



# CNCA COMMENTS



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**California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous**

## PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

January 2014

Hello Panel 63 Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays!

I'd like to welcome our returning and new trusted Servants can you believe we're already on the second year of our panel 63 journey!

At Decembers ACM we passed the 2014 budget through a housekeeping motion. I'd like to thank the Finance Committee and all those who worked to help put together and review our budget. We also approved "That CNCA fund a booth rental at the Central California Psychiatric Society Convention in Monterey March 21-23, 2014, in the amount of \$600. – Jeff O PI/CPC Committee."

I've emailed the inventory minutes to all DCMCs in English and Spanish. They'll also be published in the *Comments/Comentarios* spread out over multiple months during early 2014. Keep an eye out for them as you read this newsletter. We also had our final discussion on Inventory -A Guiding Tool to Our Future:

*If you have a discussion topic that you would like to share with us please let us know.*

Our first Assembly of the year will be April 5-6 in beautiful Monterey hosted by Districts 01,02,03 and 19. I would like to take this moment to remind you all of the Old Business we have. **That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of CNCA Comments/ Comentarios except when individually requested.** –Web Committee. Now is the perfect time to get group conscience on this item. If you would like more information about this motion feel free to visit our website at [cnca06.org](http://cnca06.org).or check out July 2013 Comments/Comentarios for the Pros and Cons.

I am also looking forward to seeing as many of our trusted servants as possible in PRAASA. This amazing spiritual experience will be in San Diego on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, of March. It is a wonderful time to learn from other areas about our agenda topics and our General Service Structure.

**Don't forget your FM radios**

"...An even greater force for A.A.'s unity is the compelling love that we have for our fellow members and for the principles upon which our lives today are founded" (Twelve Concepts P. 6)

With Gratitude,  
Raymundo L. Area Chair

Hello Fellow trusted servants and friends!

A big "Welcome" to our new **District Committee Member Chairs, District Committee Members and General Service Representatives!** You have joined us just in time!

The 64th Conference kick-off has begun! I have been receiving letters and emails from GSO and making plans for the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. Preparations include; planning my travel, studying Conference materials, talking with others, reviewing the Service Manual, Twelve Concepts and "AA Comes of Age." It's been really fun! I am amazed at how often I understand things differently each time I read them.

For example: I think it's interesting that Bill W. had such foresight to create such gentle guiding tools as A.A.'s 12 Steps to help me recover. Yet in contrast, based on A.A.'s experiences, he designed our 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts with so many Should's, Not's, Ought's and Never's. They seem to hold me together and accountable to create A.A.'s future. I love how Tradition Nine reminds me about organization; describing how our service boards and committees, which are directly responsible to A.A. members. This service work gives A.A., the ability to reach any newcomer with a consistent message. Thru PSA's, Grapevine's and A.A. literature, and they assist us in outreach to doctors, court systems and the public. I believe because of our service structures, A.A.'s Traditions and Concepts that we are able to continue the work, not only at our home groups and towns, counties and states but worldwide as well.

It is also my experience that this responsibility goes both ways! As an A.A. member I need to be supportive as well. I take interest in committee work, and try to communicate ideas and concerns, and participate at meetings with enthusiasm, love and gratitude. I feel so fortunate; because of the A.A. program I have many tools and ways to help me live a sober and useful life. Before I was sober I didn't care so much about you or the future. Now both things are of utmost concern for me. I am so grateful for my travels to have been able to experience "How it Works" personally.

I find it remarkable "folks, which normally would not mix" are so dedicated to work together so that others may find sobriety. "Love and Gratitude" through our contributions and service continue to give hope to fellow sufferers. I know it's vital that that I support our Traditions, because they allow us to do for ourselves that which others cannot, and they keep our recovery work valuable.

"Service is our Bridge" to A.A.'s future. There's a lot going on in AA, and your participation is so welcomed and needed. This year is gonna "Whoosh" by so fast!

I hope to enjoy every moment of it with you!

Padee

# AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2013

## CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2013

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on December 21, 2013, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12:36PM. The AA Preamble was read by Ron L of District 13. Katherine L of D40 read Tradition 12, and Joseph D of D05 read Concept 12. There was 1 past delegate present: David N, P59, and current non-trustee director of AAWS board. There was 1 new DCM, and 1 new alt DCMC. November minutes and financial statement were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 7/105years. Registered attendance: Voting= 49; Non-voting = 38.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**DELEGATE Padee M:** Lots of announcements from AAWS and I've sent them out. E books are released: Amazon and Barnes and Noble: more to follow shortly. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of Big Book is still available; as is new service manual. AAWS had a board mtg and committees will be determined for panel 64 delegates. PRAASA signups: please. I need volunteers to be presenters, readers, timers. Contact me within the next couple of weeks. 200 people are already registered. Preconf assembly is the most important assembly: Monterey: April 4,5,6. Our general manager, Phyllis, shared how your groups' contributions are used when it was brought to the mic in Ft Wayne, Indiana at a regional forum when a Somali said he needed lit in his language; NY is now working on that. Thank you and your DCMs, and GSRs who work for AA's future. Thank you for all your love and support and best wishes as we venture together into our 2nd year of service.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE Jeff O:** Please do not send texts or emails to Ray. I have his address if you wish to send cards.

**CHAIR Raymundo L:** Jackets not claimed today will be going to a charity. Copies of area inventory are on the table.

**TREASURER Agustin L:** Income \$9957.65; expenses: \$7611.28; net income: \$2346.37. Checking: will spend approx \$7500.00 today: we are paying our insurance (\$1597.00) and have paid 80% of the rent for next summer's assembly; that is why our expenses are high this month. Prudent Reserve is intact. We have received some very generous donations this month.

**REGISTRAR Michael Q:** Panel 64 area rotation process is

complete and all has returned to normal. Thanks to our registrars and DCMCs for working so hard to keep all up to date. Few returns/duplicates on mailing list. Some districts are at or near 100% accuracy. Blessings to all.

**RECORDING SECRETARY Judy W:** If you are going to present a motion, please hand me a copy of it so I can type it into the minutes. Happy winter holidays to all.

**ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Phil B:** I have submitted our yearly rental to Petaluma Community Center and we are good through 2015. We have handicapped parking and overflow parking for the assembly in Monterey.

**LIT/GV/LV Ray W:** (Judy W) 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Big Book is still available.

### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**01 MONTEREY Scott P:** Getting ready for best assembly ever. I'd like to introduce our new PI/CPC chair, Nell. I have dinner tickets for the assembly dinner; Doug G to speak. Our dist is growing; I have learned so much.

**02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Ric B:** (*Mark C*): Lots of interest in discussing agenda topics for the GSC. We are excited about helping with the assembly in Monterey and are trying to get more people involved.

**03 SANTA CRUZ Scott B:** A head committee member will share what they do at our meetings. BTG will start in Jan. New PI/CPC chair. Lots of alcohons for the holidays.

**04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Robert E:** (Jon H): Great holiday potluck and speaker. Inventory next month. Ad hoc committee looking at subdistrict guidelines. Continuing discussion on our floor motion.

**40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Jim A:** (Miguel H): Dist Inventory: we are going to start a GSR-DCM meeting. Moving to: 1980 Hamilton Ave: First Congregational Church at corner of Hamilton and Leigh.

**05 SAN MATEO Joseph D:** Dist hosted 2 alcohons. Sub district in Half Moon Bay had a unity day; it was great. Had an abbreviated meeting/potluck and a great speaker.

**06 SAN FRANCISCO Teddy BW:** Visiting officer spoke on service sponsorship. Good discussions regarding inactive service workers/safety in AA. Considering motion that service manual have blank new group forms.

**07 ALAMEDA NORTH Eric A:** (Tom V): Held an inventory in Nov and had a potluck in Dec. Looking forward to the agenda topics for the coming year.

**70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Heather M:** (Bryan P): Had a potluck and

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## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2013 (Cont.)

regular mtg. Heather is now the DCMC, Cheryl is secretary and Wayne is alternate. Had an election to send a GSR to PRAASA with a \$750.00 scholarship.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Robert S*: Finished our inventory. Thanks to the help of our visiting officer. Looking at our reimbursement policy and to agenda topics workshop.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Renee S*: (Vern M): Visiting officer presented on journey through General Service. Central Office had holiday dinner. New GSRs joining.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Laurie J*: (Richard Hg): Inventory done; officers also did one. Getting ready for the summer assembly.

10 MARIN *Rebecca S*: (Jennifer K): We did have a meeting and had a visiting officer who helped facilitate a third legacy election and a very delightful potluck. Current DCMC stepping down and alternate will take her place.

11 NAPA *Thom H*: We're hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> interdistrict workshop on Jan 18. (11-3). Reviewing the inventory we took and creating visual charts. Presented our budget for next year. Will purchase a digital audio recorder.

12 SONOMA *Joann L*: HKM: Will offer 3 scholarships of \$500 ea for PRAASA. Winners selected in Jan. Feb 15: all day agenda topics workshop. Now have greeters at dist mtg.

13 LAKE *John O*: Dec potluck was great and we had a presentation on BTG. Meetings and alcohons planned for the holidays. Dist newsletter is very nice. Looking forward to participating in interdistrict workshop.

14 MENDOCINO *TIM D*: (MARK D): Area officer helped facilitate elections, two positions remain open. Our intergroup will fill vacancies in Feb.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *John L*: Held inventory and focused on getting GSRs involved and engaged. Thanks to officer for facilitating. Alcohons for Christmas and New Year's.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL (*Reynaldo M*) Took inventory. Visiting groups with no GSRs and looking to fill some dist positions. Mtg was in group office. Replaced our DCMC.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric M*: Visiting groups without GSRs to advise people of General Service. Had a business mtg yesterday; more participation. Thanks to those who participate. Thanks to our visiting area officer.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector A*: Did a group inventory and continue to visit groups (twice) to carry message. Looking forward to PRAASA and agenda topics.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Adrian C*: Visiting area officer answered a lot of questions. Need a La Viña rep. Visiting groups without GSRs. Would like to see an anniversary Big Book in Spanish!

20 SPANISH EAST *Martin V*: Took inventory with area officer as facilitator. Had pass it on workshop. Went to service assembly in Modesto. La Viña workshop held and 7 stories were submitted.

### Area Sub-Committees:

ARCHIVES *Laura W*: Wonderful presentation by area officer on experience in Bolivia. Beginning to move documents to

our new cases; making new display boards. Next workday: Jan 11.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Claudia N*: 8 districts: 25 presentations, 84 requests for contact. No business today to do inventory. Excited about upcoming joint committee mtg in April.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob K*: (Jennifer B): Thanks for contributions. Reviewed housekeeping motion from PI/CPC. Reminder: let finance committee and area chair know if you are planning on making a HKM. Final presentation of budget this afternoon.

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: Talked about what we might discuss at joint mtg April 26: Is there a need for PI/CPC members to interact with staff at institutions? How can we work together? PI/CPC workshop. Some districts now presenting at colleges. 93.7 (radio laser); tomorrow at 8: interview with Spanish speaking community). Presenting a HKM.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M*: Discussed two archives related motions from previous panel. Will make presentation to current Archives committee in near future.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *RICHARD H*: Discussing need for ASL at post-conf assemblies. No one has asked for the service /videos. No radios until next year.

CNCA COMMENTS *Richard W*: Lick and stick met on Dec 5. Thanks. 1200 Comments. Used our new long arm staplers. Next mtg; Jan 2 date may be moved. Free pizza. Info: see me or look in Comments.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Ramon G*: No report.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Barbara S*: Kris W shared on the role of the sub district. Kris went through the history of how our area/districts came about.

Lit/Grapevine: *Ray W*: (Brenda B): La Viña has 6 stories from our area in Jan. Feb 28 deadline for anniversary issues of Big Book Grapevine anniversary coming: submit stories of what GV has meant to you or your group; deadline in Jan. NCCAA/H&I *Diane O*: No report.

