

- [Subscribe](#)
- [Past Issues](#)
- [RSS](#)
- [Translate](#)

[View this email in your browser](#)



CNCA COMMENTS

CHAIR'S PREVIEW

Chair's Preview February 2024

Our January Area Committee Meeting was full of thoughtful discussion. We listened as many members came to the microphone to voice their concern about a motion being discussed without GSRs weighing in. We decided to vote again, and the motion was sent to the next Assembly.

Now, prior to the Pre-Conference Assembly, we have some homework to do. First, we have two presentations of new business:

- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.
- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.

Please discuss these with your service sponsors and search the Motions book for words like voting, eligibility, and area officer eligibility, and look up the history of the motion that was voted on at the 2016 Post Conference Assembly to create your own background understanding of these discussions in the past at our Area.

We have one item of new business at the Pre Conference Assembly:

- That CNCA continue to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly.

Please take a group conscience at your districts, subdistricts, groups, or committees and share the consciences at the microphone during New Business.

We have one item of old business, which we are reconsidering after having voted on it at our 2023 Summer Assembly, and then deciding to vote again after listening to the minority opinion.

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

Please go to cnca06.org and look for the Summer Assembly Minutes in the CNCA Comments Archives, posted in the September 2023 issue of the Comments. Read the minutes of the Old Business to refresh your memory on the group consciences that were taken and shared at the mic. Please come prepared to vote again. This vote will be final.

Happy February! Cheers to growth and development.

Chitra S.
CNCA Chair, Panel 73



Delegate's Corner: February 2024

In 2010, just a year into my sobriety, my home group elected me to be their GSR. I was very enthusiastic, but completely clueless as to what I was supposed to do. I heard a lot about being the voice for my group, but what was I supposed to say?

And then suddenly, General Service started getting active. In mid-February, we traditionally receive a list of Agenda Topics (named because they are literally the agenda for each committee meeting at the Conference) – and some of these topics would be interesting to the average AA member like me, and to average AA members like the people I had now been entrusted to represent.

This year's Conference will include a variety of topics that many groups may consider important. And it is now our job to ensure that an informed group conscience moves forward so that I have the right information to share at the General Service Conference this year. GSRs are that vital link between the groups and the Delegate, so I want to thank you all for all your help.

I became a much better GSR my second year in. I still didn't always know what was going on (I've reviewed my old notes, and I was very confused). But I knew the routine. And you do too.

Luckily, there's lots of help. Each District Committee Member Chair (DCMC), local District Committee Members (DCMs), and even other GSRs (past and present) can share how they obtain group consciences. Many Districts also hold Agenda Topics Workshops, that will help familiarize members with the background material and provide tools on how to facilitate a sharing session. Larger events, like the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, held the first weekend in March each year (this year, it is in San Francisco!), can provide even more support. The Area Officers and Committee Chairs also write summaries of the background material, and those summaries will be available in early March. The entire background will also be available on a password-protected part of [the Area website](#).

The best advice I got as a GSR was that even if I made a mistake, I could not break AA. The only thing that can truly break AA is if we stop communicating or sharing with one another and stop participating. Decisions made through this process of sharing can create or maintain our literature or other services, and these decisions ensure that future alcoholics looking for a way out can find what we have found and recover.

I am looking forward to the Pre-Conference Assembly, and to hearing what groups have to say about this year's agenda at the Conference.

Yours in service,
Eric L, Panel 73 Delegate



**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL
AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2024**

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on January 20, 2024, with some members attending virtually and others attending at the Petaluma Community Center. Chitra S. opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. David S. from District 06 read the AA Preamble, Pedro from District 20 read Tradition One in Spanish, and Rezan from District 07 read Concept One. There were seven past Delegates present: Diane O. (P35), Bob D. (P36), Barbara M. (P41), Raymundo L. (P65), Joann L. (P67), Teddy B.W. (P69; current non-trustee director of AA Grapevine), and Jennifer B. (P71). The December financial report and ACM minutes were accepted as published in the CNCA Comments and Comentarios. Attendance: 77 in person; 52 online. Birthdays: 108/8.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: The final list of agenda topics will be available in early February; background will be available by mid-February, and the Agenda Topic Summaries will be sent out in early March, just in time for PRAASA, which we are hosting this year. Make sure to register if you would like to attend. Save the date, the Regional Forum will be held in Las Vegas in July. One topic at the Conference this year will be the potential publication of a new book, AA in Plain Language: A Tool for Accessing the Big Book. Informational sessions about this project are ongoing. A second – and different – discussion about potential future changes to our co-founder's writings is ongoing. Please have these conversations locally so the Fellowship can be fully informed as we develop our group consciences.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: I'm supporting Eric as we prepare for one of the exciting and busiest times, agenda topics collecting group consciences. I'm connecting with our Pacific Regional Alternate Delegates, sharing experiences with the new fellows starting their positions on panel 74. More than 6,000 A.A. members participated in a survey using random selection sampling conducted by the General Service Office in 2022. The last survey was conducted in 2014. Since 1968, this survey has been conducted periodically to help "characterize the membership and not only provides information about A.A. to the public but also provides important information that members can consider in reaching anyone suffering from alcoholism who may wish to stop drinking." For the first time, the survey included questions about online A.A. meetings, which became more widely available

during the COVID-19 pandemic. While 75% of members had attended at least one virtual meeting online or by phone, 79% still preferred in-person meetings.

CHAIR – CHITRA S.: Let's go deeper this year. Now that we have our bearings, we can learn to be more well-informed in our discussions. For example, with the motions on voting rights and officer eligibility, look at the motions book for the 2016 Post Conference and search the motions book for where we have already discussed voting rights and eligibility. Just like with agenda topics, there is background information to be had. Let's take fully informed group consciences at our ACMs and Assemblies. Please ask for help to ask the right questions and gather information. I am excited to watch us grow and practice our new skill sets this year.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: Our checking account has \$26,574.97, and our prudent reserve (savings account) is \$13,002.04, which will be adjusted to 13,850.00 to account for 1/12 of this year's budget, or approximately 1-month operating expenses. At the end of December, our actual contributions were \$ 9,358, and our budgeted contributions were \$11,167. Actual expenses were \$7,916; the budget was \$8,584. Please continue to inform your groups and meetings that CNCA has changed its address. Here are some numbers for you. Square reported this year our contributions net amount was \$30,490. Our December income for Square was the best month this year, coming in at \$4,901. Our daily average is \$99.76, averaging three transactions a day. In December, almost half of our contributions were made online through Square. Please let your groups and districts know how grateful the Area is for their generous contributions. These contributions go towards the vital 12-step work done to carry the message to still-suffering alcoholics. You can contribute in multiple ways today, online at cnca06.org/contribute/, on Square at the Finance table in the back, and even with cash!

