

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Area 07 Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

The October Area Committee Meeting (ACM) is our final gathering before the Election Assembly in November. We have several items on the business agenda to discuss.

1. The 2022 Spending Plan - Please discuss it with your district and bring any questions, comments or changes this Saturday. The Spending Plan will be voted on at the Assembly in November. Thank you to the Finance Committee and our Treasurer for all of your hard efforts.

2. New Linguistic District - Last month, members of District 54, one of our Spanish Districts, came to the ACM with a proposal to add a new Linguistic District to our Area. This would include Spanish Speaking Groups north of Sacramento County which include: Yuba City/Marysville, Live Oak, Gridley, Chico, Red Bluff, Redding, and groups all the way up to the Oregon border.

The Final Report from the 71st General Service Conference is available and can be found on the CNIA.org website. Our Delegate, Tom A., will be distributing hard copies to all districts as soon as possible. This report is free to all General Service Representatives and contains all the changes that occurred this year at the General Service Conference. Our Delegate will encourage you to read it from cover to cover.

Next month, will be the Election Assembly for California Northern Interior Area, 07 (CNIA). The Assembly will be entirely on Zoom Friday, November 12th, and Saturday, November 13th. California Northern Coastal Area, 06 (CNCA) will be hosting. We will hear from our Regional Trustee, Kathy F., who is rotating at the end of this year. Trusted servants who are interested in becoming our next Regional Trustee will be making themselves available at this assembly. This will be an event not to miss! Please come and join us.

This is an exciting time to be in service! Please continue to stay safe and well. Together we serve a large population of alcoholics that continue to need our help. Thank you for allowing me to part of that service.

Applying Love,
Matthew L, CNIA Chair

Area Committee Meeting Agenda— October 16, 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: 2022 Spending Plan, ADHOC Committee
Winter Assembly 2022	New Hispanic District
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— September 18, 2021 (unapproved)

Matthew L., California Northern Interior Area Chair, called the September 2021 Area Committee Meeting to order at 10:01 am with the Serenity Prayer. Dave H. read the Twelve Traditions (short form). Drew R. read the Twelve Concepts (short form). Steve D. read the GSR Preamble. Valerie L. 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)

Visitors, guests, first-time attendees: Christina A. (D21), Carrie (Fresno area), Elias (Yuba City), Rafael (Yuba City), Steve D., (D21).

ASSEMBLIES

Election 2021, Claudio: Nov 12-13. The flier is in the Accents. I will be talking with Area 06 to facilitate the elections.

Winter 2022, Drew, D33. I have requested a contract from Mother Lode Fair. Claudio dropped off assembly supplies.

Pre-Conference 2022, Claudio: D21 paid \$500 deposit for Auburn Fairgrounds. They are applying for nonprofit status to get a discount.

Post-Conference 2022, D22, Loren: Our eyes are on hosting.

Mini PRAASA, Brad, D19: Location: Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, Franklin Hall. We will look at getting the organization together.

LIAISONS

Hospitals & Institutions, Vikki: Jeff L. was elected and has appointed a committee. I will continue to be the CNIA liaison and PI chair. We resolved policy changes, mostly travel expense. We talked about appointing a sponsor coordinator for the new program at Salinas County Jail and Solano Jail. We received an inspiring letter from a person in one of the institutions. I took my test to go back into Sutter County Jail. When jails open up it is a wonderful service experience to carry the message.

NCCAA: Matthew reported he texted the chair, Shawn. Steering committee meeting is 10/24, 1:15 pm at Manteca Fellowship. The steering committee is looking for a new location for the next event.

CENTRAL OFFICES / INTERGROUPS
Central California Fellowship, Veronica: Nothing to report.

Fresno Intergroup: Joshua G.: The Intergroup Picnic was in August. Office hours are still going.

Northern California Accessibility Committee: No report

Hispanic Women’s Workshop, Lorri A.: My travel plans are set. Event is 12/4. Attended planning meeting 8/14. Area 06 won the Logo and Theme. Next meeting is 9/25. Area speakers are invited. Herminia is representing CNIA to share on The Family Afterward.

Young People in AA committees: None

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

Consideration of July 2021 Minutes: Approved unanimously.

Consideration of August 2021 Minutes: Clarification on New Business, Spending Plan. Treasurer, Margie: The Translation/ Interpretation line item would not be to appoint an additional committee member. We would pay our Oral Translation Chair for interpreting at ACMs and assemblies. The line item for Interpretation Services would be to hire Spanish and ASL interpreters for Saturdays at Assemblies. The Recording Secretary will listen to the audio recording to ensure the minutes reflect the discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously with changes to be made if needed.

DISTRICTS

D09: No report

D11: No report

D15: No report

D17, Lindsay: No updates for today. D17 has not met since the last ACM.

D19, Steve D.: Our monthly meeting was 9/13. Groups are financially stable. We are getting more face-to-face meetings but zoom is still playing a big part. We are working on a comprehensive meeting schedule. With the pandemic still a factor and GSRs not attending it is difficult to get a list all of the meetings. The district is doing well financially. We are putting together a 2022 spending plan committee. Unity Day 9/25.

