

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA SUMMER ASSEMBLY 2024 MINUTES

The Summer Assembly business meeting of CNCA was held at the Campbell Community Center in Campbell on August 10, 2024, with members attending and participating in person and virtually. Chitra S. opened the meeting at 9:00 followed by the Serenity Prayer. Magdaleno O. presented the assembly orientation. Kevin L. from District 08 read the A.A. Preamble; Mike O. from District 90 read the Twelve Traditions, and Andres S. from District 19 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were ten past delegates present: Diane O. (P35), Bob D. (P36, Area 28), Woody R. (P50; Area 07) Jim F. (P59; Area 38), Ken M. (P61), David N. (P59 Delegate; past Trustee), Ken M. (P61), Raymundo L. (P65), Teddy B.W. (P69), Jennifer B. (P71). There were six past Area Officers: Tim W. (P55/57) Marta (P57), Ray W. (P63/65), Judy W. (P63), Michael Q. (P63, 65), and Magdaleno O. (69). There was one visitor: Claudio from CNIA. The Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Assembly minutes were approved as published in the CNCA Comments and Comentarios. **Attendance:** (Registered) 204 in person; 90 online (294 total).

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – ERIC L.: The Plain Language Big Book will be published in November this year. Registration for the International Convention opens September 10; you can arrange lodging in Vancouver after registering. Two new Young People's Video Project videos are now available on AA.org. These videos were produced by the Public Information desk, which filmed these videos at ICYPAA in San Francisco in 2023. At our Election Assembly, we will also elect our Area's candidate for Trustee-at-large (United States).

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: Thank you, District 17, for organizing this Assembly. Next April, the Conference will elect new trustees, as some current trustees' terms are ending, including the Trustee-at-large (United States), who represents the US and Canada at the World Service Meeting and at the Western Hemisphere Zonal Meeting (REDELA). This four-year commitment requires significant travel. Each Area nominates one candidate, and the Conference will select the Trustee next April. We will hold an election at our Election Assembly to choose our nominee. Everyone except me (as rotating Delegates are ineligible) is eligible. Since this is Eric's last Assembly as a Delegate, I want to express my gratitude for serving with him over the past 14 years.

CHAIR – CHITRA S. The upcoming Fall Election Assembly is the last of the panel. I have learned so much in General Service about the spiritual nature of work and doing a job well. Now, I ask myself: Am I incorporating prayer and meditation? Am I fully committed and available? Have I prepared my loved ones for my time commitments? Have I studied the job description? Am I humble enough to seek guidance from those who came before me? Am I ready to pass on what I've learned? My character has transformed from expecting everything to be done for me to taking responsibility, asking for help, and putting in effort. Thank you for teaching me to shift from entitlement to action.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: As of today, our checking account has \$28,286.83, and our prudent reserve (savings account) is \$13,850.69, 1/12 of this year's budget, or approximately 1-month operating expenses. Actual contributions made this year through July were \$91,907, and budgeted contributions were \$90,994. Actual expenses this year through the end of July were \$82,085, and budgeted expenses were \$91,850. Square contributions for the year through July were \$29,330 in 713 transactions (approximately 30% of all contributions to date). This will be my last Assembly report as your Treasurer, and I want to thank all the GSRs and Groups for your continued support of the Area through your service and contributions. Your service and contributions have supported the 12-step work so vital to reaching Alcoholics! You can contribute today using the seventh tradition buckets across the venue by going online at cnca06.org/contribute/ or using the links posted in the Zoom chat. We also have a square reader at the finance table in the back.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: Welcome to Campbell, in the heart of Silicon Valley. District 17 Spanish South has worked hard for this event, and we are deeply grateful. This afternoon, there will be a breakout session in Room M50, with signs posted for guidance. I'm excited about the workshops. Our next Assembly, the Election Assembly, will be on November 9th in Livermore, hosted by Districts 07 and 70 at Cornerstone Fellowship. Save the Date flyers are available in the chat and by the front door. Panel 73 has been a time of growth for CNCA, especially in accessibility. We've added a host accessibility coordinator and updated assembly guidelines and bid forms, the first major updates in over ten years. Embracing new ways of communicating while honoring the customs of our past is what a spiritual practice calls the middle road, valuing tradition while being open to change. It's been an honor to serve during these changes. Today, many GSRs and DCMs started their service during the online assemblies.

