 12 was presented and approved and, Covid restrictions according with Sonoma County [www.sonomacounty.ca.gov](http://www.sonomacounty.ca.gov), does allow gatherings. We also presented a couple of presentations of new business, one related to a request for a change on the phrase "as we conceive it" from the third edition of the Big Book in Spanish and secondly a motion that starting in January 2022, all Area meetings of CNCA 06 be simultaneously held virtually and in person.

( A list of current Area and Assembly Motions are printed on Page 12)

Serving AA has been an extraordinary path with an extraordinary people in my life improving and giving brightness to my alcoholic soul pulling me out from an ordinary eminent death, and for that I am grateful.

Miguel H  
CNCA Chair  
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A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to tag along with David to North Carolina. He was invited as a past trustee to be the assembly guest at the Area 51 Fall Assembly. I was especially excited because their awesome delegate Rainer L. is on my Conference committee. Plus, Area 51 has fun with their area number and their assemblies feature giant, inflatable green and blue aliens. This was an experience I did not want to miss! One member came up to me on the last day and said he hoped I enjoyed their Southern hospitality (I did) and that I would have nice things to say about them when I got back home. So here we go.

Fresh off of our Area inventory, I was paying attention to all the similarities and differences. I was especially inspired by a funny and informative skit on "How the Assembly Operates," the way they address excess funds in their treasury, and the multiple Pre-Conference events they hold each year. (I also came away with renewed gratitude for the frequency with which we meet in CNCA, and the simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation we are able to provide to all.)

I attended workshops on Safety and the Upside-Down Triangle. I was moved to tears by a GSR who said she had not participated in the two years of virtual assemblies because of an aversion to Zoom. She was not happy with some of the changes made at the 71<sup>st</sup> Conference, but she recognized that her right of participation came with a responsibility that she didn't fulfill. It was a powerful share. We also know that there are members who were left out because the technology was a complete barrier to their participation. Who has been missing and why is an important question, and we won't know all the answers until we hear from them.

Another highlight was seeing the surprise in the eyes of a couple of new GSRs at their first-ever assembly as realized they were eating breakfast with a past trustee and a delegate from California ("Are you lost?"). It took me back to my early days of General Service, when it felt as if a whole new world was opening up. One alcoholic talking to another is magic, especially when biscuits and gravy are involved. By the end of the weekend, we had 260 new friends.

On the last day, a new motion was made to have future assemblies be hybrid. The chair was reminded by a past delegate that she could appoint an ad hoc committee to explore it. It seems we are all in the same boat as we navigate these challenges and opportunities going into 2022.

One thing Rainer talked about in his delegate report that continues to resonate with me is the importance of discussion rather than debate. He noted that debate can be fractious, while discussion is unifying. "I need to share experience, strength and hope, rather than advocating for an agenda or outcome. I need to listen like I have no opinion, like I want my mind to change. And I need the exposure to perspectives I don't share... we cannot afford to allow the polarization of our cultural climate to bleed over into A.A. activity."

It is my belief that we are all on the same side here in CNCA: our common welfare comes first. Let's try not to divide into camps, and trust that we can work together on ways to allow for more access and participation. Let's practice patience, flexibility, love and tolerance... there is always a solution.

—Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

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## AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—November 27, 2021

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on November 27, 2021. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble in Spanish was read by Jaime. (District 20). Jo M. (District 11) read Tradition 11 and Laura S. (District 90) read Concept 11. There were seven past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), David N. (Panel 59 and past Trustee), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy B-W. (Panel 69). The October minutes and financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments and Comentarios*.

**Attendance:** 107      **Birthdays:** 222/11

### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B:** I just sent out the General Service Board Weekend report from our Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi, and that is full of information you can share with the Fellowship. There were one hundred and seventy-eight potential agenda item submissions this year. Literature alone had about sixty. Over a hundred were about rescinding actions of the 71<sup>st</sup> Conference. Some of those will be combined into broader discussion topics. Many did not get forwarded. Stay tuned for more information. I have been talking with other area Delegates and working on updating next year's Agenda Topics Timeline, so districts and GSRs can start planning for group conscience sharing sessions. I'm excited to see an in-person assembly bid on the agenda today, as well as the first report from our Hybrid Ad Hoc committee. Please rest assured that regardless of whether we are able to provide a hybrid component to our Pre-Conference Assembly, there will be an opportunity to share group consciences virtually. My goal is to provide more ways to participate in agenda topics next year, not fewer. We shall see what the future has in store for us.

I don't think it was mentioned in the written report, but Kathi let us know when we met that the new "Hispanic Women in AA" pamphlet is very popular, and several Central and South American countries are asking to license it. So that hand of AA is reaching beyond the U.S. and Canada. I also sent out a request from AA World Services for sharing from groups and committees about the use of virtual baskets for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. The deadline is February 9. A reminder that if you have suggestions for the 2023 Conference theme, workshop and presentation topics, that deadline is December 15. All the ideas will be considered by the Conference Agenda committee. The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be a fully virtual event March 4-6, 2022. While I am disappointed along with many of you who hoped to go to Portland, the silver lining is that more will be able to attend without the cost of travel. Online registration will be available soon. Keep an eye on [www.PRAASA.org](http://www.PRAASA.org).

And last, but certainly not least, some sad news to share. On November 12, after a long illness, past CNCA Delegate, Bob K. passed away at home. Bob served us as a Delegate in Panel 47 (1997-98). I had the opportunity to learn from Bob, who was also a past Treasurer, when we were on the finance

