

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
July 26, 2025**

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on July 26, 2025, with virtual attendees on Zoom and in-person attendees at the Petaluma Community Center. Drew B. opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Jim M. and Ginger O, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The A.A. Preamble was read by Jaime G. (District 20) in Spanish, David H. (District 12) read Tradition 7 in English, and Leslie H.(District 08) read Concept 7. We welcomed six new GSRs. There were six past Delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Joann L. (Panel 67), Teddy B-W (Panel 69), and Eric L. (Panel 73). Teddy B-W also currently serves as a General Service Trustee on the General Service Board. The June 2025 minutes and the financial report were amended and accepted. **Birthdays:** 94/5. **Attendance:** 132 (42 online and 90 in person).

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**DELEGATE – CHITRA S.:** Out of the 55,000 groups, 17,000 contributed to GSO (32%). I'll be emailing the Quarterly Contributions Report, which lists contributing groups by district. It's a great time for treasurers to discuss finances at the homegroup level. The new *Indigenous People in A.A.* pamphlet (P-21) is now available. 10,000 copies shipped July 22. The Final Report from the [28th World Service Meeting](#), themed "The Three Legacies in the Digital Era", is available online. After each General Service Board weekend, the Conference Coordinator will distribute a Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) grid in English, Spanish, and French via the OnBoard platform. The A.A. Grapevine Board seeks a non-trustee director for 2026; resumes due Nov 12, 2025.

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD TRUSTEE (CLASS B) – TEDDY B-W.:** I currently serve as a Class B Trustee and Trustee-Director on the Grapevine Board. This is an experience with a steep learning curve, and my biggest peril is what I think I know. I'm learning by listening and making (thankfully small) mistakes. I chair the trustees' Literature Committee, which is especially busy from July through the year's end. We just met jointly with the Conference Literature Committee and are reviewing 48 stories for the 5th Edition Big Book. We aim to finalize a draft for consideration at the 2026 Conference. I also serve on International Conventions and Forums. Please feel free to share any feedback about Vancouver with me. On the Grapevine Board, I chair the Nominating Committee. We're recruiting a Non-Trustee Director, and the General Service Board is seeking a new Regional Trustee and Class A Trustee. Grapevine is also doing a budget reforecast. I serve on 19 committees overall, where I work with trusted servants who love A.A. and are passionate about carrying our life-giving message.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – CLAUDIA N.:** I attended my very first AA International Convention in Vancouver, and what a joyful experience it was! The opening flag ceremony commenced with the sound of bagpipes and a moving land acknowledgment from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. We heard from A.A.

members across the globe, including Bulgaria, Germany, Thailand, Bermuda, Jerusalem, South Africa, and even Antarctica. They all shared stories of recovery, resilience, and growth. 205 old-timers registered (each with over 50 years of sobriety), representing a total of 10,700 years of experience.

**CHAIR – DREW B.:** This weekend and the next, we get to practice our Three Legacies – Recovery, Unity, and Service – with an emphasis on Service. I had an amazing time at the International Convention and hope you practiced our legacy of Unity at home if you couldn't make it! Today we'll flex our motion muscles with a full agenda: a presentation of new business, a housekeeping motion, and three items of old business that may get voted on. At the upcoming Summer Assembly, we'll discuss two items of old business: 1) adding an inventory question to *The A.A. Group* pamphlet, and 2) the Public Information item (aka the "sticker").

**TREASURER – DAN B.:** As of June YTD, the area is financially stable. We've received \$73,000 in income from groups, districts, and 7th Tradition contributions at ACMs and Assemblies. Expenses total \$73,000, leaving a net operating loss of ( \$93 ). Our checking account has \$28,000 before \$10,000 in reimbursements go out. We'll be using Venmo for 7th Tradition collections and are looking into setting up a nonprofit account. Encourage groups to contribute online at [cnca06.org/contribute](https://cnca06.org/contribute) and include their group service number (GSN). Checks are still welcome, but take longer to process.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – MATT E.:** One week from today, we'll be sharing lunch in San Jose at the Summer Assembly! Join us on August 2 at the Scottish Rite Center. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., the Area Business Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m., and the workshops follow in the afternoon.

