

Our first Area Committee Meeting of Panel 73 took place on Saturday, January 21st, 2023. The amount of teamwork to put on this hybrid production did not go unnoticed. It was amazing to see attention given to so many details by our trusted servants. Our love of service shined through the entire day. Orientations were given by past Delegate Teddy B and Area Assembly Coordinator Jackie B, welcoming everyone to the structure of our ACM's, Assemblies, and Committees, including new online tools and services to upgrade the hybrid experience. We are all learning how to meet the needs of our Area in this evolving time. I welcome any feedback you may have to improve our experience.

All of our Area Committees have met for the first time and elected their Chairs. Congratulations to each of them for stepping up to serve:

Accessibilities committee Chair: Thom H.

Archives committee Chair: Carol H.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) Chair: John O.

Finance committee Chair: David N.

Interpretation & Translation (I&T) committee Chair: Jose L.

Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session Chair: Matt E.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee Chair: Miguel H. Technology committee Chair: Jacqueline P.

Website committee Chair: James B.

- The Area accepted a newsletter bid from District 08 Contra Costa, and they went straight to work putting together this February edition of the Comments/Comentarios.
- We passed a housekeeping motion to provide a letter of support to CRUZYPAA (Santa Cruz Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) to bid for an ACYPAA Round-up in the Spring of 2024. Best of luck in the bidding process!
Another Housekeeping motion was passed to purchase the necessary hybrid equipment to continue optimal services at the ACM's and Assemblies.
- For our February ACM, please bring back a group conscience from your district or home group: would you like our Area to use its funds to pay the full cost of \$9000 for our Delegate to participate in this year's General Service Conference? Each year we evaluate how much money is in our Area treasury, and ask whether we should pay our standard \$3,500 or if we can afford to pay more (the full amount) or less, if we are short of funds. The current Statement of Financial Position for our Area's bank accounts is posted in this newsletter a few pages in.
- We ended the meeting with some healthy discussion on whether Committee Chairs should be given the right to vote, and will continue the discussion next month, along with a new discussion of whether our Election Assembly would benefit from becoming a two-day Assembly instead of a day-long event.
- This has been an exciting and energetic start to the year, and I am so grateful to be surrounded by a herd full of tremendous Love and service. We are beyond blessed.

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