



CNCA COMMENTS



A.A. Confidential—**March 2023**

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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

February brought excitement to our Area as the Agenda Topics process is in full swing! Our Area Officers were hard at work reading and summarizing the background information, and made the Agenda Topics Summaries available to everyone at the ACM. It is now time for our GSR's to practice taking group consciences and involve homegroups in the process of connecting each member to the greater whole of AA. As I write this, I am sitting in my hotel room at PRAASA, and I can feel the energy and fellowship growing as we meet new friends from all over the Pacific Region, and get prepared to listen and participate in discussion surrounding this year's Conference themes. We will bring this fire back to our Area and spread the enthusiasm for General Service to our groups. After we have participated in listening and using our voice at a group conscience, we will gather together on April 1st and 2nd for the Pre Conference Assembly in Richmond, CA. There are flyers for the event later in this newsletter, and we will be able to participate in person and online. Listening to the group consciences of our entire Area is a spiritual experience you must not miss!

At our February Area Committee meeting we accepted a bid from District 16 Spanish Central to host the 2023 Post Conference Assembly on May 13th in San Francisco - please save the date, as it is a week earlier than we had originally anticipated.

There is a page in this newsletter called Area Committee and Assembly Motions. Please take a group conscience from your homegroups and districts on these motions, and share them at the microphone during our business meetings at the upcoming ACM and Assembly. At our last ACM we had discussions on three topics: voting participation at our ACMs and Assemblies, our election assembly, and equity between our in-person and virtual participants. Please discuss these topics with your service sponsors and fellow members, and share your thoughts with us in March at the ACM!

I look forward to participating this weekend with many of you at PRAASA 2023, and I can't wait to listen to each of you at the Pre Conference Assembly.

Thank you for shifting me into love and tolerance each day.

Chitra S.

Area Chair, Panel 73

Delegate's Corner: March 2023

Greetings from 30,000 feet up in the air. I am on a plane flying south to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). This will be the first in-person PRAASA since 2020, a gathering of more than 1,000 alcoholics committed to ensuring that Alcoholics Anonymous remains accessible to all who seek our help. It is a weekend of sharing and of thought-provoking conversation. It will also be our turn next March to host in San Francisco. You will hear a lot more about that in the coming months.

PRAASA has traditionally been the start of what becomes a very busy two months of General Service activity, culminating in the General Service Conference in New York in April. Your District Chairs should have sent by now a final list of "agenda topics" that will be discussed at the Conference, background regarding all of those topics, and a summary of the background created by this Area (called the Agenda Topic Summaries).

While some agenda topics are administrative (electing the next Trustee-at-Large for Canada, for example), and others are parts of the agenda every year (reviewing a workbook for a specific committee), many of these topics are *potential solutions to problems AA members have identified that may be impacting our ability to successfully deliver the AA message. The question becomes not whether we think there's a problem – someone went to the trouble to make a motion, so at least to some people, something isn't working – but whether the solution being proposed is the best solution possible.*

Actions taken at past General Service Conferences continue to impact how we work our AA program today. The publication of much of our literature, stories in the back of the book, our pamphlets, our public service announcements, the updated preamble, and the people we ask to represent us to the public are all actions taken by past Conferences. What we are doing literally saves lives. My life was saved specifically by actions taken at the 1985 and 1989 General Service Conferences.

I desperately want to hear from all of you on these topics. Each agenda topic in the summaries includes a section titled "What the Delegate needs to know." I actually do need to know, and I am very curious to hear from groups about these topics. While I may have some thoughts on specific topics, my mind has oddly enough become relatively receptive to more ideas. AA taught me to trust the process, and while I am nervous about going to the Conference and feeling that weight of responsibility (actions I take do change people's lives), I am trusting the process, and trusting I will be informed.

I have started delving into the background already, but I want to hear from all of you at next month's Pre-Conference Assembly. You can also submit group consciences to me through a form on the Area website or by email.

Yours in service,
Eric L. Panel 73 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—March 2023

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2023

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on 2/25/23 with some members attending virtually and others attending at the Petaluma Community Center. Chitra S. opened the meeting at 12:30 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by: Brent M. from District 05, Jose from District 20 read Tradition Two in Spanish, and Laura from District 11 read Concept Two. We welcomed two new GSRs, five new DCMs, one alternate DCMC, one DCMC, and three visitors. There were seven past Delegates present: Teddy B. (Panel 69), Joann L. (Panel 67), David N. (Panel 59 and past trustee), Bob D. (Panel 36 from Area 8), Jennifer B. (Panel 71), Barbara M. (Panel 41), and Diane O. (Panel 35). The January minutes and the financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments and Comentarios*. **Attendance:** 78 online; 80 in person (158 total). **Birthdays:** 274/11.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: *The Agenda topics, background for the topics, and summaries of the topics are all available on the CNCA 06 website (www.cnca06.org/confidential). Reach out to your DCMC or an Area officer for the password. The Chair of the General Service Board resigned; if you have questions or thoughts that you would like me to share at the Conference, please email me. A translation of the first six chapters of the Big Book into plain language will be available at the Conference for me to read; I will share with all of you whether the translation contains the spiritual ideas of the book. Progress on new editions of the Big Book in English and Spanish is continuing, with a target date of July 2025.*

