

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Area 07 Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

At the last Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in July, the Finance Committee brought three separate motions under Old Business. They are as follows:

I propose CNIA-07 spend \$2500 to honor the Northern California Accessibilities Committee's (NCAC) funding request submitted to the finance committee on May 5, 2021.

I propose CNIA-07 spend \$1000 to support the Carry the Message Project with \$500 for Grapevine subscriptions \$500 for La Vina subscriptions.

I propose CNIA-07 make a one-time contribution to Oficina Latina Central for literature purchase.

All three motions passed with substantial unanimity. Thank you to the Finance Committee and our Area Treasurer, Margie, for all of their efforts.

Also at last month's ACM, we approved \$225 dollars for the Archives Committee to complete the renovations currently underway. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our trusted servants who have helped in this process over the last two panels.

The California Northern Interior Area Archives will be holding their grand re-opening on September 4th from 11-3pm. The address and map for the Archives is located on the last page of the Accents. It is 1807 Navy Drive, Suite #11, Stockton, CA 95555. Please come and join us for this celebration! Food and refreshments will be provided.

Looking ahead to November's Election Assembly, this month I will be asking each of our Appointed Chairs and Area Officers to write an article for the Area Accents. This panel has definitely not been the same as previous panels. My hope is each of our Area Trusted Servants will be able to give a job description of their position and highlight from this panel serving this body.

I want to encourage all of you who are interested in serving CNIA 07 next panel to ask questions about the Area positions, talk to your family about time commitments, and to start putting together your service resume. Now is the time! As we move through these last few months of Panel 70, I want to remind you our work is not yet done. Let us finish strong with our dedication and our passion for area service not only for the alcoholics currently in our rooms, but also for the alcoholics for generations to come.

Applying Love,
Matthew
CNIA Chair

Area Committee Meeting Agenda— August 21, 2021

10:00 am -Call to Order	Liaison Reports— Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)
Serenity Prayer	Central Offices & Intergroups
12 Traditions (short form)	Northern California Council of AA (NCCAA)
12 Concepts (short form)	Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (YPAA)
General Service Representative (GSR) Preamble	Northern California Accessibility Committee
Why We Need a Conference	Hispanic Women's Conference
Introductions – Past Delegates	7th Tradition
Guests and Visitors	10:30 am – DCM Reports & Area Officer Reports
Newcomers to this meeting GSR's, etc	12:00 Lunch
Announcements –	12:30-1:00 Finish up Officer Reports
Assembly Reports –	1:00-2:00 Delegate Report
Election Assembly 2021	2:00-3:00 Old Business
Winter Assembly 2022	New Business: 2022 Spending Plan
Pre-Conference Assembly 2022	3:30-4:00 What's on your mind?
Post-Conference 2022	4:00pm Close

Join the Area Committee Meeting on Zoom

Meeting ID: 982-1637-5307

Password: CNIA_ACM

Or call in +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638-0968

Phone password: 57673252

Area Committee Meeting Minutes— July 17, 2021 (unapproved)

July 2021 CNIA Area Committee Meeting

Matthew L., California Northern Interior Area Chair, called the July 2021 Area Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. Nicole M. read the Twelve Traditions (short form). Marilyn K. read the Twelve Concepts (short form). Chel O. read the GSR Preamble. Larry K read “Why Do We Need a Conference?”.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Delegates: Mike K. (P-68), Vikki R. (P-66), Melody T. (P-60), Marianne H. (P-56)

First-time attendees: Nicole, Chel (D33), Crystal (chair, Delta Intergroup).

ASSEMBLIES

Election 2021, Claudio: Nov 12–13 on Zoom.

Winter 2022, D33, Chel O.: Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora.

Pre-Conference 2022, D21, Holly: In communications with Placer County Fairgrounds.

Post-Conference 2022, D22, Loren A.: Placerville Fairgrounds.

LIAISONS

Hospitals & Institutions, Vikki: We re-elected chair Jeff L. He will appoint officers of steering committee. The sponsorship program will be expanded to Soledad and we are looking for a coordinator.

Northern California Accessibility Committee

Delia: We met 2nd Sat. via Zoom, 10–11 am. We met in person for the first time since last year at the Gibbons Alano Club. Average 8–9 requests per week for Uber rides to meetings mainly in Fresno, Sacramento & Modesto. The committee is concerned that rides are not going to people with traditionally known accessibility issues. We received a request for ASL Interpreter services at in-person meetings. Our ASL Interpreter Coordinator has stepped down. We invite Accessibility chairs to share with us.

CENTRAL OFFICES / INTERGROUPS

Central California Fellowship, Veronica: (Sacramento area) The office is open again.

