



# CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential—February

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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

At our last Area Committee Meeting in January, we had a light agenda with good discussions.

We had a presentation for an update of the CNCA Expense Reimbursement guidelines presented by our Finance committee, two Housekeeping Motions were presented; one to send a contribution of full cost per member to the General Conference, and the second; a request for travel expense reimbursement for Area 06 Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee members, both will be presented as new business in February's ACM. We continued to heard groups and personal opinions on the motion regarding virtual and in-person CNCA Area meetings motion. We got to discuss the item of New Business to increase the hourly rate for professional and professional quality area interpreters from \$60 to \$75. for this it is important to discuss with our groups and ask them to express their thoughts at the monthly Area meetings

In other issues we'll keep you all updated on the county and the Petaluma Community center regarding the in-person Area Committee Meeting currently scheduled to resume in March. We are also looking forward for the up-coming Pre-Conference Assembly as District 12 Sonoma keeps working on the preparations.

We are all anxiously awaiting the arrival the Agenda Topics along with the background material. Our delegate distributed the preliminary Agenda Topics to the DCMCs in January. The officers have their plan in place to start work on the Agenda Topics Summaries on February 15 and have them ready and fully translated for distribution in the first week of March.

Thank for the opportunity to serve.

Miguel H.  
CNCA Chair  
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I'm writing this at the Marriott Hotel in Brooklyn, NY, where I have had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the January General Service Board (GSB) weekend as a Conference committee chair. My head is swirling with information and ideas, and my heart is bursting with gratitude and joy. I will share some of what I saw, heard, and felt here, and more when I see you in the days to come... either in person or in the virtual squares. You will also get to hear a detailed report from our Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F., at PRAASA. Don't miss that! It will be her last one.

I shared this experience with 13 other delegates (plus one who attended remotely). The purpose of having the delegate chairs at this quarterly GSB weekend is to prepare us for our role at the Conference, get our input on the agenda items for our respective Conference committees, and to build trust. We are all working together for the good of A.A., and being able to ask each other questions, share information, and report out to the fellowship accurately is a group effort. We are all responsible. I attended the trustees' Nominating committee with a voice but no vote. I was prepared and fully present and I felt encouraged to participate. I was also able to attend some of the other trustees' committees as an observer. There are two options in each time slot, and I chose Public Information, Finance and Budgetary, International, and the committee on the General Service Conference. On Monday morning, we all could observe the official Board meeting where all the committee reports were accepted and recommendations were voted on. It was fascinating.

We had the added adventure of travel in a pandemic and a Nor'easter that dumped 8 inches of snow on Saturday. I had some extra time for fun with friends from the Pacific Region, including shopping, visiting a museum, and seeing a Broadway show. At meals and breaks during the weekend, I tried to sit with different people and get to know them, taking the opportunity to thank them for whatever it is they do. Or in the case of the Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee candidates who were being interviewed, for making themselves available to be of service to us alcoholics. All the delegates went out for dinner as a group Sunday night and we had a blast. I know I have made lifelong friends. Everyone in attendance this weekend is an incredible human being. They take the work seriously, but themselves lightly.

I surprised myself a bit when I spoke up in the General Sharing Session and made myself vulnerable. One of the gifts I have found in A.A. is letting others get to know me. Several people spoke to how there can be a separation of "us" and "them" when we are serving at different levels in the structure. These past two years have been tough. How we communicate is so important. People often ask for more transparency, when I think what they really want is to feel part of the decisions. When we don't feel heard, or don't feel trusted, we might start to question other people's motives or build resentments. I feel that our Area has a long history of trust in the Board and the Conference process. But I think we can do better to foster that trust and unity within our own Area structure. Recognizing that we all have passion and love for our fellowship and concern for the future, what am I not understanding in someone else's experience? What part of self is standing in the way of my usefulness? I intend to keep taking my own inventory in this regard.

Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

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## AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—JANUARY 22, 2022

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held virtually on January 22, 2022. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble in Spanish was read by Luis R. (District 17). Bren B. (District 07) read Tradition One and Carolyn M. (District 10) read Concept One. There were eight past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara B. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), David N. (Panel 59), Ken M. (Panel 61), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy B.-W. (Panel 69). Past Trustees present were Tom M. and David N. The December 2021 minutes and financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments* and *Comentarios*.