D20, Todd: D20 should be meeting in person next weekend. We canceled Unity Day due to venue issues. D21 has invited us to their fall gathering. We are continuing to modify our in-person meeting schedule. A group asked to reinstate the classified ad in our local newspaper. We should be getting feedback from all groups at our next meeting.

D21, Stephen: Service Faire and Speaker meeting is 10/2. Attended Archives open house 9/4. Julie came with literature to Recovery Happens event. 2 new GSRs came to the meeting. We are setting up spending plan meetings and writing position descriptions.

D22, Loren A: We have over 25 groups (incl. Fellowships) and over 120 meetings a week. Contributions are strong. We had our first in-person district meeting last week, with good attendance. The early Sept campout was cancelled due to the Caldor fire.

D23, Joe: We have a new Alt DCM.

D24: No report

D25, Don H.: Finances are stable. We support adjusting our spending temporarily to extend the hand rather than spending down. Shared about ACM, upcoming events, Grapevine, YouTube, podcasts, Instagram, NCAC ride service, Area unity meeting. Continuing with district inventory follow-ups: Enlisting service sponsors, planning committee for quarterly speaker events, creating a website. D25 is weighing returning to in-person meetings. Some groups are in person or virtual, a few hybrids. Babes in Recovery sent the Twelve Step Checklist and Rationale to Grapevine. Waiting to hear update on Area's

letter of support. New discussion: Adding questions to the next member survey about primary language needs.

D27: Amanda A.: Continuing to meet monthly online. Average 15 GSRs attending. The group conscience is to meet in person if we can do hybrids. I'm working with the church to see if that can be accommodated. D27 elections are in October. I will be reaching out to area officers for assistance.

D29, Brian K.: Monthly meeting held in person with light attendance and good discussion regarding D29 2022 spending plan. NCAC made a presentation and answered questions. We may have GSR scholarships for groups that cannot afford to send a GSR to PRAASA or Assemblies.

D30, Michael: We will continue on Zoom until Covid numbers go down. Some meetings are in person but some have low attendance.

D33, Drew: We meet in person, 2nd Mondays in downtown Sonora. D33 would like to offer a hybrid business meeting, but our longtime venue does not have internet available. Spent \$2000 on the Carry the Message program. Excess funds above our \$1500 prudent reserve will be spent on Unity Day (10/2) and possibly help a group with an insurance policy to move into a new place. We have lost 3 physical meetings to the pandemic. 2 Zoom meetings closed, 2 meetings have a hybrid format, and a few have separate online and physical meetings. Our district website has online and in-person schedules.

D34: Beth S.: We meet the 2nd Wed., 7pm at the Alano Club in Ceres as a hybrid meeting. Attendance is starting to pick up as more groups start to open. Lots of new GSRs. We had elections this month: Ada L. elected as DCM. Leslie B. elected as Alt-DCM. D34 will vote on new positions including Registrar and Alt Treasurer. A group of us will be traveling to attend the Election Assembly online.

D36, Julie: We have the doors open, and are financially sound. Unity Day 9/19 at Yosemite Lake with Grapevine, Literature, Archives.

D37: No report

D40, Carrie: We met 9/12, with 6 in attendance. We talked about encouraging GSRs to attend the Election Assembly. A couple members signed up for NAATW. We voted to distribute money for an in-person Unity Day to GSO and Intergroup. We are continuing to meet on zoom with a hybrid option.

D41, Joshua G.: D. meets 2nd Tuesdays via Zoom. GSRs have reported steady attendance with no financial deficiencies. We are looking forward to the Delegate's report hosted by D21 (9/25). We are talking about district and group elections, but not all are on the same schedule for rotation of service. We voted unanimously to stay on Zoom. We vote on this every 3 months.

D42: No report

D43: no report

D47, Allen: GSRs met via Zoom on 9/1. We decided to table planning the early 2022 chili cookoff and General Service awareness event. D47 officer elections in December. Nominations begin at our November meeting. A few groups continue to contribute. We will discuss distributing excess funds when we are significantly above prudent reserve.

D53, Jorge: We continue meeting every Friday. Our election will be 10/15. We have a place for the Hispanic Forum, 12/5 in Los Banos.

D54, Rafael F: We would like to make a motion to add a linguistic district.

D55, Luis: We met on 1st and 4th Weds., 5 GSRs attending. 9/19: Foro meeting in Visalia at Grupo Trasmitelo. At our topic meeting we agreed to send \$150 to the area. 10/6: elections for next panel.

D56, Gilberto: Met on 9/16 with 8 members. We visited 8 groups. Hispanic foro meeting at D55. 10/10: Interdistrict in D56 with Delegate, Alt-Delegate, and Alt-Chair, to talk about Public Information, agenda topics, and GSR school. We continue to support our community and encourage groups to send their GSRs.

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Accents: No report

Archives, Nancy: Thanks to everyone for coming to the open house. We had a great

turnout with displays, lots of questions, and wonderful food by Chef Jeff. We look forward to having another event. Jeff will be going to Merced Unity Day.

