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CHAIR'S PREVIEW

Chair's Preview
July 2024

Our Summer Assembly is on August 10th, and we have chosen workshops, speakers, and are preparing to have great discussions around so many principles learned in General Service.

And I have to take a moment to acknowledge that I am sad. This is my last time chairing an assembly, and I can't believe it went by so quickly. This position brought me face to face with my perfectionism and anxiety. In order to best serve, I needed to be fully present, feeling everything in the room, instead of disassociating in a crowd when things become overwhelming. The amount of fear and ego that I had to face and be gentle with was a new experience. It taught me how to be gentle with others as well – we are all, at times, going through it, and we may not show it. Learning how to feel the room instead of just perform, staying in tune with each voice and the flow of group conscience – being a part of group energy is an experience not to be missed. I am so grateful.

These are our workshop topics:

WORKSHOP SESSION I: 1:00 – 2:15 PM

1. Spirit of Rotation –What's Next for Me? In-Person | Online ID: 953 2943 4632
2. Growing in Effectiveness within the Service Structure. Hybrid ID: 632 553 607

WORKSHOP SESSION II: 2:30 – 3:45 PM

3. Practicing the Long Form of Tradition 7. In-Person | Online ID: 953 2943 4632
 4. Social Networks and Connecting Online in A.A. Hybrid ID: 632 553 607
- Please remember to bring and use your radios, as half the workshops will be in Spanish, and half in English.

In addition to looking up principals associated with the workshop topics, please remember that we have three items of old business which we might be voting on:

- That CNCA continue to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly. – Presented by District 15, Humboldt/Del Norte at the Area Committee Meeting on 9/23/23
- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing

and sub-committees.

- Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23

- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.

-Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23

Let's remember to have conversation and form group ideas, rather than just personal opinions.

Stay cool and see you in Campbell!

Chitra S.
Chair, CNCA 06
Panel 73



DELEGATE'S CORNER

Delegate's Corner: July 2024

As I continue to share the story of the 74th General Service Conference – my primary responsibilities as Delegate are to attend the Conference and to report back what happened – I am reflecting a lot on what my two-year journey meant to me.

My first Conference, last year, thematically focused inward – mostly on the controversies regarding the Board chair's resignation and the distrust that followed. There were continuing concerns about money (and how we spend it,

and whether we spend it effectively), and we reviewed the Plain Language Big Book – but it wasn't ready for publication.

This year, we took some more notable actions. We approved the publication of the Plain Language Big Book, and we approved the development of pamphlets to ensure that everyone approaching AA feels welcomed in our rooms. I'm aware that not everyone is happy with every action that the Conference takes – and that's OK.

We don't have to like everything about AA to love what AA did for us – and what it can do for others.

I know that AA will continue to flourish because the essential parts of AA – one alcoholic, helping another, guiding them through the literature and the steps, won't change. Alcoholics will continue getting to meetings early, setting up the chairs, making the coffee, greeting the newcomers. We will still celebrate 30-day milestones, and we will still all privately prepare what we'll say if we get asked to speak.

But AA will also flourish because I learned over the past two years to trust the process. It's hard to trust sometimes – Steps Two and Three were some of the hardest for me. But the process this year worked – our collective group conscience really does reflect our Higher Power. Last year, we focused inward – a Step 10, almost – and this year, the Conference focused on carrying the message out – Step 12.

I'm grateful I got two so-very-different years.

Yours in service,
Eric Lee, Panel 73 Delegate



MINUTES - AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (ACM)

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2024

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held using a hybrid format on June 22, 2024, with some members attending virtually and others attending at the Petaluma Community Center. Chitra S. opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Kirk L. from District 08 read the AA Preamble, Luis J. from District 19 read Tradition Six in Spanish, and Cathy P. from District 10 read Concept Six in English. We had four new GSRs and one new DCM. There were four past Delegates present: Diane O. (P35), Bob D. (P36 Area 28), Barbara M. (P41), and Jennifer B. (P71). The May financial report and ACM minutes were accepted as published in the CNCA Comments and Comentarioros. **Attendance:** 80 in person; 40 online. **Birthdays:** 76/8.

Before opening the meeting, Jackie B. shared the Assembly Coordinator job description, which will be published in the Comments and Comentarios. There were no questions.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE - ERIC L.: Reports from the Conference are now posted on the confidential part of the Area website at cnca06.org/confidential. Registration for the Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas this July is open; registration is free, and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Print copies of Box 4-5-9 will no longer be produced because of the high cost and low subscription rate; please subscribe to this informative newsletter by going to www.aa.org/box-459.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE - MIGUEL H.: It was great to resume Districts Visits and get to spend time with you. Two Nonalcoholic (Class A) trustee vacancies will occur on the General Service Board at the conclusion of the 75th General Service Conference. The committee hopes to have the pool of qualified applicants reflect the diversity that A.A. strives to have within itself. The committee looks forward to receiving any resumes of professionals who you think would be interested in serving as a Nonalcoholic (Class A) trustee to fill the positions following the General Service Board meeting in April 2025 or in the future. The General Service Board currently consists of 22 trustees. Fifteen are alcoholics, elected from the membership of A.A., and seven are Nonalcoholic professionals who generously volunteer to serve on our Board. Class A Trustees serve two consecutive three-year terms. Deadline: Saturday, August 31, 2024. I continue to contact the other Alternate Delegates from our Region monthly. I'm looking forward to attending the Pacific Regional Forum in a couple of weeks and meeting with them all there; I personally hope you can allow yourself to join this awesome event.

CHAIR - CHITRA S.: My favorite part of this month was the return of district visits. Seeing how every district has a different flavor, and each group has a different way of doing things reinforces the understanding that there is no one right way of doing anything, and that we are all very creative. If you have any Summer Assembly Workshop Topics ideas, today is the final day to turn them in to one of the officers. If your committee has a budgeted line item that sends a member to a National Workshop, please turn in a housekeeping motion by August 16th so

that it can be on the next agenda. Also, now that we are further along in the panel and better understand how things are done, now is the time to turn in motions or discussion items on things we could do differently, or better, or clarify things we don't understand. Let's not be afraid of change as a part of our process.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: As of today, our checking account has \$24,285.67, and our prudent reserve (savings account) is \$13,850.46, 1/12 of this year's budget, or approximately 1-month operating expenses. At the end of May, our actual contributions were \$9,118, and our budgeted contributions were \$13,642. Actual expenses were \$16,508; the budget was \$20,768. Square contributions in May totaled \$3,327 through 103 transactions from 32 new members and 61 returning members. Please let your groups and districts know how grateful the Area is for their generous contributions that help us continue our 12-step work, for this is truly where money and spirituality mix. Please also remind your groups to put their group numbers on their checks, as well. You can contribute in multiple ways today, online at cnca06.org/contribute/, on square back at the Finance table, and even with cash!

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR – JACKIE B.: I visited two districts to discuss hosting upcoming Assemblies and met with the planning committee for the fall Assembly. We are concentrating on booking assemblies a year in advance, which allows more venue options and gives districts time to plan effectively. Today, we will hear a bid for the Pre-Conference Assembly next year. Our next Assembly is the Summer Assembly, hosted by District 17 Spanish South in Campbell on August 10th. The final flyer will list the workshop topics and be shared with DCMCs and Committee Chairs by the beginning of July. The newly approved Assembly Guidelines are now available on the website's home page. I will present the corresponding revised bid form today. Finally, please note that for the next two months, due to scheduled summer camp, it's possible that the Spanish session will be bumped to this main room from 10 am – 11 am. Everyone else except the hybrid crew will need to attend and listen or go to the lobby for personal discussion.

REGISTRAR—DREW B.: Hey everybody, welcome to the last quarter of the panel. In the registrar world, everything is cool with updates, new groups, and new members. My interactions with you all got me thinking about an idea I've observed to be true in the nearly 30 years I have been in service, something we call "The 10% Club." Ever since I got involved in General Service in young people in the mid-90s, it seems that about 10% of the membership did 90% of the service. Safe to say if you are here, you are a 10 %er. What does that mean for us? Should we actively try to change these percentages or just embrace and adjust to this as a reality? I don't know. Our Group of the Month is Lousy Drunken Queers in San Rafael at 5 PM. That's District 10 for you.

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: After last month's ACM, I went on a trip to Spain, which wouldn't have been possible without sobriety. I explored a lot and took some downtime to begin updating the Spanish motions book to match the in-progress English one. My favorite moment returning to district visits this month was when a new GSR asked about my service and said, "So basically, you're the computer." As your "computer," my gift to Panel 75 will be an improved Panel 73 Motions Book with better formatting for easier navigation. It will have headings, subheadings, a live table of contents, and a live index of motions. With a click, it will take you where you want to go in the document. The Motions Book records our Area's history through discussions, reports, and motions since 1970. The area recording secretary creates a new version for each panel. If you want to know more, email or come chat with me.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA —MATT E.: There are a few sales happening now. Until June 30th, a one-year print subscription to the Grapevine includes a free copy of the book *Spiritual Awakenings*. Additionally, in accordance with advisory actions of the 74th General Service Conference, some pamphlets and videos are being retired, and everything must go! The pamphlets "What Happened to Joe" and "It Happened to Alice" (as well as their French language versions) are on clearance for 25 cents each, and the video "Carrying the Message Beyond These Walls" in English, French, and Spanish are on clearance for \$4 each. Once the current stock is gone, that's it - so buy one for the AA History collector in your life. As a reminder, gift certificates are now available for Grapevine and La

Viña digital subscriptions - consider helping a newcomer connect with our fellowship through the app with a gift subscription!

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 (MONTEREY) – ANNETTE C.: Our district had a large turnout for the Delegate’s Report and pizza party, followed by a lively round of questions from our fellowship. Seeing members show up for AA and passionately discuss the upcoming changes was informative and inspiring. We continue implementing suggestions from our Ad-hoc Committee from our 2023 District Inventory. We will host an AA Trivia game during the upcoming Monterey Bay Area Round Up on Saturday, August 31, at 1:00 pm. If you have any great AA Trivia questions, please send them my way. Our General Service Comes Alive meeting continues to meet monthly to support and inform our GSRs.

DISTRICT 02 (SALINAS/SAN BENITO): No report.

DISTRICT 03 (SANTA CRUZ) – DEB A.: We are excited to co-present a bid later today, along with District 19, to host next year’s Preconference Assembly. At our Inventory last fall, we identified a desire to learn more about and serve the Spanish-speaking alcoholics in our District. We have created a liaison position to District 19, which attends and communicates between our districts. Should we get your support to cohost next year, we look forward to learning and growing together even more as we serve Alcoholics Anonymous and CNCA. At last month's District meeting, our Alternate Delegate shared his service journey and talked about the value of the Spirit of Rotation. He also took total possession of the Delegate’s Conference highlights and shared them with us. A presentation on Concept Six reminded us of the role of the Trustees in carrying out the advisories just created. New this month was an “Ask it basket” to be used for anonymous questions of the District, and a GSR challenge, encouraging current GSRs to reach out at their other meetings in the hopes of attracting new GSRs. I sense

momentum considering our bid proposal discussions and know that the District will continue to grow and appreciate the great gifts that service provides us all. DISTRICT 04 (SANTA CLARA NORTH) – AMARA G.: Our Hybrid June District meeting was completely devoted to hearing the post-conference report from our Delegate. We had new district members attend and hope to expand on this in the coming years. We had a robust Q&A, with many thoughtful questions such as asking our Delegate if any minority opinions at the Conference changed his perspective. Our Safety Committee is planning a bilingual hybrid Safety in A.A. Forum on October 19th. Please save the date! We need your help and participation! Please complete the survey and share it widely to help us get a big picture of safety issues in our area. All information can be found on our website, district04cnca.org.