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: *I enjoyed reading some of the background material and summarizing the Agenda topics. I continue to fulfill my responsibilities to support our delegate and to chair the Area's Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community committee. I'm excited to attend and see those that will be attending PRAASA next weekend in Los Angeles. The agenda will be made available soon on the praasa.org website. So far there have been 1100 registered. It's not too late to register, but the*

host hotel is fully booked. There are several neighboring hotels within walking distance.

CHAIR – CHITRA S.: *Thank you to our area officers for their hard work on writing the agenda topics summaries, as well as our interpretation and web chairs. GSRs, DCMs, and DCMCs, please look at page 10 of the February CNCA Comments and Comentarios for upcoming assembly motions (new and old business) to gather group and district consciences for the pre-conference assembly. Our Web, Tech, and I&T area committees have open positions. Please connect with me or another area officer if you are interested in service.*

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: *As of today, our checking out has \$53,803.11, and our prudent reserve (savings account) has \$13,000.86, which is 1/12 of this year's budget, or one month's operating expenses. Our actual contributions in January were \$15,101.71, and our budgeted contributions for January were \$11,167.08. Our actual expenses in January were \$5,982.81, and our budgeted expenses from January were \$11,710.04. We came in under budget for officer travel and expenses and committee expenses this past month. Please make sure to let all groups and meetings know that CNCA has changed its address. Please send all disbursements, contributions, and correspondence to our new address: California Northern Coastal Area, 1390 N. McDowell Blvd, Suite G – 339, Petaluma, CA 94954. You can also make individual and group contributions online at cnca06.org/contribute,*

REGISTRAR – DREW B.: *I have connected with all but two panel 73 district registrars. I've coordinated with the new Comments/Comentarios district and provided the mailing list for the first mailing of the panel. I will be reconciling the returned mail and getting our data here and with the General Service Office up to date. Every month in my report I am going to have a group of the month; this month's featured group is "Once a Drunk Whore" in San Francisco Mondays at 7:30.*

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: *Thank you for your grace and tolerance with me cutting down your reports to fit into the Comments/Comentarios. What I include in the minutes is different from verbal reports because it is simply facts for posterity. I look forward to the pre-conference assembly where I will be capturing group consciences for our delegate. For our area com-*

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mittee chairs, please note that your first quarter reports are due at the pre-conference assembly.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: The pre-conference assembly is on April 1st and 2nd, and D20 Spanish East is hard at work preparing to welcome trusted servants at the Veteran's Hall in Richmond. There is a ticketed assembly dinner on Saturday, April 1st. The dinner speakers will be our alternate delegate Miguel H. and a past Class B trustee, Rod B. from Salt Lake City – the first Native American to serve on the General Service Board. The area hybrid subcommittee needs at least two more trusted servants to provide remote tech support during the assembly. Due to limited parking, please carpool and consider street parking to give priority parking to those with accessibility challenges. We need districts to bid for assemblies in 2024, particularly the 2024 Pre-Conference Assembly.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MATT E.: On April 3, 2023, AA World Services will be increasing literature prices: books by about 20% and pamphlets by about 30%. This is due to a revenue loss of \$1.2 million per year from increased costs to distribute literature. A developer has been selected to build the Grapevine app, and over 450 people gave feedback on the desired features. The development of this smartphone subscription service should be completed in June, and the app should launch in September 2023. You can subscribe and submit stories at aagrapevine.org.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ANNETTE C.: D01 has begun inviting our visiting area officer to dinner before the district meeting as a fun way to discuss general service and how it relates to our district. We have been preparing our GSRs for Agenda topics. Also, we have formed a committee and are exploring hosting a future assembly.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) - BRIAN M.: We are reaching out to GSRs to participate in service. Our district meeting is still online, and we welcomed the PICPC chair from another district at our business meeting.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – DEB A.: We welcomed six new GSRs at our February business meeting and will be holding an agenda topics workshop on Zoom on March 12th at 1 pm. Three additional GSRs are using district grants to attend PRAASA. Our district's trusted servants are performing their important duties. The Joint

