



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

What a weekend! The Pre Conference Assembly was held for the first time with full hybrid participation. We had sharing and voting by members online and in-person. My heart is so full from watching the amazing efforts of so many trusted servants who put on this two-day event. District 20 and District 8 hosted, with amazing food and a beautiful set up. Our hybrid subcommittee handled logistics seamlessly. Our past delegates and past trustees did not disappoint, entertaining us in costumes, and don't forget about our Sunday morning impromptu dance party. Our GSR's were the highlight, braving the microphone as they spoke directly to our Delegate, sharing their group's conscience about agenda items.

Now our Delegate Eric L. will take our collective voice and represent us at this year's General Service Conference in New York. We will gather together on May 13th in San Francisco to hear about his experience. Please join us at the Post Conference Assembly – the flyer with details are in this newsletter.

At our last Area Committee Meeting, in March, we accepted a bid from District 15 Humbolt/Del Norte to host this year's Summer Assembly on August 12th. We will all be chanting EUREKA! in preparation for the 'fun assembly'. We passed a motion to pay the full cost of our delegate to this year's General Service Conference, in the amount of \$9000. We will continue to discuss voting participation, the election assembly, and equity between online and in-person participants.

GSRs, you have homework! Now that you know how to take a group conscience, please bring us your group's voice. Before the Post Conference Assembly in May please take a group conscience on the following topics to bring to the Saturday morning business meeting on May 13th:

That the Conference Literature committee consider producing literature combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

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.

As we practice taking group consciences, we build our leadership skills. We learn how to motivate participation, practice our listening, put aside our own opinions, express our group's thoughts clearly and concisely, and create a safe space for equal voices, encouraging the quiet voices to share equally to those who are more practiced. We learn courage, bravery, walking through fear, and patience. Not bad for a group of drunks.

Chitra S.
Chair, CNCA 06 Panel 73

Delegate's Corner: April 2023

"Love is action. If you love somebody, do something for him."

I was moved at the Pre-Conference Assembly by the active participation of all your groups and districts in our Conference process. I understand that at times, we must battle apathy and confusion about the process. Our deliberative pace can sometimes feel too slow, the number of acronyms can be discombobulating, and the personalities sometimes do get in the way of the principles we strive to practice. But the Conference process is essential to ensuring that 12 th Step work continues to be effective as AA comes of age.

And I am so grateful that so many groups across our Area took time to share with each other, with the Area, and with me, their thoughts about the many agenda topics we will be discussing at the General Service Conference. Your business meetings, special sessions, email and text chains, and conversations have helped me prepare for one of the biggest responsibilities of my life.

I cannot do this alone. I could not get sober alone – trust me, I tried. And I definitely cannot be a Delegate all alone. I feel this great responsibility to represent you well, so thank you for trusting me.

My job now is to represent our Area and ensure that the voices of every AA member who chooses to participate is heard at the Conference. I have copious notes (my own, along with more from our Recording Secretary and Alternate Delegate) and nearly a hundred emails to read and synthesize so that I can speak up for all of you.

Alcoholism robbed me of my voice. When I was drinking, I was often too lost in a daze to actually communicate, and when I did, my incoherent ramblings meant most people tuned me out quite quickly. I am still banned from some bars in San Francisco. When I would shout, I'd often just be told to leave. And most people avoided me after one too many bad interactions.

I came to AA silenced. But slowly, I found my voice. As a GSR, I learned that my voice matters to the rest of AA. Because it was not just me speaking, it was the group that I loved that had saved my life I was speaking for. Thank you for loving AA the way you do that you have helped me love AA the way I do.

