

# CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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## Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

Last month California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) 07 held their Mini-PRAASA over Zoom. If you did not get a chance to attend, you missed an amazing weekend! Thank you to the E-services Committee and our Alternate Chair for all your hard work.

The Assembly started on Friday evening with the Weekend Overview presented by Inez Y., Past Delegate from Panel 44. This was followed by liaison and appointed chair reports. The evening concluded with a panel presentation titled "A Night of Bill's Conference Talks." Each presenter did a great job on his or her topic.

The next morning, the assembly started off with a short video called "Digital Tour of the Archives" created by our own Archives Chair, Jeff P. and the Alternate Archives Chair, Nancy K. Super Cool! If you did not get a chance to see the video, we are planning to share an edited version on the area website soon. Thank you to all the people that made this a great success.

Next, it was time to elect CNIA's nominee for Trustee at Large. Congratulations Mike K., Past Delegate from Panel 68! I am sure he will represent us well.

The main event of the day was our Area inventory. The process was a challenge this year because everything was done over Zoom. Five Regional Delegates hosted different breakout rooms where participants gathered to discuss the inventory questions. This was very well organized, and it presented the Area with great feedback on how well Area 07 is fulfilling our primary purpose.

This month at our Area Committee Meeting, we will be discussing District 42's motion to change the General Service Conference dates as well as our Area Planning Meeting in December. I am looking forward to seeing you on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Applying Love,

Matthew L.  
CNIA Chair

**CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting on Zoom  
November 21, 2020**

10:00 am -Call to Order	Liaison Reports
Serenity Prayer	Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)
12 Traditions (short form)	Central Offices & Intergroups
12 Concepts (short form)	Northern California Council of AA (NCCAA)
General Service Representative (GSR) Preamble	Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (YPAA)
Why We Need a Conference	Northern California Accessibility Committee
Introductions –	Hispanic Women's Conference
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 –	1:00-2:00 Finish up Officer Reports
Assembly Reports –	2:00-3:00 Delegate Report
Winter Assembly 2021 Zoom	3:00-3:45 Old Business ? New Business?
Pre-Conference Assembly 2021	3:45pm What's on your mind?
Post Conference 2021	4:00pm Close

**Join the Area Committee Meeting on Zoom**

Use the Zoom app or go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

**Meeting ID: 982-1637-5307**

**Password: CNIA\_ACM**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2020 CNIA 07 AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

The CNIA 07 area Committee meeting was held Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 by Zoom. Area Chair Matthew L. called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Annette read the Twelve Traditions (short form). Loren read the Twelve Concepts (short form). Rafael read the GSR Preamble. Steve read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

**Introductions of Past Delegates** — Inez, Panel 44; Mike K, Panel 68, Marianne H.; Panel 56, Melody T., Panel 60.

**Guests, visitors, first-time attendees** — Don H., D25 GSR/Secretary; Sherri M., D43 DCM; Rick C, D37 GSR/Recording Secretary.

**Announcements** — none

**ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

**Mini-PRAASA:** Oct 16–18 on Zoom. Flyers are available. Met with Area Inventory committee. The questions are in the September *Accents*.

**2021 Winter, Pre-Conference, Post-Conference:** Matthew said we will meet online.

**LIAISONS**

**Northern California Council of AA:** no report provided

**Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee:** no report provided

**Central California Fellowship,** Pierre: Central Office remains closed but curbside pickup is available by appointment. [www.aasacramento.org](http://www.aasacramento.org) has guidelines on reopening meetings in accordance with county protocols. Finances are precarious with continued net losses. CCF delegates will vote on repaying the federal PPP loan. Teleservice hotline is in need of bilingual volunteers. PI/CPC has a new chair [ccfpicpc@aasacramento.org](mailto:ccfpicpc@aasacramento.org). Meets

1st Thurs, 6 PM at Dantorels, Sacramento).

**Central Valley Intergroup,** Julie: The building remains closed. Call Bill to make an appointment to meet at the office, to get literature or chips.

**Delta Intergroup,** Larry, D37: SNL for October hosted by our bilingual group. Thanksgiving Day marathon meeting on Zoom ([deltacentral312@gmail.com](mailto:deltacentral312@gmail.com)).

**Fresno Central Office,** Joshua G, D41: Please call ahead if interested to come in. Hours are M–W, 1:30–4 PM and Saturday 9 AM–1 PM.