committee together back in 2013. He had to step down due to his illness. But without his leadership the first few months, I never would have known what to do when I ended up as the Chairperson of that committee mid-panel. If you never met Bob, you can still read his stories. He was featured in the September issue of the Grapevine ("A Tough Amend" on page 30). And his story "On the Move" is on page 486 of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the English Big Book. A memorial is still being planned.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** I thoroughly appreciated the thoughtful answers shared at the Area Inventory and continue to reflect on how I can better participate in my service work. I regret not being able to attend the Area Committee meeting today; it's the first I have missed in many years, but my wi-fi is spotty in the southern Indian Ocean. So, my report today is brief and with an international flair. AA in New Zealand is in the midst of launching their own version of the Meeting Guide app. Some of you may recall that this app originated here in Area 06, with Josh R., a DCM in District 04, creating the app and then sharing it with local Central Offices as it quickly became a useful tool for many AA members. AA in the United Kingdom just completed their survey of members. Among the notable results, AA in the UK is very white, mostly employed (or retired), and nearly half of the members have been diagnosed with a co-occurring mental health disorder. About forty percent of members found AA by going into treatment. About forty percent of members in the UK are women (a dramatic increase since the 1970s). Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia recently (last year) celebrated 75 years; because of COVID, the diamond jubilee was noted mostly online. Australia was the first country outside of North America to hold regular AA meetings, which were introduced to the continent just after the end of World War II. And in the Seychelles, where I am today and where AA started meeting in 2008, not much is going on. One meeting still meets weekly, though the nearest rehab is about 1000 miles away in Mauritius. People still get sober, all over the world, and it is wonderful to be a part of the recovery community I am in today.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** First, I'd like to thank District 04, all their members, and John W., AAWS Director for holding the Fall Assembly and conducting our Inventory. I sent the inventory notes earlier this week. At the assembly we heard two items of New Business: "That CNCA distribute the Area newsletters (Comments/Comentarios) electronically unless requested by mail", and "A request to the trustees' Literature committee that the 2021 advisory action related to the phrase "lustful enough to rape" on page 66 in the chapter 'Step Six' of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be rescinded and the language be returned to the original." We also held an election for our nominee for the Pacific Regional Trustee, selecting Teddy B-W from the hat after a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. The inventory has been one of the most spiritual experiences in my service to CNCA, allowing me to see the magnitude of experience and love showed from all of you who participated.

The CNCA Web committee is still looking for one more member to join the team; talk to your groups and districts about this service opportunity. For more information, please

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contact the Web Chair, Megan, or any of the Area Officers. And just a reminder, that the Area Committee Meeting will resume meeting in person in January at the Petaluma Community Center, located at 320 N. McDowell Boulevard in Petaluma. We will keep meeting the fourth Saturday of every month. The DCM and DCMC sharing sessions will start at 10:00am along with the Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session. The Archives, Interpretation & Translation, and Finance committees will all meet at 11:00am. The Area Committee Meeting will start at its regular time, 12:30pm. In the next few months, all other committees will also resume in-person meetings. We do provide simultaneous English/Spanish interpretation as well as Assisted Listening via FM radio. Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for our December's Area Committee Meeting on December 18, which is the third Saturday in December.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** We currently have \$69,621.10 in our Checking account and \$11,038.77 in our Savings account which is our Prudent Reserve. October contributions totaled \$3,512.62 and we budgeted for \$9,500. October expenses were \$2,349.47, and we budgeted for \$8,904.66. Happy Thanksgiving! Today I am grateful for our Finance Committee, driving from all over to meet and go over the budget multiple times, line by line, for over twelve hours, to present a 2022 budget for next year. I am grateful for the deep dive into how we spend our money as an Area, what the history behind spending has been, and the careful reflection of how we will do things in the future. We were fearless in asking why, and if we could do things better or more efficiently with every line. We made changes and held ourselves accountable. Our group conscience spoke, questioned, and was truly present. In this month of Inventory, our study and presentation of the Area budget was a true inventory of our financial process.

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** Much appreciation to John W. from AAWS who facilitated our Inventory and District 04 for the informative Pre-Conference event and hosting our assembly. We had great participation; at one time we had 229 in attendance. I am currently working on updating a document that has the history of past attendance at our assemblies and will send it out when it is completed. This month has been a busy one for me as I have been able to participate in a monthly Registrar meeting with many of my peers from other areas, as well as the quarterly Registrar meeting put on by GSO. We continue to discuss solutions to our changing fellowship and share best practices to help other Registrars succeed. At our last meeting, our own Gavin of our Tech committee put on a presentation about AirTable which was met with a lot of enthusiasm. I have also met with Nick and Gavin; we have started utilizing this new database for our records. I cannot say enough about how much work these members have done to help the Registrar position become more streamlined in the future. Please continue to send your group changes to your district Registrar, so we can together keep our records as up to date as possible. We now can choose to receive the new service position packets by hard copy, digitally, or opt out altogether.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** It has been a very busy month and it reminds me that my capacity to show up, for my family and for AA, is a direct result of my continuous sobriety, and my gratitude is a direct reflection of that. It has been a very

exciting and dynamic season of inventory for many groups and districts, and for our Area. Also, since it is customary to have a facilitator and a notetaker from outside of the group, many of you may have been invited to participate in another group's inventory. If you have been asked to be a notetaker, I want to thank you for your service and I hope that you have found it as rewarding as I do to be the scribe for another group. I think it is a very special opportunity.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** Almost halfway through the panel! Thank you all for the service you do and the way you demonstrate the principles of Love and Service to me. On November 13, I attended Area 08 San Diego virtually. Thank you to District 04 for hosting, training, and doing a wonderful job on our Inventory Assembly. Later today, we will hear a formal bid from District 12 to host the Pre-Conference Assembly the first weekend in April 2022. I want to assure you, that we will have a virtual way for you to share your group conscious. We will be working out the details in the next few months.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** The updated Service Manual is now available in PDF, and the physical copies in English and Spanish are in stock at the online bookstore at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Big Books are 10% off, and receive 10% off AA items focused on spirituality through January 15, 2022. Also, receive 15% off all orders over \$100. The AA Grapevine and La Viña are offering free shipping on all items available now through the end of December. Stories for the annual prison issue are due by January 15. La Viña stories on the special section "No Matter What" are due February 2. Both magazines are always looking for stories pertaining to the Steps and Traditions. There are other ways to contribute to the magazine as well, such as sending in your jokes, recording an audio story, and participating in the Carry the Message project.

### District Reports

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A:** We continue to hold our monthly district meeting via Zoom. We are beginning to gather information from local facilities to begin the discussion about either returning to in person, transitioning to hybrid, or remaining online for the time being. Our visiting Area Officer facilitated our district's group inventory. We were able to hear awesome suggestions and successes helping us get a feel for how we are doing as a district. We will discuss and adjust at our upcoming meetings based on our inventory.