Yours in service,
Eric L. Panel 73 Delegate

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AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES—April 2023

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 25, 2023 The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on 3/25/23 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 Dan B. from District 06, Barbara from District 09 read Tradition Three, and Lisa D. from District 70 read Concept Three. We welcomed 1 new GSR, 1 new DCM, and 1 alternate DCMC. There were seven past Delegates present: Teddy B. (Panel 69), Joann L. (Panel 67), Bob D. (Panel 36 from Area 8), Jennifer B. (Panel 71), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Diane O. (Panel 35) and Jim M. (Panel 45), Patty M. (63). The February minutes and the financial report were accepted as published in the CNCA Comments and Comentarios. **Attendance:** 48 online; 93 in person (142 total). **Birthdays:** 202 years.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: The deadline for written group consciences is April 9; the Conference starts on April 23, and I will give a full report of the Conference at the Post-Conference Assembly on May 13. I sent out an email with additional information about Corrections Item C. That email also included more information about the resignation of the Chair of the General Service Board. We will be hearing group consciences (and perhaps personal opinions) at the PreConference Assembly on how we move forward together in the best interest of AA.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: I attended PRAASA and enjoyed the panels and roundtables. Over 200 attended PRAASA. I was happy to take our Area picture for the 10th year in a row. The 27th world service meeting was held virtually in 2022, and the report is now available. I'm very excited about our Pre-Conference Assembly next weekend.

CHAIR – CHITRA S.: I had a huge learning experience at PRAASA this year. We practiced conflict, safely in one room, together. All voices were heard. We spoke and listened. A reminder to all officers and Committee Chairs, please prepare a 2-minute report for the Saturday business meeting at the Pre-Conference Assembly next weekend. I will be emailing out the agenda topics in the order they will be heard. I will also send out the background for and motions that we will be discussing and possibly voting on at the Assembly business meet-

ing. If you are a DCMC or Committee Chair, please forward these emails to your GSRs, Committee members, and Officers, in preparation for the Assembly.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: Our checking account has \$42,927.44, and our prudent reserve has \$13,000.96. February's actual contributions were \$12,443.34, over our budgeted February of \$9,167.08. February's actual expenses were \$18,755.23, more than double our budgeted \$9,154.96. In January we were under budget, and in February we had assembly expenses of \$5,525 and a \$3,500 contribution to GSO. Please spread the word about our updated address, as well as online contributions at cnca06.org/contribute

REGISTRAR – DREW B.: I found PRAASA to be inspiring and enlightening! I attended the round tables for registrars, and we had at least four district registrars from our area there. I found that very few of our partner Areas in the Pacific Region use AirTable or any other type of database software. I was shocked at first but the more I spoke with other Registrars, several of them asked us about implementing and expressed a desire to get a local database. Group of the Month: Sober Slugs Santa Cruz Tuesday at 8 pm. **RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.:** I've been enjoying familiarizing myself with the panel 71 motions book and learning about our Area's history! I'm also working with the web chair to add the panel 71 motions books to the CNCA website. I look forward to hearing reports from our committees, discussing area business, and hearing group consciences at the pre-conference assembly.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: The first Assembly of Panel 73 is just one week away, on April 1st & 2nd at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Richmond, CA. This will be our first hybrid Pre-Conference Assembly with sharing on agenda topics from GSRs both in-person and online. Please carpool and give yourself plenty of time to find street parking. The Post Conference Assembly will be hosted by D16 Spanish Central on Saturday, May 13th in San Francisco. Today we will hear a bid for the Summer Assembly in Eureka. Tomorrow I will be touring a potential site for the Fall Assembly in Monterey. I have been informed that two other Districts are planning to submit Assembly bids for 2024.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MATT E.: La Viña Workshop: you are invited to join the last Friday

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of the month at 9 am PDT for the LV informational workshop. There will be a review of products, books, suggestions for ongoing presentations, and GSO / GVLV updates. Zoom meeting ID: 815 9593 1777. Grapevine Topics coming up: MidSobriety Challenges — Share some challenges you've had after 8, 10, or 20 years sober. Have you ever nearly relapsed? Did you ever stop going to meetings or disconnect from AA? Have you ever been a dry drunk? How did you get back on track? What helped you may help someone else. (stories due April 15, 2023)

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ELENA: We're excited to have found a potential location to host the Fall assembly and look forward to presenting a bid.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) - BRIAN M.: Our district meets remotely only. Thanks to our visiting area officer for information on and discussion of agenda topics. Our intergroup has restarted an in-person birthday meeting.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – DEB A.(RYAN A.): Seven members of District 03 and Santa Cruz enjoyed the heart and love of service of PRAASA 2023! Scholarship offerings were successful and appreciated. The District presented an online Agenda Topics Workshop (ATW). Nine presenters shared insights and suggestions for expanding the number of GSRs. An audio of that presentation is available. We hope to see you in Richmond!