**REGISTRAR – SARAH B.:** The Registration Forms page on [cnca06.org](https://cnca06.org) was updated with clearer content and corrected forms, thanks to support from the Website Committee. Since mid-June, approximately 200 emails have been sent to verify trusted servant status, resulting in over 100 group record updates, including six new groups. The Promises Group in Dixon (previously registered in CNIA 07) is now part of District 90.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – JACKIE B.:** The [Post-Conference Assembly Minutes](#) and [June ACM Minutes](#) were all published in the July *Comments* and *Comentarios*. After reflecting on anonymity and technology at our June Secretary's Workshop, I've started to add a short AI disclaimer at the end of ACM and Assembly minutes. To summarize: I use local (non-cloud-based) transcription software on my computer to produce anonymity-protected transcripts, which I use with Chat GPT (cloud-based AI) to assist in summarization, translation, and proofreading. If you have questions or feedback, I welcome the conversation.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – JOSE L.:** This month's Grapevine magazine features stories from atheist and agnostic members. La Viña's upcoming book, *Lo Mejor de La Viña II*, will highlight stories from Hispanic members and is set for release in September 2025. Check out the latest A.A. Grapevine book, *The Next Frontier: Emotional*

*Sobriety I & II*. Members are still being sought for the Veterans Interview Project. A.A.W.S. published *A Book of Fellowship*, celebrating A.A.'s 90th anniversary. Revisions are in progress for a second edition of *Living Sober*, as well as the pamphlets *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship* and *Understanding Anonymity*.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

**DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ELENA B.:** Our Visitation Committee continues to visit groups and encourage GSR participation, which has led to several new GSRs. The Finance Committee is still resolving issues with our district bank account. We're excited about our upcoming workshop in mid-October focused on strengthening service. In March 2026, District 01 will host the monthly Intergroup Birthday Meeting, giving us an opportunity to show the local fellowship what General Service is about.

**DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO) - JUAN T.:** This is a slow time for our district, but we're excited to welcome a new GSR from the Tres Pinos Group in San Benito.

**DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – RYAN A.:** On August 13, we're hosting a potluck, and the Delegate will join us to share her report at 7:30 p.m. New GSRs continue to trickle in. PI/CPC is expanding local literature displays, and BTG is helping connect newcomers from facilities. This month, we held a roundtable on how to improve our meetings for greater GSR engagement.

**DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – JON R.:** This month, we passed motions to disburse contributions to Unity Day, fund a BTG member to attend the BTG Weekend Workshop, and write a letter of support for SCCYPAA's bid to host ACYPAA. Our visiting officer highlighted why GSRs benefit from attending the ACM. Our Accessibility Committee launched a series of sharing sessions, starting with the experiences of members with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Unity Day is August 24 in Milpitas, featuring speakers, workshops, and the Delegate's Report.

**DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – PAM S.:** Join us Friday, August 1, for a Pre-Assembly Dinner and Speaker Meeting. The speakers will be Mikey, GSR for SCCYPAA, and our past delegate, Eric L. This meeting will be hybrid and interpreted. We are excited to host the Summer Assembly and are proud to welcome you to Santa Clara County next Saturday.

**DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – JONATHAN L.:** Our Unity Day, held on July 13 at Beresford Rec Center, was a hit. It featured fellowship, karaoke by PENYPAA, and a great talk by our Alternate Delegate. Our district is now discussing updates to *Living Sober*, including topics such as anxiety and depression. After a delay, we have access to our bank account, and reimbursements are underway.

**DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DAVID S.:** We moved through our agenda efficiently and discussed how to better engage GSRs. Planning is underway for Unity Day on September 20 and an Interdistrict Event on October 18. The General Service

App is reshaping our operations, and preserving anonymity remains a top priority. We're reconciling our 2025 budget to ensure that committees get proper funding. We look forward to hearing the Delegate's Report next month.

**DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH) – ARI T.J.:** We filled all four DCM positions, including our virtual subdistrict! We are planning a joint bid with District 20 to host the 2026 Fall Election Assembly. We have added our support with District 70, Tri-Valley Intergroup, and East Bay Intergroup to co-host a PI/CPC table at Oakland Pride.

**DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – CHASE C.:** Our District meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month. This month, we will have two presenters: past Non-Trustee Director, Vera F., and our visiting Area Officer. Visit the General Service App for more details about District 70.

**DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – CHUCK B:** This month, we reviewed where GSRs can find resources to help them know what to bring back to their groups. We went over the current ACM and Assembly motions. We discussed the topic of member safety in GSO's registration process and decided to table further discussion until more information is available. Our visiting Area Officer presented on the subject, "The Conference Is Over, Now What?"

**DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – BILLIE JO C.:** Today is our much-anticipated district workshop on Emotional, Physical, and Spiritual Recovery.

**DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) – DEBRA M.:** We're excited for the Summer Assembly and have a full car headed to San Jose. Thanks for your hard work! We at District 90 appreciate it!

**DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – FRANK T.:** Agenda items for our district meeting included presentations and discussions on the Traditions and Concepts, International Convention, and H&I and BTG. We held "Choose Your Own Adventure" roundtables, asking GSRs about assembly attendance and participation, generating group interest in service, and the rewards of being a GSR. We did a deep dive into the General Service App. Marin Unity Day is set for September 13.

**DISTRICT 11 (NAPA) – DUNCAN L.:** Our July meeting was light due to the holiday, but productive. BTG is being revived in Napa Valley, with meetings planned at Duffy's in Calistoga and beyond. Fall Assembly planning is underway. We approved funding for collaborative events with Napa Valley Intergroup. Our visiting officer shared about linguistic districts and inspired ideas for inclusion. We look forward to welcoming you to Napa on October 31 - November 1.

**DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – MAUREEN G.:** Access Sonoma County is planning a hybrid Safety Workshop on September 20 with Spanish interpretation. Elections for our Alternate DCMC will be held in August. We're discussing how to use the General Service App and

making updates to our I&T guidelines, such as shifting the “T” from translation to technology.

**DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – CHRIS W.:** There are 64 A.A. meetings held each week in Lake County, including two Fire Camp meetings that serve 30–40 members.

**DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) – ALEX P.:** Our Accessibilities Committee is using QR codes to connect members to Intergroup. H&I is active in the men’s jail, women’s jail, juvenile hall, and the Parlin Forks work camp. Inland Intergroup will host a Group Secretary Workshop on August 2. Unity Day planning continues, and our General Service App page is active. Join us next month at our District meeting for a Delegate’s Report and Ice Cream Social!

**DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) – JANINE L. (READ BY CATHERINE B.):** Unity Day this month was a success. Our visiting officer showed attendees how to download the General Service App. PI/CPC is cooperating with the City of Eureka on three upcoming events. Our DCMC met with medical professionals to better inform new resident doctors about A.A. Our July district meeting was held in Del Norte County due to venue issues in Humboldt. A recording secretary was elected. We mourn Registrar Ginger O’s passing. A memorial is planned for the summer.

**DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – ROSALBA P.:** Our 39th anniversary celebration is on August 17. In advance, we will hold sharing sessions about service at local groups. We look forward to hearing the Delegate’s Report at our District. A BTG workshop is planned for August 27. Our visiting area officer shared about the importance of PI/CPC. We are working to fill our open service positions.

**DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH)—ERIC R.:** We celebrated our anniversary this month and welcomed a visit from the Area Web Committee. We continue reaching out to unrepresented groups and visiting those who invite us. We currently have two open service positions.

**DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – JOSE G.:** We visited groups without GSRs to share about the Summer Assembly and area motions. Our district holds a monthly Service Manual study, Officer meeting, and GSR work session. A local group invited us to help them form a group conscience. Our 32nd Anniversary is on August 24, and everyone is invited!

**DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – ADAN M.:** We are currently planning a Safety Workshop with the Area Accessibility Committee to be held on August 17 at 321 San Felipe Road in Hollister, CA. Everyone is invited! We are preparing to host the 6th Hispanic Forum and look forward to the Summer Assembly on August 2.

**DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – MISAIEL M.:** Join us on August 28 for the Delegate’s Report and dinner. We are hosting the Hispanic Interdistrict Meeting on September 14. We’re refining our district inventory questions for greater clarity. We continue presenting

on Safety in A.A. for local groups. We're hosting additional district meetings so GSRs can better share information with their groups.

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

**ACCESSIBILITIES—ENRIQUE E.:** Our committee is conducting safety workshops with District 19 (August 10), District 12 (September 20), and District 01 (October TBD). This month, we held a roundtable for access chairs to share project updates and discuss future presentation topics. Next month, we'll have a presentation on American Sign Language (ASL) with an ASL interpreter. We invite GSRs from districts without Accessibilities Committees to join our hybrid committee meeting.

**ARCHIVES – ELVIA P.:** The Archives Committee is seeking La Viña and Grapevine issues from the COVID years (2020 - 2025) to complete our collection. Please email [archives@cnca06.org](mailto:archives@cnca06.org) if you can donate copies. Help us preserve the full record of A.A. experience during this unique period.

**BRIDGING THE GAP – LYNN K.:** We received 109 contact requests, gave 48 presentations, welcomed 24 new volunteers, and made 26 bridges. A representative from a Spanish-speaking district attended our last meeting to make a report. We awarded the area scholarship for the BTG Workshop Weekend. We hope your district will consider hosting the Area's BTG Forum in October or November. We have plans to add a QR code to our white cards.

**COMMENTS/COMMENTARIOS - BLAKE L.:** District 12 is grateful to serve, and we appreciate all who contribute to the newsletter to help keep the fellowship informed.

**FINANCE – JEFF D.:** We reviewed the financial statements submitted by our Treasurer and found everything is accurate and in good order. Budget season is underway, and many committees have submitted worksheets. We encourage remaining committees to do so before the next assembly. The Prudent Reserve Fund is being maintained in line with Area guidelines and is adequately funded.

**I&T (INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION) - LUIS R.:** We translated and edited several reports this month. Interpretation equipment will be provided for the Tech Committee's August workshop. Please let us know if you need support at service events that require interpretation. We plan to submit a motion to purchase additional radios for our Assembly needs.

**PI/CPC – CLAUDIA N.:** Today, we shared resources, ideas, and experiences around anonymity, recruiting volunteers, and setting up literature tables. A District 03 member shared how our committee helped her grow in this commitment. Next month, Bob E. from District 04 will share his PI/CPC experience.

**TECHNOLOGY – MEG B.:** We're exploring an Area-managed Gmail system, but found an existing account blocked by two-factor authentication. If you know who originally set it up (phone ends in 58), please email [chair@cnca06.org](mailto:chair@cnca06.org). CNIA Area 07 asked about our text-to-vote experience, which prompted a review of our Digital Joy setup to ensure cost-effectiveness. A hybrid workshop, "Tech Tools for Service: From G.S.O. to Your Group", will be hosted by District 20 on October 18 in Richmond, CA.

**WEBSITE – SANDRA S.:** The Website Ad Hoc Committee's survey is now live on the [cnca06.org](http://cnca06.org) homepage. Magdaleno shared feedback from the Spanish districts on the website's Spanish homepage. We're reviewing outdated committee pages and will contact committee chairs for updates or approval to revise. The Area Officers selected Google as the area's new email platform, and the Web and Tech Committees will work together on the migration. Questions? Email [webchair@cnca06.org](mailto:webchair@cnca06.org).

**WEBSITE AD HOC – DANICA R. (READ BY JOSH R.):** We've met twice and received more than 40 responses to our usability survey (our goal is 150). DCMCs, please share it! We've reviewed over twenty other Area websites and found that our site is on par, but we'll continue exploring improvements. One member will attend the next Accessibilities Committee to discuss inclusive web practices.

