



# CNCA COMMENTS



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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

It's been a busy couple of months and perhaps by the time we get this version of the Comments it's quite possible that the Post-Conference Assembly will already have happened.

In our last area committee meeting we managed to vote on a couple of motions, and touch on a couple of discussion topics that were lagging behind on the agenda, the feeling was almost like we were doing business before the Pandemic, we read the preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous, the fourth Tradition and the Concept IV, after we were able to introduce ourselves both members in person and members attending through the hybrid alternative, during the business meeting we voted to contribute \$8,000 to the General Service Board for the total cost anticipated by each member who attends the General Service Conference, a vote was also taken so that the members of the Hybrid ad-hoc committee members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses from the beginning of admission to the Petaluma Community Center performing committee work and also it was approved.

The participation and attendance reflects the interest that exists in members of our Area, continuing to strengthen the heat and the purpose of participating in a common solution linking my group to AA as a whole.

Our Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee gave their last report on ACM Hybrid Meetings, Its very possible that our tech committee will take over the hybrid commitment. We are expecting the recommendations to continue and the experience to increase as we move forward at every ACM and every Assembly.

**Special note;** bring your FM RADIO we use simultaneous interpretation English/Spanish–Spanish/English just as English assist listening at Area Committee Meetings and all our Area Assemblies.

In April we continue with our Area Officers Job Descriptions at the beginning of the DCMs Sharing session in preparation for our Area Elections for Panel 73, we invite you to join every month, you can find the Recording Secretary position given by Amy M. In this issue of the Comments and or Commentarios, the intention is to stimulate all of us to continue to practice gratitude as we learn the importance of been part of the continuous growth of our fellowship, in all aspects turning my ordinary pass in to an extraordinary life.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
Miguel H  
CNCA Chair

By the time you receive this printed copy of the CNCA Comments, you will likely have already attended – either virtually or in person – the Post-Conference Assembly in Newark, CA. The results of this year's General Service Conference will have been shared by our Delegate, and you may now be wondering – what happens next?

It's something I wondered as a new GSR 11 years ago, coming back from my first Post-Conference Assembly in a car with my service sponsor. I don't remember much of what was in that Delegate report – although I do remember that some of the Agenda Topics my group felt strongly about passed, while others did not. And I definitely didn't understand the financial information that our Delegate shared, or some of the details about what happened on which day of the Conference. I didn't understand a lot of the terms, and I didn't really care where people ate dinner or what pins people got.

But I do remember how that report made me feel. Alcoholism isolated me from the world around me and robbed me of my ability to feel connected to others or to comfortably share how I truly felt. The report that day was a moving spiritual experience for me; I heard a Delegate describe what had happened, how he had felt, and how, even if things didn't turn out the way I wanted them to, I felt secure in the knowledge that every decision had been made with thorough discussion and consideration for suffering alcoholics.

I've always enjoyed General Service because we do service work that saves the lives of people we will likely never meet. It is challenging to connect what happens at the Conference with how it helps an alcoholic stumbling alone in the darkness. But the Conference report is the start of that connection, and you continue that connection by sharing with your groups what happened at the Conference – and how you felt hearing the story of the work that was done and the love behind it.

And now we continue. The General Service process is not a linear one. We sometimes discuss something and it gets voted down, then gets brought up three years later and is approved. And then, sometimes, it gets brought up again and it's rescinded. It's a sometimes maddening process, but the end goal remains the same. We are trying to find solutions against alcoholism, bit by bit, growing in love and understanding as we trudge this road together.

Eric L,  
Alternate Delegate, Panel 71

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## AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—APRIL 23, 2022

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on April 23, 2022, with some members attending virtually and others attending at the Petaluma Community Center. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 12:30pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble in Spanish was read by Jamilton R. (District 17). Karen C. (District 40) read Tradition Four and Annie C. (District 08) read Concept Four. There were seven past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), Ken M. (Panel 61), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy B.-W. (Panel 69). The March minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in the *CNCA Comments and Comentarios*.

**Birthdays:** 89/8

### **Officer Reports**

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B:** No report, as the Delegate was attending the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** Our Delegate went to the Conference well-informed by our Area, which robustly participated in the Conference process this year and thoughtfully explained why their group felt the way they did about the Agenda Topics. We will hear what happened at the Conference next month at our Post-Conference Assembly.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** We did it. Thank you District 12 and District 18 for making possible our first in-person assembly of Panel 71, not to mention the great food. Thank you to all GSRs for your work collecting your groups' consciences and taking the time to come and experience what we have been talking about and planning for several months. Again, thank you to the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee for the tremendous work prior and during the assembly weekend, the Tech committee, and the Interpretation & Translation committee. As I'm sure you noticed, we didn't get to vote on any of the assembly business, but we have now a bigger view on what it takes to be hybrid at assembly level. We also noticed the tremendous increase of participation from our Spanish-speaking members from all the five linguistic districts; participation that didn't reflect even close to this capacity in the last seven virtual assemblies these past two years. We continue the preparations for our first hybrid Post-Conference Assembly on May 14, hosted by District 17. Today we will hear a full report from the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee and their recommendations to the monthly Area Committee Meeting. I've received my printed copy of the Comments by mail; it felt great to see how our area trustee servants from Districts 06 and 16 continue the efforts to strengthen the communication by making these newsletters accessible. In other news, last month we started our traditional Area Officers Job Descriptions at 11:00am in the beginning of the DCM Sharing Session in preparation for our Area elections for Panel 73. We invite you to join us in May with the Assembly Coordinator position given by Drew B. You can also find these inside the monthly issues of *Comments and Comentarios*.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** We currently have \$77,334.49 in our Checking account. Our Savings account, which is our prudent reserve, has \$11,039.22. March contributions totaled \$9,617.37 and we budgeted for \$7,164.99. March expenses

were \$8,853.50 and we budgeted for \$6462.48. Thank you for your contributions - we are self-supporting!

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** What a great Pre-Conference Assembly we had! I want to thank everyone who helped with registration to make our QR code debut such a huge success! The Tech committee, volunteers, and your willingness to try something new all contributed to the registration process being streamlined. I sent out a document to the DCMCs with the registration totals. We had 364 members registered for Day-1 and 183 members registered on Day-2. We had 162 GSRs the first day and 83 GSRs the second day. Since it went so well, we will be utilizing the QR code again at the Post-Conference Assembly. Since we last met, I had the opportunity to attend a Pre-Conference Assembly in Florida. It was great to meet people I have been on Zoom with for the past one and a half years. I was able to share with their Registrars and Recording Secretaries how AirTable has benefited our area.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** I have grown a lot and have learned so much about our area since serving in this position. If you missed my presentation of the job description for CNCA Recording Secretary at this morning's DCM sharing session, it will be published in next month's Comments, and we will be sure to publish the job description for Literature/Grapevine/La Vina that Richard presented last month. These will happen right on through October, and now is a wonderful time to start reflecting on what your availability to your service is.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** Thank you to Cindi W., Nick S., Megan M., and Michael Q. for covering for me today while I am out of town with family. Big thanks and gratitude for everyone who helped with Pre-Conference Assembly! Big shout out to District 12 Sonoma hosting our first in-person assembly in nearly two and a half years. The Post-Conference Assembly will be in-person and hybrid at the Newark Pavilion in Newark. In working with the Hybrid Ad Hoc and the I&T committees, we have identified the challenges we had at the Pre-Conference and are confident we will have them remedied on May 14. The Summer Assembly is August 13 and while I know of two districts discussing a bid, we do not have any formal bids yet. The Fall Election Assembly is November 5. Thank you all for your service and contributing to our unity!

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** Recovery stories for the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and the stories for the pamphlet update to 'AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic' are due October 31. Recovery stories for the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* are due December 15. You can find story solicitation information on the 'What's New' button at the [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) website. The Trustees' Literature committee is seeking an appointed committee member. The deadline for applications is May 31. The new Grapevine book titled 'Fun in Sobriety' is now available in English in both print and digital formats. The 'Prayer and Meditation' book is back in stock. The Trustees' committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment & Accessibilities is seeking AA members in the U.S. and Canadian Armed Forces to discuss their experience, strength, and hope as sober members of AA in the military in recorded ano-

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nymity-protected interviews. The goal of this effort is to improve AA outreach to members in the U.S. and Canadian military.

### **District Reports**

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A:** We continue to hold our monthly district meeting via Zoom. We have started the steps to switch to a hybrid format in the next couple of months. We passed our 2022 budget and are discussing introducing an online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition option for our District General Service contributions. Our DCM held the monthly subdistrict meeting for GSRs. They discuss the Concepts, the service manual and practice presenting reports and agenda topics to their groups.

**DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – BRIAN M:** No report.

**DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – MATT E:** Thank you so much to everyone involved in organizing the Pre-Conference Assembly! We had eight members in attendance which is a great turnout for Santa Cruz County, including several new GSRs attending in person. Now that Agenda Topics season is over and we have some room to breathe, we can start to pivot towards doing some of the housekeeping work of our district. During Covid, many meetings moved to new locations, went online permanently, or disbanded. We have formed an ad hoc committee to take on the task of re-districting, so that our subdistrict lists are an accurate representation of our groups and meetings as they currently exist.

**DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – LORI R:** We conducted a successful mock hybrid meeting this month. There was time for Q&A as well as sharing. After conducting a poll, it was determined that we would table beginning a hybrid district meeting to discussion in May. Two GSRs that were at the Pre-Conference Assembly in person shared about the wonderful experience they had participating this way for the first time. Our visiting Area Officer did a wonderful job running a sharing session about two of our area motions in preparation for the Post-Conference Assembly.

**DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – BILL H:** Our focus and discussions have shifted from Agenda Topics to Area Motions. Our visiting Area Officer shared statistics of the Pre-Conference Assembly, which were of specific interest to us as we are revving up the hybrid discussion. We performed a mock hybrid meeting this week and from a technical standpoint it went very well. It allowed us to determine the exact equipment cost we will face if we move forward. We passed a motion to contribute to CNCA and to the General Service Board. Our subdistrict spotlight and subdistrict breakout rooms are going strong and are continuing to be effective communication tools. Our district Guidelines Ad Hoc committee is progressing in our much-needed task to update our district guidelines.

**DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) SARAH B:** Our District had great turnout at the Pre-Conference Assembly, in person and online, and sharing during our business meeting reflected a renewed enthusiasm for service as we approach the final months of Panel 71. The enthusiasm extends to our upcoming Unity Day. After loving discussion, it was very clear that we are ready and willing to host this event in person. It's tentatively scheduled for July 16, with more details to come. Our district continued discussion of self-support and passed a motion with substantial unanimity to make a \$2,000 contribution to the General Service Board, which still leaves us with a healthy balance. BTG had three blue cards and has contacted Kaiser South SF on how

BTG can serve their clients. PI/CPC has replenished their literature supply and is preparing to start distributing it, carrying the printed message. Our Central Office has begun planning their anniversary party and will soon resume printing meeting schedules.

**DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JACKIE B:** We had a sharing session on feedback about the Pre-Conference Assembly to hear what our GSRs experienced, some for their first assembly at all and some for their first in-person assembly experience. We also conducted some business by passing a motion to contribute \$9,700 to CNCA. Now at our district meeting we have only the DCMC and Treasurer reports be verbal, the rest of the officer and committee reports are submitted in writing. This saves us time to discuss area motions and conduct more district business.

**DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – ASHLEY:** Our district meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, often just after the ACM. Next month it will take place before the ACM and there will be more to report then.

**DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – FRANK C:** Our district reopening committee has hit a snag. Our ad hoc committee chair, Greg, attended our virtual district meeting last month from our regular physical meeting place but unfortunately the Wi-Fi connection was not good, so the most basic technical aspect of going hybrid is an open issue. Other options need to be considered. Our Bridging the Gap chair, Jay, reports that facilities are opening up more for BTG to provide presentations. Finally, it is time for our district to begin with officer and liaison presentations regarding the positions they serve. These presentations will begin next month at our district meeting as we prepare for our elections in November.

**DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W:** We had a full agenda at our April meeting- discussing the option of a new district meeting location, continuation of our motion, now old business, for the district meeting being hybrid from now on, and what to do about district events. Will they be in person only, virtual only or some combination. It's beginning to shake out that this decision will hinge on what kind of event we are planning. In looking forward to the end of the year, we are starting to have district officers expand on their service commitments during the 'officer reports' portion of our meeting. Each officer in the coming months will discuss their service commitments and we will be re-writing some of the district job descriptions to incorporate the tech/virtual portions of our jobs that did not exist when they were originally crafted.

**DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – ERIN B:** We are spreading the word to local Zoom meetings and Spanish-speaking meetings to elect GSRs to connect to AAWS. Our newest Fellowship, the American Canyon Underground Fellowship is working to get registered.

**DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – BILL H:** The Pre-Conference Assembly was a blast. We got lots of positive feedback in District 90 for it being in person again. We had a great turnout. We are still working on a bid for the November Election Assembly; we hope to submit one next month.

**DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – MOLLY M:** We are very excited to recommence in-person district business meetings starting May 16. We will be launching a hybrid meeting and are very grateful to our Hybrid Research Ad Hoc committee for its thoughtful

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work. The coffee will be brewing, the snacks will be outrageous, and we'd love for you to join us. Two of the county's largest meetings are back with activities and changes. The San Rafael Tuesday Chip is now hybrid, and the Novato Rise & Shine Group is hosting its annual barbecue and potluck. Marin General Service continues to host a virtual Twelve Concepts study on the first Tuesday of the month. MCYPAA is hosting a Bonfire Speaker meeting on July 9 at Muir Beach.

**DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ELISABETH B:** At our last district meeting we had a visitor from H&I, Maxie V., share about Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service (IVSS) on behalf of San Quentin Prison and the expressed need for members willing to sponsor. Thanks to our visiting Area Officer who offered his experience as a first time GSR. His explanation of the General Service Conference and what's next for a GSR encouraged discussion about how the committees work throughout the year, and that GSRs could learn more about the Conference process from attending assemblies. During our discussion of district business, we approached the idea of moving our district business meeting's location. Our original location did not have good WiFi service. After a show of hands, the group is still most comfortable with the virtual format.

**DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – JAMES B:** It felt amazing to be around you all again at the Pre-Conference Assembly and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed hosting you. I want to thank our assembly chairs Shelley and Mary Ellen and all of their sub-chairs for their efforts in helping us put on the event. Thank you for the fabulous lunch and to all of those that helped make it all happen. Speaking of food and fun things, District 12 is proud to announce the return of our in-person Delegate's BBQ and Potluck on June 5. Being a little rusty on in-person events I forgot to have the flyers printed to bring today, and I know how us AAs love to have printed stuff, but I did manage to bring some in English and Spanish.

**DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – PAUL G:** We held our new annual GSR Training Workshop, and it went very well. Nine members attended and eagerly soaked up the information like sober sponges. The format included the Lake County GSR Handbook and an attachment with the link to the GSR Kit from GSO tucked inside the manual. It was noted that though GSRs are highly welcome non-voting members at Area Committee meetings, they are included in voting at assemblies. Our DCM, Bill M., noted that he heard the Summer Assembly was the fun one and from that point on, the GSR Workshop turned into a General Service Rally. There were lots of questions about GSR service, but there was also a clear commitment from GSRs and other members to begin attending Assemblies and Area Meetings. As an unexpected benefit of our routine Training Workshop, we now have eight new, excited General Service protégés, many of whom are talking eagerly about participating in their first Assembly. We have three main events to go for the year with Secretary Training in June, Soberfest the first week of August, and Unity Day in October.

**DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – WARREN R:** District 14 has been meeting as hybrid for almost a year. We finalized the purchase of tech equipment in order to become more accessible and to promote attendance at our monthly meeting. More meetings are opening and, as such, in-person events are popping up.

Inland Intergroup resumed Back to Our Roots, an outdoor speaker meeting in Ukiah. MENDYPAA had its first business meeting in quite some time and are also planning elections. Father Tom will be coming for his regular annual event July.

**DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JERRY C:** We are looking into a new building for our district meeting location. We are planning for our in-person Unity Day and Delegate Report for the end of July.

**DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – FRANCISCO R:** We are working with the groups to motivate more GSRs. Right now, we are planning for our 33rd anniversary of District 16. We held our folding party for the Comments and Comentarios newsletters that got mailed out last month.

**DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – JOSE L:** We had five GSRs who were in an assembly for their first time. We are reaching out to the subdistricts asking for volunteers to help at the Post-Conference Assembly and we continue to have planning meetings with the Assembly Chair and others. We approved to create a fund where the members that are thinking of attending the Regional Forum in September can start contributing now, so when the time comes it will be easier for them to assist. We approved a motion to buy an interpretation system for our meeting at the district. Bridging the Gap committee was invited to give information to Pathways Society in San Jose and will be working along with them and will be there all Saturdays at 8pm. They met with the staff of Cathedral of Faith at Canoas Garden Ave. to ask if they can give information. They also presented a motion to purchase twenty La Vía subscriptions to support the different committees of the district. CPC is still working with the social workers at El Proyecto Primavera. We passed a motion in regard to updating our district group list; there are many groups that changed information such as address, meeting hours and days, some are permanently closed, and there are some new ones. We are excited to see you all at the Post-Conference Assembly in Newark on May 14!

**DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE C:** We had our business meeting in which the district continues to work with the GSRs. We had very good participation in the Pre-Conference Assembly by all the GSRs that attended and served their groups. District 18 will host the next interdistrict meeting of the five linguistic districts on June 26. Thanks to the Area Officer who visited us and shared very good information about the process of the Area and Assembly motions.

**DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – GUADALUPE O:** We had a good time at the Pre-Conference Assembly, and we had participation from GSRs that brought their Agenda Topic consciences to our delegate. We were excited to send her off to New York knowing that we got to help her be informed of our area.

**DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JAVIER L:** We attended the Pre-Conference Assembly and had great participation informing the delegate of our group consciences of District 20. We continue to have our district meeting with the hybrid format and visit groups each Wednesday. We concluded our district inventory and are working with the recommendations suggested. Next month we will be holding a Public Information Workshop.

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

# CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JANUARY—MARCH 2022

## California Northern Coastal Area

Budget vs. Actuals: 2022 Budget - FY22 P&L

January - March, 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
002 Group Contributions	20,847.64	19,000.00	109.72 %
003 District Contributions	2,186.58	4,750.02	46.03 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	779.17	818.73	95.17 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	1,618.13	924.99	174.93 %
010 Interest Income	2.06	1.23	167.48 %
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$25,433.58</b>	<b>\$25,494.97</b>	<b>99.76 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$25,433.58</b>	<b>\$25,494.97</b>	<b>99.76 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense	770.25	1,737.50	44.33 %
050 Officer Expense	3,637.59	9,474.55	38.39 %
130 Committee Expenses	4,541.62	9,029.39	50.30 %
300 General Expenses	19,343.75		
<b>Total 020 EXPENSE</b>	<b>28,293.21</b>	<b>20,241.44</b>	<b>139.78 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$28,293.21</b>	<b>\$20,241.44</b>	<b>139.78 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -2,859.63</b>	<b>\$5,253.53</b>	<b>-54.43 %</b>
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# CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—MARCH 31, 2022

## California Northern Coastal Area

### Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2022

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	68,988.77
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,039.22
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$80,027.99</b>
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	18.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$80,045.99</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$80,045.99</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	71,765.62
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-2,859.63
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$80,045.99</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$80,045.99</b>

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**ACCESSIBILITIES – DAN M:** We are beginning to look at the deaf and hearing-impaired community and how we can eliminate barriers for them. We are asking districts to report if they have any ASL meetings. Next month we will have a presentation from the Texas Intergroup for the Hearing-Impaired and the following month, we expect our guest to be the Accessibilities Chair from San Diego, who is deaf himself. We are looking at the issues around funding ASL interpreters. All of us who attended PRAASA were impressed with the job Area 58 did with ASL interpretation and the participation of the deaf community in the assembly. We expect the Accessibilities subcommittee to be very involved when our Area 06 hosts PRAASA 2024.

**ARCHIVES – PAUL W:** We purchased a Bonsai Paper Shredder, per the housekeeping motion passed last month. I have contacted Michelle Mirza, who is the Archivist (non-alcoholic) for GSO. I asked if she, or someone on her team, would be willing to do a presentation via Zoom about the GSO Archives. She was enthusiastic but wanted to wait until May after the dust has settled from this year's Conference. Specifically, we are looking for an overview of the GSO Archives including GSO policies, followed by a Q & A period. We continue to make progress on our records room. Among other things, we have been reviewing the files for Dean K. That Archives committee did a history for CNCA from the very beginnings to 1982. Our hope is to generate enough interest in Group Histories that we will eventually produce a current update, since what we have from Dean K is 40 years old.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – GEORGE X:** This month we voted on three motions involving modification of our Confidential Contact Card (a.k.a. blue card). Two of the three motions passed with 2/3 substantial unanimity. One was to remove the wording, "Write on the back of this card how we can reach you here." The other was to print one side of the contact card in English and other side in Spanish to save paper, lower print cost, and reduce volume of literature needed to carry into facilities. Our committee has thrived this panel, having most district chair seats filled, but currently there are vacancies in Districts D02 Salinas/San Benito, 09 Solano South, and 15 Humboldt/Del Norte. Since the last ACM, our districts have made 33 presentations and we have received 185 contact requests, including two letters mailed to our P.O. Box from confined AA members. Lastly, BTG will have a literature table setup at the Post-Conference Assembly where you can fill out a volunteer card.

**FINANCE – JOANN L:** We reviewed the Statement of Financial Position, Budget versus Actuals and March expenses. We also looked at the financial impact of the motions on the CNCA Area Committee meeting agenda for today. We brainstormed about our talk in San Jose this Monday on Group Finances. We have a tentative date for our hybrid financial workshop which is September 10. More will be revealed as we work out the details. We talked about starting the 2023 Budget process. All committees can expect a joyful visit from their Finance committee liaison at their business meeting. Let's get this party started.

**PI/CPC – ERIC L:** This month, we discussed cooperation with Al-Anon. Next month, Dr. Al Mooney, a non-alcoholic Class A Trustee, will be joining our meeting to discuss how AA committees can work with the medical field and addiction medicine.

**TECHNOLOGY – NICK S:** It was exciting to put the QR code for assembly registration into practice at the Pre-Conference Assembly. It really came to fruition when a volunteer from the committee serving lunch emerged from the kitchen asking how many people were in attendance for Saturday's meal, and our registration numbers were on the ready at our fingertips and with no need for counting tallies.

**WEBSITE – MEGAN M:** The Web Committee is responsible for the [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org) website. We use WordPress as our content management system (CMS). Our team posts all CNCA06 digital information meant for general consumption, and we've also begun using the website as a doorway to the Microsoft Accounts of CNCA06. With this new tool we can password protect CNCA06 information that is NOT meant for the general public. A perfect example is the availability of the Agenda Topic Items, Summaries and Background Material, all confidential information, in a password protected web page. The Web Committee is using our Microsoft account to store all our training materials, pass-it-ons, committee minutes, agendas and more. Hopefully, this will all be helpful to the next Panel's Web committee, all in one spot and easily accessed. Currently, we are short one member. Do you know of any AA member who needs a service position? Please contact us. Thanks.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** I want to thank my fellow past coordinators for supporting me with my service. Our committee has a house motion for today and we're going to start translating the Motions Book. We are going to prepare better for the Post-Conference Assembly since at the Pre-Conference we had a lot of problems with the interpretation both on Zoom and in person.

**PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W:** First, thanks to Ken for covering my commitment at the Pre-Conference Assembly. We have signed the contract with the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, which will be venue for the event, and we have a logo! The work has begun, and we have over 70 volunteers signed up, so far, to work on the various committees. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the committees for PRAASA 2024, please send me an email. Together with several members of the steering committee I got to attend the PRAASA 2022 wrap-up meeting and express our thanks to the 2022 host committee for a wonderful job. I spoke to the 2022 program chair, Madeleine P., on Zoom earlier this month and understand that the feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. I have reached out to Al-Anon, San Francisco District to see if they are available to program the parallel Al-Anon component of PRAASA 2024 and will start attending the PRAASA 2023 planning meetings.

**HYBRID Ad Hoc – KEN M:** Today we will make our recommendations for having a hybrid aspect at the ACM. Please keep in mind this recommendation is only for the ACM; the committee requires another test/trial at the Post-Conference Assembly to further nail down that aspect of our task. We plan to have an interactive hybrid component, including participation from online members. Also, be mindful that there is a fluid aspect to having a hybrid component, that the procedures necessary to facilitate hybrid will continue to change and evolve as we continue down this new path. Hopefully everyone



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has a chance to look over the document, I will go over it, point by point, then be available to answer any questions.

**CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – DENNIS H:** For the first time in two years the Comments and Comentaríos were mailed to all GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs and Area Officers. The lick and stick hosted by District 16 was held mid-month. Contra Costa Central Office printed the newsletters and District 06 helped obtain the bulk mailing permit. Thanks to all those who participated in our first mailing! A few numbers for those of you who like such things: Total *Comments* mailed were 851, *Comentarios* 118, for a total of 969. Bulk mailing was 864, with 95 going first-class. Just a note that it is the practice of CNCA to mail the newsletters first-class to all voting members of the Area Committee.

**DCM SHARING SESSION – CHASE C:** Thank you to Karen C. of District 40 for taking the minutes for the March meeting. Those minutes, as requested by the Web Chair will be published on the area website [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org) and past sessions are archived. Today's session began with a visit from Amy M., CNCA Recording Secretary, who shared her job description, experience, strength and hope as secretary and even touched on the challenges she has been met with and how she has capitalized over them. Megan M. of District 15 presented on the topic of integrating Zoom groups into district online or virtual groups and how we are dealing with them today. Look forward to the publication of those minutes in the upcoming *Comments* and *Comentarios*. Next month's topic is "How could we support the Meeting Guide App?" and will be presented by Karen C. of District 40.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** I want to thank everyone for their patience this morning. We got into the building later than anticipated. I set up the Zoom portion of the meeting in the parking lot and thank you to our interpreter Maria L. in the Interpretation and Translation committee for making a fast effort to get us up and running. Our discussion topic for today was brought to us by the Finance committee and Treasurer; we discussed whether or not a sharing session format serves the needs of districts, groups, and of District Literature/Grapevine/La Vina reps the best or would the area be better served if it was a committee?