REGISTRAR—DREW B.: Welcome to the summer assembly! Today is about discussions and sharing, and so much of what I hear in our discussions is about getting more involved in general service. Today's registration totals are 204 in-room and 90 online. At last year's summer assembly in Eureka, we had 235 in-room and 87 online.

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: I've been devoting time to making this panel's motion book more navigable. I've nearly finished adding links to easily find motions in the English version, and I'll begin the Spanish one very soon. Don't know what the motions book is? Feel free to ask! Carrie P. from District 14 Mendocino won a print subscription to the Grapevine by having the closest guess for the word count of the Post Conference Assembly minutes. Those who submit a guess for the word count of today's business meeting minutes get a chance to win in this final installment of our Area's fun attempt to support the Grapevine. Submissions are due by August 17th, and anyone can participate! You can reach me at recordingsecretary@cnca06.org

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VINA CHAIR – GIVEN BY SARAH B. FOR MATT E.: As the panel ends, I reflect on the privilege of serving as the Area Literature/Grapevine/La Viña chair during this pivotal time in AA history. My role is to stay informed about developments in AA literature, and this panel has seen the release of the Grapevine App, approval of the transgender alcoholic pamphlet from our area, and soon, the plain language Big Book. It's been humbling to witness the dedication to keeping AA's message accessible. Thank you all for your service. Additionally, ASL videos for deaf alcoholics are now available on the Grapevine and La Viña YouTube channel, developed by the Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast Team. Please check them out and spread the word.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ACCESSIBILITIES – ENRIQUE E.: The committee continues to serve various Districts with guidance on best practices for accessibilities. Some notable progress is that in Marin, a group is working on bringing AA to the unhoused community in their area, which seems to be working well; also, in Marin, they support groups with Access information. Our Spanish groups continue to support each other with information about safety barriers and help people unable to attend meetings. The committee has agreed upon a banner to display at Area events, and we are working on creating a QR code for people to scan to access information on Accessibilities.

ARCHIVES – CAROL H.: Due to the Regional Forum, our workday was on the third Saturday of July 20th. It was a very low-key day, and we shared our experiences. We found a binder labeled "LA to Texas." We wondered what to do with it when one member started reading it and found an interesting history of the first meetings in LA. You never know what you might find at the repository at 193 Mayhew Way, Pleasant Hill. Our next workday is Saturday, August 17th.

BRIDGING THE GAP – JOHN O.: Our Statement of Purpose says that Bridging the Gap is a general service sub-committee that supports the very important first step for alcoholics who have just been released from a hospital, treatment center, or correctional facility. By providing a temporary contact, Bridging the Gap helps newcomers make the transition to Alcoholics Anonymous in their home community. Members of Bridging the Gap usually act in pairs meet the patients or inmates after release, and then, as soon as possible, accompany them to their first AA meeting. This is a very critical step in relapse prevention. As with all 12-step work, this activity is voluntary. The goal of your BTG committee is to make this vital 12-step work possible. Please come and visit me at our table for more information about BTG and how you can become a valued member.