**North Valley Intergroup:** no report provided

**Nor Cal Intergroup:** no report provided

**Northern California Accessibility Committee:** no report provided  
**SACYPAA** (Sacramento), Jennifer: Putting on 4th Sat/monthly speaker meetings and events, bidding for WACYPA (Western Area Conference). 2nd Sunday monthly business meetings.

**PLAYPAA** (Placer County), Mary Jane: Last business meeting held with 22 in attendance (2nd Sundays). 1st Saturday events ongoing. Oct. 3, murder mystery. YPAA meeting continues on Zoom, Thurs 7-8 PM.

**Hispanic Women's Workshop,** Lorri A: Workshop is Dec 5, 2020. We are developing a virtual flyer. Guadalupe, D54 GSR, will be CNIA's speaker. A D40 member and Area Registrar, Herminia, have volunteered to translate at our next liaison committee meeting, Oct. 17, 2:30–3:30 PM.

Seventh Tradition — Area Treasurer, Margie J., described how to make contributions by Cash app, website, or PO Box.

Consideration of August 2020 ACM Minutes — Minutes approved unanimously.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**D11, DeAnna W:** We have a handful of in-person meetings, reportedly they practice social distancing. Nor Cal Intergroup website has a list. The Alano Club will open October or early November after repairing water damage. We are hoping to get more in-person meetings, keeping people safe. We keep people's phone numbers for contacts if needed. Intergroup is open MWF 10 AM–2 PM. Info at [www.cniadistrict11.org](http://www.cniadistrict11.org).

**D15, John C.:** Sending condolences to brothers and sisters in D43. Attended National AA Technology Workshop. Technology used to be a side issue, now it's at the forefront. D15 has 33 online meetings, 56 online. Some are online only with no physical address.

**D17, Lindsay G:** 10 attended August business meeting, on the low side of participation. We discussed whether to keep paying rent when not meeting in person. Then the landlord told us they won't be charging rent. We have 65 meetings weekly online with an increasing number in-person, some outdoors. One group has elected to start meeting in person again but is having difficulty finding willing secretaries.

**D19, Annette H.:** 6 were present at District meeting held Sept 12. Hub Alano has cleaned up for outdoor meetings. 1–2 meetings in person. Some are meeting in parks or in backyards. Most are virtual. Finances are good. We created a committee in August to talk about a workshop or creating a tip sheet on zoom etiquette. Thanks to Brad for picking up and distributing conference reports.

**D20, Todd:** A few more in-person meetings have opened. We scratched plans for 9/26 Unity Day but may put on something later or

move to zoom. We continued looking at reinstating the local newspaper classified ad or alternatives. Some were interested in attending CCF hotline presentation D22 on 9/22. We distributed the Area Inventory questions to GSRs.

**D21, Stephen L:** D21 met Aug. 25 (4th Tuesdays, 7 PM). D21 PI/CPC and H&I met to discuss overlapping duties and merging the committees. D21 officers discussed drafting bylaws and service position descriptions. We discussed repurposing NCCAA for H&I, PI/CPC, BTG, etc. We will start posting group contributions to new website (aaplacer.org). May start posting events and workshops. Groups are meeting by Zoom, hybrid and in person. Some are in fellowships' parking lots. 2020 General Conference Reports are being distributed.

**D22, Loren:** We added a Registrar, rotated our Web Chair and created a sub-committee to clean up the meetings listed on our website. If your district has a registrar, please reach out to me to share your experience. D22's hotline switched to CCFAA. PI/CPC committee hosted a presentation Sept. 20, by CCFAA Teleservice/Hotline Chairperson Garrett N. Our two largest fellowships have one in-person meeting per day. The other fellowship is open. Someone showed up to a meeting that now has a Covid positive test.

**D23, Carlos A:** The last meeting had 3 people, it lasted a few minutes.

**D24, Paul Z:** Don M from NAATW joined our September meeting and provided valuable insight into what NAATW is doing for AA as a whole. GSRs will host an online Grapevine writing workshop, Nov. 14 at 4 PM. Thank you to Holly from D21 for delivering the conference reports. D24 has been discussing CCF's use of PPP funds and have varying group consciences about how the use of

those funds and their repayment relate to our Traditions.

**D25, Everett:** We met Sept. 9 on Zoom with 2 Alt. GSRs and 7 GSRs. All groups except 1 are on Zoom and listed on Central Office website. Several have some in-person meetings. Groups are doing OK financially, making contributions. D25 has virtually no expenses. We may make another contribution; possibly a larger proportion to CCF. We heard a SACYPAA report. Some GSRs are participating again. GSRs are getting input for Area Inventory. Mike K. will facilitate our District Inventory. Thanks to Claudio for asking D25 to speak at the unity meeting.