Committee on Safety, a collaboration between D03 and Santa Cruz Intergroup, is hosting a monthly forum on topics related to safety in meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6 pm; email safety@asantaacruz.org for more information.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – JOHN R.: We have created an interactive DCM database to track every meeting in the District and plan to reach out to every group and meeting to connect them to General Service. We are co-hosting a hybrid Agenda topics workshop with D40 on March 11th, 12-3:30 pm

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – KAREN C.: Our joint agenda topics workshop with D04 is on March 11th. Our unity day chair is actively planning the event with a full committee.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – BRENT M.: Our February district meeting had seven new GSRs and we conducted a mock agenda topic sharing session. Our online agenda topics workshop is on February 26th. We started a Service Manual study group that includes "ask the DCMC." I have submitted an article for the Intergroup newsletter High Sobriety that indicates the need for DCMs and the importance of group general service representation. The monthly parolee meeting with PI/CPC is now in person allowing the disbursement of over 180 pamphlets for display in their lobby.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DANIEL B.: We elected our district archivist, PI/CPC Liaison, and SF/Marin Intergroup Liaison and are still seeking liaisons for D16 and H&I. We voted to host a pre-assembly dinner for the post-conference assembly in May, assuming D16's assembly bid is approved. We voted on the agenda items to model group consciences for our agenda topics workshop on March 11th, 10 am-1:30 pm. D16 will participate, and in-person interpretation will be provided.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – MANISH G: We have been devoting a lot of time to educating GSRs about general service and preparing them for agenda topics. We elected three DCMs. We are allocating \$1500 in scholarships for attendance to PRAASA and have at least eight members planning to attend including three new GSRs. Our joint agenda topics workshop with D70 is on Sunday, March 12th, from 9:30 am-3:30 pm on Zoom.

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DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – EILEEN P.: D70 will be meeting in person for the first time in three years on Monday, February 27th. WACYPAA hosted a comedy night, raising funds for WACYPAA 25, December in Oakland. We will co-host an Agenda topics Workshop with D07 on Sunday, March 12th.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – MEG B.: D08 held a hybrid Agenda topics workshop, and recordings of the presentations are available. The District business meeting continues to do a “show and tell” of GSR resources. We have an editor, and a lick-and-stick coordinator, and are looking to fill the mail coordinator for our CNCA Comments distribution. We continue to prepare for hosting the 2023 Pre-Conference assembly.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH): No report.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – STEVEN L.: We held our first hybrid district meeting and elected a volunteer to monitor online participants. Most of our service positions are filled. We are holding an Agenda topics Unity Day event in March. D90 voted to sponsor two GSRs to attend PRAASA but they were, unfortunately, unable to secure rooms for the discounted rate. There are a few other members attending. We handled an accidental anonymity break in which a member’s full name was posted on a public website.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – DYLAN R.: Our district meets hybrid. We held our agenda topics workshop. We had a presentation and shared at our district meeting on agenda topics and gathered our first district conscience.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – SANDY S.: D11 passed motions to send excess funds to GSB and CNCA, fund GSRs to attend PRAASA, and create a district accessibilities chair. A chair for the June 17th Unity Day was elected. We continue to investigate holding our business meeting in person in a hybrid format. Napa Intergroup has been adding new information to its website, and the district web/tech committee has been redesigning aana.org.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – DENISE G.: Our agenda topics workshop attendance was approximately 100 people with four districts participating. We are discussing whether D12 will allow sub-committee chairs a right to vote and be eligible for officer positions. Several members from D12 are attending PRAASA.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – HECTOR M.: D13 filled several key service positions during January’s meeting, and we are excited about agenda topics. The groups have started planning for this year’s Soberfest July 28th – 30th and we are discussing timelines of events to better inform and serve our community.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – SUZI W.: D14 does not have a DCMC but the 3 subdistricts have DCMs. Our last business meeting in Willits was well-attended. MENDYPAA had a waterfall hike, PICPC is working on setting up presentations at DUI classes via CHP, there was a discussion about agenda topics, and possibly hosting an Area assembly in 2024.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – MEGAN M.: D15 is looking into meeting spaces to resume meeting in person, and we still have open service positions. We finished and distributed GSR handbooks, and our next business meeting will focus on agenda topics. Our four DCMs will be receiving scholarships of \$1000 each to attend PRAASA. We are considering hosting the 2023 summer assembly.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO M.: We have an interdistrict workshop on Sunday, March 19th. We continue to work with GSRs to prepare them for agenda topics and several members of D16 are attending PRAASA.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R.: We had a service manual study, are meeting with subdistricts, and have several trusted servants attending PRAASA. We voted to create an interpretation committee. We had a presentation about La Viña. PI, CPC, and Bridging the Gap continue their twelfth-step service through workshops and outreach to professionals. BTG is continuing service. CPC is working on outreach to CHP.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – RODRIGO Z.: D18 is preparing groups for agenda topics and sharing at the pre-conference assembly. Co-hosting their agenda topics workshop with D12 was a great way to do that. D18 is also working on bringing more GSRs to business meetings and outreach to unrepresented groups.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – SARA N.: We are working to form a PI committee. Our district will meet four Tuesdays a month. We are working on visiting groups and inviting them to events.