Delta Intergroup, Crystal, Larry: (Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne) The office is open 3 days a week. We are in the black after many months. 950-1,000 meetings weekly. We are transferring to Zoom phones since AT&T has raised the monthly bill. We added a cell phone to use Cash App and

Venmo. We are in need of a laptop to streamline service and literature sales at events.

www.aadelta.org.

North Valley IG, Heather: (Butte, Glenn, Tehama) IG is meeting on zoom. Website has online and in-person schedules. Seeking new facility for speaker meeting. \$1200 remaining from funds to support groups impacted by the Camp Fire. We have \$10,000 to start up a Central Office. PI/CPC is with IG now, they had no active rep for 8 years. <https://aabutte-glenn.org>.

Fresno Intergroup: Joshua G., Reyna B.: Meetings are still on zoom. Intergroup have done two hybrid speaker meetings and will remain in this format for now. www.fresnoaa.org.

Hispanic Women’s Workshop, Lorri A. (*heard out of order*) I went to the interdistrict meeting in Fresno at their new location. Event is Dec 4, women only. Holiday Inn Express, 1520 West Baseline Road, Tempe. \$89/nt Friday–Sunday. Reservations: (855) 516-1090. Liaison meetings: 2nd Sat. on Zoom, 1 pm.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

SACYPAA (Sacramento) and **PLAYPAA** (Placer County): July “Summer Camp” event with speaker and games.

Norcal Bid for ICYPAA, Teddi: We will go to the conference in New Orleans. We are working on our bid package to bring the conference to Northern California.

Seventh Tradition: Treasurer/Margie explained how to make contributions online and by postal mail.

DISTRICTS

D09: No report

D11, Maureen R: We met 6/20 with 7 in attendance. 3 attended in March and April. REDYPAA is participating with us. We are in need of district trusted servants.

D15, Heather: 5-6 people met. Many groups have not re-elected GSRs. We passed district bylaws. Our new treasurer proposed a budget, which was approved.

D17: Lindsay G: More meetings are transitioning back in person. Dist. is meeting via zoom. We are navigating what to do with surplus funds and writing bylaws.

D19, Annette H: We met July 10 as a hybrid. More groups that lost their physical lo-

cations have found new homes. One group to stay online as members are now from a broader geographic footprint. Most groups report doing ok financially but still need contributions. Our Web Master is looking for resources to rebuild the website- frozen since March. We continue to update printed meeting schedules. Delegate report - Aug. 7. Unity Day - Sept. 25.

D20, Todd: We have found a temporary home. We met in person in July for the first time since Feb. 2020. Unity Day chair is reviewing indoor & outdoor locations. Venue and date TBA. We have new positions: CCFAA delegate and meeting schedules chair.

D21, Holly: Service committees meet monthly on Tuesdays. Met 6/22 with 8 GSRs, 5 officers and 1 member at large. About 27 participated pre-COVID and during COVID. We voted to keep business meetings on zoom. Upcoming: Fall Fellowship, Auburn "Recovery Happens", Placer homeless advocacy rally. www.aaplacer.org

D22, Loren A: We hosted Founders Day with 100+ people. We voted to meet once a quarter in person. We are looking forward to hosting the 2022 Post-Conference assembly. West Slope Unity Group (El Dorado County to Pollock Pines): www.westernsloped22.org.

D23, Joe S.: Several of our meetings are resuming in person activities.

D24, Will K.: Former DCM Paul Z relocated. We meet in person 2nd Wed. 6 pm. We discussed reaching out to groups about General Service and if they have a GSR. Numbers have dwindled during COVID.

D25, Don H.: Our theme: keep passing it on, our responsibility to extend the hand of AA. Groups are transitioning. Finances are stable. District inventory: We discussed with committee, held two solutions meetings. Planning quarterly meetings; workshops/panels; create a website; get service sponsors. We're awaiting next steps for Twelve Steps checklist at ACM or Assembly.

D27, Amanda A.: Quite a few meetings are starting to go back in person, but some are staying online. We discussed and voted on contributing unused funds from 2020: 20% GSO, 20% CCF, 60% Grapevine. Meetings are via Zoom, 1st Tues. after ACM. 15-20 attendees each month. We have had some new groups form online.

D29, Patrick K.: June meeting via Zoom. The focus was "Rebuilding our District Post COVID." We plan to return to in-person meetings. 2nd Mon. Service Manual and weekly Grapevine

study continue on Zoom. Grapevine workshop Sept. 25 at Traditional Group.

D30, Michael: District meeting had 9 present. Most meetings are live. Upcoming Archives History Day with two speakers. www.cnia30.org.

D33, Chel O.: D33 continues to transition through the "reconstruction period." 50% of meetings are in-person, a few hybrid. We met the 2nd Monday of July in person, twice as many people as in June. We are looking to fill a couple committee seats. We have asked groups for ideas to spend excess funds locally to carry the message. So far, \$2,000 for Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions. We may host a fellowship event in the fall after difficulty finding a venue. We look forward to hosting 2021 Winter Assembly.