DISTRICT 40 (SANTA CLARA SOUTH) – KAREN C.: The district is gearing up for a busy General Service summer of events. We finished plans for the delegate's report at our July district meeting two days after returning from the Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas! After a brief pause, we dive into the summer assembly, held in our own backyard this year, and then we leap into Unity Day the following weekend with our sister District 04 and Intergroup Central Office. Rounding out the summer activities will be the National AA Tech Workshop, after which our focus will turn to district elections in October and welcoming our new Panel 75 trusted servants. This month, at our district meeting, our visiting area officer (VAO) shared the topic of the district conscience that evening and met and spoke to as many district members as possible, which was so appreciated. The joy of service was readily in action and expressed by our new translation committee members, who showed up in three to support each other and be of service to the district. They did a fantastic job!

DISTRICT 05 (SAN MATEO) – BRENT M.: We continued the pass-it-on process in our June business meeting and heard position descriptions from our BTG and Concepts Study Chairs. Our VAO delivered an overview of the 74th GSC, emphasizing non-AAWS literature. We voted unanimously to increase our mileage rate to \$0.40/mile. We discussed the area motion to increase the prudent reserve, encouraging groups to get their opinions to a voting member of the area committee meeting. The discussion at the meeting was mostly critical of the

motion, although mention of the increased amount and cost of equipment to run hybrid meetings was noted. We also discussed the pending business at our upcoming Fun assembly, aka the summer assembly. The discussion regarding the motions to include committee chairs as voting members and to include them as eligible to stand for area officers, with qualifiers, was overwhelming in support of the two motions. We also discussed our upcoming Unity Day on July 21st. We begin with short presentations from our service committee members emphasizing the rewards of being of service. Our local YPAA group, PENYPAA, will host Karaoke as part of our lunchtime entertainment. Our Unity Day event always includes the best free lunch in town in a well-air-conditioned facility. Our area delegates report follows lunch, and we end the event with a free raffle, a TV as last year's main prize.

DISTRICT 06 (SAN FRANCISCO) – DAN B. At our district meeting, our VAO gave a Top Ten Takeaways Presentation of what he saw, felt, and heard at the General Service Conference. Feedback was positive, and there was time for a few questions at the end. Next month, we will hear New Business about forming an Accessibilities Committee and continue discussing how we can increase GSR Engagement. We launched our GSR Outreach Campaign with the goal of recruiting 20 new GSRs from meetings without GSRs by the end of the year. So far, we have 3! SF Unity Day will be Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. The format will change from orientation talks to round tables and workshops on relevant service topics with the goal of greater participation and engagement from attendees.

DISTRICT 07 (ALAMEDA NORTH): (Submitted electronically) GSRs are bringing the post-conference information back to their groups. At our last district planning meeting, we discussed the summer assembly and what happens there. We continue collaborating with District 70 to prepare for the Election Assembly in the fall. Committees are formed, and meetings are ongoing. It is a very exciting project.

DISTRICT 70 (ALAMEDA SOUTH) – EILEEN P.: The Valley Service Center had a Founders Day event on Monday, June 10th, to celebrate AA's birthday. The Tri-Valley Intergroup/VSC is having a workshop on Saturday, June 29th, entitled

Happy Joyous and Free, focusing on the first Three Steps and sponsorship. All are welcome. In District 70, we are starting to hear job descriptions of officer, committee, and liaison positions to prepare for our next panel. We are also starting to discuss PRAASA to plan and budget for Alaska. We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to our Annual Delegate Night Potluck event, which will be held during our next District meeting.

DISTRICT 08 (CONTRA COSTA) – CHUCK B.: This month, we voted down a motion to reconsider the motion passed to send 25% of our operating funds to GSO. Our treasurer wrote a check that night for \$1800 to be disbursed. Our next motion passed, too. We voted to fund a scholarship for one district member to attend the Pacific Region Forum. We chose the winner from the hat that night and hope to hear a report back in August. We had a presentation on “Unity after Disagreement.” This seems to be an unavoidable part of the spiritual practice of putting authority at the group level. We heard AA has always survived disagreement, and we shouldn't get too wrapped up in it. God always guides us through as long as we are doing our work to accept the guidance. We found ourselves with a chunk of unscripted time at night's end. We planned for extreme heat situations that have become a common part of life in CoCo County. The District agreed to meet online only if the county issues this weather alert. Next week we'll hold our Anniversary party.

DISTRICT 09 (SOLANO SOUTH) – DONNA F.: At our June business meeting, about 15 members of District 09 enjoyed pizza and salad at Pizza Pirate. One of the Area 06 officers joined us and gave a version of the Delegate's Report, describing what happened at the General Service Conference last April. Our Delegate, Eric, was booked and couldn't fit us in until October. The Area officer did a wonderful job, and D09 members, particularly newer members, were extremely happy with the Conference Report and the additional information and overview of the General Service she provided. It was a very inspiring evening for all. We are looking at improving job descriptions of the District positions for upcoming elections. We are also coordinating with our Central Office committee and webmaster to expand the General Service page on the website, and generally getting things in good condition for the start of the next panel.

DISTRICT 90 (SOLANO NORTH) - STEVE B.: We had our Unity Day on June 1st, with our Delegate delivering his report from the General Service Conference. The day started with a mini-AA film festival with ice cream and popcorn, followed by Eric's report and time set aside for a Q&A. Our District Grapevine Chair will host a writing workshop on August 17th, and it will be hybrid. Flyers should be ready to distribute very soon.

DISTRICT 10 (MARIN) – DYLAN R.: Report not submitted.

DISTRICT 11 (NAPA)—SANDY S.: We held our virtual District Business Meeting this month on the first Saturday of May. Our DCMs hold their sub-district meeting before our DBM. This month, they reviewed recommendations from our District Inventory and made recommendations if needed. Thank you to D14 for hosting a fabulous Post-Conference Assembly in Willits. We had many GSRs attend and Eric's report back from the GSC was very heartfelt and spiritual. Some of us enjoyed attending the "Have a Cupcake" and the speaker meeting Friday night before the Assembly. Seeing Francisco, one of our Past Delegates, currently living in Mexico...what a treat! Our District sub-committee for returning in person in a Hybrid format continues to work on the logistics; we anticipate meeting in person beginning in July or August. Our Barbeque Unity Day event is June 15th, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, at the Crosswalk Church; we look forward to hearing Eric's report back to the District. BTG continues to be present at Duffy's in Calistoga and Archway Treatment Center in Napa. PICPC, BTG, and H&I participated in a "Foreign Service Workshop – service opportunities outside the group" on May 4th. PICPC continues to share local meeting schedules with COPE, Health and Human Resources, MENTIS, ALDEA, Puerto Abiertos, and Probation. Our Intergroup hosts the monthly Birthday meeting and other local events. You can find local information on our website, www.aanapa.org

DISTRICT 12 (SONOMA) – DAVID H.: D12 held our Delegate's BBQ in June in lieu of our regular business meeting. Attendance was high and it was a wonderful evening of food and fellowship topped off with a presentation by the Delegate on his Conference Report. The hall was packed, and seeing so many individuals attending from outside of General Service was really rewarding. The questions flowed, and it is becoming one of our most popular annual events. We will catch

up on business at our July meeting and start hearing our Officer Job Descriptions. There seems to be a lot of interest, and questions are starting regarding the positions for the next panel. We have one motion pending regarding changes to the Group Inventory Pamphlet, and I expect another motion to be added to increase our I&T committee to include technology and hybrid as well. Several people from D12 will be attending the Regional Forum in Las Vegas in July. Having direct flights to Las Vegas from Sonoma County makes it convenient and we should have good representation there also. We are still discussing holding a writing workshop for Grapevine stories in the Fall.

DISTRICT 13 (LAKE) – HECTOR M.: (Submitted electronically): Thank you to our Area Officer who visited our district this month. As a group we took a little time and participated in the Safety Survey presented by District 04. We are always looking for ways to help our GSRs be more effective through workshops, activities, events, etc. We have hosted assemblies in our District in the past. One way of being of service to our Area and challenging ourselves is by hosting an Assembly. We discussed the possibility of making this happen in 2025. Everyone was excited at the idea. We will continue talking and possibly submit a bid next year. We had our first sober event earlier in the month. The event was a success, with participation from a local recovery facility. We played softball and had good food and meetings. Our next event will be July 26th through 28th, a three-day event of camping, food, meetings, and fellowship. Please join us at the Pine Grove Resort 15960 Bottle Rock Rd. Cobb, CA 95426.

DISTRICT 14 (MENDOCINO) - WARREN R.: We had light business this month as most of our energy had been expended hosting the Post Conference Assembly. Much gratitude to all who attended and were of service. It was an awesome experience. We did decide to stop actively looking for a DCMC for this panel, with elections just around the corner. Also, we talked about the distribution of our excess funds. Shout out to our VAO for their compelling presentation about making yourself available for service. Notable events, Father Tom will be in Fort Bragg July 13-14. Ukiah's Day in the Park will be in September. MENDYPAA has been quiet but is gearing up for a fun summer and fall, highlighted by their 3rd annual Serenity Under the Stars Campout September 6-8 in Fort Bragg.

DISTRICT 15 (HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE) - MEGAN M.: On June 8th, our District held a Unity Day, supported by Humboldt County Intergroup, Hospitals and Institutions, and District 15 General Service. The event was successful, with a good turnout. The CNCA 06 Delegate also attended and provided a report on the General Service Conference. We had karaoke as part of the festivities to make the event even more enjoyable. In June, our PI/CPC Committee Chair needed to resign. We are working on finding a replacement for this important position. Our District is discussing our financial responsibilities, including producing a budget for the first time in known history. The Redwood Coast Roundup will return to the North Coast.

DISTRICT 16 (SPANISH CENTRAL) – PEDRO M.: We had our business meeting last Wednesday. Thank you to the area officer who visited us with good and relevant information. District 16 is excited to attend the Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas. We continue with La Viña workshop on the first Friday of every month. Taller de la Mujer (Hispanic Women’s Workshop) will also have a workshop on the first Monday of every month. We keep visiting our groups to motivate them to get their GSR to serve on the next panel. District 16 sent the groups the area motion about increasing the area reserve for two months; some agreed, and others did not.

DISTRICT 17 (SPANISH SOUTH) – LUIS R.: Thanks to the area officer who visited us and discussed the difference between the Regional Forum and PRAASA. We’re continuing the same activities as usual. We’re working on the summer assembly and the dinner before so we will have a special meeting next week. Don’t forget to invite your district to the dinner on Friday, August 19th, from 6 to 9 pm at the Campbell Community Center! We’ll have two speakers with simultaneous interpretation. The menu is salmon, chicken, or vegetarian served with rice, vegetables, dessert, and drinks. Tomorrow, we will have the district anniversary starting at 9 am at the district local. We will have an interpretation, and everyone is welcome to attend.

DISTRICT 18 (SPANISH NORTH) – ELBA: The district acquired radios. The committees are working. We are working on opening a bank account. We will be

celebrating our 31st anniversary in August and will be at the regional forum next month. Our VAO shared "How the GSR can make your delegate report attractive."

