



CNCA COMMENTS



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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview

When you tell a room of alcoholics they can't get something done, be prepared for a group of overachievers. We had a packed agenda this past month at our June Area Committee Meeting, and I had said my prayers and let go of the idea of needing to get through the entire agenda. When I let the group know of my concerns, I was in for a surprise the rest of the meeting, as we tackled one motion after another, and even shared on a discussion topic. Here's what we accomplished:

We have elected a new PRAASA 2024 Host Committee Chair – Congratulations to Past Delegate Jennifer B. for stepping up to be of service. Thank you to Teddy B. for chairing the committee thus far. This election was held using electronic voting, and we successfully used a text-to-vote system that was both expedient with the results, and also let each voting member know via a return text that their vote had been counted. A special thank you to our current Delegate Eric for facilitating, and our Assembly Coordinator Jackie for organizing the text-to-vote platform.

We approved a bid for Districts 18 Spanish North and 12 Sonoma to cohost the 2024 Pre Conference Assembly, so we will all be attending our two day assembly next Spring in Petaluma!

The Area agreed to have our Delegate write a letter of support to the La Vina Anniversary Host Committee to host the 28th Anniversary in our Area in 2025.

We passed three housekeeping motions, distributing budgeted funds to Bridging the Gap, Achives, and the Web Committee for a member of each team to attend a National Workshop Weekend for each Committee. The same motion for our Tech Committee will be discussed next month as new business as it is not yet a budgeted line item, as the Technology Committee is new to the Area.

Please make sure to take a district or committee group conscience on each of our three items of old business for next month (they are listed on the Motions page later in this newsletter). We really got to witness the process of the group conscience shifting as we voted on the motion to hold a linguistic sharing session on the day of the ACM: the room felt it was ready to vote, and the motion passed. A member spoke their minority opinion, and a motion to reconsider was made, and seconded, and we will be discussing the motion again next month as old business.

I am excited to continue the pace and energy of our Area's willingness to conduct business with such thoughtful discussion. It keeps me coming back, and I am honored to be a part of.

See you all in July!

Chitra S.

Delegate's Corner: July 2023

The 73rd General Service Conference is now in the rear-view mirror, and with more time to reflect, I have come to realize that a lot of what this year's Conference focused on was healing. We have often strived to be a harmonious fellowship, but we are still a collection of people – and sometimes, with people, conflict arises.

This year's Conference had the early potential to be quite acrimonious. There had been controversies with the Board in the past (motions to censure are nothing new in our history dating back to Bill W.), and some people didn't like some actions the Conference took in the past, but this year was quite a maelstrom.

And yet, despite all the initial rancor, the Conference stood firm this year that AA has much more in common than we have that separate us. Our recovery from a spiritual malady, our primary purpose that each alcoholic seeking refuge can find shelter with us; these unite us in a way that our disagreements (important as they may be) are.

And now that the Conference did the housecleaning that needed to occur – improving communication, insisting on the importance of process, emphasizing continuing discussion – we can now again focus outward on the millions of people who have yet to find the rooms of recovery. And we are missing a lot of people.

Our triennial membership survey (much delayed, and coming out later this summer) shows us that we are still missing many minority groups and women. As a fellowship, we also skew older. I am hopeful that there are ways to improve our message – not change it, but improve its delivery – so that we can attract every person stung with the same malady that we have recovered from.

So the Conference process continues. Someone, somewhere, is coming up with an idea that will refine our message. They will share it with their group, and their GSR will share it at the District. That District might share it with their Area, and eventually, a proposed agenda item will materialize. It could become an Agenda Topic that we all discuss next year, the year after, or the year after that. And then, suddenly, that good idea one person had will save the lives of hundreds of others ten years down the line.

This process is magic. Thanks for letting me peek behind the curtain.

