

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 (CNCA 06)
ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR
2025 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

The Pre-Conference Assembly business meeting was held using a hybrid format on April 5, 2025 with virtual attendees on Zoom and in-person attendees at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz, CA. Drew B. opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by: Alicia L. (District 08). Caitlin (District 40) read the Twelve Traditions in English and Salvador M. (District 19) read the Twelve Traditions in Spanish. Eleven past Delegates were present: Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbra M. (Panel 41), Woody R. (Panel 50, Area 07), David N. (Panel 59), Jim F. (Panel 59, Area 38), Ken M. (Panel 61), Raymundo L. (Panel 65), Joann L. (Panel 67), Teddy B-W (Panel 69), Jennifer B. (Panel 71) and Eric L. (Panel 73). Teddy B-W currently serves as a Non-Trustee Director on the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. There was also one past trustee present, David N. (past General Service Board Trustee). The Summer 2024 minutes were accepted as published in the September 2024 *CNCA Comments and Comentarios*.

Registered attendance: 279 voting (41 online; 238 in-person) / 174 non-voting (19 online; 155 in-person)

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – CHITRA S.: The program of A.A. depends on our participation and is shaped by our willingness. The group conscience process is a spiritual experience, and agenda topics allow for fearless and honest discussion of our strengths and weaknesses. We are invited to participate and use our voices. Are we communicating clearly? Are we creating space for others to participate equally? Have we read the literature and background, asked for help when needed, and shared our experience when asked? We have a responsibility to practice deep listening – hearing each other rather than responding or fixing. We are asked to remain teachable, to know our Traditions and Concepts, and to let go of needing to be right. Unity is not created through uniformity but through safe disagreement and shared experience. I would not be alive today without this fellowship. So yes, I can do the work and walk through fear to stay present, sober, and of service. Welcome to Panel 75.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – CLAUDIA N.: At PRAASA, during the Remote Communities Panel, the Area 79 Delegate shared about a district spanning five islands. Visiting the district was very challenging, requiring plane travel and overnight accommodations. When she arrived at one island with the Service Manual, they assumed she was the leader of A.A. The DCM explained she was a trusted servant. That visit led to the island's first GSR – now three of the five islands have GSRs. It's a powerful example of showing up, planting seeds, and trusting the process. Concept 1 states that final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship. We may not be as remote, but your work to gather and share your group conscience contributes to that collective voice.

CHAIR – DREW B.: Welcome, everybody, to the first assembly of Panel 75. Today is the big one – the Pre-Conference Assembly – where the groups share their conscience on the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. No pressure! We'll hear group consciences on 39 agenda items this weekend. We are living out the 12 Concepts, which for me means trust and respect. Your groups and districts have trusted you, and “universal respect” is key to our usefulness today. As you listen to others share, please be kind, open-minded, and respectful of the work they did to capture their group's conscience. Please refrain from cheering, clapping, or booing during sharing – save that for officer reports. Before we begin, we have some business. The Fall Election Assembly took all day, so the last time we did Assembly business was Summer 2024. There is no Old Business. Today we'll hear three new business presentations – just questions on intent and wording. Make new friends and have fun!

TREASURER – DAN B.: March was a middling month for contributions, with about \$7,000 received. Expenses were higher at \$8,000, mostly due to officer travel to districts and PRAASA, and initial costs for sending our Delegate to the General Service Conference. Year-to-date, we are financially stable with approximately \$25,000 in the checking account. CNCA now has a credit card linked to our Bank of America account with a \$5,000 limit, offering more security for electronic purchases. Reimbursements are now processed via Zelle, improving efficiency over manual checks. Please encourage groups to contribute electronically at cnca06.org/contribute and include your group number if known – checks are slower and costlier to process. The cost of this assembly is approximately \$7,000: \$1,000 for the site, \$4,000 for food, and \$200 for coffee. Assemblies are expensive and worth it, but we have a responsibility to fully self-support, including for those attending via Zoom. While there is no suggested amount, please be generous.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – MATT E.: I so full of love this morning. I went to bed last night full of fear, but by the time I got here, all my fear was erased. My day has completely shifted already – and it's only 9 a.m. – so thank you all so much for being here. Giant round of applause to our host Districts 03 and 19! Our next assembly is the Post-Conference in San Francisco on May 17.