D37, Mark: We have a new meeting place for a hybrid meeting. I have been trying to round up more GSRs by attending group business meetings.

D40, Carrie: We will continue to meet on Zoom for the next few months, and then reevaluate. We are planning Unity Day in September. Local meetings are continuing to adjust - in-hall, zoom and hybrid options.

D41, Joshua G.: In-person meetings, especially those at the largest fellowships, are around pre-pandemic levels. Some meetings either hybridized or split, new ones have cropped up, and some may continue. Our previous DCM read D41's report summary from the Accents to generate interest and understanding of the Area Committee. We have pushed back the review of district Guidelines awaiting the historical financial report and budget.

D42, Reyna B.: We have a lot of events. District finances are stable. Everyone's time is diverted to the larger AA community. I am one of the coordinators of our annual picnic.

D43: No report

D47, Allen: Two GSRs joined our business meeting 7/7 via Zoom. No events are planned. A few groups continue to contribute to D47, which puts us above our prudent reserve. GSRs were asked to poll groups for ideas on how to disperse excess funds. Face-to-face meetings are re-opening while many Zoom meetings are continuing.

D49: No report

D53, Jorge: We continue meeting every Friday. Thank you, Tom, Jenn, and Claudio for sharing

with us at the interdistrict. We have returned to working on the Foro in December.

D54, Rafael: We want to thank Area 07 for its support and passion with Hispanic people. Thank you to D20 for sharing its meeting room with the Hispanic women in the Grass Valley area. Oct. 30 is our rotation of service. We invited D53 to help. We are planning Unity Day in November.

D55, Luis: We meet the 1st and 3rd Weds. We have few GSRs. We continue to visit one group per week, bringing motivation to service. We attended the D53 anniversary. Our next meeting is Aug. 4.

D56, Gilberto: We met July 16 with 7 present. We have a new GSR. We have another interdistrict meeting Oct 10. We are supporting the PI committee and we will work with the La Viña committee for registrations. We will plan to have a GSR school.

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Written Translation, Amanda: Nothing to report

Oral Translation, Jose: Thank you for all who send me your reports, and thank you for your consideration to speak slowly when you give your reports.

Literature, Julie: Do you bring AA in your pocket? \$1 off all pocket books through Sept. 30.

Grapevine/La Viña, Brad: I have been invited to attend D19 Unity Day (Sep 25), and D21 (Oct. 2). Please invite me to set up an info table. New Instagram: [@alcoholicsanonymous_gv](#) and [@alcoholicosanonimos_iv](#). Grapevine plays are available for download: www.aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources. There are opportunities to share your experience with Grapevine and AA.

Finance: Annette H read the Seventh Tradition (long form). Holly: We met this week. We are changing our proposal and will have other proposals at the August ACM. We received new requests for funding and chose not to act on them.

E-Services, Emily: We met this month and will look forward to a conversation today to see where the next in-person location may be so we can see what equipment we may want for virtual or hybrid.

Bridging the Gap, Jason: I've passed along 4 cards from Area 06, 4 from a local facility, and 1 for a new member released in my home town. I am registered for the BTG Workshop Weekend in September in Illinois. I hope we can start to offer BTG in more facilities. If you are taking an H&I meeting to a facility, feel free to mention

BTG to staff to have a presentation. cni.org - resource tab, BTG.

Archives, Jeff: We have been busy renovating. Vikki helped move filing cabinets, Mike is hanging pictures, and Matthew painted a wall. Alt-Archivist, Nancy, is going to the National AA Archives Workshop, Sept 29–Oct 3. We would be happy to come to your event and bring the display. Will be at D30 Archives Day, D21 Unity Day.

Accents: no report

OFFICERS

Treasurer, Margie: I paid the final expenses to our accountant for filing our federal and state tax returns. I paid our state sales tax. At the mini-sharing session on June 27, we discussed the proposal to assist Oficina Latina Central. I continue to receive requests on how we can serve the area. Let us remember each group, district, and committee is autonomous; and each panel is autonomous.

Registrar, Herminia: The Accents lists were updated for July 2021 and emailed to Celia for processing. Group, contacts, mailing lists, and special reports continue to be updated. A few GSR forms were processed. I will be emailing the updated Area Committee List in August 2021. It was wonderful to visit the Archives and be of service. I continue to mail groups contribution packages to Margie as necessary.

Recording Secretary, Kendyce: I worked with Celia on what information from the Finance Committee's assembly and ACM motions to include in the Accents. Matthew wrote about it in his report.

