



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview
June 2023

With the Post Conference Assembly behind us, we have successfully finished our first quarter of learning in this panel. We are starting to get a handle on the structure of our Area, its districts, and committees. We are practicing communication, having learned how to take a group conscience. We are now applying this principle in our service, rather than just voicing our own opinions. We are involving our groups in the decision making processes at our districts and Area, by getting their opinions on our motions. We recognize that without our communication our groups would not be able to participate. Slowly we become facilitators, and our voice becomes quieted. We begin to encourage the voices of others. This is the beginning of our practice in leadership.

At the May ACM we accepted a bid from District 14 Mendocino to hold the Post Conference Assembly 2024 at the Community Center in Willits, CA. Thank you for stepping up to serve!

We will be holding an election for Chair of PRAASA 2024 at this month's June Area Committee Meeting, and we will be testing out electronic voting methods. Those eligible to stand should have attended two previous PRAASAs, have a solid understanding of AA, conventions, assemblies, and conferences. Voting members are DCMs, DCMCs, and Area Officers.

We had excellent participation and discussion at the May ACM on our old business. If you are a DCM, DCMC, or Committee Chair, please bring your district and group consciences to the June Area Committee Meeting on the following motions:

- 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
- 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
- That CNCA 06 purchase 120 digital radios at a cost not to exceed \$2,800.00. -Presented by the CNCA Interpretation and Translation Committee 5/27/2023

Thank you for your service!

Chitra S.
CNCA 06 Chair, Panel 73

Delegate's Corner: June 2023

For the next few months, I will be visiting districts (and occasionally groups) in our Area to share what happened at the General Service Conference this year. Being a link in the chain of communication is one of my biggest responsibilities to the Area. It's how I keep the Conference accountable to our ultimate authority, the group conscience.

So I look forward to sharing with you what happened, how it happened, and why it happened... and what comes next. It's an incredible privilege to serve in this capacity.

It is a privilege because it's something so few people have gotten to do. But it doesn't make me an AA wizard. Sometimes, we place people in service on pedestals. I've done it a lot – I see these “fancy service people” and all the work that they do, and I imagine they have some magic secret. And I've noticed recently that some people treat me that way too. But I'm really just a drunk who found sobriety and stumbled into General Service and got the opportunity to serve in a bunch of cool different roles.

And I have to keep reminding myself that while people are nice to me, when they're particularly effusive, what they're really effusive about is how amazing AA is. This anarchic society of former problem drinkers has managed to sustain itself for decades, often because of the service work that is happening at home groups around the world.

Someone arrives early and unlocks the meeting room, sets up the chairs, perhaps makes the coffee. Another person stands by the door and welcomes people in. Someone probably went to Central Office and bought some books. Another person collects money and pays rent for the hall. Someone reads, another speaks, and another extends their hand willing to help a stumbling drunk figure out what we all did to find sobriety.

The work we do in General Service is meant to facilitate that work. We are in service to you. You are the front lines of service, and I am just a link in a chain letting you know how AA is doing everywhere else.

Yours in service,
Eric L., Panel 73 Delegate

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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 27, 2023

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on May 27, 2023, 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 David S. from District 06, Mauricio H. from District 19 read Tradition Five in Spanish, and Judah N. from District 12 read Concept Five. We welcomed two new DCMs. There were seven past Delegates present: Jennifer B. (P71), Joann L. (P67), David N. (P59, past trustee), Bob D. (P36), Diane O. (P35), Jim M. (P45), and Barbara M. (P41). A member requested a correction to the DCMC sharing session time listing in the Comments. *The April minutes and the financial report were accepted as published in the CNCA Comments and Comentarios. Attendance: 70 in person; 45 online. Birthdays: 126/6.*

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: *We will soon receive more information about the specific actions taken at the General Service Conference this year. Some of those files haven't been sent yet because of delays in translation. You will also hear reports about the Conference at your local district meetings and district events over the next few months.*

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: *The Trustee's Literature Committee requests applications for a Nontrustee Appointed Committee Member. Desirable qualities are expertise in and/or familiarity with the use of current technology and communications tools, availability for meetings of this committee held during Board weekends, one meeting during the annual GSC, participation in subcommittees of the trustees' committee, at least five years of sobriety, and experience in AA service and in carrying the message to Spanish-speaking alcoholics (bilingual preferred). Contact the Literature desk at GSO: 212-870-3019. Resumes are due June 30, 2023.*

CHAIR – CHITRA S.: *All AA progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words. Humility and Responsibility. Our whole spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these mag-*

nificent standards. Ever-deepening humility, accompanied by an ever-greater willingness to accept and act upon clear-cut obligations – these are truly our touchstones for all growth in the life of the spirit. They hold us up to the very essence of right being and right doing. - Bill W, Our Great Responsibility, pg. 84. I am surrounded by members living in humility and responsibility. It takes my breath away and it is an honor and a privilege to watch.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: *Our checking account has \$32,048, and our prudent reserve (one month's operating expenses) has \$13,001. As of the end of April, our total contributions were \$51,417, and our budgeted contributions were \$40668. At the end of April, actual expenses were \$65,939, the budget was \$53,100. Payments made early for multiple assemblies, contributions to the GSC, and changes in our rentals for the ACM were responsible for most of the increases. Please spread the word about our updated address, as well as online contributions at cnca06.org/contribute/*

REGISTRAR – DREW B.: *At the Post-Conference Assembly we had 284 total registrations, 201 were in person, and 83 were online. Thirty-three were DCMs and 136 were GSRs. On May 4th, we had the first registrar sharing session of the panel. We discussed the purpose and processes of registration. The registrars loved meeting other folks doing the same service work! Our meeting of the month is a BRAND-NEW GROUP: Big Book Energy - District 07- Dublin.*

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: *I've been reflecting on accessibility in the language I use in the minutes after the delegate's sharing on the plain language translation of the big book. I'm working on the formatting of our motions book to make it easier for the reader to find what they need. I received three guesses for the word count for the Post-Conference minutes. I'm accepting submissions until the end of the month. The winner will receive a Grapevine/La Viña-related prize. Submit your guess. Here's some trivia: the first summer assembly was in 1966 at Union Hall in SF, and 2015 was the last time an assembly was hosted at the Red-wood Acres in Eureka.*