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that about three out of 100 CNCA members desire printed newsletters, briefly discussed revising the newsletter bid form and discovered that about 40% of US/Canada General Service areas have digital-only newsletters available on their area websites.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – DAWN Y.: February was our first mailing. We mailed about 700 English Comments and 100 Comentarios. We resolved some confusion learning the technology. The mail permit is set up, but we are attempting to switch it to Concord, a more central branch. We are looking for the best deals for printing. The challenge seems to be the fast turnaround due to the tight mailing deadline.

PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W: We are working on the budget and plan to launch registration and housing in October this year. We will have a table for PRAASA 2024 at PRAASA 2023 this coming weekend. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the committees for PRAASA 2024 please send an email.

DCM SHARING SESSION – MAUREEN G.: The group had a presentation on how DCMs use technology and a live demonstration on how to troubleshoot technology issues. There was a lot of discussion about anonymity and using blind carbon copy (BCC) when sending emails. We decided to develop a regular attendee email list and share out the notes. Next month's topic: Attracting others into service.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – MATT E.: During our session, members shared opinions on Literature Item P: "Review update on the proposal for Big Book or Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions study guides." We also heard a presentation on the process of submitting your story to the Grapevine or La Viña. Next month, one of our members will give a presentation on how to create a literature display for your district or group.

H & I – KAREN B.: Our first meeting under new guide-lines went well, and our next meeting is on April 22 in a hybrid format. Covid is trending down in prisons and the

inside visiting sponsorship service has 112 matches on the roster and applications are up at San Quentin. To get involved in H&I, please attend your local committee meeting, or check out the volunteer section on handinorcal.org. (report submitted via email)

YPAAs:

ICYPAAs – JENNIFER B. - The 63rd International Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous is coming to San Francisco on Labor Day weekend, September 1-4. Registration is only \$30 if you sign up before April 1. The main speakers and some of the workshops will have Spanish and ASL interpretations. The host committee could use a Spanish-speaking liaison, a liaison to BTG, or members at large willing to help. ICYPAA.org

CENTRAL OFFICES: No report.

NCCAA: No report.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – MARYCRUZ R.: We're reaching out to groups to participate. We have three new liaisons and are looking for a treasurer. We will have an assembly with the other areas so that the host committee can make a report on the progress of the workshop.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – SERGIO S.: Our committee visited Area 42 Reno, and the committee of the 27th La Viña Anniversary is visiting our area next month.

AREA BUSINESS

ASSEMBLY BID: 2023 Post-Conference Assembly

- Assembly Bid for the 2023 Post Conference Assembly on May 13, 2023, at the Donworth Event Center (473 Eucalyptus Dr, San Francisco, CA). Total bid cost: \$7,150. - Presented by District 16 Spanish Central 2/25/23

• **Presentation:** The district 16 chair presented the breakdown of costs associated with this bid. There is adequate parking and it's very accessible via public transportation. The assembly coordinator shared that there is currently an ad-hoc committee reviewing the guidelines,

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DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – FRANCISCO Z.: We meet three Mondays per month. We had a technology workshop and a presentation on PRAASA from our visiting area officer.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES, SHARING SESSIONS, AND LIAISON REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES - THOM H.: Our last meeting had good attendance, with a representation of linguistic districts and new members. We heard updates on District activities related to reaching the deaf and hard of hearing and indigenous communities, informing meetings about safety in A.A., and obtaining a meeting space for hybrid meetings to include a wider AA audience. The committee still needs a recording secretary.

ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: We elected a new preservationist, Marta B. We had a few new members at our last meeting and discussed how to generate district participation in archives. We are grateful to the Area for hybrid access.

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: We had nine new volunteers, nine presentations given, 63 blue cards received, and four contacts for service made. We are in the process of filling our conference coordinator position, but we will have the pre-conference assembly covered with a table of BTG literature. Grant V. was selected by drawing to represent CNCA BTG at the BTGWW in Texas September 8th – 10th. We are working to find a district to host our BTG forum.

