

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 (CNCA 06)
ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FOR
2026 POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

The Post-Conference Assembly business meeting was held in a hybrid format on May 16, 2026, with virtual attendees participating via Zoom and in-person attendees at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville, CA. An Assembly Orientation was presented by Ken M., Panel 61 Delegate. Drew B. opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m., followed by the Serenity Prayer. The A.A. Preamble was read by Mick (District 09). Miguel C. (District 18) read the Twelve Traditions in Spanish, and Caroline N. (Past Delegate A59) read the Twelve Traditions in English. Six past Delegates were present: Bob D. (Panel 36, Area 28), Barbara M. (Panel 41), Francisco A. (Panel 55), Jim F. (Panel 59, Area 38), Ken M. (Panel 61), Jennifer B. (Panel 71), Eric L. (Panel 73), and Caroline N. (Area 59). Jennifer B. currently serves as Trustee-at-Large/US on the General Service Board. There were four past Area Officers present: Margrete V. (Panels 57 - 59), Judy W. (Panel 63), Magdaleno O. (Panel 69), and Miguel H. (Panels 67 - 73). The Pre-Conference 2026 minutes were accepted as published in the May 2026 [CNCA Comments and Comentaríos](#). **Registered attendance:** 364 total (251 in-person; 113 online). 236 voting (155 in-person; 81 online) / 128 non-voting (96 in-person; 32 online).

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – CHITRA S.: I want to say thank you. The spirit of sacrifice is part of our service work, and everyone here today has given something up to attend. Some were in the hospital this week; others are caring for ill family members. We have loved ones who passed and jobs we are missing. Your service does not go unnoticed. We do this to make sure the rooms are here for future generations, as they were for us, free and welcoming. As we come for our own healing, growth, and fellowship, we learn that imperfection is a state of grace. Waiting for everything to line up perfectly left us isolated and drowning in a bottle. Today we push through no matter the circumstance. We have learned this is a journey of progress, not perfection. There will always be more to do, but we have to start somewhere. It's an honor. [PRAASA 2027](#) will be March 5 - 7, 2027 at the Westin in Seattle, WA. Our Recording Secretary has compiled all Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations in order of each Agenda Item into a new color-coded template. It is available on cnca06.org/confidential.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – CLAUDIA N.: I love our assemblies and am looking forward to hearing from our Delegate what she heard, saw, and felt at the Conference. GSO publishes a [Quarterly Report](#) on the activities of the GSB, including AAWS Inc. and Grapevine Inc. Correction tablets are reaching a huge audience, with A.A. literature on tablets reaching nearly 10,000 correctional facilities in 2025, and Area 83 Eastern Ontario provided the first Canadian access to correctional tablet literature. This is a strong example of carrying the message behind the walls in a modern way. Grapevine and La Viña are expanding digitally around the world; the Grapevine podcast has surpassed 1.3 million downloads; and the Fifth Edition Big Book process continues to move forward.

There is important financial information showing both improvement and the continued need for careful self-support.

CHAIR – DREW B.: Our structure is in the shape of an inverted triangle with groups at the top holding ultimate authority, GSO at the bottom, and the Conference process connects them. The process is a loop in my mind, and completing this circle carries the weight of our fellowship's future. The downslope happens when a member shares a concern with their GSR, who brings it to the District, Area, and the Delegate carries that collective conscience to New York. The upslope is where the loop most often breaks. The Conference ends, the Delegate comes home with reports and decisions, and if that information stops there, the groups never hear back. Our responsibility is to bring that information back up the inverted triangle into the Districts and Groups. Working against us is calamity, too much information, and the life that A.A. has given us. Our task of closing this loop starts today.