**H & I – KAREN B:** H&I continues holding meetings in person when permitted and online if possible. We offer literature to the facility, regardless of whether they are currently permitting meetings. Volunteers willing to either take meetings into prisons, when they reopen or join our Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service are needed. For more information, please check our website [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org). Our next General Committee Meeting will be June 12, 2022, on Zoom. Anyone interested in H&I service is welcome to attend. The login information is on our website. Thank you for your contributions that help H&I carry the message to alcoholics who cannot attend regular meetings.

**YPAA – CHASE C:** I am the facilities chair for EBYPAA (East Bay Young People in AA). On behalf of the committee, we thank Area 06 for the letter of support provided to include in our bid package for ACYPAA 2023 Round-Up. We survived the highly lubricated existence of energy drinks and sleepless

nights at the annual round-up held in Visalia, CA. The effect was electric. We were not awarded but did receive great feedback not only in our areas of strength but also the areas of improvement that will bode well in our bidding for WACYPAA 2023. The committee is headed to Missoula, Montana June 10-12 of this year to bid for the Western Area Conference. One of the areas of improvement that the committee has discussed lately is having a service presence at district and area level. It has not set well with the committee asking for letters of support when we haven't really supported in a way that reflects the letters of support provided.

**HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – ELBA S:** The next Hispanic Women's Workshop will be December 3 in San Diego, CA. The deadline for submissions for the logo and theme has been extended to the end of May. The Hispanic Women's Workshop Sharing Session meets at 9:00am in person on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Petaluma Community Center. The topic for today was the history and the importance of the Hispanic Women's Workshop, and how to reach more Hispanic women in AA. Please invite me to visit your districts so I may share this important information.

### AREA BUSINESS

#### Presentation:

#### Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee Report (ACM)

#### Needs:

- (4) laptop computers: Chair, floor, in-room tech host, projector; \$300 - \$1200 each depending on quality
- Video projector and screen (Area currently has 2 of each); \$100 each and up
- (3) HD 10' extension cords and (1) power strips; under \$50
- WiFi hotspot router, set up in main room (purchased)
- Data-only plan from cell provider (currently using T-Mobile, router also compatible with AT&T); \$50 per month for 50GB

#### Interpretation:

- Interpreter must have private room in close proximity to WiFi hotspot (too much sound interference in main room)
- Interpreter must have co-host access on all online platform meetings
- I&T can set-up FM anywhere in facility, no effect on hybrid aspect

#### Voting:

- In-Room Tech Host (and back-up): to communicate online participation to the Chair
- Online Tech Host (and back up): to set up online polling and tabulate online votes, communicate results to In-Room Tech Host via text as necessary.

#### Service Commitments:

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- In-Room Tech Host (and back-up): in direct communication with Chair, making him/her aware of online members with hands raised to speak at the mic for reports, questions, motion discussion, etc. and coordinate communication with Online Tech Host
- In-Room Floor Mic Monitor: muting and unmuting online meeting on laptop
- Online Tech Host (and back up): allow online participants entry from waiting room, monitor audio and video aspects for online participants, answer questions in chat, relay info as needed via text to In-Room Tech Host
- Assembly Coordinator back up: able assist Assembly Coordinator in monitoring in-room sound constantly
- Assembly Coordinator and/or Tech committee duties will increase. More equipment to set-up, monitor, store, transport, and maintain. Workload distribution and equipment management to be determined by the Area

### Subcommittees, Standing Committees, and Sharing Sessions:

- Two sessions can be held in ACM room (10AM & 11AM). These can be simultaneously interpreted and be hybrid.
- Any other subcommittee or standing committee meeting in the Petaluma Community Center would require a separate meeting room, their own WiFi hotspot, access to the Area T-Mobile data account, laptop computer, video projector and auxiliary group mics as necessary.
- Interpretation would need to be worked out with I&T on an as-needed and as-available individual basis. Each of these meetings will require an In-Room Tech Host to assign co-host to interpretation, and other functions as needed.

### Online and In Room video:

- Video projection in main room to be on 'speaker view' for online meeting format setting.
- In-Room Camera on, with a section of the room "out of camera" for those who choose not to be seen.

*Respectfully submitted by the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee: Ken M., Michael, Q., Meg B. Russ A. Jose M.*

**Questions:** **Q.** Would the addition of a private room for the interpreter incur an additional cost of the rent for the facility? **A.** Yes, however we are currently renting the room that Manuel needs to use. **Q.** What is the cost to outsource this? **A.** We briefly discussed it, but it was not in the purview of this committee. **Q.** Why did you choose T-Mobile and not use Verizon? **A.** In our preliminary test it seemed to be the strongest, and it is compatible with AT&T also. Verizon has different towers, but it wouldn't be a bad idea to purchase a data plan from each for versatility. **Q.** Was I supposed to be able to see the room today? I can't see it. **A.** It should be there on your screen named 'In-Room Camera'. **Q.** Is there any way to price

out the total cost of your recommendations? **A.** We didn't want to tell the Area what kind of equipment to purchase, as you can see the wide range of cost for laptops being from \$300-\$1,200 each. **Q.** Did you look into any alternatives to renting a separate room for the interpreter, such as some sort of desktop equipment? **A.** We were really trusting the experience and research also done by the I & T committee and Manuel. We've also been told about some kind of soundproof booths, that may be possible for assemblies if there isn't an option to have a nearby room. **Q.** When you referred to new service commitments, did you mean they would get absorbed by the existing ad hoc members? **A.** No, it would be up to the Area to create a new set of roles, but not this committee. We are committed to doing the test/trial at the next assembly, and we can help train people until the Area is comfortable to take it on.

### Old 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*

**Discussion: Group consciences:** Our district feels this is the least we could do. // I would like to remind you all that per an existing CNCA motion that we already sent the standing amount of \$3,500, so we are discussing the remainder of \$4,500 for this motion. // I brought this to my group, and we feel we have the ability, so we agree to send the full amount. // Our group is in support of this. **Personal opinions:** I am in support of this. This figure is not just about the delegate's hotel expense; it is beyond just the delegate. This is the full expense that the organization incurs to conduct the Conference and the cost per attendee.

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

**Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity: Yes: (54), No: (1), Abstained: (3)**

**No minority opinion was heard.**

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

The Area 06 Hybrid Ad Hoc committee respectfully requests that all committee members be 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

**Group consciences:** Our group is all good for this. Members had a good understanding of what we were discussing and are thumbs up. **Personal opinions:** I would like to remind us that an ad hoc has never been reimbursed. I am not saying we should or shouldn't, but the intention is to set a precedent and receive what is designed for permanent committees. // I think the idea of being of service is to make ways for it to be more possible to be of service. We have the money, and we should

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pay the expenses to anyone serving the area. // I absolutely agree they should be reimbursed for gas. It is just for a limited time, and we've been seeing all the work they've done. // If we had contracted with a company to provide audio and visual, we'd be paying a lot more money. Paying their gas should be the minimum.

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

**Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity: Yes: (56), No: (1), Abstained: (5)**

**Minority opinion:** We are voting to set a precedent and creating the possible situation of not being able to meet the need if we were someday not in a financial situation to accommodate this.

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

### New Business:

*That CNCA purchase a P.O. Box through the UPS Store (Petaluma Branch) at the current cost of \$480 per year for all future incoming mail. If approved, CNCA will maintain the former Post Office Box for a duration of at least one year, and until such time that all pertinent entities affected of be notified of the change of address. - Presented by the CNCA Finance Committee*

**Discussion: Group consciences:** Our district is mostly in favor. The minority opinion feels that there could have been more exploration with the USPS in Petaluma. // We are in favor; once we heard the explanation of the gas cost and time it took for the Treasurer to retrieve the mail, we agree this makes sense. **Personal opinions:** I have had the opportunity to engage with the USPS in San Francisco and agree with the comments about dealing with their customer service. There isn't even a phone number, you get sent to another line in the building. Over the last 30 years it has become more difficult with them and it will be more efficient to go with the UPS Store in Petaluma. // I am in favor. The committee members are the ones doing the service and clearly, they really looked into it and gave us a great presentation. // I am in favor, especially once learning how hard it is to change the name registered with the account. // I also have experience with the San Francisco USPS as a past Treasurer. I was fortunate to have someone pick it up and bring it to my door in Oakland. Also, it is in kind of a sketchy neighborhood and not everyone might be comfortable travelling there. My experience with the customer service with USPS has not been productive or positive.