REGISTRAR – SARAH B.: Over the past three months, I've been learning Airtable, our Area's registration database. With the help of District Registrars and a new online form, we've updated over 1,000 position holder records and added 73 groups to the system, including 18 new group registrations with the General Service Office. Data entry can be tedious, but it's meaningful work that keeps our groups connected to A.A. and supports communication throughout the service structure.

RECORDING SECRETARY – JACKIE B.: I'm equal parts excited and nervous to be taking minutes at my first Assembly business meeting as your Panel 75 Recording Secretary! The Alternate Delegate and I have a plan to support our Delegate by collecting notes on the group consciences shared today. Planning is underway for a Recording Secretary's Workshop, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 5, which will include a “Minutes 101” orientation and presentations on AI tools and maintaining anonymity during

the electronic distribution of minutes. Pending approval of a housekeeping motion at the April ACM, Spanish interpretation will be available. I hope you'll join us! I've been enjoying the Area Motions Book – the historical record of our Area business since 1971. Fun fact: our hand-made green, yellow, red timer debuted in 2010!

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – JOSE L.: The Literature Committee Workbook, released in September 2024, was well received, selling out in two months. It is back in stock and available to view online. The *2024–2026 A.A. Service Manual* sold over 6,200 copies in its first month. The *Plain Language Big Book*, released in November 2024, sold over 71,000 copies in 18 days, is now in its second printing, and is available as an e-book and on Corrections tablets nationwide. Member feedback continues to shape literature projects, including updates to *A.A. for the Native North American*, *Do You Think You're Different?* and *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship*. Work continues on the Fifth Edition of the Big Book and the Fourth Edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos*. The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking two Appointed Committee Members to lead pamphlet development for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic and the Transgender alcoholic. Resumes are due by April 15, 2025. While many items are free as PDFs on aa.org, literature sales support Twelfth Step efforts worldwide.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES – ENRIQUE E.: During our hybrid committee meetings, District access chairs and A.A. members share access challenges and wins. Area committee volunteers presented a safety workshop from District 20. For more information, email accessibilities@cnca06.org. Our access message of the month was “Does your district website include links to Deafaa.org, which has many resources for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing members?” Next month, we will hear a presentation on childcare.

ARCHIVES – ELVIA P.: Of the 23 Districts in our Area, 11 have District Archives Representatives on our committee. In 1975, the General Service Office (GSO) Archives Room opened in New York. Due to overload and limited staffing, Areas were asked to manage their own archives. In 1979, when CNCA had 18 Districts, the Area Archives Committee was formed with seven past Delegates and one A.A. member. Today, the Area maintains an Archives Repository in Pleasant Hill, which stores Area business materials, District and group histories, historical photos, a signed First Edition Big Book, and the original CNCA 06 history manuscript. We are actively scanning and digitizing items to preserve them for future A.A. members. Visit us at the Archives Repository on the 2nd Saturday of each month in Walnut Creek or join our business meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Area Committee Meeting in Petaluma.

BTG (BRIDGING THE GAP) – LYNN K.: The CNCA BTG committee statement of purpose reads that “Bridging the Gap is a General Service subcommittee that supports that 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 Alcoholics Anonymous, usually acting in pairs, meet the patients

or inmates after release and accompany them to their first A.A. meeting. As in all 12-step work, this activity is strictly voluntary. Today, all but two CNCA districts have BTG chairs.

FINANCE – JEFF D.: The CNCA Finance Committee has two primary functions: to provide checks and balances for the Area Treasurer by reviewing 7th Tradition contributions and expenses, and to create and publish the annual Area Budget, ensuring prudent financial decisions through discussion and consensus. The committee also provides background and clarity on budget-related questions and the impact of Area motions, using experience, data, and recommendations. As of today, contributions and expenses are in line with the 2025 budget projections.

I&T (INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION) – LUIS R.: This committee of seven members provides essential translation and interpretation services for the Area. We support communication by translating documents, offering simultaneous interpretation between English and Spanish, and managing interpretation equipment at events like this one. Last month, we translated an average of 14 documents, including the agenda topic summaries. This committee is a bridge that unites cultures with one purpose: carrying the A.A. message with love and gratitude.