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

**DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MATT E:** This month, in lieu of our regular business, we had our district inventory. Thank you so much to our visiting Area Officer for facilitating. The prevailing themes that we heard were that our members feel a lack of understanding with the greater process of General Service. In addition to encouraging participation and service sponsorship, as well as inviting our members to attend Area Committee Meetings to get a sense of how our districts are all connected and work together, we will be implementing an Ask-It-Basket system. We will dedicate 5-10 minutes at the end of each meeting to allow an anonymous style of asking questions out General Service.

**DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – LORI R:** Our wonderful Area Officer and another DCMC assisted our district in con-

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ducting a successful inventory. As a result, one of our main focuses will be to look for other ways to elicit more participation from our GSRs. We had a presentation of our draft 2022 budget, and we continue to discuss a motion at our district regarding changes to *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Discussions continue about whether our district meetings will be in person, hybrid, or Zoom only.

**DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – BILL H:** This month we held our district inventory. We put some light on a few areas where we can improve, and we already have solutions being worked on. Thank you to our Area Officer for facilitating, and a special thank you to Ashley J. for taking notes for us. To improve overall district communication, we will hold Zoom sub-district breakout sessions which will allow each DCM the opportunity to meet with the GSRs right before the district meeting. Finances continue to be stable in District 40. Our budget committee has finished laying out our 2022 budget, which we hope to approve next month. Our meeting location has opened up and although we have yet to hold the discussion of returning there, the district has obtained insurance as required by our meeting venue.

**DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) SARAH B:** With respect to committee Twelfth-Step work, District 05 Bridging the Gap received three blue cards, PI/CPC gave two presentations, and our holiday alcathons will be online. H&I will be returning to meeting in person starting January 2022. During the district meeting, we approved our budget for 2022 and elected an important officer position. Our district also began to take inventory, which will continue in December. An idea that arose from the inventory was to add a presentation on being a General Service Representative at the next Trusted Servants Workshop, hosted by our Central Office, which currently includes presentations on how to serve as a secretary, treasurer, and literature person, but not as a GSR.

**DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JACKIE B:** At our November district meeting we held our inventory. We used six breakout rooms with 6-8 participants each, so that we could address a total of six inventory questions round-robin style. We are grateful to the twelve trusted servants from other districts who acted as breakout room facilitators and note takers. Some of the inventory feedback has already resulted in expanded content on our website [www.sfgeneralservice.org](http://www.sfgeneralservice.org), including an annual calendar under 'GSR Resources'. Other upgrades to the website include an online payment system for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions and an archives of anonymity-protected district minutes going back to the Panel 63. We have begun coordinating with our sister District 16 to prepare for an in-person 'lick and stick' mailing party for the *Comments* and *Comentarios* starting in early 2022.

**DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – ASHLEY J:** No Report

**DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – BLAINE G:** I want to extend the gratitude of District 70 to our visiting Area Officer and one of my fellow DCMCs for supporting us in taking our district inventory. It was a unique experience doing it via Zoom; similar to what we experienced in taking the Area inventory but still unique unto itself. Our regular business meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. However, it is the longstanding custom of the district to hold its December meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday to avoid any potential conflicts with the holiday. So, we will be meeting one week early next month.

**DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W:** We began our inventory process last month with the help of a past Delegate and a scribe. We will finish our inventory questions at our December meeting, then look through the notes for action items, possible discussion topics, and other ideas for the remainder of Panel 71, so we can continue our primary purpose of helping the still-suffering alcoholic in Contra Costa County. Our joint Unity Day with Contra Costa Intergroup was a success; our AA Family Feud game was the highlight of the morning. Many attendees were surprised to find out there were plenty of ways to be of service to AA besides GSR or Intergroup representative. District officers will be discussing the hybrid option for our district meeting beginning in January 2022 and reviewing the requirements of our landlord for use of the meeting space.

**DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – ERIN B:** We are still experiencing gaps in participation with open district positions. The discussion about reconsolidating District 09 and 90 continues. We are seeing the development of a new fellowship in American Canyon. Possibly it can be a source of new General Service Representatives. Thirty minutes before our business meeting starts, we have reserved for a Concept study, but will be changing it to create space to address Area motions to help GSRs feel more connected to General Service and empowered to share the work more clearly from General Service back to the groups.

**DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – BILL H:** We held our inventory this month. It was a great discussion all around, although with time limits, we only got through two questions. Our December meeting will be a District Open House. We encourage GSRs to bring a spouse, a sponsee, or someone interested in what General Service is about.

**DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – JACQUELINE P:** We thank our visiting Area Officer for facilitating our district inventory. We gathered many creative ideas and plan to establish an ad hoc committee to make action recommendations from the inventory. The facility in which we planned to resume in-person district meetings has several restrictions that may prevent us from moving forward. Our Marin Accessibilities committee is considering the idea of "field trips" for groups to get acquainted with one another and to learn how we practice the AA program with the different areas, cultures, fellowships, etc. Marin PI/CPC wrapped up its quarterly presentations at Novato High School, where students continue to be engaged and receptive. For the first time, the committee presented at the Marin chapter of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and we look forward to building a relationship with them. In the coming months, the committee plans to present at the Marin County Adult Probation division and the Marin County District Attorney's office. Lastly, the committee plans to build a relationship with San Quentin Prison.

**DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ELIZABETH B:** Last month we held our district inventory. We were grateful to learn how we can better serve our community, as well as recognize the many areas that we are doing well with reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers. On January 15, 2022, our district will host the Interdis-

# CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JANUARY—OCTOBER 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - October, 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
002 Group Contributions	56,933.28	71,250.00	79.91 %
003 District Contributions	3,237.67	12,000.00	26.98 %
004 Assembly Contributions	1,024.00	3,300.00	31.03 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,537.91	1,800.00	85.44 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	3,665.92	1,000.00	366.59 %
010 Interest Income	7.13	2.50	285.20 %
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$66,405.91</b>	<b>\$89,352.50</b>	<b>74.32 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$66,405.91</b>	<b>\$89,352.50</b>	<b>74.32 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>020 EXPENSE</b>			
021 Delegate Expense	1,187.31	5,429.51	21.87 %
050 Officer Expense	2,345.16	18,635.69	12.58 %
130 Committee Expenses	22,096.35	28,184.38	78.40 %
300 General Expenses	43,668.41	43,273.31	100.91 %
<b>Total 020 EXPENSE</b>	<b>69,297.23</b>	<b>95,522.89</b>	<b>72.55 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$69,297.23</b>	<b>\$95,522.89</b>	<b>72.55 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -2,891.32</b>	<b>\$ -6,170.39</b>	<b>46.86 %</b>
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# CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—OCTOBER 31, 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of October 31, 2021

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	62,002.51
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,038.77
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 73,041.28</u>
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	-961.85
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-\$ 961.85</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 72,079.43</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 72,079.43</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	63,830.75
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-2,891.32
Total Equity	<u>\$ 72,079.43</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 72,079.43</u>



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trict Workshop, also known as Meeting With Neighbors. This will be a virtual event.

**DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – JAMES B:** We held our biannual inventory where there was much loving input, ideas, and sharing by members of our district. Thank you to the visiting Area Officer who facilitated, and who provided an amazing note taker. We also just held our Officer meeting inventory this week which was also very successful. I want to thank Mary Ellen, our District 12 Bridging the Gap Chair, for chairing the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CNCA BTG Forum, which was held in person in Santa Rosa. I also want to thank the members of our district Interpretation and Translation committee for all their help and making it a success. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves at this event as well as the wonderful food that was served at lunch. I was impressed with the turnout and support for this event. Today, District 12 looks forward to presenting our assembly bid for the Pre-Conference Assembly in April of 2022.

**DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – PAUL G:** No Report

**DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – WARREN R:** We held our district inventory; thank you to the Area Officer for facilitating. Next month, we will be discussing our 2022 budget. Also, we welcomed a new GSR and elected a new PI/CPC Chair.

**DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – MEGAN M:** Our district meeting continues to be held via Zoom. Next month, we would be grateful to have a visiting Area Officer in attendance.

**DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO:** We have a new meeting place in San Francisco. Members from our district committee remain committed to working with and visiting the groups that do not have a GSR.

**DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – JOSE L:** We celebrated our second Hispanic Forum on October 24 with participation of the five linguistic districts and District 40 as well. We had 135 members registered. On November 9, we had the Hispanic Forum Final Report meeting; details from that will get completed and distributed at the end of December. The district presence was requested from several groups to help them conduct their group inventories. We visited some groups that do not have a GSR and provided them with Conference Final Reports. At our November meeting we passed a motion unanimously to implement the passing of a basket each year at the November district meeting. Those contributions are sent separately as a spiritual symbol to celebrate gratitude month. We were grateful to participate with the other linguistic districts at the Interdistrict Workshop on November 21.

**DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE C:** It was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and be in support of District 12 with the Bridging the Gap Forum. At our last district meeting we were able to elect an Archives Chair. We participated in the Interdistrict Workshop with the other five linguistic districts.

**DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – GUADALUPE O:** The first Tuesday of the month we have a Service Manual study, and we discuss the Twelve Concepts and the six Warranties. It was a great opportunity to share in the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of District 20 and share in the experience of the Interdistrict Workshop with the other Spanish-speaking districts.

**DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JAVIER L:** We are working toward doing a district inventory. Thank you to those who at-

tended our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for the participation we share in the Interdistrict Workshop that we hosted. Thank you to the Area Officers for all the information and the support they have given us.

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

**ACCESSIBILITIES – KAREN H:** No Report

**ARCHIVES – PAUL W:** On November 3, we met with District 18 Spanish North in Rohnert Park to discuss how our Archive committee works and what role each of the members plays. We are firming up the details for the Archives Open House, starting at 11:00am on December 11, 2021. The theme for this year's meeting is "CNCA Faces COVID-19 – Our Story". This year a panel of subject matter experts will provide overviews of how COVID-19 affected the meetings and AA service entities in the U.S. and Canada. We will also give tours of the Archives repository. Lunch and snacks will be served. In the remaining months of 2021, the Archives team will focus on understanding and documenting the CNCA Archives web requirements and adding new materials to the Archives repository.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – GEORGE X:** Our Statement of Purpose speaks to the support one can find in AA. As Bill W. wrote, "To see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends — this is an experience you must not miss." That was what took place at our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridging the Gap Forum. Gratitude is often the discussion topic this time of year and I was so grateful to be back in-person amongst my AA family. I want to give thanks to District 12 Sonoma

County for hosting us; what an incredible experience they provided. Also, to our panels of speakers whose language of the heart enlightened us, and to the 100+ in attendance whose presence united us physically once again. In other news, at the November Area BTG committee meeting we conducted our inventory, facilitated by our visiting Area Officer who lovingly prompted us to tackle pertinent questions which we hope will lead to meaningful action items. Since the last ACM, our districts have made thirty-one presentations at treatment and/or correctional facilities. We received one hundred and thirty-three contact requests, including four out-of-area, two to Irvine, one to Star, ID, and one to Denver, CO. We also received three letters from inside AA members at our P.O. Box.

**FINANCE – JOANN L:** We reviewed the Statement of Financial Position, Budget versus Actuals, and October expenses. We also looked at the financial impact of the motions on the CNCA Area Committee Meeting agenda for today. We had a colorful discussion about presenting the 2022 Budget and the things that might need to be changed. We decided on a date for the financial workshop on the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. After checking with others and their availability first, we will announce the date and time very soon.

**PI/CPC – ERIC L:** At our last month's meeting we discussed how local PI/CPC committees are working with school districts to offer presentations at schools. The topic for next month's meeting is focusing on strategies to communicate with the public.

**TECHNOLOGY – LUISA S:** The Tech committee has reached a very important milestone with our progress on getting the old



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Area database converted into a polished AirTable database. We have finally begun the process of passing the reins of the database over to Claudia! It has taken over a year to complete and we are so excited to pass the controls to her. There are still a few minor tweaks and changes we will make, and Gavin and I will continue to meet with Claudia regularly to tailor the database interface to her needs. I have a big request from everyone here to please spread the word that the Tech committee really needs our open position filled. If you have anyone in mind that would be a good fit, please let me or any Area Officer know. Currently we are looking to fill the need of someone available to learn and become comfortable with the Microsoft Admin Portal and creating a detailed instruction for how members of the Area would use our new Microsoft Licenses & file management. So, if you know someone who really likes to keep things organized, the Tech Committee has a perfect role for them.

