



# CNCA COMMENTS

A.A. Confidential—December 2022

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## California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Here we are on the last phase of Panel 71 setting and reflecting on the last 24 short months from start to end, my heart still sparks with gratitude. As I expected it is hard to write my last chair preview. Thank you for the opportunity of growing and learning the meaning of loving and being loved I got sober in this Area is natural and generic feel part of it.

We continue to hear elections happening all over the Area with members with knowledge of the importance of keeping CNCA accessible in the practice of twelve step work.

Concerning the November's Area Committee Meeting; we had our last review of the 2023 CNCA Budget, we had a presentation with National Bridging the Gap Workshop Report from a member of the Bridging the Gap Committee, we approved an Assembly Bid for the 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly presented by Districts 20 & 08. Three housekeeping motions were on the agenda. Two related to the same event, first to purchase of a video monitor not to exceed \$450.00 to be housed and used at the CNCA Archives Repository for the Archives 2022 Winter program that become an item of New Business at the December's ACM. Second, That CNCA fund simultaneous interpretation for the total of four hours for the same event and this motion passed. The last housekeeping motion which was presented and accepted; that CNCA purchase two coffee pots for the use of the Area Coffee Committee not to exceed \$280 passed. We'll have coffee in December, yay.

As lots of you know we will be holding the election of our Literature, Grapevine & La Viña Chair for Panel 73 at the December Area Committee Meeting on December 17 at 12:30pm. Spread the love and the word around the whole area, Voting members for the election portion of the Area business meeting are: Current General Service Representatives (GSRs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present. Panel 71 DCMs and DCMCs, or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present; and Panel 71 Area Officers

In November we also presented the Job Descriptions for Finance, Technology, Web, I&T, Comments & Comentarios, rotation continues and for that we have several open service opportunities for this incoming Panel, how to do it? Simple; submit your name with any of the Area Officers before December 17 the December's Area Committee Meeting, via Email, text and or a Phone call, it will be great to have you as part of our next journey, deadline is December 17, 3:30pm.

After looking back on my experience at some point I surrendered to the idea of the future. Hopeless and sick I never imagined I would be part of something so indescribably lovely, once Sober I wanted it with all my heart. Service is the key and action is the magic word. I'm humbled with your love and tolerance these two years, now you all are part of my recovered future.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you with all my love.  
Miguel H  
CNCA Chair P71

Twenty years ago, I had hit bottom — again. I say again because it was not my first attempt at getting sober, not because I had somehow pulled myself back up from the last one. All I had done after drying out for a minute was dig the hole deeper. I was on probation in three counties and finding myself in trouble once more — and this time it was big trouble. The kind that gets you prison time. I had lost so many family members and friends to alcoholism and addiction, both theirs and mine. I was heartbroken, isolated, and angry at the world. The future was scary and bleak. I was blessed with the gift of desperation.

Thanks to H&I, I recently got to go back and speak at the Oz, the treatment program where I spent the first four months of my recovery back in 2002-3 on a "Prop 36 bed." They don't have as many houses or beds as they used to, but the main house was decorated for the holidays like it was when I arrived twenty years ago, running out of options. I remembered how Secret Santas gave us umbrellas and made sure we knew we were welcome in the various 12-step fellowships. It was the place where I got my second copy of the third edition Big Book and met my first sponsor. Hearing women with less than 90 days share their experience, strength and hope was just where I needed to be on a Friday night.

As I prepare to rotate on from serving as your delegate to the General Service Conference, I look forward to continuing to participate in all of Alcoholics Anonymous. I certainly have a different perspective than I did twenty years ago. You have changed me. This service has changed me. But what has not changed is the spiritual magic in that simple act of one alcoholic talking to another. The future feels full of possibility. I am grateful for the life I have today, and this A.A. way of life. I will keep coming back.

Jennifer B.  
Panel 71 Delegate  
12/15/2002

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## AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—NOVEMBER 26, 2022

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on November 26, 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 Jesus O. (District 18). Tim D. (District 14) read Tradition Eleven and David R. (District 08) read Concept Eleven. We welcomed three new GSRs. There were five past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Jim M. (Panel 45), Joann L. (Panel 67), and Teddy B.-W. (Panel 69). Past Area Officer present were Butch W., Ray W., Michael Q., Magdaleno O., and Dennis H. The October minutes had a correction that the 'What's On Your Mind?' section was from an old set of minutes from last year and the accurate version of the minutes had been sent out again by the Chair with the agenda. The financial report was accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments* and *Comentarios*.