Bridging the Gap, Jason: Received 3 cards from Justin in Area 06. Our local facility had COVID and was shut down for 3 weeks for deep cleaning. We are hoping to return next month. I look forward to SACYPAA and D21 events.

E-Services, Emily: E-Services is taking part in the ad hoc committee to help look into hybrid capabilities for an ACM. Last month I worked to update a list of the area's equipment. I'll be attending NAATW and look forward to sharing what I learn – especially about hybrid meetings. The committee will meet in October to bring together equipment and test what we would need for a successful hybrid ACM.

Finance: No report

Grapevine/La Viña, Brad: Went to Archives open house. Events: D36 unity day (9/19), D19 unity day (9/25), D21 fall fellowship (10/2). New publication: *Prayer & Meditation* features powerful stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives.

Literature, Julie: Joined D21 for Recovery Happens event. Next, heading to D36 for Unity Day.

Oral Translation, Jose: All is good, nothing to report.

Written Translation: No report

OFFICERS

Registrar, Herminia: The Accents lists were updated and emailed to Celia. Group, contacts, mailing lists, and special reports continue to be updated. A few GSR forms were processed. Group contributions package was mailed to Margie. Joe H. asked me to participate in a virtual meeting. I attended the Hispanic National Convention in Chicago. It was amazing to visit historic sites in Akron, Ohio, especially the family home of Dr. Bob, the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treasurer, Margie: We have more purchases through the Grapevine, as Brad is setting up at in-person workshops. I attended the Ar-

chives open house. The room was a really organized and appealing setup. I am thinking of our 2022 Spending Plan and organizing the files for the next area officer. Attended a meeting where Alt-Archivist Nancy K shared; and virtual Hand-in-Hand women's meeting. Will attend group anniversary events and conferences in the next 3 months.

Recording Secretary, Kendyce: I'm hoping to attend some upcoming events, like the Grapevine workshop, SACYPAA Servicepalooza, NAATW. I am reading through the minutes from the beginning of the panel to compile our discussions, motions and see if anything needs to be resolved.

Alt Chair, Claudio: Went with Tom to D11 as he gave his Delegate Report. Attended the last D20 Rule 62 Park Party. We had our Area Unity meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and listened to stories from the Grapevine YouTube channel. I was asked to speak on a service panel, now postponed to early 2022. I attended the E-Services meeting. E-Services is meeting 10/10 to test equipment to conduct a hybrid meeting. Delivered supplies to D33 for Winter Assembly. Attended Archives opening with Rachel, GSR for Traditional, and Amanda, Written Translation Chair. I couldn't ask for a better day of Unity, Service and Recovery.

Chair, Matthew: Attended 2 retreats to work on recovery and spiritual growth. Attended NCCAA steering committee. Appointed ACM location ad hoc committee. Spoke at a recovery meeting translated into Farsi, hosted out of Los Angeles and Tehran, Iran. *Election Assembly reminder*: If you are making yourself available for a position, submit your résumé before lunch on the day of the election. *Area Accents*: Appointed Chairs and Officers have been writing articles about their positions over the past couple months.

Alt-Delegate, Jenn: Wasn't able to attend the North American Alt-Delegates meeting this month but will be available next time (1st of the month). *Monthly officers call*: Monday before the ACM. *E-Services* met Thursday before ACM. *NAATW* held online, Sept 17-19. The D34 service workshop for 10/2 was can-

celled. Consider asking your district or home group to participate in the Carry the Message Project. / Jenn shared some comments she heard at NAATW: A past trusted servant said, If Bill W. were alive today, we would have been on the cover of Wired magazine ten years ago. The question isn't "Why aren't they involved, instead we should look at ourselves and say what are we doing in service that is driving people away - what are we doing at assemblies that prevent people from coming back. Can we change the rolling of eyes and micromanagement? We should be out there empowering the next generation to come up with better ideas." Past trustee Billy N shared about Concept Nine: *Leadership In AA: Ever A Vital Need — We shall be in continual need of these same attributes — tolerance, responsibility, flexibility, and vision — among our leaders of AA services at all levels. The principles of leadership will be the same whatever the size of the operation.*

A simple little AA math equation when it comes to Concept IX.

Tolerance + Flexibility + Vision = Responsibility

Intolerance + Inflexibility + Lack of vision = Irresponsibility

Lunch Break: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm. Matthew reconvened with the Serenity Prayer.

Delegate, Tom: Delegate reports: Still available to give reports. Went to D11 on 8/25, Claudio assisted.

Events attended/upcoming: Archives Open House (9/4); D40 Unity Day (online 9/25); D21 Unity Day (10/2); D54 26th anniversary (11/7).

Regional Delegates meeting: Groups should share with areas about their concerns, issues and ideas. Elections in other areas are starting.

Announcements: Final Conference Reports are available on CNIA.org. The printed version has been delayed. PRAA-SA 2022 is in Oregon Area 58- we need to work on finding volunteers. We want to give the opportunity to people who aren't normally represented. Deadline for Agen-

da Item Submissions was 9/15. Making progress on Equitable Distribution of Workload for committees.