DISTRICT 19 (SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH) – MIGUEL: We appreciate the visit of the area officer who told us about the business of the area and the motions book. We will listen to the delegate's report on our 29th anniversary on June 30. Everyone is invited, there will be interpretation from Spanish to English. We will also have a workshop on accessibilities on June 29 with a past delegate who served on the conference's access committee. We are grateful to District 03 of Santa Cruz for considering us to participate in being hospitable for the 2025 pre-conference.

DISTRICT 20 (SPANISH EAST) – WILFREDO: Our area officer visited with information on how to hold an assembly. The PI committee continues to bring information to health fairs and some bookstores in the Contra Costa area. Next July 15 we will have the visit of our delegate with the conference report. District members are being encouraged to participate in the regional forum in Las Vegas.

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

ACCESSIBILITIES – ENRIQUE E.: In the latest "Treatment and Accessibilities Activity Update," GSO asked for members who identify as neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, OCD, Down Syndrome, Tourette syndrome, and more) to share their experiences to help GSO respond to the many requests they have received on how to better communicate the AA message to this population of our membership. Contact Kelley C. access@aa.org. Area Access finalized the design for a banner for our information table at area assemblies. In July, the committee will bring a housekeeping motion to the ACM. Our next meeting will be July 27, hybrid at 11 am at the ACM location.

ARCHIVES - CAROL H.: We had a lively discussion about our online Group History form, and we're excited about making the form more accessible and user-friendly on the CNCA website. We will discuss options at our next workday, July 17. Our June workday was exciting. Two district archives chairs were gathering information - one for a unity day and one for their district jubilee. We took a

display to a district unity day last weekend. We always enjoy doing this and having the display reflect the history of CNCA and the district. We love doing this, so please don't hesitate to ask us to participate. The committee is always excited to continue preserving and digitizing our rich area history.

BRIDGING THE GAP - JOHN O.: The lawyers that head up the Freedom Project invited me to attend a luncheon in San Francisco on May 28. They work out of the SF Public Defender's office. Representatives from the Senate, the Mayor's Office, and other elected officials attended. Also, there were people that have been released from prisons that were incarcerated for 30+ years. They are now experiencing their freedom because of the hard work and dedication of this program. I was invited because of the great work BTG offers and has been doing before and after for their inmates and clients. I was amazed at how much gratitude those I met that afternoon have for the services AA/BTG provides. I supplied literature and answered questions about AA and sponsorship. I made the promise to fully support their program through the action of our 12-step services. I left the event feeling inspired and full of gratitude. I thank you all for the work you all do to support AA.

CNCA COMMENTS/COMENTARIOS—CHUCK B.: In June, we mailed out 20 Spanish and 16 English newsletters, the same as the last two months. You may notice a delay in receiving June's mail due to the way Saturdays fell on the calendar for the months of May and June. We hope your district will consider taking on this commitment for the next panel.

FINANCE - JAVIER L.: The finance committee reviewed the housekeeping motions on today's agenda for the financial impact. We continue the budget process for 2025. If you have any questions about who your committee liaison officer is, please contact the Finance Chair. To assist in accurate expense reporting, the finance committee would like you to submit your requests for reimbursement to the treasurer as soon as possible after incurring the expense. It helps in our long-term budget process. As a committee, we rewrote the text for the finance page of the website, and we hope you will have a chance to look at it. The expense reimbursement guidelines will be presented for approval or disapproval later today.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION—DAVID R.: This month, we translated 31 documents, including the Comments and Comentarios. We also adjusted the sharing session interpreters' positions. Our equipment is in good condition. At our next meeting, we will discuss next year's budget and amendments to our guidelines.

PI/CPC - MIGUEL H.: Today, we discussed the pass-it-on process and the difficulties we dealt with the post-pandemic to get our committees going. We hope to help us to provide a better translation to Panel 75. We reviewed the logistics for our incoming PI/CPC Workshop on July 20th. It will be hosted in Castro Valley with simultaneous interpretation and hybrid, so we have a task to do. Bring a snack or anything you'd like to share with us, but more importantly, invite those members who are open to doing some service and are curious about what PI/CPC is. Next month we'll share how the Pacific Regional Forum went.

TECHNOLOGY - JACQUELINE P.: The Hybrid Team would like to remind you in person at the ACM to speak directly into the mike. We all miss your voice and words if you turn your head or move! Thank you to the willing AA member who stepped forward to join the Hybrid Team in its production of the Summer Assembly on August 10. The Hybrid Team seeks volunteers to serve as remote Zoom alternates for Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. If you are available, please contact our Hybrid Event Coordinator, Don L., at the Hybrid table or at 925-354-2018. This information is also in the Chat for our online participants. The Committee agreed on presenting two housekeeping motions and one motion to the ACM today. We are working hard on the Tech Committee Guidelines to amend them to reflect best practices in serving the Area.

WEBSITE - JAMES B.: The web committee maintains and updates the website for the Area. The website can be located at CNCA06.org. We have a committee meeting on Zoom held every third Thursday of the month at 5:15 PM. If you are interested in our committee, please attend the meeting and check it out. That means there is still room on the web committee if you need to improve your sobriety with service. We have updated the conference report slide deck and the audio recordings in the confidential section of the website. We are looking into a

report that a few emails might not be forwarding properly. If there is a problem, we'll have it resolved shortly. We heard an update on getting a table banner for the web committee. We now have a price, size, and design we want to acquire. We discussed and provided a couple of proposed topics for the summer assembly. Knowing how to pass-it-ons go, we discussed it is never too early to start on them. I am sure the next six months will go by quickly. I would also like Cathy, Jose and Jeff for their time and effort on the committee.

DCM SHARING SESSION - MAUREEN G.: Our DCM Sharing session today was brainstorming potential topics for the Summer Assembly Workshops. A wide range of suggestions filled the room. Many of the 25ish attendants participated, either suggesting an idea or following up on someone else's thoughts. Here are some: a) Understanding between Online and In-person groups, b) a discussion if the Area might be too large and be inhibiting participation, c) distractions/irritations opportunities for spiritual growth... general service? d) what are a group's responsibilities? e) attraction rather than promotion, f) general service anger – how to mitigate nay use that energy to grow interest, g) effectiveness of aa.org, grapevine, and meeting app ~ feedback to GSO on these tools, h) personal defects to assets, in general service or Money and Spirituality, how to truly embody this concept and engage members in the discussion perhaps even a role play on this or a tradition of choice, i) engagement in tech aspect of service, j) keenness on a central tech resource availability, and k) working from a whole and tradeoffs for groups, districts, areas not having autonomy on decision-making. Next month's discussion will be on the spirit of rotation... bring your thoughts and experience; we share well.

LINGUISTIC SHARING SESSION FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS—ANNA: We discussed Regional Forums, which are hosted by the General Service Board and General Service Office. There is no registration fee. There will be roundtables and sharing from trustees about how to carry the message. The Forum also fosters trust and communication between the fellowship and the General Service Board. Many who attended our sharing session will be attending the Regional Forum.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA SHARING SESSION—MATT E.: Today's sharing session was moderated by our friend Hamilton—thank you again for

taking on that responsibility today. We heard a presentation on the importance of La Viña, followed by sharing from all our members in attendance. Our sharing session meets the morning of the ACM at 9 a.m., is hybrid, and is open to all.

H&I - KAREN B.: Thank you for your contributions; H&I is financially sound. The Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service, which allows anonymous sponsorship via text, phone, and video visits, serves San Quentin, Salinas Valley, and CTF Soledad, and we are in the process of establishing service at the CA Facility for Women in Chowchilla. There are 11 confined alcoholics on the roster, and 25 are waiting for sponsors. We need volunteers for prison meetings as attendance increases, returning to near pre-pandemic levels. Please visit HandINorCal.org for more information and how to get involved. Our next business meeting is on July 28th at the North Solano Intergroup Office, 413 William St., Vacaville, or via Zoom. Meeting ID: 82877338114; passcode: Service.

YPAAS – None.

CENTRAL OFFICES – DON Z.: I attend weekly meetings of ICOAA (Intergroups /Central Offices of A.A.) Office Managers in the US and Canada. This month touched on literature (i.e., how is your office planning to sell the PLBB? Are members pre-ordering it?), online issues (i.e., offices are looking for affordable ways to provide their websites in Spanish, Zoom “bombing” is a serious problem for some areas), and finance (i.e., in groups’ distributions, there are questions about the ratio to different entities). Some members are confused about contributions to “Online Intergroups,” OIAA. These contributions do not support their local Intergroup. OIAA is not part of the service structure, but people who search for “aa-intergroup.org” are linked to this organization, not A.A. We were reminded that we work with an odd group of “customers” and need to take care of ourselves (Sponsors, Al-Anon, take a break, our own recovery). There’s a Concept Study for Special Workers before the last meeting each month. We discussed how different Central Offices observed Founders’ Day. At the 2025 International Convention, the Vancouver Intergroup is responsible for literature sales and hosting an Intergroup workshop. Some there were also considering hosting next year’s ICOAA Conference in conjunction with the International, thinking it would save a trip, etc. Other ICOAA group members

pointed out some of the difficult logistical details and reminded the Vancouver Manager of their limitations. Now, Memphis, Tennessee, will be bidding for the Conference. Discussion helps. The next ICOAA Conference will be in Las Vegas on August 22-25, 2024.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP – SHEILA: We met and discussed food, budget, and contributions by area. We are printing 1000 flyers and will charge \$10 for a ticket. Our budget for food is \$1,800. The total budget will be \$5,032, with \$800 per area contributed.

LA VIÑA ANNIVERSARY – None.

FORO HISPANO—ALEX: We meet weekly. The Foro Hispano is on October 13th in San Jose. We've selected the logo and theme: United to Strengthen our Structure. Posters are available; we'll hand them out to the districts. We're working on the program, considering speakers we have from Area 06. We are trying to get a trustee to speak at the event. We hope the event will help members understand General Service.

AREA BUSINESS_

PRESENTATIONS

- Post Conference Assembly Report – *Presented by District 14 Mendocino Suzi W.* shared the Pass-It-On report. The discussions began in April 2023 at our District 14 Meeting. Does District 14 want to host the Post-Conference Assembly? Do we have a facility that will hold 250+ members? Will there be enough parking available? Can we get enough volunteers involved? We were unanimously in favor of hosting the Assembly. It would enhance the awareness of General Service to our members in our district and provide a safe environment for all of Area 06 to visit. We contacted the Community Center in Willits, which would hold up to 250-300 members. Having street parking and a parking lot a block away, we determined that there was enough parking. And we would put signup sheets at the recovery meetings spread out amongst the district for members to volunteer. Co-chairs stepped up that same day for Setup/Teardown, Parking, Registration, Greeter, Food, Coffee Station, and Decoration. A bid to Area was submitted on

May 21st, 2023, at the Area Committee Meeting (ACM). It was approved. Little did I know that was the easy part!! During the initial meeting, our Area Assembly Chair visited the Community Center in Willits to ensure it would accommodate our needs and address the chair's responsibilities. A few more meetings were scheduled to update on progress, needs, and support. We set up Friday afternoon, the weekend of the assembly, and so many volunteers made themselves available to set up the tables and chairs, decorations, and the coffee station. It is a custom to have an event the night before the Assembly hosted by the district. Michael Q. coordinating a speaker meeting with feature speaker Joann L., with coffee and cupcakes. Ninety attended. There were a few hiccups along the way: the parking lot we had secured became unavailable, we had to pivot to another lot that turned out to be a better location, and yes, the electrical outlets on one wall for the coffee pots will not support them. We moved the station, which also turned out to be a better choice. We needed more chairs than calculated, so we borrowed from the hall across the street, although we still came out short! The Assembly began Saturday with most hiccups resolved because AA members find solutions. Members began arriving, and literature was distributed on the tables designated to their committee. Visiting members found their tables and their way to the breakfast bar. The assembly had 374 attendees, 226 in person and 148 online. Our bid was for \$4625, and we came in at \$4507, with food being our largest expense. The lunch line was long, but we got everyone served within 15 minutes, and some chose to eat outside across the street in the park. It was a beautiful day in so many ways. Dessert could have been planned better regarding timing, although the tasty treats that volunteers brought were devoured. The three presentations from the panel on the Conference Theme connecting with Love, Unity, and Service were enlightening and emotional. The Assembly ended with much gratitude and more awareness, thanks to the Area Officers, the Committees, and the presentation from our Delegate to understand AAWS for us all. There were many volunteers who had signed up and made themselves available for clean-up. God Bless them. So much gratitude and appreciation go out to them. The tables needed to be stripped, garbage taken out, and the items needed to be boxed to pass on to the next host district. Tables and chairs were broken down and returned to their appropriate area; the kitchen and bathrooms were washed down, and floors were swept and mopped throughout the whole hall. Whew! It was a lot! Reflecting on the whole

experience, the physical, mental, and spiritual rewards were met with more awareness of recovery, service, and unity. I personally could not be prouder of how our District came together to make the 2024 Post-Conference Assembly a great event for all to enjoy.