**Attendance:** 127      **Birthdays:** 148/9

### **Officer Reports**

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B:** Registration has opened for the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, which will be held virtually March 4-6. The cost is \$15. Those of you who attended last year may have gotten a form in the mail and you can find everything you need on the website [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org). I have seen some of the preliminary program, and in addition to the usual panels and roundtables, they are planning to have writing workshops on Saturday night during the round tables to encourage those interested in submitting their stories for the 4th Edition of the Spanish Big Book and the revision and update to the pamphlet for the Black and African American Alcoholic. As of October 31, contributions for 2021 were still slightly ahead of budget, averaging about \$837,000 per month. Gross literature sales as of that same date were over \$9.6 million, which are also on target with the budget and about \$1.9 million more than the previous year. Operating expenses for 2021 were over \$1 million less than the previous year. Surplus for the first ten months of 2021 was also about \$1.9 million, which is way more than the budgeted \$747,000 and way better than the deficit we had in 2020. Our reserve fund balance represents 8.5 months of GSO and Grapevine expenses, the target is 9-12 months. Details for all these numbers are in the Finance section of the most recent *Highlights from A.A.W.S.*, available at the 'What's New' tab on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). As of today, the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference is still being planned as an in-person event. Next week, I am flying to Brooklyn to attend the General Service Board weekend as a Conference committee chair. We had a virtual orientation yesterday. I'm excited and nervous. It may be snowing. It will definitely be cold. This California girl now owns a big, black puffer coat, so I should fit right in with the New Yorkers on the street. After Board weekend, we will get the final Agenda Topics, and background information (in English) by February 15 (Spanish translation and our Area Summaries to follow). While it's not official yet, I have it on pretty good authority that my Conference committee, Trustees, will be getting a couple of Literature items, thanks to the Equitable Distribution of Workload. Once we know what those are, I hope GSRs will be encouraged to take those topics to their groups so I can be well informed by the Area.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** I am so looking forward to this Agenda Topics season, and that we will continue to work together to ensure that anyone, anywhere, who reaches out for help, will find the hand of AA there ready to greet them.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** On today's agenda we will continue discussing the in-person and virtual CNCA meetings motion, as our Hybrid Ad Hoc committee will present a housekeeping motion for support to move forward on their work to look for possible recommendations on CNCA's new way to do business. Our Finance committee also has a housekeeping motion regarding the Annual Delegate Conference Contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board, along with a presentation of updated Expense Reimbursement Guidelines. Last month after a substantial discussion, the Area has postponed the resumption of in-person Area meetings until March 2022. During this time, our ad hoc committee will continue investigating hybrid opportunities so that we can ensure the Area can operate successfully when in-person meetings resume. We are optimistic that we can resume our in-person meetings, obviously depending on changing conditions. We also deeply appreciate your continued understanding, flexibility, patience, love, and tolerance as this situation evolves. For the most up-to-date information, you are encouraged to check our website [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org). We also updated the Zoom hyperlinks sheet that is sent every month along with the ACM agenda. Thank you, Cindi and Megan, for keeping all this information accessible up to date. In other news, our CNCA Web committee is still looking for one more member to join the team. Share with your groups and districts about this service opportunity and please contact Megan or any of the Area Officers for more details.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** We currently have \$74,235.91 in our Checking account. Our Savings account, which is our prudent reserve, has \$11,038.96. December contributions totaled \$8,315.24 and we budgeted for \$7,550.25. December expenses were \$7,314.89 and we budgeted for \$7,167.67. Our Finance committee is holding a workshop called 'How to Talk to AA Groups About Money'. Members of our committee will be sharing with simultaneous interpretation. I would like to take a moment to honor the memory of Adam E., a member who passed away, sober, whose friends in the program contributed money to CNCA on his behalf, in gratitude for the program that keeps us all alive.

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** I'm so excited about the Agenda Topics that will be coming next month! Before we know it, we will be getting our sharing sessions set up for our groups to gather group consciences. Do you have a GSR for your group? Is your group linked to AA as a whole? Now's the time to gather those GSRs up and register them in your District! Since we last met, I have had meetings to work on the Area's new database, AirTable, and have had our monthly Area Registrar meeting. This month we shared about the experience each area is having with the challenges surrounding virtual groups and how we can encourage participation while being mindful of the bigger picture and how that affects AA as a whole. GSO is currently experiencing shortages that are causing delays in new packets going out. In the meantime,

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please ask your District Registrar to forward the digital version of the new packets available in English and Spanish.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve as our Area Recording Secretary and I really enjoy visiting your districts when given the opportunity. Please remember to send your district, committee, and officer reports to me, as well as to Miguel, and to Manuel who provides us simultaneous interpretation at our Area Committee Meetings.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** In 2022, we are forecasting getting back in the room with each other for the ACMs and the Assemblies. District 12 is hard at work preparing for the Pre-Conference Assembly taking place on April 2-3, 2022, in Petaluma. Most likely the assembly will be hybrid. We are still looking for bids for the Post-Conference, Summer, and Fall Election Assemblies this year. I know a few districts have been discussing hosting. If you have concerns about the format (virtual, in-person, hybrid) let's talk about it!

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** The 'What's New' tab on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) has an update on Big Book hardcover printing delays due to supply chain disruptions. As always, we encourage ordering all your literature from local Intergroups and Central Offices, as they play a vital role in funding local Twelfth-Step activities. Thank you to Magdeleno and his Sunday night group for having a Q & A session with Amalia C. AA Grapevine and La Viña are offering free shipping on all items during the month of February. February's Grapevine is spotlighting tough times. To submit Grapevine stories about sober travel please get those in by Feb. 15. Stories for Young and Sober are due March 15. The Grapevine book Prayer and Meditation has sold out and will be available soon. La Viña's special section is Acceptance in AA. There is also a Q & A session with Amalia C., one of our appointed committee members. She addresses some of the questions about the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Big Book in Spanish. If you have a problem accessing the e-Pub digital subscription of La Viña or Grapevine, reach out to me; I am happy to help.

## District Reports

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A:** Our DCM held the monthly sub district meeting for GSRs. They discussed the Concepts, the service manual and practiced presenting reports and Agenda Topics to their groups. Our visiting Area Officer gave an awesome and informative presentation about the Area Committee Meeting that generated great questions and discussion, and we got to see once again how special and spiritual service can be.

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

**DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MATT E:** We passed a motion to contribute excess funds to GSO, but not before we got to witness the value of the minority opinion, followed by a presentation from our treasurer about how money and spirituality mix, which produced unanimous support for the contribution. I was just so privileged to watch our process in action.

**DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – LORI R:** We are having a workshop titled, "Enhancing our Sobriety with the Grapevine" on February 12, 2:00pm-4:00pm with a panel about writing for the Grapevine, breakout rooms for practice writing, Q & A from our Literature chair, and non-Trustee Director of the Grapevine,

Coree H. Our district motion regarding changes to the 12 & 12 failed. We passed our 2022 budget and decided for the district meeting to remain on Zoom only for the time being.

**DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – JUAN T:** This month we shined our spotlight on sub district 001, and we had our second session of sub district breakout rooms which allows the GSRs from each sub district to meet with their DCMs directly. Finances are stable in the district, and we approved our 2022 budget. We also formed an ad hoc committee to start the much-needed review of our district guidelines.

**DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) SARAH B:** Our district has held two meetings since the last Area Committee meeting. In December, we finished our district inventory with the help of our visiting area officer to facilitate. We've had several new GSRs join us over the course of the last two meetings, which is very exciting. Our PI/CPC committee had a table at the 'Sobriety By The Bay' conference in San Francisco and sold eighteen books. Our Central Office also had an increase in literature sales as well. Our January business meeting heard a presentation of new business for an interdistrict meeting with San Francisco and Marin. Finally, we revisited the discussion of resuming in-person district meetings and events. The consensus is that it's not the right time. Therefore, our Agenda Topics Workshop, scheduled for March 12, will be virtual.

**DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JACKIE B:** We started year two with a packed January district meeting in San Francisco. Based on our district inventory feedback, we are limiting verbal reports to the Treasurer and DCMC; other reports are now submitted in writing. We collected a district conscience on the assembly motion regarding *Living Sober* and "fat driving" and I look forward to sharing it from the microphone at the Pre-Conference Assembly. A housekeeping motion to disburse \$9,700 in excess funds to CNCA received an objection and will become New Business next month. In San Francisco AA news, the Intergroup Board of Directors appointed Christina G. of San Geronimo in Marin County as the new Executive Director of Central Office. The SF/Marin Intergroup inventory is taking place on February 5 on Zoom and the redesign of their website has launched: [www.aasfmarin.org](http://www.aasfmarin.org).

**DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – ASHLEY J:** The District has not met since the December Area Committee meeting. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:30pm-9:00pm, with a Concept study at 6:30pm and new GSR Orientation at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

**DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – FRANK C:** Our visiting Area Officer gave us a brief presentation on the General Service structure, Conference history, and what to expect during this upcoming Agenda Topic season. This was very informative for our new GSR and a good refresher for our more seasoned members. We have had some turnover in our officers, chairs, and liaisons over the past couple of months but some of these positions have already been filled.

**DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W:** Beginning with our January meeting, we are now hosting our meeting both in the virtual and physical world. As is expected, attendance is light on the in-person side, but as the situation improves, so will our attendance. We had a GSR from the beginning of the panel welcome our new GSRs and give them an idea of what they may expect in the next few months. Our Web committee chair

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is looking for some feedback on our new GSRs about what questions they have so we can add them to the 'GSR resource' tab on the website and help future GSRs in District 08. Even though BTG is unable to present in person right now, committee members are delivering literature, white cards, and the Stanford article on AA efficacy to locations we yet to have a presence in. Our Agenda Topics Workshop will be in person on February 5 at St. Matthews in Walnut Creek. We will have a terrific panel of speakers, practice at gathering a group conscience and speaking at the mic, and lunch!

**DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – DONNA F:** No significant changes in our fulfillment of service positions. We have asked our GSRs to get group consciences on upcoming assembly motions regarding the graphic novel and changes to *Living Sober* phrases. We are attempting to gather an accurate count of all types of meetings (Zoom, in-person, hybrid) in the District, and are encouraging the Zoom meetings to register and get GSRs. We are continuing the discussion on reconsolidating our district and are gathering background information and learning about the process of going about it.

**DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – BILL H:** District 90 had an excellent Interdistrict Workshop with Districts 11 (Napa), 13 (Lake), and 09 (Solano South). It was great to hear the panelists from each district present on the three 'AA Comes of Age 2.0' presentation topics. We are looking forward to working on Agenda Topics when they come out. Our current plan is to host an in-person Agenda Topics Workshop on March 12 in Vacaville. We received a shipment of the new service manuals we had ordered. I can't wait to hand them out to the GSRs.

**DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – JACQUELINE P:** This appears to be the "Year of the Ad Hoc Committee" in District 10 Marin. We currently have two ad hoc committees working to report action items from the officer's inventory and the district inventory. In addition, we have an In-Person Location Search committee and a proposed GSR Handbook Revision committee. It's inspiring to see the spirit of service arise in our members. This month will be our first ever virtual GSR Workshop from 12:00pm-1:30pm. Our virtual Agenda Topics Workshop is set for February 20, 10:00am-12:00pm. Our Archives Chair is in a process of gathering the history of Marin Teleservice. Marin Access is still collecting wiped devices to give to those who need assistance to access online meetings.

**DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ELISABETH B:** After discussion last month regarding our Beginners Meeting format and attendance, we approved a housekeeping motion to form a committee to review how to improve attendance and to look at how best to support newcomers to AA. Our inventory process gave us an opportunity to reflect on our progress this year and how our district has adapted to the pandemic and learned to reach the alcoholic who still suffers. We discussed several areas where we can continue to improve communication and education with our GSRs, especially listening to their input. On January 15, many of us enjoyed participating in the Interdistrict Workshop also known as "Meeting with Neighbors". This was a wonderful opportunity to hear different perspectives of our General Service Conference theme and topics.

**DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – JAMES B:** Things continue to be fluid in Sonoma County, and it seems like we just have to plan

on a day-by-day basis. You may have heard we have a temporary order limiting gathering sizes. We will be hosting the District 12 Agenda Topics Workshop on February 19 on Zoom. This is great event for new GSRs to meet and hear from the delegate and "what they need know". In the afternoon we have mock sharing sessions that allow them to learn about the process. In the morning we will have panel speakers on the 2022 Conference theme. There will be English/Spanish interpretation. Our Pre-Conference committee is working hard on the upcoming event and continue to plan for an in-person event. The temporary order should not cause any problems for events in April.

**DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – PAUL G:** We picked up another GSR for Clearlake Oaks, bringing our total to seven GSRs around the lake. Also, we have two new volunteers to take on the PI/CPC service position which has been sorely needed. At our January meeting, the main topic was our December district inventory. We pared down the pages of notes to about fifty bullet point action items. Twelve members culled out a few priority items each, which reduced the focus to twenty ideas for positive change. The top three action items were to conduct GSR training workshops both virtual and in-person, rotate the district meeting around the Lake to boost attendance and awareness of General Service, and send rotating District 13 officers to our largest business meeting in Lakeport Fellowship on a monthly basis to carry our district message and encourage participation by the most active Lake members. Financially, we are doing very well, especially since we cut the travel budget for the first year. A large distribution of funds was approved, along with a second distribution planned for August.

**DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – WARREN R:** We went back to all virtual instead of hybrid for our district meeting in January. We welcomed a new GSR from the south coast of Mendocino County. Our business was light. We are still discussing our 2022 budget. Our Unity Day plans are still on the back burner. Many thanks to our visiting Area Officer who gave us a run-down of the new Agenda Topics.

**DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JERRY C:** We are reassembling support for GSRs, such as providing trainings and workshops in hopes to stir interest in the Agenda Topics.

**DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FERMIN R:** We had a hybrid district meeting this month. We are getting ready for PRAASA and our Agenda Topics Workshop. We continue to visit groups that have no GSR.

**DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – JOSE L:** During the first three weeks of the month district officials and GSRs were visiting groups without a GSR. We supported a group that changed its address and one that needed help completing the registration process. Also, one new group got an orientation on how to keep the doors open and to get registered.

Three new GSRs and one Intergroup representative presented letters from their groups letting us know that they are representing them. We discussed a couple of business items for our Area Committee meeting today and will express our District 17 opinion. Our Intergroup liaison for Santa Clara Office informed us that the website is active but needs more activity.

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# CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - December 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
002 Group Contributions	75,872.48	84,750.00	89.53 %
003 District Contributions	4,312.67	14,400.00	29.95 %
004 Assembly Contributions	1,201.00	4,600.00	26.11 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,787.09	2,300.00	77.70 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	3,680.92	1,200.00	306.74 %
010 Interest Income	8.48	3.00	282.67 %
011 Square Income	245.10		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$87,107.74</b>	<b>\$107,253.00</b>	<b>81.22 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$87,107.74</b>	<b>\$107,253.00</b>	<b>81.22 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense	1,638.71	6,071.19	26.99 %
050 Officer Expense	3,495.76	23,682.98	14.76 %
130 Committee Expenses	25,754.32	33,883.30	76.01 %
300 General Expenses	48,284.08	56,873.97	84.90 %
<b>Total 020 EXPENSE</b>	<b>79,172.87</b>	<b>120,511.44</b>	<b>65.70 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$79,172.87</b>	<b>\$120,511.44</b>	<b>65.70 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,934.87</b>	<b>\$ -13,258.44</b>	<b>-59.85 %</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,934.87</b>	<b>\$ -13,258.44</b>	<b>-59.85 %</b>

# CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—DECEMBER 31, 2021

## California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2021

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating Funds - Checking	70,781.03
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,038.96
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 81,819.99</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Undeposited Funds	1,085.63
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,085.63</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 82,905.62</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 82,905.62</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	63,830.75
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	7,934.87
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 82,905.62</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 82,905.62</b>

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**DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE C:** We had a hybrid district meeting this month. We are seeing more interest in discussion and participation with Area motions. We heard a presentation and received information about virtual groups and how to invite their participation.

**DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – GUADALUPE O:** We welcomed a new GSR. We had an interactive Q & A with our visiting Area Officer about the Agenda Topics. There is a new LGBTQ meeting in the district, and a meeting where the Triqui language is spoken.

**DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JAVIER L:** Our meeting continues to be hybrid. We work to visit groups to encourage participation in General Service. We have a new GSR and a new alternate GSR. We are excited and waiting for PRAASA!

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

**ACCESSIBILITIES – CLAUDIA G:** Our Chair had to step down and the position has been vacant for two meetings now. A visiting Area Officer has been temporarily filling in to facilitate our meetings. At our last meeting, we heard a presentation from Ana V. about the importance of Zoom meetings for Hispanic women. Also, we had a member representing el grupo virtual del mundo share with the committee a document that offers recommended inclusive language for people with disabilities.