**WEBSITE – MEGAN M:** I'm excited about welcoming Danica R. to our committee! I'm sure you'll agree that she will be a great addition. She will join Patrick C. as one of our Technical members. We have installed an additional editing software to the website called Elementor. This is the first time we've tried it and along with our editors, Jeff D. and Jose P., we will assess whether it is useful or not in making our website easier to manage. Our other member is Don L. who serves as our Recording Secretary and shares with me his considerable experience in CNCA 06 right when I need to hear it! Some members have questioned why the motion to purchase Adobe Pro Software has not been voted on yet. It's simply because it is not a pressing issue. The current Web committee Editors came equipped with Adobe Pro. Our reason for the motion is so that future Web committee editors will not be burdened with the cost of a yearly subscription in order to do their job. I will be out of the country until the first week of March. The ACM's return to an in-person meeting means I will not be able to attend the January, February, and March ACMs (unless an attempt at hybrid happens quickly). In my place Jeff D. will be presenting my Web reports. The Web committee, including this Chair, will continue to meet by Zoom.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** Two more translators were added to our list, to have more options to translate all the documentation. Sometimes we are using a translation machine (software). We are already preparing to meet in Petaluma and to have all the interpretation available for this; I want to mention that it is going to be very important that you acquire an FM radio to make our experience at the ACM more efficient.

**PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W:** What is PRAASA? It's the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly and its purpose is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA. In other words, a three-day jamboree for anywhere between 700-2,000 service nerds who love A.A. Each of the areas of the Pacific Region hosts PRAASA on a rotational schedule and it is our turn in 2024. 2024 might sound like a long way off, but there are things that need

to happen now to ensure a successful event just over two years away. One of the things we will need is a logo, and the logo competition closes on December 31. So, if you're creative or know someone who is, share that with us. The winner receives a free PRAASA 2024 registration! If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the committees for PRAASA 2024, please send me an email.

**HYBRID AD HOC – KEN M:** Thanks to Area 06 and the Officers for allowing us this wonderful opportunity to be of service! I'm honored to be included in this esteemed group! Introductions: Russ A., Michael Q., Jose M., and Megan B. Purpose and scope: To explore the feasibility of conducting our Area Committee Meetings and assemblies with a hybrid component, assessing issues related to equipment needed, internet access, interpretation, and member participation (including voting) in multiple locations. We've met twice so far, the first meeting was just a who's who, get to know you kind of thing. We elected a Chairperson, that's me, and a Recording Secretary, Megan. Before our second meeting took place, we each took a specified area to begin doing research on and then we all brought a report to the second meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday. As I'm sure you can imagine there are many aspects to consider. We, as a committee are committed to doing our due diligence and deliver a thorough and comprehensive report of suggestions and recommendations to the Area on how we could incorporate a hybrid aspect into our Area Committee Meeting and assemblies.

**CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – DENNIS H:** Both the *Comments* and *Comentarios* were completed on Friday November 18. We have not determined when we will begin physical mailing yet, possibly early 2022.

**DCM SHARING SESSION – CHASE C:** The topic at today's DCM sharing session was, "What is a Sub-district?" presented by Kris W. of district 07. Next month's topic will be, "How do we use our electronic presence?"

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** This morning at the Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session we were blessed to be joined by the new AA Grapevine Publisher, Chris C. Prior to the pandemic the Grapevine had about 70,000 subscribers and now it is at about 60,000. La Viña was at about 10,000 subscribers prior to the pandemic and now it is down to 6,000. However, there has been an increase in digital subscriptions and there has been an increase in book sales. The Grapevine Instagram account has 5,120 followers and the La Viña Instagram has 566 followers. The podcast has 15,426 listeners. After listening to Chris' detailed update, we discussed the future of Grapevine and La Viña.

**H & I – KAREN B:** The Northern California H&I Committee is busy with reopening from the COVID lockdowns. We are restocking literature at institutions and working on adding Spanish translations to our website. Our finances are sound, and we passed our budget at the Genera Committee Meeting earlier this month. At California Department of Corrections institutions, 70% of inmates and 60% of staff are vaccinated. All medical staff are required to be vaccinated but not the regular staff. All volunteers must be vaccinated or test two times a week. The process of opening CDCR will take a long time. There is a letter in our current newsletter from an inmate that is participating in

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the Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service. You can read our newsletter at our website [www.norcalhandi.org](http://www.norcalhandi.org). Our IVSS Chair will be attending the National Corrections Conference in November. If you are interested in this service, please see our website. Thank you for your contributions that help H&I carry the message to alcoholics that cannot attend regular meetings.

**LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – CRISPIN P:** Submissions for the logo/theme contest are due by December 15. I can collect them, and the winner will be selected on the December 18. We will meet for the second planning meeting in Las Vegas on January 15 to further discuss the La Viña Anniversary guidelines.

**HISPANIC FORUM – LUIS R:** We had 135 people registered in attendance, and we sent a contribution to the Area.

### AREA BUSINESS

#### Presentation of Bid for In-Person Pre-Conference Assembly: Presented by District 12

*Presentation:* We have had assemblies at this facility before. There is ample parking, lobby, elevated stage. We figured the food and coffee amount based on the recommended 450 persons for a Pre-Conference Assembly, combined with the rate for the facility for a total of \$7,128.