PI/CPC (PUBLIC INFORMATION/COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY) – CLAUDIA N.: Public Information helps inform the greater community about A.A. and alcoholism so they may find help for themselves or a problem drinker in their life. Cooperation with the Professional Community provides information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession – what we are, where we are, what we can and cannot do. PICPC meets in a hybrid format at 9:00 a.m. at the Petaluma Community Center before the ACM. This year, we've had a presentation on building a committee and heard from our Delegate. This month, Miguel H. will present on the use of QR codes in English and Spanish. GSO is seeking participants for the Military Veteran Interview Project, as well as shared experience outreaching to professionals who serve neurodivergent and unhoused alcoholics.

TECHNOLOGY – MEG B.: The Tech Committee was formed in 2020 during Panel 71, following early discussions in 2018. It emerged to support online meetings during COVID and helped launch hybrid meeting functionality, registration via AirTable, and more. During Panel 73, the committee focused on structure by writing guidelines, creating a budget, and hosting a hybrid best practices workshop. Now in Panel 75, our eight-member team is running hybrid events and is ready to serve. Let's explore how tech can serve our groups and districts!

WEBSITE – SANDRA S.: The Web Committee maintains the CNCA 06 website and supports digital communication for alcoholics, trusted servants, professionals, and the public regarding Area activities and business. Visit cnca06.org for Area information and updates. The committee has six members and is seeking a new "member at large." All current members are new to web design, and we thank past committee members for their assistance in resolving problems on the website. Suggestions or feedback can be sent to webchair@cnca06.org.

YPAA (YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A.) – EVAN J. AND VICTORIA H.: We are members of the ACYPAA 52 Host Committee and want to thank you for your support and love for young people in A.A. We visited many of your districts and raised over \$4,000 for the Accessibilities Fund. That support made a real impact – members of the Deaf and hard of hearing community expressed deep gratitude, with some sharing it was the first time they didn't feel alone. Thank you for your love and for helping change people's sobriety through your contributions and care.

SPANISH SHARING SESSION - PEDRO L.: Thank you for giving us the opportunity to have a monthly Spanish sharing session at the ACM to improve our service. Each month, we have a coordinator and secretary, and we select topics useful to new GSRs. A volunteer presents on the topic chosen the month before, followed by participation from everyone in the room. The secretary then reports back to the ACM. We started with just four GSRs, one coordinator, and one secretary – now the room is full every month. We're grateful to our Higher Power and Area Chair for encouraging us to bring this motion forward.

AREA BUSINESS

PRESENTATION:

- General Service App Update – *Presented by Dan B., Area Treasurer.*

Presentation: The app is now available in the Apple App Store – search “A.A. General Service” to download. The Android version is not yet approved in the Google Play Store. Google is a different company than Apple and they have different rules. They require a two-week beta test with active users. We need Android users willing to download and use the app daily during the test period. Testing will begin after the Pre-Conference Assembly. To participate, provide your Gmail address to me by emailing treasurer@cnca06.org and I will add you to the invite list to be a beta test. Your commitment will be to interact with the app every day.

Questions: Q: How long is the testing period? A: The Android (Google) testing period will be approximately two weeks long. It's expected to start on Monday or Tuesday. Your commitment during the test is to open the app every day for two weeks. // Q: How do we connect the Districts to the app? A: Once the app is approved on the Google Play Store, we'll grant access to all DCMCs. Districts can then begin uploading their information to the app at any time. // Q: Why is my District not showing up on the app for iPhone users? A: We haven't granted access to current DCMCs to upload yet. Some districts appear in the app because their DCMCs from the last panel already added content. Once the Google Play approval is complete, more districts will be added. // Q: What is the difference between this app and the Grapevine or Meeting Guide app? A: This is the General Service App. It's specifically for GSRs, district, area, and other general service members to receive general service information from the district, area, and GSO. // Q: Are you

available to give a presentation at my District? A: Yes. Email treasurer@cnca06.org to schedule a presentation so your district can learn how the app works. //

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up to date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org, and A.A. Grapevine? – *Presented by District 12 Sonoma at the Area Committee Meeting 9/28/24*

Presentation: This motion was first presented at a sub-district and then brought to the full district. GSRs collected group consciences and after discussion, the district unanimously voted to forward the motion to the ACM in December of 2024. The ACM agreed it should be decided at the Assembly. The intent of the motion is to add a thoughtful inventory question to encourage group discussion about whether members have access to current A.A. information resources at all service levels. The question is drawn from the inventory section of the A.A. Group pamphlet, pages 29–30. We are asking to include 14 questions instead of 13.