**D27, Amanda:** Joe H brought conference reports at this month's meeting. We will meet in an outdoor space to do a physically distant pick-up.

**D29, Patrick K:** About a dozen people at last meeting. Heard a presentation by H&I liaison/Past Delegate, Vikki R. Joined by Area Chair, Matthew L. Discussed Area inventory. Agreed to fund 2 Grapevine subscriptions for local jail. Oct 16, virtual Grapevine workshop. Finances stable. Final draft of bylaws is available to share. Continuing to meet by Zoom (2nd Sundays). GSRs have said it's difficult to maintain enthusiasm when groups are not meeting.

**D30, Michael M.:** District meeting had low attendance on Zoom. New meeting at Turning Point rehab in Arnold. Friday night men's meeting has moved to Pine Brook.

**D33:** no report provided

**D34, Beth S.:** Most groups have opened up with some restrictions. A new group started and is registered. We are doing well financially.

**D36, Julie:** D36 sponsored 1 La Viña and 3 Grapevine subscriptions for "Carry the Message." At least 2 groups accepted the challenge and sponsored

3 Grapevine and 2 La Viña. Unity Day held in September with local D36 members and past Delegate Mike K. as main speaker. Physical conference reports have been distributed.

**D37, Larry K:** 10 attendees at monthly meeting on Wednesday. Looking for a place to hold face-to-face business meetings. D37 is seeking a PI/CPC liaison. GSRs reported most meetings are held by Zoom. A few face-to-face meetings – the main topic of loving discussion is wearing/not wearing face coverings.

**D40, Ray M:** We are trying to get up going again. This is our fourth virtual GSR meeting since pandemic. 9 people came to the last one (virtual). Madera, Mariposa Counties: Most have some live meetings with a zoom or virtual meeting. We have very limited participation in person. Some fellowships are requiring face masks, temperature measurements and are writing down phone # in case someone comes down with Covid so they can be tracked. Virtual unity day coming in October. Funded two GV subscriptions for facilities in Madera County.

**D41, Joshua:** D41 met via Zoom. Technical difficulties required switching to a conference call. Our biggest meeting is Fresno Fellowship, 38 meetings (mainly in person). They reported nearly 3/4 of pre-COVID numbers. New building owner, with a 5-year lease extension, a fortunate turn of events. Meetings are continuing to grow. Some Zoom meetings continue. Finances are fine. District will continue to meet virtually for the next 3 months.

**D42, Reyna:** Great attendance at D42 meeting and getting more involvement. Claudio joined us Monday for 30 mins. Groups are predominately on zoom. Some in-person and hybrid meetings have opened. Trying to fill Alt DCM position.

**D43, Sherri M:** We have not met since April for various reasons. Picked up

conference reports from Reyna at Alano club in Fresno. Thank you Claudio for bringing them to Reyna.

**D47, Allen L:** Monthly business meeting held Sept. 2 via Zoom with 4 officers and 4 GSRs. We continued discussing how much cash we should accumulate and at what point we should consider our treasury excessive. Those in attendance felt we should continue discussing, and decide in November about contributing excess funds to GSO, Central Office, CNIA.

**D49:** no report provided

**D53, Jorge:** We have four meetings a month on Fridays, 8–9 p.m. We have started visiting groups again, on Mondays.

**D54, Rafael:** Meeting attendance is down. Some groups reopened but now they can't hold physical meetings again. We meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Our Treasurer reported that groups are supporting the district with the Seventh Tradition. We have heard from a group that all of its members signed up to support the La Viña magazine.

**D55, Luis P:** D55 is taking into consideration the situation with physical distancing and Covid. All GSRs were present at the last meeting (1st Wednesdays). In August, the intergroup reported that Grupo Mi Ultima Esperanza from Kettleman City has closed its doors for good. One of our fellow members died June 1, our prayers are with them. His wife gave us the chairs, tables, literature and accessories of the group. D55 visited D53 to hear the report from our Hispanic conference.

**D56, Gilberto M:** District 56 meets on the 3rd Thursdays. Meeting attendance is down a bit. We are studying the 12 Concepts. We invited the intergroup office but they did not attend. We will continue to take the report from the Hispanic Conference to meetings and motivate them to send GSRs. All

groups are open with precautions and online.