Yours in service,

Eric L., Panel 73 Delegate

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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES June 24, 2023

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on June 24, 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 Sergio from District 40, Misael from District 20 read Tradition Six in Spanish, and Amelia from District 03 read Concept Six. We welcomed two new GSRs and one visitor. There were six past Delegates present: Jennifer B. (P71), David N. (P59, past trustee), Bob D. (P36), Diane O. (P35), Barbara M. (P41), and Ken M. (P71) The statement of financial position as published in the May issue of the *Comments and Comentarios* was a month off and will be corrected in the June issue. **Attendance:** 82 in person; 56 online. **Birthdays:** 132/8.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: *The CNCA website has a recording (in English, Spanish, and ASL) of the Conference report I gave at the Post-Conference, along with a PowerPoint presentation that highlights some of the topics discussed at the Conference that may be of interest to groups. The General Service Board is working on conducting its inventory with input from Conference members; a working group to assist in planning the inventory is now being formed.*

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: *I've met with alternate Delegates from across the U.S. and Canada, learning how different A.A. communities are doing service post-pandemic. The trustees' Literature Committee is looking for a member of the working group to revise the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American*

Alcoholic." As with all service positions, they are committed to creating a large applicant file reflective of inclusiveness and diversity in A.A. Desirable qualities include strong connections with A.A. members from indigenous communities and nations throughout the U.S./Canada, including indigenous Hawaiians, good service experience and the ability to work in the A.A. committee structure, familiarity with technology and communication tools, availability to attend monthly working group virtual meetings, familiarity with A.A. literature, availability to participate in local A.A. events, and at least five years of continuous sobriety. Interested candidates should complete the resume form and email it by July 31, 2023.

CHAIR – CHITRA S.: *Today I reflect on page 417 of the 4th edition of Alcoholics Anonymous which states that acceptance is the answer to all my problems. Nothing happens in God's world by mistake. If you have an item of business for future agendas, please submit the wording to me ten days before the ACM so that we may finalize and translate the agenda to be sent out the Wednesday before the ACM. Items submitted after the deadline will be on the next month's agenda.*

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: *Our checking account has \$28,089.24, and our prudent reserve (one month's operating expenses) has \$13,001.29. At the end of May, our total contributions were \$11,454.20, and our budgeted contributions were \$8,817.09. Actual expenses were \$12,665.90; the budget was \$21,430.44. We budget expenses in the months they occur, so when we pay for expenses in other months, there will be a discrepancy between actual and budgeted expenses. Please spread the word about our updated address and online contributions at cnca06.org/contribute/. Our old P.O.*

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Box will close on November 30th. We will gradually be replacing paper receipts with emailed receipts, with a complete phase-out by December 1st.

REGISTRAR – DREW B.: *Sawadee Kraab- I bring well wishes from the members of the Chang Mai West Group in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and the Bangkok Recovery Group in Bangkok, Thailand. Our Group of the month is “12 Cubed,” on Monday nights in Lakeport (Lake County District 13).*

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: *The first known competition to guess the assembly word count had participation from districts Alameda South, Monterey, Sonoma, and Contra Costa. The winner was Meg B., DCMC from District 08. She chose to pay her prize forward by gifting a print Grapevine subscription to an alcoholic in need through the Carry the Message Project. I’ve added the final report from the Deaf Access Project from the Accessibilities Committee to the motions book, discovering that the first motion related to serving deaf and hearing-impaired alcoholics in our area passed in June 1986, initiating a committee to study needs and recommend accommodations. Please reach out if you have any questions about our area history and/or the motions book.*

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: *For the summer assembly, District 14 has decided to move the main assembly to a room that offers better comfort, acoustics, seating, and WiFi. We are committed to improving access at assemblies and need help from DCMCs to let me know in advance if you have members who use mobility devices (e.g., wheelchairs, scooters). We can reserve a table for your district that has aisle access closer to the microphones. Presently there is no pre-assembly dinner for the summer assembly. Please make housing arrangements for this assembly as soon as possible. There is*

an RV park on-site and a nearby KOA. I’m still developing service materials for assembly committees based on experience from past host districts. Information is available for assembly treasurers and food coordinators. I’m looking for volunteers to help with creating a venue database. Including today’s bid, all panel 73 assemblies have districts committed to bidding.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MATT E.: *Literature from A.A.W.S. that’s back in stock includes the large print big book abridged (everything except the stories in the back); the softcover pocket-sized big book abridged, softcover; both hardcover and large print 12x12 in English; and both hardcover and large print and Living Sober and Viviendo Sobrio. More is expected to be back in stock in June and July. At the July Literature/GV/LV sharing session (9 am 7/22), we will discuss possible paths forward for a proposed pamphlet “A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic,” initially proposed at the CNCA Pre-Conference Assembly in 2019. Our Area voted near-unanimously in favor of submitting a proposed agenda item to the Trustees’ literature committee, but the item was not placed on the agenda because there was “not a widely expressed need.” The sharing session is open to any interested member. You can attend in person at the ACM or on Zoom.*

