

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 (CNCA 06)
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2025

The monthly Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was held using a hybrid format on June 28, 2025 with virtual attendees on Zoom and in-person attendees at the Petaluma Community Center. Drew B. opened the meeting at 12:30 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by: Roy H. (District 70)], Gabriel M. (District 18)] read Tradition 6 in Spanish and Lou S/ (District 90) read Concept VI in English. We welcomed four new GSRs. There were five past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36 Area 28), Joann L. (Panel 67), Jennifer B. (Panel 71) and Eric L. (Panel 73). Jennifer B. also currently serves as a Trustee-at-Large/U.S. The May minutes and the financial report were accepted as published in the *CNCA Comments* and *Comentarios*. **Birthdays:** 112/7. **Attendance:** @140 (@40 online and @100 in person).

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – CHITRA S.: Thank you to all the districts that invited me to give my Delegate's Report. I had a ton of fun and appreciate all the hugs and delicious food! I recommend exploring the new General Service app – scroll down on the Area tab to the section on “What Happened to the Agenda Topics?” to read the Conference results and vote counts. The updated [A.A. Guidelines on Safety and A.A. Groups](#) (MG-25) area available on [aa.org](#) for download. Procedures are in place for electing our next Pacific Regional Trustee and our Area will select our nominee at the Fall Assembly. I yield my time to Jennifer B., Trustee-at-large/US, to share with us about her recent trip abroad.

TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE/US – JENNIFER B.: I recently returned from Bulgaria, where I attended their General Service Conference as part of my new role as Trustee-at-Large. I arrived on Founders Day and was warmly welcomed by the chair of their conference. It was touching to connect with fellow alcoholics doing incredible service. We brought them a Big Book signed by our General Service Board, and I received a Bulgarian Big Book in return. Bulgaria has 512 members and 47 groups. They don't have a central office or GSO, so the same people organizing the Conference also do the service work – there's a strong sense of humility and excitement. One member joked that their Conference cost the equivalent of 50 days of drinking! At the International Convention, I'll be facilitating a hybrid “AA Around the World” call-up meeting featuring speakers from Bulgaria, New Zealand, and Mongolia.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – CLAUDIA N.: As Alternate Delegate, I'm occasionally made aware of anonymity breaks in our Area. A recent one prompted me to revisit our literature and traditions – “Understanding Anonymity,” “Anonymity in the Digital Age,” and the letter “Anonymity to the Media” are all great reminders. Our tradition of anonymity protects A.A., reminding us principles, not personalities, guide us and that no single member speaks for A.A. as a whole. At the International, I'll be moderating a panel on Anonymity and our public message, looking at how we present A.A. through news outlets, social media, and to the Fellowship and professionals. Check out the 2025 IC Checklist for info on badges, passports, the app, and more. A virtual program track is available for those at home.

CHAIR – DREW B.: We are one-quarter of the way through Panel 75. Please review the Website Survey flyer created by our Ad Hoc Committee. I also have our International Convention Pacific Region hospitality flyer and the CNCA speaker list, which includes all of our CNCA folks who will be sharing or leading panels in Vancouver. Today we have three items of new business and one housekeeping motion. This afternoon, we'll also hear a bid for the Post-Conference Assembly. Three assemblies remain open for bids for this panel that a District can bid to host. Please contact the Assembly Coordinator at assemblycoordinator@cnca06.org for more information.

TREASURER – DAN B.: As of May, we are doing decent financially. We've received \$62,000 in group and district contributions and 7th Tradition collections at ACMs and Assemblies. Expenses totaled \$63,000, including officer, assembly, committee, and admin costs, resulting in a net operating revenue of – (\$1,200). We have \$28,000 in checking before paying \$11,000 in reimbursements. Our 2024 tax return has been signed and is being filed; we neither owe nor are owed any money. We'll be using Venmo for the 7th Tradition and are working to open a nonprofit Venmo account. Our new PayPal account and recently filed tax return will support this process. Please encourage groups to contribute electronically at cnca06.org/contribute (include a group service number if possible). Checks are still accepted but processing them takes longer.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – MATT E.: The Summer Assembly is right around the corner! We'll see each other at the July ACM, and then just one week later—on Saturday, August 2—we'll meet again at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose for the FUN Assembly. Preliminary flyers will be sent to DCMCs and Committee Chairs next week. We often ask how to encourage and increase participation in General Service -- my first Area event was the 2018 Summer Assembly in Fortuna, and I've been hooked ever since. Today we'll hear a bid from District 90 Solano North for the 2026 Post-Conference Assembly. If your District is interested in hosting an assembly in 2026 or 2027, please email assemblycoordinator@cnca06.org.