**DCM SHARING SESSION – NICOLE C:** We discussed Concept IX and Bill's essay on "Leadership in A.A." We'll take a group conscience on whether to include these sessions in Comments/Comentarios again.

**SPANISH LINGUISTIC SHARING SESSION – MIGUEL H.:** Eduardo P. presented on the Conference Report and emphasized the Delegate's role as the voice of our community and not a boss. Actions like glossary review and literature outreach were discussed. Spiritual principles and patience in service were recurring themes. GSRs and DCMs play a vital part in bridging the division between groups and the Conference.

**LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION – JOSE:** We were honored to welcome three first-time GVRs/LVRs. There was strong interest in future updates to *Living Sober* and the *Plain Language Big Book*, and enthusiasm for the 5th edition of the English Big Book and the 4th edition of the Spanish Big Book.

**H&I (HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE) – JAMES C.:** The following positions are rotating out this month: NorCal Chair, Finance Chair, Archives Chair, Literature Chair, and Web Chair. The committee is fiscally neutral and trimming costs. Spanish outreach is expanding, and the Spanish Communications Chair is now filled. The IVSS program is growing, and sponsors are needed. There have been exciting collaborations with district BTG committees; a great example is the co-operation taking place in San Francisco.

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



**INTERGROUPS AND CENTRAL OFFICES – DON Z.:** The ICOAA (Intergroups and Central Offices of A.A.) Seminar will be held on September 19 – 21 in Memphis, TN. ICOAA also holds a weekly Zoom meeting for special workers. July topics included declining contributions, central office operations, the importance of events as a revenue stream, office security cameras, and volunteer training. Many offices are 501(c)(3) non-profits.

**INTERGRUPOS Y OFICINA CENTRALES – ONESIMO R.:** The Spanish Intergroup in San Jose has 20 representatives serving 30 groups from Gilroy. Our special worker distributes A.A. literature on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have a service board, website, and committees on literature, PI, Step 12, and special events. We visit the Mexican Consulate twice a month, host Traditions workshops, and hold monthly Unity meetings.

**NCCAA (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF A.A.) – CHASE C.:** The 77th NCCAA Spring Conference will be in San Ramon on March 20 – 22, 2026. Registration is open at [norcalaa.org](http://norcalaa.org). There will be no Fall 2025 conference because the A.A. International Convention took place this year. The next hybrid host committee meeting is on Sunday, August 17, in Dublin, CA.

**HISPANIC WOMEN’S WORKSHOP – BLANCA:** Area liaisons from the Pacific Region met to discuss the 2025 workshop. Some liaisons have suggested that the Hispanic Women’s Workshop be held online only this year, but no decision has been made.

**LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – JUAN T.:** The La Viña Anniversary is in Area 05 this weekend. 18 stories have been collected for the magazine. 47 members from CNCA are in attendance, and we are placing a bid to bring the conference back to Area 06.

**FORO HISPANO – HERNANDO:** District 19 is enthusiastically planning the program with the support of all our groups. The Hispanic Forum will take place on Sunday, November 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Seaside, CA.

## **AREA BUSINESS**

### **PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- That CNCA 06 supports Area 93's Proposed Agenda Item to make their Alcoholics Anonymous Safety Training Video, in both English and Spanish, with a French option to be developed, available to the General Service Board for consideration in the process of Conference-approved service material. – *Presented by CNCA 06 Delegate, Chitra S, Panel 75*

*Presentation:* A safety training video was developed by District 22 (San Luis Obispo) of Area 93 (Central California) and posted on their YouTube channel. Area 93 is preparing a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI), asking for their videos to be made available on the AAWS YouTube channel. Click on the link to watch the videos: [English Playlist](#), [Spanish Playlist](#).