### Discussion Topic:

Virtual District I think it's best for a district that the GSR live in that district. // I don't think we are there yet. I could see it if the districts weren't going hybrid though, because otherwise where would the online groups go? // At first, I liked the idea because I was worried people were being left out and we need to learn how to work together. But now I am against it; I see people jumping all over. Staying within a geographic boundary provides a greater tendency to be of service locally. So, it stays about being a "we", not just "me". // I like the autonomy of it. // Right now, we have seventeen virtual groups in CNCA, and I appreciate starting this discussion. There is now a box to check on the New Group Form whether your group is

virtual or not. I believe there was a presentation on this topic at the Conference and I am very interested in what Jennifer has to report about it. // Service areas seem to need to be geographical. Someone from each portion of the service structure needs to go to the Conference, and parts of AA transfer to their local services that participate in a district. How can someone in a different place be of service to, say their local PI/CPC committee? This might have some unforeseen consequences. // We have fellowships with different types and multiples of meetings. What is the difference between a meeting and a group, and what if they are existing under the same fellowship? // We talked about this at the DCM Sharing Session, but it was not as much about districts belonging to an area but the groups belonging to the district and how they can participate in the Conference process. The current AA Guidelines referring to online groups does not come across as friendly to the idea of virtual group participation. // I like the idea. It can be the only opportunity for some to understand the service structure. // One GSR, one vote. I don't think it's a good idea to let people who live elsewhere, and even another country have a GSR vote if they live outside the region it pertains to. // This conversation is putting the cart before the horse. Where does a virtual Chair do their service if it is a boots-on-the-ground type of service? // My concerns over the last two years have been an observable loss of GSRs, our YPAA doesn't report anymore, and we have less volunteers. Who is doing the service? // The question to ask is if this allows everyone to have the opportunity to be of service. // I am part of a committee with the Lopsided Triangle Group in Area 72 that has formed a virtual District 25. I believe this has set a precedent and the experience can be helpful to us if we wish to draw upon it. // This topic definitely gets the wheels turning. Our Registrar Claudia has had a lot to learn. Thank goodness she has been able to meet regularly with a committee of Registrars!

### What's On Your Mind?

Something that has been heavy on my heart that has occurred the last couple of years being on Zoom is how emboldened people feel to point out all that is wrong. It really came through to me on the virtual end of this Pre-Conference Assembly as the Zoom host. We asked for hybrid, and we had to learn it and we are doing it, and yet the magnitude of negative complaints that came through the Chat was shocking; fifty-two of them. We are learning as we go and technology is tricky, and it's disappointing to have some people be not at all grateful for how far we've come. // Whoever has the coffee pots from the last assembly, District 17 needs them! Thank you! // I am confused about reregistering with the Registrar at the assembly versus signing in for the Area meeting. I did not see a way to sign in from the Zoom platform today. // You are all invited to the District 16 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary party! // I have noticed how we have changed our focus from our primary purpose to conversations dominated by fear. I think the energy and anger sensed is a result of the technology. It's like we got a shiny new toy, and we are figuring out how to play with it. I hope it's not true.

*The meeting was closed at 3:20pm with the Responsibility Declaration.*

Amy M.CNCA Recording Secretary- Panel 71

# AREA OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

## **Literature/Grapevine/La Viña**

Assist members and districts from CNCA 06 with anything related to Literature, Grapevine, and La Vina order forms and new service materials.

Make sure that all literature displays have all new literature and pamphlets.

Subscribe to Grapevine, La Vina, Box 459, About AA, Grapevine and La Vina Quote of the day, Grapevine and La Vina News, and any additional AA Grapevine/La Vina or AAWS informational materials that allow me to stay informed.

Have the latest information and activities related to Literature, Grapevine, and La Vina. Helpful additional tools: Quarterly report, AAWS highlights, the current Delegate report, and the Trustee's quarterly report.

Be prepared to answer any questions and concerns of our members.

Be available to answer phone calls, emails, etc., and respond in a timely manner.

Have enough space to store around a dozen boxes with literature and materials from our Area, as well as from Grapevine and La Vina.

Bring the literature display to our monthly business meetings (about 3-4 boxes), as well as to the four assemblies per year (required) and to the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA), as requested.

Attend a three-to-four-hour meeting after the monthly Area business meeting every fourth Saturday of the month (on occasions the third Saturday). Be prepared to be available an average of 12 hours on the day of the Area Committee Meeting.

There are also additional meetings with the rest of the Area Officers to work on the Agenda Topic Summaries.

Visit an average of three districts per month. It is common to visit more districts when the Delegate is preparing for and attending the General Service Conference. It is common to visit less districts when the Delegate is giving the Delegate's report after the Post-Conference Assembly.

Immediately report, through email, phone, or text, to the DCMCs when the monthly calendar is done at the officer's meeting.

Prepare any requested topic or presentation to the district prior to the visit.

There are typically invitations to Unity Days, Workshops, District or Group events.

It is really suggested to attend PRAASA and the Regional Forum.

Facilitate the monthly Literature, Grapevine, and La Vina Sharing Session from 9 am to 9:50 am at the Area Committee Meeting in Petaluma, CA.

As a Facilitator this is a chance to listen to members share what works for them and how they develop their service in AA.

There is so much opportunity with this commitment and there is no hard rule as to how much love you can provide in this service.

## **Recording Secretary**

Two past recording secretaries are present in person and I want to thank them for their Pass It On. I have found this position to be a bit time consuming. The Area Committee minutes and receiving of the reports from the committee members and DCMCs; the need to condense the minutes to fit in the Comments/Commentarios format; they are sent off for translation, and I am relieved from my duties; the district visits (about three to four district per month) have been split to virtual and in person; I anticipated the driving for the duties as a Recording Secretary; at the District Meetings, the DCMCs will provide a presentation topic; I like to write something up for that; the Motions Book is probably the trickiest. The book gets passed on to each Recording Secretary; nobody will see it again until I pass it on to the next secretary in January of 2023; I practice not letting myself wait until the end of the panel to update the Motions Book. The assembly minutes is a bit of a load compared to the regular ACM minutes; pre-conference assembly minutes are the most challenging; we all share a load of putting together the summaries for the Agenda Topics; the sharing sessions and committees that we join in to and the invites of facilitating inventories are some of the perks; there's a timeline for each month of what to expect. There's a Pass It On, flash drive, and a computer that comes along with it; as well as a verbal Pass It On.

# CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—MAY 2022

## Area Committee Motions

*Continue at Area Committee Meeting in April 23, 2022*

### OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA purchase a P.O. Box through the UPS Store (Petaluma Branch) at the current cost of \$480 per year for all future incoming mail. If approved, CNCA will maintain the former Post Office Box for a duration of at least one year, and until such time that all pertinent entities affected of be notified of the change of address. - *Presented by the Panel 71 Finance Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 3/26/22*

## Area Assembly Motions

*Continue at Post Conference Assembly in May 14, 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*
- 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*

### 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*

# DCM SHARING SESSION APRIL 23, 2022

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held hybrid in person at the Petaluma Community Center and online via Zoom Video Conference; Megan of District 15 standing in for Drew B. as Madam Chair

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.

Following the Area Officer's Presentation there was a presentation by: Megan M

Presentation Topic – Integrating Zoom groups into district online or virtual groups and how we are dealing with them today

I want to talk about a little bit more and share with you the history of A.A. and its virtual world; in a way the Grapevine though not digital but a meeting in print; after the first loner's international meeting printed a bulletin in 1949 the Internationalists Round Robin was mailed to a small band of internationalists; 1976- a GSO staff member coordinated loaners, homers, and international correspondence for those unable to attend meetings regularly because there is not one in the vicinity; Homer: unable because of physical incapacity; Internationalist: port contact; on-sea member; GSO manages the correspondence; that is the limit of it. The first online group was the Lamplighters that was formed in 1990 and met by email and still continues today; OIAA in 1986 the first online meeting used a bulletin board; it was not real time, but you would see it in a bulletin board sort of fashion; The development of the world wide web expanded the accessibility of online meetings; There is not any service structure available to them; up until recently there was no room for virtual groups; OIAA would be a sort of container for these Groups; because of Covid, Groups were not allowed to participate in the Structure of A.A.; Just like regular aa meetings online aa meetings are autonomous, due to the lack of a physical location, they are not a part of the structure; and to participate in Group Conscience decisions locally; these groups have no access to General Service; However, up until just recently, there did not exist in the GSO service structure room for virtual groups of any type, OIAA or not.

I guess it was imagined that OIAA would be a sort of container for these virtual groups. But with the advent of Covid and the following explosion of virtual AA meetings and groups the fact that virtual groups were not allowed participation in the General Service structure has become an issue. This is from the most recent version of the A.A. Guide-line on the Internet:

"Just like regular A.A. meetings, online A.A. meetings/groups are autonomous. Due to the lack of a central geographic location, online A.A. meetings/groups are not a direct part of the U.S./Canada service structure. A.A. members are en-

couraged to participate in service where they physically reside and to participate in group conscience decisions locally." CNCA dose allow online Groups to participate in the General Service Structure; this matter is not falling on deaf ears with GSO. There is still a need to allowing online groups to be a part; online meeting provides accessibility to those that are not able to attend a physical meeting; parents with young children, overseas members, elderly, provides a supplement to in person meetings. Expect that A.A will eventually be meeting via virtual reality; they already exist.