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – AMARA G.: Affectionately known as "March Madness" we did our best to prepare GSRs to facilitate their agenda topic sessions, which included a hybrid workshop co-hosted with D40. We have collaborative documents for notetaker and timer sign-ups, as well as to share presentations, to ensure that no GSR falls through the cracks. Three GSRs (one via scholarship) and one DCM attended PRASSA. We will be conducting a District Agenda Topic Session. After the wave of agenda topics recedes, we look forward to offering service-related events and focusing on building our website.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – KAREN C.: We elected an Alt DCMC and Lit/GV/LV coordinator. Spanish overlay members are a critical part of our district, and the spirit of rotation is encouraging involvement for all beyond GSR positions. District officers are reexamining reimbursement guidelines and practices. We will discuss this further after the General

Service Conference.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – BRENT M.: Our district conducted its ATW on February 26. This led to some great discussion and, as always, I learned something. In our March business meeting, we discussed the details of reporting our group conscience at the pre-conference assembly. We also discussed meeting hybrid and formed an ad-hoc committee to evaluate the options and requirements of moving our business meeting to a hybrid format.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DANIEL B.: Our hybrid ATW had 30 in-person attendees, including many members of our Spanish-speaking sister districts. Attendees shared that they gained what they needed to collect group consciences. We now have a full panel, aside from a few more DCMs. Planning for the Post-Conference pre-assembly dinner has begun.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – MANISH G.: We had seven members attend PRAASA, including several for the first time. We had a successful ATW and a mini workshop at our District meeting where GSRs practiced delivering group consciences. We had six new GSRs and a new DCM this month.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – EILEEN P.: We had seven people from District 70 attend PRAASA 2023 in Los Angeles. District 70 provided two scholarships to two first-time attendees. We will hear about their experiences at our next District meeting. Our District meeting was held in person for the first time in February. There was a great turnout and enthusiasm for being together again. We are still discussing hybrid options for our regular monthly meetings.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – MEG B.: Our March district meeting focused on preparing GSR for agenda topics. We gave a tour of our website, including accessing agenda topics, summaries, and password-protected background material. We received a request from an AA member from Ohio asking for access to our background material. Our GSR who attended PRAASA came back with a desire to learn Spanish, get a service sponsor, and a much better understanding of the impact general

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service has on the drunk trying to find some hope. We have around 15 people who volunteered for service at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – DONNA F.: We're gaining GSRs and alternates, but still struggling with participation. Attendance is improving in our groups, but still, no one is available to chair many of our committees. We have a promising lead with our local parole authority for PI/CPC work. Thank you, D90 for the ATW.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – STEVEN L.: Our ATW had great attendance and positive feedback. Our PI/CPC chair is preparing for a Health Care event and is in talks with the DA's office for presentations.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – DYLAN R.: Thanks to my district for sending me to PRAASA. Our district meeting was wellattended this month. We are working on updating our contact list and encouraging participation from unrepresented groups. MFC is working with fellowship groups to host a dance in August, as well as contributing to District 10's Founders' Day event.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – SANDY S.: Our April business meeting date is changed to April 8 at 1:30 due to a conflict with the Pre-Conference Assembly. We heard a housekeeping motion to adopt 90-second time limits for reports, discussions, and new business presentations. An objection moved it to new business next month. A motion was made to hold our business meeting in person with a Hybrid Option. The Financial Oversight Committee has been meeting to review the current general guidelines and update the budget. Unity Day in Napa is scheduled for June 17.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – DENISE G.: Many members were able to attend PRAASA, including three members on scholarships. The district meeting format is shifting, to reduce reports and put focus on GSRs and their needs. DCM positions are available, as well as liaison to D18. Our Delegate's Report BBQ is in June, and Unity Day is in the fall.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – HECTOR M.: We had many new GSRs and a well-attended district meeting this month. We had to move from the first

to the third Wednesday, which affected our discussion of Agenda Topics. I've been in contact with GSRs to familiarize them with the topics and the process. We took a group conscience on providing the full cost of attendance to the GSC for our delegate.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – SUZI W.: We still do not have a DCMC. Our meeting was held in Fort Bragg this month, with several new members. We have several group sharing sessions scheduled to collect group consciences. We will be continuing to discuss a possible bid for the Post-Conference assembly 2024.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – MEGAN M.: Seven members attended PRAASA. We are still looking for a hybrid meeting place. We're excited to make a bid to host the Summer Assembly today!