Clarifying Questions: Q: What was it in the sub-district that propelled this motion? What was brought up at the sub-district? A: I don't know - I was not there. [*The initial motion maker clarified that this arose because the GSRs at the sub-district meeting didn't know where to find information and that inspired this motion.*] // When this was discussed, how much was focused on the "The A.A. Group" pamphlet versus providing feedback on how to find information? A: The intent is to generate conversation in the groups about where this information exists. // Would you like to add language about finding resources in more places and specifically general service, such as on the websites and newsletters of central officers and intergroups, General Service districts and areas, H&I, etc. A: For now, we would like to keep the wording as is to generate. // Q: Would this be added specifically as question 14 on page 30? // A: Yes. **A friendly amendment accepted to add La Viña after A.A. Grapevine. The motion now reads:**

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- That CNCA 06 create a Subcommittee on Safety and Inclusion. – *Presented by District 04 Santa Clara North Safety Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 11/23/24*

Presentation: We've done a lot of safety work after forming a District Safety Committee. We had a pretty successful forum on the subject. We think there's a groundswell of support for creating an Area committee around this issue. The need is clear – our

literature and Traditions tell us that A.A. is inclusive and that everyone who has the desire to stop drinking is welcome. Yet in our recent safety survey, many members, given the chance to speak their truth, reported experiences of sexual harassment and predatory behavior, or feelings of exclusion because of spiritual beliefs, disability, gender non-conformity, and racial or ethnic differences. Sometimes these members are met with love and tolerance, as is our code. We would conduct inventories. We have materials for discussing what's going on and outreach – a group conscience to deal with and prevent these barriers to recovery. But in many cases, this is not so, and alcoholics who need A.A. leave A.A. The intended purpose of the Safety and Inclusion Sub-Committee would be to foster communication around issues of safety and inclusion, and to understand and provide resources to eliminate barriers that many members are still hesitant or even afraid to talk about. We would serve as a repository of information, best practices, and individual stories from members, groups, and districts that have managed to have these difficult conversations. The goal is to help make the program of A.A. available and open to anyone who wants to participate, by providing and compiling best practices around issues of safety and inclusion. We recognize that every safety issue is as unique as the individual, group, or district. We only want to provide resources to help each group or district address these issues in accordance with their group conscience. We have no intention to dictate, mandate, or serve as a governing body of any sort. We would research and collaborate with other Areas and service structures to see how they are approaching this work. Our model is the Safety Sub-Committee in Oregon Area 58. We would invite District Safety and Inclusion Representatives to a monthly meeting and, upon request and in collaboration with districts, facilitate workshops, sharing sessions, and inventories.

Questions: Q: What about the Accessibilities Committee? A: We believe accessibility and safety issues are closely related but delicate and complex. They both deserve focused attention, and this proposal is specifically for a separate Area Safety Committee. A longer conversation about overlap may be warranted. // Q: Does the intent include District 04 transferring its safety materials to the Area? A: No, District 04 would retain its safety committee. The D04 Safety Chair could participate in the Area Safety subcommittee as a district representative. Any A.A. is free to use the materials developed by D04. // Q: Is this motion intended to address safety concerns at the group level or among people in service? A: We've heard stories from people who felt their concerns were not taken seriously by their business meeting, steering committee, or GSRs. This is intended to help address those experiences. // Q: Would this motion apply to A.A. as a whole? A: No, this would establish a new sub-committee for the Area (CNCA), not for all of A.A. // Q: Would the motion include members who feel excluded due to limitations, gender, appearance, etc.? Would you consider language about inclusion? A: Yes, inclusion is a core intention of the proposed committee. The motion seeks to welcome people who feel excluded for any reason, including identity, ability, or appearance. // Q: Who would be responsible for forming the committee? Who would serve on it? A: It would be formed from the ground up with volunteers and guided by group conscience. // Q: What is the financial impact? A: The committee chair would not necessarily travel to Districts like Area Officers do. There may be minimal costs such as support for hybrid meetings, but the work would likely begin virtually. // <<Motion to become Presentation of New Business at the Post-Conference Assembly on May 17, 2025>>

- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that A.A. use the service piece in a public information campaign. – *Presented by District 01 Monterey.*