**Birthdays:** 189/8

**Attendance:** 29 online, 64 in person (93 total); combined 44 voting, 49 non-voting

### OFFICER REPORTS

**DELEGATE – JENNIFER B:** Printed Conference report books were distributed at the assembly or shipped to districts where no one attended in person. If you have not yet received a copy, please contact your DCMC. The digital version is available in the password-protected area of the [www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org) website. The September Delegate's Corner in the Comments included some additional information about the report, including the reason for the absence of the detailed breakdown of contributions by area. This was also addressed at the regional forum. Work is being done to upgrade the contributions page on the [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) website to better capture the source of contributions so that this information can be reported more accurately. October 31 was the deadline for stories for the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the English Big Book. At last count, they received about 2500. The members of the subcommittee are busy reading and evaluating them and I'm sure we will see a progress report in the background for next year's Conference. The goal is to have the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition completed by the 2025 International Convention. Over sixty stories were received for the update to the pamphlet for the Black and African-American Alcoholic before the deadline. There is still time to get your story in for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Spanish Big Book, due by December 15. December 15 is also the deadline for responses to the survey regarding the methods of closing the big meetings at the International Convention. I sent out the link and you can also find it in the news section of the Meeting Guide app or the What's New tab on our area website or [aa.org](http://aa.org). If you have strong feelings about the use of the Lord's Prayer, this is your chance to weigh in.

I received correspondence from the trustee's Literature committee about our potential agenda items. With regard to idea of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic and also the graphic novel adaptation of the first 164 pages of the Big Book, they took no action. The reason given in both cases was "there is not a widely expressed need at this time." That

means we will not see these items on the agenda for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Conference. The third item regarding a pamphlet for the Spanish-speaking LGBTQ alcoholic is also not going forward to the Conference. The committee noted that a pamphlet might not be the best format to reach this community. The committee asked the secretary to suggest the topic to AA Grapevine and La Viña for future podcasts or articles in their magazines. In all, there were 184 potential agenda items sent to the Conference Coordinator before the September 15 deadline this year. Not all will go through to the Conference. Other suggestions for new pamphlets or revisions were not forwarded due to the current workload. Many potential agenda items were similar in nature to each other and to items previously submitted for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Conference, including numerous requests to rescind changes made at the 71<sup>st</sup> Conference. Of particular note, especially given one of our assembly motions under Old Business... the trustees' Literature committee agreed to forward to the 2023 Conference Literature Committee all proposed agenda items related to the changes in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as one grouped item, with the suggestion that the Conference Literature Committee consider forwarding the item to the general service areas for wider discussion, looking toward setting a policy on how and whether to edit our AA founders' words in our current literature. The thinking is that as a Fellowship, we need to work together on a broader vision for the future. If you were at the Election assembly, you probably heard our trustee Reilly report on that and more. I just forwarded her written report from the last board weekend over the holiday.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – ERIC L:** I will be meeting with the incoming Alternate Delegate in the next few weeks for a pass-it-on. And I will also meet with our outgoing Delegate for that pass-it-on, which is a vital part of the rotation process.

**CHAIR – MIGUEL H:** Since we are talking about rotation, today we will hear the job descriptions from the Area Standing Committees; Finance, Technology, Web, Interpretation & Translation, and Comments/Comentarios. This opens to a lot of service opportunities for this incoming pane. Submit your name with any of the Area Officers before December 17 by 3:30pm of the December's Area Committee Meeting, via email, text, or a phone call. Those members that are available for our Area Officer position of Literature/Grapevine/ La Viña Chair, we will be holding the election at the Area Committee Meeting on December 17. If you are raising your hand and get elected, consider staying for rest of the day since we will be holding our Officers Meeting after the regular Business meeting at 4:00pm.

**TREASURER – CHITRA S:** We currently have \$46,874.67 in our Checking account. Our Savings account, which is our prudent reserve, has \$13,000.53. October contributions totaled \$9,084.45 and we budgeted for \$10,165.00. October expenses were \$12,594.43 and we budgeted for \$10,395.01. Please make sure to let all groups and meetings know that the CNCA has changed its address and to stop sending contributions to the San Francisco address.

**REGISTRAR – CLAUDIA N:** At the Election Assembly there was a total of 331 in attendance with 125 GSRs and nineteen

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Alternate GSRs. I sent out two documents last week; the history of assembly totals and the Election Assembly totals by District. I want to remind you all about the Registrar Workshop coming up December 8, from 6:00pm-7:30pm. I sent out a flyer with the Zoom information and password to DCMCs and current Registrars last week. This workshop will be a great opportunity for incoming and outgoing Registrars to connect and answer questions on what to expect next panel. If you haven't already, please pass on your Panel 73 positions to me so I can update our records.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – AMY M:** Please remember to sign in today so I can keep track of how many voting and non-voting members we have here so I can add that to the minutes. I am looking forward to my pass-it-on next weekend with the incoming Recording Secretary.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – DREW B:** Thank you to District 90 for a great Election Assembly. Looking at the trend of our hybrid assembly attendance, we are typically having about 70% in person and 30% attending virtually.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – RICHARD W:** The deadline for stories for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Big Book in Spanish, *Alcoholicos Anonimos* are due December 15. From November 1-December 31, all orders for Grapevine and La Viña placed through the website [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) will be shipped at no cost. Beginning January 1, 2023, there will be a \$2.49 price increase for the top ten selling books, so now is the time to place your orders. All orders of \$500 or more qualify for a 20% discount. December 15 is the deadline to submit stories for a new Grapevine book commemorating seventy years of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Articles for our yearly prison issue are due by January 15. Don't forget we offer eBooks and gift certificates which make wonderful last-minute holiday presents!