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO M.: Sixty-six people attended the Interdistrict meeting. We are still working on Agenda Topics and continuing to motivate our GSRs. We're looking forward to the pre-conference, as well as the post-conference assembly we'll be hosting. **DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R.** Several members were able to attend PRAASA. We are working with Pathways house and bringing members from there to their first meetings. PI has workshops and attends the Mexican consulate twice a month, and CPC is working on getting in touch with local professionals.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – RODRIGO Z.: Our groups have great attitudes on the agenda topics, and GSRs are ready to go at the mic at the Pre-Conference Assembly. I'm ready to take group consciences for groups that don't have a GSR. More GSRs are attending our study day. We had a great experience in PRAASA seeing everyone in person.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – SARA N.: We are working with the groups on the agenda topics. They are very interested in the topics, and we are ready for the pre-conference assembly.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – FRANCISCO Z.: Our accessibility committee is doing a work-

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like everyone who signs up to get an email with either a link or a pdf.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – DAWN

Y.: March Comments/Comentarios are out, and we hope you're enjoying the physical form and warm glow of service in action. The time to take the Comments/Comentarios from the microphone to the mailbox was cut drastically this month. The editor is working on spacing. Most of the obstacles are due to the AI in the translation software that should be worked out soon. Thank you to the hosts of the lick-and-stick party (where no licking is required). We found a good local printer. The number of volunteers needed to complete the mailings was cut in half by cleaning up the mailing list. Thanks to district registrars for submitting updated rosters.

PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W: We distributed 1500 buttons at PRAASA 2023! The motion for virtual/hybrid participation was not discussed at the P2023 business meeting, so we will review that topic as a committee soon. If you would like to serve on the PRAASA 2024 committee, please reach out to me.

DCM SHARING SESSION – MAUREEN G.: Today we talked about why we need GSRs, what the role consists of, why a group might ask for a GSR, or how DCMs can encourage members to make themselves available as GSRs. We had about 12 people on zoom, and 20 in the room. Next month our topic will be "Making AA Accessible."

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – MATT E.: We had a wonderful presentation from Scarlett W. on creating a grapevine/la vina display for your districts and groups. Next month we will hear from Blake L. on how to organize a writing workshop.

H & I – KAREN B.: We will have a table at the pre-conference assembly. The H&I Conference is May 19th and 20th at Wyndham Sacramento. Come learn more about H&I and what we do - visit handinorcal.org for more information.

YPAAS:

ICYPAA – JENNIFER B. - The 63rd International Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous is in San Francisco, September 1-4. The main speakers and some of the workshops will have Spanish and ASL interpretations. The theme is "Watch Loneliness Vanish." Registration is \$30 if you sign up before April 1. (After that \$35) There are still several service positions open on the host committee: a Spanish-speaking liaison, a liaison to BTG, or come be a member at large and see how you can help. Visit ICYPAA.org or reach out to me.

CENTRAL OFFICES:

SF/Marin Intergroup: Go to aasmarin.org to find our inaugural report. Highlights include our new name, improvements in trust and transparency, a new director, and welcoming back volunteers.

NCCAA: -NCCAA is in Fresno in October. We are back with two meetings each year.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – MARY-

CRUZ R.: We are encouraging different groups to attend and be a part of the workshop. I've been attending district meetings via zoom to encourage participation. We are looking for a logo/theme. You can draw and submit by hand. We are working on transferring the bank account to the new account holders. Area 05 will be the host area. We had 40 people from different areas in a meeting at PRAASA.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – SERGIO S.: No report

FORO HISPANO - FREDDY: We had our first meeting, and have started planning our location, budget, and other details. The event will be on October 22nd, 2023.