**ARCHIVES – PAUL W:** During Panel 69, and a few months prior to the beginning of pandemic shutdowns, several shelves in the 'Records Room' collapsed. The room is in terrible disarray. It contains old file cabinets that are partially empty, district drawers, archive supplies, and a variety of display materials. The group is working on a plan to reorganize and clean this room so that it can be used safely by the Archives team and others. This effort should take three or four workdays. The Archives team is also starting to define our requirements for the CNCA website. Our long-term goal is to have the website be a means of housing desired records, locating them, printing them, and documenting the current configurations.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – GEORGE X:** Many of our BTG district chairs have started to report treatment facilities in their counties are once again not allowing service providers such as Bridging the Gap entry into their facilities due to the sharp rise in Covid cases in Northern California. Since the last ACM, our districts have made nineteen presentations at treatment and/or correctional facilities. We received eighty-seven contact requests, twelve of which are leaving our Area and returning to CNIA 07. We also received two letters mailed to our post office box this past month from inside AA members at Valley State Prison, Chowchilla, and Pathways Rehab, Coyote. Our committee meeting is held monthly on the Thursday prior to the ACM and January's focus has been reviewing our BTG committee inventory to identify possible action items for the second half of Panel 71. Also, the District 12 Sonoma County BTG committee has suggested making changes to our blue Contact Request card and is currently crafting a motion.

**FINANCE – JOANN L:** We reviewed the Statement of Financial Position, Budget versus Actuals, and December expenses. We also looked at the financial impact of the motions on the CNCA

Area Committee Meeting agenda for today. Today we are presenting the updated Expense Reimbursement Guidelines and a housekeeping motion to send the full cost of the Annual Delegate Conference Contribution to the General Service Board. We also discussed the pros and cons of moving the post office box for the Area to Petaluma. We are looking forward to our workshop on 'How to Talk to AA Groups about Money' on January 29, 2022. The hope is to start a conversation about having a financially healthy group.

**PI/CPC – ERIC L:** This month, we discussed how PI/CPC committees work with the diverse communities that live in Northern California. Next month, we will discuss how we address public misconceptions about AA and religion.

**TECHNOLOGY – NICK S:** The Technology committee is continuing to develop our guidelines and is working to outline our specific roles within the committee to make our job descriptions clear. Those positions are Google Administrator, Microsoft Administrator, Software Administrator, and Virtual Meeting Administrator. The Tech committee is continuing to work with the Web committee for email administration and is prepared to take over the commitment as we work together to clear up all needs and requirements. The Tech committee, Web committee, and Area Delegate have collaborated to get a OneDrive folder link on the Area website coming soon for easy and secure access to forthcoming Agenda Topics background and Agenda Topics Summaries.

**WEBSITE – MEGAN M:** We are still in need of one more Web committee member. Ask your group members if they are interested. We have worked very hard to find a way to provide a password-protected area on the website for large confidential documents like the background material of the Agenda Topics. This is being developed, just in time for our Delegate to use. We are grateful that last month the ACM approved our purchase of Adobe Acrobat Pro for our editors. We use this tool almost daily. Thanks so much. The committee is working on consolidating some of the links that trail down the right side of the website. Look for easier and more organized access soon.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** We had a training with a past Interpretation and Translation chair and we are now ready to meet hybrid or in person. For now, we only have the schedule for the interpretation for January and February, since we are waiting for how we are going to organize ourselves in the coming months.

**PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W:** 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 we have one! But first, to everyone who submitted a design for consideration, thank you for your service. 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:** Since the last ACM, the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee has met and continued discussion on our purpose and scope. We were disappointed to learn of the Petaluma Community Center shut down, halting our planned on-site test/trial of the hybrid component. We have purchased the Wi-Fi hotspot router and set up a data plan with T-Mobile, as approved by a housekeeping motion last month. We are currently



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in a holding pattern until we are able to safely meet to conduct the test/trial at the facility. The committee will be re-presenting a housekeeping motion today requesting travel reimbursement for committee members.

**CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – DENNIS H:** Both the *Comments* and *Comentarios* were completed on Friday January 8. The January editions also contain the minutes for the Fall Assembly, held on November 6, 2021.

**DCM SHARING SESSION – CHASE C:** No Report

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** This morning we were blessed to have past General Service Trustee also past AAWS Chair, David N. join us. He taught us a lot about the scope, composition, and procedure of the Trustees' Literature Committee and it's working relationship with the publishing department and the Conference Literature Committee, describing all the roles and responsibilities of each person involved.

**H & I – KAREN B:** H&I is working with the facilities we serve to provide meetings where permitted. We are offering literature to our facilities whether or not they are permitting meetings at this time. At our next General Committee meeting on February 13 at 11:00am, we will be discussing some possible changes to our steering committee structure and the number of General and Steering Committee meetings per year. Meeting information is on our website [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org). Attendance at our General Committee meeting is open to anyone. Thank you for your contributions that help H&I carry the message to alcoholics that cannot attend regular meetings.

**LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – JUAN T:** The meeting that was scheduled for January 16 was canceled until further notice. Our Hispanic groups have been supporting the event by selling advance registrations for La Viña Anniversary.

**HISPANIC FORUM – LUIS R:** We had a business meeting in District 17 (Spanish South) to wrap up for this year's Hispanic Forum and are working on producing the final report.

## AREA BUSINESS

**Presentation of Expense Reimbursement Guidelines:** *Presented by the CNCA Finance committee*

*Presentation:* The cost per mile is now \$ 0.44 and the other change is in the beginning under number 1.1; the motions number for Area mileage reimbursement (0711-2) is now included in the sheet in parentheses.