Twelve Steps Checklist: I submitted a letter of support and received an acknowledgement reply. Regional Trustee, Kathi, suggested I send it to Steve S., Conference Coordinator, and Janet from Grapevine. The item was received by the deadline and will be included in the spreadsheet of possible agenda items. CNIA has not had the chance to meet as an assembly before the deadline.

General Service Conference advisory actions: Our Corporate Boards and Trustee Committees continue to spend time doing business created from the GSC.

New Service Manual: PDF available 11/5, print version 11/26. Printed book will be available in 8½" x 11". *Literature and pamphlets*: Changes made will be published as additional copies are needed. *Grapevine and La Viña*: Supporting Carry the Message project: Get involved in social media, subscribe to YouTube channels, follow on Instagram.

Trustees Nominating Committee: Interviewing for Class A trustees (20 applicants).

Old Business: ACM location

Ad hoc committee chair: Loren, D22
DCM: We met on Zoom last Monday.
Members: Alt-Chair, Claudio; D17 DCM Lindsay; D17 Alt DCM, Ryan; E-Services, Emily. We went to a meeting at East Yolo Fellowship to check out the building. It's not the old home we knew, but it will work. I talked with Joe E. on their board about doing a dry run. He said the Alt. General Secretary is available to help. It looks like the E-Services Committee is going to take on coordinating a hybrid meeting. If you think of another location, let us know. Matthew said ACM will stay on Zoom until we find a place that can support our internet needs.

Old Business: Twelve Steps Checklist and Rationale

D25 DCM, Don: The Area can decide if it wants to put the materials on the website. We sent them to the General Service Office and Grapevine. Thanks to Tom for his support and checking on the status, and for Matthew to allow the discussion.

Old Business: 2022 Proposed Spending Plan

Treasurer, Margie: The Finance Committee and I did not meet in September, as there were no new questions. Today's presentation is to go over the spending plan again and review any questions.

We decided to copy the spending plan approved in Nov 2019 for 2020.

Assembly expenses/income: The area anticipates a goal of average expenses for the 4 assemblies to equal the total income from our 4 assemblies.

Mileage: Will be determined after Officers are elected and Appointed Chairs are assigned. Mileage will be calculated from home to assemblies and ACMs. Additional travel expenses for certain positions will also be added.

Mileage: Archives Chair: \$700, Alt Chair is \$1,080. I switched those after talking with Herminia (previous Treasurer) and Jeff (Archivist). They said the Alt. did need more travel money in anticipation of the Alt. becoming the Archives Chair and doing more travel to the Archives.

Interpretation Services: Clarification: Interpretation is live spoken language, Translation is written. We hope to begin compensating the Spanish oral interpreter for their work. \$5,800 is added for 4 Saturdays at Assemblies by a paid professional interpreter. ASL Interpreter: NCAC has a contract with Eaton Interpreting. We could uti-

lize their services or form our own contract.

Meeting room expense: unknown until we decide our new meeting place.

Equipment and Support: Increase from last year due to possible hybrid.

Video Conferencing: This is money allotted for Zoom. May decrease if shared with other areas.

NCAC: Request was made by committee for \$1,000 for 2021, in addition to the \$2,500 already approved. It was not included at the last ACM proposal discussion.

Website processing fee: \$200 (2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction).

New business (discussion): Creation of new Spanish linguistic district

Rafael, D54 DCM; Elias, past DCM (attending with 4 GSRs). Within D54 there is a lot of distance between each meeting. On Aug. 29 we met to discuss putting forth this business to CNIA. 7 groups participated, each with their GSR. We agreed to form a committee. This district would include more northern areas from Yuba City to the Oregon border. This would maintain connection with Area 07 and share information with Northern California.

Discussion:

Rafael: I am happy because we have been talking about forming a new district or sub-district and the time is here.

What would D54 look like if this new district is formed? Have you talked with GSO already?

Response: We have not talked with GSO. We consulted the Service Manual and it says districts may have 5 to 90 meetings. Based on Concept I, we have the authority and responsibility.

Some of the groups in D54 have trouble going to Sacramento. It takes a lot of hours and gasoline to get those groups connected. We want

to help D54 and our Delegate to get more information to groups in this area. We want more groups to participate in General Service.

I have felt that the meetings outside the general Sacramento area weren't able to participate in D54 in the same way they would if there was a more northern area.

The district map is on the CNIA website. D54 is half of our area. One DCM from Siskiyou to Modesto.

The service manual is vague on redistricting. We would need to clearly explain the decisions on our districts to GSO. If a district wants to split off, they are autonomous, and we trust them to make the best decisions to serve their groups. As long as it sounds like they've discussed it and can support a district committee, we should support it.

Tom: Participation of the Spanish-speaking community is important to our Area. My only concern is whether both districts would be able to fill positions on a regular basis.

Elias: We talked a lot with D54. We look to working together to unite our time and effort to connect groups that at this moment do not have connection with AA as a whole. There is a lot of area between Sacramento and the border of Oregon.