YPAA: *Ericka C*: 41 Oak St. South San Francisco: New Year's Eve. WACYCAA: Jan 2-5 in Denver. April 3-6 ACYPAA in Redding: discussing outreach to deaf members.

**HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:** That CNCA fund a booth rental at the Central Psychiatric Society Convention in Monterey, March 21-23, 2014 in the amount of \$600.00 – Jeff O, PI/CPC Committee.

*Discussion: Q.* We've found there is additional cost for power. Have you included this? *A.* Yes. *Q.* Do you know the full blow cost and why aren't you asking for that? *A.* We do know but have traditionally participated at a lower cost. *Q.* If we pass and we are charged more do we not participate?

*A.* They are not going to do that. We usually get in for the reduced price. No objections.

**\*\*MOTION PASSES\*\***

(SEVENTH TRADITION AND BREAK 2:00-2:10)

**Finance Committee budget presentation:**

No objections **\*\*Budget accepted\*\***

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

**Discussion Topics:** *Using an inventory to encourage im-*

## AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2013 (Cont.)

*proved participation; are we emphasizing all the steps, particularly Step 12 regarding service, in order that our GRS ratio to membership may improve?*

First time I've heard about all these inventory things; sounds like a doctoral thesis. Went to my group; they knew more than I did but decided not to have one. It's a great way to hear peoples' ideas and feelings. I'd like to hear what's happened in the past and what you've done with your inventories.//Rule 62: the point percolating in my head; sometimes there seems to be a bifurcation in what we do in recovery and what we do in service. It's not often we do the steps. Dist inventory was an eye opener: It challenged me. It opened my eyes to the fact that I can do better. We realized we weren't emphasizing service sponsorship enough. DCMC sharing session was terrific this morning as we shared our inventories.//I recently met a guy who was on fire and wanted to start a new group so I called someone I knew. The home group was dying and I wanted to have an opportunity to see what was going on. I called him and talked to him about General Service; he asked me to do an inventory for his group. They haven't had a GSR in years and it's awkward to step in: I'm working with this guy and bringing him into service. He's fired up to go to his group and have a conversation as to what's happening in the group. I have to say I have to work hard to get out of my comfort zone, but I see how I can be of service in my sub district. It's humbling but I am grateful I can be of service.//I had the opportunity to serve and participate in an area committee inventory. I'm not as familiar as I should be. It was a good experience and it was really powerful. I was able to share the good things and the things I need to see happen.//I've been reading through the notes from our area assembly and have a lot. There is a lot about dark meetings and recruitments: it struck me that if every group had a GSR, we couldn't get things done. It talks about taking care of the GSRs that we do have. A lot of districts don't have an orientation program or don't follow up with service sponsorship. We need to do a better job of working with our GSRs. Communication issues need to be addressed on a regular basis. Offer to be a service sponsor and/or focus on how to better educate and/or retain our GSRs.//I don't want to resurrect the discussion about the needs for a treatment committee but if we talk about the 12<sup>th</sup> step, a lot of GSRs feel there is no urgency to the kind of work we do. We work with other committees who have taken over a lot of our 12<sup>th</sup> step work. I don't want to jump ahead but we heard there will be a topic as to whether H&I or PI carries the message. This needs to be considered. WE carry the message. We need to emphasize what we do.

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

How grateful I am for this first year of our panel and how much I have grown. We have voices that need to be heard - voices that might feel unheard at times when we do inventory. We all work together to carry the message and we work together to do it collectively: we now have more unity and

better results.//I wanted to share that when the budget was presented last month I had questions about the deficit budget and I started hearing responses from people who came to the mic and I listened to people who have been around: answers came with love and reduced my aggression. I started to feel the spiritual experience: the flow of communication is an essential spiritual component of our fellowship and for the first time I felt it. It touched me deep in my heart.//Thanks everyone. I am grateful to be here. I want to acknowledge Melissa on her birthday today.//I want to say that we just read the 12<sup>th</sup> step again in one of my groups. Give ourselves a break. We are doing a good job. Get back to basics. Incorporate a recovery component at our area meeting. I think this area has become organized as that term is used in our 9<sup>th</sup> tradition: our area budget is a perfect example of that. I would love to see us guard against that more. Our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters know how to do what we are supposed to be doing. We spend time and energy dealing with minutia. I would love to see a discussion on whether our area is organized and how to honor the 9<sup>th</sup> tradition.//I am grateful there was no negative vote on the budget. The money that comes in and is spent: how prudent we've been. I am grateful for our officers, committee members. We have been prudent and it shows. When we share what we need, the money comes in. Our contributions always support us, so I think as money comes in this month, we will start next year with a positive budget. It's amazing to see how this works. We have done a very good job in meeting the needs of the area.//I was told never to leave with a butterfly in my stomach; what has bothered me is meetings without a GSR. My first mtg was in a recovery hospital and we read a story about crossing the river of denial and my first service experience was teaming up to talk to groups that had no intergroup or general service rep and we discovered that there are frequently good reasons why they didn't have a rep: struggles to meet expenses, or to get a secretary. I returned and met the person who wrote the story, thanked her, and became a member of that group which is now my home group.//Bring your fm radios as we have none to sell.//Thanks to the finance committee for all your months of work. I look forward to not spending money. I still have conference reports and hope not to carry them around too much longer.//As we go to celebrate the holidays, I hope you will carry a piece of Ray in your heart.