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B. I am communicating with the host districts for the upcoming 2024 Assemblies. The remainder of the Panel 73 Assemblies have been bid and booked. Pre-Conference: Hosted by D18 Spanish North and D12 on April 6 & 7 at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building in Petaluma. Post Conference: Hosted by D14 Mendocino on May 11 at Willits Community Center in Willits. Summer: Hosted by D17 Spanish South

on August 10 at Campbell Community Center in Campbell. Fall Election: Hosted by D07 Alameda North and D70 on November 9 at Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore. Before the end of the year, we will need Districts to bid for the 2025 pre-conference, post-conference, and summer assemblies to ensure a smooth pass-it-on experience for the Panel 75 Assembly Coordinator. Over the past year, I've been the Hybrid team coordinator. Working with such a dedicated team has been an honor, and I'm pleased to announce that Don L. will be taking over as the Coordinator of the Hybrid Team.

REGISTRAR – DREW B.: Over half of our district registrars use our new digital registration form. 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. From the Group to your District, from District to Area, and from Area to the conference and the General Service Board, telling us who you are is the profound first step in feeling connected to the fellowship. This month’s meeting of the month is Lavantate from the Spanish East District 20. Lavantate means “Wake Up!” In Spanish, they meet daily at 6 AM online.

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: This is my last call for submissions to the recording secretary workshop survey. I will soon proceed with planning it, but I’d like to know more about what information or topics would be useful. Please send this survey to your districts, committees, groups, and anyone you think would be interested in learning more about minutes and notes in business meetings. Here’s the link; <https://forms.gle/M5MNqAC4Mm4mnXdA7>. Or skip the survey and email me your thoughts. recordingsecretary@cnca06.org

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – MATT E.: The new year brings new Grapevine news: we have apps! Did you know? Tell your friends. The 2024 Grapevine Catalogue is available for download at aagrapevine.org. One new item in the catalog, available in April 2024, is the new book “Our Twelve Steps” - a brand new collection of stories from AA members sharing the joys and challenges of working our twelve steps of recovery. If your group or district wants to contribute to the Grapevine or La Viña, remember that the

Grapevine does not accept direct monetary contributions. You can contribute to the Carry The Message project instead! The Carry the Message project provides Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions to alcoholics who need them. Learn more at aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message. If you have any new literature, Grapevine, or La Viña representatives this year, please ask them to email me at literature@cnca06.org. I'll add them to my mailing list and direct them to useful resources.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ELENA B.: Bridging the Gap has started several new meetings in recovery facilities and has received 12 blue cards this month. Our GSR development meeting conducted a group conscious on how to handle future changes to the founders' writing, and they practiced giving a 90-second report to their groups. Our District meeting focused on Agenda Topics and how best to involve and inform our GSRs and support them with a conscious process. Our Grapevine Literature Chair summarized the journey of the plane language big book thus far to aid GSRs in sharing this information with their groups. Monterey Bay Area Round Up is hosting a speaker meeting and bingo party on January 26th to support its conference on January 26. MBAR is from 8/30 to 9/1/24.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – BRIAN M.: At our January business meeting, we discussed Agenda Topics and informed group consciences. We look forward to the process. We voted to subsidize a GSR's attendance at PRAASA partially. We look forward to hearing their report about their experience. Thanks to our visiting Area officer for sharing their experience, strength, and hope in General Service.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – AMELIA C. (FOR DEB A.): We had our first hybrid district meeting last week. We last met in person four years ago, and the tradition of pizza and heartfelt fellowship made for a good experience.

We've begun planning for Unity Day, tentatively scheduled for May 18th. The Finance committee will determine the dollar amount and number of PRAASA scholarships to be offered. The District Treasurer and DCMC attended Spanish-speaking District 19, and our Districts will continue to dialogue. We may create a liaison position to assist each other to ensure access to anyone with a drinking problem without language getting in the way. Accessibility was an area for improvement revealed during our November inventory. Communication from the district to GSRs and groups was another. A request for the District meeting minutes to be sent out to GSRs soon after the District meeting was made. The unapproved January minutes were sent out on a trial basis. Hopefully, they will aid GSRs with a consistent message in real-time. The District will support CRUZYPAA's bid to host ACYPAA in 2025! Good luck, ACYPAA!

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – AMARA G.: Our District Officers went through every suggestion from our Inventory Ad Hoc Committee and started addressing each one. Some changes involve reformatting the monthly meeting, including extended time to separate into groups to ensure GSRs are comfortable with what and how to report to their groups, and replacing short tradition and concept presentations with a monthly concept workshop. All are welcome! We will hold a Sharing Session to discuss how we should treat the co-founder's writings. We have discussed the efficacy of continuing joint committees with D40 (PI/CPC, BTG, and Archives). We discussed and approved our 2024 budget. We will offer weekly mini-workshops for GSRs, facilitated by DCMs, on focused aspects of preparing for Agenda Topics.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – KAREN C.: A packed agenda and in the spirit of having fun – we launched the Agenda Topics Season with some first basic steps for GSRs to take with their groups in preparing for a group conscience. A new GSR exemplified the spirit of service in a Concept One presentation. We filled a vacant DCM position with a vote of enthusiastic confidence. The finance committee finalized the budget draft, urging GSRs to review and present it to their groups. We've had a plentiful response to a call for bilingual members to serve as translators. A PRAASA 2024 Attraction and Outreach Committee volunteer announced that PRAASA Registration is open, and people can register to attend and volunteer as individuals or groups. Our VAO presented two area motions, leading to a sharing session that took precedence over the remaining agenda items due to the response of

member sharing and questions. The meeting concluded after extending our closing time past 8:30 for members lined up at the mic and online to share!

