

We just had our first test of a hybrid set up at the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) last month. Overall, it went pretty well. For those attending virtually, you may not be aware of how much work went into that, or how many things we are still sorting out related to interpretation, multiple meetings, etc. I had a lot of fun being a crash test dummy and seeing some friends I haven't seen in person in two years. We look forward to a more robust hybrid ACM in March, opening the doors to all who wish to attend either in person or on the virtual platform.

What we have not yet tested is a hybrid assembly. Assemblies involve a different venue each time, a different format each time, with different interpreters, and so many things to factor in to be successful. Simply stated: We aren't ready yet. The primary purpose of this assembly is to help me become fully informed by our Area before the Conference, to help me be the best delegate I can be. We need to accomplish that without the barrier of technical problems. Technical problems could ruin the experience for everyone. On April 2-3, members can at least listen in if they can't attend in person, and that's the best we can do. So, we are activating the optional, virtual "inform the delegate" day if none of the other ways to share your group conscience work for you. We are all trudging this road together, and I appreciate your patience, flexibility, and tolerance. And most importantly, your service to Alcoholics Anonymous!

Please choose ONE of the following options for each group conscience you wish to share. (You can do some at the assembly and then email the others, for example. Final deadline is April 10.)

1. At the Pre-Conference Assembly, April 2-3, 2022 - Petaluma Veterans Hall, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. S.

Attend in person and share it at the microphone! I am so looking forward to meeting some of you for the first time! Or give to another member (such as your Alternate GSR, DCMC, or DCM) to deliver on your behalf. There will also be a box where you can place written group consciences not shared at the mic. (Please note that virtual assembly attendees will only be able to observe the process, and not share.) The flyer with a schedule for both days is on the website: www.cnca06.org

2. Fill out the form at the Area website by April 10, 2022 - www.cnca06.org

The form will be available after March 10 and is a handy way to submit multiple items in writing.

3. Send an email by April 10, 2022 - delegate.p71@cnca06.org

You can send your group conscience(s) in the body of the email or as an attachment. You can also contact me with any questions.

4. Share at the virtual microphone, April 9, 2022 - Zoom Meeting ID: 869 4711 8532

An informal session is being offered on another day since we are still testing hybrid assembly capability. 90 seconds per topic; first come, first heard. We'll have the room open 10 am to 12 noon-ish. I'll stay on until no one is in line.

The Summaries also mention you can share by phone. Your DCMC has my number.

With much love and gratitude,
Jennifer B. Panel 71 Delegate