Meeting closed at 2:50 pm with Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Judy W  
CNCA Panel 63 Recording Secretary

# PROJECTED CNCA APPROVED BUDGET 2014

	2014 Ap- proved	2013 Budget	2013 Pro- jected	2012 Budget	2012 Actu- al	2011 Actu- al
<b>INCOME</b>						
Group Contributions	80,000	77,000	80,000	75,000	75,775	71,373
District Contributions	5,000	6,000	4,000	6,000	5,452	4,672
Assembly Contributions	8,000	8,000	7,800	9,000	8,363	9,520
Tradition 7, Area Comm.	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000	3,083	3,016
H & I Archives Rent	500	500	500	500	500	500
CNCA Subscriptions	30	30	25	60	18	54
Personal/Misc Contributions	2,500	3,500	16	3,500	2,832	3,583
Motions Book	10	150	50	50	150	190
Interest Income	7	7	7	7	6	5
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>99,047</b>	<b>98,187</b>	<b>95,198</b>	<b>97,117</b>	<b>96,178</b>	<b>92,912</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
TOTAL Delegate Expense	6,783	6,836	5,486	8,447	6,552	5,774
TOTAL 7 Officer Expense	24,343	30,785	24,256	26,879	25,398	19,291
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>						
TOTAL Archives	9,010	8,860	7,295	8,373	6,749	7,190
TOTAL Bridging The Gap	4,185	4,190	2,526	3,979	2,871	2,276
TOTAL Finance Committee	1,100	1,325	800	1,106	979	1,253
TOTAL PI/CPC	1,400	1,300	362	1,400	1,353	299
TOTAL Interpretation & Trans	1,360	1,810	1060	1,684	182	739
TOTAL Website Committee	660	960	655	1,248	985	35
TOTAL CNCA Comments	8,275	8,100	8,173	8,100	6,520	6,437
TOTAL ACNC Commentarios	2,345	2,544	2,080	2,544	2,197	1,706
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE</b>	<b>28,135</b>	<b>29,089</b>	<b>22,951</b>	<b>28,434</b>	<b>21,836</b>	<b>19,935</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>						
TOTAL Assembly Expense	27,485	28,315	22,459	25,823	26,111	21,912
TOTAL Area Comm. Exp.	12,936	13,112	12,252	12,796	12,097	12,586
Federal & State Tax Fees	35	35	35	35	35	50
Tax Return Preparation	1500	1,500	550	1,500	1,218	1,073
Insurance Expense	1600	1,500	1,577	1,500	1,473	1,427
General Serv Conference	1600	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,200	1,200
Return Check/Printing Bank Fees	36	35	36	35	81	35
Contributions to GSO		0		0	0	
<b>TOTAL General Expense</b>	<b>45,192</b>	<b>46,097</b>	<b>38,509</b>	<b>42,889</b>	<b>40,997</b>	<b>38,283</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>104,463</b>	<b>112,807</b>	<b>91,202</b>	<b>106,649</b>	<b>94,783</b>	<b>83,284</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-5,416</b>	<b>-14,620</b>	<b>3,996</b>	<b>-9,532</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>10,025</b>

## Revised Budget November 2013

	Jan - Nov 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Assembly Contributions	8,385.62	8,000.00	
Group Contributions	85,033.04	70,583.34	14,449.70
District Contributions	7,543.47	5,500.00	2,043.47
Tradition 7, Area Committee	3,337.49	2,750.00	587.49
H & I Archives Rent	500.00		
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	72.00	30.00	42.00
Personal/Misc. Contributions	139.79	3,345.84	(3,206.05)
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.54	6.42	(5.88)
Total Income			
Gross Profit	105,011.16	90,215.60	14,795.56
Expense			
DCM Sharing Session Copies			
DCMC Sharing Session Copies			
Delegate Expense	5,722.48	6,548.35	(825.87)
Officer Expense	28,475.98	29,308.34	(832.36)
Committee Expense	20,100.57	28,213.84	(8,113.27)
General Expense	40,510.58	46,097.00	(5,586.42)
Total Expense	94,809.61	110,167.53	(15,357.92)
Net Ordinary Income	10,201.55	(19,951.93)	30,153.48
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Refunds/Rebates	(2,471.91)		
Total Other Income	(2,471.91)		
Net Other Income	(2,471.91)		
Net Income	7,729.64	(19,951.93)	27,681.57

**The November Balance Sheet will appear in the February 2014 edition of the CNCA Comments to make space for our CNCA Inventory which begins on the next page.**

# CNCA AREA 06 INVENTORY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

**California Northern Coastal Area 06 Inventory  
Saturday, November 9, 2013** San Francisco, CA  
**Facilitated by Madeleine P**

*"In the years ahead AA will, of course, make mistakes. Experience has taught us that we need have no fear of doing this, providing that we always remain willing to admit our faults and to correct them promptly. Our growth as individuals has depended upon this healthy process of trial and error. So will our growth as a fellowship. Let us always remember that any society of men and women that cannot freely correct its own faults must surely fall into decay if not into collapse. Such is the universal penalty for the failure to go on growing. Just as each AA must continue to take his moral inventory and act upon it, so must our whole Society if we are to survive and if we are to serve usefully and well."*—AA Comes Of Age, P. 231

*"Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles. The following questions, compiled from AA shared experience, may be useful in arriving at an informed group conscience."*—The AA Group", P. 35-36

## **1. Do we practice humility in service?**

The people that surround me in this group – it is very attractive. Their humility just blows me away. We have a pamphlet titled the GSR may be the most important job in AA. That sounds like total arrogance. I think it could be reworded in a better way. I like what the document says but I hate the title. / Tradition 12 reminds me to carry the idea to be one among many. Not placing people in AA above others. Creating an atmosphere where everyone is welcome to share and allowing enough time for discussion. Tradition 12 keeps me out of the personalities in AA. / What really struck me is the humility in this room. That leads me to think that "yes" we do practice a lot of humility. I did hear a lot of negative comments about GS. This is a much different experience. / I want to discuss my experience with this. I represent a 200 + group. I had a lot of self-centered fear. I am just being available for them. It has been very humbling. / I was doing PI. I was also a GSR. I was at my meeting and there was this person, a director from television. He was trying to do a presentation for television. I went to work all happy. My group let me know that they were going to talk to the area. I said, why talk to the area? I got it that day that it is about us not me. / This is my second panel. I am much more humble now. My humility gets into trouble when I am not taking care of myself – hungry, angry, lonely, or tired. / I have learned a lot this year. I used to think I was president of AA. I have sponsors – I actually listen. AA is about listening and learning. STOP – See - The - Other - People. I was telling the service sponsor – you know I like the mic. My sponsor pointed out this label on the mic that says "this is not about you." / One definition that was given to me about humility was doing what is in front of me without worrying about if I do it good or bad. / I think humility is a very personal thing. Being a serious service junkie I have to turn to my service sponsor. I can get overwhelmed. I think it is a very personal thing. It is hard to say as a group when it is an individual thing. By coming together and talking about it - it is a wonderful thing that we acquire together. / Humility is huge for me. The way I remember to be humble is to remember that everything I have now is a gift from God. I just have to apply that to my GSR abilities/duties. / Humility in service - I started off in GS as an alternate GSR then my GSR had to leave then I became the GSR. I had other services – I had to leave other services to focus on my group. / Humility - do something for someone else and don't get caught. / I came from my country trying to escape from myself. When I arrived to AA they told me about

being humble no matter how big the things are in my life. When I arrived from my country my ego was really big. / I think that anytime you have a service commitment in AA you should try to practice it with humility. / On the GSR pamphlet where it says that it might be the most important position - that makes me a little uneasy. When I share I try to make sure that I don't imply that one position is more important than another.