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – BRENT M.: We approved our 2024 budget and reviewed the results of our district inventory. Action items identified revolved around educating groups regarding what GSRs do, the importance of General Service, and the need to liven up our Unity Day. Our Alkathons were blessed with great weather and attendance approaching pre-pandemic levels. The events raised almost \$800 for Norcal H&I. Excess donations will be distributed soon, and the committee is aware of the needs of the Area. In our January meeting, our VAO officer gave a great overview of the upcoming agenda items process, emphasizing that all A.A. members can submit proposed agenda items (PAI). It was an excellent setup for presenting a PAI seeking district support later in the meeting. Two groups support the PAI, requesting a pause in releasing the Common Language Big Book. The basis for the request was that the fellowship was inadequately informed of this effort and, thus, unable to inform our area delegate regarding it. We elected a new DCM for subdistrict 07, covering Redwood City.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DAN B.: At our district meeting, our VAO presented on the GSC and where the GSRs fit into the process. They also led us through the first four questions from the Trustees Literature Committee requesting answers to How We Should Treat Our Founders' Writings. We will cover the remaining three questions next month. I emphasized that GSRs may want to ask their groups these questions before we enter Agenda Topics season in March. We have an opening for DCM for Subdistrict 310, a popular meeting area from Castro through Mission, with three people expressing interest. The SF Public Relations started a program with the SF Main Library to make Big Books and other literature available for free, and it's going well. A committee has formed to discuss a pre-PRAASA district event on Thursday afternoon and/or Friday morning to lead walking tours from the hotel to the SF Main Library to see the section of the library in person. If you are interested in serving as a tour guide or attending the tour, please email me at chair@sfgeneralservice.org. Our annual Agenda Topics Workshop is Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 am-1:30 pm at the SF Gratitude Center. Lunch and Interpretation will be provided. Parking is not included, but there is a paid lot next door.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – MANISHA G.: Our District meeting featured our annual potluck party. The event was hybrid, but we had a last-minute change in our in-person venue. Around 25 attended in person, and about 10 people online. We had two amazing speakers: a past delegate who talked about “Grace, Grit & Grind: a GSR’s Wild Ride,” and another inspiring speaker who talked about “Myths and Misconceptions in AA,” followed by a Jeopardy game on AA trivia. We voted to provide \$350 in scholarships for newcomers to attend WACYPA. We will also offer our district members several scholarships to attend PRAASA. We are collaborating with our sister District D70 to organize the in-person Agenda Topics Workshop on February 17th at Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley. We’re also co-hosting the Election Assembly with them. This month, we will discuss our annual budget and the agenda topics process and have an area officer presentation. We’ve had some turnover in service positions, including one DCM and positions in the accessibilities committee. We continue to meet hybrid in-person at Sacred Heart Church in Oakland on the 4th Wednesday of the month, with a Concepts study starting at 6:30. All are welcome to attend, and we have food. Please look us up on linktree at linktr.ee/alamedanorth.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – EILEEN P.: We had our annual end-of-year potluck with special guests, the PRAASA chair, and the registration co-chair. We asked GSRs and officers to share what they enjoy about General Service and what they plan to do in the second year of the panel. At our January District meeting, we will discuss one of our inventory questions to develop some action items to address issues that arose. The Valley Service Center is having its annual fundraiser Anniversary Dinner on January 27th. There will be a speaker, raffle, and sobriety countdown. Our DCMs have been active visiting groups around the District, and we are always welcoming new GSRs.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) - MEG B.: We had 14 new folks joining us for their first district meeting. We had a presentation on prudent reserve and introduced a motion to send 25% of our operating expenses to GSO. Our district will scholarship 10 GSR/Alts to PRAASA, pulling names from a hat at our next meeting. The district volunteered to take on a commitment at the conference. We discussed the upcoming calendar. Our District will host our county’s All Groups monthly speaker meeting in Pleasant Hill. This idea came from our inventory discussion to create a deeper connection with our intergroup and the local AA community. Our Archives chair uncovered that

Contra Costa County District 08 will celebrate 50 years in June while researching the origins of our District to give the group history. Our Agenda Topic Workshop is on 2/3. It's hybrid, and all are welcome. We'll use our practice sharing session to gather input on the Changes to the Founders' Writing, and I will submit the results. I received many requests for assistance obtaining the information shared at the Plain Language Big Book information session for those who couldn't join. We will have a report back from those who made it and pass along the slideshow.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – DONNA F.: We held our inter-district workshop with Districts 09, 11, 13, and 90. We had more people than expected, which was a lot of fun. Thanks to the area officers and past delegate who visited us. As a result, we've heard people say they want to step up for General Service and have seen this in our district. There was a great response to the information given.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – STEVE L.: Submitted electronically: At this month's District meeting, we voted to have three GSR scholarships to attend PRAASA. Our visiting Area Officer pitched PRAASA and the personal benefits of attending. Since then, I received eight additional emails from GSRs informing me they decided to be a part of PRAASA. We participated in the InterDistrict Workshop this month hosted by D09, and it was very well attended and sparked good conversations about how our District can improve to be of maximum service to our fellowship.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – DYLAN R.: We implemented a new idea at our district meeting. Two volunteers were selected to present on the First Tradition and First Concept. After the shares, there was a period of Q and A followed by break out groups and sharing on experiences that groups had encountered and the ways the tradition and concept had been used to guide the group. We heard a presentation from the PRAASA 2024 attraction and outreach chair, followed by Q and A. A few GSRs were interested in ways to sign up for service. We also heard a presentation on the plain language translation of the Big Book from our VAO.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – SANDY S.: Our VAO presented on "The Conference Process." Our District Inventory sub-committee is working on suggestions. We did not obtain 2/3 substantial unanimity on a vote between two possible

venues to meet in person in a hybrid format, so we will use the “Third Legacy” process next month. A sub-committee was formed to reformat and correct our updated District Job Descriptions. Our District 2024 budget was presented. We still have open Officer and Chair positions to fill. BTG will be connecting with a new treatment center opening soon, Archway. Intergroup launched a successful New Year’s Alcahthon and finished filling their open service positions. You can find local information on our website, www.aanapa.org. The DBM Agenda, Minutes, GSR Report Back, and 2024 Agenda Topic Timeline are posted on the Napa website.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – DENISE G.: Our Topics Workshop is on 2/17/24, followed by co-hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly in April, with District 18, and that is followed by our Mental Health Workshop on 4/20/2024. We awarded four scholarships to members of District 12 to attend PRAASA 2024. Our VAO presented on PRAASA and the value of attending prior to the drawing for the recipients. We are also addressing the topics that came up in our District Inventory. Three of our five DCMs now have alternates. All our Officer positions are now filled. I received much feedback on the recent virtual Plain Language Big Book Q&A session and several requests for another session to be presented.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – HECTOR M.: Our VAO provided input to help us plan an Agenda Topics Workshop in our District, in March. The GSRs will present an agenda topic at the workshop, and we will discuss how they can take the information back to their groups and collect a group conscience. We are very excited to see this year's final list of Agenda Topics. Thank you to D09 for the invitation and the opportunity to participate in the Inter-District Workshop. I put two guys in the car, and they got their first experience of General Service. Participation in the local jail and Fire Camp has increased from one day a week to two or three days.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – MICHAEL Q.: We’ll meet tomorrow, so this is December’s report. We met in Mendocino last month because our Fort Bragg WiFi signal insufficient. Passed HK to meet in Mendocino 3 \$200 PRAASA scholarships. Assembly planning meeting to come.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – MEGAN M.: Our District meetings are now hybrid at the Adorni Center in Eureka. However, we must return to a

