

# CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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## Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

**The December Area Committee Meeting (ACM) we will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.** Typically this meeting is our Area Planning Meeting / Holiday Potluck. Due to the COVID crisis, we will be meeting by Zoom. At this month's Area Planning Meeting, the agenda will be slightly different than the regular ACM agenda. We will be confirming the dates for the 2021 Calendar and selecting our 2022 Assembly Host Districts. I hope all interested districts consider submitting a bid form to host an assembly. Submission of bids will be accepted at the meeting. The forms are available on our website and in the Area Service Materials handbook.

We moved the Area Planning Meeting to December 12<sup>th</sup> instead of December 19<sup>th</sup> because of the Western Regional Forum. The Forum will be held December 19<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. This is free for all members to attend. This Forum is where the General Service Office (GSO) staff will have the opportunity to share their experience, strength and hope about the inter-workings of GSO and the current status of our fellowship. These presentations are very informative and are not to be missed! Our own, Tom A., Delegate from Area 07 will be presenting on a panel. Please pre-register before the event at [aa.org](http://aa.org). You will find Western Regional Forum registration on the homepage.

My hope is you are safe and healthy during these difficult times.

Applying Love,  
Matthew L.  
CNIA Chair

**CNIA 07 Area Planning Meeting on Zoom  
December 12, 2020**

1:00 pm -Call to Order	Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)
Serenity Prayer	Central Offices & Intergroups
12 Traditions (short form)	Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA)
12 Concepts (short form)	Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (YPAA)
General Service Representative (GSR) Preamble	Northern California Accessibility Committee (NCAC)
Why We Need a Conference	Hispanic Women's Conference
Introductions –	7th Tradition
Past Delegates	1:20-1:45 Consideration of 2021 Calendar, Proposal of 2022 Area Dates
Guests and Visitors	1:45-2:30 Assembly Bid process 2022
Newcomers to this meeting GSR's, etc	2:30-3:15 Delegate Report
Announcements –	3:15-3:30 What's on your mind?
Assembly Reports –	3:30pm Close
Winter Assembly 2021 ZOOM	
Liaison Reports	

**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

**November 2020**

The area committee meeting of the California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held by Zoom videoconference Saturday, Nov. 21. Area Chair Matthew L. called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Claudio read the Twelve Traditions (short form). Vikki read the Twelve Concepts (short form). Julie read the GSR Preamble. Inez read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

**Introductions of Past Delegates:** Mike K, Panel 68; Vikki R, Panel 66; Melody T., Panel 60; Marianne, Panel 56; Inez Y., Panel 44.

**Newcomers to CNIA:** Steve D, D17 GSR

**Assembly Reports:** Matthew said we will meet online for the 2021 Winter Assembly and reassess with future assemblies.

**Announcements:** Participants were asked to post upcoming events in the Zoom chat.

**LIAISONS**

**Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee, Vikki:** H&I will dispense excess income to different H&I areas. Pilot project with sponsorship has been going for a year. Please contact Vikki if you would like to volunteer.

**Central California Fellowship (Sacramento), Pierre:** Central Office has online ordering with curbside pickup via <https://aasacramento.org>. "By The Way" newsletter has information for groups operating virtually or in person. Increased group contributions and income from the Birthday Club & Faithful Fivers and decreased expenses have lessened the strain on finances. Nov 21 Delegates meeting: Voting on revised CCF Bylaws, 2021 budget, and elections for trusted servants.

The search continues for a replacement office manager.

**Fresno Central Office, Reyna:** The office is open M-F 11-4:30 and Saturday 9-1. Finances and traffic flow are down, but hoping that will come up with the holidays.

**Northern California Council of AA (NCCAA):** not present, no report provided

**PLAYPAA (Placer County), Mary Jane:** Committee business meetings, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 6-7:30 pm on Zoom. Sunday/weekly meetings, 2-3 pm on Zoom. Monthly speaker meeting, 1st Sundays, 2-4:30 pm, Hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting at the Roseville Alano Club. Elections started in November.

**SACYPAA (Sacramento), Emily:** Bidding for WACYCAA this year (Western Area Conference). Servicepalooza held Nov. 28 with speakers from different service structures and Zoom breakout rooms for discussions and Q&A. Business meetings, 2nd Sundays 1-4 pm on Zoom. Check [www.sacypaa.org](http://www.sacypaa.org).

