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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2014

**“Communicating Our Legacies - Vital in a
Changing World “**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 5 & 6, 2014
2004 Fairground Rd.
Monterey CA. 93940**

Saturday

8:00-9:00 AM Registration
9:00-9:30 Orientation and remarks from Delegate
Conference Process review and Group Consciences

9:30 AM Business meeting

Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

1:00 PM *Sharing on the Conference Theme*

1:30 PM Group Consciences

Agenda
Literature
Finance
Grapevine

What's on your mind?
5:00-5:30 PM

Please clean up all your belongings

Sunday

8:30-9:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM Group Consciences

Public Information
Report and Charter
International Conventions/Regional forums
Policy and Admissions
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Corrections

What's on your Mind?
12:30-1:00PM

“If extra time is needed...” to hear group consciences, we
will break for lunch and return at 2:00PM to continue.”

Please clean up all your belongings

BRING YOUR FM RADIO FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

Greetings Fellowship!

Welcome new members to A. A. General Service and thank you to those that served with their groups last year.

Its that time of year where we pick up the pace a bit, and General Service activities are speeding down the Trail! Group sharing-sessions on the conference theme, discussion topics and on this years agenda have begun. Because of these activities GSR's are bringing unity to all of A.A. and their groups. I would like to share with you a bit of my experience being a GSR.

I was inexperienced in GS, but I found in the A.A. Service Manual Chapter One, an overview of the GS conference. The "Upside Down" triangle of service in A.A. on page S16 and "Why We need a Conference" page S20 became excellent tools to share with my group. They give a general view on how important the voices of the groups are to the whole of A.A.'s Unity and future.

There were so many variations on "How to get a Group Conscience", including the method shown on pg S40. I took time, kind persistence, patience; and my best efforts to be prepared. It certainly was fun, especially to get to know each other a bit more and to really feel how Unity plays a vital role in my group.

I had a more difficult time preparing for the CNCA Pre-Conference Assembly. With all the notes and topics, how could I share it all? I sought experienced guidance and was reminded to share the groups' thoughts and concerns; being sure to include the minority voices I heard. I also was relieved to hear other groups felt the same as mind. When sharing at the mic it always worked out best to read from my consolidated notes.

Over the years, I have experienced A.A. Unity in each persons' actions. Whether it's being greeter, GSR or a rep for any A.A. committee. When our groups discuss concerns, pamphlets, books, traditions or contributions it all is action for A.A. Unity. Together we seek relief from our disease. Together we share our experiences and hopes for the future; our participation makes a difference to the whole of A.A.

Last weekend I experienced our Unity at our Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA). There, we heard many AA members share panel presentations on topics that relate to the 2014 GS Conference. I came away re-energized by our love, sacrifice and dedication to each other and to A.A.'s future.

I hope you join us at the Pre-Conference assembly. The Conference was Bill W's plan for our future and I need your groups help to carry his action forward.

With much love and gratitude,

Padee

PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING—MARCH 2014

Hello Trusted Servants,

First off I would like to thank all those who served in putting together both English and Spanish versions of the Agenda Topics Summaries. If you haven't received a copy, please ask your DCM or DCMC, as they are an important resource for our groups to participate in the Pre-Conference process. Also, can you believe we're already more than half way through our panel 63? I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that on March 22 at the ACM we will begin Officer Job Descriptions. We'll present at the beginning of the DCM Sharing session at 10am with Literature, Grapevine and La Viña Chair Duties. Everyone is welcome to attend.

At February's Area Committee we passed the following House Keeping Motion "That existing motion 0712-2 be amended to read "That CNCA reimburse the delegate for all reasonable incidental expenses incurred in conjunction with attendance at the General Service Conference, up to \$1300, and be an advance check in the amount to cover these expenses." After the Break we had a presentation of New Business "That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete "of the opposite sex" from p117 in the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." Presented by District 04. It will be a presentation of new business at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Discussion was continued on the following **Topics**:

- 1) Recovery, Unity, and Service - What are our responsibilities? How do we fulfill them?**
- 2) Benefits of living in the heart of AA service work.**
- 3) Should we have standing policy when we have excess funds to increase the amount we send to AAWS to help cover the delegate Conference costs each year?**

Please share this information with your Districts and or Groups we would love to hear from all of you, and let us know if you have a topic that you would like to share with us.

