

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2025

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 (CNCA 06)

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2025

The monthly Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was held using a hybrid format on Saturday, May 24, 2025 in a hybrid format with members attending virtually on Zoom and in-person at the Petaluma Community Center. Drew B. opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Israel F. (District 19) in Spanish. Eric R. (District 07) read Tradition 5 in English and Vivian K. (Districts 07 and 90) read Concept 5 in English. We welcomed one new GSR, two new DCMs, one new Alternate DCMC, and one new DCMC. There were six past Delegates present: Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Diane O. (Panel 35), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Joann L. (Panel 67), Teddy B-W (Panel 69), and Eric L. (Panel 73). Teddy B-W currently serves as a General Service Trustee. The April 2025 minutes and financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments* and *Comentarios*. Birthdays: 122/6. Attendance: 115 (45 online and 70 in person).

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – CHITRA S.: The General Service Conference Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations will be posted as an anonymized slide show and written report at cnca06.org/confidential. Sign up to be a greeter at the International Convention in Vancouver – 5,000 volunteers are needed! The 29th Anniversary of La Viña will be held July 25–27, 2025, at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry, CA. Rooms are \$189 per night, plus tax. The banquet is \$80. Registration is \$30 and includes a La Viña subscription. The Trustees' Nominating Committee is seeking a nonalcoholic Class A Trustee and encourages submissions from diverse professional backgrounds. AAWS is also seeking a Non-Trustee Director with at least seven years of sobriety and strong professional experience. GSO publishes quarterly reports, and the Q1 2025 report – including updates on finance, Grapevine, corrections, archives, and world services – has been released and will be emailed to DCMCs and Committee Chairs. Please forward these emails to your GSRs and committee members.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – CLAUDIA N.: Thanks to A.A., I get to be present today at my daughter's college graduation. I was deeply moved by our Delegate's thoughtful report at the Post-Conference Assembly and filled with gratitude hearing the shares from our past Delegates,

Jennifer and Teddy, who now serve as Trustees on the General Service Board. AAWS is seeking a Non-Trustee Director (see Delegate's Report above). Interested members can learn more and apply through aa.org. Only 39 days until the International! A virtual viewing option and group watch resources will be available for those staying home.

CHAIR – DREW B.: Our International Convention is about 45 days away. Many of our CNCA members will be speaking or chairing panels. If you're one of them, let me know – I'm compiling a list of CNCA participation so we can support each other. CNCA is also participating in the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in MacKenzie Ballroom I. A sign-up sheet is circulating both in person and online. Volunteering is a great way to meet A.A.s from around the world and show that the West Coast is the best coast! Today, we are addressing seven motions, five of which are housekeeping items. Lastly, we've formed a Website Ad Hoc Committee to explore improvements to the CNCA website and other platforms. The members are Sarah B., Miguel H., Eric L., Danica R., and Josh R.

TREASURER – DAN B.: As of April YTD, we're doing okay financially. We've received \$51k in income, primarily from group and district contributions and Area event collections. Expenses total \$52,000, primarily for the last assembly, committee costs, and officer travel. Net Operating Revenue is approximately negative (-) \$800. We have \$25,000 in our checking account in advance of upcoming bill payments, which will total between \$11,000 and \$15,000. We'll continue to use my personal Venmo at events while the finance committee looks into setting up a nonprofit Venmo account. When contributing, encourage your groups to use cnca06.org/contribute. Checks are welcome but are slower to process. GSO reported that 1,791 groups were registered in Area 06 in 2024. The total 2024 expenses of our Area were \$140,563, and therefore our cost per group was approximately \$78.48.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – MATT E.: Thank you to Districts 05 and 06 for an incredible event and dinner! The Summer Assembly will be held at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center on August 2 and hosted by District 40. Several districts have expressed interest in hosting an assembly in 2026. If your district is one of them, please contact me soon so we can follow the correct procedures. Let's keep the momentum going!