Alt Chair, Claudio: I carpooled with Jenn and Tom to the linguistic interdistrict meeting. Attended D24 meeting. Upcoming: Sharing with D29 about being a GSR, D34 service panel (Oct. 2), E-services meeting, Hispanic Intergroup in Sac.

Chair, Matthew: Helped at the archives center. I encourage districts to do a field trip there. I registered for BTG Workshop Weekend. Upcoming: D29 meeting; D34 Anonymity Workshop. Just want to remind you to bring the enthusiasm for general service. You are the spark that will light the fire with trusted servants. It's time for us to try and reignite that fire with people, starting with our home groups.

Lunch Break: 12:07–1:00 pm. Matthew reconvened with the Serenity Prayer.

OFFICER REPORTS, continued

Alt-Delegate, Jenn: Participated in North American Alternate Delegates' meeting and April PICPC Working Group meeting. Participated in monthly officer's conference call and E-Services meeting. Participated at linguistic Interdistrict meeting. Events: D34 anonymity workshop (Aug 8), D34 service workshop (Oct 2), speaker at Area Unity meeting (July). PICPC chair: Received email from CCF about their PICPC committee. Please send me your district's PICPC contact information. E-Services: Discussed potential needs to provide hybrid meetings. We will need to discuss the possibility of getting our own Zoom account with interpretation services. We transitioned to a new Zoom account through 2021. National AA Technology Workshop will be online, Sep 17-19: naatw.org. GV/LV Carry the Message: Please consider asking your district or home group to take part. www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message

Delegate, Tom: Are we hearing conversations about changes made at the Conference? We should embrace this discussion. It's an opportunity to explain how WE make changes; inclusion and who is not here; asking "was anybody harmed in making the change?" The Conference spoke for the Fellowship (and it was beautiful). The more we explain in our fellowship, the greater understanding we will have how these changes come about.

Delegate Reports are continuing. I am doing my best to get the information on our web site. All are welcome. Reports have taken different forms – questions, reporting on advisory actions, explaining events at the Conference.

Events: Virtual Trusted Servants Meeting (July 18): Keeping virtual members as part of the whole; give those members a voice at business meetings. / D19 and D29 reports / D34 anonymity workshop (Aug 8) / Archives Open House (Sept 4).

Pacific Regional Delegates: Met w/ Kathi F., Pacific Regional Trustee. She has not met with us since the Conference.

Grapevine: Circ. down slightly from 2020. Net Income: \$269K YTD includes insurance, \$180K.

La Viña: 25th anniversary this year. Circ. way down, approx. 5,800. Hoping to see a rise with in-person events. Currently operating at a loss, YTD figure not yet available. Please pass along the GV/LV Instagram info. We are moving forward on new podcasts. Prayer and Meditation

book can be pre-ordered and will be sold outside of AA. Hope to have Publisher position filled by Board Weekend.

AAWS: Expenses down due to retirements and furloughs. Contributions: \$4.3M YTD, 44% of 2021 Budget (5/12 = 41.667%). Contributions have not exceeded \$1M in any month this year (\$862K average). At that rate we will have \$10M. Gross Sales are over \$1M in April. The fellowship has rallied; their support is appreciated. New York taxes have increased. Cash on hand: about \$1.2M, \$641K in budget. Operating Capital is 1.2 months of operating expenses. During Board Weekend, there will be talk about beginning to replenish the Reserve Fund with this surplus.

Preliminary estimated publication schedules: *July*: 12x12 soft cover (eventually all will be updated); Faith Leaders pamphlet. *August*: 71st Final Conference Report. *September*: Hispanic Women in AA; new Twelve Traditions Illustrated; new GV video; sample text for the Plain and Simplified Language Big Book (Trustees Committee on Literature will see what it looks like). *October*: Big Book CD set; Our Great Responsibility e-book. *November*: Service Manual. *December*: Spanish edition of Experience, Strength and Hope.

International Convention: 2025 Vancouver, BC. In search of a theme.

Regional Forums: Open registration: West Central, virtual Sept 10-12. Southwest, virtual Oct 8-10.

Agenda Items: An item can be submitted any time throughout the year. The deadline for the 2022 Conference is Sept. 15.

Old Business: Finance Committee spending proposals. Matthew asked for clarification on the Finance Committee's proposal to amend its June 2021 motion. Holly (Finance Chair) presented: *After careful consideration of suggested ideas to provide funding to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics, I propose that CNIA-07 consider the following funding proposals to address service needs in our area.* Approved expenditures for 2021: \$84,935. Expenditures approved at ACM limited to 5% total: \$4,625.75. Today's three motions would total \$4,000.