General Service Conference is right around the corner. District's are busy planning Agenda Topic Workshops to help inform their groups on the Agenda Topics so our Delegate will, once again, arrive at the Conference in April well informed. Group Consciences will be heard at the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly in Monterey on April 5th and 6th. Where we will also be voting on an item of Old Business: **"That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of CNCA Comments/Comentarios except when individually requested."** –Web Committee.

If you would like more information about this motion feel free to visit our website at cnca06.org. or check out July 2013 Comments/Comentarios for the Pros and Cons. A flyer for the Assembly is also available on the Area website under "Upcoming Assembly". I really look forward to seeing as many of our trusted servants as possible. If you haven't made arrangements to attend this Assembly, I recommend you do so as soon as you can.

Don't Forget your FM Radios

With Gratitude,
Raymundo L

"GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, and area officers make up the assembly. Any A.A. member may attend, and in many areas members are encouraged to attend assemblies as a way of encouraging others to become active in general service." – S37

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2014

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2013

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on February, 22, 2014, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12:33PM. The AA Preamble was read by Ynez Y, Past Delegate, CNIA07, Steve B of D06 read Tradition 2, and Don L of D08 read Concept 2. There were 4 past delegates present: Ken M P61, David N P59 and non-trustee director AAWS, Doug G P53, Ynez Y CNIA, P44, and Diane O P35. There were 4 new DCMs, and 2 visitors. January minutes and financial statement were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 14/159 years. Registered attendance: Voting= 78; Non-voting = 55.

OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE Padee M: Past delegate Suzanne M passed away: she is the one who started our background summaries and served many years. Will send info on the celebration of her life: family: Santa Rosa: Mar 8, 11am; another in May. GSO accepted Ken's resume as candidate for Trustee; they also sent a condolence letter. Went to a committee meeting in NY in preparation for the upcoming assembly. Final agenda topics, summaries and background materials are available. Receiving input from committees regarding items concerning them. 7 members will participate at PRAASA. Flyers are available if you need to register. Will be meeting with past delegates regarding inventory questions. July 11: Pac Reg Forum. Preconference in Monterey. Your input is essential. Extending deadline until April 21. Send your group consciences. Scheduling delegate reports; please check with me to calendar.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Jeff O: Pleasure to be involved for the 6th year in summaries. Looking forward to PRAASA. Everyone is invited next month at 11am to see videos so you can get informed group consciences.

Chair: Raymundo L: Nothing in lost and found!!! Thank everyone for all your efforts in putting together the agenda topic summaries and to the I&T committee for translating.

Treasurer: Agustin L: Income \$11,003.61; expenses: \$9908.55; net income: \$1095.06. Estimated expenses today around \$10,000 (Conference/Assembly, Rent) Checking:

\$11406.28 . Prudent Reserve is intact: \$8705.00. Thanks for your contributions.

REGISTRAR Michael Q: When a GSR rotates out with no replacement, meeting becomes unknown and will not receive communications or be listed in directory: consider being an additional mail contact so your meeting can stay in the directory. Service numbers never go away.

RECORDING Secretary Judy W: Thanks to committee chairs for sending in timely reports for updates. This will be an ongoing process, so you might wish to be ready to submit a new one in March. Looking forward to hearing all your input at the preconference assembly!

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Phil B: Went to Monterey for a planning meeting for assembly. It was fantastic, with lots of love and service. It has been phenomenal to watch this grow. Assembly dates are available.

LIT/GV/LV Ray W: GV is turning 70 years old this year. You can get an anniversary kit from GV.org. Lots of info. Current issue of GV is focusing on family and LV is on love and sex in sobriety. LV 18th anniversary: Las Vegas in July.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

01 MONTEREY Scott P: It's great to see how service has come alive in Monterey just because of hosting an assembly. We are excited; hospitality needs are met. Motel prices will be less in Marina and Salinas. Hope you can come to our barbecue.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Ric B: (Mark C): Very excited to be part of the pre-conf assembly: first time I've been actively involved. Everyone wants to be involved.

03 SANTA CRUZ Scott B: We too are excited about helping with the assembly. Agenda topic workshop coming up this Sat. Helped with a 3rd legacy election for Intergroup. Have several attending PRAASA.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Robert E: Motion passed in our area will be presented today as new business. 25 groups gave their group conscience. Had meeting with D40 to help plan our election assembly in Nov.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Jim A: Chairs for assembly are in place and have scheduled regular meetings Great turnout

Looking for Something?