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: *I met with the*

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area access committee for their feedback on assemblies. They were concerned with space between tables for wheelchairs, walkers, and cane access. We need to increase our projected attendance. The earlier a district decides to bid, the more venues with higher capacity are available. Today we are considering a bid and will hear bids for the 2023 Pre-Conference and Summer Assemblies in the coming months. I have created a database of event facilities that can accommodate CNCA Assemblies, including venues we have rented since 2000. A survey was sent out to past officers collecting their recollections of these venues. If you have a favorite assembly venue, please email me! I am looking for a group of volunteers to gather specs on venues for the database. If you are available for service, please speak to me, or email.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MATT E.: AAWS is working with vendors and publishers to address literature supply chain issues. Many items previously on backorder are available again, including softcover and large format Big Books in English and the pocket-size edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos*. Reach out to me for help with items on backorder. The Trustees' Literature Committee requests stories for the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American," including experience, strength, and hope; steps, traditions, and concepts; ethnic, culture, gender, and LGBTQ diversity; diversity and social status; safety and racism; sobriety and mental health; atheist/agnostics; and cultural reconnection. The deadline is October 31, 2023; the suggested format of 500-1,000 word typed manuscripts. Submit with the subject line "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic." To learn more about how to submit your stories to Grapevine or La Viña, reach out to me or your district's Grapevine or La Viña representative.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ANNETTE C.: The district will be hosting a pizza party to hear the Delegate's report on June 20. Our Assembly Committee is planning to host the Fall Assembly. Our BTG Chair gave a report on the progress to return meetings to treatment centers in our district. Our GSRs have decided to change the name of the Sub-District Committee meeting to something that is more descriptive and fun. Our intergroup is hosting a "Deserts and Dancing" event on June 3 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) - BRIAN M.: Our district continues to try to increase participation from GSRs in the District. Salinas and Monterey Intergroups are hosting Unity Day on June 11th with a BBQ, games, and a speaker meeting.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – DEB A.: To increase participation of groups, particularly those online, the District will begin DCM sharing sessions. Registration will be key. Additionally, the District will now "pass the virtual basket" during our meetings and contribute via Zelle, which has no fees. We look forward to the delegate presenting about his experience and the results of the General Service Conference at our June District meeting.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – AMARA G.: At our district meeting, GSRs gave presentations on the services that GSO provides and encouraged GSRs to communicate this information (over time), as well as the results from the Conference with their groups. We started a Service Manual study, are beginning to organize safety workshops, and are continuing to build a website.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – KAREN C.: We continued the discussion on our 2023 21-page district guidelines. The patience and tolerance of all district members through this process has been great and the group conscience heard, despite a bit of awkwardness and confusion mixed in. The district has welcomed four new groups and 21 new GSRs since January. The goal is to get that information to our Area Registrar. Our Liaison for Unity Day is busy with monthly planning meetings and reporting back to the district.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – BRENT M.: The district business meeting has been reorganized to have business first to focus and shorten the meeting. The importance of keeping reports to the group short was emphasized with GSRs as they prepare to inform groups of the results of the 73rd General Service Conference. We also spent time interpreting the delegate's spreadsheet with summaries of conference results with help from our visiting area officer to explain the terms.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DAVID S.: We had 62 attendees, two speakers, and several newcomers volunteering at the post-conference assembly dinner. Our visiting area officer officiated elections. We have open DCM positions and our BTG chair position will be open

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starting July 1st. John O., Area BTG chair, gave a presentation. We started a discussion on the proposal to purchase 30 closed-circuit radios.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – MANISH G: We've had two district meetings since the last ACM. We heard visiting area officer presentations on money and spirituality and general service leadership. In May we had breakout rooms by subdistrict for GSRs to discuss having a hybrid meeting. GSRs shared their key takeaways from the post-conference assembly. We had our first open agenda-planning meeting. A new GSR gave a presentation on her experience with PRAASA. We have open service positions. We have a link tree and Venmo for accepting group contributions. Our delegate is giving his presentation to us in July.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – EILEEN P.: The Primary Purpose group in Dublin celebrated its 25th anniversary with a potluck and sharing from past secretaries. Crossroads Fellowship in Livermore held a secretary workshop to address safety issues. The Valley Service Center is holding secretary and hotline workshops on June 24th. In the past two months, we've discussed "where the money goes" and topics for the summer assembly.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – MEG B: We had three new GSRs and one alternate. A third new AA group registered with GSO. The CPC workshop had 20 attendees and produced four new volunteers. BTG is working on relationships with new facilities and updating the website with literature links. Our visiting officer talked about practicing principles before personalities with group problems. We voted to purchase a hot spot and increase our mileage reimbursement to 75% of the IRS business rate.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – DONNA F: Our district continues to struggle along, with very few meetings interested in participating in General Service, and with many DCM, and committee chair positions vacant. Our individual meetings are doing very well, with some thriving at pre-pandemic levels of attendance or greater. Thanks to help from our visiting area officer's presentation, we are developing a plan to go to meetings that do not have GSR representation in pairs and remember to focus on attraction rather than promotion.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – STEVEN L.: We had a presentation on the duties and expectations of a district

literature/GV chair. We hope it helps us fill the open position. Our archives chair scanned our AA Happenings newsletter into searchable pdfs from 1986-2009 and is scanning the intergroup's service materials back to 1990 into searchable pdfs. Our delegate report Unity Day is July 29th. There was a motion to have our fall Unity Day theme be celebrating 45 years as District 90.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – DYLAN R.: Our district is holding its first Founders Day in honor of the 88th anniversary of AA on Saturday, June 10th from 1 pm to 5 pm at the United Methodist Church in Mill Valley. A monthly step meeting is held at the same location on the 4th Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm. H&I has expanded to a new facility and is trying to fill secretary positions at Bayside Marin for their veteran's outpatient program. There are 29 men on the waitlist for the inside sponsorship program at San Quentin State Prison. The requirements are 5 years of sobriety, knowledge, and practice of the 12 steps and traditions, solid sponsorship experience, and familiarity with H&I service. Reach out to Randi for more information. Our accessibilities committee is encouraging groups to use the service piece "Accessibility Checklist for Meetings and Groups."

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – SANDY S.: We have open officer positions. Many GSRs and district officers attended the post-conference assembly. We changed our business meeting agenda to let GSRs share for two minutes about their group at the beginning of the meeting. Our visiting area officer presented "Who can vote on a motion, how to amend a motion, the difference between a housekeeping and regular motion, and Chair Rules." Our Unity Day is June 17th at the Crosswalk Church in Napa. PI/CPC had a table at the Napa Town Hall meeting concerning Fentanyl abuse and made several connections to expand PI/CPC services. BTG is forming its committee and planning presentations at facilities. The intergroup/district web committee continues adding new items to www.aanapa.org. Intergroup has a summer picnic on July 22nd (info on the Napa website). H&I is returning to the Napa State Hospital and Napa Women's Jail. Juvenile Hall meetings will open soon.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – DENISE G.: District 12 had strong participation at the post-conference assembly, and the feedback was extremely positive. Our first event

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of the summer is our hybrid Delegate's BBQ on June 5th at 6 pm in lieu of our June business meeting. We are beginning to plan Unity Day on 10/14/2023. We are focused on increasing participation in General Service back to our pre-Covid levels. The GSR feedback on our new meeting format has been very positive. Most of our district positions are filled. Our access committee sent out a questionnaire to our fellowships regarding what they would like to see at a future workshop.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – HECTOR M.: Our little group continues to grow. We still have a couple of district positions open, and we continue to try to fill them. Most of the fellowships have at least one GSR. Information from the Area is being forwarded to our GSRs and Committee Chairs. Our first event of the year is June 10th (Spring Fun).