Consideration: Would like to know how your Districts integrate online meetings to participate; how does your District feel about members who do not reside within the geographical region of the District? what is the overall response to an online presence?

Topic for Next Month: How could we support the Meeting Guide App?

Presented By: Karen C.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chase C. | DCM Session Recording Secretary

## PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY—APRIL 2, 2022

The Pre-Conference Assembly business meeting of CNCA was held in person at the Petaluma Veterans Building in Petaluma on April 2, 2022, and broadcasted on Zoom for people choosing to listen in virtually. Miguel H. opened the meeting at 9:27am, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Douglas (District 40). Adam (District 03) read the Twelve Traditions in English, and Jose (District 17) read the Twelve Traditions in Spanish. There were five past Delegates present: Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), David N. (Panel 59), Ken M. (Panel 61), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), and Joann L. (Panel 67). Past Area Officers present were Martha B., Michael Q., Ray W., and Magdalena O. There was one past Trustee present, David N. There was a correction to the Fall Assembly minutes: the previous assembly minutes did not include the mention of the Third Legacy election we held to select Teddy B.-W. as our CNCA nominee and one of the candidates for the Pacific Region Trustee position.

**Attendance: 302 (206 voting / 96 non-voting)**

### Officer Reports

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B:** I'm not sure words can express how grateful I am to be here with you in person today. It's extra special to be here in my home District 12. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. I brought the last of the hard copy final reports from the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference with me today. Please take them. I also have my calendar with me if DCMCs or event chairs are ready to schedule a delegate report for their district following the conference. And of course, I hope to see many of you at our Post-Conference Assembly next month. District 17 stepped up to host with only six weeks to plan. I can't wait to find out what an in-person Conference is like and to share that experience with you. What is also going to be in person this year is the Pacific Regional Forum. At least that's the plan! It will be September 16-18 in Salt Lake City, UT. Flyers are available from the calendar on our area website and the posters in the lobby (which you are encouraged to snap a photo of) include the link for the Area 69 welcome committee website, with information to help you plan your trip. Regional forums provide a wonderful opportunity for all AA members to connect with people throughout the AA service structure, including the General Service Board, AA World Services, AA Grapevine and the General Service Office. It's an experience you won't want to miss.

In July, there will be virtual Special Forum about Remote Communities. The theme is: Beyond Language, Culture & Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach. Three AA service structures and four countries are involved in the planning, including the U.S., Canada, Argentina and Chile. I sent out the preliminary announcement and I will send out more information when it becomes available. You can also keep an eye on our Area website. For now, please save the date of July 16, 8am-4pm Pacific Time. Some of you have noticed that the Safety Service Material is marked as "under revision" on the aa.org website. The revisions have been completed, and reviewed by legal counsel, and the documents are being translated. I expect to be able to forward out the revised material along with a cover letter from our General Manager and the Chair of AAWS in the next couple of weeks. I'm also happy to chat with anyone who has questions. Be sure to check out the most recent issue of the *Box 4-5-9* newsletter, available at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). In it, you can find

the call for stories for three literature projects that I know Richard is going to announce.

For a fourth project approved at last year's Conference, the update of the pamphlet "AA for the Native North American," the trustees' Literature committee has identified a need for an appointed Committee Member. The appropriate individual will help to move forward the pamphlet revision process, including the call for stories. If you know a member who has strong connections with AA members from indigenous communities and nations throughout the U.S./Canada service structure, please share the announcement in *Box 4-5-9* with them and encourage them to apply if they meet the other qualifications. The deadline for applications is May 31. If you or anyone you know would like to work at the General Service Office in NY, they have two openings for staff members. Information on how to apply is also in *Box 4-5-9*. The deadline is April 30. For now, the office remains short-staffed, with some employees pulling double duty and retired staff members filling in as needed. If you have the opportunity to interact with GSO staff when attending virtual events or corresponding with the office, please be sure to thank them for all they do. Thank you for all YOU do, and the opportunity to do it with you.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** I must be ready and prepared to attend the Conference if necessary – hopefully it's not necessary – and so, in addition to becoming familiar with the topics, the setup, and the procedures of the Conference, I will be paying great attention to all that is said this weekend and at next weekend's Share with the Delegate event.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** Welcome to the 2022 Pre-Conference Assembly, I'm really happy to see you all here. It's incredible to think that it took a whole two years to get to see faces live again. Thank you District 12 and District 18 for all your hard work and for putting together this great event. If you are a new here, we like to welcome you and your group to be physical part of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. At the February Area Committee Meeting we tabled the motion related to making ACM meetings hybrid to allow participation in person and online. Note that we didn't eliminate that motion, we are just following the incredible work of our Hybrid Ad Hoc committee that I'm sure will present more possible recommendations in the near future. Today and tomorrow the assembly itself won't be hybrid; for now it will be broadcast only to the virtual participants.

We are not in a rush to get business done today, rather we are trying to focus on settling down into this new virtual era of CNCA, along with the rest of the committees. My heart is full by seeing all of you here. Experiences of love and gratitude help materialize ideas and projects, to make sure the message of AA goes and stays where it is needed.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** We have \$68,800.65 in our Checking Account. Our Savings Account which acts as our prudent reserve has \$11,039.22. March contributions totaled \$9,616.68 and we budgeted for \$7,164.99. March expenses were \$8,853.12 and we budgeted for \$6,462.48. There are contribution buckets in three places - at the registration table, by the food, and by the coffee. This two-day Assembly costs around \$14,000, including interpretation and reimbursement for travel and hotel costs. We hope to have around 300 people in attendance over the two days. Please contribute to the baskets if you are able! The Finance table is in the back - please come visit us.

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We are available for any questions regarding finances that you may have. Have a great Assembly!

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** I am really looking forward to today's Pre-Conference Assembly with all of you! We're trying something different for in-person registration today, with two options: a QR code or a link. For convenient access, flyers will be placed on the registration table as well as the tables inside. Simply point your camera at the QR code to bring up an AirTable link, which you can then click. If that doesn't work, simply type in the bitly link that appears on the flyers to access a registration form. If you are observing online, a link to register will be posted in chat at various times throughout the day. We still have all the fun things to decorate your name badges with at registration. Please do register as it's important for us to get an idea of how many members are here in person and online. Thank you to all who have responded so far to the district links I sent out for a quick review of members in each district to the Registrars and DCMCs. This will help screen out any inactive members before the *Comments* and *Comentarios* mailings go out. If anyone needs a Group Change or New Group form, I will have those as well at registration.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** It feels so wonderful to be up here looking at all of you, and doubly incredible to know we have many people watching and listening on Zoom. We are not all the way there yet because we don't have full participation from both platforms, but I am confident it is in the works. I am grateful that today I have the tools to trust the process that brings us to each moment and it's remarkable to think that we are so far beyond anything I could have imagined a few years ago. It is like God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. It sure takes a lot of moving parts to put together an assembly, let alone a hybrid assembly. It has been such an honor to work together with this team of Area Officers; each of them amazes me to no end. It feels so good to actually stand up here together and to finally work side by side with such competent, dedicated, and loving people. Thank you all for your work in preparing with your groups and districts to make this Pre-Conference Assembly what it is— a mechanism for change that relies on your voices. So, as your trusted scribe, I stand ready to listen with an open heart and mind, and my ears are all yours as you share at the microphone.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** We are back! For the first time in almost two and a half years, welcome back in person for an Area assembly. Thank you to District 12 for all their hard work for this Pre-Conference Assembly. I am also full of gratitude to the all the members of the Area for their patience and kindness as we continue to do our best to navigate these unpredictable times. The Hybrid Ad Hoc committee is testing our capabilities so that we can enable the Post-Conference Assembly. Speaking of the Post-Conference, we will be in person again on May 14 at the Newark Pavilion in Newark, hosted by the intrepid District 17! Please come talk with me if you are interested in hosting an assembly this year. Only two left!

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** The trustees' Literature committee has opened up a call for stories for the literature projects we have approved: The pamphlet 'AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic' will be revised with updated stories, Deadline: October 31, 2022. Stories for the Fourth Edition of the Spanish Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos* are due October 31, 2022, and stories for the Fifth Edition Big Book are due by December 15. The information for this can be found in

our Spring 2022 edition of *Box 4-5-9*. In addition to these exciting calls for stories, the online store has begun a test pilot for offering shipping discounts for bulk orders of mixed titles, rather than singular item orders only. Visit the 'What's New' tab at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). The Grapevine is releasing a new book titled *Fun in Sobriety*. Be sure to come say hi at the literature table this weekend. I brought out translations of the Big Book and would love to talk more about our Carry the Message project or how to subscribe to the Grapevine and La Viña.

