

California Northern Coastal Area 06 2025 Pre-Conference Assembly "Working Together, Increasing Trust"

Saturday/Sunday April 5-6, 2025
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Santa Cruz, CA

Saturday April 5, 2025

8:00 Registration

9:00 Orientation

9:15 Assembly Business Meeting
(Agenda on p. 3)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Remarks from Delegate and Sharing on the Conference Theme

1:15 Group Consciences
Public Information
Agenda
Cooperation w/ Professional Community
Corrections
Finance

5:00 What's On Your Mind?

5:30 Closing

(Please clean up all of your belongings.**)**

Sunday April 6, 2025

8:30 Registration

9:00 Group Consciences

Policy/Admissions
Grapevine/La Vina
Treatment & Accessibilities
Literature
Report and Charter
Trustees
International Conventions/ Regional Forums

12:30 What's On Your Mind?

1:00 Closing

(Please clean up all of your belongings. *)**

(All times are approximate)



Assembly Voting Members of California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA)

- Current General Service Representatives (GSRs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present;
- District Committee Members (DCMs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present;
- District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present.
- CNCA Committee Chairs, and...
- Area Officers.

IN-PERSON MICROPHONE TIPS



- Please line up at either microphone and wait to be recognized by the chair before speaking.
- Please speak directly into the microphone, and feel free to adjust the height as needed.
- Please try to speak slowly and clearly as a courtesy to the interpreters.
- If you are not at the microphone, please try to limit side conversations which may make it hard for others to hear.
- During the business meeting, we ask that sharing be limited to two minutes. For group consciences on Agenda Topics, we will be timing at 90 seconds. The green, yellow and red lights are there to help you remember.
- In order to preserve a safe environment for all viewpoints to be heard, please do not respond positively or negatively to what anyone shares. The exception is a round of "warm applause" to let people know they have gotten the red light.

Please—no video recording or cameras at any event of CNCA

California Northern Coastal Area 06 Assembly Business Meeting Agenda

April 5, 2025

Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer
AA Preamble
Twelve Traditions in English and Spanish

Approval of the 2024 Summer Assembly Business Meeting Minutes
(published in the September 2022 issue of the CNCA Comments and Comentarios; copies are also available on the cnca06.org website)

Officer Reports:

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Treasurer, Registrar, Recording Secretary, Assembly Coordinator, Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair

Standing and Sub-Committee Reports:

Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, Finance, Interpretation and Translation, PI/CPC, Technology, Website, YPAA, Linguistic Sharing Session

PRESENTAION

General Service App Update- *Presented by Dan B., CNCA Treasurer*

PRESENTATIONS OF NEW BUSINESS

- To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up to date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org, and A.A. Grapevine? - *Presented by District 12 Sonoma at the Area Committee Meeting 9/28/24*
- That CNCA 06 create a Subcommittee on Safety and Inclusion. -*Presented by District 04 Santa Clara North Safety Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 11/23/24*
- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that

AA use the service piece in a public information campaign. — *Presented by District 01 Monterey.*

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

SHARING ON GENERAL SERVICE IVENTORY

Close with the Responsibility Declaration

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- Area Officers

History of Current Area Assembly Motions

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

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Presentation: Judah N., DCM from District 12 Sonoma presented. This was brought to the subdistrict by a past delegate. In discussing the question at the subdistrict level, it became evident that not all GSRs are aware of where to find such information. Through discussion, they agreed that it would be helpful to add this as an inventory question. The subdistrict presented it to the district, and it was unanimously voted in favor.

Clarifying Questions: **Q:** Would this eventually become a proposed agenda item? **A:** Yes, if it follows the process and is approved at the Area level, it could be submitted as a potential agenda topic. // **Q:** Is it only websites and newsletters, or is it other digital forms, for example, an app? **A:** It's for websites and newsletters. // **Q:** Have you considered describing it as aa.org and AA Grapevine instead of GSO in New York? **A:** We would be open to an amendment to add the Grapevine. // **Q:** Would you consider adding "s" to reflect intergroups, districts, and areas? **A:** If that's grammatically correct, we would do that. // **Q:** Instead of what it says now, would you consider "aa.org and A.A. Grapevine" instead of GSO in New York? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** Did your subdistrict or district consider any other avenues to achieve the same idea, other than this pamphlet? **A:** The District agreed this pamphlet would be a good avenue. // Leslie. **Q:** Did you consider writing the literature standing committee and asking them to add it to an existing printed pamphlet without having to go through a new business process? **A:** No. If it gets approved and submitted by the Area, the literature committee could autonomously decide to add it. *Revised motion: To add an inventory question to page 30 of the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", that reads: Do our group members know where to find up-to-date information about A.A. on the websites and newsletters of central offices and intergroups, districts, areas, aa.org and A.A. Grapevine?* Vote by simple majority to keep the motion at the ACM or present it at the next Assembly. **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**