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – SUZI Q.: Our last district meeting was in subdistrict 002 Willits North. We are still searching for a DCMC and recording secretary. We rotate amongst ourselves until we can fill the secretary position. A few GSRs attended the post-conference and had positive feedback. We added a GSR from subdistrict 001 Ft. Bragg. We discussed submitting a bid for the 2024 post-conference assembly in Willits and are excited to present it today.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – MEGAN M.: Our Unity Day, planned by District 15, Humboldt County Intergroup, and H&I, will be June 10. There will be a BBQ, games, fellowship, service speakers, and our Delegate. For more information go to: aahumbolddelnorte.org. Several members thought District 15 needed by-laws created. We found that bylaws are not necessary unless we are a 501(c)(3) and/or incorpo-rated. We have neither designation. We will create Guidelines, including creating a reimbursement policy modeled after CNCA's. The AA community is stepping up to host the summer assembly.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO M.: Thanks for allowing us to host the post-conference assembly and thank you to our visiting area officer for their presentation.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R.: Our district plans to attend the summer assembly and ICYPAA. We are visiting groups that do not have GSRs to motivate one. On June 25th we will have the Day of Unity celebrating the 34th anniversary of our district. CPC visited Half Moon Bay Police Department to inform them of a Spanish AA group in the city, went to the Sunnyvale Community Center, and is working on planning a presentation. PI continues to attend the Mexican consulate. We had two new GSRs, and our La Viña representative had four presentations in different groups and sent 36 stories. We are looking for a treasurer and are talking about how the new translation committee will be integrated into the district.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – ELBA.: The district is happy to request the pre-conference assembly for next year and plans to put in a bid.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – SARA N.: District 19 continues to work with its three meetings a month. We appreciated our delegate's visit for his post-conference report and an area officer presentation on area finances. Our 28th anniversary is July 2nd.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – FRANCISCO Z.: Our visiting area officer shared a description of their service and their experiences in service. We continue to reach out to unrepresented groups to help them elect a GSR. At our May 19th business meeting we will have a visit from the delegate to provide a report on the conference. All are invited.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – THOM H.: At our meeting, we discussed assembly accessibility concerns. The Deaf Access Project has been completed and we have a presentation of what was discovered and how to move forward. The committee received a passionate email highlighting the need for ASL in-person meetings. Our Alternate Chair is discussing how to address the Spanish Deaf and Hard of Hearing population. We will continue the discussion about how to best support the Spanish Women in Area 06 as a remote community. Our next meeting is June 17 at 11:00 using a virtual platform.

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ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: *The Archives committee is really coming together, and we are very excited. Our monthly workday was so much fun. Many people shared the excitement of working together and discovering historical documents. We are talking about what Archives information should be added to the CNCA website.*

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: *In our monthly BTG meeting, we listened to a great presentation from our visiting area officer on BTG's role in our area, and how PICPC, H&I, and BTG work together. The BTG team processed 48 blue cards, gave 16 presentations, and had 4 successful bridges. We are still working through communication issues with a plan to update email addresses and have interpretation available for our Spanish-speaking districts.*

FINANCE – DAVID N.: *The committee received the treasurer's report and answered questions we had. We discussed the motions in front of the body today. Each member of the committee is a liaison to one or more area standing or subcommittees. We will be reaching out to the committee chairs to discuss the budget process. We plan to attend committee meetings in June to discuss the budget process.*

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: *At our committee meeting we discussed the motion before the ACM today. We received a request for equipment for ICYPAA in September. Twenty-two documents were translated. The interpreter for the summer assembly is secured. The I&T table has a list and a flyer asking if you would like to buy a portable rechargeable radio. People purchasing their own radios could help reduce the number of radios needed by the committee.*

PI/CPC – BRENT M.: *Thanks to the volunteers that helped staff our table at the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting at Moscone Center Exhibition Hall. We had some difficulties with GSO delivery of literature, but thanks to Districts 05, 04, and 40, we had adequate literature: over 16 pamphlet titles in English, 12 of which were in Spanish. We gave out about equal quantities of English and Spanish pamphlets. "AA for the Alcoholic with Mental Health Issues and Their Sponsors," "The AA Member Medications and Other Drugs," and "The God Word," pamphlets were the most distributed. Our table had information about the meeting guide app. We distributed 50 fliers describing the app as well*

as old Grapevines and La Viñas. Our "pass it on" will recommend a more diverse offering of languages due to the large proportion of international attendees. Many volunteers shared that they enjoyed the fellowship and were happy to hear many attendees had heard of and were fans of AA. The APA will be returning to San Francisco in 3 years, 2026, and the volunteers who staffed the event are preparing documentation to be included in a "pass it on" for Panel 75.

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: *We are assessing the Area's technology needs. We haven't heard from any members about what might be needed from a technology workshop. Please submit your needs. The hybrid subcommittee produced a highly functional assembly. Each month the subcommittee meets to review their process to create optimum service to the area. Please complete the survey about our hybrid meetings that were sent out to DCMCs.*

WEBSITE – CATHY P.: *The web committee monthly meeting was lightly attended due to member vacations. The site continues to be patched and updated. We have been investigating an issue with the cnca06.org email address that our recording secretary uses and can't find the source of the intermittent email delivery issue. Please let us know if you suspect that you have missing emails. Now it appears to be limited to her CNCA address and not the others.*

ASSEMBLY Ad-Hoc – ERICA G.: *We have been collecting information and interviewing people with relevant experience. We are narrowing in on the areas of the guidelines that we believe need adjustments and the substance of those updates. Proposing potential cost increases has been difficult because of missing area records. We are not just looking at current changes but at how to ensure the area can adjust more efficiently in the future. This includes putting certain officer duties in writing that may have disappeared through pass-it-ons, causing gaps in important information. We will probably be working for another three months if things go according to plan.*

Ad Hoc NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – JACQUELINE P.: *We are honing details on how the Comments/Comentarios can move to a digital format and publishing process. We've tested two email services that will*

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make bulk emailing the newsletter smooth and efficient. The information we've gathered shows that most of you want a digital copy of the newsletter. We've brainstormed an information campaign about the changes and an easy process to allow those who want a paper copy to receive one. We're excited to submit our recommendations to the area officers for consideration.