### DISTRICT REPORTS

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – JESSICA A:** Our district is pleased to welcome Annette, our past DCM, as our incoming DCMC. We have a few positions to still fill. We have several interested members who will be attending our next meeting to make themselves available for the remaining positions. We have moved our in-person part of our district meeting to a bigger space, so we have room to grow our in-person attendance during the next panel. Our meeting continues to meet in a hybrid format. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve my district during Panel 71. General service has opened my mind and eyes and kept me well above water during these uncertain past two years.

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

**DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – SARAH B:** We're excited for the panel to be coming to an end, and for all the new service opportunities that will be available to our members, both new and returning. Several members are hard at work tying up loose ends and ensuring that our district is in a good state to be passed on to our new officers. Our subdistrict Audit Ad Hoc Committee has completed its work of assessing which meetings are still active and in which subdistricts, as many have moved, gone remote, or shut down due to Covid.

**DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – LORI R:** We had a busy meeting on November. In addition to covering Pass-it On, we continued with elections and filled some open DCM positions. We had a wonderful proposal presentation about the future of our district communications going forward, passed a motion to go forward with the proposal which includes forming a communications committee and creating a website. We also passed a motion which created a new line item in our budget to fund future district communications expenses.

**DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – BILL H:** This month we continued our District 40 Elections for Panel 73. We filled a handful of vacant positions, including two more seats on our new Tech Committee as well as our new Communications Coordinator position. We still have several DCM positions open and will work to fill those (and any other open position) over the next few months. We introduced a motion to approve the update to our District Guidelines. Our newly formed District Tech Committee is setting up for a dry run hybrid meeting in the next few weeks with the target to go live at the December district meeting. The district has approved the 2023 Budget.

**DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) SARAH B:** We still have some positions to fill, but I'm happy to report our Panel 73 DCMC will be Brent M., who has gone above and beyond to serve our district in the past, especially this panel. He'll be accompanied by our alternate, Michael M., a GSR who has caught fire for service. I'm confident our district will be in good hands with these and the other district officers. BTG continues to carry the message with four new blue cards and has been invited to present at Palm Avenue detox, which will be opening in December after a long hiatus due to the pandemic. We also have several H&I coordinator positions opening as more facilities do. PI/CPC has successfully installed pamphlets at every single high school in San Mateo county and is working on delivering pamphlets to churches. Our Intergroup hosted an in-person Thanksgiving Alcañon. Finally, our local Young People's committee PENYPAA made their event debut co-hosting the Baywide Halloween party along with SCCYPAA and GGYPA. It was very well attended, and they did a great job sponsoring the costume contest. I'm excited to see the future events they cook up. Next month, the district will be getting together for an informal fellowship dinner to commemorate the end of the panel and look forward to Panel 73.

**DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – JACKIE B:** During our November District 06 meeting we elected our next Recording Secretary, Communications Coordinator, and two virtual meeting hosts for Panel 73. Our Treasurer presented the Ad Hoc Finance Committee's Proposed annual budget for 2023, which will be voted on next month. We continued the process of reviewing and approving updated job descriptions. The Ad Hoc Finance Committee also met to review our Travel Reimbursement Guidelines which were quite outdated. Their suggested updates will be presented next month.

**DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – VIVIAN K:** We started off meetings with brief introductions from GSRs, followed by elections for Panel 73 district officers and liaisons. Our district has over twenty-three service positions and many key positions such as DCMC, Alternate, Treasurer, Registrar, Recording Secretary, Concept Study Chair, New GSR Orientation Chair,

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Intergroup Liaison and BTG Chair were filled during these elections, but we still have over nine positions for which we did not have any available candidates. As per custom of our district, DCMs and their alternates for our five subdistricts will be elected in January 2023 to maximize participation from new GSRs in this panel. A new motion was introduced by a member requesting the district meeting format be hybrid. We look forward to our 'virtual potluck' meeting on the third Wednesday next month.

**DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – FRANK C:** At our last district meeting we continued with officer and liaison job descriptions in preparation for our District elections at our November meeting. In September, we had two housekeeping motions regarding going back to in-person district meetings and because there was opposition to each, they became New Business in October. Discussion has begun on both. However, due to our elections, this month's discussion will not be resumed until our December district meeting.

**DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – LESLIE W:** Our November elections are almost complete, and I am pleased to announce that Megan B. is the new Panel 73 Chair for Contra Costa County, and the Alternate is Chuck B. Congratulations to all our new panel members, and we still have five more to fill. Our hybrid Unity Day on in November turned out to be a smashing success. We had over 70 in-person attendees and about 17-20 at various times online. District 20 was one of our presenters and was one of the biggest hits of the day. Their enthusiasm was infectious. I saw a few eyes opened in hearing how Agenda Topics connected to AA as a whole and heard a more than a few, "I didn't know how big this is", and "It's much bigger than just my home group".

**DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – NO REPORT**

**DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – BILL H:** Thank you to all those who made it out to Vacaville for the Election Assembly and a big shout out to those who helped clean up afterwards. District 90 also had their elections in November, and we filled most positions. Hopefully we will be able to elect a Treasurer and Literature/Grapevine Rep in our December meeting. Our next event will be the Interdistrict Workshop which is hosted by District 90 this year. This also includes panelists from Solano South, Napa, and Lake Counties. That is currently scheduled to happen on January 21. Flyers will be out next month.

**DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – JACQUELINE P:** We had our hybrid elections and now have an almost-full Panel 73 of officers, and we thank those trusted servants for making themselves available. Dylan R., our Bridging the Gap Committee Chair, steps into the DCMC position and GSR Kate K. will serve as Alternate DCMC. We will likely have three officer positions to fill at our December business meeting in continuation of elections, including Archives Chair, Treasurer, and the possible Technology Operations Officer, which is on the agenda for approval. District 10 is still in trial with a "Pop-up" bookstore before and after the district's business meeting in collaboration with the San Francisco-Marin Intergroup (IFAA). This offers a very large service to our groups and removes trips across the Golden Gate Bridge by the district's Literature Committee. A new virtual meeting for AA young people who are parents called "The Family Afterwards," meets Wednesdays at 8:00pm hosted by a

new group called KDYPAA. Meeting ID: 819 0707 6984 PW: KYDYPAA

**DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ELISABETH B:** We held our virtual district elections at our last business meeting. We were able to fill most of our service commitments and will continue to request support from our groups to fill the positions of Archives Chair, Treasurer, Beginners Meeting Chair, Bridging the Gap Chair and Recording Secretary. We did not have any business at our last meeting.

**DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – JAMES B:** At our November elections we filled every officer position except Newsletter Editor. Our subcommittees are having their own elections. So far, we have four DCM positions unfilled and discussing how to recruit participation. For our first hybrid election everything went well and thank you to all who helped and made themselves available.

**DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – NO REPORT**

**DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – WARREN R:** We had elections at our monthly meeting and filled about half of our positions. We did not elect a new DCMC, but we have faith and a plan to move forward without if needed. We also started talking about our 2023 budget.

**DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JERRY C:** We began the election process by only electing our DCMC so far and will continue with the rest of the positions in December. Despite continued efforts to find a venue, we are still not yet able to meet in person.

**DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO M:** We are grateful to our AA community for the support and success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hispanic Forum. We had several GSRs at the Election Assembly and are exited for the new panel of trusted servants. We had our district meeting to elect our own officers for the next panel and look forward to serving.

**DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R:** The BTG committee is having an English meeting at the Salvation Army on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in San Jose every Wednesday at 7:00pm, a bilingual meeting at Casa Vida Nueva in San Jose every Thursday 7:00pm, and at Pathways in San Jose on Saturdays 8:00pm. Our PI/CPC Committee is working with Guadalupe Church staff to have some presentations and is also working with Proyecto Primavera social workers. At our district meeting on November 18, we elected Felix as our new CPC chair. We began discussion about creating an interpretation committee and are still working on all the details.

**DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE C:** We are waiting for the last meeting of the district and excited to deliver the service to all who stepped into their new service position. Thanks to the Area Officer who visited us at the November business meeting to share how to make use of the final report of the Conference.

**DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – GUADELUPE O:** We elected a new DCMC, Sarah, and she is in attendance today. We do have several other positions yet to fill.

**DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – JAIME L:** Our district continues to meet in hybrid format three times a month on Mondays. The first week is a Concept study, the second week we allow opportunity for a committee to host a workshop if needed, and the third Monday is our district business meeting. We held our

# CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JANUARY—OCTOBER 2022

## California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - October, 2022

	ACTUAL	TOTAL	% OF BUDGET
		BUDGET	
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	80,981.47	65,000.00	124.59 %
003 District Contributions	25,240.76	15,833.34	159.42 %
004 Assembly Contributions	3,193.20	6,750.00	47.31 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	3,171.38	2,729.16	116.20 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	3,778.82	3,083.32	122.56 %
010 Interest Income	6.59	4.10	160.73 %
Total Revenue	\$116,372.22	\$93,399.92	124.60 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$116,372.22	\$93,399.92	124.60 %
Expenditures			
020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense	7,018.46	10,490.50	66.90 %
050 Officer Expense	19,193.89	35,481.14	54.10 %
130 Committee Expenses	28,487.67	33,273.61	85.62 %
300 General Expenses	85,374.10	48,310.41	176.72 %
Total 020 EXPENSE	140,074.12	127,555.66	109.81 %
Total Expenditures	\$140,074.12	\$127,555.66	109.81 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -23,701.90	\$ -34,155.74	69.39 %
NET REVENUE	\$ -23,701.90	\$ -34,155.74	69.39 %

# CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—OCTOBER 31, 2022

## California Northern Coastal Area

### Statement of Financial Position

As of October 31, 2022

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	46,728.19
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,000.53
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$59,728.72</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$59,728.72</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$59,728.72</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	72,290.62
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-23,701.90
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$59,728.72</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$59,728.72</b>

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11<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last month and thank all for their participation. We filled many positions at our district elections and will continue next month. District members visit groups once a week on Wednesdays to encourage participation in General Service.

### AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES. SHARING SESSIONS. AND LIAISON REPORTS

**ACCESSIBILITIES – DAN M:** Claudia G. continues to visit Inter-groups to explain the need for ASL-interpreted meetings and how to fund them. She will continue this work into the next year. As more Districts return to in-person meetings, we in the Accessibilities committee advocate for hybrid meetings wherever possible. We will be holding our own committee election in December. We anticipate a relatively low turnout. If we don't have a new chair, I will run the meeting the following month. Claudia and I took our positions in March of this year. In the spirit of rotation, I won't be available indefinitely, but we are focusing on making a smooth transition to the next panel.

**ARCHIVES – PAUL W:** As Panel 71 winds to a close, we are finishing Archives elections. We are also getting ready for our December 10 Archives Winter Event from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Archives Repository in Walnut Creek. We will gather an oral history from our Delegate, Jennifer B. Tours of the Archives Repository will be provided, and guest speakers will cover other topics specific to Archives. Coffee, lunch, and snacks will be provided. Our cleanup of the storage room with the collapsed shelves in October was a big success. We have discovered many duplicate items in the inventory. We are seeing how reducing the number of duplicates can free up space to store other materials without adding additional shelving. Plus, we are hoping to develop a means to communicate to other areas what surplus documents we have that they may need. Finally, we are still trying to garner participation from districts that are remote. With Zoom, we are hoping to increase the percentage of district participation. Group histories are particularly important if we ever plan to update the 1982 Dean K. CNCA history which is forty years old.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – GEORGE X:** I'm relieved and excited to announce that all of our nine committee officer positions were filled on election night in November. I want to thank all our committee members and officers who have faithfully served on this panel and wish the best to those continuing on in service with BTG. Since the last ACM, our districts have made 57 presentations at treatment and/or correctional facilities and we have received 231 contact requests. Your Area06 Bridging the Gap Committee is finishing Panel 71 strong, as both those totals represent our highest monthly 12th-Step service work to date!

**FINANCE – JOANN L:** We reviewed the Statement of Financial Position, Budget versus Actuals, and October expenses. We also looked at the financial impact of the motions on the CNCA Area Committee meeting agenda for today. Another gentle reminder that our P.O. Box number for the Area has changed. There are flyers on the table up here with the new address. Please inform your district and group Treasurers. Our last financial workshop about how to talk to the AA groups

about finances was online in November. We had one person from Canada and another from Texas. We thoroughly enjoyed putting on these workshops and are always available to answer any questions. The Finance Committee will be presenting the 2023 Area Budget today with smiles on our faces.

**PI/CPC – ERIC L:** This month, we discussed rotation and passing-it-on. Next month, our meeting will focus on gratitude and what we have learned.

**TECHNOLOGY – LUISA S:** Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to assist the Tech committee fulfill its obligation to the area to function as a hybrid meeting and be self-supporting. Today we will present the committee job description.

**WEBSITE – MEGAN M:** The Website Committee has discontinued the use of the app Slack for communications. Slack has stopped offering free accounts. Our editors have been updating the Spanish-language pages on the website. We've been discussing our individual decisions on whether to be available for the next panel or not. Several of our committee members have learned how to use WordPress, our content management system. The committee needs at least two members for next panel who are familiar with WordPress or willing to learn about it.

**INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – MAGDALENO O:** With the help of all the members of our committee and with the help of some interpreters, we had the interpretation of the Election Assembly with a single channel transmitter for two interpreters. We have a motion today to acquire one more transmitter. Also, today we will be giving the description of the I&T service if anyone is interested. This service is open to any AA member and being bilingual is not a requirement.

**PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W:** We have signed the contract with the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, which will be venue for the event March 1-3, 2024, 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. We will shortly be commencing work on the budget for the event. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the committees for PRAASA 2024 please send me an email. I have started attending the planning meetings for PRAASA 2023 which are usually on the last Saturday of the month at 3:00pm and often overlap with our ACM. The steering committee of officers and subcommittee co-chairs met just over a week ago and a housekeeping motion to purchase some button badges to distribute, mainly at PRAASA 2023, was objected to and will be on our agenda as New Business next month. Moving forward, the steering has decided to meet monthly.

**CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – DENNIS H:** Jackie B. and I will be making a presentation later today on the newsletters job commitment, so I will keep my remark brief. I did want to note however that we had a problem with the ACM minutes in the last Comments & Comentarios. Corrected minutes have been sent out by the Chair.

### **DCM SHARING SESSION – No Report**

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – RICHARD W:** The Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Sharing Session is held on the morning of the ACM at 11:00am. Today we had a 'What's On Your Mind?' discussion. Please tell your new district Literature/Grapevine/La Viña representatives about the



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sharing session and hope to see you next month where we will focus on Pass-It-On.

**H & I – KAREN B:** Thank you for your contributions which allow H&I to provide literature to people who are incarcerated or otherwise not able to attend regular meetings. We continue to work with facilities to provide meetings either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to volunteer with H&I, please visit our website [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org).

**HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – ELBA S:** Today we had our final planning meeting preceding the Hispanic Women's Workshop that takes place December 3 in San Diego. We discussed the workshop agenda, the invitation to all women in AA to attend the workshop. The host committee are making arrangements for women who would like to attend but have no place to stay. Please get in touch with me for more information.

**LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – SERGIO S:** The 27<sup>th</sup> La Viña anniversary will be held in Wilsonville, OR on July 21-23, 2023, at the South Portland Holiday Inn. In December there will be an election to select the logo and theme and myself and my alternate will be able to attend in person.

### AREA BUSINESS

#### **PRESENTATION: CNCA 2023 Budget – Presented by the Finance Committee**

**Presentation:** Please note that there may be possible formatting errors that we can correct later. We would like to point out that this budget illustrates the projected travel costs based on if the eight Area Officers visited each district twice, however currently there are still about ten districts that meet virtually only. As a result of the pandemic and now having a virtual option, it created a little wiggle room in the budget. In general costs are going up and we have reflected that in our increase for interpretation, mileage and hotel reimbursement. Please refer to line items on the page to help us answer your questions.

**Questions: Q:** There is a \$20K difference in contributions compared to last year? **A:** This number reflects Year-to-Date and that is what we forecast for the remaining two months. **Q:** Why do you expect a decrease in Chair expenses? **A:** This number is based by individual. We take the home address of the Chair and track their distance to and from Petaluma and to assemblies. Also, for the remaining Area Officers indicated on Lines 47-51 we have just provided an estimated average until we acquire addresses for all positions. **Q:** I have noticed that estimated contributions are off by about \$20K consistently and yet you are still budgeting for higher than ever. Will we really get more contributions? **A:** This year's actual is \$80K plus what will come Nov/Dec. Based on that we have all we need to achieve a \$0 balance after expenses. **Q:** Are you sure you estimated accurately for virtual costs? It seems very low. **A:** I think you are looking under what is listed as virtual cost but under the category of 'Delegate Expenses', that is not the cost of our assemblies.

In a later section you can see the virtual cost built into the numbers on lines 166-177 for assemblies and 179-191 for ACMs. **Q:** Under Bridging The Gap I see that there is \$0 for printing costs but more under literature. Is it possible that printing costs are being misassigned with this category? **A:** Yes, I would love to get together with you to accurately recategorize this. With your help it will be easy to move. **Q:** For reading this budget on the screen, is it possible to allow us to read it in the original spreadsheet format rather than a .pdf, so when we scroll down the top line of the column retains its position? **A:** Thank you, we will pass this on to the next Finance Committee. **Q:** Is this for one or two years? **A:** One year, 2023.

#### **PRESENTATION: National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend Report – Presented by John O., member of the BTG Committee**

**Presentation:** I want to thank the entire CNCA fellowship for sponsoring my attendance at the 31st annual BTG weekend workshop held in San Diego, CA held 9/30-10/2. There was attendance by folks from all over the US and Canada and participation from people involved in not just BTG but every General Service position, Intergroups, Treatment and Corrections, H&I as well as representatives from GSO. One workshop was a breakout in to focus groups for the BTG Workbook. All the notes from our roundtable report backs were collected to take back to GSO for input for the BTG Workbook. We heard an update from the technology team led by Cheri J., the BTGWW web master. There is a web library which BTG committees share copies of their forms and support materials that can be used by all BTG members. If you are interested in seeing what they have been accomplishing visit the BTGWW.org website. We heard the bid presentations for the 2023 workshop, and it was awarded to Area 67 and held in Houston, TX. Our participation in the BTGWW has played a major role in our sustainability within CNCA. It has helped our local committee develop a larger pool of trusted servants with a wider perspective on the challenges of the day and promote this passion for 12 step work. It has increased my knowledge of BTG as a whole and has prepared me by giving the strength and courage to serve CNCA as your Panel 73 BTG Chair.

#### **ASSEMBLY BID: 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly**

Assembly Bid for the 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly on April 1 -2, 2023, at the Richmond Veterans Hall (968 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Richmond, CA 94804). Total bid cost: \$6,200. - *Presented by Districts 20 and 08*

**Presentation:** We cannot rent it for early entry on Friday night, but members of District 20 are confident they will be ready to set up early in the morning. Since going hybrid, we have consistently had 70% in-person and 30% virtual attendance. The

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building has a capacity of 300 but based on that average even if we get the attendance of 450 budgeted on this bid form, we should be ok. Parking in lot and on street is limited to 50 spots, but the facility is one mile from the BART station.

**Questions:** **Q.** The parking lot capacity is a bit concerning as well as the building capacity. Will there be room for committee tables and the registration table? **A.** It is a 300-person dining capacity and with a more assembly-style set up it should be fine. **Q.** Will there be arrangements to have it virtual? **A.** Yes, of course. We voted to have all our functions be hybrid going forward. **Q.** Will there be a process to update the bid form? **A.** Yes, there is a need to update the form and the assembly guidelines. It will be forthcoming. **Q.** I don't see where the cost for interpretation and translation is listed. **A.** All of our assemblies have the cost for simultaneous interpretation and translation of our documents. It is not listed on the bid form because it is the responsibility of the Area, not the bidding district. **Q.** What happens if we do have 300+ in attendance at the facility? **A.** We could play the 'What if...?' scenarios indefinitely, but that doesn't get us anywhere. **Q.** Will there be adequate ADA parking? **A.** Yes, the building is owned by the County.