REGISTRAR – SARAH B.: Keeping group records up to date just got easier! I set up an automation on Airtable that will periodically email members whose information hasn't been updated in over a year to confirm if they're still serving. I also helped a Florida delegate use our data to show travel distances to assemblies. Using district meeting locations as a starting point, the farthest drive to the post-conference was 353 miles, with a median of 86 miles. Attendance dropped as distance increased. If you ever want to geek out on data, I'm your gal.

RECORDING SECRETARY – JACKIE B.: Thank you to everyone who attended the Secretary's Recording Workshop. A sample minutes template and the orientation slideshow are now available. Another workshop will be held early next year on the topic "Creating a District Motions Book". I appreciated last month's discussion on the Area Motions Book, and I've sent copies to everyone who requested one. If you'd like a copy in English or Spanish, please email recordingsecretary@cnca06.org. Did you know that

in 1986 our Area submitted a bid to host the International Convention? The proposed venues were Candlestick Park and Moscone Center.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – JOSE L.: Literature and Grapevine/La Viña highlights from the 75th General Service Conference include: 1) A revised five-year plan for La Viña (2026–2030) failed, but a recommendation for annually review both magazines' five-year plans was approved; 2) the pamphlet *AA Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print* will be revised; 3) a membership survey will assess Grapevine offerings, with reports due in 2026 and 2027; 4) proposed Grapevine book titles include a second collection of women's stories, a photo collection, and a Spanish collection on service; 5) *Living Sober* will be revised; 6) Revisions to the *Plain Language Big Book* has been deferred until 2027; 7) A proposal to add the Concepts to the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* failed; 8) Updates to the pamphlets *The Twelve Steps Illustrated*, *Indigenous People in A.A.* and *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship* passed; and 9) The animated video of the *Twelve Concepts Illustrated* passed.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ELENA B.: We participated in Salinas Unity Day on June 8, where our District staffed a table and connected with attendees to raise awareness about General Service. Several individuals expressed interest in receiving the A.A. Service Manual. While we continue to face challenges resolving our bank account issues, the Finance Committee is committed to finding a solution so future panels won't face the same difficulties. Our Visitation Committee held its first meeting, assigning members to visit unrepresented groups.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) – JUAN T.: District 08 heard the Delegate's Report this month and was inspired by the experience. Two of our GSRs are headed to the International Convention! We continue to support our groups with love and service.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – RYAN A.: A few new GSRs are trickling in, and we had a great discussion about the Area business item on the Safety Sharing Session. We're looking forward to hosting the Delegate in August and will be having a potluck – all are welcome!

DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – JON R.: This month we held our delegate potluck and our Delegate shared her report. July will be full of activity with housekeeping motions and new business from PI/CPC, SCYPAA, Bridging the Gap, and Unity Day. Save the date for Unity Day on August 24 at the Milpitas Community Center – our Delegate will also share her report there. Our Accessibility Committee is launching a series of sharing sessions, starting July 20 at 4 PM on Zoom, focused on Traumatic Brain Injuries.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – PAM S.: District 40 is full of energy as we prepare to host the CNCA Summer Assembly on August 2 in San Jose. Our Alternate DCMC is serving as Chair and working closely with the Area Coordinator and our district members to bring together a truly "fun assembly." In response to strong support for Friday

events that build connections, we'll also host a dinner and speaker meeting on August 1. Flyers are available at the table. We're also excited that many of our members will be attending the International Convention – we look forward to hearing about their experiences. See you in San Jose!