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – CHUCK B. *We sent out 479 Comments and Comentarios for May. In the Comentarios there was a single printed page inserted into the issue, which was a correction to the Chairs Preview and Delegates Corner. We are visiting fellowship halls in Contra Costa County to ask for help hosting monthly Lick and Sticks. We have three months' worth of volunteers.*

PRAASA 2024 – CHITRA S.: *Congrats to Teddy B.W. on his recent appointment to the Grapevine Board as a non-trustee director. He will be stepping down from his position as PRAASA 2024 Chair. At our June ACM, we will hold an election for this position. PRAASA attendance is upwards of 1300 people and has a budget of \$50,000. Eligibility for the chair includes those who have attended two past PRAASAs, have a general knowledge of AA, and have solid experience to draw on including conventions, conferences, and assemblies. Voting members are DCMs, DCMCs, or their alternates if they are not present, and area officers. We will test electronic voting methods at this election.*

DCM SHARING SESSION – MAUREEN G. – We heard a presentation on the Need for AA Literature "Our Greatest Asset" for Non-English Speakers Inside and Outside the US." Information was provided about the founding of the International Literature Fund. The central request email for licenses. The presenter noted experiencing extended response times from GSO. Specific examples of experience in accessing literature in Non-English languages reported by the Czech Republic, Israel, Mongolia, Ukraine, Egypt, Russia, and Dubai, as well as a member's experience with Chinese-language literature. The Current issue of Box 459 Reports that new departments have been set up for Language Services and Legal, Licensing, and Intellectual Property. To be added to the full notes distribution list, email.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – MATT E.: *We heard a presentation from Corey H., a past Area 06 officer who recently rotated out as non-trustee director of the Grapevine. They shared their experience in service. A group of members in our area have re-opened a discussion about a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic. Our Area nearly unanimously approved forwarding a request for the creation of this pamphlet to the General Service Conference in 2021, but it was declined by the Trustees Literature Committee to be added as an agenda topic. They stated that there is not a widely expressed need at this time. In July, the Lit/GV/LV sharing session will be exploring possible paths forward for this proposed pamphlet. All are encouraged to attend. The sharing session is hybrid, at 9 am on the morning of the ACM.*

H & I – No report

YPAAAs:

ICYPAA – JENNIFER B.: The 63rd International Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous is coming to San Francisco on Labor Day weekend, Fri., 9/1 through Mon., 9/4. ICYPAA is for anyone young or young at heart. Register and get your hotel room at www.ICYPAA.org. The hotel rooms are starting to fill up, and it's in the same hotel where we will host PRAASA next year. There are plenty of opportunities to be of service; the planning meetings rotate between Vacaville and SF and are hybrid. Contact for more info. We are hosting an event on 6/11 in Dublin.

CENTRAL OFFICES:

CONTRA COSTA INTERGROUP – LESLIE: We had our elections in April; all service positions are filled. Our next event is the 22nd annual golf scramble on June 23rd.

NCCAA – HEIDI: The next conference is in Fresno, Oct. 14-16 at the Double Tree by Hilton. Register at <https://norcalaa.org/> We had a successful fundraiser and will do another one at the bicentennial park in Clovis on June 17. We need your support to continue hosting conferences. The next steering committee meeting is July 30th at 1:15 at Manteca Fellowship and on Zoom. We plan to have a Spring conference in San Jose in March 2024. We are looking for more bids. We have started a private Facebook page that has 118 members.

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HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – MARYCRUZ: *Our last meeting was May 20th and we talked about the cost of the next event, which will be \$6061, with cost-sharing from seven participating areas (05, 03, 06, 07, 08, 09, and 93) of \$866. The event is Saturday, 12/9 from 8 am to 4 pm in Pasadena at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (1757 N. Lake Avenue) and online. The theme is "Estamos para ustedes, ya no te ocultes, sal y di tu verdad" (We are here for you, don't hide anymore, come out and tell your truth). Area 93 won the competition for the logo. Contact for more information.*

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – SERGIO S. – No report

FORO HISPANO – CHARLIE: The event is on October 22nd in Hayward (1050 Mattox Road), 8 am to 4 pm. We visited most of the districts (17, 19, 16) and will visit District 18 to invite them to have a subcommittee.

AREA BUSINESS

GUIDELINES: Expense Reimbursement Guidelines Update

The Finance Committee recommends: That the Area Committee accepts a clarifying change to the Expense Reimbursement Guidelines, adding the words "or their designees" to the first two paragraphs of section 1.3 of the guidelines. The first paragraph would then read, "Chairpersons of permanent CNCA Committees or their designees receive reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in traveling to the Committee meetings held in conjunction with the Area Committee meetings..." The second paragraph would then read, "When Chairpersons of permanent CNCA Committees or their designees are reimbursed for travel to the Area Committee meeting by another general service entity at a rate lower than that approved by the Area, CNCA will reimburse the difference..." There are no other requested changes to the document.

Presentation: *Finance Committee Chair David N. presented. In paragraph three of section 1.3, it mentions funding for designees. That paragraph could be interpreted to mean that designees are funded to attend ACM, as well. We decided rather than interpret, to make it explicit by adding the revision. This is a net zero budget impact on average. If the chair is funded, the designee is not. If the designee lives further away than the chair, they will receive a larger reimburse-*

ment, but just as often the designee lives closer than the chair.

Questions: **Q:** *What's a designee? An elected member? An alternate?* **A:** *It depends on the committee. Some committees have alternates, some do not. Basically, it's the person that has been tasked with attending in the chair's absence. // Currently the Archives committee does this, as well. **There were no objections. <<Expense Reimbursement Guidelines Approved.>>***

ASSEMBLY BID: 2024 Post-Conference Assembly

- Assembly bid for the 2024 Post Conference Assembly on May 11, 2024, at the Community Center Willits (111 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA). Total Bid cost: \$4625. – Presented by District 14 Mendocino

Presentation: *Suzi Q. presented. It's a large facility in downtown Willits, with a maximum capacity of 300 people. There is plenty of lobby space to accommodate registration and committee tables, it has a separate room for interpreters, a full kitchen, and good WiFi speed. It has separate bathrooms for men, women, and private all-gender and parking on site. We have designated 25 spaces for wheelchair/accessibility and equipment. It's wheelchair accessible. There are 200 free spaces in a parking lot a short block away from the site. There is free, non-residential street parking. We would need more tables and chairs, but the cost of the site is reasonable. The food was estimated a bit more than \$5.50 per person. We may enter Friday night for set-up.*

Questions: **Q:** *Is the deposit required by June 15th \$300?* **A:** *The cleaning deposit isn't due until the day before. The cost of the site \$275 is due June 15th. The bid needs to be revised for this. // Q: *Can you explain why there is no insurance cost?* **A:** *We are covered by CNCA liability insurance. // This is the maximum cost it would be after seeing the attendance at post-conference in San Francisco. We might be able to adjust it to 250 people, which would reduce the cost. // There are many motels in Willits and are very affordable. They have KOA for overnight stays. They have the skunk train if you want to stay an extra night. There is a themed hotel. // The range of rent we normally pay for venues is between \$1500 and \$4500. The entire cost of this assembly is the same as what we typically pay for the venue alone for other assemblies. **Vote by simple majority. None were opposed. <<Assembly Bid Approved.>>****

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PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA 06 purchase 120 digital radios at a cost not to exceed \$2,800.00. -Presented by the CNCA Interpretation and Translation Committee

Presentation: Jose L, Chair of I&T presented. The committee discussed how we ran out of radios at the assemblies and members without radios could not understand what was going on. There are radios that break down at every event. The headphone jacks are not compatible. The bid is based on what we have and what we know works. We want to ensure that everyone can understand what is being said at CNCA events.