Alt. Chair, Claudio: This discussion has been happening for a couple of months. At the Spanish Intergroup, they asked me how to present it to the Area. We were looking at a date for the Area to come out and describe the process. D54 is so big. It's not about combining districts, but going north. DCMs with past experience are helping.

Jenn: Linguistic districts have split before. This is not kept track of in our area handbook. D53 was once the entire linguistic district. It was split

to create D54. Then D53 split to create D55, D56, and D57. We have combined districts in the San Joaquin Valley to create D37.

Action: Matthew asked DCMs to present the information to groups. Said he would consult with past delegates and his service sponsor. Discussion to continue at October ACM and we would vote at an assembly.

New Business: Requests to borrow Area translation equipment for D54 anniversary (11/10) and Foro (12/5).

Approved unanimously.

What's on your mind? We had a brief sharing session. Topics included:

Sharing opinions in meetings - is it an outside issue, or their experience, strength, and hope?

Conducting a group inventory, following the Steps, hosting a Traditions workshop.

Some meetings are starting up without a connection to the general service structure.

Preparing for the Election Assembly with Area 06: Using polls in zoom and text messages, keeping votes anonymous, preventing any sense of impropriety or pressure to vote a certain way. This year CNIA will be nominating someone for Regional Trustee.

Grapevine subscriptions are changing; access to online archives.

Changing format of the CNIA Unity meeting - Twelve Steps Checklist, service sponsorship

Sharing agenda item background information and decisions at GSC so people aren't misinformed or don't feel left out.

We adjourned at 2:46 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendyce M.

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--SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Jan 1-Sept. 30, 2021	Spending Plan 2021	% of budget
Revenue/Income			
4010 Group Contributions	34,965.96	54,380.00	64.30%
4020 Seventh Tradition	201.00	3,360.00	5.98%
4050 Contribution - Other	327.00	1,250.00	26.16%
Total 4 Contributed support	35,493.96	58,990.00	60.17%
5110 Literature Sales	0	1,200.00	0.00%
5140 Grapevine Sales	573	2,100.00	27.29%
5160 Assembly Income (net)	0	6,000.00	0.00%
5310 Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.64	1.50	42.67%
Total 5 Earned revenues	573.64	9,301.50	6.17%
Total Revenue	\$ 36,067.60	\$ 68,291.50	52.81%
Expenditures/Expense			
Total 7620 Delegate	2482.28	7,527.00	32.98%
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	3,058.79	27,269.00	11.22%
Total 7820 Literature Chair		2,557.00	0.00%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	137.61	2,462.00	5.59%
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	1537.03	3,067.00	50.12%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	180.00	3,097.00	5.81%
Total 7940 Oral Translation Chair		3,482.00	0.00%
Total 7940.1 Written Translation Chair	15.00	1,962.00	0.76%
Total 7960 E Services Chair	5.00	900.00	0.56%
Total 7800 Appointed Chair Expenses	1,889.64	23,931.00	7.90%
Total 8000 Assemblies		6,000.00	0.00%
Total 8070 Area Workshops		800.00	0.00%
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	9123.01	10,920.00	83.54%
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	4871.00	5,580.00	87.29%
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	312.90	620.00	50.47%
Total Expenditures	\$ 29,471.74	\$ 84,935.00	34.70%
Net Revenue/Income	\$ 6,595.86	\$ (16,643.50)	-39.63%
Checking Account Balance	\$51,614.93		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$9,881.59		
Total Account Balance	\$61,496.52		

CNIA Spending Plan 2022 - DRAFT

Proposed Spending Plan	2022
Revenue	
4 Contributed support	
4010 Group Contributions	54,380.00
Total 4010 Group Contributions	\$ 54,380.00
4020 Seventh Tradition	
4021 7th - ACM	1,100.00
4022 7th - Assy	2,380.00
Total 4020 Seventh Tradition	\$ 3,480.00
4050 Contribution - Other	750.00
4056 By Individual	435.00
Total 4 Contributed support	\$ 59,045.00
5 Earned revenues	
5110 Literature Sales	1,500.00
5140 Grapevine Sales	2,300.00
5160 Assembly Income	4,800.00
5310 Interest-savings/short-term inv	1.50
Total 5 Earned revenues	\$ 8,601.50
Total Revenue	\$ 67,646.50
Gross Profit	\$ 67,646.50
Expenditures	
7600 Officers Expenses	
7620 Delegate	
7621 Mileage	1,100.00
7622 Lodging	400.00
7623 Registration, Meals, Coffee	120.00
7624 Phone, Copies, Supplies	1,500.00
7627 Forum	650.00
7628 General Service Conference	1,100.00
7630 NCCAA	1,000.00
7631 PRAASA	700.00
7632 International Conference	--
Total 7620 Delegate	\$ 6,570.00
7640 Alt. Delegate	
7641 Mileage	1,100.00
7642 Lodging	400.00
7643 Registration, Meals, Coffee	120.00
7644 Phone, Copies, Supplies	100.00
7647 Forum	650.00
7649 PI/CPC	900.00
7651 PRASSA	700.00
7652 PI/CPC Professional Center	1,000.00
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	\$ 4,970.00
7660 Chair	
7661 Mileage	1,100.00
7662 Lodging	400.00
7663 Registration, Meals, Coffee	120.00
7664 Phone, Copies, Supplies	700.00
7671 PRAASA	700.00
Total 7660 Chair	\$ 3,020.00
7680 Alt. Chair	
7681 Mileage	1,100.00
7682 Lodging	575.00
7683 Registration, Meals, Coffee	120.00
7684 Phone, Copies, Supplies	470.00
7691 PRAASA	700.00
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	\$ 2,965.00
7700 Secretary	
7701 Mileage	1,100.00
7702 Lodging	400.00
7703 Registration, Meals, Coffee	120.00
7704 Phone, Copies, Supplies	40.00
7711 PRAASA	700.00
Total 7700 Secretary	\$ 2,360.00