Presentation: This motion was inspired by ads for Human Trafficking seen in airports and churches – simple, direct, and featuring QR codes. The idea hit me that this could be an agenda item. I imagined a public info service piece reading “Are you having a problem with drinking?” with aa.org and two QR codes: one linked to a landing page created and maintained by GSO, and the other to the Meeting Guide App. According to service material from the General Service Office, our membership numbers grew from our inception in 1935 to 1990. From 1980 to 1990, membership doubled from about 1 to 2 million. But from 1990 until 2021, the last year on the report, membership has remained around 2 million. And in 2021, membership dropped below 2 million for the first time since 2006. Assuming membership has remained around 2 million the last 4 years, this means our membership numbers have been stagnating for 35 years and whatever we’ve been doing during this time has not been working to grow our membership. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 209 million people worldwide have alcohol dependence, an estimated 2.6 million deaths per year worldwide are attributable to alcohol consumption, and of those deaths 13% are aged 20 to 39 years old. The problem is that our membership is not growing and there are estimated to be hundreds of millions of alcoholics worldwide. This is an idea to reach them. The motion was developed with input from 12 A.A. members, whose suggestions were incorporated into the proposal. District 01 voted unanimously to pass the motion. In conclusion, we feel it would be beneficial for A.A. to have a simple, consistent message that conveys in seconds: if you’re having a problem with alcohol, A.A. is here – what A.A. is, and how to find it now. Placed widely, it could plant seeds for those still stumbling in the dark to find the light someday, just as we have.

Questions: Q: Are you suggesting we spam airports with stickers? Can you speak about the distribution? A: The stickers seen in airports were just the seed of the idea. The motion intentionally keeps the language broad so it doesn't prescribe how it would be delivered or who would do what. It could be stickers, or something entirely different. // Q: Should it say GSO instead of A.A.? A: The wording is kept intentionally broad so it doesn't direct whether it's GSO, the Board, or a specific committee. // Q: What do you mean by “information campaign”? A: A.A. already does public information work – placing PSAs, for example. PI is not only allowed, it's essential to reaching alcoholics outside A.A. // Q: Who is going to make the stickers and how much will it cost? A: That would be up to the Board if the Conference passes the proposed agenda item. // Q: The motion wording is too open-ended. A better phrasing would be “the General Service Office or the Conference directs the trustees’ PI Committee to...” A: Thank you for the suggestion, but the friendly amendment was not accepted. // Q: Is your intent to find out if all Areas in the US and Canada think this is a good idea? A: Yes, the intent is for this to be a proposed Conference agenda item so the Fellowship can weigh in. // Q: Is there any interest in focusing on

working with YPAA or BIPOC communities in this? A: That's a good question, but there's no specific answer right now. // <<**Motion to become Presentation of New Business at the Post-Conference Assembly on May 17, 2025**>>

The business meeting was closed at 11:58 am.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? (SATURDAY SESSION)

I think short five-second ads like "If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours" could be effective on platforms like YouTube where you can't skip for five seconds. // Please fill out the tech survey so we can plan workshops you actually want. There are QR codes at the table and in the chat. // Total registration today is 445 – 390 in person and 55 online. That's slightly below last year. If you haven't registered, please do – it helps us plan. // I was struck by the group consciences on the meeting guide app. Groups need to take responsibility for providing detailed location info, like floor or building signage. Also, intergroups posting Spanish meetings need help from Spanish groups to ensure accuracy. // My first time sharing group conscience at an assembly hooked me on General Service. I'm excited to see all the new GSRs here and hope you get hooked too. // Please take the Grapevines on your tables so I can put new ones down tomorrow. // I'm grateful for all the work shared today and excited about the General Service app. Technology is part of our evolution, and we're improving communication and building trust. // Let young people submit 30-second videos showing how they'd explain A.A. to their friends. Let them be chaotic, fun, and creative – we're too old to know what's cool. // When visiting groups, we should share how to use the Area or District websites, including how to contribute and access information. Many members don't know how to navigate these pages, so we're working on offering workshops. // It's moving and exciting to hear all the group consciences. We have the best delegate. // Thank you for this amazing and inspiring experience. I also haven't been given options to register – maybe post info about that. // I'm grateful to our Area Officers for creating summaries. They make preparing a group conscience easier. Shout out to past delegate Suzanne Moore who started it – originally for Spanish-speaking members. // The PI workbook copyright is from 1994. It's time to review the contents and update the PI kit for the modern day. // Huge appreciation to the tech team. We're really excited about everything they're doing to keep the conference running smoothly. // I love seeing the online attendees' faces in big bold view and being able to read captions from the back. Thank you. // There's talk about young vs. old and tech use. But research doesn't really back up the idea that only young people are good at tech. Maybe let's listen more and assume less. // The lunch today was under budget – thank you to Kimber! Also, thanks to Don, our hybrid events coordinator, who beat me to the venue at 5:15 a.m. The tech team, parking volunteers, and everyone working behind the scenes deserve our gratitude. // I have a hearing impairment and found the Spanish speech-to-text helpful, but it wasn't always working. I hope that can be improved in the future. // I just wanted to share my heart today.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? (SUNDAY SESSION)