**Northern California Accessibility Committee, Delia:** NCAC is an AA service committee dedicated to helping make AA accessible to all. We meet every second Saturday via Zoom 10-11 am. All are welcome to join. Committee elections are in January. We agreed to make available Uber for Business rides to AA members that are not able to get themselves to a meeting because of mobility impairments. We have resolved questions about previous unavailability of rides. Hosting a zoom event Jan. 23 in celebration of NCAC's six years of service. Email [NorCAaccess@gmail.com](mailto:NorCAaccess@gmail.com) for business meeting invite or for the phone number to request a ride.

**Hispanic Women's Workshop, Lorri:** Workshop event is Dec. 5 on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Participation at the mic is for all AA women.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**D09:** no report

**D11:** no report

**D15:** no report

**D17:** Lindsay G.: D17 is writing bylaws, would like to see other districts' bylaws if available. Planning a Hope and Unity workshop. Meeting attendance is down. Hoping the workshop will help with that.

**D19:** no report

**D20,** Todd: Mini PRAASA was a wonderful experience. We have been able to move ahead with researching the optimal way to reach out using different media platforms thanks to our PI/CPC chair. Our groups will be providing feedback on reinstating our classified ad in the local newspaper. In-person groups will need to navigate new restrictions. Our events chair is working on a Zoom event.

**D21,** Holly: Monthly business and committee meetings are ongoing. Roseville Eastside Group celebrated 45th anniversary with AA and AI-Anon participation. Rocklin Racetrack has a hybrid meeting with zoom and a projector. May print 1,500 business cards for PI/CPC and BTG. District inventory held in October with Area 06, Tony W. and Past Delegate Ken M.; will review in December. Will be reviewing 2021 proposed spending. I enjoyed Mini PRAASA and I am registered for Regional Forum. [aaplacer.org](http://aaplacer.org)

**-D22,** Loren: D22 is hangin tough. Of our 2 biggest fellowships, one has re-closed to Zoom. The other is trudging along with social distancing and face masks in physical meetings.

Financials are good. The meeting schedule cleanup subcommittee is working. We have 22 active groups.

**D23:** no report

**D24,** Paul: Thanks to each of our D24 and Area 07 trusted servants who participated in our first online event, a Grapevine writing workshop (Nov. 14), demystifying the process of writing and submitting content.

**D25,** Everett C.: Our last meeting was well attended. We are financially doing ok. D25 has our own Zoom account and email address. Working on whether we want to have a website.

**D27,** Amanda: Hosted Area AA unity meeting for November, good turnout of D27 GSRs. The GSRs and myself had a great time at Mini-PRAASA. District meeting next Tuesday (Nov. 24) on zoom. Some were talking about beginning to meet in person but have paused since we are in the most restrictive tier.

**D29,** Patrick: Alt. Delegate Jenn D. spoke at our last meeting on PI/CPC. We now have a new PI/CPC committee chair. Will be voting to adopt bylaws. Thanks to D24 for loaning us their bylaws. Speaker in November: Joel C. of San Diego, past Regional Trustee. We have a monthly service manual discussion and monthly Grapevine meeting. Grapevine writing workshop: Dec. 5. Traditional Group is likely moving in early 2021 to a nearby location.

**D30,** Michael M.: A few meetings are in person and not practicing wearing masks but doing physical distancing and hand sanitizer.

**D34,** read report: D34 is doing well financially. Monthly meetings are 2nd Weds 7:30 pm, in person, Zoom and hybrid from the Alano Club (1660 Herndon Rd, Ceres CA). AA has been deemed essential in our county. Groups are open for in-person, zoom and hybrid meetings. We may hold

workshops starting in January including GSR school, safety and the Concepts.

**D36,** Julie: I attended Mini PRAASA. Thank you, Claudio for asking me to be on the inventory committee. It was a great experience and I enjoyed being a part of it. D36 is doing well and we are financially sound.

**D37,** Larry: 10 attendees at business meeting, Nov. 18. We lost our face-to-face meeting location but have found a new place where we will be setting up a hybrid meeting hopefully at the first of the year. We decided to make distributions to Area 07, Delta Intergroup and H&I.