Questions: **Q:** Will these new radios have a higher volume than what's in the room for assisted listening? **A:** We'll set it up the way they are set up right now. We didn't know the assisted listening volume was down. That's probably the transmitter, not the radio. We can adjust it. // **Q:** Are they going to be comparable with the other ones? **A:** This is to renew the inventory we have. The count is based on the number of people that ran out of radios at the assemblies. // **Q:** Did I hear that these are for Spanish-speaking people only? **A:** No, they will be available to anyone that needs interpretation. Assisted listening is for people present in the room, usually English-speaking. // **Q:** Did you say that this is a different brand of radio or are you buying the same ones that are breaking down, specifically in relation to the headphones not matching? **A:** The proposed amount is based on the digital radios that we currently have. We know that they last. // **Q:** Is this rechargeable or does it need batteries? **A:** The committee has discussed this. The difficulty with rechargeable radios is having to recharge a large volume of radios for a two-day assembly. These take two AAA batteries. // **Q:** \$23.33 per radio seems high. Have you investigated lower-cost radios? **A:** This assessment is based on what we have and has proved to cover our needs. We can potentially reduce the cost by ordering in bulk, but we want to present this request as is to be ready for the next assembly. // **Q:** Does \$2800 include the transmitter? **A:** No, just the radios. **The decision to remain at the ACM rather than go to the Assembly was made by a simple majority. One voted to bring the motion to the assembly. << Motion to become New Business at the ACM on June 24, 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 2/25/23

Discussion: Group consciences: Our district is unanimously in favor. This provides an essential service and allows access to others who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate in General Service. Seventy-two percent of GSRs and officers attend online. Concerns about fluctuating numbers of subcommittee members were raised, but we trust the committee to be prudent. // Our district was unanimous that this is an essential need for the Area for many of the same reasons just mentioned. Our fellowship has cried out for us to continue hybrid. For our area to be self-supporting, we can't expect our trusted servants to cover their own costs to serve the need of the fellowship. // Our district was unanimously in favor for all the reasons previously cited. // Our sub-district was unanimously in favor. The only question was is this separate from the assembly coordinator's role of setting up equipment? // The finance committee is concerned about the sustainability of the cost. This will add an additional 10% to the annual budget. Our contributions aren't growing; they are staying flat. There are many committee members (e.g., BTG, PI/CPC) that attend the ACM and assemblies without travel reimbursement.

Personal opinions: What does the area prioritize? We have already reduced the number of required onsite people to three at ACM and five for assemblies, but it may change over time. We spend \$2000-3000 on free lunches at assemblies. In some areas, people pay registration to attend an assembly. There are other places where we can save money outside of this motion. // I thought our Area decided by vote to have our ACMs and assemblies hybrid, but we never voted. If we intend on having hybrid meetings, we need to make sure the people who know how to do this are here to do it. On the other hand, given the cost, maybe we need to take a closer look at this. // I asked the finance committee, if this is approved, where will this item be located? It sounded like they didn't know where it would go. Maybe hybrid could be transitional. We don't know where the meeting culture is going to go. Should we consider whether we should be hybrid, or should we have an online area or an online district? If people need to be reimbursed and it's a hardship, I think we should sup-

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port trusted servants to do their service, but at what point are we paying people to do service? I personally support this motion. // I hear the concerns about the finances, but I think Zoom is here to stay in one form or another. We need to engage more members if we're going to get more participation and more contributions. Anything we can do to engage offsets the financial inconvenience. // I'm a member of the hybrid subcommittee. I attend ACM meetings on Zoom. My current position would not be reimbursed. The process of doing this service is different from someone who is a liaison for a group. This service is all-encompassing. You have a very different experience being at the ACM when doing this service. // I appreciate the ability to go to ACMs and assemblies without having to drive several hours, but I'm concerned that we're starting to pay people for service. On the other hand, people should be able to serve without it being a hardship. I'm torn between these arguments. // I often hear people ask how to get people to participate in General Service and restricting access prevents that. I wouldn't be able to participate if there wasn't online access. I hear that some people believe that people that don't want to come in person are lazy. Nobody is being paid for service. If we say that people shouldn't be paid for service, then area officers shouldn't be reimbursed, they should just serve. But we say they are a necessary part of serving our area, and I believe that providing hybrid capabilities to our area is an essential service. // When we started the hybrid committee, I had to ask for help. If service is sacrifice, that is what we do to stay sober. // I consider this motion a necessary access issue, but I want to ask what the spiritual solution is. The solution is to trust that the hybrid committee is doing its best to limit its onsite people. Also, we should be guided by the spiritual principle of generosity and not be driven by fear that money won't come. // This area has a well-run hybrid meeting. The committee has proved its value. // I wonder if we could see the job descriptions of the members and what they do to help the discussion. // These trusted servants have the option to decline the reimbursement. Our contributions can increase over time, and we can raise awareness of the importance of supporting the area through contributions. We want to make sure we have qualified people to serve and don't lose the people currently serving. << **Motion to remain Old Business at the ACM on June 24, 2023.** >>

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Because we're doing an election at the next ACM, we get to test-run electronic voting via text. [The assembly coordinator led a demonstration of how to vote by text via a mock poll of whom attendees would like to be their sponsor of well-known figures in AA. The results were shared that Dr. Paul received the highest number of votes (17). There were 53 votes by text.] Bring your phones to the next ACM to vote. We'll talk about this at our area officer meeting. If you have opinions about doing this next month, let us know. // I didn't speak on the motion because I have a lot of thoughts and feelings. One thing that's been on my mind since last year is that we have a hybrid area, but why aren't our numbers going up? General service hasn't suddenly become more attractive. It's easy to attend either way but the numbers haven't gone up. // I'm concerned that there is talk of maybe not financially supporting the hybrid subcommittee. In our district, we support financing shared hotel rooms, not individual hotel rooms. Maybe that would help us think more positively about the expenses.

The meeting was closed at 3:25 by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B.
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73

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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2023 MINUTES

The Post-Conference Assembly business meeting of CNCA was held at The Donworth Event Center in San Francisco on May 13, 2023, with members attending and participating in person and virtually. Chitra S. opened the meeting at 9:30 followed by the Serenity Prayer. Assembly orientation was presented by past delegate Jennifer B. The AA Preamble was read by Theresa M. from District 70, Vanessa from District 07 read the Twelve Traditions, and Lourdes from District 40 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were eight past Delegates present: Teddy B. (Panel 69), Joann L. (P67), Bob D. (P36; Area 08), Jennifer B. (P71), Barbara M. (P41), Diane O. (P35), Ken M. (P61), and Padee M. (P63). There were eight Past Area Officers: Amy M. (P71), Magdaleno O. (P69), Michael Q. (P63 & 65), Martha B. (57), Margarete V. (P57, 59), Ray W., Augustine (P61, 63, 65), and Judy (P63). There was one past trustee, Billy N. The minutes from the Pre-Conference assembly were accepted as published in the CNCA Comments and Comentaríos. **Attendance:** 274 (208 in person; 66 online).

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: I have sent out to DCMCs information about AA's financial health, a spreadsheet detailing what happened to each Agenda Topic, and information about the participation of online groups in the General Service structure. DCMCs should be forwarding that information to their Districts.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: The most recent issue of Box 459 includes a call for applications for a Non-trustee appointed committee member on the Trustees' Literature Committee. I deeply appreciate the hard work from Districts 16 and 06 to put on this assembly.