*Questions:* **Q.** How does this figure compare to the last in-person assembly? **A.** I have numbers from the last assembly that District 12 hosted, but not from an assembly in 2019. **Q.** Why does the date at the bottom say 11/1/22? **A.** Sorry, that is a typo. The bid was submitted 11/1/21. **Q.** With Covid restrictions as they are today, is this appropriate? **A.** Today, Sonoma County does allow gatherings, according to [www.sonomacounty.ca.gov](http://www.sonomacounty.ca.gov). **Q.** Have you considered making this a hybrid assembly? What are your plans for going virtual if we can't meet in person? **A.** We will need to defer to the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee. But it is still five months out so we can plan for an in-person venue and fall back to a virtual venue if needed. **Q.** Did you figure in any foreseeable added cost if the event were to be hybrid? **A.** Again, the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee will look into those options and costs involved, but we did not incorporate those possible and unknown costs into our bid. **Q.** If the County at that time does not allow us to gather, will we get reimbursed? **A.** The balance is due thirty days prior to the event, and we would know by then if we are not allowed to meet in person. Typically, if the event was canceled due to the pandemic, we would be allowed to receive a refund. **Q.** Since we are budgeting for 450 people, what if the number of people anticipated went down, would the price for the bid go down? **A.** We are following the budget guidelines in preparing the numbers for the assembly, but the rate for the facility stands as it is regardless of the number of people in attendance. **Q.** Would we be allowed to eat inside? **A.** We can't really predict what that will be like in April, so we will address that as it gets closer. **Q.** In coming up with the number of attendees and facility capacity, did you factor in social distancing? **A.** We will follow whatever are the Sonoma County requirements at that time. **Q.** What is the cost for ASL? **A.** We hire ASL interpreters only for the Post-Conference Assembly, and that is handled by

the Area when we do. **Q.** When we hosted the Hispanic Forum, our County required we hire a security guard for each one hundred people to ensure masking and social distancing. Does Sonoma County require this? **A.** No, we have not seen this, but it will be up to the County at the time. **Q.** Does the Area have a group conscience of its own set of safety protocols? **A.** No, we are beholden to the County health and safety requirements.

Vote by simple majority to accept the bid.

**Vote: Yes (51), No (5), Abstained (3) Assembly Bid <<<Approved>>>**

*District 12 will host the Pre-Conference Assembly, held April 2 -3, 2022, at the Petaluma Veterans Building located at 1094 Petaluma Blvd. S, Petaluma, CA 94952*

#### Presentation of 2022 Budget: Presented by the CNCA Finance committee

*Presentation:* The Finance committee fashioned this budget as if we are going to be in person. We know that we are flexible, that we are capable of both, and we can switch quickly if we need to. Some things I need to point out first: The number \$10,168 on Line 158 represents the *Comments* and *Comentarios* combined; so, Line 163 should be \$0. That would make the correct number for Line 211 be \$157,483. Line 10 is not something we normally would have this way, and the Finance committee discussed at length whether to remove it, move it to the end, or leave it. We hope that this Line item can be discussed by all of us when we get to the discussion topic about how to use our excess CNCA funds. This number is a result of two years during the pandemic that we did not spend what was budgeted.

*Questions:* **Q.** Why were the projected contributions set so high, when except in 2019 they almost always fell short of what was projected? **A.** We are being optimistic and 2019 is a good example of that. **Q.** One way we used to do it was we would present the year's budget first, then if there was an amount carried forward from the previous year, it would go on the bottom line. Would you consider doing that? **A.** We did discuss doing it that way and we can move it to the bottom when we present it again. **Q.** If Line 211 is changed, wouldn't Line 212 also be changed? **A.** Yes, that is correct. Thank you. **Q.** I appreciate the optimism for the projected income. I am wondering why travel costs are so much higher than previous years? **A.** We took the travel distance for each current Area Officer and factored in their expenses if they were to travel to each District twice. **Q.** Why is there an expense for coffee? **A.** This is based on if we were in-person for 2022. **Q.** Is the insurance on Line 205 YTD \$0 because it is paid at the end of the year? **A.** Yes. **Q.** Why on Line 6 is there income from H&I? **A.** They rented space from our Archives committee. **Q.** If there was not the 75K carried over from last year, is it correct that we would be looking at a deficit budget? **A.** Correct. **Q.** Is the amount on Line 10 actual funds or how it looks on paper? **A.** If you recall from our Treasurer's report a little while ago, we have over \$69K in our Checking account. These are actual funds.

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***Budget will be presented again for approval at the Area Committee Meeting on December 18, 2021.***

### **Presentation of New Business**

- That the phrase “cómo nosotros los concebimos” (as we conceive it) on Step Three of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Big Book in Spanish be corrected in future editions to “como nosotros lo entendimos” (as we understood him), the correct translation from the English version of the Big Book. - *Presented by District 20*

*Presentation:* The members of the District 20 committee are in agreement to forward the request to the trustees' Literature committee to change the wording as it is in the third edition now. We believe it comes as a translation error.

*Questions:* **Q.** Do you have a solution for a new word? **A.** Yes, to use the Spanish word that from English literally translates to “understood”. **Q.** I am curious if there was a minority opinion expressed and what was it? **A.** Yes, there was. Some said they already understood what is meant the way it is written and there was no need to change it. The majority felt strongly that it would help the newcomer grasp the concept better. **Q.** Do you know if there are any changes regarding gender-neutral language will be addressed in the fourth edition? **A.** Well, I am not sure. We aren't trying to change any part of the book but feel this is an error in the translation. We are aware that the development of a 4<sup>th</sup> edition was approved and hope to get this request heard before it goes to print so there is not an additional cost to reprint. **Q.** Would it make sense to write to the GSO Literature desk instead of this being a motion, since you believe it is a translation error? **A.** We did and we were put in touch with the person who heads the working group facilitating the 4<sup>th</sup> edition project. We were encouraged to do it as a motion, because it can be perceived as a philosophical point (conceive vs. understand) and not just a translation error. But they are aware of it. **Q.** Did you consider that it could be interpreted as a philosophical request, and it change the meaning of the phrase? **A.** Yes, there are several ways to interpret different words in Latin American languages. So, we voted to bring this to the Area. **Q.** Do you think it could be perceived another way by other members? **A.** Yes, and our hope is it brings more clarity for the future members.

Vote by simple majority to keep at Area Committee Meeting or forward to Assembly business.

**Vote: ACM (17) Assembly (37) Motion to become Presentation of New Business at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 2-3, 2022.**

### **Presentation of New Business**

- That starting in January 2022, all Area meetings of CNCA 06 be simultaneously held virtually and in person.