- Pre-Conference 2025 Assembly Bid – *Presented by District 03 Santa Cruz and District 19 Spanish South South*

Presentation: Deb A. and Miguel presented the bid for the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on April 5th and 6th, 2025, at a total cost of \$7312.00. One hundred nearby parking spots have been secured. April is off-season for Santa Cruz. The Marriott has offered \$159/room for attendees. Questions: **Q:** Would the hosts consider an amendment to increase the total cost to \$7,412 to account for an increase in the decorations and paper goods budget to reflect the current guidelines? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Who pays for parking? **A:** The Area pays for 42 spots. // **Q:** How will you allocate those? **A:** They're meant for out-of-town guests and those with accessibility issues based on the honor system. We ask all attending to consider carpooling or staying somewhere within walking distance. There was a similar situation with a previous assembly site. The parking volunteers clarified that the closer spots were designated for those with accessibility challenges or those making deliveries. // **Q:** Is there WiFi available? **A:** CNCA has its own WiFi capabilities, and there is also WiFi on site. The facility is frequently used for concerts and has high WiFi and tech capabilities for producers. There probably won't be attendee WiFi. // **Q:** Will we have access to the A/V capabilities? **A:** We must review the contract when it's ready. We want to use our own because it is a union house if we use theirs. It would be \$1,100 extra if we needed union support. // There were no objections. << **Assembly bid approved.** >>

- Revised Assembly Bid Form – *Presented by the CNCA Assembly Coordinator*

Presentation: Jackie presented. We approved the revised assembly guidelines. The assembly ad hoc committee also looked at the bid form. The proposed bid form is two pages long and contains useful information for a pass-it-on and for use by districts, treasurers, etc. The information on it encourages the bidders to be more thorough in their research. The second page contains the budget. The budget for the older version was not as clear as the proposed revision. Questions/Comments: **Q:** Would you consider including a specification of

whether there is WiFi? **A:** Like the revised assembly guidelines, I didn't want to include WiFi because we don't need it if we're not hybrid. Although we currently are holding our assemblies hybrid, I wanted to wait until the area made a decision about the current assembly motion to hold all assemblies hybrid. Should that motion pass, that would initiate revised assembly guidelines and a revised bid form to include WiFi. // I agree with the previous speaker that WiFi availability should be added to the form as useful information to have. I suggest we add the approved cost of paper goods and decorations since we recently passed a motion for it. // The guidelines exist. A district may request funds over the approved amount for decorations or paper goods. The ACM chooses whether to approve that bid. The food and coffee budgets are included to help districts make the estimation; it's something districts frequently ask. The assembly coordinator provides the estimated attendance because it's variable. I wanted flexibility in the bid form and healthy boundaries for guidance. // You might consider using the word "other" instead of miscellaneous. // Because we have passed motions for decorations, paper, and food, I think they should all be on the form. // I will put paper goods and decorations under "Coffee Budget," but bidders must write it in the proposed column. << **Revised bid form will be presented next month for disapproval, if any.** >>

- Approval of Expense Reimbursement Guidelines – *Presented by the CNCA Finance Committee*

Presentation: Leslie W. reviewed the changes. Reimbursement requests must be submitted within 60 days (not 90). We added the words "special events" regarding CNCA chairperson travel. We changed the wording of the sentence referring to the Area Archivist. The PI/CPC chair will be reimbursed when participation is "requested" instead of "needed." The PRAASA section was adjusted to refer to the correct motion. Section five, referring to the Technology Hybrid committee, is all new. We added that it's not a comprehensive list of eligible reimbursements. The mileage increased to .50 per mile. Interpretation and Translation was changed to refer to expenses no longer incurred due to the purchase of translation software. Questions/Comments: **Q:** What was the change in mileage rate? **A:** From .49 to .50. // **Q:** What about special events? **A:** We wanted to make it clear what we were paying for. // Lodging and meals seem low in today's economy. // We'd need

a motion if we wanted to change that. There were no objections. <<**Guidelines approved.**>>

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS

- That CNCA fund the budgeted Bridging the Gap Forum, hosted by District 06 San Francisco, to be held on December 7, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1500. – *Presented by the CNCA BTG Committee*

Presentation: Dan B., D06 DCMC, and John O., BTG Chair, presented. John stated that this is a budgeted item. Dan stated that he's not the chair of this event; Sascha is. Sascha selected the location for the event. It's a beautiful, old Presidio building with everything we need. *Questions:* **Q:** The motion on the agenda had a date in October. How should the wording be adjusted? // **A:** December 7, 2024. There were no objections. << **Housekeeping motion passed.** >>

- That CNCA fund a member of the CNCA Bridging the Gap Committee to the (budgeted) 2024 BTGWW (Workshop Weekend) in Missoula, Montana on September 6-8 at a cost not to exceed \$1300 – *Presented by the CNCA BTG Committee*

Presentation: John O., BTG chair, presented. *Questions:* **Q:** Is there a hybrid option? **A:** No. // **Q:** Where does the number \$1,300 come from? **A:** Experience has shown that the cost will cover hotel, transportation, and registration. They turn in receipts for reimbursement and are not supposed to spend above that budgeted amount. There were no objections. << **Housekeeping motion passed.** >>

- That CNCA06 provide funding for 1.5 rental hours of the Petaluma Community Center, at a cost not to exceed \$130, for a hybrid Technology Committee Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 - *Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee*

Presentation: Jacqueline P., chair of the Tech Committee presented. It will be a show-and-tell with surprise technology elements to engage you on how we do hybrid here. We'll have a Q&A. The cost is for the extended use of the Petaluma Community Center. *Questions:* **Q:** Are you including interpretation costs? **A:** We missed it at our last committee, so we'll devise another motion. // **Q:** Does the 1.5 rental hours include set up and take down? **A:** Yes. // I'd like to amend that we

include the cost of one hour of interpretation. Amended motion: That CNCA06 provide funding for 1.5 rental hours and one hour of interpretation of the Petaluma Community Center, at a cost not to exceed \$205, for a hybrid Technology Committee Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024. // Amendment Accepted. There were no objections. << **Housekeeping Motion passed.** >>

- That CNCA provide funding for the annual subscription of ManyCam Software, at a cost not to exceed \$100, used to produce hybrid Area events
- *Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee*

Presentation: Hybrid coordinator of the Tech Committee, Don L., presented. This allows for split screen, zooming in, and cropping. It provides a split view of the chair and the room. It enhances the experience for those attending on Zoom. A member has allowed us to use ManyCam on this panel, and we would need to purchase our own subscription to continue to use it. Questions: **Q:** Will we be paying for updates? // **A:** We ManyCam on three of our laptops. This is an annual subscription. Any software updates would be included during that year. There is no installation cost; the software needs only be downloaded. // **Q:** At my district, we can use split screen through the Zoom software. What does this provide that Zoom split screen doesn't? Can you also clarify the room view? **A:** Zoom has a feature to pin two individuals, and it's not a split screen. At the ACM, one camera covers the Zoom screen and the speaker. The ACM view doesn't require ManyCam. // **Q:** What will this software give us that we're not seeing now? // **A:** At the assemblies, what you're seeing on Zoom is provided by the ManyCam software. You can see the split screen and the help information at the bottom of the screen. We are attempting additional functions, for example, the split screen during the DCMC/DCM sharing session, to see the entire room. We're using ManyCam; we're just not paying for it. // At the assemblies, you have a speaker and a person in the audience. ManyCam lets us put the speaker and the person in the audience side-by-side. It lets us put graphics around screens and manipulate multiple cameras into a single Zoom account, as opposed to what Zoom does, which combines multiple Zoom accounts into a single screen. It's a useful tool. // The text box on the right would be another camera view. // This was used at the DCMC sharing session today. There was one side of the room on half the screen and the other side of the room on the other side. There was an

objection. << **Motion will become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 27, 2024.** >>

- That CNCA reimburse Area Archives up to \$100 to purchase a folding step ladder to access archive boxes in the storage room - *Presented by the CNCA Archives Committee*

Presentation: Carol H., Area Archives Chair, presented. There are materials on shelving that we haven't been able to get to because they're too high.

Questions: **Q:** Is this necessary for you to do your trusted servant position safely? **A:** Yes. There were no objections. << **Housekeeping Motion passed.** >>

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA06 provide yearly funding for one member of the Technology Committee to attend the annual National A.A. Technology Workshop, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 - Presented by the CNCA Technology Committee

Presentation: Jacqueline P. and Andrew S. presented and gave information about the National A.A. Technology Workshop. There is no central technology resource with the General Service Office. The NAATW is a group of trusted servants that elect each other, and it has been occurring for ten years. Sixty-six of our 93 areas were represented at the workshop last year. Our Area is considered a technological leader in the U.S. and Canada. We've had a lot of requests for information and experience. Andrew shared his experience attending the NAATW as part of a different service commitment. The hybrid aspect of A.A. is just scratching the surface of how technology can be used to carry the message. Technology is constantly changing, and being able to attend this workshop will keep our area up to date. We also have a unique opportunity to help other areas. The Area Technology Committee began its existence in October 2020, so we don't have much experience with funding attendance, but this is how much was spent for the member who attended last year. Questions: **Q:** Is this a line item in the budget? **A:** No, it's a line item for the Website Committee. // **Q:** Would you consider wording this motion such that it is either a Web Committee or Tech Committee member? **A:** We considered that. We believe it is important for a member of the Technology Committee to go every year. They will build knowledge for the Area to carry on to the next panel. Vote by simple majority to keep at the ACM or bring the motion to the Area Assembly. 37 for ACM and 5 for

assembly. << **Motion will become New Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 27, 2024.** >>

OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA's prudent reserve be set to an amount equivalent to two months' operating expense – *Presented by Megan B. and Chuck B.*

Discussion: District or Group consciences: The district expressed that they saw no compelling reason to increase the prudent reserve. This was based on Area financial events referenced (e.g., 911, the pandemic, periods of inflation, fires) that the Area rode out with the prudent reserve untouched. We don't need to have money just sitting in a bank. Personal opinions: We've taken one draw-down from the prudent reserve based on internal operations in the area's history. Mail was being opened and deposited late. It was paid back in full within a few months. There wasn't any discussion of the need to draw down based on recent events. I believe our finances are well-managed. The fact that we could start operating hybrid and not drawing down says a lot. // I think we're having the wrong discussion. We should discuss what we are paying for that we don't need to be. The chair took a sense of the room on whether the body was ready to vote. << **Motion will remain Old Business at the Area Committee Meeting on July 27, 2024.** >>

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

I'd like us to consider splitting the area. // Thanks for the apricots; they were great. // District 17's thirty-sixth anniversary is tomorrow. We are having a dinner before the summer assembly. // Golden Gate Young People of A.A. (GGYPAA) is having a Fourth of July BBQ at Sports Basement Presidio. Living Sober, the longest-running LGBT A.A. Al-Anon Conference, is having a Fourth of July Weekend at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness. // Early August is the Redwood Coast Roundup. It used to be a big event, and we haven't had it since Covid. Come visit! // I thought we decided to stay hybrid at the last assembly. // We haven't yet voted on that. // The Love and Service Group hosts the Three Legacies Conference on October 11th and 12th. It's a hybrid event. The registration cost includes a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Early bird registration before July 1st is \$39. Standard registration is \$44. Spanish and ASL interpretation will be available. Register at www.unityandserviceconference.org // I heard many

conversations happening on the sidelines today. One of the communication channels we are considering is Discord or Slack. The Tech committee would love to hear from you about that. // You can pick apricots from my tree.