FINANCE – JAVIER L.: Our committee members are collecting money today. They are Claudia Nola, our Treasurer, Russ Anderson, Leslie Warren, and David Sanchez. The finance committee prepares and presents a budget for the upcoming year, advises and assists the elected treasurer of CNCA 06, assists all CNCA officers, chairs, and committee members in adherence to the yearly budget, and provides liaisons to the Area standing and sub-committees. The Area is responsible for financially supporting the assemblies. This summer assembly costs around \$6200, approximately \$21 per person. We will begin working with the committees on the budget worksheets and are waiting for the rest of the worksheets to be turned in. This is my last assembly report as a Finance chair. Thank you for letting me serve you. It's been a pleasure.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION – JOSE L.: As this is the last assembly report, the committee and I would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you. The equipment technicians: David H. D12 and David R. D08. Portable Radio Coordinator: José C. D18. Interpretation Coordinator: Elena B. D01. Recording Secretary: Lisa D. D70. Translation Coordinator: Ben G. D12. Member at Large: James H. D10. We meet via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This year, we have translated approximately 285 documents for Area Officers and Committees, 95 miscellaneous mailings, and the Comments/Comentarios for January through August. We assist with summaries of agenda topics and translations of PRAASA Steering Committee documents. We have been present with the team for a couple of days of unity, standing committee workshops, and PRAASA 2024. The Interpretation Coordinator contacted all necessary interpreters and confirmed availability for monthly ACM sharing sessions, standing committees, and panel assemblies. We replaced a damaged transmitter, and all equipment is in good working order.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY – MIGUEL H.: The Public Information desk produced two new videos from the Young People's Video project, which are now available on aa.org. "[Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life](#)" "[Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist.](#)" We hope you'll share them with young people in A.A. in your community and anyone you think might be interested in this

message of hope and recovery. There is a request for shared experience in Online CPC efforts: Has your area, district, central office, or home group presented to professionals in an online format? Any input is welcome and may be sent to cpc@aa.org. Since November 2023, the A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page has received 2,800 visits, leading to 350 clicks to www.aa.org. As of June 30, 2024, we have 3,856 followers (+89 increase from last quarter). Our top performing posts by impressions featured P-83: "Access to AA Pamphlet," "About A.A. Winter 2023," and P-42, "A Brief Guide to A.A.," respectively. We just recently released the "Why Anonymous" video. In collaboration with the Communications Department, we continue to release at the minimum cadence of two monthly posts. We continue to meet every 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: Thank you to our Hybrid Team: Don, Patrick, and Duncan onsite; Russ, Bill, Judy, Vanessa, and Lynes online. They produced the hybrid PI/CPC Workshop on July 29 and consulted on district technology for an upcoming hybrid event. A sub-committee, thanks to Megan B., tested the "Text to Vote" for today's Assembly in preparation for the November Election Assembly. The Hybrid Team is looking for volunteers to be remote Zoom alternates for assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. Contact Hybrid Event Coordinator Don L. at 925-354-2018. A Tech Workshop will cover hybrid meeting best practices after the ACM on October 26. The Committee is also updating the Tech Committee's webpage, reviewing guidelines, and preparing a 2025 Budget. At the ACM, three motions were made: funding for ManyCam software, renting Petaluma Community Center for the October 26 Workshop, and annual funding for a Tech Committee member to attend the National AA Technology Workshop. Would you find a Slack or Discord channel for discussion here at Assemblies helpful? We'd love your insights and thoughts. We'd welcome you to our next meeting online at 7 PM on Monday, August 12.

WEBSITE – JEFF D.: The web committee maintains and updates the area's website (cnca06.org). We hold the committee meeting on Zoom every third Thursday of the month at 5:15 PM. If you are interested in our committee, please feel free to come check us out by attending the meeting. We still have room on the web committee for additional help if you have a sponsee or service sponsee who needs to improve their sobriety with service. We have updated the conference report slide deck and the audio recordings in the confidential section of the website. The finance committee section has also been updated, and numerous other minor updates have been made. The site continues to be patched, and software is upgraded as needed. The web committee now has a small table banner to be used at assemblies and such. It doesn't seem like it should be time, but the panel will be over all too fast, and as such, we have started discussions on pass-it-ons for the next panel. The committee chair, James, thanks Cathy, Jose, and Jeff for their time and effort on the committee.