We will start with the technology we now have, utilize and increase it monthly until both mediums are equally represented and involved. - *Presented by Ginger O.*

*Presentation:* We can't go back. CNCA moved immediately virtual when it needed to. As a virtual venue, we reached new members and got new people participating. But when we talk about going back in person, it makes the virtual component sound like the lesser thing. Virtual saved AA. Our district has too far to travel. We are able to participate because we have this ability now. This is not the best we can do. It should be equal. I'd like to see not a single meeting happen that is not hybrid. There is only one more month before hybrid is shut down.

*The Chair stated that motions presented by an individual require a second. Motion was seconded by Kris W.*

*Questions:* **Q.** Is it not true that there was a Hybrid Ad-Hoc committee just formed to investigate this for us? **A.** The ACM for January is being presented as an in-person meeting, not a hybrid meeting. **Q.** If equal representation is your goal, if it is more in-person would it mean it's not meeting your objective? **A.** There should be equal ability to participate. **Q.** Does this include everything CNCA, such as all sub-committees? **A.** Yes, everything. ACM and its committees, assemblies, and PRAASA when we host it in 2024. **Q.** Would you encourage the Ad Hoc to make this happen? **A.** Yes, it doesn't have to start perfect. I just don't want us to stop altogether because it's not perfect already. **Q.** I'm a little hung up on “both mediums...” Would you accept a friendly amendment? “That starting in January 2022, all Area meetings of CNCA 06 be simultaneously held virtually and in person. We will start with the technology we now have, utilize and increase it monthly until members on both mediums have equal accessibility and an equal ability to participate.” **A.** Yes, thank you. **Q.** You are presenting the motion as an individual. How was your district involved? **A.** I did present it to the district that I had hoped I could present as a housekeeping motion, but it was felt it jumped the proper order of business to first present an item and then move it to New Business the following month for discussion. I knew I didn't have time to get it on the ACM agenda if we did that. **Q.** When you say, “start with the tech we have and increase it”, can you clarify if you mean that to infer a monetary increase? **A.** Yes. If it requires that we buy something new, we buy it. If there is interference on who speaks and when, we change it. We already know we can do it. We don't know how. **Q.** How many people from your district utilize the virtual venue? **A.** We have one DCMC and three DCM positions. Today we have four here, two who are voting members at the ACM. I am not a voting member at the ACM, but I am a committee Chair so am a voting member at the district. Our district has had an increase in participation since

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we went virtual. **Q.** Can I clarify that PRAASA is not a CNCA function, and decisions about how it operates are made solely at the PRAASA Business Meeting. **A.** Ok, thank you. **Q.** Why is this so urgent it must jump ahead of the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee? **A.** We should not miss a single month. **Q.** Is your intent of this motion because we did not take a group conscience to return to in-person meetings? **A.** Yes, the Area Officers changed the venue without consulting the Area committee.

Vote by simple majority to keep at Area Committee Meeting or forward to Assembly business.

**Vote: ACM (35) Assembly (12) Motion to become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on December 18, 2021.**

### What's On Your Mind?

As a matter of personal privilege, I so move that the previous motion be expedited so we can vote on it. // I'd like to invite everyone to the Spanish-speaking Service Manual study group on Sundays 6:00pm-8:00pm. Amalia, who is the person referred to earlier that heads the working group for the Spanish language 4<sup>th</sup> edition Big Book, will be with us on December 19. // I am the Chair of the History Symposium which is scheduled for January 28-30, 2022. We decided to move the event to virtual only, for a registration cost of \$30. Refunds are being issued for those who purchased tickets for the live event. // Thank you for your questions regarding the translation correction to the Spanish Big Book. I was nervous but once I got going, I got more comfortable answering the questions. And I forgot to mention in my report that District 20 elected an PI/CPC Chair. // I didn't see if the motion about hybrid was seconded, but I do support the motion. // When I consider the upside-down triangle and how we are in service to the groups, that is not the way this decision to return to in-person ACM was made. I am not making any decisions for my district about how we meet; I ask the GSRs what they are comfortable with and let it be up to them. // I think the verbiage of the hybrid motion could be condensed. It's very broad. // I am on the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee, and believe me, if we could just snap our fingers to put something together, we would. There are a lot of underlying tech issues to consider. I know this from my experience with working with I&T. Interpretation is a huge factor to consider. // I want to thank Ginger for her bravery in presenting this motion. I remember when I was in her situation having to present a motion as an individual, as a solo Hispanic woman at the microphone trying to represent an idea. // Thank you for your help in guiding me to make the wording in my motion clearer. The decision to meet in person was made by the Officers and it shouldn't be that way. It should have been discussed.

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

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

# DCM SHARING SESSION—NOVEMBER 27, 2021

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Chairperson, Drew B.,

**What happens at a DCM Sharing Session by Drew B.:** At the DCM Sharing Session, a District Committee Member suggest a topic and then there is a discussion on the topic with those in attendance.

**New to the DCM Sharing Session:**

**Presentation By: Kris W. of District 07 Alameda North Topic Presentation – “What is a sub-district?”**

*Index:*

*DCM = District Committee Member, DCMC = District Committee Member Chair, CNCA = California Northern Coastal Area, GSO = General Service Office, GSC = General Service Conference*

The presenter shared a couple of handouts that reflected the topic as narrated during the sharing session: <https://tinyurl.com/dcmsessiondocs> . In 1969, each county became a separate District except for Alameda County being split in two. In the current CNCA Motions Book/Index, “CNCA Structure Clarification Committee Report,” section 8811-1, states the adoption of what is now CNCA’s current service structure which provides the DCMC to be the leader of the District Meetings and the cultivation of sub-districts within. The CNCA History Book by Dean K. was mentioned giving some of the historical background behind the implementation of Districts beginning in the city of San Francisco. In *Dean K.’s CNCA History: A history of the beginning and growth of A.A. within the geographical boundaries of the California Northern Coastal Area* gives a line-by-line historical take of how A.A. within the Area came into formation.

So what is the point of a Sub-District? They are autonomous units. The responsibility of the DCM is to articulate the conscience of the Sub-District to the District and to the Area. Chapter Two and Chapter Three of the Service Manual speaks of the DCM. The existence of the DCMC concept is not nationwide and most Districts are led by a DCM. The role of the DCM in this instance is to be the leader of the Sub-District which is an autonomous unit in the A.A. service structure and is considered unanimously at GSO. The structure motion that was passed back in the 80s solidified the DCM/DCMC. It would appear that the Sub-District is above the District in the upside down triangle.