AREA BUSINESS

ASSEMBLY BID: 2023 Summer Assembly • Assembly Bid for the 2023 Summer Assembly on August 12, 2023, at Redwood Acres Fairground (3750 Harris Street, Eureka CA 95503). Total bid cost: \$5,084. - Presented by District 15 Humboldt –

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shop for in-person and online groups. We are supporting our GSRs in gathering their group consciences.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES - THOM H.: We elected a recording secretary. D15 is coming up with a proposal to have future PRAASAs be virtual. District 10 learned how to have a meeting using a multitude of electronic devices. District 07 is considering six potential models for offering ASL interpretation at AA meetings and AA Events. District 70 is working on its hybrid issues. Districts 07 and 70 will be exploring a combined Accessibilities Committee. District 12 is finalizing a survey for workshop topics and is looking into a QR code to poll local meetings about access issues. District 14 has a newly remodeled Alano Club with accessibility for all in mind. We had a brief update on the Deaf Access Project. A report with findings and recommendations will be given at our April Committee meeting. Our Committee held a sharing session on Agenda Item E from the Treatment/Accessibilities Agenda Topics. Our report will be presented at the pre-conference assembly.

ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: We welcomed 3 new District Chairs. We are preparing a display for the Pre-Conference Assembly. We are happy to report that a Spanish version of the Archives Workbook is available electronically. We have developed a WhatsApp group.

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: We will be hosting BTG Forum this fall - our visiting area officer facilitated discussion on two agenda topics. We will have a display table at the pre-conference assembly.

FINANCE – LESLIE W.: Income rose by 25%, and expenses more than doubled. We expect this trend to be temporary but are keeping a close eye on it. We reviewed the motion on today's agenda and have some questions. We will address the financial impact of this motion as part of the area's discussion.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: Our committee meeting via Zoom this month was successful, and we elected a recording

secretary. We are fully equipped with 70 working radios, 89 working earphones, and 3 FM transmitters. We have received a request to create a second cubicle, and are working on it.

PI/CPC – MIGUEL H.: Our session had about 25 people attending, and we heard a presentation on how to build a PI/CPC committee. Next month's topic will be "What health fairs and events can we attend? Which are appropriate for AA PI/CPC members to attend?" We hear from each other at this sharing session, we don't make formal decisions, and all are welcome.

TECHNOLOGY – ANDREW S.: We added a new member, Don L. We have gained access to our Area's OneDrive. We have decided to begin using Discord to facilitate communication among our members. We may be considering the need and/or how to put on technology services workshops to help our group. We are still discussing a name shift to "Technology Services." Alcoholics Anonymous Technology Workshop AATW will be in Winchester, VA.

WEBSITE – JAMES B.: If you use the website and see something that isn't right, please use the "contact us" form on the site and pick "website chair." The form for submitting your group conscience is live. We will be looking at how to address removing documents and outdated information. We discussed the layout and format of the main splash screen of the site. We discussed the need to update the WordPress theme of the site, updating the current database version at the core of the site, and if a new hosting solution is in order.

ASSEMBLY AD HOC – KERSTIN C.: We have met twice and are looking into updating the guidelines for Assemblies. We are making progress in the information-gathering phase to be able to inform all of you. As you all know, prices have gone up (for everything). We are looking at past costs and facility availability, as well as current costs.

AD HOC NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JACQUELINE P. (DREW B.): We've met three times and will have a few more meetings to go. We've been focusing on a new way to distribute - instead of all the emails going to DCMC, we would

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Del Norte on 3/25/2023

Presentation: We held an assembly at this facility in 2018, located in between the redwoods and the ocean. We are arranging two buildings with plenty of parking and banquet seating. There are many affordable hotels nearby.