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – JONATHAN L.: District 05 is actively planning Unity Day on July 13 from 12–4 PM at Beresford Recreation Center in San Mateo. We're excited to welcome service committees and host fun activities, including karaoke from PENYPAA. Our GSRs and members are eager to hear the Delegate's report and learn about the Conference. At our last meeting, we discussed a motion to add content to *Living Sober* about anxiety and depression. Most positions are filled, but we're still looking for a new PI/CPC Chair.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DAVID S.: This month, we finally had time to delve into discussion topics, which included setting intentions for our panel and a conversation about officer reports. Intergroup will host its annual gala on September 6—Olis S. will be the AA speaker, and Father Tom W. will be the guest Al-Anon speaker. Our district has tentatively scheduled our Unity Day for September 20, and our first inter-district event, co-hosted with District 5, is also tentatively scheduled for October 18.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – BRIDGET L.: Our visiting Area Officer presented on service and the impact of the Grapevine and La Viña. We have two open District positions – DCM of Subdistrict 04 and Accessibilities Chair. Four out of five Subdistricts have active DCMs. We plan to host public information tables at both the Solano Stroll and Oakland Pride. Bridging the Gap is in need of volunteers. We are exploring the creation of a safety presence.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH)–CHASE C.: District 70 welcomed our Delegate this month, and the biggest takeaway from her report was: "If you don't know what to do, be of service." On July 5, we're hosting a watch party to hear the main speaker from the International Convention in Vancouver, facilitated by our District DCM. At our July District meeting, we'll welcome guest speaker Vera F., a past AAWS non-trustee director. District 70 meets in a hybrid format – check our page on the General Service App for meeting details and how to attend.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – CHUCK B.: At the June district meeting, we hosted our Delegate's Report from the 75th General Service Conference. Thanks to our CNCA Delegate for the comprehensive report and for answering our questions.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – BILLIE JO C.: I am excited to share that we are hosting a workshop on July 26th, the same day as our district meeting. Mark your calendars: July 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Vallejo Fellowship located at 1115 Amador Street, Vallejo. The topics are "Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Sobriety."

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – DEBRA M.: This month, we had a wonderful Unity Day Ice Cream Social with our Delegate's report. Thank you to Matt for guiding us so we

could make a bid to host the 2026 Post-Conference Assembly. We've started adding information to the General Service App. Dixon has joined our Area, and we are now looking to fill two more DCM positions. We look forward to continuing to grow awareness of the importance of General Service in our district.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – FRANK T.: At our June District meeting, we discussed the personal and collective meaning of accepting a group commitment. We approved several items: adding a group inventory question on accessing A.A. information, creating a public information QR code for consistent messaging, and launching a monthly Area-wide online Safety Forum. We explored co-hosting the Summer 2026 Assembly with Sonoma District and simulated a group inventory using the Delegate's recent guidelines—"a profound evaluation process." We also shared ways to stay informed about AA, Area sharing sessions, and highlights from the CNCA06 website.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – DUNCAN L.: Unfortunately, our Alt-DCMC and a DCM stepped down; however, we welcomed three new GSRs. We welcomed three new GSRs. Our June meeting was focused on technology, featuring presentations on a Napa Valley Service wiki page and the General Service App. We hosted Unity Day on June 14, which featured our Delegate's Conference report. Host planning is underway for the Fall Inventory Assembly.

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – MAUREEN G.: District 12's Delegate BBQ on June 2 drew about 200 attendees, and the conference presentation was well received. GSRs are sharing their service experience at recovery meetings. The I&T Committee is revising guidelines, taking inventory, and working on implementing the General Service App. Access Sonoma County is planning a Safety Workshop for September. We will hold an election for Alternate DCMC in August. We're refining sub-district meetings and gathering GSR feedback.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – CHRIS W.: The 35th Annual Lake County Soberfest will be on July 18 - 20, 2025.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – TIM D. (DCM): District 14 approved our revised reimbursement guidelines. We are planning a Unity Day event later this year. The Pacific Home Group has posted QR codes linking to Coastal Intergroup activities. Our district is also using a QR code sheet to connect newcomers with AA information and the Meeting Guide App. Our visiting Area Officer gave a detailed introduction to the new General Service App, which sparked great interest and is already being updated with our District information. Everyone is encouraged to explore and share it.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JANINE L.: We have secured a venue for Unity Day on July 19 and are excited to finalize the planning with H&I and Intergroup. Our visiting Area Visiting Officer shared his journey in General Service. He expressed his love for his current position as Area Chair, noting that it aligns well with his outgoing personality and organizational skills. We continue to work on establishing our PI/CPC Committee. The District discussed several officer position vacancies, including bridging the gap,