AREA BUSINESS

OLD 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 09/23/23

Discussion: Group Consciences: We agree with substantial unanimity that the Area should continue to provide hybrid access as a policy because it will not affect how we do business or affect people who choose to be in person but could harm those who, for whatever reason, can only access general service online. // My group agreed with substantial unanimity. Hybrid makes the Area more accessible. It should be confirmed in writing despite its current hybrid nature. Minority opinion comments were that formal approval is unnecessary if it's included in the budget. We should trust our trusted servants, and it's overly constricting. It would require another motion to not be hybrid. // Zoom is here to stay, and hybrid ACM and assemblies allow inclusivity and a larger voice as an area. It also allows for changes in conditions that might preclude people who would normally attend in person, for example, a road closure, fire, or inclement weather. // Our group wants to keep the ACM and assemblies hybrid with unanimous support. // My meeting is 100% online. Our group is unanimously in favor of the hybrid model. Our group represents the communities who could not otherwise meet in person or favor online, such as those with accessibility challenges and hearing issues. One member doesn't agree with a comment that not attending in person represents a lack of commitment to serve. She believes our group has a strong commitment to be involved. // My group is unanimously in favor. We want to support the area with everything necessary to continue participating virtually and increasing accessibility. // My meeting is in support. We went back and forth during the discussion. Some didn't want to do hybrid now that the pandemic is over, but we realized it adds extra service commitments. Those service positions are a key to helping our members stay sober. // The language is very strong, so if the hybrid portion dropped, would we no longer be able to conduct business? **Personal opinions: Q:** Does this refer only to the ACM from 12:30 to 3:30 and not the sharing sessions/committee meetings? **A:** About this motion, yes. // If this motion fails, it doesn't mean we won't have hybrid meetings. It will continue even if this motion fails. // We've spent a lot of money on the equipment to meet hybrid, so it would be wasteful to end the hybrid. If we couldn't meet hybrid, we wouldn't be able to do business. If either the internet failed or if we had no money and could only meet virtually because we couldn't find an affordable location, we wouldn't be able to do our business. The way we've moved in our Area isn't by making big proclamations; the motions book is filled with weird ideas. This would tie our hands in a way that doesn't work for us. I'd love us all to meet, but if we don't have money, I'd rather we

meet virtually than not meet at all. *The chair reminded the body that at the last assembly, this motion failed due to the majority not having substantial unanimity. A motion to reconsider was made and passed. Therefore, this will be the final decision on this motion.* **Vote by substantial unanimity. Y: 94; N: 82; Abst.: 5. << Motion failed. >>**

- 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 & SubCommittee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23*

Discussion: Group consciences: My group feels that chairs should be given a vote. They're serving for the area. They're meeting together to discuss issues. They are bringing their committee's voice through the vote. They should be recognized for their service commitment to the area. // We reviewed the area committees; we considered a similar motion in 2015. We considered the pros and cons of the current and previous motions. The subdistrict was unanimous in support of the motion. The committees are doing a lot of the Area's work. They have experience and wisdom. They chairpersons should be eligible to vote. // **Personal opinions:** Whose voice are the committee chairs voicing? Are they voting on the committee's voices or their own? At the ACM, GSRs don't vote. At assemblies, GSRs do vote. These committee chairs have a GSR from their home groups at assemblies through which their voice can be heard. This motion needs to be rewritten so it's not open to interpretation. // This is a demonstration (or lack thereof) of Concept Four: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge. If I'm a committee chair in CNCA, I must submit a budget. If I need to change committee guidelines, I'm required to do that. Yet, I'm not allowed to vote on said budget or guideline. This motion enables us to practice Concept Four. // This motion is also aligned with other Concepts. It's not only about the right of participation but also not placing any group of trusted servants over unqualified authority over others. If we see our committee chairs as trusted servants, they should have an equal vote compared to other trusted servants. // I'm chair of the Technology Committee in favor of the motion. On page 19 of the A.A. Service Manual, area committee chairs are mentioned as being voting members. In my research and the research of the co-proposers of the motion, in 70 of the 93 delegate areas in the US and Canada, the standing and subcommittee chairs have voting privileges. Concepts four, six, and nine are also relevant. I encourage the body to take a spiritual stance when considering this motion. *The chair took a sense of the room to determine if it was ready to vote.* **Vote by substantial unanimity. Y: 142; N: 10; Abst.: 18. No minority opinion was shared. << Motion passed. >>**

- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and subcommittees who have served as DCMs and/or DCMCs. - *Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & SubCommittee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23*

Discussion: Group consciences: We were unanimous in support of the motion. Comments were generally about inclusion, participation, and embracing Concept Four. One said it's aligned with our principles. // **Personal opinions:** The path to area office is narrow, and if you step off along the way for any reason, that path becomes closed, even if you remain active in service. I think that's sad and question if that's best for CNCA. This motion opens that path a little bit. // Chairs are not elected by the whole Area. Their own committee chooses them. If I were an area committee member and elected chair, I would be eligible to be an area officer. The specification of past DCMs and DCMCs is left to too much interpretation. Would DCMs or DCMCs from a different area who moved here be eligible? // **Q:** What is the time frame for serving as a DCM or DCMC? **A:** It's not in the motion. // This raises a question for me on what we're talking about. // I'm a co-proposer in favor of the motion. You earned a spot if you were a DCMC in 1969 and are still hanging around in General Service. To the point that they don't represent anyone: When you elect your district officers, they don't specifically represent anyone, and they all have a vote. I urge you to take a spiritual stance. // I agree that committee chairs should stand for election, but the current policy is that you must be a current DCM or DCMC. If this vote goes through, it doesn't change the current policy. We would need to change the current policy. // When this first came up, I was concerned about how many people would be available and how long the election would be. But then I considered that this would open a pool of great candidates for us to choose for service. When I thought about how committee chairs aren't really elected, I realized they are. The GSRs and other voting members must elect a committee chair at the assembly to become an area officer. I trust the GSRs to make the right decision. // I've heard a lot of contradictory opinions. As an MDCD, I would be eligible to be an area officer. I'd like to participate as an area officer, but we all deserve a second opportunity. Maybe they weren't elected before because God didn't want them, not because we didn't. // Area officers appoint the committee, and the committee appoints its chair. // **Q:** Are they brought before the area for approval or acceptance? **A:** No, only the finance committee. // As BTG chairs, we don't have to have DCM or DCMC experience. I'm the BTG chair for District 12. If I stepped down, the alternate would take over and wouldn't have DCM or DCMC experience. If this passes, I fear it will restrict the number of people available to be chairs. // I was the chair of I&T in Panel 71. I think this takes us to Concept Four. We must respect the right to participate. The only thing important in the motion is being eligible to be elected. That doesn't mean they will be elected. It would just increase eligibility when we do vote. // If I miss the opportunity during my time as DCMC or DCM, this motion gives me another path. However, I can chair because several committees have a virtual or hybrid component. I could be available as a virtual member if I live in Texas. I don't think that was the intention of this motion. This should be voted down,