Questions: **Q:** The ad hoc committee is discussing updating the bid form. What is the bid number based on? **A:** Actual food/facility costs. // **Q:** The total should be \$5,084 based on the form. **A:** Correct, updated. // **Q:** Is the \$2,000 for food for catering since there is no kitchen? **A:** Not necessarily, but we will provide breakfast and lunch. // **Q:** Does the facility have breakout rooms? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Is there parking? **A:** Lots! Vote by simple majority. <<< Assembly Bid Approved >>>

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

- That CNCA purchase a new microphone for use at the A.C.M. and Assemblies, at a cost not to exceed \$150. – Presented by the Hybrid Subcommittee of the Area's Technology Committee on 3/25/2023 Presentation: One of the microphones that we rely on is old and has "gone kaput." A Hybrid Subcommittee member with professional sound experience will be responsible for choosing the microphone

Questions: **Q:** Is \$150 enough for something quality? **A:** Yes. No objections. <<housekeeping motion passed>>

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA hold a linguistic sharing session for Spanish Speakers at 10 am on the day of the ACM at the Petaluma Community Center. – Presented by CNCA Alternate Delegate Miguel H. on 3/25/2023

Presentation: This sharing session has already been happening unofficially. Twenty to 35 people have been coming. **Questions:** **Q:** If this is already happening, is this just to formalize it? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Have you considered a different time? **A:** That is something for the sharing session to

decide. // **Q:** Who will attend? **A:** Spanish speakers, most likely. // **Q:** Will there be an interpretation? **A:** That's up to the sharing session. // **Q:** This time conflicts with Archives, can there be a different time? **A:** That's up to the sharing session. // **Q:** What is the content of this meeting and why does it need to be at the Area level? **A:** Currently, the room costs \$38/hr., with a minimum rental of \$76. The content would be reported by one member during Sharing Session Reports. // **Q:** Friendly amendment to remove "at 10 am" from the motion? **A:** Accepted. // **Q:** If it's been going on for 8-9 months, what is the need for it to become official? **A:** It's a way to book the room. In the past, the room has been used for other meetings that are now meeting on zoom. // **Q:** Will this include a report back? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Why did we start eight months ago? **A:** A need was identified. // **Q:** Will this create any new service positions? **A:** Not now. **Vote by simple majority to keep at ACM or forward to Assembly. << Motion to become New Business at the ACM on April 22, 2023.>>**

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 Subcommittee. – Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee 2/25/23

Discussion: **Group consciences:** None. // **Personal opinions:** We are asking that the motion cover members of the Hybrid Sub-Committee at the same rate as the guidelines. This is an important and significant accessibility issue. // **Q:** The budget submitted was for five people; how many people will we reimburse? **A:** 4-5 per ACM, 5-7 per Assembly. // People get burned out when they do too many of these roles at once. We need enough volunteers to do the work. // The motion currently doesn't limit the number of people or

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who determines that number. I think we need limits. // **Q:** Has the finance committee looked at this? **A:** We know that some of this info may change, and we are reserving a financial impact statement until we have numbers // I was part of the ad hoc hybrid committee, and the Area voted to reimburse those members at that time. I think sometimes in AA we expect individuals to bear the cost when the groups are donating to Area to support exactly this type of thing. // My only concern is that it seems premature. Without job descriptions, it feels too open to interpretation. // There are positions in I&T where members are reimbursed, those are spelled out in the guidelines (which are on the website). If you are reimbursed by your district, that comes first. // People are already doing these jobs at a personal expense; I would hate to delay too long // The subcommittee does have an org chart and defined roles. We might need extra people at an assembly if this body decides we need more hybrid rooms. // We would like to hear more participation from those online who benefit from and need this service. << **Motion to become Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on April 22, 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 1/21/23

Discussion: Group consciences: None. // **Personal opinions:** None. **Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity. One opposed. No minority opinion was heard.** <<Motion passed>>

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

- Voting participation at ACMs and Assemblies

I am a committee chair who participates actively and believe it is appropriate for chairs to be able

to vote. // Right now, it's just a discussion topic. If you are passionate and would like to see something change you will eventually need to make a motion. // I feel very passionately about this. Seems like a missed opportunity. // Our past delegates have a lot of experience that isn't available as part of the vote. // Chairs should be able to vote on committee considerations. // I'm in favor, having been a committee chair before and feeling like I should vote but couldn't. // Still concerned that changing the voting eligibility creates a two-tiered system for who is eligible for area officer service. // I had the honor of being Chair in the past, and there were several members who worked their butts off to get us virtual/hybrid. They were never able to vote. // Just because I don't vote doesn't mean I don't have a voice. // My district favored this, but was wondering if that would make them eligible for elections.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? Thanks to all who contributed to the Comments, it was much easier to read. // Sign up now for the Post-Conference assembly dinner! // I've been thinking of people who have passed away recently.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matt E.
CNCA06 Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair,
substituting for:
Sarah B.
CNCA06 Recording Secretary