FINANCE – DAVID N.: We reviewed the committee guidelines and are suggesting a minor change. We discussed having a vice-chair due to some dates on which the chair will be unavailable and agreed to rotate that commitment at the request and assignment of the chair. Our treasurer has already sent our contribution to help defray costs of the General Service Conference at the minimum set by the area per a prior motion, \$3500. Eighty of 140 contributions came to CNCA's old mailing address. Please ask GSRs to communicate the change in the address directly to group treasurers.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: Today we prototyped a portable audio cubicle for interpreters in the small rooms for sharing sessions and will hear feedback from interpreters and attendees and plan accordingly. When requesting document translation,

please use a Word or PDF document; any other format requires the translation coordinator to remove or adjust settings for the translation software.

PI/CPC – MIGUEL H.: We had a presentation and Q&A on PI/CPC from a trusted servant. Next month we will have a presentation on how to build a committee.

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: Our committee has elected a chair and has been reviewing draft committee guidelines, job descriptions, and policies, and assessing the technological landscape of CNCA. We are communicating with other Area tech committees and tech officers to learn about their practices. We thank the CNCA I&T committee for translating Area 87's French language guidelines; this Area (Quebec) rotates tech committee members halfway through each panel. We discussed inviting district tech officers to sit on the area committee, will be presenting a motion today, and are discussing shifting the name of the committee to "Technology Services." Our hybrid sub-committee met to discuss production activities at the January ACM and ways to improve for the February ACM. We need more members for our committee; please pass the message to our GSRs and Districts.

WEBSITE – JAMES B.: The web committee is making minor updates to the site, posting material as needed such as the ACM Agenda and Comments, as well as the Conference agenda, background, and agenda topics summaries. We are discussing changing our DNS provider because the current one is difficult to manage renewals with.

ASSEMBLY Ad Hoc – MATT E.: This committee was formed to provide recommendations for revising assembly bid guidelines and the bid form to reflect changing needs of the Area regarding hybrid assemblies. The committee will be considering in-person capacity, food budget, and language needs. Kerstin C. was elected chair and a list of preliminary tasks to gather information was developed at our first meeting.

Ad Hoc NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JACQUELINE P.: The committee is researching ways for members to opt out of receiving paper Comments/Comentarios and discussed options for an educational campaign about the change (e.g., fliers, postcards with mailed newsletters, etc.). We reviewed a presentation about subscription email services, considered anecdotal information

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - March 2023

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Budget vs. Actuals: 2023 Budget - FY23 P&L

January 2023

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	14,556.35	9,000.00	161.74 %
003 District Contributions	150.00	1,666.67	9.00 %
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	340.00	250.00	136.00 %
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	54.00	250.00	21.60 %
010 Interest Income	0.46	0.41	112.20 %
Income	0.90		
Total Revenue	\$15,101.71	\$11,167.08	135.23 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$15,101.71	\$11,167.08	135.23 %
Expenditures			
020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense	353.68	502.68	70.36 %
050 Officer Expense	2,004.80	2,851.90	70.30 %
130 Committee Expenses	1,816.27	2,470.67	73.51 %
300 General Expenses	1,808.06	5,884.79	30.72 %
Total 020 EXPENSE	5,982.81	11,710.04	51.09 %
Total Expenditures	\$5,982.81	\$11,710.04	51.09 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$9,118.90	\$ -542.96	-1,679.48 %
NET REVENUE	\$9,118.90	\$ -542.96	-1,679.48 %

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—MARCH 2023

California Northern Coastal Area

Statement of Financial Position

As of January 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	44,501.52
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,000.86
Total Bank Accounts	\$57,502.38
Other Current Assets	\$41.01
Total Current Assets	\$57,543.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$57,543.39
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	37,284.49
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	9,118.90
Total Equity	\$57,543.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$57,543.39

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as many of the costs on the bid form are no longer reasonable. The district chose to put an accurate cost estimate rather than entering the cost associated with the bid form guideline and spending more. The date will be a week before when it was originally scheduled on the area calendar.

Questions: **Q:** Are interpretation and Zoom costs included in the cost? **A:** Interpretation is handled by the I&T committee as an annual line item, and Zoom costs are also a line item as part of the tech committee expenses. **Q:** What is the \$300 "other" cost? **A:** That is the cost of an additional security guard due to the size of our group. **Q:** What does the nonapplicable for early entry mean? **A:** They are allowing us to come in at 7 am. We asked to be able to go in the evening before but are unable to. We should be able to make the 7 am entry work. **Q:** What is the seating capacity? Their website says 200 at tables. **A:** That number includes dancing, and we will not have a dance floor. They will be accommodating 300 people using the bar area.

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

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA Technology committee's required on-site Hybrid Sub-Committee members are eligible for travel expense reimbursement, beginning January 1, 2023, pursuant to the Area Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, while doing the work of the Hybrid Sub-Committee. — Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee 2/25/23

Presentation: When the Area shifted into meeting hybrid, that created a hybrid team, which is now a subcommittee of the tech committee. There are five members of the hybrid subcommittee required to be onsite that travel from various locations in our Area. The intention is to provide reimbursement for their travel because they must be present to serve the Area. There is a precedent of reimbursement for similar types of Area service. If our Area decided to produce a workshop, that's also an event that could be included for reimbursement.