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7720 Treasurer		
7721 Mileage		1,100.00
7722 Lodging		400.00
7723 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7724 Phone, Copies, Supplies		875.00
7725 Postage		850.00
7731 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7720 Treasurer	\$	4,045.00
7740 Registrar		
7741 Mileage		1,100.00
7742 Lodging		400.00
7743 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7744 Phone, Copies, Supplies		200.00
7751 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7740 Registrar	\$	2,520.00
Total 7600 Officers Expenses	\$	26,450.00
7800 Appointed Chair Expenses		
7820 Literature Chair		
7821 Mileage		700.00
7822 Lodging		400.00
7823 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7824 Phone, Copies, Supplies		50.00
7831 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7820 Literature Chair	\$	1,970.00
7840 Grapevine Chair		
7841 Mileage		700.00
7842 Lodging		400.00
7843 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7844 Phone, Copies, Supplies		90.00
7850 NCCAA		15.00
7851 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	\$	2,025.00
7860 Bridging The Gap Chair		
7861 Mileage		700.00
7862 Lodging		400.00
7863 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7864 Phone, Copies, Supplies		500.00
7866 Special Conference		1,100.00
7851 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	\$	3,520.00
7880 Accents Chair		
7881 Mileage		700.00
7882 Lodging		400.00
7883 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7884 Phone, Copies, Supplies		25.00
7891 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7880 Accents Chair	\$	1,945.00
7900 Archives Chair		
7901 Mileage		700.00
7902 Lodging		400.00
7903 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7904 Phone, Copies, Supplies		950.00
7911 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7900 Archives Chair	\$	2,870.00
7920 Alt Archives Chair		
7921 Mileage		1,080.00
7922 Lodging		400.00
7923 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7926 Special Conference		1,100.00
7931 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	\$	3,400.00
7940 Oral (Linguist) Chair		
7941 Mileage		700.00
7942 Lodging		400.00
7943 Registration, Meals, Coffee		120.00
7944 Phone, Copies, Supplies		10.00
7945 Translation/Interpretation		4,160.00

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7951 PRAASA		700.00
Total 7940 Oral Translation Chair	\$	6,090.00
7940.1 Written Translation Chair		
7941.1 - Mileage		700.00
7942.1 - Lodging		400.00
7943.1 - Registration, Coffee, Meals		120.00
7944.1 Phone, Copies, Supplies		25.00
7945.1 - PRAASA		700.00
Total 7940.1 Written Translation Chair	\$	1,945.00
7940.2 Interpretation Services		
7940.2 Interpretation Services (4x/yearly)	\$	9,800.00
7960 E Services Chair		
7966 Special Conference		900.00
Total 7960 E Services Chair	\$	900.00
Total 7800 Appointed Chair Expenses	\$	34,465.00
8000 Assemblies		
8010 Winter Assembly		1,200.00
8020 Pre-Conf Assembly		1,200.00
8030 Post Conference		1,200.00
8040 Election Assembly		1,200.00
Total 8000 Assemblies	\$	4,800.00
8070 Area Pre-Conference Workshops		
8071 Mileage		800.00
Total 8070 Area Workshops	\$	800.00
8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature		
8150 Accents & Acentos Production		900.00
8153 English Accents Printing		2,820.00
8156 Spanish Acentos Printing		1,760.00
8158 Accents & Acentos Postage		2,140.00
Total 8100 Accents & Acentos Production	\$	7,620.00
8180 AA Grapevine Purchases		2,300.00
8190 AA Literature Purchases		1,500.00
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	\$	11,420.00
8200 Meeting Room Expenses		
8210 Rent, parking, other occupancy		800.00
8230 Liability Insurance		1,960.00
8240 Archives Facility Rental		2,820.00
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	\$	5,580.00
8300 Website		
Total 8300 Website	\$	500.00
8500 Misc expenses		
8510 E-Committee Expenses		200.00
8520 Equipment & Support		1,500.00
8530 Finance Committee Expenses		80.00
8540 General Service Conference		3,200.00
8580 Video Conferencing/Remote Platform		2,000.00
8920 Hispanic Women's Workshop Liaison		1,000.00
8930 Hispanic Local Forum Liaison		2,000.00
8970 Northern CA Accessibility Committee		1,000.00
8590 Other Expenses		-
Total 8500 Misc expenses	\$	10,980.00
8545 Accounting		
8545.1 Accounting Fees		1,125.00
Total 8545 Accounting	\$	1,125.00
8600 Taxes & Fees		
8620 Sales Taxes	\$	560.00
8630 Bank Fees		
8633 Bank Account Fees		
8636 Chargeback Fees		50.00
8638 Website Processing Fee		200.00
Total 8630 Bank Fees	\$	250.00
8650 Taxes - Other		
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	\$	620.00
Total Expenditures	\$	97,550.00
Net Operating Revenue	\$	(29,903.50)
Net Revenue	\$	(29,903.50)