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ELENA.: *We re-named our sub-district meeting “General Service Comes Alive” to better describe our meeting. We hope it will be more attractive. We hosted a pizza party with our delegate in which each GSR was asked to bring at least one other person from their group. Many people present heard a Delegate’s Report for the first time. Our Fall Assembly Host Committee meets for monthly planning.*

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) - BRIAN

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M.: We still meet online only and are trying to encourage participation from GSRs in our district. Our delegate report is on August 2nd. Our visiting area officer (VAO) facilitated a discussion about the summer assembly including format, topics, and bringing differing opinions from districts to the area.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – DEB A.: Our district meeting centered on our Delegate's report. The PICPC, BTG, and Archives chairs have contributed to increased interest in service. Our website coordinator is working with the local Intergroup office to fine-tune the general service message on the Intergroup website. Interest in hosting an assembly was expressed at our monthly officers' meeting.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – AMARA G.: The Alternate Delegate stepped in to give the report on the General Service Conference at our hybrid District meeting, which had the most visitors of any meeting yet. We focused on preparing GSRs to give post-conference reports to their groups. We are re-establishing communication amongst Intergroup, BTG, and PI/CPC committees, including planning our Unity Day. The website committee continues working on our website and planning for a safety workshop continues.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – PAM S.: We unanimously approved the updated District Guidelines. We are collaborating with the Intergroup Office Manager to meet the needs of our groups. The quarterly contributions report sent from the General Service Board Treasurer had inaccurate data, and with support from our area delegate, the problem is being addressed to provide accurate summary statements next quarter. Through this, we realized that GSO sent this information to DCMs but not DCMCs. This has apparently been an ongoing issue that we hope to find a solution to.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – BRENT M.: We're

discussing our upcoming Unity Day and going to a hybrid meeting format. Our Unity Day provides an opportunity to hear the Delegate's report on the General Service Conference (GSC), highlights service opportunities in our district, has great food, a free raffle, sobriety bingo, and an entertaining comic. BTG had a presentation at a recently reopened detox facility and PI/CPC is now bringing literature into a facility where non-violent DUI arrests are taken.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – BETH S.: Our district meeting included the Delegate's report from the GSC. The PowerPoint from the presentation will be shared with GSRs to help them communicate the top ten takeaways to their groups.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – BRIDGET: At our agenda planning meeting, now open to all members of District 7, we discussed what they would like to see at the business meeting. We will be trying a short GSR Q&A session, a "cheat sheet" for GSRs, and quick links for GSRs on Linktree. We will also be experimenting with a hybrid setup for our meeting.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – EILEEN P.: District 70 is working on filling service positions, including Accessibility Chair, H&I Liaison, and Tech Host. Fellowship opportunities are available every Saturday night for bowling at 9 pm at Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin, and there will be a 4th of July picnic at Kolda Park in Dublin.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – MEG B.: We had a potluck for the delegate's report. A recording of the presentation and a slide deck are available to share with anyone interested. We are streamlining our communication methods by focusing on our website and google drive for primary information housing, including adding anonymity-protected info to our webpage. Our tech committee added a tab for their reports to

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our web page, with potential expansion to include district officer and liaison reports. We're also trying Link Tree.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – DONNA F: No report.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – STEVEN L.: Our Unity Day delegate report is July 19th in Fairfield. The flyer will soon be on AAsolanonorth.org. We installed a large screen tv at our intergroup office to use in our district meeting for Zoom reports and presentations. We're renting the office space during the summer assembly so members who cannot attend in person can attend online together.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – DYLAN R.: The outreach committee contacted 40 unrepresented meetings, making presentations guided by information shared at the DCM sharing session. The monthly GSR meeting focused on holding a group inventory and discussing service sponsorship. The District Founder's Day and the panel on service were well-attended. Our Unity Day is from 12 to 4:30 pm on 10/21/2023 at Unity in Marin Church in Novato. We'll hear the delegate's report then. A variety of other events are coming up including a step six workshop, trivia night, and a sober summer dance.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – ELIZABETH.: Our Unity Day was well-attended and received positive feedback, particularly with respect to the delegate's report. PI/CPC contacted professionals who work with alcoholics at the Fentanyl Town Hall, and they are interested in having a presentation. Napa Intergroup will have a Summer Picnic on July 22nd. See www.aanapa.org for more info. H&I is taking meetings to Napa State Hos-