TREASURER – DAN B.: April YTD, we are doing well financially with \$54,000 in income from group and district contributions and Seventh Tradition collections at ACMs and Assemblies, and expenses of \$52,000 for Officer, Assembly, Committee and administrative costs. Our net revenue is approximately \$3,000, with \$24,000 in our checking account. GSO has started releasing monthly communications on Self-Support, and the CNCA Finance Committee is hosting an Area Sharing Session, "[Is A.A. Still Self-Supporting?](#)" on Thursday, June 11, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Zoom, with three speakers sharing PRAASA-style about contributions versus expenses in A.A. The cost of this Assembly is approximately \$7,000 total, including \$4,000 for site rental, \$2,500 for food, \$750 for tables and chairs, and \$150 for coffee. Assemblies are expensive but worth it, and we have a responsibility to fully self-support them. Please contribute generously at cnca06.org/contribute.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – MATT E.: This is my final assembly as an Area Officer and member of CNCA 06. It feels particularly appropriate that we're in this room where we had the Election Assembly for my first panel as an Officer. I don't have words to express how grateful I am for the relationships I've been gifted with in our Area. I love you all. Thank you for saving my life and for letting me serve. The Summer Assembly will be held on Saturday, August 8 in Redwood City, hosted by District 04 [[English flyer](#)] [[Spanish flyer](#)].

REGISTRAR – SARAH B.: Collaborating with the Website Committee, we revamped the [cnca06.org/registration page](http://cnca06.org/registration-page) and launched a "Registration 101" slideshow to provide a simple, step-by-step overview of what registration is, why it matters, and answers to common myths and FAQs. We also introduced group registration forms, which successfully registered the Hope Horizon Group in Clearlake. My call to action is for members to visit cnca06.org/registration-forms and share these resources with districts and home groups to ensure all groups stay connected.

RECORDING SECRETARY – JACKIE B.: Looking over the CNCA Motions Book and Dean K.'s history, I found that Stan W. was our third delegate in 1955 and voted to adopt

the permanent charter of the Conference when A.A. came of age in St. Louis. When Stan returned, he was the first delegate to formalize the Delegate's Report process by visiting every district to make a Conference Report. I love the Post-Conference Assembly because the Delegate does more than give a report; they tell us a story. As a GSR, I don't remember the results of past Delegate Reports. Still, I remember with fondness the personal stories shared by the Delegates, their full-body laughs, tears of gratitude, and quiet moments of thoughtful reflection. Today is your chance to listen to one A.A.'s story. The officers and I worked on a [Conference Results Overview](http://cnca06.org/confidential) document available at cnca06.org/confidential.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA – JOSE L.: I want to highlight the spirit in which the work was carried out in our Area during the Agenda Topic season and Pre-Conference Assembly. In Grapevine and La Viña, there was a continued focus on carrying the message through shared experience, strength, and hope. Members reminded us of the importance of participation through writing, reading, and supporting subscriptions to strengthen these vital twelfth-step tools. La Viña remains especially important in reaching our Spanish-speaking members and reinforcing unity within our diverse fellowship. In Literature, members continued to participate in providing opinions on the development and review of materials, including progress on the Fourth Edition of the Big Book in Spanish and the draft of the Fifth Edition in English. A consistent theme emerged: it is not only what we do but how we do it, with principles before personalities guiding conversations and emphasis on inclusion, respect, and unity.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – ENRIQUE E.: Please visit us at the Accessibilities table, where we have a variety of literature, guidelines, safety information, and pamphlets to take home. It is important to have all this information available from the beginning, and these topics are more important than ever. We are working on our Committee Guidelines and hope to have a good Pass-It-On for the next committee.

ARCHIVES – ELVIA P.: We have a video going up on the [CNCA website](#) that lets you take a virtual tour of the archives repository, and we hope it will motivate members to visit us on our workdays. Our District Archives Representatives are making a real effort to gather group histories. Thanks to the Web Committee, a [Group History Form](#) is available on the [Archives page](#) of the Area website and may be filled out from a phone or tablet. We are still sifting through hundreds of vintage Grapevines.

BRIDGING THE GAP (BTG) – LYNN K.: Bridging the Gap is a 12th Step committee. Our monthly meeting is on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and I invite anyone thinking about how to be of service, now or next panel, to check us out. There are still a few districts that do not have District BTG Chairs, which means that if someone coming out of rehab, detox, jails, hospitals, or prisons wants help and lives in those districts, we have to contact the DCMC for that district to request help.

FINANCE – JEFF D. (READ BY RODRIGO Z.): The Finance Committee, along with the Area Treasurer, continues to monitor all financial transactions for the Area, which is in very stable financial condition. Expenses will rise as expected as we enter a time of scheduled Assemblies and more workshops. GSO and the Area are concerned about declining per-capita contributions, so the Treasurer and Finance Committee are preparing a [June 11 workshop](#) on where contributions are coming from, where they are being spent, and possible solutions. When people know where their contributions are spent, they are more likely to contribute generously.

