

2022 CNCA ELECTION ASSEMBLY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When and where is the Election Assembly?

Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Ulatis Community Center, 1000 Ulatis Drive in Vacaville, CA. It will be hybrid, and the Zoom Meeting ID for virtual attendance is 892-6443-0517 (password is the same one we have been using for all CNCA meetings). See the flyer for more info.

What positions are we electing?

Panel 73 Area Officers: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Treasurer, Registrar, Recording Secretary, Assembly Coordinator, and Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair, in that order.

Who is eligible for election as an Area Officer?

- Panel 71 District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs)
- Panel 71 District Committee Members (DCMs)
- Panel 71 Area Officers
- Alternate DCMCs and DCMs are not eligible for election. All eligible names will be read in a roll call prior to each election.

Who are the voting members?

- Current General Service Representatives (GSRs), or their alternate if the GSR is not present at the assembly
- Panel 71 District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs) and District Committee Members (DCMs), or their alternate if the DCMC or DCM is not present
- Panel 71 Area Officers

How will we vote?

We will use the Third Legacy Election procedure, which you can find in your Service Manual. This will be our first time holding our elections in a hybrid format and there will be further instruction the day of the assembly. For in-person voting members, we will use written ballots passed out at the assembly. For virtual voting members, we will use the polling feature on Zoom, with a phone number to text as a backup option. If you are attending on Zoom, it is recommended that you update your Zoom client to the most recent version prior to logging in.

If I am standing for election, what do I need to know?

- See above to determine if you are eligible and read the job descriptions that have been printed in the *CNCA Comments* each month. It is strongly suggested that you attend the assembly in person.
- Your name will be read as part of the roll call for each position. If you are attending in person, you will say “available” (or “not available”) when your name is called. If you are

attending virtually, you will raise your hand to indicate availability when your name is called.

- You will have two minutes to “qualify” each time you make yourself available for a position (sobriety date, service history and anything else you wish to share). We will make strict use of the green, yellow and red timing lights, so you might practice what you want to say in advance and time yourself.
- If elected, please plan on taking some photos for Archives and going out to dinner with the other officers immediately following the assembly (optional, but a nice custom). Your first official duty will be to attend the December 17th officer meeting, in person, immediately following the monthly Area Committee Meeting (ACM). The first meeting may be longer than the usual 2-3+ hours you can expect after each ACM. Interpretation is available if needed.

Who will facilitate our elections and count the ballots?

Our Pacific Regional Trustee, Reilly K., will be our facilitator. Our friends from California Northern Interior Area (CNIA 07) will be counting the paper ballots and launching the Zoom polls. Non-voting AA members may help with ballot collection in person.

What else happens at the assembly?

We will conduct no other business, but we will have the opportunity to hear from our Pacific Regional Trustee, Reilly K., about the work of the General Service Board. Reilly serves on the following trustees’ committees: Literature, Public Information, and International.

Will there be a dinner the night before?

Yes! For the first time since Summer of 2019, we will have a Pre-Assembly Dinner, hosted by District 90, Solano North. There is a cost to attend dinner (see the dinner flyer). The meeting after dinner will be open to all, with interpretation provided, and Reilly K. as our speaker.

Why is my attendance at the Election Assembly important?

We are electing the officers who will be serving the Area for the next two years. Electing a delegate to the General Service Conference, to act on behalf of A.A. as whole, is one of the most important things a GSR gets to do as a representative of their group. Plus, it’s an amazing spiritual experience you won’t want to miss.

If I am not eligible or available for Area Officer, is there another way to serve the Area?

Absolutely! We need members to volunteer for service on the Technology, Website, Finance, and Interpretation & Translation standing committees. And there are other opportunities.

What if my question wasn’t answered here?

Contact your delegate, Jennifer B.: delegate.p71@cnca06.org Or ask any area officer.