pital and the Napa Women's Jail; they hope to go into Juvenile Hall soon.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – DENISE G.: We had our Delegate's BBQ and conference report. It was well-attended and well-received. We are beginning to plan our Unity Day, on 10/14/2023. The theme is "Unity Day: Planting Seeds of Service." H&I, Intergroup, and SOCYPAA will participate. PI/CPC has been presenting at high schools and DUI classes. Our access committee sent out a questionnaire requesting suggestions for topics for a future workshop. BTG committee needs support, and we are looking at ways to provide it.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – HECTOR M.: Our VAO shared about the history of general service and distinguishing between attraction and promotion. The GSRs are very active in their fellowships and are helping organize events in our district. Our Spring Fun event on June 10th was well attended.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – WARREN R.: We welcomed a few new GSRs. Our main business was a discussion about hosting the 2024 Post Conference Assembly. We have several events coming up in Mendocino County, including an annual talk from Father Tom on July 22nd in Fort Bragg. Events are posted on mendocinocoastaa.com and aaukiah.org.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – MEGAN M.: We created a reimbursement policy for travel. We are pursuing an in-person venue with quality virtual accessibility. We have a full slate of Committee Chairs, DCMs, and good participation by GSRs. We look forward to the Summer Assembly we are hosting and are considering

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hosting a dinner the night before.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – MARTA: Our VAO talked about Safety in AA and the 13th step. Our delegate will be making his report soon.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R.: Thank you to our delegate for the report on the GSC. Subdistricts continue visiting groups to encourage participation in general service. La Viña is motivating groups to subscribe and send their stories. BTG and PI continue their regular service activities. We'll be celebrating the 34th anniversary of our district at a Unity Day event.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – RODRIGO Z.: Our district is working hard with GSRs, and our service manual study is having great success. The PI/CPC committee has been taking pamphlets and literature to libraries and police departments. We enjoyed joining District 12's delegate's report. He will report to District 18 on July 5th.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – MIGUEL: Our VAO spoke about their service and how to make a motion. will celebrate our 28th anniversary on July 2nd in Santa Cruz. Two new GSRs and an alternate GSR have joined our district.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – FRANCISCO Z.: We heard a report from the GSC from the area delegate. We continue to visit groups to inform them about general service and hold our monthly study meeting to inform GSRs about the service manual.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – THOM H.: District 10 is working on a statement of purpose and has cre-

ated a poll to find what areas of accessibility the members of their district want to address. The District 07 accessibility committee will give a 20-minute presentation to their district. The committee is creating a poll to create some interest and discussion. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Project gave their report and a few take-aways are that Berkeley City College and Ohlone College have ASL programs that may be a resource for interpreters; ASL interpreters need to have a good understanding of AA language; hearing people could learn ASL to help support DHH members, we should ask the DHH what they need, and Portland and Texas have a wealth of information accumulated over 20 years.

ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: We're hoping to finalize what to put on cnca06.org by the end of August. A member from District 12 received a document about the formation of Hispanic groups and researched it. A member from District 08 found information about the history of her group for a presentation at an event. The District 14 archives chair might be the first in the district. We have quarterly training on August 19th since the summer assembly is on August 12th. We encourage DCMCs to ask members to serve as archives chairs. Let us know if your district wants an archives display for an event.

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: We are looking at our printing costs as we continue to expand services throughout CNCA. Thanks to our VAO for sharing the highlights of literature services. We had 15 presentations given, 26 blue cards processed, four new volunteers added, and one successful bridge.

FINANCE – DAVID N.: The committee reviewed the May actual revenue and expense report compared to the budget and asked the Treasurer questions. We reviewed the motions that have a financial impact per our area guidelines.

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We will present an initial draft of the 2024 budget to the area officers in October. Finance committee liaisons have been in touch with the standing and sub-committee chairs. Committee budgets are due by the summer assembly. We would like to attend July committee meetings to answer any questions. During our discussion of the hybrid sub-committee motion last month, I stated that the motion would add another 10% to our annual expenses. The actual percentage is about 5%. The estimate for the new expenses is about \$8,000 and our annual expenses are about \$160,000. I apologize for the error.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: *We have translated approximately 17 documents, a couple of emails, and the Comments. We are testing a couple of portable radio models to see if they meet our reception and sound quality needs.*

PI/CPC – MIGUEL H.: *We had a new committee recording secretary. We discussed what PI and CPC are. A member presented on the word “God” in A.A., how to inform the public and professionals that each member is suggested to find a higher power of their own conception, and that A.A. is a spiritual (not religious) program based on principles. We discussed the upcoming hybrid workshop in September on how to present A.A. to the community, including hospitals and other institutions. There was a proposal to collaborate with a veteran’s event on July 8th and 9th and are working on meeting that need.*

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: *We reconfigured the archives laptop. We are working on our guidelines and job responsibilities. The hybrid sub-committee is assessing the need to purchase or rent “hot spots” for use at ACMs and assemblies, which would strengthen the WiFi signals. We’re developing an inventory of area tech tools. We hope to have a table at the*

summer assembly. Please complete the survey about our hybrid ACMs, which are sent to DCMCs.