REGISTRAR – SARAH B.: During the Assembly, a member taught me about AirTable automations. I can now send detailed welcome emails to new GSRs automatically, eliminating the need for mail merges or spreadsheets. I'm still working on automating a process to flag long-serving trusted servants, and I recently connected one of our AirTable experts with an Area Registrar from Oregon who is building a similar system. It feels great to pass on what I've learned and be part of such a strong, supportive Area.

RECORDING SECRETARY – JACKIE B.: A Recording Secretaries Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 5th, on Zoom with a “Minutes 101” orientation at 6:45 p.m., followed by presentations on anonymity-protected minutes and data privacy. The idea of an Area 06 motions book was first proposed in 1991, and in 1993, the ACM unanimously approved adding “CNCA Motions” and “CNCA Discussions and Reports” to our official record. In 2021, CNCA funded the translation of the “Discussions and Reports” section for \$4,640. Today, we’ll begin discussing the Motions Book: What’s its purpose? What content is most useful? What’s the difference between our motions book and our archives of minutes?

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – JOSE L.: Members, committees, and groups can purchase Conference-approved literature through their local service centers or online at literature.aa.org. AAWS offers discounted literature packages for Corrections, Public Information, Accessibilities, Treatment, and CPC committees. GSO is monitoring international tariff conditions. Currently, there are no pricing changes; however, updates will be provided if any changes occur. Encourage members to download the Grapevine and La Viña apps, participate in the Carry the Message Project, and subscribe to the podcast and YouTube channel. Deaf members can share their recovery stories through a Grapevine playlist featuring non-alcoholic ASL interpreters. AAWS is seeking A.A. members who served in the U.S. and Canada armed services for a Military Veteran Interview Project; please contact militaryoutreach@aa.org.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ELENA B.: The turnout for our Pizza Party with the Delegate was fantastic, the atmosphere welcoming, and the report back was informative and heartfelt. We're preparing for Unity Day on June 8 at Toro Park in Salinas, where we will host a General Service booth with A.A. literature.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) - JUAN T.: Our Delegate will visit our district for her report on the first Wednesday in June. We haven't had much activity in our district yet, but we're looking forward to the visit.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – RYAN A.: We discussed the upcoming International Conference, where GSRs can find information on agenda items on aa.org. Santa Cruz Unity Day is on June 1 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. As part of our District CPC efforts, our PI/CPC committee has interviewed A.A. members who are neurodivergent, unhoused, and veterans. BTG had one bridge and collected 13 cards. Our Archives Committee is gathering group histories via a webform.

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – CHRIS W. (ALTERNATE DCMC): We gathered district consciences on the current Area motions and passed two housekeeping motions: 1) to purchase flowers for our new Trustees; and 2) to post District news to the General Service App. Chitra will share her report with us on June 11. A potluck will be held at 7:00 p.m. before the District meeting. Our PI/CPC committee has participated in 13 events this year, already matching last year's total.

Our Accessibility Committee and Safety and Inclusion Committee meet on the 3rd Tuesday and 4th Wednesday of the month, respectively, and would love to see some new faces.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – PAM S.: Our District meetings are well-attended. We're exploring ways to improve our meeting agenda for better communication. Our visiting officer updated us on Area and GSO finances. We're excited to host the Summer Assembly in San Jose on August 2. Our Alternate DCMC is the Assembly Chair and forming a volunteer team. A Friday night dinner and speaker event is in the works.