accessibility, and recording secretary roles. The District was introduced to and discussed the launch of the new general services app, which will serve as an additional communication channel for the district.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – ROSALBA P.: District 16 will celebrate its 39th anniversary on August 10. We are taking action to acquire radios to support translation at future A.A. events. We continue visiting groups without GSRs to raise awareness about the importance of electing a representative. We are also informing our groups about the 6th Hispanic Forum and its purpose. We thank our visiting Area Officer for the valuable information they shared. We still have vacant service positions in our district.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – ERIC R.: District 17 held a small workshop focused on how to be of service in General Service. We were grateful to have our Delegate visit, answer our questions, and share her experience. Our anniversary celebration will take place at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE G.: Our Delegate visited us this month. We continue visiting groups – especially those without a GSR – to share updates on what's happening in our A.A. community. We accepted several invitations from groups to speak about General Service. Our anniversary will be held on August 24 at the Nueva Vida Group space.

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – ADAN M.: Our Delegate shared her report with us this month and our GSRs were very enthusiastic and grateful for her message. We've been building unity by participating in events with other districts, and we thank all the districts who participated in our anniversary. We continue visiting groups without GSRs to encourage participation in General Service.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – MISAIEL M.: In collaboration with District 07, we plan to bid to host next year's Election Assembly. Our District will host the next Hispanic Interdistrict Meeting on September 14. We joined District 19's Unity Day and look forward to participating in District 17's Anniversary. We're hosting a safety demonstration on July 8 and the Delegate's Report on July 28.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – ENRIQUE E.: Today's session featured a presentation by Josh R., creator of the Meeting Guide app, with a focus on accessibility. He explained how meetings can ensure their information is accurate and accessible and previewed updates to help members find ASL meetings online. We were shocked to learn there are only 118 sign language meetings listed in the app and none in the Bay Area. Next month will feature a presentation on ASL. Access Message of the Month: Does your district have an Accessibility Committee?

ARCHIVES – ELVIA P.: La Viña will celebrate its 29th Anniversary this year. In 1991, Spanish-speaking A.A. members requested that Grapevine articles be made available in Spanish. In response, the Grapevine published monthly Spanish articles, followed by a special Spanish edition in 1995. The first edition of the bi-monthly La Viña magazine was published in 1996. Western Roundup Living Sober in San Francisco celebrates its 49th anniversary by marching in the Pride Parade and hosting a booth. District Archives Chairs are working together to organize and clear out documents. We hope to purchase new equipment to support their efforts soon.

BRIDGING THE GAP – LYNN K.: This month, we heard reports from 10 districts, with 52 presentations, 195 requests for contact, 16 successful bridges, and nine new volunteers. We also received three out-of-state requests from Texas, Iowa, and New York. Due to low attendance, we'll be selecting someone to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend next month. We still have 8 District BTG Chair positions open. All committees are actively working to recruit more presenters and volunteers.

COMMENTS/COMMENTARIOS – BLAKE L.: We thank everyone who contributed to the June newsletters, with a special acknowledgement to the I&T Committee for their translations.

FINANCE – JEFF D.: The Finance Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Financial Statements and found them accurate. We thank the Area Officers and Committee Chairs for sticking so closely to the 2025 budget. 2026 budget worksheets will be available next week via Google Drive for Officers and Committee Chairs to complete. Our taxes are now filed, and we're moving forward with electronic contributions.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION (I&T) – LUIS R. (READ BY JAVIER L.): Over the last month, we translated an average of 14 reports and provided interpretation for 10 meetings. We're speaking with the Finance and Treasury Committees about possibly purchasing more radios to meet upcoming assembly needs. We welcomed a new member-at-large to the committee.

PI/CPC – CLAUDIA N.: The PI/CPC Committee meets to provide resources, share ideas, and support anyone interested in this service. At today's meeting, a member from District 12 shared outreach tools for public and professional audiences, including English and Spanish literature posters, waiting room flyers with QR-coded cards, and a poster generator tool. He also walked us through an AA Overview presentation used with professionals. Next month, Julia from District 03 will share how she sets up her PICPC tables. Our next meeting is July 26th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

TECHNOLOGY – MEG B.: We have begun planning the Area's email migration, with the purpose of enhancing communication and document collaboration. District 20 will host our upcoming Tech Workshop with a tentative date in October. Topics will include the Grapevine and La Viña apps, the Meeting Guide app, A.A. websites, A.A. podcasts, and the General Service app. We're also rolling out QR codes for 7th Tradition contributions at hybrid assemblies, with more helpful slides coming soon – thanks for the feedback!