## **2. Do we grant trusted servants sufficient authority to match their responsibility?**

Yes / I am not going to disagree with anyone about the question of do we give sufficient authority to our trusted servants? My point, position is, do we give our pool of applicants the essential tools, training that they need as trusted servants to sufficiently understand their responsibilities? / We cannot do it alone. What I have experienced from my learning process in the area service structure is that principles and concepts are clearly carried out. In our district, not everyone wants to work the program. We have 16 GSRs but only about 2-3 of the GSRs attend the study group. That is part of the reason that the GSRs are not informed about the dynamics related to General Service. / What does it mean to be responsible? My sponsor, and I am going to express what he shared with me, has said that we don't have the option to say that we are not good enough. If I am a chronic alcoholic, I will walk towards a drink or die. General Service has saved my life. / I think the lady who started out with yes has really said it all. I have been granted the authority to do the job. It doesn't take authority from me. I have often had people correct me, guide me, quietly and gently; by doing so they have added to my knowledge. / This is a good question. I have had good sponsorship; a sponsor with the resources for this. I was taught to focus not on what I can out of this but what I can bring to the table. I thank everyone for their opinions. Every critic has helped me when I look at their side of the issue. A leader must realize that no one is dead right or dead wrong. I thank my critics and I try to pass this along to my service sponsees as well. / I love the dishwasher analysis of the person loading the dishwasher. I think the other person needed an AI-Anon meeting. / We talked about this in my group and granting our trusted servants sufficient authority to match their responsibilities is done to a point but when it comes to certain financial responsibilities, we do not. If an individual has to travel further out in his area, sometimes we do not provide financial assistance to that person. We do not always give authority, especially financial. The trusted servant has to show enough strength to know he has authority. / Do we grant trusted servants authority? I am assuming that we are talking about the area..... I believe CNCA has become too organized and in doing so sometimes subtly inhibits the autonomy and in that sense we are allowing insufficient authority, which is according to our triangle of service, an upside down triangle. / I just want to mention, I like how some of Bill's writings say that we just been asked to do the group's chores. Sometimes it works nicely and sometimes it clunks along. With regards to the background materials, maybe we can be a bit demanding. Keep in mind that we can use the summaries as material. It is a good idea to read the summaries. / The word authority or God as we understand Him is expressed through our group consciences. Let's give encouragement to our trusted servants to do what you think is right. A GSR said we that if we don't work with wet ones we make sure wet ones get worked on. / This question has made me look at the concepts, especially Concept 10, which is well defined on the question of authority. A couple of other concepts also refer to authority and talk about the approach to authority. My job as a sponsor and GSR is to walk through it as is; when sharing with my group, if we have questions, let's look at that.

## **3. How can we be more effective in communicating the spiritual value of self-support?**

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When I share about self-support, I talk about the announcement and let the groups know that without their contribution, we would be nothing. / I think the way to communicate it is to give stories about what self-support means. A guy in Portland who spoke Chinese went to a Spanish speaking meeting. We were able to provide a Chinese Big Book to help this alcoholic get sober because some of our contributions pay for translations of the Big Book. It is not about the \$1 or \$2 we put in the basket, it is about staying sober and I feel hopeful. / On this topic an American Sign Language version was developed trying to be a word for word translation. We do have the book out there and most can get sober with the book but the translation is poor. This topic is coming up in many areas. We have failed the deaf community because we did not rightly invest our money. Let's say we are sorry and get it right. / How we can be more effective is to let the group know where the money goes. The money in the basket has the potential to save lives and we should not underestimate how effectively the dollars can be used. Some of the money helped a Somalia refugee get a Big Book. This is how money and spiritually do mix. Our money is put to good use. / By doing it and sharing this with my sponsees, by being self-sufficient. / My point of view is that without a group we would not have services. It all comes down to if we don't put money in the basket, we are not practicing the principles given to us. What is the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition really? If I make \$40 an hour and put \$40 in the basket I can give AA one hour of my life. I owe my life to the fellowship. I can give one hour of my life. / When I came to, one of the first things I was taught was gratitude. They taught me to be grateful to AA and insist that when we teach that same message to the newcomer that the most important thing is gratitude we will save lives. / If all AA groups show and talk about love and talk about love of self, that is spirituality. / At least in my district we have had the most success interesting the groups by informing them of things that are done with their contributions such as PICPC's efforts to put Big Books in all the county libraries. It may not generate contributions but will raise the interest in General Service and will pay off in the long run. / Communication is a spiritual value and getting someone from Point A to Point B they will not always be ready. I appreciate the question but I cannot negotiate my value. I am here to talk to you about the value of guilt. I think it should hurt a little. I can only contribute to it: do you want a translation of the Big Books and other AA books or not? We cannot do harm with the truth. / When I was a new GSR, I wanted to take the literature away because the members were not making contributions. What has changed is that I am more enthusiastic; I share about Public Information, ASL, I added enthusiasm and took responsibility. / I read from Box 459 to show what is happening with our money and this generates enthusiasm. Can we talk about what happens there, and the experience of being grateful we were there? We are more main stream; we can now see the AA announcements at 4 pm, not only at 2 am. Our public service announcement is screened at Time Square. I share the information with my groups and this fires them up about what we have done with the money. / We went to a meeting one day and they put dollars in the basket but they don't know where the money goes, so I decided to investigate. We have newcomers who stay with us when the treasurer shares a financial report. I learned that when newcomers learn, they will share more freely. / Our group started out having trouble making our rent. Our secretary would describe where the money went, pays for rent, for food, pays money to GSR, etc. People from recovery homes had no money to give and we understood. One thing for sure, if you can contribute, fine, but you are more important than your money.