- That CNCA 06 create a SubCommittee on Safety and Inclusion. –
Presented by District 04 Santa Clara North Safety Committee at the Area Committee Meeting on November 23, 2024

Presentation: A.A. literature and traditions emphasize inclusivity, welcoming anyone with a desire to stop drinking. However, the recent Safety in A.A. Survey conducted by District 04 revealed many members face issues like sexual harassment, predatory behavior, and exclusion based on spiritual beliefs, disability, gender identity, or racial/ethnic differences. Key findings include high rates of sexual misconduct experienced by women (65%) and LGBTQ+ members (70%) and significant levels of discrimination faced by disabled members (69%) and spiritual minorities (47%). While some groups address these issues through inventories and open discussions, many do not, causing some members to leave A.A. A recent Safety in A.A. Forum drew over 200 attendees, highlighting a strong interest in addressing these concerns. This motion proposes creating a Safety and Inclusion Subcommittee within CNCA06 to address these barriers. This subcommittee would foster communication and provide resources on safety and inclusion, share best practices and stories from members and groups addressing these issues, collaborate with other areas, facilitate workshops, inventories, and discussions, and model its structure on Oregon Area 58's Safety and Inclusion Committee. We only want to provide resources to help each member, group, or district address these issues following their group consensus. We have no intention to dictate any mandates or serve as a governing body of any sort. Budget impacts include travel reimbursement of the subcommittee chair to the ACM and Area Assemblies, survey platform fees, workshops, printing, and translation costs. The subcommittee aims to align with A.A. traditions and concepts while promoting a safe, welcoming environment for all members. Our current Area subcommittees are Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, and Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community.

Clarifying Questions: **Q:** Was this survey conducted only within the community of English-speaking members or also those that speak Spanish? **A:** Yes, it was conducted in Spanish. // **Q:** Is racism included under the label discrimination? **A:** Yes. // **Q:** How is this not considered part of accessibilities, which is already established in the Area? **A:** There will be a discussion on this motion later. Right now, we are only asking for clarification on the wording or intent of the motion.

// **Q:** What is the difference between a subcommittee and a standing committee? **A:** The Area standing committees are Technology, Interpretation and Translation, Finance, and Website.

Standing committees serve the Area and its functions. The subcommittees have district representatives that attend the meeting and have a sharing

session. Both are budgeted. // **Q:** Was there a discussion in the district about why not a sharing session rather than a subcommittee? **A:** There was no specific discussion on that. **Q:** How many districts have safety committees? **A:** District 04 Santa Clara North and Santa Cruz 03, which has a joint committee with their intergroup. // **Q:** Would this committee just do workshops or provide informative information? **A:** It depends on what is requested by districts and/or up to the subcommittee to decide what activities to do. // **Q:** Has every district in our Area had an opportunity to participate in the survey? **A:** That's a great question, but it is not related to clarifying the wording or intent of forming a subcommittee. You may bring that question up during the discussion. // **Q:** Often, before motions are presented, there is a discussion topic in the Area. Was this a discussion topic? **A:** It was requested by a committee within D04. It's already been discussed by District 04. // **Q:** Are you open to changing the subcommittee to a sharing session to follow in line with how we introduced the Area Accessibility Committee? **A:** That depends. Are sharing sessions funded by the Area to engage in activities, such as a workshop? // The Area pays for the cost of the space for the sharing session to meet, i.e., rent. There are no other associated costs for sharing sessions. // An aspect of funding that hasn't been spoken about is the space requirements for the meeting. Any time we create a new committee, it increases the costs at the ACM. I would suggest that the presenter of the motion provide that. // A detailed financial analysis isn't a requirement to submit a motion to the area. The intention of the motion makers is not to create a sharing session, but a subcommittee. // Our Area committees are listed in the ACM agenda. Subcommittees are Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, and Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. Our standing committees are Finance, I&T, Tech, and Web. Sharing sessions are DCM Sharing Session, Linguistic Sharing Session for Spanish Speakers, and Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Sharing Session. // **Q:** If the friendly amendment to create a sharing session was accepted, couldn't a housekeeping motion be made later to fund certain activities? **A:** That's not a clarification of the wording or intent of the motion. // The intent of the motion is for the subcommittee to be a resource for all districts to help facilitate activities for districts that don't have committees on safety and inclusion, such as workshops or a safety survey. The intent is to have actionable items and resources to give, not just a place for people to share. // **Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>**