CHAIR – CHITRA S.: Now that agenda topics are finished, we are learning two leadership skills: communication and group conscience. General Service information comes in the form of emails from our Delegate and Chair and is sent to DCMCs and Committee Chairs. They pass the emails on to their committee members, officers, and GSRs. The GSRs then

relay the info to their home groups. Each month, in the CNCA Comments, we publish a section called Area Motions. These motions can be brought to your home groups, districts, and committees, and you can lead a group conscience and bring it to the microphone at an Assembly or ACM. Concept Four asks us to step up and participate.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: As of today, our checking account has \$30,011.17 and our prudent reserve, which is one month's operating expenses, has \$13,001.17. As of the end of April, our actual contributions were \$51,416.73 and our projected contributions were \$40,668.32. Our actual expenses this quarter were \$65,939.26 and our budgeted expenses were \$53,100.29. Payments made early for multiple assemblies, contributions to the GSC, and changes in our rentals for the ACM were responsible for most of the increases. Please be sure to let your groups and meetings know 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. Today you can make contributions by scanning the QR Codes on 7th tradition buckets, placing cash in the buckets, using Square at the finance table, and online at cnca06.org/contribute/

REGISTRAR – DREW B.: In the service manual it says, "It might be helpful to think of general service as a kind of dialogue or communication between the groups, the trusted servants working on their behalf, and the General Service Office and General Service Board as they all manage the Fellowship's affairs." When you register, you begin that process of communication across our fellowship. Our registration table is at the front entrance of the assembly because, as registrar, I'm the "area greeter." When I am greeted or get to greet someone at a meeting, the expression of love and service happens inside the simple gesture of telling someone hello and welcome. So please give some love to your local meeting greeter and your local General Service greeter: your District Registrar.

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: Our pre-conference assembly business meeting minutes were 6,514 words of love and service. I'll now be holding a competition to guess the word count for the minutes. Whoever gets closest to guessing the word count

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without going over will win a prize. Please submit your guess by the end of the month with the subject line "word count competition." You must be present at the next assembly or ACM to collect your prize. For reference, the 2022 post-conference assembly minutes were 5,243 words. Also, I formatted a live table of contents into the digital motions book, such that when you click on a heading or subheading from the table of contents, the document jumps to that page. You can also set the view in Acrobat or Preview to see a side panel with the table of contents.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: Thank you for coming to the outer sunset of San Francisco, my hometown and home neighborhood! We are trying out a few new things at today's assembly. QR codes on tables and hyperlinks in the chat will take our attendees to a CNCA linktree landing page, where you can easily find the agenda packet, registration link, 7th tradition links, area website, and more. We reserved five accessibility parking spots on top of the CA Handicap Parking spots, and we are projecting closed captions on the screens. The Summer Assembly will take place on Saturday, August 12th in Eureka, CA. strongly recommend booking your rooms now.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MATT E.: We're going to hear today from our area delegate about the first few chapters of the Plain Language Translation of the Big Book. This is not a replacement; it is a translation. Please ask the delegate your questions about the chapters he read at the conference. Express your concerns. Be informed. It is critical that the full group conscience of AA is involved in our process of finding ways to make sure that the message of recovery can be brought to all who need it, in a way that is accessible and relatable to them.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ACCESSIBILITIES – THOM H.: The accessibilities sub-committee is looking into how to support the Hispanic Women's workshop so they may have a voice in the Area. We discussed ways to create sub-committees within our sub-committee. The more research we complete, the more questions we find. This investigation is creating a lot of interest in the areas of linguistics, and remote communities. At our next meeting on May 20th online, we will receive a full report from the

Deaf Access Project, which will be beneficial for moving ahead with new projects. We received a heartfelt letter from an AA member who is deaf and stressed the need for access to in-person ASL meetings. The Accessibility committee has been asked to provide input for input with the updating of the Assembly guidelines and YPAA has asked for input on making ICYPAA as fully accessible as possible.

ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: *The Archives Committee is working together to understand how to determine what has been accumulated for their districts and what to do with it. We have several projects to start, one of which involves inventorying what we have in the storage room, the display room, and the room off the "tape room." During the June workday, we will be viewing the National AA Archives Workshop web page for instructional and informational purposes. Our workdays are on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek from noon to 4:00.*

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: *The BTG District Chairs have been very busy building the teams. We have approximately 230 active members. That number will increase as more districts still need to finalize their rosters and send their volunteer totals. Lake County will be hosting the BTG Forum on Saturday, October 21, 2023. We will be losing a very key member of BTG, Grant V., as he is relocating to Southern California. He will be truly missed. We wish him well.*

FINANCE – JAVIER L. (FOR DAVID N.): Not much has changed since our report at the pre-conference assembly. We are presenting a motion to the Area Committee Meeting later this month which suggests a couple of clarifying changes to the Expense Reimbursement Guidelines. The changes have a net zero budget impact. We'll start the process of drafting the proposed 2024 Area budget in May. Each finance committee member has been assigned to one or more of the area standing and sub-committees to help them determine their financial needs for next year. Please continue to inform your groups and group treasurers about our PO box address change. The deadline for closing the old box is November 30th; we need all groups to be using the new address before that date.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: *In our monthly meeting we discussed how many porta-*

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ble radios are working and how many are failing. We also talked about how many we needed in the pre-conference assembly since we ran out of them. We will be making a motion to ask for the purchase of new digital radios since analog radios have more problems. We have two new members of our committee: Jose F. from District 18 is our translation editor and James H. a position member. Our interpretation coordinator collaborated with the setup for ASL at the post-conference assembly. To date, around 120 documents and 30 emails have been translated, including the Comments/Comentarios each month.

PI/CPC – MIGUEL H.: Public information provides information about what AA is –and what it is not – to the public, either directly or via the media. Our cooperation with the professional community provides similar information to professionals who meet problem drinkers in a professional capacity. According to our Triennial Membership Survey, 59 percent of our members said they were referred to AA by medical and mental health professionals. Our Area PI/CPC committee is preparing the participate in the American Psychiatric Association 2023 in San Francisco May 20-25. This is the first post-pandemic in-person big event we'll be participating in. In April, we had a presentation about displaying and what materials are appropriate for the public vs professionals. Our committee meets the third Saturday of every month at 9 AM and everyone is welcome.

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: The committee is working on defining our guidelines, jobs, policies, and procedures to present to the area for approval. The committee presented a motion and answered questions at the area committee that our hybrid team is reimbursed for their travel; the motion is still in discussion. The hybrid subcommittee identified that most of the glitches at the pre-conference assembly were related to interpretation; we have done several run-throughs before today's assembly to ensure it runs smoothly. The committee received an estimate of \$8,200 from a professional company to produce the Assembly. Your Hybrid Team trusted servants are producing our gathering with their love, service, and prudent spending on the necessary equipment. Please complete the survey about the hybrid functionality of this assembly. It will be sent out to DCMCs by the area chair. We especially want to hear from members attending online. We are reaching out to area

officers and committee chairs to assess how the technology committee can help streamline communications, file storage, and our cloud capacities. The committee is curious about what the area might need for a workshop on technology. We welcome feedback. We have a place on our committee for passionate A.A. members who are excited about technological growth in our area.