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - April 2023

California Northern Coastal Area

Budget vs. Actuals: 2023 Budget - FY23 P&L
January - February, 2023

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue		
002 Group Contributions	20,436.12	16,000.00
003 District Contributions	6,360.00	3,333.33
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	654.00	500.00
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	94.00	500.00
010 Interest Income	0.93	0.83
Total Revenue	\$27,545.05	\$20,334.16
GROSS PROFIT	\$27,545.05	\$20,334.16
Expenditures		
020 EXPENSE		
021 Delegate Expense	888.93	1,330.40
050 Officer Expense	4,726.58	5,703.72
130 Committee Expenses	5,076.43	5,561.34
300 General Expenses	14,046.10	8,269.54
Total 020 EXPENSE	24,738.04	20,865.00
Total Expenditures	\$24,738.04	\$20,865.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$2,807.01	-\$ 530.84
NET REVENUE	\$2,807.01	-\$ 530.84

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—April 2023

California Northern Coastal Area
Statement of Financial Position
As of February 28, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	38,222.54
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,000.96
Total Bank Accounts	\$51,223.50
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	8.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$8.00
Total Current Assets	\$51,231.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$51,231.50
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds - Adjusted	37,284.49
Prudent Reserve - Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	2,807.01
Total Equity	\$51,231.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$51,231.50

CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 73

2023

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

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

June 24 — Area Committee Mtg

July 22 — Area Committee Mtg

**August 12 — Summer Assembly (Eureka)
26 — Area Committee Mtg**

September 23 — Area Committee Mtg

October 28 — Area Committee Mtg

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

**December 16 — Area Committee Mtg
(Note: 3 rd Sat)**

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

CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—April 2023

Area Committee Motions

- Continue at Area Committee Meeting April 22, 2023

OLD 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

NEW BUSINESS

That CNCA hold a linguistic sharing session for Spanish Speakers on the day of the ACM at the Petaluma Community Center. – Presented by CNCA Alternate Delegate Miguel H. 3/25/2023

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

Area Assembly Motions

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

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

POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2023

"AA's Three Legacies - Our Common Solution"

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Donworth Events Center

473 Eucalyptus Dr. San Francisco, CA
Enter Parking Lot at 501 Buckingham Way

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

REGISTRATION	8:30 – 9:30 AM
ORIENTATION	9:30 – 9:45 AM
AREA BUSINESS MEETING	9:45 AM - 12:30 PM
LUNCH	12:30 – 1:30 PM
PANEL ON CONFERENCE THEME	1:30 – 2:15 PM
DELEGATE'S REPORT	2:15 – 3:45 PM
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	4:00 – 5:00 PM
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?	5:00 – 5:30 PM

BRING YOUR FM RADIO FOR SIMULTANEOUS SPANISH-ENGLISH
INTERPRETATION AND ASSISTED LISTENING

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: <https://goo.gl/maps/UQr25PUHjccuzf4z5>

PARKING: Please park near the Old UA Cinema at 501 Buckingham Way. Entrance to the Donworth Event Center is via the Parking Lot on Buckingham Way.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Take BART to Civic Center, switch to MUNI K and M Lines Outbound to Eucalyptus and 19th Avenue. Also close to MUNI 28 and 29 Bus Stops.



Lodging near San Francisco/SFO:

Hampton Inn San Francisco Downtown/Convention Center

942 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Front Desk (415) 546-3110

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sfocchx-hampton-san-francisco-downtown-convention-center>

Nightly Rate: \$157 - \$224

DoubleTree by Hilton San Francisco South Airport Blvd

275 South Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Front Desk (650) 873-3550

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sfosadt-doubletree-san-francisco-airport-south-blvd/>

Nightly Rate: \$163 - \$204

Best Western Plus Grosvenor Airport Hotel

380 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Front Desk (650) 873-3200

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.05297.html

Nightly Rate: \$134 - \$169

PANEL 73 AREA OFFICERS & AREA MEETING INFORMATION

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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**.