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at dist meeting and have a new archives chair and meeting coordinator. Unity Day Aug 17 at Scottish Rite Center.

05 SAN MATEO *Joseph D*: Welcomed 6 new GSRs. We continued discussing our budget and held a mock sharing session on an agenda topic.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Teddy BW*: Ad hoc inventory committee reviewing suggestions. Budget passed. Passed a motion, but failed to ask for minority opinion: more shall be revealed. March 15, agenda topics workshop.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Eric A*: Jan meeting had fun theme: how to gather a group conscience. This month we will focus on gathering a group conscience. Pulled two names from hat to send people to PRAASA.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Heather M*: Lots of new GSRs. Co-hosting agenda topics workshop on March 15. Still working on officer travel reimbursement.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Robert S*: Trying to inform our members on getting informed group conscience. Workshop on agenda topics March 1.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Renee S*: (Dave W): Dist is excited about assembly and is planning an agenda topics workshop. Getting new GSRs who are extremely excited.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Laurie J*: Presented area with check for \$1000.00 Looking at establishing a treatment facilities committee. Officers are attending dark meetings. Attended intergroup. Summer assembly: chairs chosen.

10 MARIN *Allen G*: Agenda topics workshop on March 1. District is growing. Will be holding workshops, literature outreach committee.

11 NAPA *Thom H*: Service workshop tomorrow. Passed our budget. Looking forward to PRAASA. Made some cards for district services.

12 SONOMA *Joann L*: Feb 15, Agenda topics workshop was great. PI/CPC still discussing option to participate in conference. Approached by police dept to work with homeless alcoholics. Ad hoc committee formed to look at redistricting. Intergroup held a 3rd legacy election.

13 LAKE *John O*: We are contributing to area for the first time in over 7 years. Gave a scholarship to a member to attend PRAASA. Discussed agenda process.

14 MENDOCINO *TIM D*: Post conf planning is moving ahead. Agenda topics workshop tomorrow in Ukiah.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE Trying to get our GSRs more involved. Two presented on how to take a group conscience. Mock sharing session in Crescent City March 1 with our visiting officer. 4 will attend PRAASA.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL (*Reynaldo M*) . Visiting groups. LV workshop. Thanks to area officer. Meeting Mar 15 at Grupo Central; preparing for agenda topics.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric M*: Thanks to the area officer. Preparing for PRAASA. Discussed the topic of unity. Motivated groups with agenda topics. La Viña anniversary July 8; will have invitations shortly.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector A*: Hosting intradistrictal and working with everyone in San Rafael. 5 people going to PRAASA.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Adrian C*: Thanks to visiting officer. PI informed a group of young people about our program. Attended planning committee for assembly. Thanks for translating the summaries.

20 SPANISH EAST *Martin V*: Workshop for pass-it-on for PI/CPC Ready for PRAASA and the pre-conf assembly. Visiting groups. Thanks to area officer. Tomorrow ill have a group sharing session workshop.

Area Sub-Committees

ARCHIVES *Laura W*: Reviewing archives workbook. Discussing Lit item I; preparing bid to host national archives workshop. Continuing to reorganize our repository. Will be participating in upcoming events.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Claudia N*: 16 districts, 40 presentations, 180 requests for contact. Very full meeting. Visiting officer explained and helped with 3rd legacy election and discussed, and helped with our sharing session. Thanks to officers for getting the agenda topics out.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob K*: (Jennifer B): HKM to increase out of pocket expenses for our delegate to the GSC. Introducing a discussion topic for today. Please give advance notice if you are presenting a HKM motion request for money: helps us better inform the area.

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: We will not be hosting a booth at the psychiatric convention: too much money (\$1000.00). Discussed the membership survey line by line. Lots of good feedback. Next month: continued discussion of PSA which can be viewed on line.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M*: GV 70th anniversary logo will take you to the GV website: click on anniversary logo to watch how it develops. Will soon post the Conference background info in both English and Spanish as soon as they are sanitized.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *RICHARD H*: Thanks to our officers and translators: topics all translated in good time this year. Working on getting our equipment in good working order and have two assisted listening mics. No radios today: I can only purchase 5 at a time and am stocking up for as-

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

sembly. ASL for post conf assembly: no one has ever been asked for service. Please check with your groups to see if this is needed.