WEBSITE – CATHY P.: *We are dealing with old content on the server to reduce storage and backup from the site. Some content will be moved, and some will be removed permanently with a copy made available to our archives committee. If you have any suggestions on the visual or functional aesthetics of the website, we would love to hear from you.*

ASSEMBLY Ad-Hoc – ELBA S.: *We are working on the possible draft change for the guideline budget form and collecting information on the expenses of the past assemblies.*

CNCA COMMENTS / COMENTARIOS – CHUCK B.: *We take our lick & stick event to different locations in Contra Costa County. We mailed 390 English and 88 Spanish newsletters.*

PRAASA 2024 – CHITRA S. (ON BEHALF OF TEDDY B-W): *PRAASA 2024 is on March 1-3, 2024, at the Marriott Marquis in downtown San Francisco. We await the final reports from the PRAASA 2023 committee. We are working with Marin/San Francisco Central Office on a pop-up bookstore and service material at the event. Our Area Lit/GV/LV Chair will set up a literature display. We are working on an addendum with the Marriott for a changed set-up schedule, to adjust the meeting room schedule, and more reasonable meal costs. The Attraction and Outreach Committee is working on a save-the-date flyer. Praasa.org is live with a PRAASA 2024 landing page. Pre-registration on the site is coming soon. Housing and registration should be open in the fall. A draft budget will be provided to the Area and presented in July at the PRAASA 2024 steering committee for disapproval if any.*

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Ad Hoc Newsletter Distribution – JACQUELINE P: Final report: The ad hoc committee was formed in January 2023 following Area approval in July 2022 that CNCA06 newsletters, Comments, and Comentaríos be produced electronically. Their primary recommendation is to use the email service provider MailChimp to electronically deliver the newsletters. It costs \$30/month and removes the need to subscribe to Microsoft Publisher (\$120/year). They also recommend that the Area undertake a several-month-long information campaign to DCMCs, DCMs, and Area Chairs. Any member who would like a printed copy of the newsletter can “Opt-in” to receive it in the U.S. Mail by 1) mailing in a postcard included in the newsletter, 2) on the CNCA06 website or, 3) the CNCA 06 Add/Change Form.

Questions: **Q:** What’s the \$900 per month? **A:** That is an estimate of a variable cost for printing and sending out the Comments and Comentaríos currently. We estimate the new method will cut the cost in half for printing and the email service will be about \$30 a month, which will save the area a lot of money. **Q:** How long will the cards be going into the newsletter? // **A:** We’ll continue sending the C&C in the U.S. mail with a card asking people to opt-in to continue to receive it printed. If you don’t opt-in, you will begin receiving it by email. Discussion: The current price per printing is \$1.25. I’m excited about the reduction in cost associated with this proposal. // I went to a sharing session at PRAASA and heard that we are the only area that mails our newsletter. // The Area officers will discuss the timeline of implementation and the ad-hoc committee will submit any housekeeping motions for recurring or one-time costs.

DCM SHARING SESSION – JUDAH N. – We discussed the role of a DCM, the importance of service, and incorporating online meetings into the service structure. Unity, learning from each

other, and the importance of outreach were emphasized. Members expressed mixed experiences with generating interest in General Service. We also discussed the challenges and benefits of online and hybrid meetings.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – MATT E.: We heard a presentation from Abigail M. (D70) on how to make use of old issues of the Grapevine and La Viña. Some of the suggestions included: making bundles of 2-3 old issues plus a pamphlet, tied together with ribbon and a welcome note, to give to newcomers; bringing them (with permission) to doctor’s offices and emergency room waiting rooms; and leaving them in the neighborhood “little libraries.” Next month’s sharing session will be a discussion about potential paths forward for the proposed pamphlet “A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic.”