Chitra S. closed the meeting at 3:30 with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B.
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73

CNCA Job Description:

Assembly Coordinator P73

OVERVIEW

- Coordinate major events for the Area, including ACMs and Assemblies.
- Assist Districts with bidding for and hosting Assemblies.
- Prepare and manage digital documents for hybrid ACMs and Assemblies.
- Administer the Area Zoom Account.

RESPONSIBILITIES

ASSEMBLIES:

- Encourage and assist districts in bidding for Assemblies.
- Help locate venues, inspect facilities, and review contracts and building policies before bid submission.
- Assist bidding DCMCs with completing the bid and presenting it to the ACM.

- Act as the primary contact with the facility, signing contracts and providing required documentation, such as tax letters or certificates of insurance.
- Submit check requests to the Area Treasurer, ensuring timely payment of rental fees and deposits.
- Attend at least two host planning meetings to serve as an information resource and to advocate for the needs of the Area.
- Create and distribute Assembly flyers.
- In collaboration with the host district, create a floor plan.
- Store, transport and set-up standard Area meeting supplies such as table signs, banners, and the color timer.
- During the Assembly:
 - Be the first to arrive and the last to leave.
 - Ensure compliance with building policies, as well as safety and accessibility standards.
 - Provide support to the Assembly Chair.
 - Liaise with Officers, DCMCs, and Committee Chairs to meet their Assembly needs.
 - Help troubleshoot problems that may arise.
- Guide the host committee in preparing a Pass-it-on report.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS (ACM):

- Communicate with the Petaluma Community Center regarding our monthly room assignments and floor plans.
- Oversee setup in the main meeting room, prioritizing safety and accessibility.
- Store, transport and set up standard Area meeting supplies such as table signs and name tags.
- Coordinate and supervise clean-up, ensuring compliance with building policies.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide officer reports to the ACM and Assembly.
- Prepare presentations requested by DCMCs for District visits.

- Review and sign facility contracts for other Area events, such as the BTG forum.
- Prepare and manage the Chat Google Doc for hybrid ACMs and Assemblies, adding the text and links that will be dropped by Zoom hosts in chat.
- Manage and update the Area's Linktree account for ACMs and Assemblies.
- Administer the Area's Zoom accounts and schedule meetings as requested by Officers and Committee Chairs.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Be the first to arrive and the last to leave at monthly ACMs (approximately 11 hour day).
- Be the first to arrive and the last to leave at quarterly Assemblies, including any additional day required for set-up.
- Conduct 1-2 advance site visits per Assembly.
- Attend at least 2 planning committee meetings per Assembly.
- Attend 3 - 4 District / Committee visits per month.
- Participate in PRAASA, Regional Forums, Agenda Topic Workshops, Unity Days, and Interdistrict Meetings as available.
- Approx. 10 - 15 hours of prep work and emailing per month.

HELPFUL SKILLS AND RESOURCES

- Strong communication and organizational skills.
- Event planning experience, particularly for AA events.
- Familiarity with Google Workspace (e.g., creating, editing, and sharing Google Docs, Google Drive, Google folders) or a willingness to learn.
- Reliable transportation for equipment and travel.
- Secure storage area for 3-4 boxes of ACM/Assembly supplies.

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2024 MINUTES

The Post-Conference Assembly business meeting of CNCA was held at the Willits Community Center in Willits on May 11, 2024, with members attending and participating in person and virtually. Tim D. presented the assembly orientation. Chitra S. opened the meeting at 9:00 followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jennifer A. from District 08 read the A.A. Preamble in American Sign Language; Hector M. from District 13 read the Twelve Traditions, and Blanca from District 17 read the Traditions in Spanish. There were eight past delegates present: Bob D. (P26, Area 28), Diane O. (Panel 35), Woody R. (P50; Area 07) Jim F. (P59; Area 38), Ken M. (P61), Francisco A. (P55), Joann L. (67), and Suzanne S., (P73, Area 30). There were six past Area Officers: Marta (P57), Margrete (P57, 58), Ray W. (P63), Judy W. (P63), Michael Q. (P63, 65), and Magdaleno O. (69). There were two visitors: Claudio (Area 07) and Victor R. (Area 65). **Attendance:** (Registered) 226 in person; 147 online (373 total).

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE - ERIC L.: Thank you all for sharing with me your group consciences before I went to New York last month. Your input helped steer the conversations we had at the Conference, and our Area and your groups were heard. Last night I emailed all the DCMCs – they will now send it out to their Districts – a full breakdown of every advisory action at the Conference (things the Conference has requested) and every committee consideration (strong suggestions from each committee). I also sent out financial slides from the General Service Board treasurer that detail how AA is doing financially, and the full General Service Board inventory, prompted in part by the resignation of the previous Chair of the Board last year. Later today, you'll hear a very long report from me about what I saw, felt, experienced, and learned at the Conference this year. Thank you for giving me that opportunity.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – MIGUEL H.: Happy Mother's Day weekend to all of you moms. I look forward to hearing Eric's report from the General Service Conference, and seeing where AA goes from here. I encourage you to consider attending the Pacific Regional Forum, which will be in Las Vegas this year. The website includes a feature that allows you to sign up to get updates via email and text for the Forum, and hotel registration is already available. We started to give job descriptions at the monthly ACM; rotation will be in the air, and you may like to start considering and preparing to make yourself available in all the service opportunities in your district and or Area. Other than that, your delegate and I continue to ensure that we work effectively on your behalf. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

CHAIR—CHITRA S.: With both General Service Conferences behind us, let's take some time to look at our current service positions. How do we feel about what we have learned and how we have served? Are there any changes we would like to make to the position prior to passing it on? Is anything out of date, not as efficient or clear as it could be? How could we improve the service? We can introduce motions, create procedures, clarify job descriptions, and introduce discussion items to brainstorm and cultivate new ideas. Now that we have learned, what can we add or contribute to the process? Concept Four asks us to step up and participate. Let's ask ourselves again: 1) Do I pass on information that I receive in General Service to the members I am supposed to? Do I know how the chain of communication works? 2) Am I familiar with where to find Area Motions? Do I take them to my home group, district, or committee to obtain a group conscience, and 3) Am I practicing using my voice by going to the microphone at Assemblies and Area Committee meetings to share my Group's conscience, or am I just sharing my own opinion? I look forward to hearing all your voices, especially the quiet ones.

TREASURER – CLAUDIA N.: As of today, our checking account has: \$29,287.02, and our prudent reserve (savings account) is \$13,850.34, 1/12 of this year's budget, or approximately 1-month operating expenses. Actual contributions in April were \$18,583., and our budgeted contributions were \$14,392. Actual expenses in April were \$18,056; the budget was \$21,435. Square contributions in

April totaled \$5,458 through 119 transactions. While visiting Archives this month I came across a financial report from GSO from 1966. California was the top contributor with contributions totaling 45,688 for that year, with 1,217 groups reported in all of California! Please thank your groups and districts for their generous contributions. There are multiple ways that you can contribute today, including using the seventh tradition buckets located around the venue. You can go online at cnca06.org/contribute/ or use the links that will be posted in the Zoom chat room to contribute to the seventh tradition. We also have a square reader at the finance table in back, so come say hello!

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR - JACKIE B.: Welcome to Willits! I'm incredibly thankful to District 14 Mendocino for hosting this Assembly so wonderfully, making my role much easier. Remember to thank any volunteers you see. CNCA is calling for districts to host our 2025 Assemblies! We've made an easy-to-read overview and the current Assembly Guidelines available; these are in the chat, and I can email them too. Just message me at assemblycoordinator@cnca06.org. Our next event is the Summer Assembly on August 10 at the Campbell Community Center, hosted by D17 Spanish South in Campbell. Please send your workshop topic ideas to chair@cnca06.org. Today we're testing a new accessibility tool during the Delegate's Report. To avoid disrupting the in-person experience, we'll hide captions on the projection screen but maintain Zoom captions for online attendees. For hard-of-hearing attendees who need captions, scan the QR code to access speech-to-text on your devices. I'll assist with setup. These Assemblies are yours, much like AA meetings, shaped by your participation. Seasoned attendees, please welcome newcomers. If you're online, consider starting a group text with your district members. Always feel free to ask questions or share your thoughts during breaks or at the microphone.

REGISTRAR - DREW B.: Please register! All our Assembly registration is done digitally now. If you are online, there is a link in the chat or the link tree. In person, you can register with your phone. If you need help with this, I or anyone on the registration can help. We register at assemblies to help with planning for the future, which is what I think general service is about in the first place: planning for the future. Our registration table is at the front entrance of the

Assembly because, as Registrar, I feel I am the “Area Greeter,” which coincidentally is my favorite AA group commitment. We are such a diverse Area, and that diversity of the message of AA is reflected in the way groups relate themselves to others in fellowship, in other words, what they name themselves. Today, I would like to highlight a Willits group that some of you may have gone to last night: the “More Than a Buck with of Recovery Group.” Great name, and a reminder of how valuable our recovery here really is.

RECORDING SECRETARY – SARAH B.: It’s great to see you all again! Our Area supports a game in which people try to guess the word count for our assembly business meeting minutes for a chance to receive a subscription to the Grapevine. For our last Assembly, we had a record seven guesses from six districts, and the winner was a GSR from District 03 Santa Cruz. Congrats to A.J. R., the GSR for the Santa Cruz Thumpers Big Book Study! The minutes were 6,766 and A.J. guessed 7,012. Please start sending me your guesses for today’s meeting now! Since we last met, we held the first known workshop for making business meeting minutes, and it was a resounding success! About thirty people attended on Zoom, with a wide variety of attendees, from curious members to GSRs to district and group recording secretaries. We heard presentations about meeting minutes basics, technology, and how to best capture the spirit of discussion. There were many inquisitive questions and much thoughtful discussion. I created a feedback survey, and the twelve attendees who submitted it indicated 100% agreement that there should be workshops like this in the future, and several positive anecdotes were also shared. I created a Google Drive folder of resources which I’m happy to share via email. Thank you for indulging my nerdy excitement about meeting minutes and trusting me to try something new!

