

# 2024 CNCA ELECTION ASSEMBLY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## When and where is the Election Assembly?

Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore (348 N Canyons Pkwy, Livermore). It will be hybrid; the Zoom meeting ID is 632 553 607 and the password is the same one we have been using for all CNCA meetings. See the attached flyer for more information and a timeline of the day.

## What positions are we electing?

We will first elect our Area's nominee for Trustee-at-Large (U.S.). We will then elect the eight Area Officers for Panel 75: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Treasurer, Assembly Coordinator, Registrar, Recording Secretary, and Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair, in that order.

## Who is eligible for election as an Area Officer?

- Panel 73 District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs)
- Panel 73 District Committee Members (DCMs)
- Panel 73 Area Officers
- Panel 73 Area Standing and Sub-Committee Chairs who have previously served as a DCM or DCMC
- Alternate DCMCs and DCMs are not eligible for election. All eligible names will be read in a roll call prior to each election.

## Who are the voting members?

- Current General Service Representatives (GSRs), or their alternate if the GSR with whom they serve is not present at the assembly.
- Panel 73 District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs) and District Committee Members (DCMs), or their alternate if the DCMC or DCM is not present.
- Standing and Subcommittee Chairs
- Panel 73 Area Officers

## How will we vote?

We will use the Third Legacy Election procedure, which you can find in your Service Manual.

We will be using **TEXT VOTING**; we will not be collecting written paper ballots or polling on Zoom. Please bring a cell phone with the ability to text to the Assembly. If you cannot vote by text and you attend in person, you will be submitting paper votes. If you cannot vote by text and you attend virtually, you will use the chat feature in Zoom to message your vote to a designated vote counter.

The phone number that you will text to submit votes will be provided the day of the assembly. You will receive a reply thanking you for voting each time you vote.

### If I am standing for election, what do I need to know?

- See above to determine if you are eligible and read the job descriptions that have been printed in the *CNCA Comments* each month. It is strongly suggested that you attend the assembly in person. All officer positions require in-person participation at assemblies and at the ACM.
- Your name will be read as part of the roll call for each position. If you are attending in person, you will say “available” (or “not available”) when your name is called. If you are attending virtually, you will raise your hand to indicate availability when your name is called.
- You will have two minutes to “qualify” each time you make yourself available for a position (sobriety date, service history and anything else you wish to share). We will make strict use of the green, yellow, and red timing lights, so you might practice what you want to say in advance and time yourself.
- If elected, please plan to take photos for Archives and going out to dinner with the other officers immediately following the assembly (optional, but a nice custom). Your first official duty will be to attend the December 21, 2024, officer meeting, in person, immediately following the monthly Area Committee Meeting (ACM). The first meeting may be longer than the usual 2-3+ hours you can expect after each ACM. Interpretation is available if needed.

### Who will facilitate our elections and count the ballots?

Class A (Non-Alcoholic) Trustee Kevin Prior, the Treasurer of the General Service Board, will be our facilitator. Our friends from California Northern Interior Area (CNIA 07) will be managing our text voting and voting from people unable to text.

### What else happens at the assembly?

We will conduct no other business, but we will have the opportunity to hear from Kevin and other invited guests. There will be time at the end of the Assembly to share What’s On Your Mind.

### Will there be a dinner the night before?

Yes! We have historically held a dinner (there is a cost to attend) prior to the Assembly; it will be hosted by Districts 07 and 70; see the attached flyer. The meeting after dinner will be open to all (free), with interpretation; there will be two speakers, including Kevin Prior.

### Why is my attendance at the Election Assembly important?

We are electing the officers who will be serving the Area for the next two years. Electing a delegate to the General Service Conference, to act on behalf of A.A. as whole, is one of the most important things a GSR gets to do as a representative of their group.

### If I am not eligible or available for Area Officer, is there another way to serve the Area?

Absolutely! We need members to volunteer for service on the Technology, Website, Finance, and Interpretation & Translation standing committees. And there are other opportunities.