Item 1. Holly moved, Patrick K (DCM) seconded: *I propose CNIA-07 spend \$2500 to honor the Northern California Accessibilities Committee's (NCAC) funding request submitted to the finance committee on May 5, 2021.* Matthew requested the Finance Committee read the NCAC letter. There was no discussion. We decided by poll to

call the question. We voted 95% to 5% and heard no minority opinion. Motion carried.

Item 2. Holly moved, Julie (DCM) seconded: *I propose CNIA-07 spend \$1000 to support the Carry the Message Project with \$500 for Grapevine subscriptions \$500 for La Viña subscriptions.* Clarification, to purchase hard copy subscriptions to be managed by Grapevine and La Viña staff.

Discussion: No figures available on who are requesting, but requests are about equal to the number donated. // We could budget for 2022 to support members within CNIA. / If we contribute to just our area, it could take away the opportunity for home groups. / Tom- Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F, said she doesn't want to have so much demand that we aren't able to provide it. / H&I Volunteers can pass along information on how to request a subscription. Refer to July 2019 letter from an incarcerated alcoholic about Carry the Message. H&I can provide magazines depending on the facility. We unanimously decided by zoom poll to call the question. We voted 95% to 5% and heard no minority opinion. Motion carried.

Item 3. Holly moved, Patrick K. (DCM) seconded: *I propose CNIA-07 make a one-time contribution to Oficina Latina Central for literature purchase.* A lot of meetings did not transition to zoom, they were not getting Seventh Tradition contributions, and they were not able to purchase literature for members. Clarification: \$500 contribution. [Motion was not amended to include amount.]

Discussion: They did not specify what literature. Would recommend purchasing from local intergroup rather than give money.

We decided by zoom poll to call the question. We voted (95% to 5%) and heard no minority opinion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Online groups

Alt-Delegate, Jenn: An online group that considers itself to be in Tulare County wanted information on how to register with GSO. One of the 71st Conference Advisory Actions was allowing groups to register in their choice of district in an area as full participating groups. Not all districts will be able to host an online hybrid meeting to allow the GSR to fully participate. As we think about district meetings and assemblies, we need to think about how to encourage the best possible participation.

Discussion: If an online group doesn't pick an area and district, it is designated "Area 95" by GSO. Area 95 does not have a Delegate or DCMs. Online groups were not "real" because they did not have representation. Alaska's area has a district for phone meetings and online meetings. / If someone is not physically at an assembly, could they write in their ballot? / A hybrid option would be needed, there would be too many variables. / My home group just split. Some members are staying on zoom, including our GSR. / If an online group wanted to participate in the Conference, we can have some suggestions. We may have greater feedback at future Conferences.

Old Business: ACM location

Chair, Matthew: The building where ACM and East Yolo Fellowship met was sold. Let me know if you would like to participate on the ad hoc committee. Discussion: Could talk to EYF about using their new location / Needs to accommodate 50+ people. We are following state and local guidelines. / Requirements for a future landlord. / Many churches have large meeting rooms and may have events on Saturdays. / Maybe the Area Committee should decide general parameters.

New Business: Archives supplies

Jeff, Archivist: We have spent \$853 of our \$950 supply budget. We need to purchase paint, frame more pictures at \$80-\$90 each, and refreshments for the open house. Jenn (Alt-Delegate) moved, Maureen (DCM) seconded: *I would like to make a motion for the supply budget for the archives this year be increased by \$250.00 to pay for the remodeling of the archives and the cost of the open house.*

Discussion: Concern re. spending under miscellaneous line items. "Refreshments" line could be created. / Jeff said volunteers provide food on a potluck basis. The open house would be a one-time cost. / Spending approved at ACM cannot exceed 5% of the year's approved expenditures. \$250 would exceed the limit. / The Area Chair suggested tabling to August 2021 to clarify amounts and process. He entertained an amended motion, changing to \$225.00 to stay under the 5%. Seconded by Holly.

Discussion: CNIA service material says the Finance Committee must consider any unbudgeted or unanticipated impact of more than \$300. The Finance Committee can consider items under \$300. This panel's spending has not been

normal. We haven't spent much of existing line items. The 5% restriction may limit our ability to entertain proposals for the rest of this panel. / Matthew said we could continue discussing at a future meeting. We decided by zoom poll to call the question. We voted (96% to 4%) and heard minority opinion to change to a different line item from Supplies. Three people said they would change their vote. Motion to reconsider entered by Margie; seconded by Rafael (DCM). Reconsideration failed 33% to 67%.

New Business: Nor Cal bid for ICYPAA letter
CNIA liaison, Teddi: Looking for a letter of spiritual support from CNIA to bring the conference to Northern California (Areas 06, 07 and 42). ICYPAA is in New Orleans Aug 26-29. The bid package is due Aug 1. Re. conflicts, the bid includes a list of local events. If selected, the event would likely be in San Francisco, Labor Day 2022. / We agreed unanimously to provide the letter.