Questions: **Q:** Is this per person? **A:** Yes, there are five members of the subcommittee required to be on site. In the future, we don't know. Five is not a fixed number at this point. **Q:** This reimbursement is for miles and what else? **A:** This motion is according to area travel guidelines, which include mileage and, in some cases, housing (i.e., hotel), depending on distance and drive time. Area officers and committee chairs receive such reimbursement, as well. **Q:** Do we have an estimate of how much would be added to the budget? **A:** We don't have a way to estimate the cost of travel to assemblies that haven't been bid upon.

Vote by simple majority to keep at ACM or forward to Assembly. << Motion to become New Business at the ACM on March 25, 2023.>>

NEW BUSINESS:

- That the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board in respect to the 2023 General Service Conference be the anticipated full cost per conference member of \$9000. - Presented by the CNCA Finance Committee 1/21/23

***Discussion: Group consciences:** Our district was unanimously in favor of contributing the \$9000 based on the wisdom of the finance committee. **Personal opinions:** We should do this if we have the money. When we discussed this previously, there was a deadline to send the money in. Is that deadline going to come before this becomes old business? Should it be expedited? // The area has submitted the minimum already to a total of \$3,500. If we decide to contribute more, they will gladly accept it at any point if it is dedicated to the cost of the conference. // This isn't spending money for the delegate. When I was new, I was very poor and felt shame when the basket was passed. A few years ago, our area had no money, and we were relieved to send the minimum. We are now well-off, so let's do the maximum and help other areas that helped us when we didn't have money. // I agree that we should send this designated amount.*

<< Motion to become Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on March 25, 2023. >>

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Voting participation at ACMs and Assemblies

Last month this was worded as "should committee chairs have the right to vote?" Discussion topics this month have been reworded so as not to be leading. // I brought this up during a "what's on your mind?" six months ago because we're not aligned with concept four. For some trusted servants in this area, you cannot vote on motions that impact your service in the Area. We don't have the voting ability in connection with our responsibility. // It's frustrating not to be able to vote on motions we care about as a standing committee chair. In speaking to other areas, some areas were shocked that our committee members are not able to vote. // I discussed this with my service sponsor, and I wondered how many committee chairs there are, and there aren't many. The impact of the number of votes, if they are given a vote, will be minimal, but the impact on the morale will be great. // As a past chair for I&T, I think we should have the ability to vote. // I agree with what's been said, and I want to add the idea of past delegates voting at election assemblies. Who else would be better suited to make an informed decision about who would be able to perform as a delegate than someone who has done it before? It seems odd that they're not able to vote. They also often have the experience to vote on other area officer positions. // My service sponsor asked if we open the voting to new people, does that also mean we open to those who can stand for election as area officers? // I want to see each committee chair voting.

The chair asked for a sense of the room as to whether to con-

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tinue this discussion next month. **Discussion of this topic is to be continued next month.**

- Election Assembly

- A question came up on whether the election assembly should be a two-day assembly. We don't do business at the election assembly so there is a long period of time for Area assembly business. Our first hybrid election assembly went very long. We couldn't elect the Lit./GV/LV officer until the November ACM. CNIA took over our technology and perhaps they didn't have as much experience and need more training (electronic voting). // Another thing to consider is the order in which we elect area officers. The assembly coordinator is a very heavy commitment, so perhaps that position should be elected sooner in order. // Our last election assembly was very chaotic for many of the reasons mentioned. The last two officers elected did not get to give their qualifications, and that didn't feel right to me. I talked to many areas, and many do it very differently than they do. Some areas have eligible members submit resumes and there is no presentation as we do. There are many ways to hold elections. I think this topic requires continued discussion. // It bothers me that we go from summer to pre-conference with a gap of not being able to do business. We must re-litigate new business because of the gap and that hinders our business process. The last four or five election assemblies seem to be escalating with running out of time. It felt rushed. Especially now with the ad hoc committee, we should extend it to a two-day assembly. // I think we can fix the voting timing with more volunteers; we don't necessarily need two days. At the same time, we are talking about whether committee chairs will have a vote. If they're voting members and can stand as area officers, that will take longer. Let's determine whether we want chairs to be able to vote and then discuss election assemblies. // We've had election assemblies run over time before our first hybrid assembly, which is a good reason to provide more time. I also agree with the problem of a lack of business meetings at our election assemblies. The first meeting after the election assembly is a bunch of new people and the same items that were previously discussed start receiving questions repeatedly. It's a burden on the chair and Area timewise. // It's lovely to see a lot of people make themselves available, but we need to change something. // As a former assembly coordinator, I think I lost 3-4 months of my life due to the stress. The two chokepoints of time were the qualifications (30-45 minutes per position; basically, half our day), and it took 15-20 minutes per vote (each four-round vote is about an hour). CNIA moved to "service resumes" for this reason. // Maybe this isn't about having a two-day assembly but "how can we better do our elections?" GSRs didn't know whom to vote for. If we go to two days, we're going to lose volume. People may not come back on the second day and so we won't have as many people as we should. // I had no intention of standing as available on the morning of the election assembly, then I heard great sharing that reminded me that I am available and eligible, so I stood even though I knew I