### Area Standing Committees and Sub-Committees

**ACCESSIBILITIES – DAN M:** The committee has been without a chair since the end of last year. At our last meeting I made myself available, and Claudia G. from District 07 volunteered to co-Chair. District 07 is preparing a handbook for GSRs on accessibility issues with inventory questions. District 10 is putting together a survey for their GSRs to help identify barriers to access at their meetings. We are continuing discussion on remote communities including the need for Mandarin meetings and availability of ASL interpretation. We talked about Native American AA members in Mendocino County and the Afghan refugee population in Fremont. Watsonville has many members from Oaxaca that speak Triqui, and there is a Sunday morning meeting in that native language. Please come visit us at our table here today.

**ARCHIVES – PAUL W:** The last approved revision to CNCA Archives guidelines was in October 2007 so we are reviewing the Suggested Guidelines for the CNCA Archives Committee and CNCA District Archivists. When the team has completed its review and made the appropriate changes; it will be presented for approval by the Area committee. Per the housekeeping motion passed at the last ACM, we are shopping for the best deal on a high-capacity, paper shredder. It will be used to shred excess documents with people's names, birthdays, SSNs, or other private information on them.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – GEORGE X:** Bridging the Gap has been resilient in our efforts during this pandemic. We are striving to be innovative and using technology to help carry our message. Our district chairs are exploring new opportunities to provide that vital link to alcoholics making the transition to AA in their home communities. Bridging the Gap has never been more needed. Let me give you an example. Imagine you're in a residential treatment facility; it's not that hard to imagine right? If you're a self-pay client with an alcohol addiction, most of these residential programs use a twelve-step treatment method or are faith-based to some extent. They suggest finding a Higher Power. AA meetings are part of their treatment program and take place inside the facility. Now, if you're at a facility that's federally funded, the type that drug courts send you to instead of going to jail and you're broke with no way to pay, then the facility cannot make you attend AA meetings as part of their program. The facility's ability to receive federal funds or contract with local government presents important constitutional questions. All levels of government currently impose laws said to safeguard First Amendment rights, separating church from state. These alcoholics may not be familiar with AA and how to connect on the outside. This panel, our committee has been investigating other touchpoints, such as parole offices, DUI programs and veteran hospitals. This is in addition to treatment facilities and jails. Many of our districts are working together with PI/CPC and H&I to help alcoholics find our fellowship in their local communities.



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**FINANCE – JOANN L:** The Area Finance committee continues to support the CNCA Treasurer and monitor monthly expenditures and adherence to the budget. Today, only one of the motions on the Assembly agenda will have any monetary impact on the Area. The motion to distribute the Area newsletters electronically could potentially lower our yearly budget if passed. The current budgeted amount for 2022 to print and mail our CNCA *Comments* and *Comentarios* is \$10,116. All of the other items of business have no impact on our area finances. If passed, these other motions will be forwarded to the General Service Board. The Finance committee put on an online workshop in January about how to talk to the AA Groups about money. We all had a great time doing that workshop so we would like to do another. We are currently talking about putting on another workshop, hopefully this time it can be hybrid. Very soon we will be starting the budget process for 2023. I would like to introduce to you the members of the Finance Committee. They are Gusty M., Chitra S., Jose F., and Matt D. Throughout the day you may see these people taking money out of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition bucket. Do not panic. That is their job. The Finance committee stands ready to serve CNCA 06 by keeping a close eye on the Area pocketbook and keeping you informed.

**PII/CPC – ERIC L:** You can see an example of Public Information work on the AA.org website; a new public service announcement, featuring the full faces of actors, is on the main page. Some of you may recall that our Area played a significant role in getting videos with actors' faces.

**TECHNOLOGY – NICK S:** On behalf of the Tech committee, we are incredibly thrilled to be present at a physical assembly for the first time in CNCA history. If you are here in person, please stop by our table to say hi and learn a bit more detail about what we've been up to. Since our last assembly, the Tech committee has finished the monumental task of getting all the data from our old database into a new database called AirTable. It is still an ongoing process to tailor the database to our Area's needs, but it feels like we've been a huge help to our area. We are currently tackling Cloud storage and distribution of Microsoft Software to the committees and officers. We are putting together detailed instructions and strategizing the best way to manage and give access to our area. The background material was released to our area this year using the Microsoft License we are managing. So, you may have already had a chance to benefit from this tool!

**HYBRID AD HOC – KEN M:** It's wonderful to be back in person at our first live assembly in almost two and a half years! Today the committee is doing a hybrid test/trial that is "view only" for the online participants. Similar to the ACM we're learning and making adjustments as we go. We are still anticipating that we'll be able to make our recommendation to the Area later this month at the ACM and turn over the operation to the Area at that time.

**WEBSITE – MEGAN M:** The Web committee is responsible for the cnca06.org website. We use WordPress as our content management system (CMS). Our team posts all CNCA06 digital information meant for general consumption, and we've also begun using the website as a doorway to the Microsoft Accounts of CNCA06. With this new tool we can password-protect CNCA information that is not meant for the general public. A perfect example is the availability of the Agenda Topic Items,

Summaries and Background Material, all confidential information, in a password-protected web page. The Web committee is using our Microsoft account to store all our training materials, pass-it-ons, committee minutes, agendas and more. Hopefully, this will all be helpful to the next panel's Web committee- all in one spot and easily accessed. Currently, we are short one member. Do you know of any AA member who needs a service position? If you have any questions, please visit our table here at the assembly. We would love to see you!

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** We thank our professional interpreters Mateo and Molly for their availability at our meeting. Once again, we ask the coordinators of the sub-committees who request a translation of their minutes and agendas, please send them as soon as possible. Today, members of the I & T committee are wearing purple uniforms. In case of any issues regarding the interpretation today or if you need help, please come and talk to us as to not distract the interpreters from their busy job. Also please speak slowly for a more efficient interpretation. We are finalizing plans our interpreters for the Post-Conference Assembly.

**PRAASA 2024 – KEN M:** What is PRAASA? It's the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. A weekend conference for 1,500 service nerds! Each of the fifteen areas of the Pacific Region hosts PRAASA on a rotational schedule and it is our turn in 2024. We have signed the contract with the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, which will be venue for the event, and we have a logo! The work has begun, and we have over seventy volunteers signed up, so far, to work on the various committees. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the committees for PRAASA 2024 please send me an email. Together with several members of the steering committee I got to attend the PRAASA 2022 wrap-up meeting and express our thanks to the 2022 host committee for a wonderful job. I spoke to the 2022 Program Chair, Madeleine P., on Zoom this week and understand that the feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. I have reached out to Al-Anon, San Francisco District to see if they are available to program the parallel Al-Anon component of PRAASA 2024 and will start attending the PRAASA 2023 planning meetings.

### Area Business

#### 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*

• *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 current Third Edition. We believe it comes as a translation error. The word 'consebir' literally means to conceive, to become pregnant.

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Finding an alternative word such as 'entendimos' is a more accurate translation of 'we understand'.

**Questions:** **Q.** Have you checked what the verb concebir means and are sure it is incorrect, or seen an example of another way to translate it? **A.** Yes, the dictionary defines it as "to create a baby." **Q.** Conceive also mean to understand. Did you consider this is a matter of perception and not necessarily an error? **A.** Yes, we did, and feel it can be confusing to the newcomer. **Q.** Did you consider there are several meanings to concebir? **A.** We had a long discussion at our district, and we agree that many of us don't understand that concebir and entender are synonymous. We considered what would be easiest to understand for someone approaching AA for the first time.

### 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*

**Discussion: [Group consciences]-** Our district is overwhelmingly in favor of this. We feel it would make AA more attractive and accessible, particularly to people who are younger or people with lower literacy levels. We are divided on whether it should be the 'word for word' novelization or abridged. Some have concerns about how the graphics will appear, to be mindful of cultural representation of all alcoholics from different backgrounds, particularly people of color, and warning against visual stereotypes or caricatures. Length and cost are a concern, but it could be used primarily as an online tool.

*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*

**Discussion: [Group consciences]-** Our group feels it does not need to be changed. // Our group does not agree with any changes to the literature.

### 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*

**Discussion: [Group consciences]-** Our group feels it is a good idea, but make sure people understand how to request mail copies if they want them.