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – JONATHAN L.: Thanks to all who attended and helped at the Post-Conference Assembly. PENYPAA enjoyed their General Service experience. We thank District 16 for hosting the Pre-Assembly Dinner! Our Alternate DCMC led our May meeting, where we recapped our Assembly experience, discussed district reimbursement guidelines, and clarified the stipend amount for the International Convention's virtual program (\$35). Next up: Community Day on July 13 at the Beresford Recreation Center, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – SAM G. (ALTERNATE DCMC): We passed several housekeeping motions, including approval of our Accessibility Committee's CSP (Composition, Scope and Procedures), and funding overflow parking for the Post-Conference Assembly. Our visiting officer was a DCMC who first presented the idea that Districts 05 and 06 would host an interdistrict together; they saw the original motion come full circle. We have elected an Event Chair and will finalize the 2025 dates for Unity Day and the Interdistrict event. The Post-Conference Assembly was a blast. Thanks again to D16 for the amazing dinner.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – BRIDGET L: New GSRS attending their first District 07 meeting receive an orientation and a service manual. There's a lot of talk about the Vancouver International Conference. Several potlucks are planned for Memorial Day. We're still discussing whether to host an assembly. Our GSRs were well-represented at the Assembly, and we have a lot of information to share with our groups.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – CHASE C.: All the information you need about our District is on the General Service App, including upcoming events like the Delegate Night Potluck and Report-Back on June 23 (hybrid). The Valley Service Center will observe Founders Day with a literature sale from June 9 to 11, from noon to 8 p.m., featuring food, refreshments, and drawings for items from the Akron Intergroup catalog. In July, District 70 will host a presentation from a past AAWS Non-Trustee Director.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – CHUCK B.: At the May district meeting, GSRs and DCMs discussed three new business motions for the area assembly. GSRs were encouraged to return to their groups, have a discussion, and be informed when the items come up again at the Summer Assembly. Our visiting area officer gave a presentation about what goes on at the General Service Conference, including a day-by-day schedule.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – BILLIE JO C.: No report.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – DEBRA M.: We've set our annual budget and updated the district reimbursement guidelines. Unity Day will feature an ice cream social and the Delegate's report. We're encouraging outreach to groups without GSRs. We also held H&I and PI/CPC workshops.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – FRANK T.: This month, we elected a new Registrar, recapped the Traditions Breakfast, shared highlights from the Summer Assembly and Delegate's Report, and discussed *The A.A. Group* pamphlet. We decided to participate in the Interdistrict Workshop with Districts 05 and 06 and explored the history of our area as well as the history of the General Service Board. A District Officers' brunch meeting is planned for June 8.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – DUNCAN L.: We elected a BTG Chair and welcomed two new GSRs. We look forward to hearing from our Delegate at the Napa Valley Unity Day on June 14. We approved a motion to make the *Plain Language Big Book* more inclusive of atheist and agnostic members. Our visiting officer sparked our excitement as we prepare to host the Fall Assembly.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – MAUREEN G. (READ BY MARY-ELLEN W.): We discussed how sub-districts can better serve our GSRs, and ways to distribute work for the General Service App. Our Delegate's BBQ will be on June 2; food will be served a 6 p.m., followed by the report at 7:30 p.m. The Alternate DCMC position is open and up for election in August.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – CHRIS W.: We added a new GSR in May. The Founders' Day softball game is on June 7 in Kelseyville. BTG and H&I continue their good work. 64 A.A. meetings are held weekly in Lake County, including two well-attended fire camp meetings.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ALEX P.: The Gualala Group has changed venues, and the Pacific Home Group's meeting space is now secure after two years of uncertainty. We finalized our district reimbursement guidelines and started uploading content to the General Service App.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JANINE L.: (READ BY COLLEEN S.): Our BTG Chair stepped down due to family health issues; two Del Norte members are considering the position. Our Unity Day is on July 19. After dinner and fellowship with the visiting Area Officer, we learned about the Conference and had a great Q&A and discussion. We continue to build our PI/CPC and Accessibility Committees.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – ROSALBA P.: District 16 hosted the Post-Conference dinner, and we were happy to see our Hispanic A.A. community members experience General Service for the first time. We hope everyone enjoyed the meal prepared by our wonderful chef.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – OSCAR M. (ALTERNATE DCMC): Our Delegate will share her report with the District next month. Our District anniversary is June 24. PI/CPC is giving presentations at local high schools.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE G.: A trusted servant stepped down for personal reasons, and the Alternate was elected as DCMC; we then elected a new Alternate. We participated in the Post-Conference and appreciated the information shared. We are planning a Safety Workshop (date to be announced) and are co-hosting the Fall Assembly with District 11 in Napa. District 18 will host a Delegate's Report on June 18 – everyone is welcome!