H & I: DREW B. (FOR KAREN B.): Our last business meeting, group inventory, and the H&I conference were all well attended. The conference finished in the black financially. Next year there will be a one-time conference in partnership with Southern California H&I. We can always use volunteers, for more information please visit HandINorCal.org.

ICYPAA – JENNIFER B.: The International Conference for Young People in AA is 9/1 –9/4 in San Francisco. It’s for anyone young at heart. The theme is “Watch Loneliness Vanish.” There are speaker meetings, panels, workshops, dances, and entertainment focused on our three legacies. More info at www.ICYPAA.org. Please pre-register. It helps with planning and funding for the event. If you can’t attend, you can contribute to the scholarship fund.

CENTRAL OFFICES: No reports.

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NCCAA – MARY M.: The next conference is in Fresno, Oct. 14-16 at the Double Tree by Hilton. We have some great speakers signed up. Register at <https://norcalaa.org/>. We had a great fundraising picnic in June. We have an open treasurer position and will be holding an election at the Fresno Conference. We also need some support with ASL.

HISPANIC WOMEN’S WORKSHOP: No report.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – SERGIO S.: The event is July 21-23 in Watsonville, Oregon. The hotel rooms for the cheaper price are sold out.. Five members of our area will be speaking at the event.

FORO HISPANO – CARLOS: We have the poster for the event. It’s 10/22 in Hayward (1050 Mattox Road), from 8 am to 4 pm. We have spent \$3000 of our \$9000 budget. We have visited the districts and subdistrict 04. We’re working with members of I&T and Archives to participate.

AREA BUSINESS

ELECTIONS: PRAASA 2024 Host Committee Chair – Facilitated by Eric L., Area Delegate.

A third legacy election for the PRAASA 2024 Host Committee Chair was conducted because the current chair, Teddy B., stepped down due to being appointed as a non-trustee director on the A.A. Grapevine Board. Jennifer B. made herself available and shared her qualifications. Voting was conducted by text message and Jennifer was elected on the first ballot.

ASSEMBLY BID: 2024 Pre-Conference Assembly

- Assembly bid for the 2024 Pre-Conference Assembly on April 6th and 7th,

2024, at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building (1094 Petaluma Blvd, Petaluma). Total Bid cost: \$7120.00. – *Presented by District 12 Sonoma and District 18 Spanish North*

***Presentation:** The DCMCs and Assembly Coordinator presented. The facility auditorium accommodates 450 people with tables. The parking capacity is 200; street parking is also available. We have had several assemblies at this site, most recently the 2022 Pre-Conference. The entry time is Saturday is 6:00 AM. There is an all-gender restroom and a family rest area. There is a separate room for Interpretation. The total bid amount on the presented bid form was corrected from \$7320 to \$7120.*

Questions: Q:** Does this include virtual participation? **A:** Yes. The facility doesn’t have WiFi, but we will upgrade our current hotspot to improve the coverage of assemblies. There will not be any additional costs for this bid. // **Q:** What are the pros and cons of facilities having WiFi versus using our hotspots? **A:** Our mobile hotspots operate on cellular networks, the quality of which is affected by the number of people at the assembly using their cellular networks. We have been using one hotspot dedicated to one computer with the primary audio and video in and out. // **Q:** Can you explain the \$300 set-up and tear-down cost? **A:** Petaluma sets up and breaks down for safety reasons. The \$300 also includes the use of the tables. // **Q:** Is there a big white screen available for our projector? **A:** We decided not to use the screen on the stage. We will be testing two screens, one on each side, at the summer assembly. **Vote by simple majority. None were opposed. <<Assembly Bid Approved.>>

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS

- That CNCA write a letter of support to the La Viña Anniversary Host Committee

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for the 28th Anniversary.

Presentation: Sergio, the liaison for CNCA, presented the motion. The Committee would like to host the La Viña anniversary next year.

*Questions: Q: Why is this motion being presented urgently? A: This year's event is four weeks away, and our bid must be presented during that event. // Q: What's the proposed date of the 28th-anniversary event? A: July 2024. The exact date is unknown. **There were no objections. <<Housekeeping motion passed.>>***

That CNCA provide funding for one member of the Archives Committee to attend the Annual National AA Archives Workshop to be held September 7 through the 10th in Sudbury, Ontario Canada at a cost not to exceed \$1600. -Presented by the CNCA Archives Committee

There were no questions or objections. <<Housekeeping motion passed.>>

That CNCA provide funding for one member of the Bridging the Gap team to attend the Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend to be held September 8 through the 10th in Houston Texas at a cost not to exceed \$1500. -Presented by the CNCA Bridging the Gap Committee