I&T (INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION) – LUIS R.: It is an honor to serve on this important committee, which is responsible for ensuring that anyone can understand what is spoken in Spanish or English. I want to thank the committee for their dedication in service. As you may have noticed, today we also have American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation for those who need it.

PI/CPC (PUBLIC INFORMATION / COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY) – CLAUDIA N.: Public Information (PI) helps inform the greater community about A.A. and alcoholism so they may find help for themselves or a problem drinker in their life. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) provides information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. The Area PI/CPC meeting is held every fourth Saturday at 9:00 a.m. before the regular ACM in Petaluma, where sharing focuses on how PI/CPC work can better carry the A.A. message while staying within the Traditions. Outreach remains an important part of this committee's work, and we stay connected with the CPC and PI Desks at GSO.

TECHNOLOGY – MEG B.: The Technology Committee thanked Pat C. for his service, and welcomed a new member, Vanessa D. Current efforts focus on digital continuity for the December rotation, specifically managing email groups and shared drives. For the upcoming Election Assembly, the committee is trialing DirectPoll and other scalable voting platforms. Resources, including customizable QR code sheets and stickers, are available at the tech table. The [National AA Technology Workshop](#) (NAATW) is scheduled for September 11 – 13, 2026 in Concord as a bilingual, hybrid event. The committee is seeking presenters and proposing scholarships for ten members, encouraging districts to fund diverse service roles to strengthen the Fellowship's infrastructure.

WEBSITE – SANDRA S.: The Web Committee is responsible for keeping cnca06.org up to date, providing digital communications to alcoholics, trusted servants, professionals, and the public regarding the activities and business of CNCA 06. The committee currently has seven members and has recently made the website available in both English and Spanish with a language toggle switch, with both an English and Spanish calendar coming by end of month. The [Conference Results Overview](#) is posted under the password-protected documents page at cnca06.org/confidential. Please continue to send me any errors you encounter on the website. Questions, concerns, and requests can be emailed to webchair@cnca06.org.

YPAA (YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A.) – VAN J.: I am a member of CRUZYYPAA (Santa Cruz Young People in A.A.) and we have an awesome event coming up, a Prohibition Prom on June 6 at 6:00 p.m. ACYPAA (All California Young People in A.A.) will be in Temecula Valley this year. The specific date and location have not been set yet but you can pre-register now for \$20 at acypaa.org. ACYPAA Summit will be held in Butte County this year, hosted by BUTTYPAA.

SPANISH LINGUISTIC SHARING SESSION – MIGUEL H.: Every fourth Saturday of the month before the ACM, the Area holds an informal linguistic sharing session for Spanish speakers from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Hispanic trusted servants can share in their own language on topics like what to expect at an Area Assembly and how to communicate the Delegate's Report back to our groups. You do not have to be a GSR or DCM to attend. Everyone is welcome.

AREA BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That a piece of literature be created with stories of experience, strength, and hope to support families in sobriety while navigating the responsibilities of parenthood.
– *Presented by District 12 Sonoma County*

Presentation: My name is Nicole, and my journey in General Service started over ten years ago. Shortly thereafter, my life changed, and I found myself raising two small children on my own. With my children now grown, I returned to give back to others facing the same difficulties. District 12's Accessibilities Committee surveyed members and found that 99% supported childcare at meetings. Given that every meeting is autonomous and we face insurance and liability challenges, I continued reaching out. I heard the same stories: grandparents watching grandchildren, single fathers, married couples rearranging routines to balance family obligations and A.A. meetings. I found only scattered resources and no single piece of AAWS literature to support families in sobriety. This motion originated at a District 12 subdistrict meeting, was presented as New Business in September 2025, and, after thorough discussion and the sharing of group consciences, passed with substantial unanimity on March 2, 2026. Keeping the door of A.A. open for all who need it is our responsibility, and this is the first important step in helping alcoholics meet the challenges of parenthood while maintaining their sobriety.