A past delegate of CNCA, Diane W., speaks of the Sub-District and the DCMC being the coach of the team and the DCMs being the defensive/offensive coaches. An analogy that makes clear that the structure is not instructing any district to do anything, the Districts are not bound by CNCA. The presenter’s experience of being a DCMC and DCM several times, the duties, and their availability to be a temporary DCM for any District that doesn’t have one. The minimum duties are to hold Sub-district meetings at least once during the panel to visit the Groups within the geographical area. There are Groups that does not want to hear about General Service. Name, rank, and serial number are the introductory statements that are suggested when visiting the

Groups and/or meetings in the Sub-District as the DCM. Noting that as their DCM they are not there to enforce General Service upon the Group. One mistake that was admitted in the session was their, essentially, telling a Group what they need to do. Experience has shown that that attitude doesn’t fly with any alcoholic in recovery or not. Their experience has also shown them that there are Groups whose GSR’s only responsibility is to run the business meeting of the Group. In conclusion, the material presented and shared includes the advisory action that was passed at the 2021 GSC, allowing online Groups the ability to register with GSO with their *preferred* District. This means any online Group can decide to be attached to any District they want to. The question was posed: Will the structure change?

To get a more in-depth experience of the discussion portion of the DCM Sharing Sessions, attend the next session Saturday, December 18, 2021.

**Next Month’s Topic: How do we use our electronic presence? Presenter: TBD. Megan volunteered to assist Closed with the Responsibility Statement**

*Respectfully Submitted by Chase C.*

*DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary*

## Area Committee Motions

### OLD BUSINESS

- That the Area purchase two (2) Adobe Acrobat Pro Software yearly subscriptions for use by the Area Web committee. Costs not to exceed \$312 a year as budgeted. - *Presented by the Web committee as a Housekeeping Motion at the Area Committee Meeting 7/24/21*
- That starting in January 2022, all Area meetings of CNCA 06 be simultaneously held virtually and in person. We will start with the technology we now, utilize and increase it monthly until members on both mediums have equal accessibility and an equal ability to participate. - *Presented by Ginger O. at the Area Committee Meeting 11/27/21, seconded by Kris W.*

### NEW BUSINESS

- That the rate for hourly interpretation be raised from \$60 to \$75. This will apply to both professional and professional quality interpreters. - *Presented by the Interpretation & Translation committee at the Area Committee Meeting 10/23/21*

## Area Assembly Motions

### PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That the phrase "cómo nosotros los concebimos" (as we conceive it) on Step Three of the third edition of the Big Book in Spanish be corrected in future editions to: "como nosotros lo entendimos" (as we understood him), the correct translation from the English version of the Big Book. - *Presented by District 20 at the Area Committee Meeting 11/27/21*

### OLD BUSINESS

- That the trustees' Literature committee develop a graphic novel, or a series of graphic novels, that depict the first 164 pages of the Big Book. - *Presented by District 90 at the Area Committee Meeting 2/27/21*
- That the trustees' Literature committee consider deleting or changing the following wording in the book *Living Sober*: "Better to be chubby or pleasingly plump than drunk, right? Did you ever hear of anyone being arrested for 'fat driving'?", which is located in Chapter 9 titled 'Eating or Drinking Something-Usually, Sweet' on page 23 of the 2019 printing. - *Presented by District 90 at the Area Committee Meeting 7/24/21*

### NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA distribute the Area newsletters (Comments / Comentarios) electronically unless requested by mail. - *Presented by District 06 at the Area Committee Meeting 7/24/21*
- A request to the trustees' Literature committee that the 2021 advisory action related to the phrase "lustful enough to rape " on page 88 in the chapter 'Step Six' of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be rescinded and the language be returned to the original. - *Presented by District 20 at the Area Committee Meeting 10/23/21*

# 2021 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 71

## 2021

**December 18—Area Committee Mtg.** (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)

**June 25—Area Committee Mtg.**

**July 23—Area Committee Mtg.**

## 2022

**January 22—Area Committee Mtg.**

**August 13—Summer Assembly  
27—Area Committee Mtg**

**February 26—Area Committee Mtg.**

**September 16—18 Pacific Regional Forum, Salt Lake City, Utah  
24—Area Committee Mtg**

**March 4,5 & 6—PRAASA Portland, Oregon  
26—Area Committee Mtg.**

**October 22—Area Committee Mtg**

**April 2&3 — Pre-Conference Assembly  
23—Area Committee Mtg.**

**November 05— Election Assembly  
26—Area Committee Mtg**

**May 14— Post Conference Assembly  
28—Area Committee Mtg.**

**December 17—Area Committee Mtg** (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)

## PANEL 71 ASSEMBLIES

**2022 Pre-Conference Assembly,**  
*April 2-3 Petaluma Veterans Building.  
Petaluma (District 12)*

**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.](#)



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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 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 the 2nd Saturday of every month at 12:30 pm. 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 on the Thursday prior to the Area Committee meeting every month. Zoom meeting ID is 988-7891-7593. [Contact George X.](#) for password. BTG mailing address is PO Box 750623, Petaluma, CA 94975-0623.

**DCM** sharing sessions are held before the Area Committee meeting on the 4th Saturday of every month at 11 am. Zoom ID 632-553-607 [Contact Drew B.](#) for password.

The **DCMC** session meets on the 4th Saturday of every month at 10 am and is open to DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only. Zoom meeting ID is 632-553-607. [Contact the Miguel H.](#) for password.

**Interpretation & Translation** committee meets at 11 am the 4th Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 897-0815-0798. [Contact Magdaleno O.](#) for password.

**Literature/Grapevine/La Vina** sharing session is 9 am the 4th Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 824-9101-6140. [Contact Richard W.](#) for password.

**Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)** committee meets at 9 am the 3rd Saturday of every month. Zoom meeting ID is 568-947-843. [Contact Eric L.](#) for password.

**Technology** committee meets at 8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday [Contact Nick S.](#) for password.

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