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VINA CHAIR – MATT E.: When I first got sober, I didn’t really see myself in the Big Book. I had glimpses of relatability here and there, but I mostly just had criticisms. I thought I could fix it. And it wasn’t until I got to the stories in the back that I really started to feel like I belonged. Specifically, a story that was written by a woman who got sober in the early nineties. That story was in my Fourth Edition Big Book because of the Conference process, and because of GSRs like you. Thank you for helping me feel a part of so

that I could stick around long enough to see myself in the rest of our literature and experience recovery. I'm so excited to hear more from Eric about the work we're doing as a fellowship to produce new tools for accessing our program. An alcoholic is being born today who will see themselves in our literature 20, 30, 40 years in the future, because of the work you all do. Thank you. The Grapevine and La Viña apps are doing well. Please download and subscribe! Through July 31st, all formats in all languages of the Big Book are 10% off from aa.org - and the 1st Edition facsimile is only \$3.

AREA STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES

ACCESSIBILITIES - THOM H.: Currently, we are still in need of a recording secretary. The Accessibilities chairs in District 10, District 19 Spanish South South district attended, looking for direction about how to start their own accessibility committee. They discussed their experience at the pre-conference assembly and noted some of the previous issues were addressed, such as seating, accessing the building, and mobility. They are still working on creating a short list of access issues. District 70 is still trying to get involvement from GSRs. District 04 is obtaining information to start its own Accessibilities Committee. We had a lengthy discussion about the design of a banner to display at Area assemblies and events. We were reminded that to help with accessibility issues during the meeting, we should always state our name and use descriptive words when we are talking about the design and layout of items. During What's on Your Mind, people brought up how broad Access is and where it overlaps with other committees. Safety can be both emotional and physical. When creating a new accessibilities committee, go slow. People shared frustration about getting people excited about Accessibilities. Finally, we shared that GSO is looking for members' experiences about both being neurodivergent and working with neurodivergent members from our fellowship. Our next meeting will be at the May ACM at 11:00 am.

ARCHIVES - LESLIE H.: Thank you, District 14, for hosting the assembly in such a beautiful place. Archives is excited to be here with a small preview of some of the material we have at our repository in Walnut Creek. We have our monthly workdays on the second Saturday of each month from 12 to 4 p.m. Everyone is

welcome, and we're always excited to have new friends join us. We had two Area officers join our workday this month. They got right to work sorting through things, and there were lots of oohs and awes! If any district is having an event and would like help from Archives, please let us know. We would love to see you at Archives and we'll show you around.

BRIDGING THE GAP - JOHN O.: I attended the H&I Conference in Bakersfield last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Friday afternoon panel consisted of a BTG Coordinator from LA County. Tiffany J. and Blaine represented a program/service called Contact on Release which services the San Diego area. The two programs overlap. However, the location was used as a border, which kept the two from competing with one another. Later that night, I shared copies of all our CNCA BTG literature in English and Spanish with the BTG Chair, Tiffany. It was mentioned many times during the weekend by panel presenters, and I believe BTG can do much better just by expanding on our networking skills with the H&I team, Corrections, and Treatment Center personnel. Please visit our BTG Table and find out how you can become a member of our exciting 12-step service.

FINANCE—JAVIER L.: I want to introduce our committee members: Claudia N., Treasurer, Russ A., Leslie W., and David S. The finance committee prepares and presents a budget for the upcoming year, advises and assists the elected treasurer of CNCA 06, assists all CNCA officers, chairs, and committee members in adhering to the yearly budget, and provides liaisons to the Area standing and subcommittees. We will begin working with the committees on the budget worksheets. The Area is responsible for providing the assembly. This post-conference assembly cost around \$4700, which is approximately \$16 per person. You will see 7th tradition buckets all around, which is one of the ways to contribute to the area today.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION - DAVID H.: We meet via Zoom on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This year, we have translated approximately 198 documents for Area Officers and Committees, 55 miscellaneous mailings, plus the Comment/Comentarios for the months of January through May. We assist with summaries of agenda topics and

translations of PRAASA Steering Committee documents. We have been present with the team for a couple of days of unity, standing committee workshops, and PRAASA 2024. The Interpretation Coordinator contacted all necessary interpreters and confirmed availability for the ACM monthly sharing sessions, standing committees, and panel assemblies. We replaced a transmitter that was damaged.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY – MIGUEL H.: The staff secretary reported the CPC Service Cards are live on the GSO website for CPC Committees to download and use in their local service work. The digital template includes two sections on the card that allow for input of local contact information or a locally developed QR code to be placed on it by local A.A. members performing CPC service. This card can be produced as a poster or flyer, distributed digitally, or added to a presentation. We'll hold a PI/CPC Workshop on July 20, 2024, from 1-3 pm at the Faith Lutheran Church hall at 20080 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley. Anybody is welcome to attend, so please invite everyone. This event will be hybrid and bilingual. Thank you to all the members who stepped in to help and make this possible. We hold a PI/CPC sharing session every 4th Saturday of the month at the Petaluma Community Center from 9-10 am, also hybrid with simultaneous interpretation.

TECHNOLOGY – JACQUELINE P.: The Hybrid Team received many compliments after the hybrid Pre-Conference Assembly for the creative use of split screen, use of multiple cameras, and break-out rooms. Online members reported that these extra details contributed to a feeling of togetherness. We experienced a few technical glitches, and the Hybrid Team dealt with them with expertise, love, grace, humor, and humility. To prep for today, the Hybrid Team performed a virtual walk-through of the Willits Community Center Petaluma Veterans. Most equipment was installed last night to optimize equipment placement for the best possible hybrid experience. For safety, we urge you to use caution as you move to and from the kitchen area as some of our cables are near the doorway. Please thank our Hybrid Team for their service. On-site are Duncan, Edgar, Patrick, and Russ, and online, Noel, Mollie, & Lynes. The Hybrid Team seeks volunteers to serve as remote Zoom alternates for Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings.

If you are available, please contact Don L., our Hybrid Event Coordinator at the Hybrid table or 925-354-2018. For our online members, this information is also in the chat. The Committee is on target to create a hybrid Area Workshop - we're looking at Saturday, October 26 after the Area Committee Meeting (ACM). More will be revealed. Committee members continue to discuss how technology in A.A. General Service and our Area can give a voice to the voiceless. We'll explore apps such as Slack or Discord at our Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies and would love to hear your thoughts. The Committee is drafting copy for the currently blank Tech Committee's CNCA06.org website page.

WEBSITE - JAMES B.: The web committee maintains and updates the Area's website, CNCA06.org. Our committee meets on Zoom every third Thursday of the month at 5:15PM. Among other things, we updated and posted the background materials. We will post the final Conference report when that is made available. We configured and added the group conscious form. We have worked through how to post and update the CNCA comments on the site since the Area changed from a PDF format to the lovely email format. If you do not receive the CNCA comments directly in your inbox, you can sign up for either the English or Spanish version using the form on the website. We began testing an update to the interface of the website with the goal of simplifying it. It's been more complex than expected. If terms like Plugin, WordPress theme, DNS, hosting, CSS, HTML, updates, and/or website are exciting or interesting to you, and you would like to contribute to the Area, we have room for you on our committee. You do not have to be a technology guru to join the committee. I was working a landscaping job when I started in technology. If interested, please contact the web chair and or an area officer, they can help get us in contact. Due to a death in the family, much has changed for me, and I am having difficulty attending the committee meetings. Thank you to Cathy, Jose, and Jeff for their support, time, and effort on the committee and for making sure it keeps running while I have been unavailable.

AREA BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

- That CNCA continue to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly. – Presented by District 15, Humboldt/Del Norte at the Area Committee Meeting on 09/23/23

Discussion: **Group Consciences:** There's been discussion about what committee means and whether it's just the ACM or all the committees. If it doesn't include the committees, why not? // My group is online and in person. What keeps us together is our treasury because we have difficulty with hybrid and only use it once a month for business meetings. For recovery meetings, we function as two different groups. Our online group wants representation to know what's going on and be able to come to these meetings. Our alternate GSR couldn't get here today. // The motion does not include anything except the area committee business meeting because it would become untenable to provide a hybrid for every committee meeting. Some of them already are hybrid. Our district favors this motion. // My group had questions about this motion. They were curious why anyone would be against it. We voted and were unanimously in favor. // Someone from my group said it would make us lazy. I believe it makes us more accessible. // My group was surprised there was a need for the motion and surprised that PRAASA isn't hybrid. We're talking about allowing people who cannot attend in person. Let's do it and keep it. // Our group fully supports this motion. Our district extends to the Oregon border, and we favor this for accessibility. // Hybrid meetings are expensive but are overwhelmingly supported. We should rethink the idea that some things are supposed to be hard. Some people can't attend important meetings for a variety of reasons. Though it's expensive, we are getting good participation because of hybrid functionality and feel it must continue. // We can disseminate information better by meeting hybrid. People can participate even when they have outside factors preventing them from attending. // My fellowship has thirty meetings, all but one are online. The geographic characteristics of these groups vary a lot. Having the online component of hybrid allows people to participate. Can the online part continue, and the physical location relocate in the case of an emergency?

Personal opinions: I'm not in favor of this motion because it obligates our ACM to always be hybrid and there is no flexibility if something happens, and we need to do something different. If we pass this motion how it's written, we are obligated to do a hybrid production every time regardless of if that capacity is

required. What if attendance drops off and we set all this up for no one. The intention of the motion is good, but I think it should fail for a better motion. // I agree the intention is good, but the wording could be improved. My group had to rebuild our GSR funds so I couldn't attend in person. We need hybrid functionality; it's a valuable operation we should continue. // Providing hybrid is an accessibility issue. It's not about comfort or convenience. It allows people to participate fully. Not having hybrid prevents people who want to serve but are not able to for various reasons. // I favor this motion because online is the only way I can attend these meetings. We need to be inclusive. It saves people money for transportation to be able to join online. I got sober when we didn't have internet. We need to keep moving forward with technology. // We want to be inclusive and get people involved; it would be exclusive if we stopped being hybrid. Being able to attend online helps with accessibility. // Before we were hybrid, people had reasons they couldn't be here. There will always be reasons why we can't be here. That's why we get alternates. Being hybrid has made it so that we come together less. // When this came up, the lazy word came to mind. But today I can't attend in person, and it would be devastating if I had to miss this because I couldn't Zoom in. // We need this to continue to support our community and fellowship. The General Service Conference and General Service Office are doing this to improve accessibility and increase participation. // The pandemic started in March 2020 right before the pre-conference assembly and the General Service Conference. We had to do an assembly and do it quickly so our delegate could go to the conference in April. If this motion failed, we would not get rid of our hybrid components. We've created a committee and a team to be hybrid. I read this motion as no matter what, we must always be hybrid, even if there's a fire and we can't meet in person, or some other circumstance that hinders us from meeting hybrid. I'm worried about that. // I agree with what people have said about accessibility. We should think about how we struggle with AA as a whole in terms of being inclusive and wrapping our minds around what we are going to do with the online component. What will we be doing in the future? Is there a role for an online area that would still allow people to be in General Service? I don't think we're there yet, so I'm glad we've made the investments for hybrid. // Tradition one and responsibility statement came to mind. The importance of maintaining hybrid is that every alcoholic can be