Lastly, we're looking for a volunteer to support online service at the Summer Assembly. Contact me at technology@cnca06.org if you are interested.

WEBSITE – SANDRA S.: The Ad Hoc Website Committee created a survey to gather input at the ACM. We reviewed what's needed to complete an email migration to either Outlook or Gmail; Area Officers will decide which platform to use. Spanish Districts, please contact Magdaleno with updates for the Spanish homepage. June's posts are live on the website. We're waiting on ACM approval to send a committee member to the Technology Workshop in November. The committee will have a display table at the Summer and Fall Assemblies. Questions? Email webchair@cnca06.org.

DCM SHARING SESSION – MATT E.: We heard a valuable presentation on what to do after Agenda Topics season. The presenter created a beautiful PDF with talking points and suggested next steps, which will be made available in both English and Spanish.

SPANISH LINGUISTIC SHARING SESSION – ROSA: A presentation was given about the General Service and Meeting Guide apps, encouraging members from Hispanic linguistic districts to download and explore them. The Meeting Guide app, available since 2015 on both iPhone and Android, is fully accessible in Spanish and includes vital information for newcomers, such as meeting locations and Intergroup offices. Flyers were distributed with links to find districts and additional resources. A workshop in Spanish was also held to demonstrate the app's features.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – JAIME.: We reviewed the outcomes from the 2025 General Service Conference, specifically actions related to Grapevine and La Viña. We discussed the differences between Advisory Actions, Floor Actions, and Recommendations. Participation was strong, with thoughtful sharing and engagement throughout.

H & I (HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE) – JAMES C.: Several positions are rotating out in July, and the following commitments are open: NorCal Committee Chair, Finance Committee Member, Archives Chair, Literature Chair, and Web Chair. If you're interested in expanding your service into H&I, our next business meeting is Sunday, July 27, at 11:00 a.m. Visit handinorcal.org for meeting location and hybrid log-in details. Our financial picture is improving but remains neutral, so we're trimming costs by considering online-only quarterly meetings and ending literature stockpiling. Our outreach efforts to Spanish-speaking districts continue, and we've filled the Spanish Communication Chair. IVSS continues growing and seeks new sponsors.

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

INTERGROUPS AND CENTRAL OFFICES – DON Z.: This month, many Central Offices held Founders' Day events. We discussed whether Central Office websites and newsletters should include information about social events (e.g., bowling, bingo, softball). For website postings, it is considered best practice to use JPEGs rather than PDFs, as personally identifying information is not searchable in JPEGs. We discussed insurance

coverage for special events and offsite activities, particularly for groups meeting in church facilities. Some Intergroup Boards are encouraging board members to visit meetings and serve in the office to gain firsthand experience. Literature updates included news of seasonal sales from December 15 through February 15, as well as reminders that delayed items may result in unexpected charges when shipped. The 2025 ICOAA seminar will take place in Memphis, Tennessee, from September 19 – 21.

INTERGRUPOS Y OFICINAS CENTRALES – FIDEL P.: Oficina Central Hispana Costa Norte is made up of 17 groups and includes committees such as Public Information, Literature, La Viña and Grapevine, Step 12, and Formal Sponsorship. They hold their business meeting on the first Thursday of each month, and on the third Friday, all groups come together for Unity at the group La Alegría de Vivir. In April and May, 75 people received the message, including eight women. Lastly, the office will celebrate its 20th anniversary on September 20.

NCCAA (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF A.A.) – CHASE C. AND EDUARDO: We're excited to have a member of the 2026 Spring Host Committee serving as Spanish Liaison for the NCCAA Conference. We hope you'll attend! You can register and find volunteer info at NorCalAA.org. The next NCCAA will be held in San Ramon March 20–22, 2026, at the San Ramon Marriott. We're currently visiting venues for Fall 2026 in Stockton. If your area is interested in hosting a future conference, please contact Sue B. through the [NCCAA Website Contact Page](#).

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – VACANT: No report.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – JUAN CARLOS M.: The 29th Anniversary of La Viña will take place July 25 – 27, 2025, at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry, CA (Area 05, Southern California). The banquet is \$80 for adults and \$55 for children. Event registration is \$30. A play will be performed at the La Viña Anniversary and also at the AA International Convention on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard Street.

FORO HISPANO – ISRAEL F.: District 19 is enthusiastically planning the program with the support of all our groups. The Foro will take place on Sunday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Seaside, CA. Thank you for your support.