CNCA COMMENTS *Richard W*: Lick and stick met on Feb 6. Thanks. 1150 assembled. Next meeting March 6 at a home in Concord.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Ramon G*: 190 printed, 172 mailed. Kept some for new GSR.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Barbara S*: How the DCM can help the GSR: GSR represents voice of the group conscience. Communication is a two way street and GSR is also responsible for bringing back the information.

Lit/Grapevine: *Ray W*: You should all have the topic summaries. 17 of 62 topics deal with lit/GV. Talked about some of the upcoming agenda topics and will continue discussion next month. Talking about podcasts and will discuss at PRAASA.

NCCAA/H&I *Diane O*: NCCAA: 67th annual pre-con March in San Ramon (same weekend as ACM). Thanks for your gifts of love and support for H&I; conference in Chico in early May. General meeting held with attendance of Ken Monson. Finally passed our reimbursement policy. Committee still working on new pink pamphlet.

YPAA: No report.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY REPORT: (José A): Have been in contact with host committee of anniversary. Invited them to share with us; they will be at the ACM in March and will give a report at the NCCAA conference that same weekend. Also invited the host committee of Fullerton 17th anniversary party; they will give a report on what happened. Registration is \$15 and includes a one year subscription to LV. Gracias!!! We have registration forms: let's go to Las Vegas.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS: "That existing motion 0712-2 be amended to read "That CNCA reimburse the delegate for all reasonable incidental expenses incurred in conjunction with attendance at the General Service Conference, up to \$1300, and be an advance check in the amount to cover these expenses." (up from \$1000.00). No objections.

****MOTION PASSES****

(SEVENTH TRADITION AND BREAK 2:10-2:22)

Presentation of New Business

"That CNCA06 submit a request to delete "of the opposite sex" from p117 in the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." Presented by D04. Discussion: **Q**. There are more references. How did only this particular discussion come about **A**. It came about at a meeting. **Q**. Is this to take to the conference to change the text? **A**. The intent is to change the text. **Q**. In your research, has anything ever been

changed in the 12 + 12? **A**. That is not our responsibility. As discussion continues, I am sure that will come up. **Q**. How much discussion went on? **A**. 4 months at group, 4 at sub dist, 6 at dist. We had 25 group consciences. Vote by simple majority whether to accept as assembly business: Yes=70 No=8, Abstentions= 0.

Will become new business at pre-conference assembly.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Discussion Topics:

1. *Recovery Unity, and Service - What are our responsibilities? Ho do we fulfill them?:* I feel we spend a lot of time discussing the things that are not important. My responsibility here is to help my district. How can I be most efficient in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers? We seem to discuss how to change the message rather than carry the message. Are we spending too much time doing that and ignoring our primary purpose?

2. *Benefits of living in the heart of AA service work:* I get to see my character defects in a different way. All of a sudden so many things start coming up. It's how I'm growing and how I get to help our fellowship. I'm around others who are doing the same thing and I get so much love and tolerance. I need to educate myself more.//A little over 3 years ago a friend asked me to accompany her to a meeting and I hadn't been attending that many meetings. I went with her to that one meeting. The following week I spoke with a woman who went out after 30 years. I felt humbled; I felt I was doing okay. When they asked for someone to serve as a GSR my hand went up. At PRAASA I reunited with a former step daughter whom I helped get into AA when I had only 6 months: God was giving back. Then my husband confided that he was an alcoholic and I treated him like a newcomer. I had no idea. Benefits? You betcha.

3. *Should we have a standing policy when we have excess funds to increase the amount we sent to AAWS to help cover the delegate Conference costs each year?:* We budget \$1600 and the actual cost is a lot more - close to \$6000.00. There is also an agenda topic in your summaries for the GSC to increase their amount. In 1996 we were paying \$600, we upped it to \$1000 - more than the \$800 which was then requested. Should it be extra? Should it be budget?//**Q**. I'd like to know what the dollar amount is used for. What is the GSO's amount, and what is the Area's. **A**. Flight, hotel, meals, copies, staff, etc. **Q**. I seem to remember years ago hearing about how when any entity had excess funds that they should be passed on and that's how the fellowship can help. If that were the case, then wouldn't we always send our excess funds to GSO?//In our dist, we go over our budget and all funds with no stated AA purpose are sent off to Area; I think it should work that way at Area too.// Contributions from Areas are published in the Conference report. Our area contributed more than any other area in the US and Canada. Other areas are not as wealthy or as popu-