- That CNCA06 request that A.A. produce a public information service piece with a simple and consistent message, including QR codes, that could be used across the United States/Canada service structure. And to request that AA use the service piece in a public information campaign. —
Presented by District 01 Monterey at the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on March 22, 2025

Presentation: *This motion is inspired by ads for Human Trafficking seen in airports and churches— simple, direct, and featuring QR codes. The idea hit me that this could be an agenda item. I imagined a public info service piece reading "Are you having a problem with drinking?" with aa.org and two QR codes: one linked to a landing page created and maintained by GSO, and the other to the Meeting Guide App. The problem this proposed agenda item addresses is that our membership is not growing. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 209 million people worldwide have alcohol dependence. A.A. has remained around 2 million members since 1990. This idea aims to reach those who don't yet know about A.A. and help grow our fellowship. motion was developed with input from 12 A.A. members, whose suggestions were incorporated into the proposal. District 01 voted unanimously to pass the motion. In conclusion, we feel it would be beneficial for A.A. to have a simple, consistent message that conveys in seconds: if you're having a problem with alcohol, A.A. is here—what A.A. is, and how to find it now. Placed widely, it could plant seeds for those still stumbling in the dark to someday find the light, just as we have.*

Clarifying Questions: **Q:** *Is this leaning towards promotion?* **A:** *I don't know. //*
Q: *How is this different from the PI posters that GSO already has available on their website with room for a QR code?* **A:** *This would already include QR codes maintained by GSO, making them print-ready with no changes needed and ensuring a consistent message across AA. //*
Q: *I wanted to clarify—by service material, do you mean posters and other marketing materials?* **A:** *I produced a sample business card of what I was thinking, but it could be anything—social media, printed materials, etc. //*
Q: *Do you want to specify in the motion that GSO produces and prints this material?* **A:** *My service sponsor helped me with this wording. //*
Q: *Do you feel the current service material is not adequate and that's why you are proposing it?* **A:** *Yes. //*
Voted by Simple Majority to forward to the Assembly. <<Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Preconference Assembly on April 5, 2025. >>

Anonymity Statement

There may be some here who are not familiar with our tradition of anonymity at the public level.

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio (TV) and films” Thus we respectfully ask that no A.A. speaker-or, indeed, any A.A. member- be identified by full name in published or broadcast reports of our meetings.