WEBSITE – JAMES B.: This year there were approximately 131 group consciences for agenda topics submitted with 121 in English and 10 in Spanish using the form on the website. Liz joined the committee to fill the position of a tech person. She will assist with WordPress, plugins, and keeping the host up to date. We are creating a checklist to ensure the repetitive tasks are documented and tracked making it easier to ensure something doesn't get missed. We upgraded WordPress from 6.1 to 6.2. Please use the "contact us" form on the area website and pick a website chair with any feed-back you have.

PRAASA 2024 – TEDDY B-W: We have signed the contract with the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, the venue for the event on March 1st – 3rd 2024. We have a logo, badges, and bookmarks. We have over 80 volunteers signed up so far. Email if you'd like to serve on one of the committees. Our budgeting process is underway and we are in the process of receiving a pass-it-on from the PRAASA 2023 host committee. The motion for future PRAASAs to incorporate a virtual component was not discussed at PRAASA 2023. Noting this, the PRAASA 2024 Steering Committee discussed the matter and reaffirmed its group conscience that any decision to include an online component for the event exceeds the authority of the host committee and is a decision to be made by PRAASA at its business meeting because this affects other PRAASAs and PRAASA as a whole.

ICYPAA – CRYSTAL AND JUSTIN: The 73rd International Convention of Young People in AA will be in San Francisco from September 1-4th at the Marriott Marquis. It was last here 11 years ago and 4,419 peo-

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ple attended. The theme is “To watch loneliness vanish.” Registration is \$35. It’s one of two conferences recognized by GSO. As a district, you can sponsor newcomers to go. Our next business meeting is in Vacaville; you can also join us on Zoom. We have 33 available service positions and encourage you to participate.

Hispanic Forum (Foro Hispano) – CHARLIE: The event will be Sunday, October 22nd, from 8 am to 4 pm at the location of the Carpinteros 713: 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, CA 94541. District 20 is hosting. We expect at least 200 people. We will be visiting linguistic districts to share information.

AREA BUSINESS

OLD 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

Discussion: Group consciences: Our group unanimously supports this motion, there should be no difference in translation from the Spanish version. // “Como nosotros los concebimos” isn’t wrong. What makes sense in one language doesn’t necessarily make sense in another. // We want to keep it simple. The step says as we understood him. // Eleven disagrees with changing the phrase from conceive to understand. Conceive is understandable. One person said we don’t understand everything, but we can understand God. // Conceive is deeper. We want to keep it as is. // Five members agree that conceive should be changed because a religious program tells you how to conceive but we have a personal relationship with God and spirituality. // We should study this more. Conceive comes from within you not from outside. Understanding comes from your mind which is a different act. We should leave it. // Eight members didn’t have an opinion because we weren’t the people to decide that, but we were honored. Prayers are sent to Spanish-speaking members as they make this decision. // My group felt that we don’t have the expertise and it should be left strictly up to Spanish speak-

ers. Personal opinions: Changing this would take money. It’s not about the money, but it is something I’ve considered. I don’t think the change is needed. // Conceive has a spiritual element; understand is too simple. It doesn’t make sense to change it. // I’m a credentialed teacher of Spanish. Based on my knowledge of Spanish, the wording shouldn’t be changed.

The Assembly was asked if they were ready to vote, and members were ready to vote. It was determined that substantial unanimity (2/3) was required for the motion to pass.

Vote by substantial unanimity: Yes (15) / No (68) / Abstain (32).

Minority Opinion: My vote for this motion is more about passing the motion on for a greater discussion for AA as a whole rather than agreeing with the change. **There was no motion to reconsider. <<< Motion Failed. >>**

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 Mendocino at the Area Committee Meeting on 10/22/22

Discussion: Group consciences: We are curious about what format, there is not enough information. It’s General Service biased. Concerned about this writing being combined with Bill W.’s. Is this necessary? We should stay focused and limit motions. // One person against. He said we have it in book form, it’s redundant and costly. The majority were in favor because not enough people know about the concepts. The combination would provide better exposure to the concepts. The more we know the better. // There is no need for a combination. One member mentioned that having them combined could confuse the newcomer. // Most had no interest in talking about this. Nobody cares about the concepts because nobody knows what they are. Those that participated were in favor. A minority opinion was that we should add a footnote in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book (12X12) on where to find the concepts in our literature. // The group is in favor of including the twelve concepts in the 12 X 12. It’s a good way to teach newcomers that they have a voice in AA. The

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concepts are confusing, seeing them earlier can build familiarity. // We are in favor because the committee is only being asked to consider literature and existing literature wouldn't be replaced. // We are in favor, but we don't want to add it to the existing 12X12 book. Our district's lack of familiarity with general service may be related to a lack of participation in general service. This literature could increase participation. // If more GSRs understood the concepts, they would be less afraid to step into General Service. // My district thinks this is a good idea. // Many in our group are in favor because it can help and support new trusted servants to get familiarized and be informed. // My group was in favor but was concerned about changing the 12X12. One person against said it would spark curiosity to have it in the back of the 12X12. **Personal opinions:** I'm opposed because there is material like this that already exists in Central Mexico printed in 2006 with the three legacies. It's only available in Spanish. It belongs to the archives. // General service introduced me to the concepts, and it's improved my ability to serve. // It seems like a good idea because sometimes our groups have people for whom the concepts are unknown. // If I was introduced to the steps, traditions, and concepts when I was new, I would be less intimidated by them. This would help me convey information to the group as a GSR. // Our program is based on three legacies, and they are principles. I would have been more apt to get involved in GS earlier if I had been exposed to the concepts. // It's a good idea because it lets people know that the concepts are there and there's a chance that people will read them. I'm in a 12 and 12-step study each week and it's probably the least attended. I keep finding things in it I've never read before. When I asked the group about this motion, they were really confused. Their biggest concern was whether it would take away the original 12X12 but generally did not have an opinion. // It would create an additional understanding of general service and the concepts are an introduction to service and could help them understand the twelve traditions, which are also part of service. // It's important to have them together because a lot of people have never heard of the concepts. If they are using the 12X12, they would see a section and it wouldn't be foreign to them. // I think having all in one book is a great idea. I was not introduced to the concepts until I was involved in general service. // I like it as a separate publication, but I don't think it should be added to the current 12X12