### **4. How can we communicate the role & purpose of General Service & CNCA to our fellowship?**

Can the DCMs come to meetings to hear what we are saying? That would be nice if DCMs could attend steering committee to see if it is being run properly. / It is important to express the importance of General Service, the importance of the Service Manual. The GSR position is open with no explanation of what being a GSR entails. I was taught to say yes and had no idea what I signed up for. I just saw this side of AA. I am grateful to be here. / For questions Four and Five, it is hard to differentiate between the two. We get stuck in details and miss the big picture. Service sponsors can help, agenda topic background materials help but we forget GSRs are often railroaded into their positions and they don't know. A sharing session would be helpful. / I really like this topic. I am a brand new alternate, a fortunate person. I learned my true responsibility as a GSR; I am lucky to have a great sponsor to teach me how much responsibility that I do have. I do understand the responsibility is to let the group members know what is going on and to communicate the purpose. My sponsor and my home group are behind me 100%. / We have a pamphlet about General Service provided by GSO and AA Services. I pick out a topic from this pamphlet and the interest from the group has been amazing. If this cannot keep you busy, tell me what can. / One idea my service sponsor gave me for a meeting that doesn't have a GSR is to talk about something that we do here in General Service. / My group's conscience is clear on this one. They like visuals. Yes, I do a good job at talking and they have gotten good at listening to me but they want a clear visual. I am in the process of making a visual to see how a simple one works, starting with the area and district. We can throw too much at them. / We need to make more announcements at what it is that is going on at General Service. I am going to invite people as guests so they know what we are doing. I will figure out everything eventually. I try to keep the announcement informative, not boring. If it sounds boring, why bother? Without General Service, I would not have a meeting to go to. / Something I hear a lot is that, by the time you get to 2 years you learn about the duties and responsibilities of the GSR position and then you finish your commitment and move on. Therefore, the standard is incompetence. It is okay not to know what we are doing. I have a message to the carry to the newcomer and if we really believe that CNCA is doing well now then people new to service need to get the tools to do the job. My sponsor had a number of years of experience and I was blessed to have that guidance. I have had a spiritual awakening around the concepts, and I think we can support new people in a better way. / Besides what we communicate, what is the role of a General Service Representative? It is how we talk about what it is. We can be more effective if we avoid negative concepts. If a GSR hears you will not know anything for two years, we roped you in, ha, ha, ha. My experience has been wonderful. Let's focus on the attraction not promotion aspect. / I receive a lot of feedback that GRS are shushed at meetings, no time left, whatever the reason is. For a GSR to make announcements brief and make themselves available after meetings to have one on one time and be able to explain what the General Service is all about is ideal. We get better feedback that way. / When we talk about General Service, I would say I would not judge someone who accepts an AA position. I am dually diagnosed and everyone can be treated equally. We have a common solution, a common denominator: alcoholism. If you are an area GSR, I just want to say thank you. / From my personal experience, old timers encouraged me to be a part of General Service and bit by bit I learned, I asked questions, attended sharing topics workshops. When we are going over General Service topics, invite everyone to attend. The GSR will explain, inform, and get you interested and is a part of the link. / I am very habitually going to my small meeting and I make my GSR announcements. I bring the Annual Report every year. I have not experienced anyone telling me that a

being a GSR is bad. The majority of people are not interested. I think those of us that are doing what we think we are supposed to be doing and the rest are doing what they are doing. There is a God, and I am not it. / The second time around General Service, I was told that General Service was an important link and part of the chain. If GSRs do not understand how they can communicate to their groups, they can read the Service Manual, having a service sponsor is also important and has been helpful to me. We need to make ourselves available. You do not have to wait to share what you know. / When we talk about not knowing what we are doing the first year, it took a full year for me to understand what the hell just happened. What we are is a voice of a power greater than ourselves, to harmonize the sound of God. Bill is very adamant; if we drink, we are going to die. I drank after 10 year. At least I know where to get help. That is what we do. / I want to thank District 6; it has been wonderful. I was thinking about my first year as a GSR. The first year I didn't know as much but the second year was better. Now I am an alternate. When we do business meetings, we do have a GSR service report. We got an idea to maybe invite other trusted servants to our next business meeting. It wasn't in my head when I came up here.

## **5. Is the business conducted in CNCA important to the groups and the future of A.A.?**

This is vital to the functioning of AA. Without GS we would not function as a whole. We do mundane tasks because we care about AA as a whole. If our whole society fell apart think about how many people that would affect. I would probably get drunk if AA fell apart. Meetings are a pep rally for God. That is my opinion. / I went to my first assembly in Ferndale. It has changed my AA life - getting to see how this business is done, hearing the minority opinion, and actually listening. I have just seen it. It is important to the groups and AA for sure. / This question is so important to me. We have 4 assemblies a year. The preconference assembly is so important. We take that very seriously. There alone - there is no way to say no. Yes, our business is what happens in AA as a whole. Then we work on items that affect our area and our groups. Now we are taking an inventory. That is why we are the link. / The question is phrased - my opinion is yes. If the question had been phrased differently - the conduct of the business is not critical. The business is critical. / The group conscience said "Yes, this is the link between the groups and general service." The fact the groups responded to this question says "yes." Looking around the room makes me say yes. This is part of the continuity in AA. If the continuity continues then the future of AA is assured. / The man that went ahead of me makes sense - discussing conduct. My groups don't care. The motion that we were supposed to vote on today doesn't concern my groups - about the Comments being mailed. They are the ones that give us the money - to mail the Comments. The groups have given us the authority. / You are going to get a lot of feedback that GS is boring or they don't care. Most of the folks that say that - don't understand. Once I got this information I was able to understand it - to use it in context. / I think it is vital - in terms of being here to help the next alcoholic. I celebrated 26 years of sobriety recently. I came into GS about 3 years ago. I have had many spiritual experiences over that time. / This is about my 3<sup>rd</sup> year. I did about 2 years of back up work. It is important to me. What I have found through this experience is that there are wonderful guidelines - like the 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy voting. It is wonderful. It is so fair. What really gets me is when you get to share at GS. You are allowed to share anything in an appropriate way about your group. Nothing is sped up in AA. Now that I am in my third year I get it. It has changed my life. I am so much more calm. / I come from a dark district. The person before me walked up and asked me to be a GSR at 1 1/2 years of sobriety. When I started GSR work I expected that I would see results. However, very often we don't see the results of the work in the generation that we are service to. The work that we do is important but really the participation is important. / I want to thank the