New Business: Gifts for use of office space
Delegate/Tom: I have been able to use an office in Cameron Park for all events other than the

Conference. The owners do not know it is AA-related. No one has expected compensation. The staff member who opens and closes the office has been dependable and respectful. / Tom made two requests: A plant for the office manager, not to exceed \$50, and a \$250 gift card for the staff member. Both would come from the Delegate's transportation/travel expenses. No motion was necessary and there was no discussion. Matthew approved the expense.

What's on your mind? We had a brief sharing session. Topics included 5% spending threshold, \$300 limit for Finance Committee review, potential new business (Delta Intergroup laptop funding request), Accents articles coming from appointed chairs and officers, and other personal comments and Thank you's.

We adjourned at 4:00 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendyce M.

Recording Secretary, Panel 70

AA Responsibility Statement

(from the 1965 International Convention in Toronto)

I am responsible... Whenever anyone,
anywhere, reaches out for help, I want
the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

JANUARY 1--JULY 31, 2021

	Jan 1-July 31, 2021	Spending Plan 2021	% of budget
Revenue/Income			
4010 Group Contributions	24,563.39	54,380.00	45.17%
4020 Seventh Tradition	141.00	3,360.00	4.20%
4050 Contribution - Other	267.00	1,250.00	21.36%
Total 4 Contributed support	24,971.39	58,990.00	42.33%
5110 Literature Sales	0	1,200.00	0.00%
5140 Grapevine Sales	0	2,100.00	0.00%
5160 Assembly Income (net)	0	6,000.00	0.00%
5310 Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.56	1.50	37.33%
Total 5 Earned revenues	0.56	9,301.50	0.01%
Total Revenue	\$ 24,971.95	\$ 68,291.50	36.57%
Expenditures/Expense			
Total 7620 Delegate	2118.07	7,527.00	28.14%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate		5,017.00	0.00%
Total 7660 Chair	15.00	3,117.00	0.48%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair		3,212.00	0.00%
Total 7700 Secretary	15.00	1,997.00	0.75%
Total 7720 Treasurer	315.50	4,222.00	7.47%
Total 7740 Registrar	231.01	2,177.00	10.61%
Total 7600 Officers Expenses	2,694.58	27,269.00	9.88%
Total 7820 Literature Chair		2,557.00	0.00%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair		2,462.00	0.00%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair		4,157.00	0.00%
Total 7880 Accents Chair	15.00	2,247.00	0.67%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	853.93	3,067.00	27.84%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	649.00	3,097.00	20.96%
Total 7940 Oral Translation Chair		3,482.00	0.00%
Total 7940.1 Written Translation Chair	15.00	1,962.00	0.76%
Total 7980 E Services Chair		900.00	0.00%
Total 7800 Appointed Chair Expenses	1,532.93	23,931.00	6.41%
Total 8000 Assemblies		6,000.00	0.00%
Total 8070 Area Workshops		800.00	0.00%
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	6420.67	10,920.00	58.80%
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	4201.00	5,580.00	75.29%
Total 8300 Website		500.00	0.00%
Total 8500 Misc expenses	7366.40	6,315.00	116.65%
Total 8920 Hispanic Women's Wk Liaison	350.00	1,000.00	35.00%
Total 8930 Hispanic Local Forum Liaison		2,000.00	0.00%
Total 8970 Northern CA Accessibilities Committee	2500.00		
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	73.40	620.00	11.84%
Total Expenditures	\$ 25,138.98	\$ 84,935.00	29.60%
Net Revenue/Income	\$ (167.03)	\$ (16,643.50)	1.00%
Checking Account Balance	\$48,101.55		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$9,881.43		
Total Account Balance	\$57,982.98		

**Sharing by CNIA Appointed Chairs:
Experience and Love in Our Service Positions
Panel 70**

E-Services Chair

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve for CNIA as your e-services chair this panel. I vividly remember coming to the winter assembly back in January 2020 after being asked to speak on a panel about “Our Great Responsibility.” I shared about my experience as a GSR, having been a GSR for my home group for a few years, and then having served as the alternate DCM for District 27. I knew at that time that I couldn’t fathom not being involved in general service, but I didn’t know what it was going to look like. I remember hearing our chair talk about the need for an e-services committee chairperson and knowing that I could be available for it – as I figured I had a little bit of previous web design experience.

This has been a unique panel for everyone, but I would say especially so for the e-services committee. When I made myself available for the position I was told that I’d be responsible for making sure the website was up to date, posting the Accents monthly, and also being in charge of the assisted listening/translation devices and the PA system. Obviously...we moved completely virtual shortly after that, and the position has felt very different at some points over the past year or so.