Sharing by CNIA Officers: Experience and Love in Our Service Positions Panel 70

Registrar

My name is Herminia and I'm an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as the Registrar for the California Northern Interior Area 07 (CNIA), Panel 70. I was so excited when I was elected to be Registrar, an amazing gift to serve our fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous. This year 2021 the Fellowship Connection (FC) was implemented.

Fellowship Connection is a web-based application that facilitates collaboration between Area Registrars and the General Service Office. Fellowship Connection provides Area Registrars direct access to update records in their Area; to view current information; and to search, filter and download reports. Fellowship Connection has been developed using the latest tools available. The new online portal site will work with the following web browsers: Edge, Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Safari.

The following is a few of the job descriptions that need to be performed on a monthly basis as the CNIA Area Registrar Officer.

- Maintain a current list of all groups known to the Area, listed with the General Service Office (GSO) in New York. This includes contact information for the Groups, whether they are GSRs or Group Contacts.
- Receive all changes in Area information and either update (FC), or notify GSO as there is a current list of functions that can only be performed by the GSO records staff. (This list is in the (FC) Registrar User's Guide.
- Distribute the following to DCMs: A list of all current Groups on record with the Area for their Districts, Any Group information coming from GSO to the District or Groups through the Area.
- Inform and educate the DCMs and GSRs about forms used by the Area and/or GSO and why they are necessary.
- Provide lists of all current DCMs to the Area Officers.
- Assist the Area Treasurer in researching and correcting Group Information pertaining to meeting location, group number, and district.
- Retain and maintain a current working copy of the Area Map.
- Produce and deliver a postal and e-mail list, for Accents/Accentos to the Area Accents/Acentos Publisher on its monthly due date.

It has been a journey during this panel but I know it kept me on my toes as the new (FC) was implemented this year. A learning and continued process with this new system.

Thank you and very grateful for allowing me the opportunity in continuing to learn and grow in our Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Love and Service
Herminia N.

Treasurer

Hello, my name is Margie and I am an alcoholic - currently, serving as our Area's Panel 70 Treasurer.

It has been an interesting panel, as we experienced a pandemic, and a new way of carrying the message passed down from the General Service Office to our area and back to our groups. As an area, we still had expenses to pay and contributions to receipt. I had to make sure our taxes were filed each year, renew our insurance, and pay sales tax. In addition, there were monthly reports to create, reconciling of bank statements, and being a part of the Finance Committee.

The best time I had during this panel was determining options for spending down our excess funds. Who knew we would be hosting our assemblies and ACM's virtually for the entire panel? It seemed to take too long to get to that point of sharing ideas, and now I can see the pink cloud once again. The Finance Committee came up with a lot of options for carrying over the spending in future panels. Now, as an area we are reviewing the Spending Plan for 2022 and many of you are voicing your concerns. It brings me back to why I fell in love with General Service-people in our area that are passionate about Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. This includes how our dollar in the basket carries the message.

I would like to thank those who were in this position before me, the Finance Committee, and God. And, the DCM's and GSR's for allowing me to serve this panel. I encourage you to make yourself available to serve in Panel 72.

— Margie J.

Recording Secretary

Greetings, friends. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve the California Northern Interior Area 07 as Recording Secretary over the past 2 years.

In writing this article I reflected on first getting involved in A.A. outside my home group. As a new and nervous General Service Representative, my sponsor suggested bringing my composition book and pen, to stay focused when writing a 2-minute report back to the group. I never wanted to miss out on anything, and strived to make copious notes. Then the Area Accents started arriving, and I learned to rely on that as our official source of information. Verbatim notes aren't necessary but it's vital to listen for the heart of what people shared. As Recording Secretary, I help to convey the main themes of our conversations.

If you are considering making yourself available for the position of Recording Secretary, the suggested qualifications and duties are in the A.A. Service Manual and CNIA Service Material Book. Officers attend Area meetings and assemblies, PRAASA, and other events. Specific to this position, responsibilities include writing and maintaining the minutes of our Area business.

For prep work, I review my printed copy of the Accents, send email reminders and report templates, and save files to review when writing the minutes. During meetings, I'm switching between computer programs and websites, often typing furiously, checking email to provide late reports to our translator, and I read reports if folks are not in attendance. The Recording Secretary also relays motions entered and keeps notes on discussion, amendments, and votes. The following week is for writing and editing. I occasionally need to listen to the (temporary) audio recording to make sure I understand what people shared and to fill in any missing details. I email the minutes to our Accents Publisher to be translated into Spanish and finalized for the newsletter design.