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

lous as we are. We as an Area are fairly well off and we should do this although I don't know if this should be on a permanent basis.//Conf report details the expense of the conference. I recall that in Panel 59 we discussed a motion to forward any excess over PR to GSO and I think that might be a more prudent thing to do.//Q. Is there a special fund window to give to delegate? Is it earmarked or does it just go to GSO? A. Unlike anything else, yes, you can earmark for the Conference. We can choose to send as we wish.//We lost an assembly bid due to cost. Perhaps we should consider allowing a dist to participate/host if there is enough money.//If we send to GSO and it doesn't go to the conference, it goes to a pool, so why decide where it should go?//Perhaps we can better spend the money here. I do think we should have a broader discussion of the issue.//At the finance committee, we heard what the committee wish list was and wanted the committee to share where we should spend our money. It's up to you to decide how to spend our money. Maybe we can do a chart to show how our money is used and what is available.//Q. Is the conference cost divided by delegates? A. It is divided among all the conference members. Q. Is that \$1600.00 to cover that difference? A. It is used for out of pocket expenses paid by our delegate.//If we have excess money, I think we should have the option to vote in our groups.//I appreciate this discussion. There are lots of things we can do here in our Area and we ask each committee for feedback. The challenge is that we can come up with money but do we have the number of people to do that work? There is a balance: number of people vs. sufficient funds. Hopefully we can do that. Excess funds can be sent off to General Service Office for use at conference or other expenses. There are some areas that cannot afford the \$1600.00//I served on the finance committee and we decided to make people aware. There are many areas that do support the entire \$6800.00. All money sent to the GSB is up to them to decide. The only expenses that can be earmarked are for the Conference//My taxes go up every year. We live in the wealthiest area of the country. We need to improve and be responsible.//It's more than airfare, hotel: it's about paying the staff the entire year when we consider conference expense.//I don't like the idea of earmarking. Let our trusted servants decide where the money is best used.//I was thinking about people who mentored me. Bill Moore always said not to worry about money in AA; God will provide. Money is money, it will come if it's the right thing to do.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

I love sitting in the back and watching you and listening to you and learning from you.//I want to thank our area officers and the translators for their time and effort in doing the summaries. I was stunned by the speed of their work.//I am so excited to share our summaries with other areas. It's so awesome to do this. On the AAWS Highlights: abridged version of the large print 164p version of the Big Book was approved: request from a prison. It was wonderful to sit it on meetings in NY: a Spanish member shared on how he feels the Spanish speaking community is unfairly treated. He volunteered to be a member of an ad hoc committee. La Viña is shown with a profit and loss column, whereas other services are not. He feels all should be reported in the same way. He is committed in participating in how we report La Viña and how this service is seen. He will show how La Viña is different from the other reports. We need to participate together and not feel less than others. It is not us and them, it is us and us. I am grateful to have attended the board meeting.//I forgot to mention that there are copies of the DCM report on the table.//I remind you to bring your FM radios as you will need them. Have an extra? Share with someone else.//On line registration and mail-in registration for PRAASA are closed; you will have to register in person.//I came back from PRAASA so excited about General Service: it stoked me.//La Viña: we keep hearing year after year about the deficit. 12 years ago the Conference said La Viña is a service. None of the other publications make any money and none of them are discussed as having a deficit (Markings, Box 459, etc.) Divide the cost of the La Viña loss per year by our numbers, and the cost is \$.08 per AA member per year. It's worth it to me to pay that to guarantee that La Viña is published. The big deficit of La Viña is trivial. The value is never discussed.//The summaries are confidential, so please treat them as such. Please do not post on your web sites. We did receive permission to post a sanitized version on the AREA web-site. Please refer others to that website. The detailed background should never be redistributed or shared on any site.

Meeting closed at 3:20 pm with Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Judy W
CNCA Panel 63 Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM CHAIR

Please remember to bring your FM Radios to all CNCA events for Translation & assisted listening for the hearing impaired.