At its core, the position is still the same as it’s listed in the CNIA Service Material Book: the committee is responsible for addressing the communication needs of the Area. During this panel, that has mostly looked like helping facilitate Zoom ACMs and assemblies and also making sure the website is up to date when other officers have anything that needs to be posted.

I have learned a lot during this panel – but the lesson that stands out the most is knowing that I can (and should) ask for help. I’m grateful for our current and past eservices committee, who have been a wealth of knowledge and without whom I would not have been able to do half of the work I’ve done this year. Whether it’s been me not knowing how to upload a video or what the best equipment is for our tech needs, all I have to do is ask for help and trust the process.

If you are considering getting involved with eservices, please talk to me or anyone on the eservices committee, and of course read the CNIA Service Material Book description. Don’t be deterred if you’re not a technology master – I certainly am not! Don’t forget, we don’t do this alone.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Emily L

Written Translation Chair

I am Amanda and I am an alcoholic. I've had the pleasure of serving as CNIA 07's Written Translation chair for Panel 70. I made myself available for my home group's alternate GSR role in December 2019. My friend took GSR. Neither of us knew what a "GSR" was, but we were happy that we were diving into something new together. I don't believe I had ever heard of General Service before, and if I did, I surely didn't know what it was! At the same time, I had also become friends with an area officer who found out I was elected to this role. He also found out I had studied Spanish.

I attended my first Area event, the 2020 winter assembly, wearing my alt-GSR hat. I was asked to serve as Written Translation chair. I initially said no. I had *just* attending my first event in general service, and it all seemed so overwhelming. In hindsight this is out of my character because I'm a "jump in the pool" kind of gal rather than "stick my foot in." It all boiled down to fear. I didn't feel my skills were qualifying enough to serve in this role. I was asked several times, including in person at ACYPAA in Sacramento.

I eventually agreed to give it a shot. It was the week before PRAASA and I was told I was invited to go if I could make it. For one, I didn't know what PRAASA was, and two, it was too quick of a turnaround. If I had known what would happen merely weeks later, I would have made this trip happen.

Then the world shut down. I have served in my role completely online. I hear stories of the in-person events, the fellowshiping and camaraderie. I look forward to experiencing this myself if I am lucky to serve on the next panel.

However, I am also grateful that I got to start my dive into general service under the "virtual panel." I was uniquely situated to have a bird's eye view of the general service process and have learned so much from all of you. I have caught the bug and feel I have found my niche in AA. I also realize that I would have had a much harder time navigating the pandemic without all of you. Staying in service kept me afloat. Something I was so scared to try ended up being my saving grace these last 18 months.

Each month I get to spend some time translating the ACM minutes from English to Spanish. I also translate various documents as needed. I haven't used my Spanish education much in my life. How amazing it is that this tool I have in my back pocket can serve Alcoholics Anonymous. I am so grateful to be a part of the process.

Thank you to everyone who encouraged me to give this a go.

Amanda H.

Literature Chair

Hello! My name is Julie and I am an alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege of serving as the Panel 70, appointed Literature Chairperson for CNIA 07.

This has been a very odd panel...and I'm wondering who else might say that? The panel started off with a bang-I attended the 2020 Winter Assembly with all the literature that was handed over to me just weeks before. I was overwhelmed with how heavy the boxes of literature actually are. I had to ask for help and I received it! If I don't ask for help, I'll do it myself and be injured in the process. So, if you retain any information from this article, be it to ask for help!

The CNIA Service Material Book lays out the basics of our duties as trusted servants. In addition to the general expectations of any of the appointed positions, there includes additional duties specific to each assignment.

Here is a quick look at the guidelines:

- Promote AA Conference approved literature and service materials for use as resources.

- Set-up displays at Area and District functions, and other events that do not conflict with the Area.

- Maintain and update an inventory of materials.

- Order materials from AA World Services using the account set for the Area.

- Keep a record of sales, deposit proceeds and send records to the treasurer.

- Give a verbal or written report at Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings.

- Maintain expense records and send them to the treasurer promptly. (This is so important because months after the fact I forget where & what I did-all the time!)

- Pass it on! Be available for the next trusted servant with any extra information and guidance.

Now that in-person events are being planned, I look forward to attending any and all the Unity Days, Round-ups and Service events that can be packed into the next several months. Even though this panel has been anything but normal, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve AA in any way.

In Love and Service,

Julie B.

Grapevine Chair

I am Brad and I am an alcoholic. I have had the honor to be the Area 07 CNIA Grapevine/La Viña Chair for Panel 70. When I was appointed by Matthew, I was excited. I would be doing work I love and traveling all around the Area attending eight Assemblies and many local District events. Renewing friendships and making new friends while providing access to the world of Grapevine literature. I even went out and bought a purple shirt to wear at the events.