Zoom-only format in February because of venue unavailability. We will also move the meeting time and day in May so it does not conflict with the Post-Conference Assembly. Our VAO explained to our GSRs what Agenda Topic Items are and how the General Service Conference operates. The DCMC then spoke about what a Group Conscience is and is not, followed by a mock group conscience around an ATI facilitated by our alt DCMC. Our newly formed Finance Committee is producing a budget for the District, and we have found that one of our greatest expenses may be reduced soon. Our Archive Chair found that much of what we store is a duplication of what is already stored by CNCA 06. Our local archives will fit in a few small boxes; we may not need a rented space.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO M.: Our District continues to inform groups without GSRs and motivate AA members to attend PRAASA. Our District will have a workshop meeting on Wednesday, the 31st of this month, to give more information about PRAASA.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R.: Our VAO discussed Concept Ten. BTG is still giving presentations at the same places, Vida Nueva, Salvation Army, and Pathways. PI is still attending the Mexican consulate 2 times a month.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – RODRIGO Z.: Our District Officers took inventory and are acting on a few recommendations. We had a La Viña workshop on January 13, which was a lot of information, especially on how to use the new app and its benefits. We also wrote a story for La Viña. District 12 and 18 Pre-Conference assembly committees are working hard towards planning. We have flyers for our pre-conference assembly dinner. If you want to buy your dinner ticket today, please see Jose F.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – SARA N.: Our VAO told us about the seventh tradition. Due to the information, the District agreed to send a contribution to CNCA and the General Service Board. We have been visiting our groups, mainly those who do not have GSRs. We will also have a La Viña Workshop on January 30 to motivate a La Viña coordinator in our district.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – FRANCISCO Z.: Our VAO described their service. We finalized our District inventory. Bridging the Gap brings

information to Pueblo del Sol, and we continue to motivate unrepresented groups about the importance of being represented in general service.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – THOM H.: D12 is having a Mental Health workshop on April 20 from 1-4 pm. D10 had D19 visit. to share their experience with Accessibilities. Sharing to go slow and check in frequently. Currently, D10 is focusing on Visual, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Mental Health, and Remote access Communities challenges. D19 has asked our committee to attend their District meeting to discuss access challenges. Our committee communicated with Area 64, Tennessee, about how to provide childcare at assemblies and other Area events. Concurrently, a member is looking at the barriers to family care at the Area level. Our next meeting is on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: The next Archives workday is February 10 from noon to 4:00 at 193 Mayhew Way, Pleasant Hill. We have many boxes labeled “CNCA - To Be Sorted,” an Area Officer dug into one of them at last month’s workday. We hope past delegates, Area officers, and District Chairs will come to future workdays to inventory the contents of these boxes and discover the wealth of valuable documents to be reviewed and digitized. We have two new District Archive Chairs - Athena C-M from D12 and Luis A from D17.

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: We have lost a few key players, but the new members, mainly our District chairs, have accomplished so much already in our first year and have responded very well to those who have requested our services. Understanding those needs is teaching us to become a proactive asset. Technology and hands-on experience lead the way. Technology allows us to measure our activity and hold us accountable to our BTG purpose. Thank you for your support.

CNCA COMMENTS/COMENTARIOS – CHUCK B.: In January, we mailed out 20 Comentarios and 18 Comments. This is a small decrease from the December numbers. Our subdistrict 005 volunteered to fill the envelopes, and they knocked it out quickly in one evening. See our registrar, Drew B., to

opt in for paper newsletters or to be removed from the paper mailing list if you'd like to use the digital version.

FINANCE – JAVIER L.: We will send our contribution per the approved motion of \$3,500 to the General Service Board for the 2024 delegate expense. In addition, the finance committee approved moving \$850 to the Prudent Reserve to represent 1/12 of our expenses adequately. We are reviewing the Area reimbursement guidelines and will have a new version for Area approval soon. We reviewed the housekeeping motion from the Tech committee for the new microphone, and the funds are available. We look forward to adding a new member to our finance committee.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: This month, we translated 38 documents and four email texts; we covered WACYPA from December 28th through 31st at Marriot in Oakland. We are also helping the PRAASA 2024 committee with the translation of documents. We are ready to help with anything that all committees and sub-committees need; please send your documents in WORD, PDF, or PowerPoint format, which our software supports.

PI/CPC – MIGUEL H.: We discussed involving members with the PI/CPC local committee. Members not only share what AA is we also share strength. We announce at our groups and stimulate people to raise their hand. One of the questions in our group inventories also asks how we reach out. Be attractive, have fun, and smile. You can get more materials and search for What's New aa.org press kit. Service workshops can be a good place to hear more experience on different committees. "PI CPC Intro" will be the topic in February.

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: Our VAO facilitating the Third Legacy election of our new Hybrid Event Coordinator, Don L. The Area Officers reviewed our draft guidelines. We will reflect on those suggestions, prepare the draft guidelines for final Area Officer feedback, and then submit them here at the Area Committee Meeting for your review. We are planning an Area Technology Workshop in June. If you have any workshop topic suggestions, email them to us at techchair@cnca06.com. The National A.A. Technology Workshop will be held September 13 through 15 in St. Louis,

Missouri, the site of the first national A.A. technology workshop ten years ago.

WEBSITE – JAMES B.: We talked about the web survey during our meeting. Comments/Comentarios, Events, and Calendar are the three most looked at sections. We decided to break out Financials and Motions from Comments/Comentarios. We will remove duplicated items, particularly from the right-side column. One of our upcoming projects is making sure all recurring events (ACM) are set for the upcoming year, making sure we adjust for date changes. We must create a new “Group Conscious Form” for the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly. The initial form setup should be completed by mid-February. Its final completion will occur after the Summaries are published. We also discussed that when there are date or meeting sign-in changes, please give us a heads up so we may keep the website information correct. We also held a separate meeting earlier this month and have begun revamping the website's layout and format. We will have a demo soon to show off the proposed changes.

PRAASA 2024 – JENNIFER B.: PRAASA is less than 40 days away! Our host committee meets every week to stay on track. New content is being added all the time to praasa.org. There are still rooms available at the PRAASA rate of \$189. If you encounter difficulty booking a hotel room, use the Contact Us form on the website to contact Maureen, our hotels/facilities co-chair. Online registration will close on Feb 25. After that, you can only register on-site, and meals may be sold out. Please encourage members to register in advance – it will make the check-in process smoother for everyone. We will have a registration packet stuffing party following the ACM on Feb 24 next month. If you have an FM radio, please bring it to PRAASA. You may or may not need it, but the more we have on hand, the more we can potentially do with the roundtable breakout sessions. If you are in service here in CNCA and are not bilingual, it is strongly suggested that you have your own FM radio.

DCM SHARING SESSION – MAUREEN G.: Julie B. and Judah N. shared about the spiritual process of a group conscience. If you want the outline from the presentation and full notes, let mograney@gmail.com know. You can be added to the distribution list. Useful information from last month: Agenda Topics Workshop dates include Feb 3, Contra Costa District 08, Feb 17, Sonoma District 12, March 9, District 40 & 04. Craig from D04 will facilitate

next month's session, and the topic is The Conference Timeline from Pre-Conference Assembly to Completion of the Cycle.