Questions: Q: Would this be a new booklet versus a pamphlet, or is there a pamphlet already out? Will this also include resources where you can find meetings that actually provide childcare in your area? // A: There is no existing pamphlet with this information, and it's intentionally left broad so the GSO can decide how to approach it, including whether to incorporate resources. // Q: The presentation placed a strong emphasis on childcare. Could you expand on other themes that families face in navigating the responsibilities of sober parenthood, such as meetings, service, and sponsorship? // A: The intent of the motion is to prompt exactly that kind of discussion. // Q: How often do you experience this type of situation, and how does that inform bringing this topic to the

Area? // A: This motion started a couple of years ago after several people came across similar experiences.

Amendment: That a piece of literature be created in English, Spanish, and French with culturally diverse stories of experience, strength and hope to support families in sobriety while navigating the responsibilities of parenthood and care-giving. <<**Motion to become New Business at the Summer Assembly on August 8, 2026.**>>

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Impact of the Motion: If this motion passes, our Area would send a request to the Conference Coordinator of the General Service Conference for this proposal to be considered as a future agenda item at the conference. If this motion does not pass, no action will be taken.

Discussion Summary: *Group Consciences:* Group consciences on the motion were mixed, with the majority of groups expressing support and a smaller number opposed or divided. Groups in favor emphasized the value of a simple, consistent message that could reach alcoholics who might not otherwise be reached. They appreciated that a QR code could direct newcomers to AA.org and the Meeting Guide app. Supporters noted that centralized messaging would help counter the dilution of AA's presence online and trusted GSO, the Conference, or the trustees' PI Committee to design the piece appropriately. Several groups called for the QR code to be available in English and Spanish from the start. They raised questions about placement beyond airports and churches, suggesting hospitals, therapists' offices, and venues where alcohol is served. Concerns among opposing or divided groups included the motion's vagueness, QR code security, the risk of promotion over attraction, and whether outreach responsibility belongs to individual meetings rather than to A.A. as a whole. *Personal Opinions:* Personal opinions on the motion were largely favorable, with supporters and skeptics raising a range of practical and principle considerations. The dominant view held that a simple, consistent public information piece with a QR code is an overdue extension of A.A.'s outreach efforts, comparable to the phone numbers once printed in newspapers, and that it functions as an "and" strategy rather than an "or" strategy alongside local PI work. Supporters noted that GSO already produces a business card with QR codes linking to the Meeting Guide app and AA.org, and that the motion does not preclude local areas from producing their own materials. The motion's originator clarified that the piece was inspired by airport messaging and was never intended to be limited to airports and train stations. Those in favor also argued that a QR code in a public space offers a discreet, anonymous way for a suffering alcoholic to seek help without speaking to anyone, and that smaller communities and areas without active PI committees would benefit most from a ready-made tool. Key concerns included the risk of QR code tampering or hijacking in public

spaces, potential breaches of anonymity through online tracking, and the worry that digital outreach could replace rather than supplement one-on-one human connection. One member cautioned against "doom scrolling A.A." and suggested asking newcomers up front whether they prefer digital or in-person contact. Some felt the motion's one-size-fits-all framing was too broad for a fellowship with varied local practices. One member shared a unique opinion: although she was against the idea, she planned to vote in favor because she thought this motion could generate productive discussion at the Conference level, regardless of the outcome.

Vote by Simple Majority: The body is ready to vote.

Vote by 2/3 Substantial Unanimity: Yes (175); No (26); Abstained (1). <<**Motion passes.**>>

- That CNCA submit to the General Service Conference a motion to change the phrase "Power greater than themselves" from page 165 of the Plain Language Big Book back to the original phrase "unsuspected inner resource" from page 567 of the "Spiritual Experience" in the original Big Book – *Presented by District 11 Napa*