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – ADAN M.: District 19 continues to work and organize, slowly but with commitment, even if we lack experience. We now have a new location at 21 W Laurel Dr., Suite 49 in Salinas. We are planning our district anniversary and collaborating enthusiastically with our colleagues on the 6th Hispanic Forum committee. We feel fortunate to have attended the Post-Conference Assembly and heard a great report from the Delegates. We thank our visiting officer for the valuable information they shared.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – MISAIEL M.: District 20 thanks the Area and host Districts for recent Assemblies. We hope to co-host the 2025 Election Assembly; more details will be shared soon. We're working with the Tech and Web Committees on a workshop to navigate the GSO, Area 06, and District websites. Our CPC Committee created QR code stickers to help institutions locate meetings. All committees are active, and we continue supporting the 6th Hispanic Forum. Congratulations to Chitra on her first Conference – we look forward to her report in our district.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – ENRIQUE E.: Please help your District Accessibilities Chairs by making announcements and encouraging A.A. members to join your local committee. The Area's Accessibilities Committee offers safety workshops using GSO materials; contact me for details, as our schedule is filling up. Teddy B-W presented today on the *Plain Language Big Book* (PLBB) as an accessibility tool. People shared their experience with getting the PLBB into public libraries and the hands of GSRs. Next month, we'll hear a presentation on the Meeting Guide App. Please encourage your groups to share their App questions, challenges, and needs with our committee. Access message of the month: How do your groups carry the message in accessible formats on the literature table? Do you have literature in large print and multiple languages? Do you take the Access to A.A. pamphlet?

ARCHIVES – ELVIA P.: District Archives Reps are doing a great job gathering group histories. Here's a quote from the Area Archives Librarian in the Motions Book from 1988: "The Archives needs help, we have much material that needs sorting and cataloguing and placed into protective sleeves in binders." That was 37 years ago. Today, those binders and drawers need to be sorted and digitized. Please join us at Archives Workday, every 2nd Saturday in Walnut Creek.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LYNN K.: District BTG chairs reported eight new volunteers, twelve bridges, nineteen presentations, and 64 blue cards received. We sent four contact requests to other Areas. Our visiting Area Officer shared about the Post-Conference Assembly. We discussed

updating the “Hope” video, a PSA often shared during BTG presentations; we may bring a motion to the Area. I’m nervous and excited to speak on a BTG panel at the International Convention.

COMMENTS/COMMENTARIOS - BLAKE L. (READ BY CHARLOTTE H.): We are on a roll sending out *Comments* and *Comentarios*.

FINANCE – JEFF D.: The [2025 Budget](#) is on [cnca06.org](#) under Finance Archives in the Finance dropdown menu. Today, we closely reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for May. As reported, we are in a negative position regarding income versus expenses, but this was anticipated. We will have a little breathing room over the next few months until our next major expense, the Summer Assembly. Overall, we are on track. We expect to post the 2026 committee budgets and general expense worksheets in our Google Drive by the end of next week. The sheets have a due date of no later than the Summer Assembly. We will be presenting a Housekeeping Motion today to provide additional financial support to the General Service Board, which will help defray the cost of the General Service Conference.

I&T - LUIS R. (READ BY JUAN D19): We appreciate the Area’s patience when the radios experience audio interference, and we are working to resolve this issue quickly. The Post-Conference Assembly was interpreted into American Sign Language (ASL), with interpreters present on Zoom to provide access to those who needed it. Approximately 100 radios were borrowed during the assembly, and all were returned in good condition. This month, we translated and edited ten documents. Our annual subscription to the DeepL translation program has been renewed.

PI/CPC – CLAUDIA N. (READ BY MATT E.): Miguel H. showed us how PI/CPC committees can use the “Welcome Home” QR code sheet. Next month, a member of the District 12 PI/CPC will share resources they have learned from the National PI Working Group (based out of the East Bay).

TECHNOLOGY – MEG B.: Thanks to our hybrid team and volunteers for a successful Post-Conference Assembly! We’re planning a September workshop with the Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair on “Technology in the Fellowship: What is GSO Doing?” – focusing on websites, apps, and YouTube channels. We’ve also begun an email migration project in collaboration with the Area Officers and the Web Committee to improve continuity and access across General Service panels. The first All-Committee Chairs meeting sparked great collaboration and will continue in July. Volunteers are needed for Area hybrid events. Please email hybridteam@cnca06.org.