I'm from a remote District where many of us can only attend online. We often feel like second-class citizens – unheard and undervalued. Our Area doesn't allow us to serve as officers unless we can travel. If we want broader participation, online is the future. // The

plain language version of the Twelve Concepts is available in the appendices of the PLBB. // As the Accessibilities Chair, I found the access flyer to be a great resource. // I was at a meeting recently and a member who had a stroke said the PLBB helped him immensely. It's making a real difference. // This is a spiritual program, and recovery happens one alcoholic helping another through the Steps. I work in hospitals and correctional facilities – people are dying from alcoholism and fentanyl. They don't have time to be handed a pamphlet. // As the Pre-Conference Assembly Chair, I didn't understand why we'd host an assembly – until this weekend. Seeing so many people from around the Area here brought me to tears. // Post-Conference Assembly is May 17 in San Francisco. // Regarding Report and Charter B – my personal opinion is that requiring written permission from groups makes action intentionally impossible. // Thank you to our Delegate and to the amazing hybrid team. If you want to volunteer, email technology@cnca06.org. // When I was new, I couldn't read the Big Book, so I read *Living Sober* in the Redwoods. Last night I went to the Young People's bonfire and it warmed my heart. I found A.A. in my 20s but didn't stick around. Now I want to help wrangle new GSRs into service. // If as many people wanted to be PI/CPC reps as want to change the literature, we'd reach a lot more alcoholics. // My group conscience is concerned we're no longer an upside-down triangle. We don't choose the topics or get enough time with agenda items. We need to help groups engage and weigh in on big issues, especially literature changes. // When most groups say the same thing and those with differing views don't get to share, it doesn't build trust. // I didn't learn about the Concepts until I got into General Service. They helped me understand how A.A. is sustained. I'd love to see a shortened version of the Concepts added to the Twelve and Twelve – with stories to spark interest. // Delegate, go with confidence. Hearing everyone share gives me hope about where we're going as a Fellowship. I'm looking forward to the Post-Conference and what decisions are made. // This was my first assembly. District 03 set a high bar – my District is hosting next. Thank you, Chitra, for sitting attentively all weekend. // I wish my group business meetings were as effective as these assemblies. Not all newcomers are young – many join in their 50s – something to remember when updating literature with things like QR codes. // GSRs can cut costs – maybe stop staying at Marriotts. // Treasurer's report: 7th Tradition contributions were \$4,458 – thank you for your love and support of the Area and this Assembly. // This is my third year attending Assemblies, and I'm amazed at how democratic this process is. I teach government, and A.A. truly values minority opinion. My favorite line from our literature is the "pickle/cucumber" from *Living Sober*. // There will be a Pre-Assembly Dinner on May 16 in San Francisco hosted by D16, before the May 17 Post-Conference hosted by D06 and D05. // It's too little, too late for our members to have informed group consciences. There are too many agenda topics, and my groups don't get them in time. This isn't burning bush – it requires thought and prayer. // We're stoked for service – we drove from Marin at 11 p.m. last night just to be here. // Check out Deafaa.org and the Deaf Special Forum. // *The past Delegate sang a farewell song (a parody of Barbie Girl by Aqua): "You're a conference girl in a service world."* // *The Delegate shared her final remarks:* These past Delegates are the people who raised me. At my first General Service assembly, I couldn't make eye contact and was terrified. This service journey has transformed me from someone who didn't want to live into someone who is a responsible human being. Thank you. I'm so excited for the Conference.

The Pre-Conference Assembly was closed on Sunday, April 6 2025 at 12:29 p.m. by Drew B. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B.
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73