involved in general service. // I'm hard of hearing and watching the screen so that I can see an interpreter. This helps me understand. Closed captioning is important as well as ASL interpreters. // Being hybrid allows people to participate. Not having it is a barrier to access. // We need to have the capability to attend online. I'm a dog sitter, and I need to do that for my income. // We need to pay attention to people's needs and change AA in a way that brings more rather than less. This changes for more. I'm going to care for my husband in his older life, and this allows me to participate. I'm not lazy, this makes me hungry for service. // This is a service to us. I might be there, I might not, but I need to be able to see you there. We need to make ACMs and assemblies hybrid whether this passes or not. // We do hybrid well in this area because we put in a lot of work and thought. Technology is not in a place where hybrid can be done simply or easily. Online only is, but not hybrid, even in corporate settings. I care about accessibility and hybrid a lot. It's not the money that concerns me but are we self-supporting through trusted servants? Providing a service that requires in-person to be available is challenging. The technology committee is a large committee. // We can all get behind being accessibility. AA is getting older, so we'll need more accessibility. I encourage those online to give generously online because that's how we support the technology. The average in-person contribution is \$3.50, and the average online is \$1. If online groups/GSRs don't contribute, people attending in person are subsidizing the people who need the accessibility to attend online. Let's collectively fund it. // I love hybrid and the accessibility it provides. I want to make sure we don't vote just based on that feeling. This motion is about making this a requirement for the future until another motion overturns it. We should keep the flexibility in place to keep it going or discontinue it in the future. Don't look at this with fear of what future trusted servants might do with hybrid for reasons we don't know yet. It's working fine the way things are, and I don't think we need to formalize it with a motion. // Looking at the wording of the motion and saying the motion forces us to do it if we have a catastrophe. Zoom started because of one. When one comes, there will be a solution. The idea of a catastrophe shouldn't be a reason for voting against something that gets people involved, perhaps even more young people. // I don't understand the comments about a fire. I'm here because of Zoom, and I didn't have to spend money on gas. // If this motion isn't passed, we aren't going to eliminate hybrid. If it does pass,

we have the responsibility to always offer it, even if we don't have the means to do it. I'm worried about having that pressure that we must do it. // Can the chair give us the impact of the motion if it passes and fails? // Impact if the motion passes with a yes vote: Our area will commit to funding and providing service commitments for the hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each assembly. Impact if the motion does not pass voting no: Our Area Committee Meetings and assemblies will be either hybrid, in-person only, or virtual-only, depending on the Area's decision at that time. // The history of this has been interesting and fundamental to my growth. I appreciate the discussions we're having. If we vote no, it doesn't mean we won't have hybrid meetings. If it passes, it means it's documented somewhere that we'll do it. Another motion can overturn it. Voting for this is a way to say that we want it and that it's necessary if possible. // I'm the technology committee chair. Thank you for sharing on this. Tech is a tidal wave that has overtaken A.A. as a whole and we're at the tip of the wave. We voted last year to fund the hybrid team's travel for room and board and mileage. The initial projections for that were \$6,000 to \$8,000 per year. Last year, the committee worked hard to cut costs and limit their services, we spent \$4,700. We're really trying to be prudent. This is a fabulous enterprise where spirituality and money mix. // I'm not clear on the intent of this motion. Our area goes out of our way to make things accessible and inclusive for everybody. Is the intent to give assurance that we'll continue to provide hybrid, or do we just trust the area to continue to provide hybrid? // When considering a motion, we should ask what the need is. Is there a need to continue hybrid? If it passes, the area will commit to providing hybrid accessibility. With accessibility, you must put yourself in someone else's shoes to think about it. If the area thought we didn't need hybrid anymore, an ad hoc committee can be formed to investigate. When discussing the motion to reimburse the hybrid team for travel, people said we put the cart before the horse by not having a policy that we all agree we need this service. This motion would set a policy. // I can't attend in person. I think it's worth the cost. Hybrid allows us to collaborate, and I think we can do it in a sustainable way. We have greater attendance. We can support creativity and innovation. // I was very active in general service for many years and then for various physical reasons, I could no longer make the trip to come here. I'm grateful for the pandemic because when it started, AA moved quickly to open virtual A.A. I spent

three days learning how to get online to be able to participate online. My participation has been constant and helpful to my group. This motion started because someone said virtual meetings would end in January because we could start meeting in person again. We can't end this. // I have no dispute about the value of hybrid and the necessity of maintaining it. Our area has already committed the resources and funds to do this. Hearing the impact of a negative vote, I'm against this motion. We need to trust our trusted servants to decide when we can no longer do it. // I'm all over the place listening to this. I'm struck by what the last person said. I support hybrid and accessibility, but the motion will restrict trusted servants from making decisions as circumstances evolve, financially, logistically, or crisis-wise. This implicates future trusted servants. // The Chair re-read the impact statement and took a sense of the room of who was ready to vote. (94 Y; 27 N). **Vote by substantial unanimity: 107 in favor; 60 against. Motion failed. Minority opinion was heard.** When the impact statement was read, it made me more in favor than against it. It's based on what the Area feels at the time which can change at any time. Having a solid policy gives us more voice and unity as a group. // We need this to be inclusive of everyone. If hybrid goes away, I won't be involved in general service. There are 111 people online now. Those voices won't be heard if we don't have this assurance. I worry there's a threat that may go away. If circumstances change and we no longer need hybrid, there can be another motion. A.A. must move forward and grow or it's going to die. // I think it's important that we vote to make a commitment to stay hybrid. Nothing in A.A. is concrete. We can always go back by creating a motion if that needs to happen. Right now, we have the technology, so we should approve this. // In my opinion, the wording of the motion is too vague, but we need to commit to being hybrid. The motion isn't perfect, but we shouldn't let perfect get in the way of good. // I got sober during the pandemic when in-person meetings weren't available. Accessibility is important to allow people to participate in Service. The hybrid component makes service possible. // It's clear from the discussion that hybrid is popular. It seemed the group's conscience shifted after hearing the impact statement. It was close, but I think it's because some people changed their vote in the last two minutes. // I voted for this because it shows our commitment to those who can't physically attend. Voting no is a sign we're not committed to them. If I could add an amendment, I

would add “if reasonably possible” to the end of the motion. // You don’t have to give a reason why you join online. It’s important that people don’t feel they have to have the right reason to participate that way. Our groups are struggling with factions that want to have hybrid out or hybrid in. The only reason I can see for not doing hybrid is if we can’t afford it. This would be good for my district to hear what the Area is doing. There was a vote to reconsider that was seconded. Vote by simple majority to reconsider: 104 in favor; 60 against. Motion to reconsider passes. << **Motion to remain Old Business at the Summer Assembly on August 10, 2024.**>>

NEW BUSINESS:

- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees. - *Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Subcommittee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23*

Discussion: **Group consciences:** Since committee chairs are attending the area committee meetings and assemblies, are informing people and are informed, they should be bringing the vote. They’re doing the work and are in service, let them vote. // I’m the BTG chair for my district. Our committee considers the subcommittee a liaison to general service. The liaison definition is communication or cooperation which facilitates the close working relationship between people or organizations. The committee believes for them to be able to vote, they should have general service experience. // My group thinks chairs already have a disproportionate share of influence on what’s on the agenda. It varies by area, and we get to do what we want. My group votes no but loves the chairs. // Most of the district was in favor of this motion. Chairpersons in our district do have a vote.

Personal opinions: In the A.A. Service Manual, on page 19, it states that the composition, and typically voting members, of an assembly include GSRs, DCMs, Area officers, Area committee chairs, and the area delegate. Also, under Concept Four, we have the principle of participation: that the trustees, the directors of our service corporations, and respective executive staff shall always be voting members of the General Service Conference itself. The executive staff is like

chairpersons for area committees. // Four of the areas in the Southwestern areas do this, and most of the districts do this. It's consistent with Concept Four as just said. Each category or classification of servants at a given level should have a vote at that level. Because they have knowledge of what's going on, it's good for unity and participation. We want their experience and knowledge at the microphone, and we want them included. It would not be many people, it's not like it would overwhelm the votes. // Committee chairs are not elected by the area; they are elected by the committee. Their voices are being heard by their GSRs at their home groups. This would give them two votes. // Concept Four has a footnote on page 14 which applies to delegates but can be generalized to the area. It says we aren't in constant session, but there are a lot of people focusing on the day-to-day working on the subcommittees. These people have much more working knowledge and their perspectives are valuable for those of us who aren't spending as much time on the day-to-day service. It behooves us to rely on their expertise when making decisions. // As a past subcommittee chair, this is interesting. As trusted servants, we've had votes that weren't considered in the previous motion. We should let them participate with us and be with us. If not, they'll be on the side and not be able to decide on matters that affect the area. // I'm a new GSR. I don't feel confident to vote in some of these. Committee chairs' votes may hold more value than mine because of their experience. I have a voting right simply because I got voted in. // I believe they should have a vote. They're like the DCM, DCMC, or GSR to their committees. To say that they need general service background, they're already in general service. They have valuable input that would make us stronger as an area and have better informed groups and decisions. There aren't many, it's not as if they're going to change the vote. // I thought this motion had an amendment that chairs had to have served as a past DCM or DCMCs. // That amendment is to the next motion, not this one. // There are people here today and people who have been here over the years who know nothing about what goes on at assemblies or area meetings, but they have a vote. That's how we learn. We come here and as we hear others participate; we begin to ourselves. Initially we don't know what we're voting about, but we figure it out. The people in subcommittees know what's going on in A.A. If they don't vote, they're not sharing with us what they've gotten from their

service. We make A.A. stronger by having more people participate. << **Motion to become Old Business at the Summer Assembly on August 10, 2024.>>**

- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and subcommittees who have served as DCMs and/or DCMCs.
- Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & SubCommittee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23

Discussion: **Group consciences:** It seems like you must have a current commitment to be eligible for officer. Is that correct? // Currently, those eligible to be area officers are current DCMs, DCMCs, or Area officers. This would change that to add current committee chairs who have served as DCMCs or DCMs previously.

Personal opinions: I believe the amendment is unnecessary. Having chairpersons being past DCMs or DCMCs makes them more credible, but it changes policy. The current policy is that only current DCMs, DCMCs, or Area Officers are eligible. // I was a chair of the web committee, and I couldn't stand it, and it was frustrating. I had learned more and couldn't participate. It felt like I wasn't getting the right of participation. // I was also a web committee chair and was frustrated I couldn't vote. Have we looked at the fact that there would be more people running for elections? We're debating about how our election assembly is long. // Seven more people could be available. // This doesn't limit whether you're a current DCMC or DCM. It doesn't make it clear how long ago the chairperson was a DCMC or DCM in the past. // A lot of areas, committee chairs participate with votes and are available to be delegates. It doesn't mean they'll be elected; it just means they'll be available to participate. << **Motion to become Old Business at the Summer Assembly on August 10, 2024.>>**

Delegate Sharing:

Bridget B., the Delegate from Kansas, Area 25, Panel 74, and Suzanne S., Delegate from Eastern Massachusetts, Area 30, Panel 74, shared about General Service in their areas.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Thanks for coming to Willits. You're welcome to take the vase and flowers with you when you go. // Today our contributions were \$1,030 in person and \$653 online (\$1683 total). Thank you so much. // Thanks for registering. There were 226 in-person and 147 online (373 total). // We've grown and accomplished a lot. At the same time, I'm struck by how much is yet to be done. The fellowship and A.A. itself are safe, but sometimes meetings aren't safe for some people. We made progress, but we have a long way to go. I hope I can be around to see more changes happen. // The San Francisco Marin Intergroup made the Delegate aware of alcoholicsanonymous.com. In the Circles and Love of Service pamphlet, it mentions that in 1990, the GSC passed an advisory action stressing the importance of communication and recommended that Delegates establish and maintain contact with Intergroups and Central Offices in their Areas to share Conference information and make sure Intergroup offices have a voice in the fellowship through our service structure. Not all Intergroups are aware of this. If you want to really know what's happening with the still-suffering alcoholic, talk to your Intergroup and Teleservice volunteers. District chairs can do this. Bring them agenda topics and encourage them to contact the Delegate when they're concerned about something. // Thanks to the hybrid team for your service. If anyone wants to support the hybrid team by doing online work, we're always looking for volunteers. // I appreciate the change I've seen in our delegate, Eric. You've connected with us on a deeper level. That's what general service does for us. // Thanks for allowing me to be of service online. It's a wonderful opportunity. Our hybrid team coordinator helped me feel engaged in a deeper way. I invite you to join us. // Thanks to Eric for his honesty and sense of humor. So much has happened in these past two years, and I think A.A. is having a coming of age. // Thank you to the people who made this assembly possible (Suzi: assembly chair; Julie: assembly treasurer; Tim: registration chair; Michael: parking chair and assembly coordinator emeritus; Warren: coffee chair; Diana: greeter; Jenn; decorations; and Carolina made food. Thanks to our interpreters Manuel and Mateo, our Hybrid Team, our Area Chair, and our Delegate. See you in Campbell for the summer assembly!