AREA BUSINESS

ASSEMBLY BID:

- Bid for 2026 Post Conference Assembly – Presented by District 90 Solano North

Presentation: The proposed venue is the Ulati Community Center in Vacaville, a familiar and well-sized facility where time constraints won't be an issue for this Assembly.

Questions: Q: Will there be pipe cleaners? A: Yes.

Vote by Simple Majority: <<Assembly Bid Approved >>

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

- That CNCA purchase a combination printer/scanner/copier and extended warranty for the Archives Committee at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. – *Presented by the CNCA Archives Committee*

Presentation: We want to purchase a Brother monochrome laser all in one printer. The printer we currently have is not working properly.

Questions: Q: Does the printer also print in color? A: Yes. // Q: How many documents are you printing? What is the general usage? A: We print quite a bit, including group history forms and archival documents that need to be scanned and reprinted. // Q: Is this expense included in your annual budget? (*Finance Chair*) A: It was not included in the Archives budget request last year, but funds are available and it won't impact the budget. (*P73 Archives Chair*) A: Because Archives hasn't purchased equipment in recent years, the Panel 73 Committee was not allowed to request funds for this in the 2025 budget. // Q: Are you printing more or scanning more? Laser cartridges are more expensive than ink. A: Our digital analyst and committee chair reviewed options and found that this laser model is more cost-effective than using inkjet over time. // Q: What are the warranty details, and why not use a scanner app on a phone? A: We do a large amount of scanning as we digitize hard copy archival materials. This Brother model has a good warranty and separates toner and drum, which helps reduce costs. // Q: Do you have a current scanner? A: Yes, but it would be helpful to have a second so we can scan from two stations during workdays. //

Vote by General Consent: **No objections.** <<Housekeeping Motion Passed>>

OLD BUSINESS: None

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*

Impact of the Motion: If this motion passes, the area will conduct a monthly sharing session on safety and inclusion. Time and place will determine cost. If the sharing session is online only, the cost will be for online meeting software and translation. If the meeting is in person, the cost will include room rental in addition to online meeting software and translation. If the motion does not pass, there will not be any safety and inclusion sharing session, and nothing will change.

Discussion: Group consciences: The District 04 Safety Committee determined that the room rental would be \$600 per year and interpretation about \$900 per year. // District 10 supports this unanimously. We would appreciate having a space to bring issues and hear how others handle them using the Traditions. // District 70 supports a session on safety but opposes the inclusion piece, finding it potentially controversial. // District 07 supports the proposal. Though many resources exist, more attention is needed. // District 04 overwhelmingly supports it; minority opinion feels adding “inclusion” muddies the focus on safety. // One group is mixed – some like the idea, others think the Traditions already cover inclusion and are concerned it could become a “department of complaints.” // District 20 reports 3 of 6 people support the motion. // District 03 supports this idea as a way for members in the Area to share solutions. // Our Area has a relatively new Accessibilities Committee and its purpose already includes safety. Members should bring safety concerns there rather than create something new. // **Personal opinions:** I’m in favor but feel there should be a balance between those seeking help and those bringing solutions. // Q: Will this be hybrid? (*Motion-maker*) A: It depends on room availability, but it will definitely be online. // Q: What about concerns around room availability and hybrid costs? (*Area Chair*) A: The motion is about having the session; logistics will be figured out later. // Q: Will there be professional resources available for triggering topics? (*Motion-maker*) A: District 04 has had professionals participate in safety workshops, so it’s possible. // Our district wants something on safety. My personal opinion is that safety and inclusion is too big, and inclusion might better belong under Accessibilities. // Members are interested in discussing this and bringing information back to their groups and areas. // In *Language of the Heart*, Bill asked if A.A. could transcend barriers of race, language, culture and prejudice. I think we should create a space for these kinds of discussions. // The long-term goal is for this to be part of the Accessibilities Committee, but right now it’s a new and emerging issue. General Service isn’t a great guide—they’ve taken 14 years to work on their safety service piece, SMF-209. // **<<Motion to become Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 26, 2025>>**

- That CNCA publish the Comments and Comentaríos exclusively in a digital format. by Chase C. and Meg B

Impact of the Motion: If this motion passes, the area will only send *Comments* and *Comentaríos* as they are today in a digital format. The printed and physically mailed version will not be available. If this motion does not pass, the area will continue to offer a physically printed and mailed version of the *Comments* and *Comentaríos* costing roughly \$4 to \$6 per copy.