#### **APPOINTED CHAIRS**

**Accents, Celia:** Printing and postage cost more this month due to higher page count but it is worth it to get the information out to our trusted servants. Please let our Registrar know if you would prefer getting the *Accents/Acentos* by email instead of postal mail. Thank you to Jenn, our Alternate Delegate, for her technical help, and to Amanda, our Written Translation Chair, for making the Spanish-language Acentos possible.

**Finance Committee, Patrick:** We communicated by email. I received the bank statements and they agree with the finance reports. I asked Matthew to replace me on the Finance Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It's been a great experience.

**Archives, Jeff:** We will be doing a virtual tour of the archives for Mini-PRAASA. D24 DCM Paul Z to film it. We have not opened the Archives to members and we're not sure when we will. The National Archives workshop will have a tour of the General Service Office's Archives center and hear bids for upcoming workshops.

**Bridging the Gap, Jason:** Received three blue cards from CNCA Area 06. Enjoyed the joint committee meeting on Aug. 23. Attended BTG mini conference in London, it was super informative. Attended D21 PI/CPC, BTG, H&I meeting. Also talking with D25 BTG Chair Brent, to reach out to Sacramento facilities. D37 DCM, Ron, has stepped up to be BTG contact for D37 and Delta Intergroup. Our Area unity meeting was awesome.

**E-Services, Emily:** We've added Mini-PRAASA flyer and events for the rest of the panel to the CNIA website. I am learning WordPress - please let me know if you see anything on the website that isn't working. We need someone who speaks Spanish on the

committee. Please let me know if you are interested.

**Grapevine/La Viña, Brad:** Attended National AA Technology Workshop. It's amazing what a bunch of drunks with a lot of time on their hands can do with computers. Attended Area unity meeting. Sept. 2020 Grapevine, "Money and Sobriety" and Hope During Covid-19. Deadlines: Grapevine: Fun in Sobriety (Oct. 15), The Step that Changed my Life (Nov. 15), Dating and Relationships (Dec. 15); prison service (Jan. 15, 2021). Sober Seniors (Feb. 15). La Viña: Newcomers (Oct. 30); Spirituality (Nov. 30); La Viña 25th anniversary (Dec. 30); prison service (March 30, 2021). Will be in touch with D24 to provide services to Nov. 14 workshop.

**Literature, Julie:** I am ready to bring our literature anywhere ... as soon as it is deemed safe!

AAWS' Big Book Summer Special continues through end of September 2020. 10% off all formats and languages.

**Verbal Translation, Jose:** Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**Written Translation, Amanda:** Continuing to translate materials.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Recording Secretary, Kendyce:** Attended part of NAATW and Lodi Women's Hand in Hand, served as note-taker for a breakout session at CNIA/CNCA joint communications meeting. Attended D24 meeting and volunteered to help GSRs with Grapevine workshop. Went to CNIA unity meeting and SACYPAA.

**Registrar, Herminia:** Updated the quarterly Area Committee list for September 2020. Received an email from GSO with one of the three reports developed to provide registrars with their Area's contact records. GSO is working to design and implement an improved experience in the new MyPortal. Karen H, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, is retiring.

She was on the My Portal task force. Attended CNIA unity meeting; looking forward to it next month.

**Treasurer, Margie:** The spending report is in *Accents*. I continue to send the rent to East Yolo Fellowship.

*Accents* appears to be our biggest cost. Emailed districts their contributions reports. Attended Hand in Hand, Service & Unity workshop and SACYPAA monthly meeting. Shared at 7 a.m. meetings at Traditional Group and Pershing Fellowship.

**Alt. Chair, Claudio:** Participated in D11 meeting for Tom's Delegate Report. Attended D27, D42 district meetings. Attended joint committee meeting and NAATW. Thank you to the Area Inventory committee for an experience I won't forget. (Allen D47, Amanda D27, Ash D27, Jorge D36, Jorge D53, Julie D36 and Larry D37). Coordinated Area unity meeting hosted by D25. Please let me know if your district is interested to host.

**Chair, Matthew:** Will be attending NCCAA. Attended NAATW workshop. I continue to talk with our Delegate and Treasurer on a weekly basis. Attended Area unity meeting. Chaired a virtual-only meeting in D33 (no physical address).