last speaker. I see CNCA as a vital link between the groups and AA as a whole - to reach the next suffering alcoholic. / If the purpose of CNCA is to serve the interest of the groups and to carry those group consciences to the general service conference - I am wondering if the question can be phrased a little differently. / But I am learning - I have found that GS is very important for the growth of AA - so that I can pass on the message and be an example for members of my groups. / And we have a newcomer in that group of 10 who can't believe how much we get done even with all of our diverse opinions. I had never seen people have hot disagreements then hug afterward. I was privileged to see my group vote for the pamphlet for the gay and lesbian that has been created. / Background material - it was on a subcommittee - the preconference prep. seems to be focused on agenda items. Members expect their delegates to have information beyond the committee they service on. There seems to be some lack of trust. We must trust those that we delegate authority to. / Yes it is - even if at an individual level people don't recognize it. Picture this in your imagination - if every group had a GSR we couldn't get things done. What we do is absolutely important and is our future. / What we do here is important to the groups. I would like to pose this question to the groups. It is my job as a GSR to impress upon my groups what we do is important. / My group didn't have a GSR until the DCM asked my group to elect a GSR. I'm not convinced yet that my group needs a GSR. My GSR time is limited. I am not sure that my group really cares about CNCA. / I think what we do at the area is very important. At the beginning when I went to the area meetings I was afraid. I was the editor of The Comentarios. I wasn't sure how to take it in. But I learned more. The program is personal. I feel a lot better when I came to the area. / On page S15 of this interesting book (the service manual) - I think we are doing what is listed here. This is a great thing to read to people - a short concise way to share with others what we do. / I feel like my home group doesn't really care what we do. But I care. I feel like the area and districts serve as a training ground. My home group is a small steps and traditions study. I incorporate what is happening at the area or district in my shares. It is very important.

## **6. Can we be more inclusive in meeting the needs of our diverse membership?**

I believe we can be more inclusive but we need to totally rely on the understanding of cross cultural complexities. I can't understand the diverse communities in the place that I grew up. Then you add the diverse groups that are coming in to AA. It is difficult to understand alcoholism across these diverse groups. How can we educate our members to understand these cultural complexities? For example, in an Asian community it is very important to safe face. That is part of what we need to do so that we can be more inclusive. / I have talked with some members in our group. It is an attitude. AA is a really a white space even in SF. I know that from friends who see a set of folks different from them - that can be challenging. The attitude has to be more open. Sometimes we get stuck in slogans that can be counter helpful. - dogma. / I also work in the corrections in Solano County. There are people that I work with that say that they don't feel welcome in AA.. That people won't sign their paperwork that is (coming from the judge. Maybe we forgot how it feels to go to a meeting and not feel welcome. I think this is a cultural problem for them when they see us looking healthy, happy, and dressed well. I think we need to be aware of the people that have recently come out of prison. / One of the problems that I see within the district is within the various groups - there is one group that is very proud about how much 7<sup>th</sup> traditions funds they give to the central office. However, a lot of newcomers don't want to come back to that meeting. One guy said it is your problem. You seem to be the common factor. Any meeting that is labeled as "gay" I don't even want to go to. It is not the most pleasurable thing to come to. I see the traditions being ignored. I don't know how to address that. I am just starting to articulate that. It is kind of scary. / In the levels of

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general service I think we are doing pretty good at trying to be inclusive. At a more personal level – at a large meeting – after the meeting no one came up to me and I had never been there. If I had been new I would have been put off. It is still hard for youth to get here. The gendering ritual – keeps no heterosexual people out of here. Men sponsoring men – women sponsoring women can sound confusing if you are not straight. / We recently tried to do outreach to deaf people. You can let people know that your group carries that DVD – reaching out to deaf people. I have seen AA at its absolute ugliest. / I am not sure I see as much diversity as I am use to. I was taught that I have a disease of terminal uniqueness. / It seems to me that my group is fairly decent at welcoming the normal difference in our meeting. What we are used to seeing. When someone comes in that is very different from that – this can be more challenging. We live in a society that doesn't do well incorporating differences. My hope in AA is that we can be different. I have a brother who is mentally ill. He said he is having a difficult time finding meetings because he is having a difficult time saying he is dually diagnosed. / I want to talk about those folks that are living with dual diagnoses. In the access sheet that was generated by GSO - dual diagnoses is not included. There is still an "invisibilizing" of this population. In AA we need to share our experience and educate the people in my fellowship. I recently had someone that I care very much in my life say "I thought we are supposed to keep life simple." Would you say that to someone in a wheel chair - isn't your body supposed to be simple? / I'm here right now as a member of the access committee. We have committees like H&I. Occasionally we get requests that don't fit in. The sunshine club takes meetings to folks that are ill. How do we reach out to the chronically ill? Also, we need to consider seniors. There is nothing more exciting than to see a senior member. / We have a slogan that tells us that we all fit. In my case I went to a group on court order. I stayed because I have a common problem. I don't think there are any excuses. AA should be inclusive never exclusive. / I think our area has been doing a great job since I have been attending area meetings. We had a need after years to start an English speaking meeting. I always thought this was not going to work. It is working. Me, as a Spanish person, have to keep this going. I am glad of the area that I belong to. / This came to mind for me – I talked to a detective that indicated behind a lot of violent crime, alcohol is involved. Is AA behind the mark handing out information? These are children that are losing their fathers. I know they are alcoholics. I don't see us growing as fast as we can. / I have a dual diagnoses, I have been encourage lately. In my district we had a discussion topic that talked about this stuff. I would like to put out there that I think that this is very important. When I go to meetings I don't usually talk about how my other disabilities interact with my alcoholism. I would like to encourage that we do have more of this kind of stuff – through access committees or individuals educating. It is important to remember the 3<sup>rd</sup> tradition. I think that we have the most inclusive society on earth in AA. I think that the problem is that we are too sensitive. We love to think that we are unique. GS produces pamphlets to every group. / Sonoma County has a special needs committee for access. The purpose for the committee is to identify barriers to access to meetings. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of our districts had an access committee so that we could then share together the work that we are doing? / We have sign language at the post-conference assembly but we don't tell people about it and we don't offer sign language in Spanish. / Walk a mile in a man's shoes before you make any judgments. / I went to the liquor store the other day. The guy said – how about some liquor? He asked "why?" - then I shared some of my experience. He was Indian. There is a book in AA that is translated in his language that I am going to try to give him. / Newcomers or even old-timers are being put off by closing meetings with the Lord's Prayer. Now we have created a new problem – folks