Clarifying Questions: Q: Area 93 passed this motion in their assembly? A: Yes. // Q: Who is the audience? How would these videos be used? A: The intent is to post the videos on the AAWS YouTube Channel. // Q: Are we going to discuss the video? A: Since it's a substantial amount of content for AAWS to publish on their YouTube channel, the Area will discuss it first. // Q: What is the nature of the support? A: Area 93 asked all area delegates to consider supporting it. // Q: What other Areas support this? A: Three other areas have already voted to support it. // Q: Are the videos about safety in general or safety in A.A. specifically? A: Safety in A.A. If you have your iPhone, click on the links. //

Vote by Simple Majority: Keep at ACM (16) or forward to Assembly (37).

**<<Voted to forward to Assembly.>> Motion to become Presentation of New Business at the Summer Assembly on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:**

- That CNCA fund Interpreter for Tech Workshop on 10/18/25 at a cost not to exceed \$325.00. – *Presented by Meg B., Tech Committee Chair*

Presentation: The Technology Committee is planning a workshop on October 18, hosted by District 20 Spanish East, titled "Tech Tools for Service: From G.S.O. to Your Group." CNCA has provided interpretation at Area events since 1997. This event's interpretation will cost \$75/hour for 3 hours and 15 minutes, plus mileage from San Jose to Richmond. Midway through the year, we've spent \$1,999 of our \$10,600 budget.

Questions: None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- That CNCA 06 create an ongoing, regularly scheduled Sharing Session on Safety and Inclusion. – *Presented by the District 04 (Santa Clara North) Safety Committee*

Discussion: *District and Group Consciences:* If we focus on safety and inclusion instead of spiritual principles, we risk losing our primary purpose. I only support this conversation as it relates to the Fifth Tradition. // Most in our district supported it, but the minority said these conversations should start at the group level, not Area. // Our district sees this as an ongoing struggle and supports dedicating a day to share experience, strength, and hope. // We had an extensive discussion on both support and whether to appoint a safety liaison. There was confusion about whether this role belongs at the group, district, or Area level. Many attended D04 and D40 safety events and found them helpful. Our conscience was strongly in favor of an Area Sharing Session, and we'll keep discussing a district liaison. // Five groups in my sub-district supported a sharing session and thought it could attract newcomers and new trusted servants. // Five groups were fully in favor; only one

person opposed. // Tech Committee estimates a hybrid session at Petaluma Community Center would cost \$275 one-time and \$200 annually for Zoom and equipment. // Santa Cruz supports it as a way to help groups proactively ensure safety, not just react to issues. // My group had questions about attendance and outreach, and thought quarterly workshops might be more effective. // Our district needed more info, but the GSRs who did ask their groups said it was necessary because groups are dealing with these issues. // My group supports a workshop due to physical and verbal violence in meetings. // My group is concerned with the word “safety” and prefers terms like unity and primary purpose. We also have liability concerns and feel discussions should begin at the group level. // Santa Cruz Joint Committee on Safety strongly supports it. We’ve had serious safety violations that drove members away. A safety committee removes barriers to recovery and supports the Fifth Tradition and Tradition One. We collected one year of safety data from members in our county. // I’m not sure how this differs from the Accessibilities Committee, and wonder if the Area Access Session isn’t meeting our needs. // *Personal Opinions:* Regarding liability, we should consult outside counsel, especially if meeting notes state there's a problem and how we're addressing it. The GSB considered this when SMF-209 was released. //

Vote by Simple Majority: Ready to Vote? <<<**The body was not ready to vote. This motion will remain Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on August 23, 2025.>>>**

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

Discussion: *Group consciences:* Some groups didn’t know what the newsletter looked like, but were supportive, especially with the General Service app. *Personal opinions:* We’re not sending any out now, so it’s hard to judge. The motion is already in effect, but we may need printed copies in the future. No financial impact either way.

Impact of the Motion: If this motion passes, the Area will only send *Comments* and *Comentaríos* as they are today in digital format. The printed physical version will not be available. The cost to the area currently is \$39 per month. If this motion does not pass, the Area will continue to offer a physically printed and mailed copy, costing roughly \$4 to \$6 per copy.