because it would increase the cost. I'm a member of a book study that goes through about 20 AA-approved books. We dropped the service manual because it was kind of long and there wasn't much interest, but we kept the concepts. Many people say it's dry and want to drop that too. // Not knowing about the concepts is like not having all the ingredients for a cake; it doesn't make for a good cake. I want to do anything and everything to stay sober and I think that includes educating people about general service. // I didn't know what to do as a new GSR. I think it's a great idea to have this. If I had a hand on all three, it would have helped me be more knowledgeable walking into general service, and probably would have done it sooner. // I found the concepts at a concept study group before a district meeting. They were very dry and difficult to understand. If they were presented at an earlier stage, I wouldn't have been put off by it. I'm against adding it to the 12X12 because it would be complicated and expensive. // It's important to remember that we're not all geeks. As newcomers, we're told to keep it simple, and the concepts aren't simple. My sponsor told me more will be revealed. There is other literature like the twelve concepts illustrated. That's sufficient and doesn't need to be included with the steps and traditions. It's easy to get overwhelmed so we should introduce general service gradually. // I didn't know about the concepts until I was in general service. I was in general service for a while before I learned about the warranties. // This would be helpful for translation into other languages for countries that don't know about general service. // My understanding is that this would be a separate publication. I believe the concepts are difficult to understand, but it's an in-depth view of the service structure which is very important and spiritual. I'm in favor of this. // I want to clarify that this motion is not requesting a change in the 12X12, it is requesting a new piece of literature. // This isn't the first time we've asked the Conference to do this. It takes time for things to get approved. This would bring discussion to all of AA, and I think that's worth it. // I'm in favor. I didn't understand the 12 steps or 12 traditions, but I had a service sponsor that helped me understand. // We're spending a lot of money changing the 12X12 which makes people uncomfortable, so I think this is a good idea. // I would be in favor of a special edition combining the 12, 12, and 12. For example, there is a special edition of AA Comes of Age, a special edition of the original Big Book replica.

<< Motion to become Old Business at the Summer Assembly on held at Redwood Acres Fairground on August 12, 2023. >>

SHARING ON GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

Teddy B., non-trustee director for the Grapevine/La Viña board, shared updates for the Grapevine/La Viña mobile app, and Magdaleno O., advisor on the La Viña editorial board, shared about the editorial board and his service there.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Our area passed a motion to request a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic, but it was not put on the agenda. There are people interested in further discussion on this. In July, the Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session at 9 am of the ACM will discuss the need for a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic. It's an open meeting. Please let your groups and districts know and invite them to attend. // We collected \$965 today, including online. // It bothers me that the bathrooms at the assembly are marked men and women/nonbinary. As a nonbinary person, I would like to have a choice of what bathroom I'm most comfortable with. Both bathrooms should be inclusive. // I feel we rushed our decision to vote on our old business. We needed more discussion. There were a considerable amount of people abstaining. I also wish that there were more English-speaking members sharing their input. When we discuss literature, we should include everybody regardless of language. // Today there were 274 attendees, 208 in the room, and 66 registered online. There were more online than those registered, so we're trying to find a way to make the link to register more apparent. // After listening to the delegate's report, we appear to not be changing enough with the times. I was struck by how many of us are older in the membership survey. It's encouraging to see the Conference looking at race, encouraging diversity and more inclusivity. // Thanks District 16 for hosting. Thanks to our past assembly coordinator. Over the last 2.5 years, we've had all linguistic districts host an assembly. // I appreciate the unity of Spanish and English-speaking cultures in our area meetings, and I think it should also occur at the group level. In the South Bay, we've started a bilingual hybrid meeting, it's on the meeting schedule. Please come visit. // We're excited to host the summer assembly and the summer assembly dinner. // I was thinking about the lack of younger people on our

membership survey. The pamphlet Too Young was written in the 70s but it's not being updated but put in video format. We need to think about what we're doing to carry the message. The onus is being put on young people to design their own literature, and I'm not a graphic designer.

The meeting was closed at 5:12 by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B.

CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JUNE 2023

California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - April, 2023

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
002 Group Contributions	37,692.21	31,000.00	6,692.21
003 District Contributions	6,666.00	6,666.66	-0.66
004 Assembly Contributions	1,805.51	1,000.00	805.51
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,486.25	1,000.00	486.25
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	3,765.00	1,000.00	2,765.00
010 Interest Income	1.76	1.66	0.10
Total Revenue	\$51,416.73	\$40,668.32	\$10,748.41
GROSS PROFIT	\$51,416.73	\$40,668.32	\$10,748.41
Expenditures			
020 EXPENSE			
021 Delegate Expense	2,103.21	3,723.26	-1,620.05
050 Officer Expense	10,718.62	13,884.84	-3,166.22
130 Committee Expenses	10,460.26	10,687.66	-237.40
300 General Expenses	42,657.17	24,794.53	17,862.64
Total 020 EXPENSE	65,939.26	53,100.29	12,838.97
Total Expenditures	\$65,939.26	\$53,100.29	\$12,838.97
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -14,522.53	\$ -12,431.97	\$ -2,090.56
NET REVENUE	\$ -14,522.53	\$ -12,431.97	\$ -2,090.56

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—JUNE 2023

California Northern Coastal Area

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	25,158.15
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,001.07
Total Bank Accounts	\$38,159.22
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	50.48
Total Other Current Assets	\$50.48
Total Current Assets	\$38,209.70
TOTAL ASSETS	\$38,209.70
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	37,284.49
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-10,214.79
Total Equity	\$38,209.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$38,209.70

CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 73

2023

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 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—JUNE 2023

Area Committee Motions

Continue at Area Committee Meeting
June 24, 2023

Area Assembly Motions

Continue at Summer Assembly August
12, 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*

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*

NEW BUSINESS

That CNCA 06 purchase 120 digital radios at a cost not to exceed \$2,800.00. - *Presented by the CNCA Interpretation and Translation Committee 5/27/2023*

OLD 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*

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

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

Redwood Acres Fairground
3750 Harris St. Eureka, CA 95503

Zoom ID: [632 553 607](#)

REGISTRATION	9:00 – 10:00 AM
ORIENTATION	10:00 – 10:15 AM
AREA BUSINESS MEETING	10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
LUNCH	12:00 – 1:00 PM
WORKSHOP SESSION I	1:00 – 2:15 PM
WORKSHOP SESSION II	2:30 – 3:45 PM
REPORT BACK	4:00 – 4:30 PM
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?	4:30 – 5:00 PM



Attending online? Spanish-English interpretation and Closed Captioning will be provided on Zoom.

Attending in-person? Bring your FM RADIO for Spanish-English interpretation and Assisted Listening.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS: <https://goo.gl/maps/MN2mGMQkZbFwqbu8>

PARKING: Parking Lot B, inside the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: [Amtrak](#) Thruway Connecting Service #6313 to Fortuna, CA and Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) [Purple Route](#) to Redwood Acres Stop.



Lodging in Eureka and Fortuna, CA:

Redwood Riverwalk Hotel

1859 Alamar Way, Fortuna, CA 95540

www.theredwoodriverwalk.com

Front Desk: (707) 725-5500

Nightly Rate: \$129 - \$145

Clarion Hotel by Humboldt Bay

2223 4th St, Eureka, CA 95501

www.choicehotels.com/california/eureka/clarion-hotels

Front Desk: (408) 414-7988

Nightly Rate: \$161 - \$180

Eureka Inn Trademark by Wyndham

518 7th St, Eureka, CA95501

www.wyndhamhotels.com/trademark/eureka-california/eureka-inn-trademark-collection/rooms-rates

Front Desk: (707) 497-6093

Nightly Rate: \$220 - \$264

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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**.