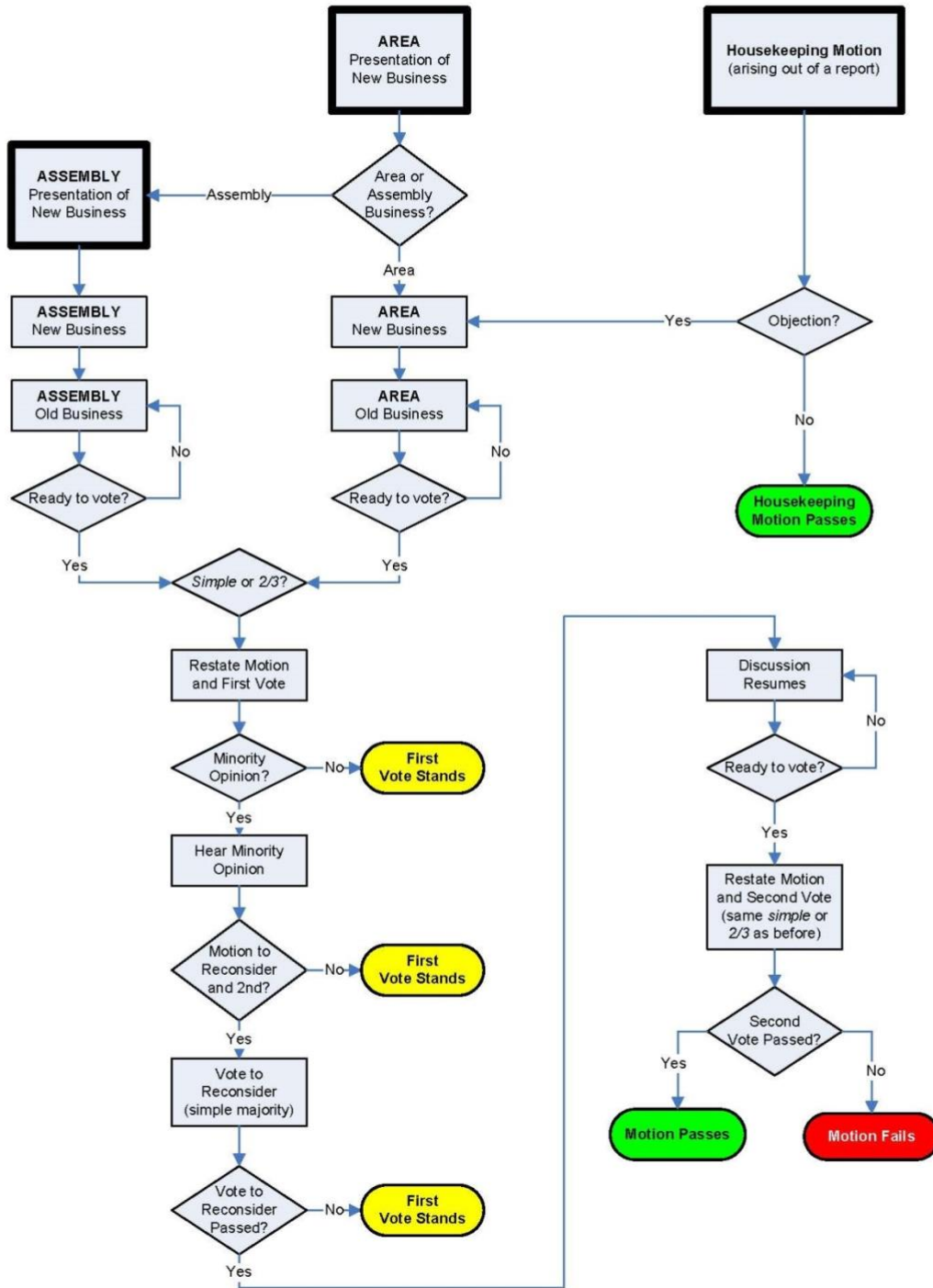
The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinker who may wish to share our program with us, and our tradition of anonymity reminds us that A.A. principles come before personalities.

The long form of A.A. Eleventh Tradition says “Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed.” In keeping with this principle, please do not post recognizable photos of identifiable A.A. members on Web sites accessible to the public, including unrestricted pages on social networking sites.

As per our motions book:

Please remember that video-taping and cameras are prohibited.

Conducting Area/Assembly Business in CNCA Area 06



75th General Service Agenda Items to be Heard at the Pre-Conference Assembly

Public Information

- A. Review the 2025 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review PSAs for Relevance and Usefulness a. Review the 2025 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Audio and Video PSAs." b. Review plan for evaluating Spanish and French language PSAs.
 - 2. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.
 - 3. Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA. (New Item)
 - 4. Review report and tracking of distribution of PSAs. C. Review report on the GSO Podcast, "Our Primary Purpose."
- D. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel."
- F. Review report on "Meeting Guide app."
- G. Review report on GSO's A.A. website.
- I. Review report for "AAWS Online Business Profiles."
- J. Review progress report on developing communications to address anonymity and social media. K. Review progress report on analytics reporting.
- L. Review progress report on communicating with young people.
- M. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials. N. Review report from the A.A. Membership Survey working group.
- O. Review progress report on Young People `s video project.
- P. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Agenda

- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2024 Evaluation Summary.
- G. Discuss plan to print and distribute the comprehensive summary of the 2025 General Service Conference Inventory.
- I. Consider the request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights and continue printing highlights in the final report.

J. Consider a proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session.

Cooperation w/ Professional Community

D. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.

E. Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.

Corrections

E. Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book Alcoholics Anonymous to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951.

Finance

A. Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. [Floor Action from the 74th General Service Conference].

F. Review Self-Support Packet.

Policy/Admissions

C. Discuss Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) progress report and draft plan

D. Discuss the process of Simple Majority Items.

E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36, 93, 96)

F. Consider a request to develop guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates. (New Item)

G. Consider request to prioritize a list of selection criteria to inform the committee selection process. (New Item)

Grapevine/La Vina

D. Review the progress report on a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience.

Treatment & Accessibilities

C. Review progress report on the Accessibilities Resources flyer made available on aa.org.

Literature

- J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- K. Consider request to update the book Living Sober
- L. Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.

Report and Charter

- A3. Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay.
- B. Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings.

Trustees

- F. Review Censure Process Proposal.
- G. Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. (PAI 24 and 63)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature Agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

International Conventions/ Regional Forums

- C. Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)
- D. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.