Vote by Simple Majority: Ready to Vote? <<<**The body is ready to vote.>>>**

Vote by 2/3 Substantial Unanimity: Yes: (41), No: (4), Abstained: (2) <<<**Motion passes.>>>**

Minority opinion: Mendocino is very rural—some people don’t have internet or even cell phones. I know someone who, if they became a GSR, would want it mailed to them. //

Motion to Reconsider: Made and seconded.

Vote by Simple Majority to Reconsider: Fails. <<<**Motion Passes.**>>>

- 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*

Discussion: *Group consciences:* None. *Personal opinions:* Makes sense to me that if we have the funds, we should send anyone we can. // Why go in person if it's about technology? // Our Area provides a lot of leadership, and I think we need to be there. // I'm glad we're talking about this because we would be setting a precedent by funding two people, but I support it, especially this year with our website review. It would be great for a Web Committee member to attend in person. //

Impact of the Motion: If this motion passes, the Area will fund one member of the Website Committee to attend the 2025 NAATW in Cincinnati, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. If it does not pass, no Website Committee member will be funded to attend.

Vote by Simple Majority: Ready to Vote? <<<**The body is ready to vote.**>>>

**Vote by 2/3 substantial unanimity: Yes: (44), No: (0), Abstained: (4) <<<MOTION PASSES>>>**

### **DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- Sharing on the International A.A. Convention

Discussion: I had so much fun. My favorite part was the longtimer meeting with over 50 years. They all said the same thing: they had a home group, a sponsor, and they were still sponsoring others. // After the oldtimer meeting, we started talking to an older man who turned out to be a Panel 25 delegate. He had met Bill W., who put his hand on his shoulder and said, You will not drink again. A month later, he drank and said, Even Bill W. can't keep me sober. // This was my first International. Before A.A., I didn't really have close friends, so being a greeter was perfect for me. General service helped me feel comfortable enough to go, and I ran into people I knew everywhere. // It's my fourth conference. I met a woman at a general service workshop who noticed my necklace from Israel. She showed me a photo of people from Israel, Kuwait, and Iran together, which is what A.A. is. // It was my first convention and I loved it. The impact of being in the stadium for the flag ceremony was powerful. I saw that alcohol affects people everywhere. I also loved the dancing. // It was fantastic. I'm outgoing, so it was fun talking to people with lanyards around Vancouver. On the first night, the lines were long because security made us pour out water, but on the second night, they stopped. The concessions people said we were the nicest. I loved that Northern California had its own stadium section. // You can get the souvenir booklet and order the panoramic stadium photo. // Gabor Maté studied addicts and alcoholics in Vancouver. I hope I can show him a picture of the stadium and say, for one weekend, there were more sober people here. I had a lovely conversation with a street musician. // The 43rd millionth Big Book was given to Warden

Gordon Lamb at Dorchester Penitentiary. I'm now an honorary member of the Jaywalkers Group in Bridgewater, MA. // I went to San Antonio, Atlanta, and Vancouver. I think we changed all those cities. // The Thursday night block party was on par with Woodstock. //

### **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

I volunteered at the International on Wednesday. GSO staff were everywhere and kind. Racy saw I was overwhelmed and helped hand out magazines. It made me feel like we're all just bozos on the bus together. // Flyers with personal contact info can't go on the app due to anonymity. Let's be mindful if we want all information in one place. // I didn't attend the International, and it sucked, but thank you to those who said they missed us. // Spanish speakers, what do you think about a monthly PI/CPC sharing session? There's interest, but we need more guidance. // Grapevine has new greeting cards available at service centers. // My sponsee had two years, and we got a card signed by people from around the world. Celebrating with 34,000 people was unforgettable. The AA and Clergy panel was the best I've heard. // Thank you District 12. I hope the transition from printed Comments goes smoothly. // Grupo Misión's 39th anniversary is August 17, 2025, in San Francisco, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. // What happens if two A.A. groups meet in the same building? Is that a problem? Could *Comments* include a link saying, "Contact your District Chair if you need a printed copy"? //

*The meeting was closed at 3:30 PM by Drew B. with the Responsibility Declaration.*

Respectfully submitted,

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