The meeting was closed at 5:12 by Chitra S. with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Babcock
CNCA Recording Secretary, Panel 73



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California Northern Coastal Area

Budget vs. Actuals: 2024 Budget - FY24 P&L
January - May, 2024

TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue		
002 Group Contributions	47,754.64	48,000.00
003 District Contributions	15,582.34	7,500.00
004 Assembly Contributions	4,309.25	3,250.00
005 Tradition 7, Area Comm.	1,971.85	1,666.65
008 Personal/Misc Contributions	835.60	2,791.65
010 Interest Income	1.69	2.10
Total Revenue	\$70,455.37	\$63,210.40
GROSS PROFIT	\$70,455.37	\$63,210.40
Expenditures		
020 EXPENSE		
021 Delegate Expense	4,903.27	4,511.73
050 Officer Expense	12,147.79	15,967.20
130 Committee Expenses	14,007.27	16,512.90
300 General Expenses		
310 Assembly Expenses	15,468.09	17,790.00
340 Area Committee Expenses	15,548.84	14,285.00
360 Administration and Fees	1,221.16	1,191.65
370 Other Conference	3,500.00	3,650.00
Total 300 General Expenses	35,738.09	36,916.65
Total 020 EXPENSE	66,796.42	73,908.48
Total Expenditures	\$66,796.42	\$73,908.48
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$3,658.95	-\$ 10,698.08
NET REVENUE	\$3,658.95	-\$ 10,698.08

California Northern Coastal Area
Statement of Financial Position
As of May 31, 2024

TOTAL	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Operating Funds - Checking	19,200.22
Prudent Reserve - Savings	13,850.46
Total Bank Accounts	\$33,050.68
Other Current Assets	
Assembly Deposits	850.00
Undeposited Funds	143.40
Total Other Current Assets	\$993.40
Total Current Assets	\$34,044.08
TOTAL ASSETS	\$34,044.08
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Operating Funds ~ Adjusted	19,245.13
Prudent Reserve ~ Savings	11,140.00
Net Revenue	3,658.95
Total Equity	\$34,044.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$34,044.08

AREA MOTIONS

Area Committee Motions

- Continue at Area Committee Meeting June 22, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA's prudent reserve be set to an amount equivalent to two months' operating expense – *Presented by Megan B. and Chuck B. on 4/27/24*

Area Assembly Motions

- **Continue at Summer Assembly August 10, 2024**

OLD BUSINESS

- That CNCA continue to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly. – *Presented by District 15, Humboldt/Del Norte at the Area Committee Meeting on 9/23/23*
- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees. - *Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23*
- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees. - *Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23*

2024 CALENDAR - PANEL 73

CNCA 2024 Calendar

July 12 - 14 — Pacific Regional Forum, Las Vegas, NV
27 — Area Committee Mtg

August 10 — Summer Assembly

24 — Area Committee Mtg

September 28 — Area Committee Mtg

October 26 — Area Committee Mtg

November 9 — Fall Election Assembly
23 — Area Committee Mtg

December 21 — Area Committee Mtg (Note: 3rd Sat)

Panel 73 Assembly Dates

2024 Summer Assembly

Aug 10, 2024

Campbell Community Center

1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA

Hosted by D17 Spanish South

2024 Fall Election Assembly

Nov 9, 2024

Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore

348 N Canyons Pkwy, Livermore, CA 94551

Hosted by D07 Alameda North and D70 Alameda South

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 (CNCA 06) OF
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PRESENTS

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Community Center
1 W. Campbell Ave. Campbell, CA

Main Zoom: [632 553 607](https://zoom.us/j/632553607) | Password: 1935

REGISTRATION	8:30 – 9:00 AM
ORIENTATION	9:00 – 9:15 AM
AREA BUSINESS MEETING	9:15 AM - 12:00 PM
LUNCH	12:00 – 1:00 PM

WORKSHOP SESSION I: 1:00 – 2:15 PM

1. **Spirit of Rotation – What’s Next for Me?** In-Person | Online ID: [953 2943 4632](https://zoom.us/j/95329434632)
2. **Growing in Effectiveness within the Service Structure.** Hybrid ID: [632 553 607](https://zoom.us/j/632553607)

WORKSHOP SESSION II: 2:30 – 3:45 PM

3. **Practicing the Long Form of Tradition 7.** In-Person | Online ID: [953 2943 4632](https://zoom.us/j/95329434632)
4. **Social Networks and Connecting Online in A.A.** Hybrid ID: [632 553 607](https://zoom.us/j/632553607)

REPORT BACK	4:00 – 4:30 PM
WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?	4:30 – 5:00 PM



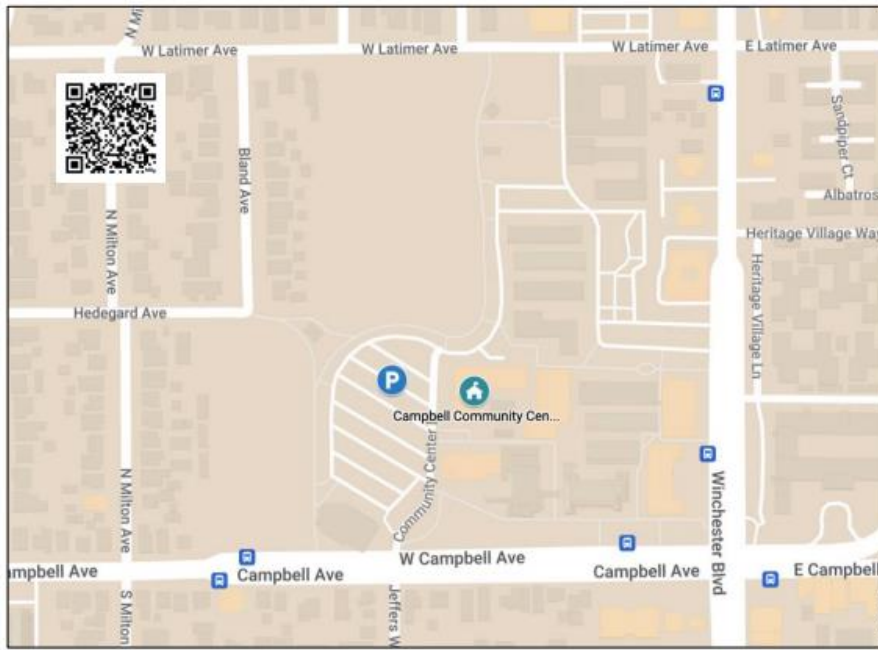
Attending online? Spanish-English interpretation and Closed Captioning will be provided on Zoom.
Attending in-person? Bring your FM RADIO for Spanish-English interpretation and Assisted Listening.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS: bit.ly/cnca06-summer24

PARKING: 500+ parking spots on-site.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: [BART](#) to Millbrae and [Valley Transportation Authority \(VTA\)](#) Green Line to Downtown Campbell; [Amtrak](#) and [Greyhound](#).



Hotels near Campbell, CA:

Four Points San Jose Airport
1471 N 4th St, San Jose
(408) 452-0200 [marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)
Rates \$118 - \$136

Doubletree by Hilton San Jose
2050 Gateway Pl, San Jose
(408) 453-4000 [hilton.com](https://www.hilton.com)
Rates \$115 - \$158

Courtyard by Marriott Campbell
655 Creekside Way, Campbell, CA
(408) 626-9590 [marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)
Rates \$152 - \$201

Alternate Lodging:

Coyote Valley RV Resort
9750 Monterey Rd, San Jose
(866) 376-5500
[coyotevalleyresort.com](https://www.coyotevalleyresort.com)
Rates: RVs \$80 - 90

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[Airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com)
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COMMITTEES AND SHARING SESSIONS

CNCA 06 ACM, STANDING & SUB-COMMITTEES, and SHARING SESSIONS

CNCA 06 ACM – Area Committee business meeting (HYBRID) - meets at 12:30pm on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **632 553 607**. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions/password: chair@cnca06.org

Accessibilities committee (HYBRID) - meets at 11:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Zoom meeting ID: **987 0872 2632**. Contact Accessibilities Chair Thom H for questions/password: accessibilitieschair@cnca06.org

Archives committee (HYBRID) - meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **987 0872 2632**. Contact Archives Chair Carol H for questions/password: archiveschair@cnca06.org

Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7pm on the 4th Thursday of each month, except November it meets HYBRID at the ACM. Zoom meeting ID: **988 7891 7593**. Contact BTG Chair John O for questions/password: btgchair@cnca06.org

DCM sharing session (HYBRID) - meets at 11:00am on the 4th Saturday each month, except in January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **568 947 843**. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions/password: chair@cnca06.org

DCMC sharing session - Closed Meeting - DCMCs and Alternate DCMCs only. (HYBRID) - meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **568 947 843**. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions/password: chair@cnca06.org

Finance committee - Closed Meeting – Finance committee members only (in-person) - meets at 11:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Contact Finance Chair David N for questions: finance@cnca06.org

Interpretation & Translation committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Zoom meeting ID: **964 6132 5139**. Contact I&T Chair Jose L for questions/password: interpret@cnca06.org

Linguistic sharing session for Spanish Speakers (in-person) - meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Contact CNCA Chair Chitra S for questions: chair@cnca06.org

Literature/Grapevine/La Viña sharing session (HYBRID) - meets at 9:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except in January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday. Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **987 0872 2632**. Contact Literature Chair Matt E for questions/password: literature@cnca06.org

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee (HYBRID) - meets at 9:00am on the 4th Saturday of each month, except in January and December it meets the 3rd Saturday.

Address: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Zoom meeting ID: **568 947 843**. Contact PI/CPC Chair Miguel H for questions/password: alternatedelegate@cnca06.org

Technology committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Zoom meeting ID: **961 5695 6661**. Contact Tech Chair Jacqueline P for questions/password: techchair@cnca06.org

Website committee (ONLINE only) - meets at 5:15pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Zoom Meeting ID: **843 8245 4422** Contact Web Chair James B for questions/password: webchair@cnca06.org

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