LINGUISTIC SHARING SESSION – WILFREDO: Twenty-nine people attended. Our topic was the Importance of a GSR Attending PRAASA Jose L. from D17. Next meeting, we'll have a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order by Eric from D17.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – MATT E.: We welcomed one new La Viña representative. We heard a presentation on where to find information to share with groups and districts during Literature/Grapevine reports, followed by sharing from members on what they do to keep their announcements fresh and engaging. We meet at 9 am on the morning of the ACM, in person and on Zoom, and all are welcome.

H&I – KAREN B.: We have requests for new and resumed meetings that stopped during the pandemic. There is a great need for more volunteers. Contact your local area chair for more information, or check our website, handinorcal.org. We also need meeting volunteers and Facility Coordinators in several of our major institutions. We filled Coordinator positions for San Quentin and Salinas Valley State Prison. Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service serves 127 confined alcoholics in San Quentin, Salinas Valley State Prison, and CTF Soledad. We anticipate starting at Folsom early this year. We also have a pilot program for Rehab facilities in Alameda County. Our monthly financial reports are available on our website. Thank you for your contributions, which enable us to buy the literature needed for this vital work.

YPAAS: None.

CENTRAL OFFICES – DON Z.: The Intergroups / Central Offices of A.A. (ICOAA) is an A.A. service entity (see page 161 of your Service Manual). They meet weekly, and preparations for the annual ICOAA conference later this year have begun. Discussions this month have included issues with Quick Books, migrating from Desktop to Quick Books Online, and how to access sources of training. The ICOAA Communications Committee met recently with the AA General Manager, the AAWS Chair, and a Representative from GSO Group Services. We learned that a Digital Catalog will be arriving this

month. A couple of different surveys were sent out recently intended for limited controlled distribution, but they were disseminated to the general population and online, and Intergroup/Central Offices were unprepared for all the questions they got from members. Kathy, AAWS Chair, said this was one more example of how important it is that GSO and Intergroups communicate. In the meantime, Intergroup/Central Offices are referring these kinds of questions to their Delegates. Literature shipping bottlenecks have really improved. Several Intergroups use a plug-in from the Meeting Guide App to generate and print their meeting schedules. However, many feel a printed schedule is often outdated before it leaves the office. Several offices have installed cameras in response to thefts, and we discussed the pros and cons of filing police reports when stuff goes missing. During the holidays, some offices experienced unreliable hotline coverage. Finally, an ongoing discussion is about forming an Intergroup/Central Office Manager's Association. Possible benefits might include health insurance and other benefits. Several members are researching the details.

NCCAA: None.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – BLANCA: I'm the alternate to the 9th Hispanic Women's Workshop. We had our first meeting of the year. We talked about visiting Groups and Districts. We have a lot of work to do. We're looking forward to having other women join us.

FORO HISPANO – ENRIQUE: Thanks for the support from the Area. We've completed four forums, and we're doing our fifth. We will be meeting in San Jose to discuss any potential suggestions and changes, as well as vote on where the next forum will be.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – FELIPE M.: I'm the District 40 liaison for the 28th anniversary of La Viña. We attended the guides meeting in Las Vegas on January 13. We are looking for a solution on how we can have all the subscriptions for the event come to one place or one designated Area, and from there, all the liaisons can bring them back to their areas and personally hand them out to the person who ordered the subscription. The event will occur August 2nd through 4th at 5575 W Amelia Earhart Dd., Salt Lake City, Utah.

AREA BUSINESS

HOUSEKEEPING MOTION

- That CNCA purchase a cardioid condenser vocal microphone at a cost not to exceed \$200. - Presented by Don L., Hybrid Coordinator of the CNCA Tech Committee

Presentation: It's one-directional and eliminates the background noise around us; the sound is better. We've been testing it for four months. It also allows you to stand here, and not need someone to adjust the microphone repeatedly.

Questions: Q: Where will this be used? A: For members to use when they come up to speak. It would replace the dynamic microphones we've used for a long time. We're borrowing a member's microphone currently to test it. //

Q: Did our treasurer give feedback on the affordability? A: The finance committee knows about the housekeeping motion and potential purchase. //

Q: The mic doesn't need to be adjusted for the speaker's height. A: Extreme changes in height would need to be adjusted (e.g. if someone is 6'6" or 4'2"), but for someone of average height, it wouldn't need to be adjusted. There were no objections. << Housekeeping Motion Passed. >>

OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA accept the Assembly Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to increase the food budget for assemblies to \$7.50 per person for 1-day assemblies and \$10 per person for 2-day assemblies. - Presented by CNCA Assembly Coordinator Jackie B.

Group/district consciences: None. Personal opinions: None. The chair conducted a sense of the room and determined that the body was ready to vote. The chair polled the body to determine whether to vote by simple majority or substantial unanimity. Vote by simple majority. Y: 54. N: 2. There was no minority opinion expressed. << Motion Passed. >>

NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees. - Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel

Group/district consciences: This motion needs to be voted on at the area assembly. Voting participation is a matter that sets precedence and affects the policy of the entire area and should be voted as such. // There were a lot of questions about the need being addressed in this motion. It's a complex issue. They didn't feel there was enough clarity to make an informed decision. A member expressed that the chairs' involvement and expertise be part of a vote. Another member believed that they were too far removed from the groups. Personal opinions: I propose we revisit the decision to discuss and vote on this at the ACM instead of at the Assembly. A similar motion was sent to the assembly. // I'd like a definition of the chairs. Someone on the Archives committee mentioned chairs. Would they have a vote? // The chairs of the committee are the only people under consideration. // How would we move this to the assembly instead of the ACM? // If I hear enough discussion, I will take a sense of the room. // The decision to keep this at the ACM was decided on a simple majority of 23 in favor and 20 opposed. This is a very close vote on substantial area policy and procedure. This affects all business and should be assembly business, not ACM business. // I don't support this motion. Chairs don't fall into the Conference structure. // I would like to revisit where we discuss this motion. Multiple districts in our area have discussions about this issue (subcommittee chairs having a vote). Where better to reach our GSRs than when we come together at an assembly? // I agree that this motion should be moved to the assembly. The ACM is below the assembly, and this is where any policy decision should be made. Groups are at the top of the upside-down triangle. Group representatives are at the assembly, not at the ACM. Although chairs do good jobs, they tend to be topic-specific and may not have a background of what's happening with districts and groups. // I voted in the majority to keep the discussion at the ACM. Most of the voting these members would be at the ACM, but they would be voting members at the assembly. We should have the discussion here at the ACM before moving it to the assembly. My reservation about giving them voting participation is that they're appointed to the committees by area officers and then voted as chairs by themselves. I'm curious to know why this may not be a good idea. // You don't have to be in General Service to be on the committee or be a chair. If that's the case, they should not be able to stand as officers. They need some service experience. // As worded, it should go to the assembly because it affects the assembly. // I think we should move this to the assembly. I'm concerned about what this would mean for the leadership of CNCA. // When the vote

was taken, there wasn't a breakdown of online versus in-person votes. We should reconsider this motion. // Last month, the vote was 23 to 20 to keep this motion at the ACM; now ten people want to reconsider. The chair took a sense of the room to determine whether the body would like to reconsider the vote to keep this motion at the ACM. Vote by simple majority to determine whether the motion will remain ACM business or become Assembly business. Assembly: 40. ACM: 11 << Motion to become Presentation of New Business at Pre-Conference Assembly on April 6, 2024. >>