- *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*

**Discussion: [Group consciences]-** Our group was surprised the changes went into effect so immediately. We think it should be immediately returned. // We feel very strongly that it should not have been changed. // We think the change is needed. Rape has nothing to do with lust; it is about power. It can't go back because the statement is untrue, and we have that knowledge now. // We think the change in wording changes the essence of the meaning. // It hasn't affected us so we are not in favor of changing it back. // We all know how difficult it is to get a group to agree on anything, and we are unanimously opposed to any changes. **[Personal opinions]-** There is confusion around this one because of a coinciding agenda topic related to changes in the 12 & 12. This motion was introduced at our area before it was known it would become an agenda topic requested by another area. I like to think of these as updates rather than changes to the literature. // I am not in favor of making changes to the book; it will lose the essence of the meaning. // We heard about the proposal last year and it was discussed and decided by the fellowship. I disagree with the rescind motion. // The wording is actually different between the English and the Spanish translations, and in the Spanish version the phrase makes a lot more sense. // I don't agree with the change. The concept was understood easier before; whether it is about lust or overpowering, it is a good reminder of the extremes our character defects can go if not kept in check. // Changing it is getting away from our primary purpose; we are putting too much focus on what looks and sounds nice. The thoughts of a few are not thinking for AA as a whole. // The message does not get changed by altering that sentence. Lust is still listed as an extreme of a character defect. The word rape was removed because lust does not lead to rape. // I don't think it needs to be rescinded. The sentence is not essential to the message. // The focus when being in the rooms and reading our literature is on our recovery and our willingness to go to any lengths for our recovery. That does not mean we need to be expected to put up with triggering and offensive language. // Many of us come in with much baggage and consequences of our lustful actions fueled by alcohol. I think we should leave it how it was. // I am not in favor of the change; it takes away from the message. // Rape is supposed to be harsh language and is not supposed to happen. The original wording should be kept so we are reminded. // Sometime the details at the microphone can have a traumatic effect on people. The language in the book is harmful and consequently makes the discussion pro and con to the change difficult to hear. // The original text was written to illustrate extremes, but I still don't mind the milder expression of the 7 Deadly Sins. // I was not affected by the change and find it acceptable. // Let's call things for what they are. When we get sober, we are waking up from an unconscious state. I think the words shown are harsh. And we change and are here today to show we are different. // I did my drinking in English, and my recovery in Spanish. We need to keep making changes or we are going to lose alcoholics even before they get here, or when they are brand new. // The disease of lust could create a crime and the original wording is a good reminder of the extremes our character defects can go. // Our primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery. If there is any barrier to our program and we are hearing from the people who feel and experience that

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*barrier, why block it? // The decision to change it was made in 2021; we don't exist in a vacuum. Society has changed, we need to change with it. // Put yourself in the shoes of the people who are affected by the language which is factually not true and analyze it from that perspective. // My drinking led me to some bad places and some bad people, and I was raped often. It is not about a character defect of lust; rape is about power and violence. The change needed to occur, and I am not in favor of rescinding it. // I had to do my inventory and see that I had a lot of problems and sexual issues, then begin to work on my recovery. It is dangerous to disregard that part of me that is constantly struggling to improve and be a better person. It is dangerous to soften the terms. // I want to see it go back to the original. The idea of the 7 Deadly Sins is a move towards religion and can be perceived as religious. // The change strips it from its context. It describes the worst manifestation of our character defects gone unchecked, leading to rape. // For hundreds of years alcoholism was seen as a moral issue or weakness, and Alcoholics Anonymous showed the world it is not about morality. Bill has admitted he was wrong about numerous things. Rape is not about lust. // I am a DCM of a subdistrict, and we have a motion in the works regarding the way we use our language when discussing controversial topics with harsh language. "Our stories disclose in a general way..." // When we are working on Step 6 and approaching that chapter, we are reminded that we can be free of the most destructive defects. We have an alcoholic mind and if we don't work to remove the character defects in their extreme then we can return to the alcoholic mind that can incite a violation. The wording is a reminder to prevent that. & Deadly Sins sounds religious. // I agree with my companion that it should change back to the original. It is a reminder that I can change. // I do not agree with last year's change. I do not understand about the 7 Deadly Sins. The original content is better understood in Spanish, I think. // It is said that alcoholism is an emotional disease, and there are people in jail for committing this crime while under the influence of alcohol. // Leave it as it is. Don't change the literature, I am the one who needs to change. // I am in favor of the change, which is different than my group's opinion. It may be that it's poorly translated so it doesn't sound as offensive when read in Spanish as it does in English. // We need it to be told like it is in terms of the severity of our unchecked character defects. I like the original text better. // The way it was is correct. If Bill was alive, he would come over and slap us in the cheek for changing his book.*

**Motion to become Old Business at the Post-Conference Assembly held at the Newark Pavilion in Newark on May 14, 2022.**

### **What's On Your Mind?**

**SATURDAY:** Bill Wilson was not a god. We treat his writing like it is gospel. // I have enjoyed listening to our area's diversity of opinion. Please, get close to the microphone and speak right into it so we can hear you. // I have received texts from members in my district that are 4-6 hours away with complaints that we are doing business from the top down instead of the other way around. We just held a business meeting with half of the participants unable to contribute and this is wrong. // I've listened to all the opinions about changes to the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter in the

12 & 12. I am very traditional; my group is traditional. It's written like that. We should not expect to change it just to fit us. It is the plate you are served, and it is food we need. // There are now twelve groups on Zoom for Spanish women. When we started using online meetings it was on Skype. We have grown, and now we need to get more of these groups associated with a district and have more Hispanic women GSRs to allow for more openness and participation at the Area. // I love the six Warranties. I recently saw the Concepts on a window shade banner at an Alano Club next to the Steps and Traditions. I love the idea of having the Warranties talked about more at group level. // I love seeing your faces, thanks! There are a lot of new GSRs, and I got that feeling at the mic. // This is my first assembly, and I am curious on who has the authority to speak. When it comes to having personal experience with rape, where does that rank in one person's opinion meaning more than another's? // What to do about an online only group that can't register because they can't provide a physical address? // Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collection from today is \$1,195. Thank you! // The content with General Service can be tedious, but I learned a lot. I'm grateful. // Not all groups have officers and does that include GSRs and the Treasurer. Regarding Trustees Item G, there should be a mention of specialized meetings and that it is not outside Tradition 10 for these to take place. // I've got some registration numbers for you: 363 total registered (70 online, 287 in-person). 162 GSRs! // Thanks for a great assembly. I wish we could do something about the lighting to get a clearer view of the faces. // Please return your radios. Today was beautiful and easy. // Regarding Item D in Grapevine/La Viña, nobody realized the Preamble had changed until it was noticed in the magazine. We think it is deviating from AA and Tradition 10. // There is a new men's meeting at the Alano Club in San Pablo. // A second screen to display the agenda item or current motion would be helpful.

*Submitted with Love and Gratitude,*

*Amy M*

*CNCA Recording Secretary- Panel 71*

# PANEL 71 AREA OFFICERS & AREA MEETING INFORMATION

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## CNCA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES and SHARING SESSIONS

Zoom ID listed for virtual and hybrid meetings; in-person location is at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. For questions about meetings, including passwords, please contact committee chairs.

**CNCA** committee meets the 4th Saturday at 12:30pm, *hybrid*. Zoom meeting ID: 632-553-607. Contact Miguel H. or your DCM or DCMC for password: [chair.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:chair.p71@cnca06.org)

**Accessibilities** committee meets *virtually* the 3rd Saturday at 11:00am, Zoom meeting ID: 818-2594-1066. Contact Dan M. for password: [accessibilitychair.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:accessibilitychair.p71@cnca06.org).

**Archives** committee meets *in person* the 4th Saturday at 10:00am. Contact Paul W. for meeting details: [archiveschair.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:archiveschair.p71@cnca06.org). The Archives' mailing address is 185 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065.

**Bridging the Gap (BTG)** committee meets *virtually* the Thursday prior to the Area Committee Meeting at 7:00pm, Zoom meeting ID: 988-7891-7593. Contact George X. for password: [btg.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:btg.p71@cnca06.org). BTG mailing address is PO Box 750623, Petaluma, CA 94975-0623.

**DCM** sharing session meets the 4th Saturday at 11:00am, *hybrid*. Zoom meeting ID: 632- 553-607 Contact Drew B. for password: [assemblycoordinator.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:assemblycoordinator.p71@cnca06.org)

**DCMC** sharing session meets the 4th Saturday at 10:00am, *hybrid*. Zoom meeting ID: 632-553-607 *Open to DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only*. Contact Miguel H. for password: [chair.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:chair.p71@cnca06.org)

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**Literature/Grapevine/La Viña** sharing session meets the 4th Saturday at 9:00am, *hybrid*. Zoom meeting ID: 824-9101-6140. Contact Richard W. for password: [grapevinelavina.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:grapevinelavina.p71@cnca06.org)

**Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)** committee meets *virtually* the 3rd Saturday at 9:00am, Zoom meeting ID: 568-947-843. Contact Eric L. for password: [altdelegate.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:altdelegate.p71@cnca06.org)

**Technology** committee meets *virtually* the 3rd Thursday at 8:00pm. Contact Nick S. for meeting details: [tech@cnca06.org](mailto:tech@cnca06.org).

**Website** committee meets *virtually* the 3rd Saturday at 12:30pm, Zoom meeting ID: 337-574-6264. Contact Megan M. for password: [webchair@cnca06.org](mailto:webchair@cnca06.org).