**No objections. <<<Expense Reimbursement Guidelines Approved>>>**

## Housekeeping Motion

- That the annual Delegate contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board in respect to the 2022 General Service Conference be the anticipated full cost per Conference member of \$8,000. - *Presented by the CNCA Finance Committee*

*Presentation:* As stated in motion 1611-2, "At its discretion, the finance committee of CNCA present a housekeeping motion at the Area Committee meeting each year (starting in 2016) to finalize the annual Delegate contribution by CNCA to the

General Service Board in respect to the following year's General Service Conference in an amount no less than the minimum suggested by the General Service Conference and no greater than the anticipated full cost per conference member." On January 4, CNCA received a letter from GSO stating the anticipated full cost per Conference member of \$8,000. The Finance committee discussed it and felt given our current bank account status that it is appropriate to send the full amount.

*Questions:* **Q.** Can you reiterate the financial impact on our Area? **A.** We have 74K in the Checking account and a prudent reserve, and our bills are paid. **Q.** Can we object to this? **A.** Yes, it can be objected. It would become New Business and if it fails then we would send the suggested minimum amount of \$3,500. **Q.** Do we send this to the Board to put toward the whole Conference, or is this for the expense of our Delegate? **A.** Yes to both. This is our portion of the cost. **Q.** Do the Areas contribute equally? **A.** With the suggested minimum it gives a range, so each Area can decide what they are able to contribute.

**One objection. Motion to become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on February 26, 2022.**

## Housekeeping Motion

- The Area 06 Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee respectfully requests that all committee members are eligible for travel expense reimbursement, pursuant to the Area Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, while doing the work of the committee. - *Presented by the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee*

*Presentation:* I combed through all previous motions pertaining to Area Committee travel reimbursement and consulted with the Finance committee Chair and several Area Officers, and we all agree there is nothing specific to this situation. Therefore, this motion would set a precedent, but it would not establish a policy. One thing to keep in mind is the difference in this committee compared with other standing or sub-committees is that we are doing actual work, requiring an onsite presence, not just gathering and giving a report. Also, that once the testing is complete and a final report submitted to the Area, the committee is disbanded and no longer eligible for reimbursement. We have consulted with the Area Treasurer and Finance committee Chair regarding the financial impact of the motion to Area finances. They both agree there is ample funds at this time. Ballpark figures for all five committee members reimbursed for mileage to Petaluma are: 740 miles @ \$ .44/mile = \$326.04. This figure would decrease if the Area met in person, and the ad hoc committee is still doing testing, because some ad hoc committee members would carpool or be reimbursed for travel by their districts.

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**Questions:** **Q.** Do other committees have all members get reimbursed? I thought it was just the Chair that did. **A.** All members of this ad hoc have a specific job onsite, so we all have to be there. **Q.** You mentioned being in a holding pattern, so this would be for work that is done later? **A.** We created the motion when it was still planned to test this month, so we will test next month. It's for when we start travelling. **Q.** Why aren't there members from the Tech committee on this ad hoc? **A.** You would have to ask the Area Officers. **Q.** Is this just about mileage? **A.** Yes, for the ACM. The way it's worded it could include other travel, such as to assemblies, within the guidelines. **Q.** What is your reason that this service is different than other committees and warranted a special situation? **A.** Because we are all testing equipment that requires specific trips to the facility, it is different than getting together as a committee and giving a report. **Q.** Do you think the ad hoc will disband by the end of the panel? **A.** Yes, at the latest. We will probably make recommendations on our findings sooner than that. **Q.** If the purpose of travel money is to test, do you all have to be there at the same time? **A.** Yes, we do. We need to be in the facility on Zoom during the ACM. **Q.** Can we have hybrid if you are not onsite? **A.** We need to be there. **Q.** I'm questioning the process about setting a precedent. What's the difference from an Archives member who is assigned to a specific position that goes back and forth from their facility? **A.** This is brand new, and so is the need. **Q.** How is this different? **A.** Any committee can make a motion like this to have their members reimbursed. We are doing it out of this new situation right now. **Q.** Is it correct that the need to establish an ad hoc committee to see if we can have a hybrid ACM is a result of a desire that the Area seems to want, and this request is one of the ways of how to go about doing that? **A.** Well put, thank you. **Q.** Is it true that other committees can make similar request if they want to, and this motion is about this committee specifically? Do we have the money? **A.** Yes. **Q.** Can you only test the equipment if you physically go? **A.** Yes. **Q.** Can you carpool or get rides from someone who is already reimbursed? **A.** Not if there is no ACM and we are just testing by ourselves. But yes, of course we can ride along with someone else if possible. **Q.** For the sake of procedure and if something is clear that more discussion is needed, could someone object to this at any time so we can move on? **A.** Yes. **Q.** Could you train someone else to do the testing? **A.** This committee will do its work and make the recommendations we feel are needed to achieve our hybrid goals. We can then decide if this falls under the scope of the Tech committee, or possibly create new service positions.