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Election Assembly

Discussion: Perhaps we don't need to give qualifications more than once and need to think about having a two-day election assembly. // I agree with the previous speaker. I'd like a two-day election assembly. If not, let's make sure the election assembly can be held for a longer period on one day. In many cases, extra time is needed. We need to make sure we can get all the electing done. // During months when there is an assembly, some areas don't have an ACM. If we made it a two-day election assembly, you could combine the ACM to justify the two days. // A two-day assembly has a big cost impact, not just for the area, but for districts. Where is the electronic voting? Why don't we try that first? // I'd rather see electronic voting than an extended day. // Talking to tech committee chairs in other areas, I think electronic voting could streamline the process. I suggest that the assembly bid form for the fall election assembly stipulate that we must have a venue to allow us to stay later. // A two-day assembly is very costly. I'm concerned about GSRs being able to go on both days. Not everyone will be available for every position, so I think there is some merit in giving qualifications for each position. // Could there be pre-qualifications for some of the positions? I'm concerned that our ability to choose our trusted servants carefully is negatively affected the later it gets in the day. At the last one, it seemed like people were rushed toward the end of the day and not as careful in their decision-making. // We're talking about time, expense, two days, and one day, but what about format? In-person? Virtual? Hybrid? When we did a virtual election for one of the panels, the area chair made a comment about a virtual election being an option if we ran into a time or money crunch. What's the best way to do this for the most amount of people and the lowest cost? // The last election assembly was a notable experience, but it was also our first hybrid election

assembly. We were learning how to come back in person. I favor a statement of interest for people who want to make themselves available. It helps us to have stronger people available if they have thought in advance and put forward a written statement of interest. // I'm concerned about the financial impact of a two-day assembly. I prefer renting a space with flexibility in how late we can stay and alerting attendees that it might take longer on the assembly flyer. We should use electronic voting. We should encourage those who know they will be available for an area officer position to create a short, written qualification statement, which would shorten the length of their verbal qualification. Those who decide they are available now can do a full verbal qualification. // We have our facilitator for our election assembly. He's a non-alcoholic trustee of the General Service Board. CNCA Area officers help with ballot counting at CNIA. The facilitator read all the service resumes there, which took 2.5 hours. If you know areas doing great elections, let us know how they do it. // It's been suggested that when we listen to people qualify for a position, we listen for the love and enthusiasm for A.A. When I was a new GSR, if I didn't get to hear the qualifying statement, I would not have known how to vote. The qualifying statement is important. // We should consider written statements to refer to after those making themselves available give their personal statement, so they don't have to repeat themselves for each position. // Any policy we make resulting from this discussion should be inclusive, not exclusive.

- Equity between virtual and in-person participants

Discussion: In person, you can see groups of people raising their hands, which changes the environment for online people who can't see what's happening. The way we poll online, it just shows up as numbers. We should consider how we do our votes and choose to vote. Does it make a difference seeing how other members vote? // Accessibility is the biggest question. Having a hybrid component allows people who can't come to participate. In my district, there isn't a great representation of people coming to the meeting in person. // I think we should distinguish between online and in-person votes. I feel disembodied online; I can't come to Petaluma. // It's difficult to think of equity between online and in-person. It's hard to compare. They are very different experiences. I don't know what the solution is. Hybrid is better than nothing. Maybe we can have online areas or districts as the fellowship evolves. // At the last in-person ACM, someone said something that changed my mind about this. I don't think that it can be

equitable or similar experience. We should be able to participate in an equal way. It's important to distinguish what the Area's role is regarding experience. If people can participate, that's what matters. I can't expect the same immersive experience online as I do at an in-person event. // I have a physical disability. If we weren't online, I wouldn't be able to participate. I've been able to go to some assemblies in person, but it came with a unique set of challenges. I'll go in person when I can. I'm grateful we have this medium for people to participate when we can't attend. We can improve the experience. The fellowship is lost online. There are things we can try to make it better. We unmute mics at breaks, which can be challenging with all the voices simultaneously. We've never tried using breakout rooms for that. We should try to foster relationships and discussions that people attending in person get. When you're online, all you see is a square. There isn't enough connection. I wish there were more transparency when it came to votes. I'd like to know the final vote. // When we discuss topics in the area, they're for you to discuss. We had this question or part of it in our inventory. Please read the Area Inventory notes if you'd like to read about other people's ideas and comments. // I work remotely. In my work environment, a challenge of the hybrid work environment is "calling in" when you're on vacation. We're encouraged not to log on if we're on vacation or sick. That's how it was before Zoom. If you were on vacation or sick, you couldn't make it. Perhaps we should reconsider our relationship with technology to use it when it's important but not take advantage of it.

- Food at Assemblies

Discussion: At the CNIA election assembly, they did not serve food for free. They charged for food, and it was fine. We're spending a lot of money on food when we could on actual work. We raised how much we are going to spend on food. We should consider our relationship with free food. Instead, maybe people bring a lunch, or we have food trucks. // I love food, but I'm also a numbers person. We can spend up to \$3,000 for a one-day assembly and \$4,500 for a two-day on food alone. We should get creative on food. I like the food truck idea. I bought the food at CNIA. I prefer what we do with our food. // When my district hosted the assembly, it was a huge amount of work for a small district like ours to provide food, including having enough volunteers and enough money. We didn't know how much food we needed because people didn't pre-register, resulting in food waste. The funds and energy could be used in a more productive way. // I'm happy to pay for my

own food. I love sharing a meal with people. We can find people who are willing to chip in for food. I'm happy to help with food preparation if there's an opportunity. // We have food at our district meeting. We have a modest budget for food. We have a financial collection just for the food. // People's expectations for food are growing. That could affect our budget. If a district hosting an assembly doesn't have a volunteer with experience in the food preparation industry, they'll have to pay for it. // We have a basket at the assembly. We should be aware of this so that districts can participate. // I got to know people during lunch hours at the assembly. Making the food requires a lot of work, but it allows people to participate in service. Food is important, especially if you're coming from far away. // It's great to see people get enthusiastic and involved in service by providing food. If people need to put money in the basket for food, they should do it. We need the food for unity.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Thanks to our chair and people giving reports. It's amazing we've been able to have so much discussion. The facility told us we had to take the trash to the dumpster. Last month, the officers got scolded because of a mess on the floor. Can I have volunteers to help clean and take the trash to the dumpster? Please also move conversations to the lobby. // I can't imagine 300 people going out to lunch at an assembly at the same time. I prefer the food to stay at the assembly, but that people pay for it. If all of us contributed \$20, that could cover the cost. // The Love and Service Group is doing a trial run of offering ASL interpretation for the fourth Sunday of the month in January, February, and March. Can you please help get the word out to any deaf members or CPC or PI committees interested in directing deaf members to the meeting? // We are having a pre-conference dinner. Information is on the flyer. We changed the topic for the speaker on the flyer, and it will be updated. The DCMC from D18 will send it out. // If we try to save money on food, we could save a lot by sending our delegate to New York on the bus.