**Alt. Delegate, Jenn:** *Joint committee meeting with CNCA:* BTG, H&I PI/CPC and Accessibility Committees – each shared a little. We had a couple of discussion questions. A lot was about how we are carrying the message right now using technology. Just because we've always done something a certain way, does that mean it's the best way to do it now? Please email me if you would like notes. *North American Alternate Delegates:* Held our first meeting in September. *National AA Technology Workshop:* [www.naatw.org](http://www.naatw.org) has information and links to resources. Audio and video recordings will be made available

soon. 579 people registered to attend from different countries. Was unable to attend some recent district meetings involving BTG, H&I, PI/CPC – due to power shutoffs during wind and fire. Will be at D25 meeting in October.

Participating in a group on Zoom to read "Our Great Responsibility." Bill was a big proponent of change, if it's for the better, for AA. *CNIA unity meeting:* Great to meet with GSRs in a way we don't normally get to see everyone. *CNIA officers call* was held Monday before ACM. *E-Services Committee* met Thursday before ACM.

**Delegate, Tom:** Final conference reports are being distributed. Board Treasurer Leslie B. presented financial reports. Conducted a conference report-back for D11. Participated in CNIA unity meeting, met with Regional delegates and participated at NAATW. We have heard from the Regional Trustee report twice since the Conference. It's amazing how much GSO can get done while working remotely since March. The new CFO is a CPA of non-profits in New York. ERP update: Contributions webpage and AAWS store are live. *Grapevine:* Book sales are down. Subscriptions are steady. "Carry the message" will continue in 2021. *La Viña:* Daily quotes by SMS text are available. Subscriptions and book sales are down.

*AAWS:* Current Class A Trustee, Sister Judith Ann Karam, will fill non-Trustee Director spot until elections. There was an earlier controversy over whether someone was eligible to fill this position. It has been 50 years since this position was last held by a Class A Trustee.

*Public Information:* moving forward with Google Ads and Google Grants.

*Trustees:* Interviewing applicants for 4 openings.

*Archives:* Archives Workbook to be updated with sharing from Areas, Districts, Group archives, etc. The content in "Our Great Responsibility" came from Archives.

*Meeting Guide app:* 100,000 meetings listed. App has daily quote, connect with intergroups, links to buy literature, "camera" icons for online meetings.

*General Service Conference:* Virtual conference reported \$14,366 net loss. Usually the loss is closer to \$1 million. Final conference reports are available digitally. 71st Conference will be virtual.

*Finance updates:* Available at CNIA.org. *2020 budget:* Updated/re-forecasted because book sales are down. *Contributions:* Normally \$750k/month, currently about \$1 million monthly from May to August. *Book sales* steady but still down. *Expenses* – significant reduction, mainly due to cancelled events. *"Fellowship Rally" (Leslie B):* We are facing a need like we have never seen before. *\$8.16 challenge* – Annual cost of services per member.

*"Love and Service" video:* Tom showed us a 3-minute video about GSO's support of the fellowship. (It's on Vimeo.)

*GSB Strategic Planning:* Reports available at CNIA.org. Conference Committees having 4 meetings, with a growing desire for Delegates to participate. There is interest in creating a bulletin board with shared information and experience. Class A Trustees are a great resource and they feel they are underutilized.

*Corrections Correspondence Service:* Inmates sign up for the mail service. The volunteer must live at least 2 regions away. There

is always a need for Hispanic participation.

*Regional Events:* Virtual East Coast and West Coast events planned for November or December 2020. *PRAASA 2021:* Area 93 Southern California is planning a hybrid event.

*Tom's virtual GSC Banner:* Please sign on a white piece of paper, take a photo, and email it to [delegate@cnia.org](mailto:delegate@cnia.org).

*Pie Charts:* Tom encouraged us to talk in our home groups about making group and individual contributions, and the "sample" design. (Tom said he can email the sample pie charts.)

### **DISCUSSION: 2021 proposed spending plan**

Treasurer, Margie, said they created a budget from an average year of spending, and anticipating that Covid-19 would be over shortly. *Group contributions:* Based on an average of 2017, 2018, 2019. *Literature and Grapevine sales:* Based on average of 2017, 2018, 2019. *Mileage:* Based on home address with additional mileage for Delegate, Alt. Chair, BTG, Archives. *Lodging:* 5 nights for 4 assemblies, could be higher. Mini-PRAASA and Election have 2 nights per assembly. PRAASA 2021 will be hybrid. *Assemblies:* \$6,000 to offset. Meeting room expenses continuing. *Accounting fees:* Went up by \$125. Fees haven't gone up for a while. *Bank fees:* \$50 for potential bounced check fee or lost check fee. There may be additional fees for website contributions. *Prudent Reserve:* Includes Delegate's cost to attend General Service Conference, ACM room rental payment to East Yolo Fellowship, and Archives facility rent. *NCAC:* Finance Committee discussed contributing to NCAC. Whether we approve this spending

plan or not, we can discuss this year or next about making contributions and where our Seventh Tradition funds go.