Balance Sheet January 2014

	Jan 31, 14	Jan 31, 13	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
B of A Checking	17,774.36	11,820.21	5,954.15
B of A Savings	8,705.00	8,887.38	(182.38)
Total Checking/Savings	26,479.36	20,707.59	5,771.77
Other Current Assets			
Assembly Deposits	652.35	1,890.00	(1,237.65)
BTG	124.00		124.00
CNCA Comments	427.98		427.98
1499 · Undeposited Funds		4,181.64	(4,181.64)
Total Other Current Assets	1,204.33	6,071.64	(4,867.31)
Total Current Assets	27,683.69	26,779.23	904.46
TOTAL ASSETS	27,683.69	26,779.23	904.46
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	17,883.63	9,622.75	8,260.88
Prudent Reserve	8,705.00	8,887.00	(182.00)
Net Income	1,095.06	8,269.48	(7,174.42)
Total Equity	27,683.69	26,779.23	904.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,683.69	26,779.23	904.46

Revised Expense Report January 2014

	Jan 14	Jan 13	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Group Contributions	9,753.41	14,033.15	(4,279.74)
District Contributions	907.82		907.82
Tradition 7, Area Committee	342.22		342.22
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.16	0.18	(0.02)
Total Income	<u>11,003.61</u>	<u>14,033.33</u>	<u>(3,029.72)</u>
Gross Profit	11,003.61	14,033.33	(3,029.72)
Expense			
Delegate Expense	392.30	832.75	(440.45)
Officer Expense	2,414.12	1,828.27	585.85
Committee Expense	2,199.89	867.88	1,332.01
General Expense	4,902.24	2,498.34	2,403.90
Total Expense	<u>9,908.55</u>	<u>6,027.24</u>	<u>3,881.31</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,095.06	8,006.09	(6,911.03)
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Refunds/Rebates		263.39	(263.39)
Total Other Income		<u>263.39</u>	<u>(263.39)</u>
Net Other Income		<u>263.39</u>	<u>(263.39)</u>
Net Income	<u>1,095.06</u>	<u>8,269.48</u>	<u>(7,174.42)</u>

AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

CNCA Motions – March 2014

Area Committee

Assembly Bids

Housekeeping Motion:

Guidelines

Presentation of New Business

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting

New Business at Area Committee Meeting

Discussion Topics

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Area Assembly Motions

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New Business at Area Assembly

DCM SHARING SESSION—FEBRUARY 22, 2014

Presentation this month was made by Paul D. – District 40 on “**The Agenda Topics Process: How the DCM can help the GSR**”.

Paul covered many suggestions including always keeping a positive attitude and to have fun. Remembering that we are not a glum lot. Try to encourage the GSR’s to have fun with the process. Educate the GSR in their role as the link of their group to A.A. as a whole. The GSR is the voice of their group conscience. This voice is passed on to the delegate, who then passes them to the Conference. Remind them that communication is a two way street. They need to be responsible to bring back to their group the Conference actions that affect A.A.’s unity, health and growth. Communicating the group conscience to the delegate along with communication back to the group is the only way the Conference can truly act for A.A. as a whole. Assist the GSR with figuring out a schedule for the group conscience, to ensure they are prepared for the pre-conference assembly. Giving a general overview of the summaries and explain the difference between topics we will/will not here group consciences on at the assembly will also be helpful. Encouragement to the GSR to attend agenda topic workshops in both their home district and other districts will provide a wealth of information for them. Mock group consciences sessions at district and sub-district meetings will help in making the new GSR comfortable with the process. Attendance as an observer at other established group’s sessions would be helpful to let them observe the process. Offer to help the GSR go through the background information and be sure they are understanding it. Making yourself available to take notes for them so they can facilitate the sessions with their group.

- Doing a mock session at a sub-district meeting would be a more intimate setting for the GSR.
- Our district is not going to do an agenda topic workshop. We are doing all the education at district level. Need to make sure I make myself available to my sub-district and others.
- My sub-district talked about how to pick an agenda topic for the group.
- Timeline is what I stress to new GSR’s. Make sure they have a service sponsor or someone to ask questions.
- I like the idea of attending other groups and district workshops for some ideas.
- Communicating what an agenda topic is, is important. Encourage the use of the background information to become informed.
- In order to have an informed group conscience the GSR need to educate their group. I always encourage the background information as an important tool.
- I like to see the GSR use the background information. It helps them learn to share the information with their group, in order to allow an informed group conscience.
- I am a new GSR. I know I need to attend every event I can to be sure I learn this process.
- I don’t think we can ever talk too much about agenda topics. I make CD’s for my GSR’s of the background material or print for them exactly what the need.
- I think we talk enough at district about agenda topics. I think there is more to talk about at area the effects A.A. as a whole.
- Thank you for reminding us that the “F” word in General Service is “FUN”.
- The upside down triangle is a picture to the group of the conference process.
- Sometimes GSR’s will give too much information, or not enough. Help the GSR’s to find balance to present the topic to the group.
- Encourage and educate is what I have learned here today. I need to make myself available to the GSR’s on a one on one basis to go through the background information and pick out the correct information for their group.
- Encourage the GSR to talk to the elder statesmen in their group for some direction.
- I have a lot of new GSR’s. This is an enormous responsibility. Thanks for reminding me this is fun. A.A. is not going to fall apart if the groups sharing session is not perfect.