WEBSITE – SANDRA S.: This month, we explored the possibility of creating a new CNCA website. We voted to send Gavin O. to the National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) in Cincinnati. At the Post-Conference Assembly, we hosted a display table with a monitor displaying the current website and answered questions from attendees. All May updates are now posted on [cnca06.org](#). Please email feedback to webchair@cnca06.org.

DCM SHARING SESSION – NICOLE K.: The presenter walked us through how to read the Final Conference Report and how to navigate using the table of contents. The conversation caught fire when we discussed the Delegate’s Report – what was heard, what wasn’t, and the range of reactions. There were anywhere from 10 to 100 different opinions about what the Delegate shared!

SPANISH LINGUISTIC SHARING SESSION – LUIS R.: We heard a presentation on Concept II. We learned to honor the principle of rotation, just as Bill and Bob delegated authority to the groups, knowing they wouldn’t be around forever. This Concept teaches us how to delegate authority responsibly so that no one person holds too much power. As trusted servants, we must act in the best interest of the whole community, not just our group or district. The Area Technology Chair attended and asked how her committee can support this Concept. She will present next month on the use of technology in A.A. service.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – MARY-ELLEN W.: We heard a presentation on how to navigate the Grapevine and La Viña apps, and how to use them as an effective tool to carry the message. Members emphasized the significance of the apps in their daily lives. The interactive presentation demonstrated the different functions of the app.

H & I – JAMES C.: We are edging into the black but remain financially neutral and are working to reduce NorCal committee expenses. We’re considering moving quarterly meetings online, with one in-person meeting per year, discontinuing literature stockpiling to cut warehousing costs, and transitioning much of our material online to reduce printing. The annual Pink Can financial report is now available online, and printed copies are available by request. Outreach to Spanish-speaking districts continues, and we’ve filled the Spanish Communications Chair. IVSS is growing – we need more sponsors. We have open roles in Finance, Archives, Literature, and Web. Visit www.handinorcal.org.

YPAA (YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A.): No report.

CENTRAL OFFICES – DON Z.: The ICOAA Seminar meets weekly online. This month, we discussed the Online Intergroup website (aa-intergroups.org), which serves only online groups and is not affiliated with any other Intergroup. The San Francisco Marin Intergroup pop-up bookstore at the Post-Conference Assembly was well received. Karina H. at GSO will provide Intergroups a list of pamphlets under revision to avoid ordering soon-to-be outdated items. AAWS has 86,000 copies of the limited run 75th Anniversary First Edition Big Book in stock. Only window shade versions of the 12 Concepts are produced. Founders Day events are being planned, and Grapevine Publisher Chris C. will attend the 40th Annual ICOAA Seminar in Memphis, Tennessee, from September 19 to 21.

NCCAA (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF A.A.) – CHASE C.: The 77th NCCAA Conference will be held on March 20 - 22, and information is available on the General Service app. Open the Area tab and scroll down; you will see a button for NCCAA that can take you to the registration page. Our first host committee meeting will be held tomorrow in Dublin, CA. All the information will be found on that website, norcalaa.org.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – BLANCA: Nothing new to report; we are waiting to hear from the 2025 Workshop Chair.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – JUAN CARLOS (READ BY JUAN T.): The 29th Anniversary of La Viña will be held in Area 05 on July 25–27, 2025, at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry in Los Angeles County.

FORO HISPANO – ADAN: The 6th Hispanic Forum will be held on Sunday, November 2.