wasn't qualified. If we had service resumes, that would have eliminated me. // What if we reversed the order of elections? There might be fewer qualifications that are repeated.

- Equity between virtual and in-person participants

- This topic stems from conversations between people attending in person and people attending online about making sure the experience is good for everyone. There are challenges for people online and challenges for people in person. How do we make sure the experience is good for everyone? // Last panel my entire experience was virtual. Now that I am participating in person, I don't think it's equitable. It doesn't feel the same online. // I must attend online, and my expectations are that it's not going to be the same online as it is in person. Maybe my friends think it should be the same, but I don't think so. We've done a lot of work on making a quality experience for people online as much as we can. Sometimes people are making comments off-mic, which disturbs me. I'm not sure what we can do better for people in person. // I attend regularly online. I don't know why chat is disabled; maybe the reason was shared but I don't recall why. I would like to be able to acknowledge members from my own district that are also attending on chat. In person, we greet and acknowledge each other. The downside of having the chat is the notices that pop up when something is added to the chat. Maybe we should take a poll of virtual attendees on whether to allow chat. Should in-person people have a vote in this poll? I don't think so because they're not affected by chat. // There was an error on the soundboard, and we apologize for that if it affected people's experience online. The reason for the chat being disabled is that sometimes people will drop opinions and discussions in the chat that the people in person don't have access to.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

The Foro Hispano San Diego Spring Roundup is on April 6-9th. There will be English and Spanish-speaking programs. // There is a virtual service manual study in English and Spanish tomorrow. // I don't like having to drive to the ACM, but I find much more value in coming to the ACM today than I have in the past. This is an experience I wouldn't have gotten if I didn't come in person. // The letters are very small in the Comentarios and it makes it very hard to understand.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B.
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73

CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 73

2023

**February
Mtg**

25 — Area Committee

**March
(Los Angeles)**

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

**April
Assembly
Mtg**

**1 – 2 — Pre-Conference
22 — Area Committee**

May

**13 — Post-Conference
Assembly
27 — Area Committee**

Mtg

June

24 — Area Committee

Mtg

**July
Mtg**

**August
Mtg**

**September
Mtg**

**October
Mtg**

**November
assembly**

Mtg

22 — Area Committee

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

23 — Area Committee

28 — Area Committee

4 — Fall Inventory As-

**sembly
25 — Area Committee**

Panel 73 Assembly Dates

2023 Pre Conference Assembly
April 1 & 2, 2023
Richmond Veterans Hall
968 23rd St. Richmond, CA
Hosted by Districts 20 & 08

2023 Post Conference Assembly
May 13, 2023
Donworth Event Center, St. Stephen's
Church
473 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA
Hosted by District 16

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 11, 2024

2024 Summer Assembly
Aug 10, 2024

2024 Fall Election Assembly
Nov 2, 2024

Area Committee Motions

- Continue at Area Committee Meeting March 25, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

That the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to the General Service Board in respect to the 2023 General Service Conference be the anticipated full cost per conference member of \$9000. - *Presented by the CNCA Finance Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 1/21/23*

NEW BUSINESS

That CNCA Technology committee's required on-site Hybrid Sub-Committee members are eligible for travel expense reimbursement, beginning January 1, 2023, pursuant to the Area Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, while doing the work of the Hybrid Sub-Committee. - *Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 2/25/23*

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*

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 (CNCA 06)
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PRESENTS

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2023

“AA’s Three Legacies - Our Common Solution”

APRIL 1 & 2, 2023

Veterans Memorial Hall
968 23rd St. Richmond, CA 94804

Zoom ID: [632 553 607](https://us02zoom.us/j/632553607)

Saturday, April 1

9:00 AM: Orientation
9:15 AM: Area Business Meeting
12:00 PM: Lunch
1:00 PM: Remarks from the Delegate
and Sharing on the Conference Theme
1:15 PM: Group Consciences

Agenda
Corrections
Finance
Literature
Treatment and Accessibilities
Public Information
Intl. Conventions/Regional Forums
5:00 PM: What’s on your Mind?

Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM: Group Consciences (continued)

Policy/Admissions
Report and Charter
Grapevine/La Viña
Cooperation w/Professional Community
Archives
Trustees

12:30 PM: What’s on your Mind?

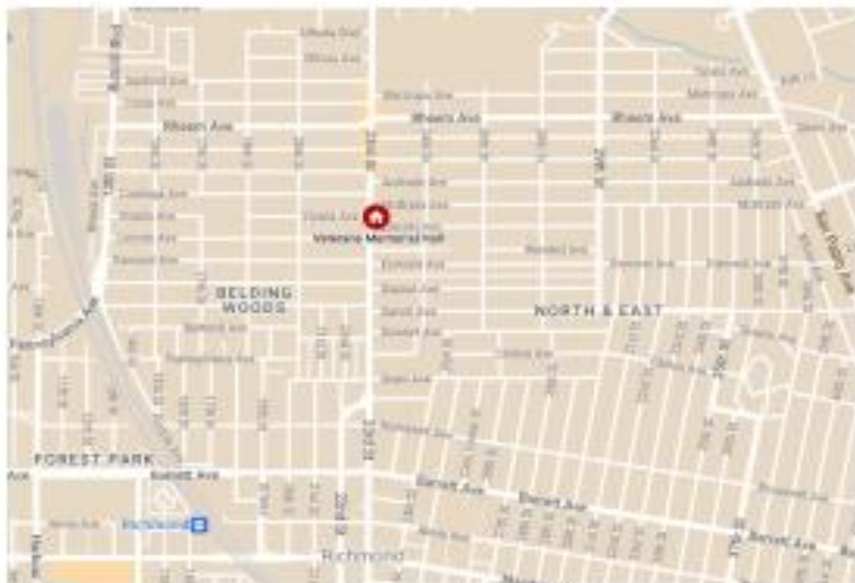
PLEASE NOTE: If extra time is needed,
we will break for lunch at 12:30 pm and
return at 2:00 pm to continue hearing
group consciences.

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INTERPRETATION AND ASSISTED LISTENING**

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: <https://goo.gl/maps/HbShW8VUQEGuSz567>

PARKING: Limited parking on-site for 50 cars. Ample free parking on the street. Please consider car-pooling.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: BART Richmond Station (1 mi. 15-20 min walk)



Lodging near Richmond, CA:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

200 Marina Boulevard, Berkeley, CA 94710

[Click here for Website](#)

Front Desk: 510-548-7920

Reservations: 855-610-TREE

Nightly Rate: \$177 - \$200

Holiday Inn Express & Suites San Pablo - Richmond Area

2525 San Pablo Dam Rd, San Pablo, CA 94806

[Click here for Website](#)

Front Desk: 510-965-1900

Reservation: 888-Holiday

Nightly Rate: \$137 - \$153

SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western Point Richmond

915 W Cutting Blvd, Richmond, CA 94804

[Click here for Website](#)

Front Desk: 510-237-3000

Reservations: 800-780-7234

Nightly Rate: \$73 - \$99

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CNCA 06 ACM, STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES, and SHARING SESSIONS

For questions about meetings, including passwords, please contact the committee chairs by going to:
<https://www.cnca06.org/contact-us/>.

CNCA 06 ACM – Area Committee business meeting (HYBRID) - meets at 12:30pm on the 3rd Saturday in January and December, and the 4th Saturday all other months of the year. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **632 553 607**.

Accessibilities committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Zoom meeting ID: **950 7110 9610**.

Archives committee (HYBRID) - meets at 10:00am on the 3rd Saturday in January and December, and the 4th Saturday all other months of the year. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **918 3100 3118**.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee - meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Saturday in January (HYBRID) Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID for January only: **832 3215 6632**.

DCM sharing session (HYBRID) - meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Saturday in January and December, and the 4th Saturday all other months of the year. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **863 9891 9417**.

DCMC sharing session – *Closed Meeting - DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only.* (HYBRID) - meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Saturday in January and December, and the 4th Saturday all other months of the year. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **969 2698 7068**.

Interpretation & Translation committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Zoom meeting ID: **964 6132 5139**.

Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session (HYBRID) - meets at 9:00am on the 3rd Saturday in January and December, and the 4th Saturday all other months of the year. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **987 0872 2632**.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee (HYBRID) - meets at 9:00am on the 3rd Saturday in January and December, and the 4th Saturday all other months of the year. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **568 947 843**.

Technology committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Thursday of each month. Zoom meeting ID: **961 5695 6661**.

Website committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 5:30pm on the 3rd Thursday in January. Zoom Meeting ID: 957 8148 9983.