There were no questions or objections. <<Housekeeping motion passed.>>

That CNCA provides funding for one member of the Web Committee to attend the Annual National A.A. Technology Workshop to be held September 8th through the 10th in Winchester, Virginia at a cost not to exceed \$1200. - Presented by the CNCA Web Committee

Questions: Q: I see two bids for the NAATW, and they are hybrid. How do you decide who goes in person? A: This bid is to attend in per-

*son. **There were no objections. <<Housekeeping motion passed.>>***

That CNCA provide funding for one member of the Technology Committee to attend the Annual National AA Technology Workshop to be held September 8 through the 10 in Winchester, Virginia at a cost not to exceed \$1500, and \$135 for three members to attend virtually, for a total not to exceed \$1635. -Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee

*Questions: Q: There is an established history of the web committee being sent to the NAATW, is that also being established for the tech committee? A: Yes, that is the intention. This is only the second year of existence for the tech committee. The NAATW would be a valuable experience for the attendee, particularly connecting with other areas who are dealing with problems like our area and finding solutions. // Q: Have you considered one person from either Tech or Web committee attending in person and someone from the other committee attending online? A: The Area Chair requested only questions about the wording or intent of the motion. **There was an objection. <<Motion to become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 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 2/25/23

*Discussion: **Group consciences:** My group is 100% in favor of this motion. Many of us are*

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only able to attend virtually. Having technicians run virtual meetings is essential and should have priority over other expenses. // Our district unanimously agreed with the motion. // The subdistrict I serve in, geographically, is very thankful for the online component. // My district values the ability to be here virtually and believes reimbursing these members for their service is needed. During our group conscience, a member was worried that there is a “sundown clause” for the motion. **Personal opinions:** We’ve made a motion to purchase equipment, and we’ve developed a committee to investigate functionality, but we haven’t made a policy decision that we are going to support hybrid capabilities for Area events. I would feel more comfortable with passing this motion if we decided as an area that this is what we want. I think it would be good to perform regular assessments of the need for hybrid (e.g., every four years). Once we start doing something in AA, stopping it is nearly impossible to stop it. // Our area hasn’t officially decided to be hybrid, but I think it has worked out well. I would like us not to wait until we make an official decision to provide reimbursement. This motion would provide reimbursement, not payment. I agree that we should have a periodic evaluation to determine what is necessary. // The chair gathered a sense of the room to determine whether the body is ready to vote on this motion. <<**Motion to remain Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 22, 2023.>>**

Alternate Delegate Miguel H. on 3/25/2023

Discussion: **Group consciences:** None. **Personal opinions:** This is a great opportunity for the Latino community. We need it. // I support this from an accessibility standpoint. We want to make AA available regardless of language. // I support this but wonder if there would be an Area officer to attend to support this meeting. // The chair gathered a sense of the room to determine whether the Area is ready to vote on this motion. The body voted on whether to vote by substantial unanimity (2/3) or simple majority. **Vote by simple majority in favor of the motion. A minority opinion was heard.** I don’t think we’ve considered all the implications yet. It’s not about having a meeting or not having a meeting; it is about setting a precedent of having a meeting that is only in Spanish, which has associated costs (i.e., rent for the room and interpretation) and additional commitment of area officers to attend. I support Spanish speakers having a place to meet, but I’m not sure if we should do it within the Area structure. **There was a motion to reconsider, which was seconded. Vote by simple majority to reconsider the motion. There were 22/14 in favor of reconsidering. << Motion to remain Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 22, 2023.>>**

That CNCA hold a linguistic sharing session for Spanish Speakers on the day of the ACM at the Petaluma Community Center. – Presented by CNCA

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NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA 06 purchase 120 digital radios at a cost not to exceed \$2800. - Presented by the CNCA Interpretation and Translation Committee on 5/27/2023

Discussion: **Group Consciences:** None. **Personal opinions:** I'm a member of the committee and we've been testing several radios that would offer a substantial saving over what is presented in the motion. <<**Motion to become Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 22, 2023.**>>