AREA BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA06 create an ongoing, regularly scheduled Sharing Session on Safety and Inclusion – *Presented by the District 04 (Santa Clara North) Safety Committee*

Presentation: Our Twelve Traditions tell us that A.A. is inclusive – that everyone who has the desire to stop drinking is welcome. Yet in District 04's recent Safety in A.A. survey, many members reported experiences of sexual harassment, predatory behavior, or feelings of exclusion due to spiritual beliefs, disability, gender non-conformity, or racial and ethnic differences. Sometimes these members are met with love and tolerance – as is our code – but often they are not. Some are told to find another meeting or are left to navigate harm on their own. This motion proposes that CNCA create a Sharing Session on Safety and Inclusion. The purpose is to offer a structured space for members to share experience, strength, and hope around creating safer, more inclusive A.A. environments. We hope to identify best practices and explore Tradition-based responses to challenges in group life. This would be an ongoing session, open to all, rooted in love and service.

Clarifying Questions: Q: Is the intention for this to be an in-person hybrid sharing session on the morning of the ACM? A: Yes. // Q: Will this sharing session also cover safety topics related to medication? A: Yes. // Q: Would making it hybrid require renting a room and running Zoom? A: *[Chair confirms]* Yes, a room rental and Zoom setup would be needed. // Q: Who would be invited to attend? A: Sharing sessions are open to all interested A.A. members. // Q: Since all sharing sessions are interpreted, there would be a cost of one hour of interpretation in addition to the room rental, correct? A: *[Chair responds]* Yes, that is correct. // Q: Will these safety materials be available to the fellowship? A: Many draft materials are already available on the District 04 website, and once finalized, they will be translated into Spanish. // Q: Will members of District

04's Safety Committee be available to support the sharing session? A: Yes. // Q: Will there be an elected chair, or would a session coordinator change month to month? A: Yes, members will be elected or volunteer to serve from session to session, similar to the Spanish linguistic sharing session. //

Vote (Simple Majority): Remain at the ACM (28) / Forward to the Assembly (21). <<<The motion will remain at the ACM and become New Business on June 28, 2025.>>>

- That CNCA exclusively publish digital comments/Comentarios – *Presented by Chase C., DCMC District 70 Alameda South, and Meg B., CNCA Technology Chair.*

Presentation: The purpose of this presentation is to ensure transparency between CNCA and our groups and remove barriers to accessing the digital *Comments* and *Comentarios*. The history of our newsletter dates back to the Panel 27 Delegate, Dean K., who began writing an unofficial newsletter in 1977. In 1981, the Panel 31 Delegate proposed that CNCA have an official Area newsletter, and by 1987, the printing and mailing of the *Comments* was formalized. In 2005, an Ad Hoc Committee reviewed options to add digital distribution to the print mailing. In 2021, a motion was presented that digital distribution be the default method of sharing unless a print copy was requested, and the Assembly approved the motion in 2022. A digital newsletter Ad Hoc was formed and recommended that the Area use Mailchimp. As of April 2025, there are 868 digital subscribers on Mailchimp (769 English, 99 Spanish), with a 57% open rate and no print requests. In 2022, the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter was \$6,909.87 for the *Comments* and \$334 for the *Comentarios*. Currently, digital distribution costs just \$35. All registered GSRs and DCMCs are subscribed automatically. As the newsletter continues evolving, we hope members will find it easier to access and stay informed about the work of the Area.

Questions: Q: Is it true that to register as a GSR or to serve in General Service, you must have an email address? A: Yes, that's true. // Q: Would you consider using the word "provide" instead of "publish"? A: No. // *[Delegate clarifies that "publish" is standard terminology and refers to digital or electronic publication.]* // Q: Does the digital version have a print button to produce a formatted printable version? A: Yes. // Q: Will there no longer be a printed copy, so if someone doesn't have email or computer access, they won't be able to receive it? A: That's correct. The motion proposes discontinuing printed distribution. // Q: If a District or group wants to print and distribute it themselves, could they? A: Yes. Districts or individuals are free to print and share as they choose. // Q: Can you detail what barriers this motion would eliminate? A: This helps eliminate the burden on the Area of maintaining a print distribution system. It encourages members to ask for help setting up email if needed. Any accessibility issue related to print can be addressed by printing at home or through a District. Online access also allows for font enlargement and other accessibility features. The process of printing required a team to create a separate version, coordinate pickup, pay for printing, pack, stamp, and mail. We did this for 34