The meeting was closed at 3:26 by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B.



AREA FINANCIAL REPORTS

California Northern Coastal Area

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

January - December 2023

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue		
002 Group Contributions	113,918.88	95,000.00
003 District Contributions	15,936.00	20,000.00
004 Assembly Contributions	5,542.37	3,000.00
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	3,824.55	3,000.00
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	6,027.73	3,000.00
010 Interest Income	3.98	5.00
Total Revenue	\$145,253.51	\$124,005.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$145,253.51	\$124,005.00
Expenditures		
020 EXPENSE		
021 Delegate Expense	9,540.39	12,188.00
050 Officer Expense	29,733.30	40,832.00
130 Committee Expenses	42,454.08	35,203.00
300 General Expenses		
310 Assembly Expenses	37,745.41	35,273.00
340 Area Committee Expenses	30,236.30	30,117.00
360 Administration and Fees	3,916.76	3,525.00
370 Other Conference	10,465.86	5,100.00
Total 300 General Expenses	82,364.33	74,015.00
Total 020 EXPENSE	164,092.10	162,238.00
Total Expenditures	\$164,092.10	\$162,238.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -18,838.59	\$ -38,233.00
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	\$ -18,038.59	\$ -38,233.00

California Northern Coastal Area

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	16,215.14
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,002.04
Total Bank Accounts	\$29,217.18
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	550.00
Undeposited Funds	637.52
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,187.52
Total Current Assets	\$30,404.70
TOTAL ASSETS	\$30,404.70
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	37,303.29
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	-18,038.59
Total Equity	\$30,404.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$30,404.70

2024

February

24 — Area Committee Mtg

March

1 - 3 — PRAASA, San Francisco, CA

23 — Area Committee Mtg

April

6 & 7 — Pre-Conference Assembly

27 — Area Committee Mtg

May

11 — Post-Conference Assembly

25 — Area Committee Mtg

June

22 — Area Committee Mtg

July

12 - 14 — Pacific Regional Forum, Las Vegas, NV

27 — Area Committee Mtg

August

10 — Summer Assembly

24 — Area Committee Mtg

September

28 — Area Committee Mtg

October

26 — Area Committee Mtg

November

9 — Fall Election Assembly

23 — Area Committee Mtg

December

21 — Area Committee Mtg
(Note: 3rd Sat)

Panel 73 Assembly Dates

2024 Pre Conference Assembly

April 6 & 7, 2024

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

2024 Post Conference Assembly

May 11, 2024

Willits Community Center
111 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA
Hosted by D14 Mendocino

2024 Summer Assembly

Aug 10, 2024

Campbell Community Center
1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA
Hosted by D17 Spanish South

2024 Fall Election Assembly

Nov 9, 2024

Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore
348 N Canyons Pkwy, Livermore, CA 94551
Hosted by D07 Alameda North and D70 Alameda South

Area Committee Motions

- **Continue at Area Committee Meeting February 24, 2024**

None

Area Assembly Motions

- **Continue at Pre-Conference Assembly April 6, 2024**

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees. - Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23
- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees. - Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 12/16/23

NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA continue to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly. – Presented by District 15, Humboldt/Del Norte at the Area Committee Meeting on 10/21/23

OLD BUSINESS

- That the Conference Literature committee consider producing literature combining the 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

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2024

“Connecting with Love, Unity and Service”

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 6 & 7, 2024

Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building
1094 Petaluma Blvd S, Petaluma, CA 94952

Zoom ID: [632 553 607](#) | Password: 1935

Saturday, April 6

Orientation
Area Business Meeting
Lunch
Remarks from the Delegate
Sharing on the Conference Theme
Group Consciences
What's on your Mind?

Sunday, April 7

Group Consciences (continued)
What's on your Mind?



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

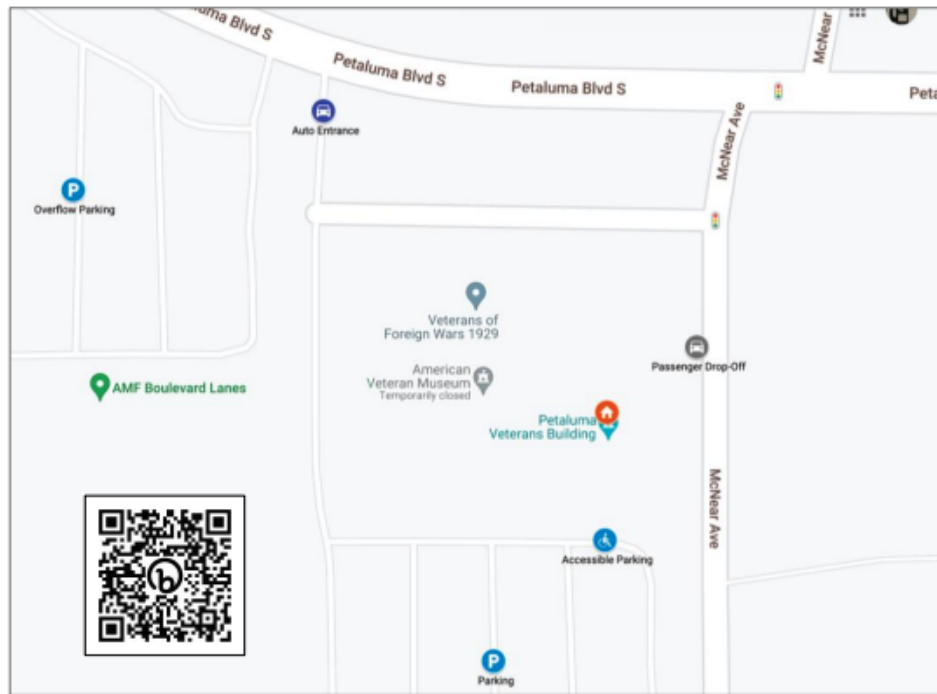
Attending in-person? Bring your FM RADIO for Spanish-English interpretation and Assisted Listening.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS: <https://bit.ly/pre-conference24>

PARKING: Parking on-site with overflow parking nearby at Boulevard Lanes

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Golden Gate Transit 101 to Petaluma Blvd. North and Stony Point.