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

- Voting participation at ACMs and Assemblies

Discussion: **Group Consciences:** None. **Personal opinions:** On our agenda, we had two items of business that were crafted by the committee of which I'm chair, and I can't vote on them. I'm in favor of area chairs having voting participation at ACMs and assemblies. It's the concept of the Right of Participation. // We have resources of people of intense interest and experience that are not voting, and I think we need them to vote, especially with items that impact our future. I think past delegates should also vote. Their devotion and experience need to be recognized. // When the Conference was first formed, those people working in the office were given the ability to vote. I believe every person who is affected, not only committee chairs but also GSRs, should vote. // In the PRAASA 2024 chair election today, anybody was eligible for that position but only voting members voted. Voting eligibility and eligibility for office do not need to be linked. If someone were to make a motion, they wouldn't need to overcomplicate it. // I was asked to present on Concept Four

recently, which is directly related to this. I heard the point about members having knowledge and experience, which is important, but per the Concept, voting participation has to do with the responsibility that the person discharges. Our standing committee chairs have a lot of responsibility that would warrant voting participation.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

There is going to be a workshop for women on 8/6 from 11 am to 7 pm at Hampton Inn in Petaluma. It's primarily for Spanish speakers, and there will be interpretation. Topics include the tools of the program and how to use them, the importance of sponsorship, and sponsoring others. A past delegate will be speaking. Registration is \$20 and covers lunch. // Thank you for your trust in me as PRAASA 2024 chair, and congratulations to Jennifer as the new chair. Today was my first meeting of the AA Grapevine Board. I made my first motion, to approve the printing and distribution of *The Language of the Heart in Peru*. The Grapevine App may be coming sooner than we thought. Contact me if you'd like to be involved in attraction and outreach about the app. // I'm glad to have one more month to talk about the Hispanic sharing session. I don't know whether it's a duplication of the DCM sharing session. // I think we must open our minds and remember English-speaking GSRs. I'd love for there to be a Spanish-speaking sharing session, but it needs to include English speakers. We can be together.

The meeting was closed at 3:32 by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B.
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73

CNCA BUDGET VS ACTUAL - JULY 2023

California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - May, 2023

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue		
002 Group Contributions	47,331.39	37,000.00
003 District Contributions	6,696.00	8,333.33
004 Assembly Contributions	2,770.51	1,650.00
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,672.25	1,250.00
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	4,210.00	1,250.00
010 Interest Income	2.13	2.08
Income	91.85	
Total Revenue	\$62,774.13	\$49,485.41
GROSS PROFIT	\$62,774.13	\$49,485.41
Expenditures		
020 EXPENSE		
021 Delegate Expense	4,200.89	6,213.44
050 Officer Expense	14,115.36	18,014.18
130 Committee Expenses	12,545.04	13,443.33
300 General Expenses	45,233.87	36,859.78
Total 020 EXPENSE	76,095.16	74,530.73
Total Expenditures	\$76,095.16	\$74,530.73
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -13,321.03	\$ -25,045.32
Other Revenue		
012 Other Income (Refunds/Rebates)	800.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$800.00	\$0.00
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$800.00	\$0.00
NET REVENUE	\$ -12,521.03	\$ -25,045.32

CNCA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION—JULY 2023

California Northern Coastal Area

Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	22,920.97
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,001.29
Total Bank Accounts	\$35,922.26
Total Current Assets	\$35,922.26
TOTAL ASSETS	\$35,922.26
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	37,303.29
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-12,521.03
Total Equity	\$35,922.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$35,922.26

CNCA CALENDAR—PANEL 73

2023

July 22 — Area Committee Mtg

August 12 — Summer Assembly
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: 3rd Sat)

Panel 73 Assembly Dates

2023 Summer Assembly
August 12, 2023
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Home Ec.
Building
3775 Harris St, Eureka, CA 95503
Hosted by D15 Humboldt del Norte

1094 Petaluma Blvd., Petaluma, CA
Hosted by D18 Spanish North and D12
Sonoma

2023 Fall Inventory Assembly
November 4, 2023
The Monterey Moose Lodge
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Del Rey Oaks,
CA
Hosted by D01 Monterey

2024 Post Conference Assembly
May 11, 2024
Willits Community Center
111 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA
Hosted by D14 Mendocino

2024 Pre Conference Assembly
April 6 & 7, 2024
Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building

2024 Summer Assembly
Aug 10, 2024

2024 Fall Election Assembly
Nov 2, 2024

CNC AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MOTIONS—JULY 2023

Area Committee Motions

Continue at Area Committee Meeting July 22, 2023

Area Assembly Motions

Continue at Summer Assembly August 12, 2023

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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/MN2mGMQTKzBfwqbu8>

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, CA 95501

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 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: **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**.