resubmitted, and reapplied. // I'm proudly the first Finance Committee chair for the Spanish-speaking community, more so because I now have the privilege to vote since I stopped being DCMC. Many people would say it's just a vote, but it's about being available to raise my hand when I agree or disagree. I can contribute to decisions about the area. Most committee chairs have a lot of experience. It would be a great opportunity to nourish the area to pass this motion. // I've been in general service for more than 20 years in all kinds of capacities. I haven't been a DCMC, but I have been a DCM. We have nine subdistricts and only three DCMs. If we get new GSRs that become DCMs, they could be available for area office with little experience. Committee chairs, however, tend to have much more experience and served several panels at their districts before the Area. // People who could be eligible for area officer may not be available because of other commitments (children, jobs, etc.). To be a committee chair means they might have more availability. We need to open the pool and let the Area decide. Having more people available allows us to serve the area better. // I've been an area treasurer, DCMC, and committee chair. I hear many "what if we have inexperienced people," which goes back to trust. I trust the election assembly will be able to make those determinations. People will give their qualifications, and those qualifications will speak for themselves. Passing this motion does make them area officers, it makes them eligible to be elected. // Many other areas allow their area chairs to vote and stand for positions. Nobody who is a committee chair is doing work without knowledge or experience; otherwise, they wouldn't have been elected the chair. We have a narrow path to becoming an area officer in CNCA. You must be a current area officer, DCM, or DCMC. This motion says if you're an area chair, you must have been a DCMC or DCM. I don't think that area chairs should have needed to be a DCM or DCMC to be eligible. People without experience are likely not going to be available or elected. **Vote by substantial unanimity. Y: 147 N: Abst: 23 The minority opinion was heard.** This motion wasn't written clearly. It left a lot of interpretations and questions asked. // I agree with the previous comment that it was poorly written. I was bothered by the comparison to other areas that do allow committee chairs to be voting members and eligible for area office. In most of those areas, the chairs are elected by the officers and not the committee itself. That big difference should have been explained, and that was why I voted against it. There was no motion to reconsider. << **Motion passed.** >>

Third Legacy Voting: Electronic Voting Practice: Dennis H., chair of the ad hoc committee for electronic voting, facilitated two ballots of a mock election for favorite fruit.

Young and Sober in A.A.: I thought drinking made me an artist (Video): Delegate Eric L. presented the history of this project and how the video was created. It consists of interviews with young members who attended the International Convention of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA). He encouraged us to share the video with the public.

WORKSHOP TOPIC REPORTS

- **Spirit of Rotation – What's Next for Me? (Online session) - presented by Luis M., D20 (In Spanish).**
Notetaker: Alex P. District 08

Bill W. carried the message to others and taught others to pass it on. The spirit of service helps others but helps us become part of a community. By rotating into different commitments, we learn about different things and serve in different ways. We strive to pass on what we learned to those coming in after us. Being willing and able to commit is the most important when given the opportunity. The A.A. Group pamphlet talks about the principle of rotation.

- **Spirit of Rotation – What's Next for Me? (In-person session) - presented by Jaime L., D20 (In Spanish).**
Notetaker: Enrique E.

I learned each of the service commitments through rotation in my home group. Rotation is the only way to discover the new abilities you didn't know you had. It's a timely topic because we're getting ready to rotate. It teaches us to shut our mouths and allows someone else to serve. If we're unsure if we have the capacity for the next position, we make ourselves willing, and our higher power takes care of the rest. Those who have alternates are grateful. A sacrifice is involved in service, and you should share that as part of the rotation. When we started, we were nervous and had a lot of doubts, but we could trust the incoming servants. We can make mistakes, and it's okay. There was a lot of discussion about trust in service commitments and how our higher power chooses us. Before you raise your hand, talk to your spouse, family, and employer. The opportunity may not come back, so it's precious. The time we wasted drinking doesn't compare to the time we invest in service today. Many people are considering making themselves available for a new position.

- **Growing in Effectiveness within the Service Structure (Hybrid session) - presented by Oscar M., D17 (In Spanish).** **Notetaker: Heriberto**

We talked about the 36 principles to keep ourselves informed, our fears, and how we confront our defects of character. We also spoke about sponsorship and our journey in service and recovery.

- **Practicing the Long Form of Tradition Seven (Online session) - presented by Blake BL, D12 Notetaker: Kevin B.**

The presenter talked about three points within the tradition. First, support, or the ability to carry the tradition. There may be times when we can't carry as much and times when we can carry more. Prudence was another theme, or the ability to see ahead. We think about the people coming after us and preparing the people who are here now for them. There is also a spiritual heritage of being heirs to something greater than ourselves. It's a gift to be part of this process of recovery. It takes money to continue to be here. A large topic was rent increases in buildings over market value and how to respond to such an event and be fully self-supporting. G.S.O. would need \$6-12 from every person every year. Maybe we need to give more than we're giving – can we give more? We should consider practicing humility around money. Sponsors should consider taking their sponsees through the traditions. Opinions were expressed about the power of the A.A. purse.