**One objection. Motion to become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on February 26, 2022, with a friendly amendment to the wording so the motion will read:** *"The Area 06 Hybrid Ad Hoc committee respectfully requests that all committee members are eligible for travel expense reimbursement, beginning with the month the ad hoc committee is able to access our Petaluma meeting location,*

*pursuant to the Area Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, while doing the work of the committee."*

### Old 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, 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.*

**Group consciences-** We were unanimously in favor; whatever it takes to get it done. // Our sub district was unanimously in favor. // Our sub district was unanimously in favor. // **Personal opinions-** I agree, and it looks like we are trying to act on it. We just spent a half hour in discussion about the people trying to do it. // I agree with the direction it's heading and there is forward movement, but I still have concerns about the equal accessibility and participation part. Would it be appropriate for in-person attendees to show up in their pajamas? Would the in-person component be more impactful while the Zoom is considered a side bar? We'll get it right eventually. // I appreciate the spirit of the discussion. The longer we talk about what we want we become closer to be able to deliver. // The ad hoc could end up recommending that this was all a bad idea; it's good we have the motion on the books to ensure we are going forward with it. // Hybrid is best to protect our health. // We heard here a group conscience that we want hybrid ACMs and assemblies, and the wheels are in motion. I'm confused why we would not want to reimburse the folks making that happen. // I'm fully behind this and why wouldn't we fund its efforts. // We've been two years into having the virtual option with fully active participation. When the in-person ACM announcement came it was presented with the implication of 'going back' to in-person, and we can't go back. That was the intent of this motion. // I am not in alignment with the wording and intent of this. It is the words that are recorded. And ad hoc motions arise from that. Let them come back with recommendations so we can go from there and be clear. Let them do what is needed. // It's a good starting point and the spirit of it is to be as accessible as possible. I think it is worded clearly. // It's a beginning and it's good to get started. // I agree with the spirit of the motion and yes, the language is a little weird. It's semantics. In-person and virtual experiences are different though. It won't be equal. It just won't. I find it very strange that we would have resistance to reimbursing the ad hoc committee and it feels uncomfortable to think if there was someone new here today what they would think. // There is something underlying in the motion we should be aware of. We meet at the Petaluma Community Center and what if we find out we can't pull it off there. What do we do? // The ad hoc was created before this motion. Let them make the plan. // I am in favor. We should pass it regardless of the wording. The intent is to

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be hybrid and that policy will be in the books. If wording creates a problem, we can make a new motion. // The maker tried to withdraw the motion; what came of that? // We should be assured that the Area Officers would never make a decision that would make us feel they don't have the Area's best interest in mind, and I'll trust them to do the right thing here. People are focusing so much on the wording, and I think getting confused between 'equal & identical'. They are not the same thing. // We are putting the cart before the horse. Let's see what the ad hoc recommends. // AA is slow, but the groups are already doing it. Remember our upside-down triangle. Also, it's important that we try. // It seems like this is the direction we are going. Also, it needs to be said that this is not Ginger's motion anymore. It was seconded and has been Old Business and discussed. So as a reminder, this motion belongs to the Area now.

**Motion to remain Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on February 26, 2022.**

### 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*

**Group consciences-** Our district was in favor, and we wondered why ASL wasn't included. We thought the rate should be higher. // Our group was in favor. **Personal opinions-** I am in favor of this. When it was first presented to us it was explained that the request came from our professional interpreters, and this is the rate requested by them. The initial Q & A for this motion went on and on, and I hope we can pass this quickly without complicating it. // Our professional interpreters have worked for us for a long time; ever since I was a first a GSR. I've never been to an assembly and not heard Mateo's voice. This is the rate they asked for and I believe is the going rate. It makes total sense that we should offer the same rate to our own in-house interpreters. I trust that when the request first came to the I & T committee that they discussed it thoroughly before presenting it to us. // I have worked on the I & T committee and know how hard our interpreters work. We should give what was asked. // Our interpreters are worth every dollar. // I don't know where we would be without the work of our interpreters; this is long overdue.

### What's On Your Mind?

I'd like to invite you to our service manual study in Spanish, interpretation is provided; it is on Sundays 6:00pm-8:00pm. // I am grateful today for the procedural clarification about objecting to a housekeeping motion. Sometimes the objection is not to disagree, but because the questioning turns into an attempt to get across an opinion. When this goes on for too long it indicates that more discussion is clearly needed, and the objection is so we can move on. We are not getting to other important motions on the agenda because we are spending so long on these housekeeping motions. // I admit sometimes

I am using my question to get across an opinion; I'll be happy to work on that. I can't believe we took as long as we did to pass the motion about the Acrobat Reader for the Web committee. I am trying to get people interested in General Service and let people know the exciting changes happening in AA like changing the 12 & 12, and then we go and spend six months on a \$300 housekeeping motion. // Housekeeping motions by nature aren't supposed to be motions that arouse disagreement or controversy. We've gotten into a way of doing business with such a sense of urgency, which is true in society in general. Sometimes the best way to avoid this disunity is more tedious, but important for consensus. // Regarding the interpreters' rate increase, I reflect on how much information I would lose if they weren't here, and for us to be able to give our reports. I hope we can pass that motion. // The people pleaser in me needs to share that I did not object to the Hybrid Ad Hoc housekeeping motion because I disagree. It just became clear that more discussion was needed. // I am happy to announce that the AA History Symposium on January 28-30 has Spanish interpretation, we just got it set up! There are scholarships, the audio recordings are free, where else can you get that? Also, to be clear, this is not an AA San Francisco General Service event, just an event put together by some AA members. // I feel the tech side of AA is very important. Who's responsible? Whether we are online or not, we will continue until we get it right. // I really appreciate the DCM Sharing Session today with Billy N. who presented. It made me think more about what is relevant and to consider the conversation behind the conversation. // When I think of AA now and how it was prior to the pandemic, I am amazed because we are able to see people all over the world now. We didn't have as many options. It makes me take a step back and look at our situation with gratitude. // Ginger's motion was a last-ditch effort to stop an in-person only meeting. I don't understand why we aren't treating it like an emergency situation. // I'd like to invite you to the Finance workshop on January 29 at 10:00am. Invite everyone. // I'd like to remind everyone that we are all human, and humans can make mistakes, things can go wrong; it can be messy. Love and tolerance is our code and I am not hearing that lately. I am not the least bit religious, but I do pray for more love and tolerance. // Regarding the ad hoc reimbursement, underlying I see a mentality of "Why this committee and not that committee?" They are being asked to do a job and we are the ones that asked them to do it. For me, it's an opportunity to reflect if I am coming from a place of focusing more on what I'm not getting, and, "If I'm not then others shouldn't either" kind of thinking. // We don't know what's gone on in years past, but it wasn't so strange to request reimbursement.