on steps one and two who don't want to say the 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer. / I have deaf welcome packet and anyone is welcome to it.

### **7. How can we strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?**

Suggest that we do everything possible to make service at the area level available to the most people. / And not just saying go do some service. We need to teach our sponsees what service means. It is serious, not something that we change our minds about. Stress sponsorship. / Thank the members of the archives and finance committees. On sponsee night we go through the service structure and the concepts. They feel like they are a part of AA as a whole. They come along with me sometimes and sleep on the floor. / I think that I am responsible just generally to educate anyone I come across in AA. When I come back to my home group, I am going to make a trifold board - sketch info to start burning it into people's heads. / I think that I find that what I see is important. Before we start we make sure that we have the time to learn. Have seen folks stepping into positions where they didn't have the past experience - sobriety time. Allow them to have time before stepping up as an officer. This creates a foundation for a strong structure. / Important to have an alternate GSR. / Every service member needs to work their steps. They need to obtain a sponsor and study the service manual. Those are important ways to serve since no one can give what they don't have. / Want to address the question: how can we strengthen the composition and leadership of future trusted servants? Prayer is very important and the first step. / I'm focusing on the term future. Emphasize the traditions in more pervasive ways. If we mention a tradition – explain it. Give a little more education. The concepts make no sense without an understanding of the traditions. / Strong sponsorship is vital. Leaders need to have an inclusive perspective. Critical thought. / Create a larger population of those who are educated about GS. Have a short elevator speech – 5 sentences on how GS empowers AA and serves it as a whole. Having something quick and short would be helpful. / Regarding the composition, need to focus on young folks. Need more teens and 20s. / Works with one alcoholic working with another. It is import to actually do the service that we step up to do. / More about educating members and groups. Once a month or once a week, include in your sharing what you do. Someone talked about Bridging the Gap to my group then someone from my group stepped up. / I think finances are a huge problem in AA. It causes a schism between people that can do service and people that can't. I was fortunate that I was able to move out of SF to a place where I can afford to live. Economics is a huge problem. / I believe that it is a good idea to take sponsees through this book (the service manual). Announce to your group interesting things that are happening in AA - the sooner the exposure the better. / When I went to my GSR orientation, I remember the months that followed looking at the people who were of service. I try to convey the fun and the hope so that some other alcoholic will see that. / When I am sitting down to work with my sponsees for the first time, am I giving them an opinion or using the literature? Am I explaining about how the steps relate to the traditions later on? / During the time before I got involved in general service I thought H&I was good but general service was bad. I saw from my sponsor that was involved in GS that he was also involved in other forms of service. Maybe it is not this us and them. Maybe this will encourage folks to come into general service. / There seems to be a rift between young people's groups and GS. To solve this try to incorporate the concepts at the group level. / I agree with a lot of speakers. I chose my sponsorship lineage because of their service. I saw this whole other world. When you integrate service in your life – you bring the 12 concepts up at meeting level. I wasn't aware that there are 12 concepts until I heard it from my sponsors. You need to bring it up in your sponsorship lineage.

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January	25—Area Committee Mtg
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March	03/07-03/09-PRAASA San Diego 22—Area Committee Mtg
April	5,6—Pre Conference Assembly, Monterey (Hosted by District 01) 26—Area Committee Mtg
May	4/27-5/3 General Service Conf, NY 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	8 <sup>th</sup> —Election Assembly San Jose (Hosted by Dist 40/04)
November	22—Area Committee Mtg
December	20—Area Committee MtTG

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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
August	1 or 8—Summer Assembly 22—Area Committee Mtg
September	26—Area Committee Mtg
October	24—Area Committee Mtg
November	7 or 14-Fall Inventory Assembly 28—Area Committee Mtg
December	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

If your District is considering making a bid for an assembly please contact the Assembly Coordinator Phil B at [ac.p63@cnca06.org](mailto:ac.p63@cnca06.org)

## CNCA Motions

### January 2014

#### Area Committee

Assembly Bids:  
Housekeeping Motion:  
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Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:  
New Business at Area Committee Meeting:  
Discussion Topics:

#### Area Assembly Motions

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:  
Old Business at Area Assembly:

- That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of *CNCA Comments/Comentarios* except when individually requested.  
–Web Committee

New Business at the Area Assembly:

## Panel 63 Area Officers & Area Meeting Information

### Delegate

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## CNCA Standing Committee & Sharing Session Meetings

are the 4th Saturday every month. Sharing Sessions -10 am  
Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am  
Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

**Archives** Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Laura W at archiveschair.p63@cnca06.org. The CNCA Archives are located at 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2065.

**Bridging the Gap** meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Claudia N btgchair.p63@cnca06.org.

### **Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PICPC)**

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**Web** Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact webcom.p63@cnca06.org.

**DCMs & DCMCs** Sharing Sessions meet at 10 am.

**Grapevine/La Vina/ Lit.** Sharing Session at 10 am.  
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