**Vote by simple majority. <<<Assembly Bid Approved>>>**

### HOUSEKEEPING MOTION:

- That CNCA make a one-time purchase of a video monitor at cost not to exceed \$450. This will be housed and used at the CNCA Archives Repository for the Archives 2022 Winter program on December 10, 2022, and future events. - *Presented by the Archives Committee*

**Questions:** **Q.** Is this something that could be shared among committees? **A.** Probably not. It is intended to be kept at the repository. **Q.** Is this a replacement? When did this need arise? **A.** In a sense, but the one we had used previously had belonged to a member of the committee. The idea to purchase our own came up a few weeks ago. We looked into the cost, and it would be less expensive than getting a projector and screen. **Q.** What size monitor are you talking about? **A.** 48", or bigger.

There was an objection. ***Motion to become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting in December.***

### HOUSEKEEPING MOTION:

- That CNCA fund simultaneous interpretation for the total of 4 hours for the Archives 2022 winter program to be held on December 10, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$300. - *Presented by the Archives Committee*

**Questions:** **Q.** Does this cover the mileage for the person transporting the I&T equipment? **A.** This motion is only for the amount of time to pay for the interpreter. Mileage reimbursement is covered in the guidelines. **Q.** Can you have the interpreter do the interpreting from Zoom? **A.** Yes.

No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>

### HOUSEKEEPING MOTION:

- That CNCA purchase two coffee pots for the use of the Area Coffee Committee at a cost not to exceed \$280. - *Presented by CNCA Coffee Committee*

**Presentation:** As we emerged from the pandemic, the coffee pots have died one by one. They are \$140 each on Amazon.

No objections. <<<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>>

### CNCA STANDING COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**FINANCE** – *Presented by Joann L, Panel 71 Finance Committee Chair*

The committee assists the Area Treasurer by collecting 7<sup>th</sup> group and district contributions that may be collected using Square, cash or check at area assemblies and meetings, as well as regular review with the Treasurer of area finances, monthly reporting of financial impact of motions, budget vs. actuals, and other activity reports in QuickBooks. Committee members are assigned to one or more Standing/Sub-committees to assist with financial and budget questions and motions that have a financial impact. The area Finance Committee guidelines and Expense Reimbursement Guidelines are reviewed regularly during the panel for any potential changes or needed updates. The committee prepares the annual budget with a timeline of monthly tasks for the budget process spanning April-December each year. The chair provides a final report of the Finance Committee for the activity during the panel for insertion in the area Motions Book. A review of the Motions Book is very helpful to understand the financial impact of motions.

**TECHNOLOGY** – *Presented by Luisa S., Panel 71 Technology Committee Co-Chair*

The Technology Committee is the newest area standing committee and the scope is still under construction. The purpose is to provide support for the area to meet its technological needs. Functions include the streamlining of information to Area Officers and other committees, such as converting the Registrar database to AirTable, collaborating with the Website Committee with the email management of our domain cnca06.org, and providing and implementing innovative ideas for data sharing and storage. The committee has the responsibility of implementing hybrid capabilities at all area assemblies and meetings by providing tech equipment and admin support on our virtual platform with committee member responsibilities in person and online.

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### WEBSITE – Presented by Megan M., Panel 71 Website Committee Chair

The website committee is responsible for keeping the website online and presenting important and relevant information helping the district and groups of Alcoholics Anonymous carry the message to the members and possible new members. The committee has a set of Web Guidelines which describes the scope, responsibilities and specific requirements of each committee member and the committee as a whole. We've installed several "plug-ins" which provide more functions to WordPress. These help us create the forms used on the website, manage the calendar of events. Another constant responsibility is to keep backups of the website and its data. The web committee also manages the emails of our domain cnca06.org mostly by using the Account Management Panel of InMotion Hosting.

### INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION – Presented by Magdalen O., Panel 71 I&T Chair

The Interpretation and Translation Committee exists primarily to improve communication within CNCA by facilitating the translation and interpretation services and preparing the committee guidelines that indicate its functioning and operation which are approved by the area. We provide professional quality Spanish/English simultaneous interpretation at all area assemblies and all area standing committee and subcommittee meetings and sharing sessions held prior to the Area Committee Meeting. We also provide the written translation from English to Spanish the content of the area newsletter, *CNCA Comments*, the Agenda Topic Summaries, the updates of the cnca06.org website and any other document, agenda, or minutes that the I&T committee deems necessary in consultation with the Area Chair. We provide equipment for use at other AA events in accordance with the approved guidelines.