*The meeting was closed at 3:31pm with the Responsibility Declaration.*

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

# CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—FEBRUARY 2022

## Area Committee Motions

*Continue at Area Committee Meeting in February 2022*

### OLD 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, 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.*
- 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*

### NEW BUSINESS

- That the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board in respect to the 2022 General Service Conference be the anticipated full cost per Conference member of \$8,000. - *Presented as a housekeeping motion by the CNCA Finance Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 1/22/22*
- The Area 06 Hybrid Ad Hoc committee respectfully requests that all committee members are eligible for travel expense reimbursement, beginning with the month the ad hoc committee is able to access our Petaluma meeting location, pursuant to the Area Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, while doing the work of the committee. - *Presented as a housekeeping motion by the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee at the Area Committee Meeting 1/22/22*

## Area Assembly Motions

*Continue at Pre-Conference Assembly April 2 & 3, 2022*

### 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 66 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*
- 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*

# DCM SHARING SESSION JANUARY 22, 2022

DCM Sharing Sessions Minutes January 22, 2022

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:

Index: DCM = District Committee Member,  
DCMC = District Committee Member Chair,  
CNCA = California Northern Coastal Area,  
GSO = General Service Office,  
GSC = General Service Conference,  
GSR = General Service Representative A.A. = Alcoholics Anonymous

Past Presentations are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/dcmsessiondocs>

Presentation By: Billy N. (Past GSR, Panel 49 Delegate, Trustee)

Presentation Topic – “The Platform We Are on Today/The Importance of The District”

The presenter was a surprise arrival at the DCM Sharing Session on the 22nd of January 2022. Due to pushing back returning to an in person Area Committee Meeting there were no presenter scheduled ahead of time. One thing for sure is that in A.A. everything tends to work out just the way it is intended. They began with sharing a four-quality mathematical equation reflective of Concept IX in the Service Manual, the platform we are on today and the importance of the District and challenges up ahead for Districts. They concluded with posing the following questions: How many committee workbooks at the General Service Office talked about using digital technology to reach treatment centers and correctional facilities? How many Intergroup websites had readily accessible digital meetings for the homebound and others to attend without having to find Online Intergroup? How many committees had online accessibility? How many correctional facilities in the United States/Canada Jan 1, 2020, were in a condition of lockdown? What about the person in hospice in January of the year 2020 that just wanted to go to their last A.A. meeting to check in with the society that gave them their life back and put their family back together?

Here is a condensed portion of what happened: In considering Concept Nine, there are four qualities talked about there: Tolerance, Responsibility, Flexibility, and Vision. There is a simple mathematical equation to remember to keep in mind.

Tolerance + Flexibility + Vision = Responsibility  
Intolerance + Inflexibility + Lack of Vision = Irresponsibility

They then shared what is important at Area level and that they are not a fan of “Delegate’s only” luncheons. What is important is the GSRs and the DCMs. They expressed the concern that worshiping people who have done stuff in the past becomes more important than what is needed not only today but also what is needed for the future of AA.

The greatest challenge to any person in a leadership role in A.A. is to honor the past, yet look to the future; there is no tougher assignment in A.A. than to honor our great past but not become so rooted in dogma that it becomes institutionalized and we don’t change. The erosion and disempowerment of the District. That the District has fallen aside between the Groups and the Areas. Maybe it is because over the last 20-25 years we have centralized all authority and power to the dais in the Assembly room at the Assembly. They concluded with this thought: “The greatest thing about this online platform and the agenda items and advisory actions from last year is we are really going to have to decide if we really mean what is stated in “The A.A. Group” pamphlet -- the difference between a Group and a Meeting. My belief stands the same on Friday night in Atlanta at the International Convention: If Bill and Bob were looking down, they had tears in their eyes when they saw the vast groups of people that attended the convention, and what two people started a long time ago.”

Topic for Next Month:

Presented by Bren of District 07: How do we connect with Groups before the Pre-Conference Assembly?

Respectfully Submitted,

Chase C. | DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary

## 2022 CNCA CALENDAR—PANELS 71

### 2022

February 26—Area Committee Mtg.

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

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

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

June 25—Area Committee Mtg.

July 23—Area Committee Mtg.

August 13—Summer Assembly  
27—Area Committee Mtg

September 16—18 Pacific Regional Fo-  
rum, Salt Lake City, Utah  
24—Area Committee Mtg

October 22—Area Committee Mtg

November 05— Election Assembly  
26—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*  
1094 Petaluma Blvd. S.  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
(*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 3rd Saturday of each month at 11 am. Zoom meeting ID is 818-2594-1066. [Contact Miguel 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 Magdalena 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.