#### Questions/comments:

**Q:** Is the projected \$16,000 shortfall covered by the current prudent reserve? **A:** The anticipated prudent reserve is based on what's in the spending plan.

**Q:** Do we have enough money to cover our expenses? **A:** Our spending plan ends up covering a net revenue that is negative. Aside from that, we've never had a problem paying our bills.

**Q:** The Accents cost has gone up. Is that because there are more people from previous years requesting it, or due to the cost of production? **A:** There was an increase in production a couple years back. Herminia will review the list for outdated information. We keep adding to the list of recipients.

**Q:** If they put on the Conference at the last minute, are we including costs for sending the Delegate? Or will we take it off and put it back on? **A:** We created the spending plan off of 2021 being a normal year. I don't know if there has been a request from GSO for financial responsibility on the areas. It is flexible. The 2020 spending plan includes anticipated items we haven't spent on.

**Q:** Last year there was also about the same amount of a revenue deficit. How much have we spent this year? Are we over-budgeting?

**A:** 2020 spending plan was \$13,864.50. YTD net income: \$2,871.21. We do not have a deficit.

**Q:** Please explain Hispanic Women's Workshop budget for \$1,000. **A:** Transportation for the liaison to meet the planning

committee, and \$1,000 Area contribution to the workshop.

**Q:** Is every line item an average of the past 3 years? **A:** Not for everything. Contributions yes.

Accents: based on 2019 spending. Room rental: \$800 total, \$100/month when we have an ACM. E-Services: Based on 2020 spending. 2016: \$1,300; 2017: \$1,200; 2018: \$200; 2019, \$700; 2020, \$1,100.

**Q:** How much are fees for Cash app and website contribution service? **A:** Website contributions handled through Square: 2.9% plus 30¢ each. 36¢ fee for a \$2 contribution. Cash app: 0 fees. Prior to 2020, contributions weren't working as intended so weren't accounted for. These fees are not included as part of the Prudent Reserve.

Matthew reminded us that we will discuss the spending plan at Mini-PRAASA.

**Delegate, Tom:** We paid \$3,200 for the G.S.C. and it still lost money. The \$1,100 of "walking around money" wouldn't be as much if it was virtual, but there are still some costs, such as going to a hotel with stable internet access.

**Comment:** We have \$44,000 in our bank balance.

**Comment:** Projected deficits or spending plans don't mean that we need to operate in fear of economic insecurity that the Area can't cover its expenses. We can.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Mini PRAASA

**Chair, Matthew:** At the August ACM we discussed changing the Mini-PRAASA to November. Claudio and I talked before the ACM about the Area inventory and we didn't think there would be enough time to put it together. We took a vote by poll (change to a 2-day assembly on Nov. 21-22). After the ACM we talked about it

again, and Claudio thought he could do it.

Discussion: We are limited with Zoom. A lot of people are not willing to participate. // CNIA has a process for conducting business, submitting a motion, and voting. // Matthew said the vote by Zoom poll wasn't official, it was rescinded and therefore the dates weren't changed.

D42 proposal to change dates of General Service Conference Secretary, Kendyce, read the motion and supporting letter submitted by D42.

Presentation: Tommy: It is well understood there is a gap in understanding between individual members and the General Service Conference. We only have the last 2 weeks of March to get information to groups. Not enough time to assimilate and understand. // Bill L: I have heard lots of GSRs say at the Pre-Conference they weren't able to meet with their groups to get feedback, so they were acting on their right of decision. By getting more information and requesting participation of more group members, we would increase members' awareness, and increase interest in General Service. I presented this at December 2019 ACM. I suggested it in a letter to GSO in January 2020, but they did not acknowledge receiving it. Rather than make this a motion, we wanted it to be a recommendation to the Board.

Matthew asked to clarify whether D42 wanted to submit it as a proposed conference agenda topic.

#### QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Matthew asked delegates to share.

Comments: The conference can be pushed back a month if needed. // One of the responsibilities of the Policy and Admissions Committee

is coming up with projected dates 3-4 years out. // CNIA is one of the few areas where the Delegate gets input directly from GSRs. // The more I learn how Bill and Bob set up the Conference, the more I think this is how they wanted to get input from groups. // Past Regional Trustee, Greg M., said longer review of items could put people in New York behind on their jobs. One option would be to stop sending items by Dec. 1 so the review would not be as long. // We could see if items from 2020 are holding over. // If there was more time, maybe other areas would begin hearing from individual GSRs. Tom said he contacted Patrick C. at GSO to discuss what the procedure would be. The proposal should be submitted as an agenda item. Tom also reported that future hotel reservations have been cancelled to prevent losing deposits.

discussion: Raising this as an agenda item will start the conversation. We can support this with Bill's writings about individual members sharing ideas through their delegate to New York. // We could reach out to other areas to see what they do. // Hotels are much more expensive at graduation. // We usually have 2 months from receiving the agenda and background to Pre-Conference Assembly. // We could do agenda item workshops as soon as they come out. We don't need to all be in the same place for workshops on weekends. We need to think of an Area solution, not try to force the G.S.C. to make it easier for us. // If we keep talking about items all year round the way the Service Manual says, and other areas are not, I don't know how we stand to let this slide. // We could help people review background

information and do pass-it-on through service sponsorship. // I'd like an infographic showing the process. // We are good at what we do but there is always room for improvement. I know we can stand up to that challenge.

Wrap-up: D42 will continue researching to get everything in order to seek the area's support to submit the item to the trustees for inclusion on the conference agenda. The last few items we submitted were approved at assemblies. Would be Mini PRAASA for 2021 conference or 2021 Winter Assembly for 2022 conference. Interested districts can email D42 DCM, Reyna, at [reynaberck@gmail.com](mailto:reynaberck@gmail.com).

**NEW BUSINESS** — None

**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?** topics:

Concern over the fellowship not coming back stronger after Covid-19 restrictions, lack of meeting spaces, and no contact with newcomers.

August ACM motion on changing dates of Mini-PRAASA and ACM - confusion for area officers, CNIA's process for conducting business, changing the decision after the fact, effect on GSRs who we're encouraging to participate.

Request for CNIA to consider a hybrid Winter Assembly.

We closed the meeting at 3:29 p.m. with the Responsibility Declaration.

**CNIA Income and Expense - Year-to-date 2020**  
**January 1 through October 31 2020**

	<b>Jan 1-Oct 31, 2020</b>	<b>Spending Plan</b>	<b>% of budget</b>
<b>Income</b>			
4010 · Group Contributions	37,701.45	52,600.00	71.68%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	3,643.45	2,375.00	153.41%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	474.60	1,000.00	47.46%
<b>Total 4 · Contributed support</b>	<b>41,819.50</b>	<b>55,975.00</b>	<b>74.71%</b>
5110 · Literature Sales	938.97	1,500.00	62.60%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	802.24	2,300.00	34.88%
5160 · Assembly Net Income/Loss	3,693.00	1,700.00	217.24%
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.78	1.50	52.00%
<b>Total 5 · Earned revenues</b>	<b>5,434.99</b>	<b>5,501.50</b>	<b>98.79%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>47,254.49</b>	<b>61,476.50</b>	<b>76.87%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Total 7620 · Delegate	2,700.65	7,870.00	34.32%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	1,376.37	4,820.00	28.56%
Total 7660 · Chair	1,563.18	3,020.00	51.76%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chair	1,225.12	2,865.00	42.76%
Total 7700 · Secretary	1,174.45	1,760.00	66.73%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	2,227.59	3,745.00	59.48%
Total 7740 · Registrar	969.04	1,920.00	50.47%
<b>Total 7600 · Officers Expenses</b>	<b>11,236.40</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>	<b>43.22%</b>
Total 7820 · Literature Chair	830.80	1,970.00	42.17%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	986.59	2,025.00	48.72%
Total 7860 · Bridging The Gap	1,015.83	3,420.00	29.70%
Total 7880 · Accents Chair	1,105.07	1,945.00	56.82%
Total 7900 · Archives Chair	1,837.11	2,770.00	66.32%
Total 7920 · Alt. Archives Chair	1,166.92	2,820.00	41.38%
Total 7940 · Oral Translation Chair	481.43	3,430.00	14.04%
Total 7940.1 · Written Translation Chair	0.00	1,845.00	0.00%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	0.00	900.00	0.00%
<b>Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses</b>	<b>7,423.75</b>	<b>21,125.00</b>	<b>35.14%</b>
Total 8000 - Assemblies	736.78		
Total 8070 Area Workshops	1,183.01	645.00	183.41%
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	6,976.74	12,490.00	55.86%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	4,879.00	5,416.00	90.08%
Total 8300- Website	172.00	500.00	34.40%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	5,310.54	5,580.00	95.17%
Total 8920- Hispanic Women's Liaison	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total 8940 - Hispanic Local Forum Liaison	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	627.44	585.00	107.25%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>38,545.66</b>	<b>75,341.00</b>	<b>51.16%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8,708.83</b>	<b>(13,864.50)</b>	<b>-62.81%</b>
Checking Account Balance	<b>\$40,966.56</b>		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	<b>\$9,240.71</b>		
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$50,207.27</b>		