- **Practicing the Long Form of Tradition Seven (In-person session) - presented by Kanaka S., D40.**
Notetaker: Kat

We were given some history about tradition seven, and many questions were asked about the seventh tradition. We try to live by faith, trust, balance, and prudence. We need to be careful not to accumulate excess funds. What's the difference between donations and contributions? How much can or should we give? We should think about the intent behind the money we spend. Someone suggested that treasury workshops be held to educate members. Attendees shared their experience with the seventh tradition in their group. We discussed how important the group's conscience is in deciding how we spend our group's money, including distributing it to other A.A. entities. Some felt we didn't have enough information on how to spend the group's money, so they hesitated to spend it.

- **Social Networks and Connecting Online in A.A. (Hybrid session) - presented by Felicia S., D08.**
Notetaker: Cindi W. D12

Social media has given us more opportunities to meet people worldwide. Social networks are salient for young people. A.A. may be somewhat behind in using technology to carry the message. Concerns were expressed about the financial commitments of online meetings. We must be careful how we use the internet to find information about A.A. because there is misinformation. As trusted servants, we should ensure that our groups are informed. People shared about apps that can be individualized, like WhatsApp or Discord. We should be careful about what we post on social media, especially concerning the anonymity of others. People tend to be more outspoken online and may share things they may not share in person. Our objective is to share and carry the message. We discussed the possibilities of getting virtual groups involved in the service structure and having a world service structure.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

SWACYPAA is happening right now in San Rafael. // My home group didn't have a GSR for the first 16 years. There was one guy before me, and he was no longer available. I'm so glad I raised my hand to become GSR. I hope when my commitment to my group is over, I can commit to the district. // Thank you for being here and allowing us to host this assembly. We did it from the bottom of our hearts. We couldn't have done it without the support of the area. // I agree with what was just said. // Thank you for allowing the chairs of our area committees to vote. The BTG team now has a voice because I will vote for their group conscience. // Thanks for your contributions. We took in \$1542.60 today. // Thank you to D17 for your hospitality. Thank you to the translators and the hybrid team. I attended in person, and later, I attended online. I appreciate all your service. // This is Chitra's last assembly as chair. Thank you for leading us and showing an example of love. We appreciate you. // We've gotten so much done this panel, partly by our wonderful chair. Please note that the space for the election assembly will be different if you have concerns about the test of text to vote. It's a wide room, so people are closer to the screens. There will be three high-quality screens and better WiFi provided by the venue. There will also be guest WiFi. Please help us clean up. Thanks to the coordinators of this assembly, Hamilton, Adrian, Graciela, Epifano, Alto, Juan, Raymundo, Hugo, Jorge, and Fernando, and the assembly chair, Luis R. // District 04 is having a safety forum on October 19th, 10 am-4:30 pm here at the Campbell Community Center in a hybrid format with interpretation. We've developed a safety committee in our district. We've had a few years of workshops and studies and have a survey with several hundred responses. We will produce a toolkit and shared experience that you can use in your meetings for safety matters. // Thanks to the Area officers for their service, and congrats on finishing the business so the next panel can start with a clean slate. // We must be flexible when facing succession and rotation in service. In changing times, we don't know what will happen. Things are always changing. // Thanks to the officers for their service and the GSRs, DCMCs, and DCMs. I'm glad to know you will be electing our next trusted servants. Whoever will be the next Area officers, I wish you the best. // Districts 70 and 07 are hosting the election assembly; save the date. There will be a dinner, more details later.

The meeting was closed at 4:45 pm by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Babcock
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73