During Panel 70, technology has made it possible to continue in service work and recovery despite the complications of the COVID pandemic keeping most of us physically apart. Online workshops, sharing sessions and gatherings have connected us around the Pacific Region, our Area, other states and countries. I have found it convenient to just hop on the computer and skip the travel time and vehicle wear & tear. Distance didn't have to mean isolation. I am encouraged to seek out opportunities to participate and feel included. Whenever I needed the fellowship and asked for help, someone was there reaching out a hand and speaking the familiar, language of the heart. I am grateful for every opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous during this panel, and beyond.

In love and service,

Kendyce M.

Alternate Chair

It's been an honor serving as Alternate Chair for Panel 70 or as a DCM called it the Pandemic Panel. Serving on this panel has been a different experience for all of us from Area Officers, Appointed Chairs, DCM's, especially GSR's.

After being elected to serve as Alternate Chair some of the responsibilities started right away. Only having a month to prepare for the Winter Assembly I turned to past Alt-Chairs and the Area Service Material Book which has guidelines for planning the Assemblies. As Area Alternate Chair I have the responsibility of being the Assembly Coordinator which my responsibilities is to work with the host District Assembly Committee. I help answer any questions they may have about venues, food and lodging arrangements and approving assembly flyers. I had the opportunity to work with two Districts before I attended PRAASA. (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Service Assembly) We returned from PRASSA and our lives changed, including Alcoholics Anonymous and way we serve the Area.

The responsibilities of the Alternate Chair are listed in the California Northern Interior Service Material Book. One of the responsibilities is to put on General Service Representative School at the Winter Assembly but also when asked to do a GSR School at Districts or Groups. Some of the other duties you perform are to fill in for the Area Chair in their absence; to store, transport and set up the Area PA system at Area Assemblies.

A lot of those duties changed after PRAASA and instead of working with Districts I worked with the Area Officers and E-Services Committee to put on the first ever Area Virtual Pre-Conference Assembly. My duties might have changed but my responsibility in creating the agenda for each assembly didn't. I worked with the Area Chair in scheduling the regular business but I also plan the agenda for assemblies which include setting up the panels and roundtables. Being that we went to virtual assemblies I decided to try something different and worked with our Area Delegate in getting participation from not only different Regional Delegates but also from our General Service Board and Class A and B Trustees.

If there is one thing I've learned from this panel is to not be afraid of change, to trust your vision regardless if its outside the box, not be afraid to ask for help but most importantly, how important fellowship and unity is. Thank you for allowing me to serve and to be part of Panel 70, which will be the Panel that AA and Area 07 changed forever.

Happy 24hrs

Claudio B

California Northern Interior Area 07 Virtual Election Assembly

November 12th -13th 2021



November 12th Friday
7:00pm - 10:00pm

November 13th Saturday
9:00am - 6:30pm

ZOOM MEETING ID: 857-7666-8238
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GSR Preamble

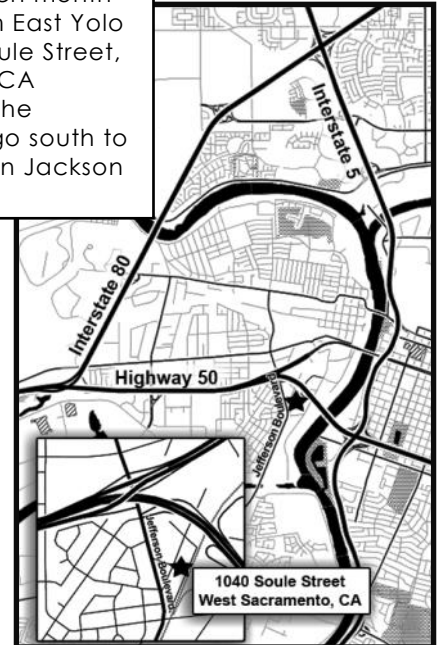
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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
from 10 am to 4 pm East Yolo
Fellowship, 1040 Soule Street,
West Sacramento, CA
From 80/50 – Take the
Jefferson exit and go south to
Jackson. Turn left on Jackson
and right on Soule.



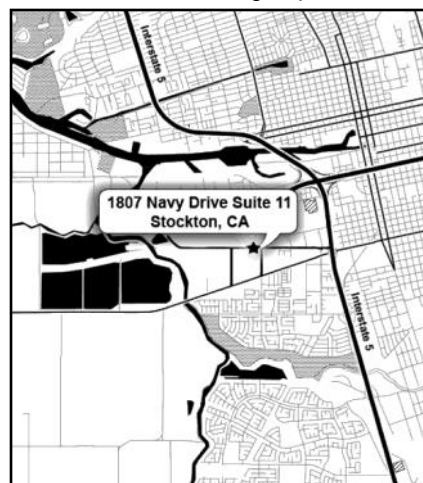
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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA · CALENDAR 2021–2022

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	