# 5th Hispanic Women's Workshop

Date: December 5th 2020  
Time: 10:00am to 4:30pm PST

Hosted by Area 93



Meeting ID: 953 6100 6019  
Passcode: TMH93

*Even the most beautiful flower withers  
If you don't take care of it  
You are not alone AA is with you*



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## GSR Preamble

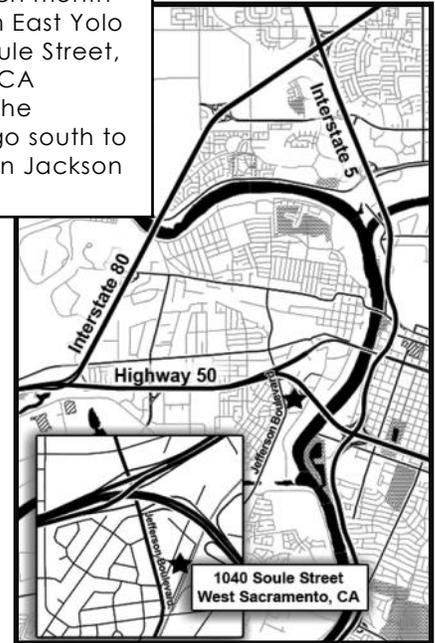
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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.



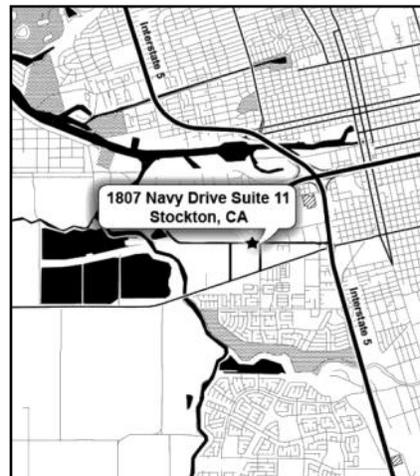
## CNIA Archives Center

1807 Navy Drive (at Fresno Ave) Suite #11, Stockton,  
CA 95555 (Rodgers Construction, Inc., near Port of  
Stockton) – Second Floor Rear

**From Fresno (and other points south):** 99 North to Highway 4 West. Turn left at dead end at Navy Dr, to Navy Dr–Fresno Ave. Building is on the left.

**From Sacramento (and other points north):** 99 South to Highway 4 West or I-5 South to Navy Dr–Highway 4 West exit. From dead end on Navy Dr, turn left to Fresno Ave. Building is on the left.

**From both directions:** The Archives is located in the Rodgers Construction building on the NW corner of the intersection of Navy and Fresno. The entrance is at the far end of the building, up the stairs.



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**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA · CALENDAR 2020–2021**

**2020**

**2021 (Proposed)**

			Jan 16–17	Winter Assembly	Zoom
Jan 18–19	Winter Assembly	Sacramento (D54)	Feb 20	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Feb 15	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	March 5–7	PRAASA	Central Calif. Area 93
March 6–8	PRAASA	Tucson, Ariz. Area 03	March 20	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
March 21	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	April 10–11	Pre-Conference Assembly	Lemoore (D49)
April 4–5	Pre-Conference Assembly	Zoom	April 18–24	General Service Conference	New York
May 9	Pre-Conference Sharing	Zoom	May 15–16	Post-Conference Assembly	Redding (D11)
May 16	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	June 4–6	NCCAA	San Ramon
May 16–19	General Service Conference		June 19	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
June 20	Post-Conference Assembly	Zoom	July 17	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
July 18	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Aug 21	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Aug 15	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Sep 18	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Sep 19	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Oct 8–10	NCCAA	Rocklin
Oct 16–18	Mini-PRAASA	Zoom	Oct 16	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Nov 21	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	Nov. 19–21	Election Assembly	Sacramento (D24)
Dec 19	Area Planning Meeting	West Sacramento	Dec 18	Area Planning Meeting	West Sacramento