Next month “Guidelines in business meetings”. Presented by Mike J. District 10. 40.

Submitted with Love and Service

Barbara S, Recording Secretary- DCM Sharing Session

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March	03/07-03/09-PRAASA San Diego
April	22—Area Committee Mtg 5,6—Pre Conference Assembly, Monterey (Hosted by District 01) 26—Area Committee Mtg 4/27-5/3 General Service Conf, NY
May	10—Post Conference Assembly Ukiah (Hosted by District 14) 24—Area Committee Mtg
June	28—Area Committee Mtg
July	26—Area Committee Mtg 7/11-7/13 Pacific Regional Forum (Area 18, Idaho)
August	09—Summer Assembly Vacaville (Hosted by District 90) 23—Area Committee Mtg
September	27—Area Committee Mtg
October	25—Area Committee Mtg
November	8th —Election Assembly San Jose (Hosted by District 40 & 04)
November	22—Area Committee Mtg
December	20—Area Committee Mtg

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January	24—Area Committee Mtg
February	28—Area Committee Mtg
March	6-8—PRAASA Area 69, Layton UT 28—Area Committee Mtg
April	11,12-Pre Conference Assembly, 19-25 General Service Conf, NY 25—Area Committee Mtg
May	16—Post Conference Assembly 23—Area Committee Mtg
June	27—Area Committee Mtg
July	2-5—AA International Convention Atlanta, Georgia 25—Area Committee Mtg 1 or 8—Summer Assembly
August	22—Area Committee Mtg
September	26—Area Committee Mtg
October	24—Area Committee Mtg
November	7 or 14-Fall Inventory Assembly
December	28—Area Committee Mtg 19—Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

2014 Pre-conference Assembly

April 5-6; Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairground Rd.
Monterey, CA
Hosted by District 01

2014 Post-conference Assembly

May 10; Redwood Empire
Fairgrounds
1055 N. State St.
Ukiah, CA
Hosted by District 14

2014 Summer Assembly

August 9; Ulatis Community Center
1000 Ulatis Dr.
Vacaville, CA
Hosted by District 90

2014 Fall Election Assembly

Nov. 8; Scottish Rite Center
2455 Masonic Dr.
San Jose, CA
Hosted by District 40

2015 Pre-conference Assembly

April 11-12

2015 Post-conference Assembly

May 16

2015 Summer Assembly

August 1 or August 8

2015 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 7 or November 14

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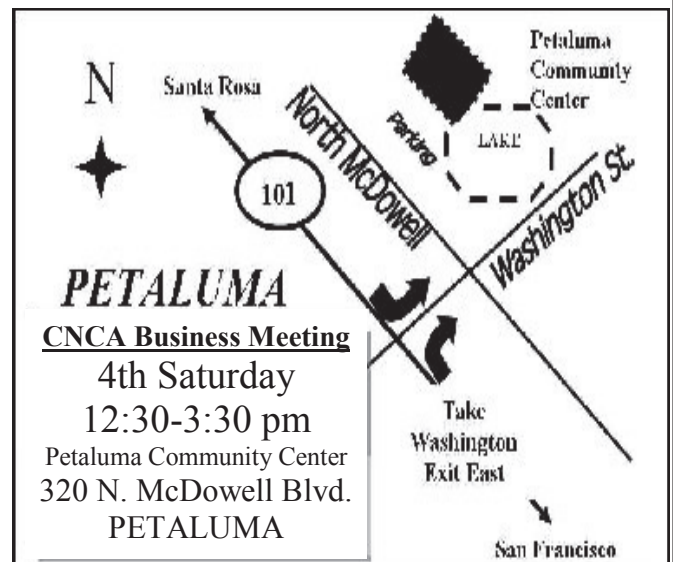
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