copies last panel, and zero this panel. We're asking to be relieved of that burden. // Q: But printing the digital version is still long – like 42–60 pages, depending on format. A: Yes, it can be lengthy, but again, we are removing the Area's burden, not restricting others from printing it. // Q: Is this motion being brought through the Accessibilities Committee? Have you consulted members who don't have access to technology? A: We did consider that and discussed it at last month's meeting. The motion shifts the responsibility of printing to others if needed. Also, digital access can actually enhance accessibility through features like zooming in text. // Q: Would the motion prohibit creating a simplified, print-friendly PDF version? A: No, it would not. The trusted servants who produce the *Comments* and *Comentarios* would have the autonomy to create and include such a version if needed. // The motion was amended to read: "That CNCA publish the *Comments* and *Comentarios* exclusively in a digital format."

Vote (Simple Majority): Remain at the ACM (34) / Forward to Assembly (10). <<<The motion will remain at the ACM and become New Business on June 28, 2025.>>>

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

- That CNCA 06 fund one member from the Web Committee to attend in person the 2025 National A.A. Technology Workshop not to exceed the budgeted cost of \$1200. – *Presented by the CNCA Web Committee*

Presentation: No additional presentation.

Questions: Q: Are we already sending a representative from our Area through the Technology Committee. A: Yes. // Q: This expense is a part of the annual budget that the Area votes to approve each year as a housekeeping, correct? A: Yes. // An objection was made. <<The motion will become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on June 28, 2025.>>

- That CNCA fund a member of the Bridging the Gap committee to the 2025 Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Ontario CA on September 5 - 7 not to exceed the \$1,500 that is budgeted. – *Presented by the CNCA Bridging the Gap Committee*

Presentation: Since the BTGWW is being held here in California, the expense will be lower than \$1,500.

Questions: Q: Approximately how much will the actual cost be? A: Airfare is around \$300 to \$400. Two nights in the hotel would be another \$300. Altogether, maybe \$600 to \$800. // No objections.
<<Housekeeping Motion Passes>>

- That CNCA 06 write a letter of support for the SCCYPAA Bid for the All California Young People in A.A. (ACYPAA) in 2027. – *Presented by Santa Clara County Young People in A.A. (SCCYPAA)*

Presentation: ACPYPA (All California Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous) is a weekend-long conference for young people in A.A. SCCYPAA is bidding to host it in Santa Clara County and we're asking for your spiritual support in the form of a letter of recommendation. We are not asking for financial support. We believe it would greatly benefit the young people in our community.

Questions: Q: Why do we need to give you a letter? A: There are certain requirements in the bid package, including a letter from Intergroup, a letter from General Service, facility details, etc. These letters of support demonstrate the SCCYPAA is integrated into the larger AA community. // Q: Who sends the letter? Does one need to come from our District too? A: *[The Chair clarifies]* The Area Delegate drafts the letter using a standard form, and it's included in the bid package. // Q: If we approve a letter of support to SCCYPAA, does that exclude supporting other entities? A: No, support can be extended to others as well. // Q: Who requires the letter of support? A: The ACPYPA advisory committee is composed of members from past host committees, and they evaluate the bid package. All the bid requirements, including the letters of support, were established by the advisory committee. //

No objections. <<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>

- That the Annual Delegate Contribution from CNCA to the General Service Board for the 2025 General Service Conference be \$5,000.00. – *Presented by the CNCA Finance Committee*

Presentation: No additional presentation.

Questions: Q: Did we already pay a certain amount? Are we now asking to submit more? A: Yes, we previously voted to send \$3,500 and are now requesting an additional \$1,500, totaling \$5,000. // Q: Was this budgeted? A: No. The suggested minimum is \$2,200, but the actual cost per Delegate is about \$10,000. In the spirit of the Seventh Tradition, the Finance Committee recommends the Area contribute more this year. //

No objections. <<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>

- That CNCA contribute \$500 towards the International Convention Hospitality Suite for the Pacific Region for the cost of pins, coffee, and snacks. – *Presented by Chitra S, CNCA Delegate Panel 75*

Presentation: A committee of all 15 Pacific Region Delegates has been formed to coordinate the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite at the International Convention. We've been provided a room, which includes tables and chairs. If we want anything else – like decorations or extras – it would require funding. We chose to keep it simple and welcoming, offering coffee and small bowls of individually wrapped candy, like licorice. We also designed custom pins that represent all the Pacific Region states. Other Areas in our region are donating between \$350 - \$500 toward the suite. Since CNCA is a large Area, I propose we contribute \$500.

