

Chair Preview May 2017

The April Area Committee Meeting (ACM) seemed lighter in attendance (and not just because our Delegate and a couple members of “the porch” were at the General Service Conference in NY). But we had a busier agenda and it promises to be even more interesting in May.

We approved an Assembly bid from District 15 for the 2018 Summer Assembly, so mark your calendars for Fortuna on August 11, 2018. I hear rumors that we may have multiple Assembly bids at our meeting in May. So exciting! I’d love to see the same enthusiasm for bidding on the *Comentarios* (hint, hint). We also approved a housekeeping motion for a member of the Archives committee to attend the annual workshop (in Winnipeg, Canada this year) at a cost not to exceed \$1400. And we got an update from Bridging the Gap on the Short-Term Correspondence pilot program, which will now be known as the “Pre-Release Contact Service.” See inside for details. And the Finance Committee’s first trial run of collecting the 7th tradition electronically—in addition to passing the baskets—went smoothly.

There was a presentation of new business from the Finance Committee: *“That, due to funds in our checking account that exceed established Area 06 7th Tradition needs, CNCA disburse \$10,000 to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”* The body voted to keep this discussion at the ACM, so it will be new business next month. A question came up during What’s on Your Mind as to why we don’t hear the minority opinion when we vote on the venue. Votes on whether a motion stays at the ACM or goes to the Assembly are not debatable. This question seems to come up a few times each panel, and since another member said it would be helpful to hear sharing on simple majority votes and the minority opinion at district level, we will have a discussion topic along those lines next month. Stay tuned...

Another topic of discussion, since you are holding it in your hand (or on your screen) as we speak, is *“What do you like about the CNCA Comments/Comentarios? How could they be more accessible?”* Read what was said in the minutes for April and bring your ideas to the ACM on May 27 (yes, that’s Memorial Day weekend). And please submit ideas for Summer Assembly workshops to any Area Officer before June 24. What sorts of workshops have we done in prior years? Take a look at past July issues of the *Comments* in the online archive at www.cnca06.org.

Yours in fellowship and in service,
Jennifer B., Area Chair