Discussion: Group consciences: District 70 is generally in favor. Minority opinion from some older members is that they might have difficulty accessing the digital *Comments* because they’re not tech savvy. That said, the General Service app has printable PDFs of the *Comments* and *Comentaríos* under the Area tab. **Personal opinions:** This makes sense from a cost-saving perspective and reflects the reality that we live in a digital world. // My district is currently doing the *Comments* and my personal opinion is that mailing is a hassle. One person can execute the digital newsletter instead of needing a whole group to assemble and mail printed copies. // Q: Was this requested because no one asked for

mailed copies last month? Has that changed? (*Motion-maker*) A: No, there are still no requests for printed copies this month. // Personally, I think it's reasonable. Most people have phones and access to the General Service app. I used to get the paper copies and they just piled up. No one's requesting them, so why keep printing? // <<**Motion to become Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 26, 2025**>>

- 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

Impact of the Motion: If this motion passes, CNCA will fund one member of the Area Web Committee to the 2025 National A.A. Technology Workshop. The budget, as stated in the motion, is up to \$1,200. If the motion does not pass, the area will not send a member from the Web Committee and there will be zero impact.

Discussion: **Group consciences:** District 70 wants to know if a second person is going and paying out of pocket? Should there be an alternate? What's the sobriety requirement? // (*Motion-maker*) A: I became Web Chair in February. I talked with the Tech Chair and brought back to my committee the idea of alternating in-person attendance between the Tech and Web committees. One of our members attended virtually last year and felt he didn't get the full impact. **Personal Opinions:** I objected last month because this is a new situation: two committees sending people to the same hybrid event. Everything moves so fast with hybrid and tech now. I wanted time to talk it through. // I support at the very least offering a virtual scholarship, but overall I'm in favor of this motion. I've learned the real value of these workshops is the conversations you have in the hallways, connections which are harder to make virtually. // Q: When is the workshop? (*Area Chair*) A: First weekend in November, in Cincinnati. <<**Motion to become Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on [DATE]**>>

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Summer Assembly Topics

Topic Suggestions: Setting Intentions in Service // Service Sponsorship // Are We Inclusive or Are We Exclusive? // What's an Outside Issue? // How to Make a Motion // Anonymity and Recording/Photographing AA Events // Traditions and Group Problems – Past and Present // How Do We Reach the Newcomer on Zoom? // How Are We Carrying the Message with the *Plain Language Big Book*? // Standing Committees Education (e.g., Bridging the Gap) // Accessibilities 101 // AA and AI // Transparency and Communication // Local Customs and Small “t” Traditions // We Are Not Personally Punitive // Are We Carrying the Message or the Mess in General Service? // Personal Safety in 12th Step Work.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Discussion: Tech Hospitality Suite at International will have charging stations, bookmarks, and reps from NAATW, TIAA Forum, and Code for Recovery. // Website Committee wants feedback from users at all levels – a [survey link](#) is in the chair's email and on flyers. // I want to make amends for a joke I made earlier that was inappropriate and may have been triggering. // District 04's Accessibility Committee's is holding a sharing session on July 20th on the topic of traumatic brain injury (TBI), dual diagnosis, and physical disabilities. Visit [district04cnca.org](#) for [flyer](#) and details. // Please avoid congregating in the lobby in the mornings – we don't pay for that space. Let's keep foot traffic moving and use the meeting rooms instead. // Correction: there is an ASL meeting in the Bay Area but it's not listed as such in the app. If your group has a specialty format, make sure it's included – the app helps A.A. stay accessible. // On a recent 12th step call, I remembered my favorite Big Book quote that reminds me to go anywhere if I can be helpful. // Interpretation is available at every Area event, committee meeting and sharing session. Radios are provided. // I analyzed the Post-Conference attendance by district, weighted by number of registered groups. If you're interested in that data, email me at registrar@cnca06.org. // Happy 15 years to Pedro! // Grapevine's *The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety I & II* collector's edition is now available, along with calendars and greeting cards. These help Grapevine and La Viña remain self-supporting. // I really appreciated the rambunctious energy in the room today – it reminded me that joy is attractive to newcomers.

The meeting was closed at 12:20 PM by Drew B. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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