Questions: Q: Can we bring local candy like Ghirardelli or Jelly Belly? A: The hotel requires all meeting space food and beverages, including candy, be purchased through them. // Q: Who organizes the hospitality suite? Do the Delegates plan it themselves or do they get help from Area trusted servants? A: Delegates attend planning meetings until a Chair is elected. This year's Chair is Drew, and he will begin attending those meetings next month. //

No objections. <<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- **Motions Book**

Discussion: I keep hearing about the Motions Book – does it exist already, and if so, how can I see it? // Yes, it's a large digital document with motions, discussions, and reports from our Area since 1975. Access is by request due to full names. Jackie is compiling the Panel 75 edition. // It includes more than just motions – should it be split into separate documents? // Making it a read-only PDF, like the 12 & 12 on aa.org, could prevent accidental edits. // Panel 73 added a live Table of Contents for easier navigation. An index was hyperlinked to motions, though not all links worked due to file size. // As DCMC, it helped me understand Area finances and prudent reserve history. As Tech Chair, I used it to track committee work. It also helped identify past officers for events. // When I drafted a motion, my sponsor told me to check the Motions Book first. It was key for research. // If you had Panel 73 access, you'll need to request the updated Panel 75 version. // Reading past motions helps when drafting new ones – it's a vital record of our Area's history. // The

book is available in English and Spanish. // Splitting it into volumes, like Book One and Book Two, might improve usability. // Last panel, the format changed from multiple files (table of contents, index, motions) into one document to simplify updates. // I have the 2022 version. It's a large PDF but works fine on my older computer. I'd like the most recent one. // To receive the Motions Book, email recordingsecretary@cnca06.org.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Discussion: Today we had five housekeeping motions and limited time to review them. The housekeeping motion regarding funding the hospitality room at the International was more urgent and should have been considered first. // I objected to a housekeeping motion not because I disagreed with it, but because it's the first time two committees are sending people to the same hybrid event, which warrants discussion. // A previous district tried creating meeting highlights that eventually became too large and collapsed. The *Comments* and *Comentarios* should focus on key highlights – maybe just 5% of current content. Many people don't read them. // In districts where PI committees are inactive, national efforts become essential. If the Assembly Motion on a PI piece with QR codes motion is accepted and circulated for group conscience, it could raise awareness of AA's stagnant global membership and encourage further outreach ideas. // District 70's Third Legacy Workshop hosts a 12 Concepts Series online every Wednesday. Info is on the GSR app. // At a recent La Viña editorial board meeting, we were asked to identify members who've been published in La Viña and would like to share at the International Convention. If you know someone, contact me [via the Area Chair or Recording Secretary]. // Five years ago, members from SCCYPAA helped relaunch CRUZYPAA, which later hosted ACYPAA. It's a full-circle moment to see their progress and support here today. // It would be helpful to know the Delegate's district visit schedule so we can attend and hear her reports. // If you want to ride along with an officer to a district, just ask. Several members have already joined and found it fun and rewarding. // Please let us in SCCYPAA know how we can help with outreach. // The Area Accessibility Committee is informing the fellowship that the *Plain Language Big Book* can be a helpful tool for non-English speakers who are learning English. We're also coordinating meetings for young Spanish-speaking AA's and need your support. // It was great to see Central Office selling literature at the Post-Conference Assembly. // I noticed the safety motion wasn't in the final agenda at the Assembly, and I appreciated that it reappeared in another format. It's a good reminder to trust in the process and that things don't just disappear. //

The meeting was closed at 3:28 by Drew B. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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