Discussion Summary: *Group Consciences:* Group consciences on the motion were mixed, with opposition slightly outweighing support. Groups opposed to the motion most commonly argued that "unsuspected inner resource" is not plain language and therefore works against the purpose of the *Plain Language Big Book* (PLBB), that the preferred phrase already exists in the original Big Book where members can read it, and that it would be a waste of financial resources to change a single phrase in a book that has only recently been published. Several groups felt the motion was premature and that any needed revisions should be considered together rather than piecemeal. One group noted that replacing the phrase as written would make the surrounding sentence redundant and grammatically awkward. One member raised the possibility of a third option: "power greater than ourselves" combined with "unsuspected inner resource." Groups in favor felt the change would better reflect the program's spiritual nature and broaden accessibility beyond agnostics to members of varying faith backgrounds, with one group noting that the phrase points to something within oneself that many do not realize they possess. *Personal Opinions:* Personal opinions on the motion were divided, with both sides engaging substantively on questions of language, accessibility, and A.A.'s primary purpose. Those in favor argued that "unsuspected inner resource" carries a meaningfully different spiritual connotation than "higher power" and is more inclusive of atheist and agnostic alcoholics who might otherwise be alienated by explicitly theistic language. Several speakers shared personal experience with the phrase as a touchstone in their own recovery. They urged the assembly not to dismiss the specific needs of a segment of the fellowship. One speaker noted that the PLBB was described from the outset as a living document subject to ongoing revision, making this motion a natural part of that process. Those opposed argued that the PLBB was designed for people with lower reading levels and that "unsuspected inner resource" does not meet that standard, while "power greater than themselves" does. Others pointed out that the full sentence in context

already contains both phrases, making the proposed change redundant. One member suggested putting both phrases in parentheses to satisfy both positions. At the same time, another cautioned that the term "unsuspected inner resource" could create confusion by implying that a person can be their own God, rather than connecting with a higher power outside themselves. <<**Motion to remain Old Business at the Summer Assembly on August 8, 2026.**>>

- That CNCA 06 support 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. <<**TABLED**>>

The business meeting was closed at 11:58 am.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Digest: District 04 is hosting the Summer "Fun" Assembly on August 7 - 8 in Redwood City, with a Pre-Assembly Dinner at St. Beach Church; flyers are forthcoming. // There are past advisory actions not to make changes to the first 164 pages of the Big Book, but there are also many past advisory actions we no longer follow, including those that excluded Black and gay groups. // The hybrid and bilingual [National AA Technology Workshop \(NAATW\)](#) is September 11 - 13 in Concord, CA; [early bird registration](#) is available through June 5. // The Assembly voted to request a QR code for PI, but PI/CPC committees can create their own QR codes right now. // The Area Finance Committee is hosting an online panel ["Is A.A. Still Self-Supporting?"](#) on June 11. // I am concerned about the Agenda Topics we cannot act on due to lack of funding. // This is my first assembly; I want to address the impact of persistent side conversations and device chimes on those of us with invisible disabilities. // Total assembly contributions today, including Venmo, were \$1,465. // Total registrations were 364, with 246 voting members, 251 in person and 113 online; 52 members attended their first assembly; District 90 led with 49 attendees. I also want to express my love and gratitude for Matt as he rotates out. // District 20 looks forward to hosting you at the Election Assembly on November 14 in Richmond, CA. // Today reinvigorated me regardless of whether we agreed or disagreed; I also want to thank our hometown Delegate for reinvigorating Napa Valley A.A. // Districts are getting excited about hosting assemblies in 2027. Chase is now the Area Assembly Coordinator, so please direct all assembly inquiries to her at assemblycoordinator@cnca06.org. // Our Assembly Chair Lou and District 90 did an outstanding job organizing today's assembly. // To correct some historical misinformation: the Conference never passed advisory actions about Black groups, though it did hold a sharing session on the topic in 1952. Regarding LGBTQ groups, in 1974 the Conference passed an advisory action to list gay groups in the world directory, making A.A. the second national organization to acknowledge they had gay members. // I am glad we are making the Big Book more inclusive and hope there are more changes to come. // This is my first assembly. I have one year and two months of sobriety and am grateful to be here. // General Service continues to give me a new understanding of humility in action and what sobriety can become. // I am the GSR for an online meeting with members from multiple

countries. I am grateful to have been welcomed into the area, and this was one of the best assemblies I have attended. // Doing something different in A.A. and getting different results proves we are not crazy. Keep coming back; it works if you work it. // The GSR ★ SCHOOLS is on May 31. Visit the General Service app and District 70 page for details. The Love & Service Group is hosting a hybrid [Black in A.A. history panel](#) on June 21. // With 1.5 million members in the U.S. and Canada, \$1 per member would be \$1,500,000 and transform our budget. I also propose writing a new book from scratch. // I want to make a quick amends for forgetting about resting service face while sitting at the front of the room. // Special recognition to the Delegate and the Recording Secretary for the astounding [Conference Results Overview](#) document, which is available at cnca06.org/confidential, password 1935.

The Post-Conference Assembly was closed on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Drew B. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B.
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 75

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