At the 2020 Winter Assembly I received all the literature and supplies from former Chair Gina and was relieved to find that all the material fit into my little red sports car. That was a relief. We completed our pass it on session and Gina was very supportive and helpful. At the Winter Assembly I was invited to attend ACYPAA in Sacramento. It was my first YPAA assembly and I was blown away by the passion and energy of the members at the event.

As an Appointed Chair, I had the opportunity to attend PRAASA in Arizona in March 2020. This was my fifth PRAASA and I have come to cherish the experience.

Then COVID quarantine hit. It seemed like everything stopped and then shifted gears. No more in-person meetings, ACMs, District events or Assemblies. I was stunned and had to shift gears as well. I will admit I had a few FOMO moments (Fear Of Missing Out) over the next 16 months, but my faith in the program and the fellowship carried me through. First it was my home group and my District learning the language of ZOOM and remembering how important phone calls are. Then it was the ACMs and discussions about how to work together and share experience and hope. Then it was "other duties as assigned" and Tom A. asking me to present on Agenda topics. All of these things reinforced the importance of being of service to others.

The Districts provided me with opportunities for service as well. At each ACM, I made myself available to the Districts and they responded. I was invited to assist in planning and presenting Grapevine Writers Workshops. I was invited to speak at DCM on the role and experience of being a Grapevine Representative. I had the opportunity to work with District and Group Grapevine Representatives showcasing the many features and uses the Grapevine Magazine has in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

And so now, as restrictions have been lifting and members are getting back together again, my duties are shifting again. I have been invited and will attend three district events in September and early October. And my calendar has lots of space available. I will be loading up my little car with lots of Grapevine/La Viña literature for sale. These past two years were not what I expected them to be, but I still learned to grow and love and be of service. Let this amazing journey continue!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Brad E

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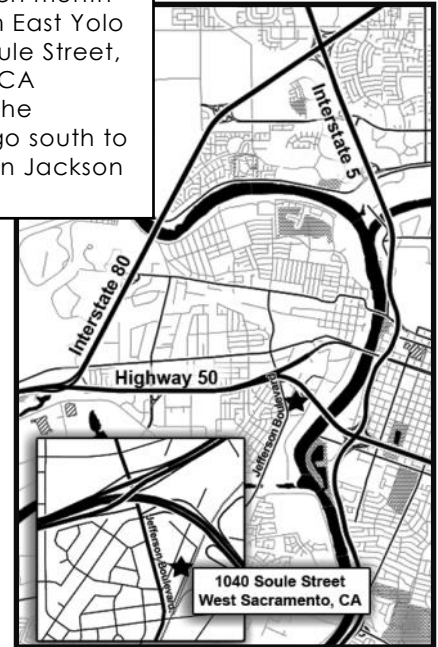
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We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.

Area General Service Meetings

3rd Saturday of each month
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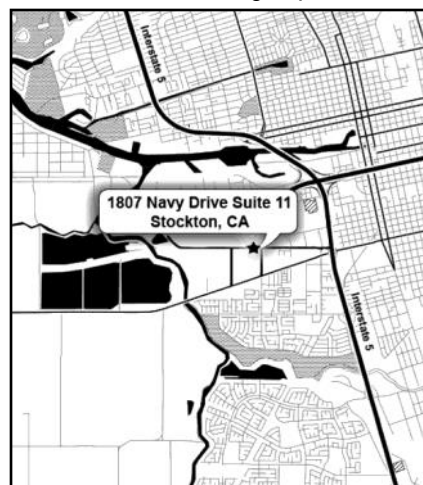
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2021

2022 (Proposed)

Jan 16	Winter Assembly	Zoom	Jan 15-16	Winter Assembly	Sonora/Jamestown (D33)
Feb 20	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Feb 19	Area Committee Meeting	
March 5–7	PRAASA	Zoom	March 4–6	PRAASA	Portland, OR (Area 58)
March 20	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	March 19	Area Committee Meeting	
April 10–11	Pre-Conference Assembly	Zoom	April 9-10	Pre-Conference Assembly	Auburn (D21)
April 18–24	General Service Conference	Virtual	April 24-30	General Service Conference	New York
May 15	Post-Conference Assembly	Zoom	May 21-22	Post-Conference Assembly	Placerville (D22)
June 19	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	June 18	Area Committee Meeting	
July 17	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	July 16	Area Committee Meeting	
Aug 21	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Aug 20	Area Committee Meeting	
Sep 18	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Sep 17	Area Committee Meeting	
Oct 16	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Oct 14-16	Mini-PRAASA	Marysville/ Yuba City (D19)
Nov. 12–14	Election Assembly	Zoom	Nov. 19	Area Committee Meeting	
Dec 18	Area Planning Meeting	Zoom	Dec 17	Area Planning Meeting	