Hotels near Petaluma, CA

Inn at Rohnert Park

5040 Redwood Dr, Rohnert Park, CA

innatrohrntpark.com

Tel. (707) 584-8180

Nightly Rate: \$65 - \$90

Quality Inn

5100 Montero Way, Petaluma, CA

winecountryqi.com

Tel. (707) 664-1155

Nightly Rate: \$115 - \$145

Home2 Suites by Hilton

1205 Redwood Way, Petaluma, CA

hilton.com/en/hotels/oakpht-home2-suites-petaluma/

Tel. (707) 992-4900

Nightly Rate: \$160 - \$220

Alternate Lodging

SF North / Petaluma KOA

20 Rainsville Rd, Petaluma, CA

koa.com/campgrounds/san-francisco

Tel. (707) 763-1492

Nightly Rates: Tent \$70 RV \$147

Vacation Rentals

Airbnb.com

VRBO.com

NEED A PLACE TO STAY?

The Host Committee can connect to you to local AA's willing to host guests overnight. Email

assemblycoordinator@cnca06.org



Thursday 7-8:30 pm
Early Bird
Open A.A. Meeting

PRAASA March 1-3, 2024

San Francisco Marriott Marquis
780 Mission St., San Francisco, CA

1-415-896-1600 or 1-877-622-3056
Rate: \$189/night + tax (double occupancy)
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50691279>



Friday NOON
PRAASA Orientation
Friday 1 pm
PRAASA Opening

ONSITE Registration Open: Thursday 4p – 9p Friday 8a – 8p Saturday 7a – 6p Sunday 7a – 9a

For ONLINE registration, hotel reservations, transportation, and general event information visit WWW.PRAASA.ORG

NAME PRINTED ON BADGE:			<input type="checkbox"/> AA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> AI-Anon	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
First Name _____			<input type="checkbox"/> This is my first PRAASA!		
Last Name _____			Your A.A. Area Number: _____		
Street Address _____			Your Area Name: _____		
Apt or Unit # _____			Service Position		
City _____ State _____ Zip _____			<input type="checkbox"/> GSR	<input type="checkbox"/> Alt DCMC	<input type="checkbox"/> Area Officer
Email _____ Phone _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Alt GSR	<input type="checkbox"/> District Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Area Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> DCM	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Alt DCM	<input type="checkbox"/> Alt Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Trustee
			<input type="checkbox"/> DCMC	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

For HELP Contact Us at www.PRAASA.org
CALL (707) 595-0174 for Registration Help

PLEASE CHECK BOX(ES)		FEE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration (<i>only one per form</i>)	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Pasta Buffet Dinner	\$49
<input type="checkbox"/>	AI-Anon Speaker Buffet Lunch (Saturday; All are welcome) (circle one) Chef's Choice or Vegan	\$59
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Banquet Dinner (circle one) Chicken or Vegan	\$69
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delegates Only Buffet Lunch (Saturday) (circle one) Chef's Choice or Vegan	\$59
<input type="checkbox"/>	Past Delegates/Trustees Only Buffet Lunch (Saturday) (circle one) Chef's Choice or Vegan	\$59
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$

Make Checks Payable To: CNCA

And Mail to: PRAASA 2024
77 Van Ness Ave, Suite 101
PMB 2018
San Francisco, CA 94102

Mail-in Registration Deadline: February 12, 2024
Refund Policy is at PRAASA.org/refund

INTERPRETATION NEEDS (submit by Feb. 1):

☐ **Spanish** ☐ **ASL** ☐ **Other** _____

ACCESSIBILITIES NEEDS:

☐ **Hearing** ☐ **Wheelchair/Scooter**
☐ **Other** _____

Text (415) 570-7089 for accessibility help or email
access.praasa2024@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

☐ **I am available for a 2-hour shift**
☐ **I am available as an interpreter**
(circle) **Spanish** **Other** _____

PARKING at the hotel is limited and very expensive. Both SFO and OAK airports are close to the hotel. Public transit is recommended. See detailed info at PRAASA.org for other parking and transportation options.

Delegate

Eric L

Delegate@cnca06.org

Alternate Delegate

Miguel H

AlternateDelegate@cnca06.org

Chair

Chitra S

Chair@cnca06.org

Treasurer

Claudia N

Treasurer@cnca06.org

Registrar

Drew B

Registrar@cnca06.org

Recording Secretary

Sarah B

RecordingSecretary@cnca06.org

Assembly Coordinator

Jackie B

AssemblyCoordinator@cnca06.org

Literature/Grapevine/La Viña

Matt E

Literature@cnca06.org

Pacific Regional Trustee

Reilly K

prtreillyk@gmail.com

CNCA

1390 N. McDowell Blvd Suite G – 339

Petaluma, CA 94954

www.cnca06.org

NorCal H&I Committee

PO Box 192490

San Francisco, CA 94119-2490

www.handinorcal.org

Contributions to General Service Board:

General Service Office

PO Box 2407 James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

All other Correspondence:

General Service Office

PO Box 459 Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

212-870-3400

www.aa.org

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

CNCA 06 ACM – Area Committee business meeting (HYBRID) - meets at 12:30pm on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January, November, and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **632 553 607**. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions/password: chair@cnca06.org

Accessibilities committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Zoom meeting ID: **950 7110 9610**. Contact Accessibilities Chair Thom H for questions/password: accessibilitieschair@cnca06.org

Archives committee (HYBRID) - meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January, November, and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **918 3100 3118** . Contact Archives Chair Carol H for questions/password: archiveschair@cnca06.org

Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7pm on the 4th Thursday of each month, except November it meets HYBRID at the ACM.

Zoom meeting ID: **988 7891 7593**. Contact BTG Chair John O for questions/password: btgchair@cnca06.org

DCM sharing session (HYBRID) - meets at 11:00am on the 4th Saturday each month, except in January, November, and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **863 9891 9417**. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions/password: chair@cnca06.org

DCMC sharing session - Closed Meeting - DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only. (HYBRID) - meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January, November, and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **969 2698 7068**. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions/password: chair@cnca06.org

Finance committee - Closed Meeting – Finance committee members only (in-person) - meets at 11:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January, November, and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Contact Finance Chair David N for questions: finance@cnca06.org

Interpretation & Translation committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Zoom meeting ID: **964 6132 5139**. Contact I&T Chair Jose L for questions/password: interpret@cnca06.org

Linguistic sharing session for Spanish Speakers (in-person) - meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January, November, and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions: chair@cnca06.org

Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session (HYBRID) - meets at 9:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except in January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: 987 0872 2632. Contact Literature Chair Matt E for questions/password: literature@cnca06.org

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee (HYBRID) - meets at 9:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except in January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: 568 947 843. Contact PI/CPC Chair Miguel H for questions/password: alternatedelegate@cnca06.org

Technology committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. Zoom meeting ID: 961 5695 6661. Contact Tech Chair Jacqueline P for questions/password: techchair@cnca06.org

Website committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 5:15pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Zoom Meeting ID: 843 8245 4422 Contact Web Chair James B for questions/password: webchair@cnca06.org





Copyright (C) 2024 CNCA Area 06. All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)