### COMMENTS & COMENTARIOS – Presented by Dennis H., Panel 71 Newsletter Editor

Content for the newsletter is due a week after the monthly ACM. The editor collects it and handles putting together both newsletters using MS Publisher. Once completed, the newsletter is sent via email to the Area Chair, Website Chair and arranged to be sent to a printer and printed in English and Spanish. We purchase the paper, envelopes, postage and other mailing supplies needed each month and coordinate the "lick and stick" mailing party to fold newsletters, stuff envelopes, affix labels and postage.

### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

The Election Assembly was a spiritual experience for me in many ways but closed in such a rush due to the venue requirement that left me troubled, sad and confused. Some of the reflections I've had I simply want to pass onto the Area Committee here to hold and consider: Could the Area have anticipated a late close to the elections and could we routinely plan for that possibility? Could our Elections Assembly be a two-day event, allowing us to address regular business as

well as elect our next Panel? Might the area consider developing Alternate Officer positions for each of our Area Officer positions and consider electing our Standing Committee Chairs in the Third Legacy process? // It has also been on my mind to have a two-day Election Assembly and have a business meeting at that assembly. // You are all invited to District 20's Christmas Eve dinner. // Please consider making yourselves available for one of the committees! There are many jobs to be done. We had eighteen people make themselves available for the Area Officer positions. I hope that enthusiasm will be carried over to the need for volunteers. Give your name to our Chair, Miguel, or Chitra, our incoming Chair by the end of December's ACM. // If you borrowed a radio, please remember to return it. // I've been in General Service long enough to attend at least twenty Election Assemblies. I support the idea of a two-day election with the business meeting. Summer Assembly to the Pre-Conference Assembly is a long span of time between assembly business motions. Many people at the Pre-Conference may be new to the panel and a motion may not be relevant when it could have an opportunity to be resolved in the Fall.

*The meeting was closed at 3:30pm with the Responsibility Declaration.*

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M.  
Panel 71 CNCA Recording Secretary

## CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—DECEMBER 2022

### Area Committee Motions

Continue at the Area Committee Meeting December 17, 2022

#### NEW BUSINESS

· That CNCA make a one-time purchase of a video monitor at cost not to exceed \$450. This will be housed and used at the CNCA Archives Repository for the Archives 2022 Winter program on December 10, 2022, and future events.

– *Presented as a housekeeping motion by the Archives Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 11/26/22*

### Area Assembly Motions

Continue at Pre-Conference Assembly April 1-2, 2023

#### PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

· That the Conference Literature committee consider producing literature combining *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. – *Presented by District 14 at the Area Committee Meeting 10/22/22*

#### OLD BUSINESS

· 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*

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# **SPECIAL ELECTION**

**At the Area Committee Meeting  
Saturday December 17, 2022**

**Petaluma Community Center  
320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma, CA 94954**

**Electing the Panel 73 Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Chair**

**12:30 PM**

[Meeting ID: 632 553 607](#)

**Voting members for the election portion of the Area  
business meeting are:**

- Current General Service Representatives (GSRs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present.
- Panel 71 DCMs and DCMCs, or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present; and
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## CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 71/73

**2022**

**December**  
(Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)

**2023**

**17—Area Committee Mtg**

**July**

**22— Area Committee Mtg**

**August**

**12 Summer Assembly  
26— Area Committee Mtg**

**January**

**28— Area Committee Mtg**

**September**

**23— Area Committee Mtg**

**February**

**25—Area Committee Mtg**

**October**

**28— Area Committee Mtg**

**March**

**3-5—PRAASA (Los Angeles)  
25— Area Committee Mtg**

**November**

**4 —Fall Inventory  
Assembly  
25— Area Committee Mtg**

**April**

**1-2— Pre-Conference  
Assembly  
22 — Area Committee Mtg**

**December**

**16—Area Committee Mtg  
(Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)**

**May**

**20 —Post-Conference  
Assembly  
27 — Area Committee Mtg**

**June**

**24— Area Committee Mtg**

### **Panel 73 Assembly Dates**

2023 Pre Conference Assembly  
Richmond Veterans Hall  
968 23rd St. Richmond  
District 8 & 20  
April 1 & 2 2023

2023 Post Conference Assembly  
May 20, 2023

2023 Summer Assembly  
August 12 2023

2023 Fall Inventory Assembly  
Nov 4 2023

2024 Pre Conference Assembly  
April 6 & 7 2024

2024 Post Conference Assembly  
May 18, 2024

2024 Summer Assembly  
Aug 10, 2024

2024 Fall Election Assembly  
Nov 2, 2024

If your District is considering making a bid for a Panel 73 Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator [Drew B.](#)

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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

**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.

**Archives** committee meets *in person* the 4th Saturday at 10:00am. Contact Paul W. for meeting details: 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. 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

**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

**Interpretation & Translation** committee meets *virtually* the 2nd Thursday at 7pm. Zoom meeting ID: 897-0815-0798 Contact Magdaleno O. for password: int.p71@cnca06.org.

**Literature/Grapevine/La Viña** sharing session meets the 4th Saturday at 11:00am, *hybrid*. Zoom meeting ID: 824-9101-6140. Contact Richard W. for password: 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

**Technology** committee meets *virtually* the 3rd Thursday at 8:00pm. Email : 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.