**D41,** read report: Many meetings are continuing to meet in person, several online-only and few hybrids. Some were at the same time to correspond with their schedules, but held separate from each other. Finances are good. Contributions to D41 have been low, but minimal expenses were easily covered. We have a new GSR. Their weekly meeting is during the same time as our district meeting. We will survey whether we would be willing to adjust the time. Some meetings reporting they were beginning to grow, although many remained small.

**D42,** Reyna: GSR school coming up for new GSRs in D42 and from any district. Past Delegate Michael K. joined us this month to talk about the area's voting for trustee nomination.

**D43:** no report

**D47,** Allen L.: Our business meeting was held Nov. 4 via Zoom, 3 officers and 2 GSRs in attendance. We continued discussing whether we are collecting more money than we are going to use during the pandemic. We considered a proposal to distribute \$1,200 (\$1,000 to Tulare County Central Office for 2021 room rental plus a donation, \$200 to GSO. 30 online meetings on the Tulare County Central Office website. Face to face

meetings are occurring, but we have very little GSR representation. Our district meetings have been virtual since April.

**D49:** no report

**D53,** Jorge: We continue to have meetings every Friday 7–9 pm. We keep visiting groups around the area weekly. We have a few new GSRs joining us.

**D54,** Rafael: Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. On Nov. 14, we celebrated our 25th anniversary on zoom. Thanks to the CNIA officers for your support. Thank you to ACYPAA for your contribution to D54.

**D56,** Gilberto: Meetings are on 3rd Thursdays, 5–6 members attending. Public Information committee will start meeting in January 2021 and will be working with the radio station. We are motivating new groups to send their GSRs.

## **APPOINTED CHAIRS**

**Accents:** no report

**Archives,** Nancy: We are not meeting in December due to covid-19. We received a new scanner so we can digitize printed materials. Debbie S. from D27 will be covering and decorating a presentation board with material so we can have more items displayed at events. We are trying to make the archives more attractive. Jeff is working to frame International Convention photos.

**Bridging the Gap,** Jason: Received 7 blue cards from Changing Echoes facility. Passed off 6 locally, 1 in San Jose. I've been asked to talk about BTG at the Tulare County H&I meeting on Nov 28. I will be taking part in SACYPAA's Servicepalooza, also Nov. 28. Will be talking with D47 in December. Call or email me to talk about online BTG presentation or if you have questions.

**E-Services,** Emily: The committee met Nov. 20. We'll be working on a review

of the website to update any information needed. If anyone seeing anything that needs fixing, please let me know - especially DCMs that have updates to where/when your district meets. If anyone finds their districts need help setting up Zoom meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Finance**, Holly: We met Nov. 19, 7–8:15 p.m. Area contributions are looking good. Anticipated income for 2020 is \$61,476. Amount received through October is \$47,254, about 77% of annual projected income. We discussed online contributions made at [cna.org](http://cna.org). Some fields on the form are not being filled in. It is important to identify where contributions are coming from. "Company name" can be used for the name, group, district or group number. We would like to talk to E-Services to update this. Area Treasurer is putting on a sharing session for district treasurers on Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

**Grapevine**, Brad: I had the honor and privilege to participate in an AA Grapevine Writers Workshop with D24 (Nov. 14). There is free shipping on purchases at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) through Dec. 31, 2020. Editorial calendar for 2021: [www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/GV\\_LV\\_Editorial-Calendar2021.pdf](http://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/GV_LV_Editorial-Calendar2021.pdf).

If your District wants information about Grapevine or is thinking about doing a workshop, please give me a call or email me.

**Literature**, Julie: I am holding space for literature activities. The large print and hardcover book *Alcoholics Anonymous* is back in stock.

**Oral Translation**, Jose: I miss you all. Please stay safe. Thank you for sending me your reports.

**Written Translation**, Amanda H.: Nothing to report.

## OFFICERS

**Registrar**, Herminia: Updating the committee list with changes from October and November. Waiting to see

if we have changes after this month's ACM. Cleaning up Accents mailing list. Please let me know if you prefer receiving the Accents by email or hard copy. Attended HWW business meeting. Have been sharing event information with Hispanic women. Attended D54 anniversary party on Zoom. Shared at Southport Serenity Group (D25), and enjoyed coming across fellowship members I have not seen in a while.

**Treasurer**, Margie: We are not that far behind our projected spending plan estimate for the year. Let's continue to have discussions on where our dollars can best serve our Area at this time. Two online payments did not specify a group or individual. If you have an idea on who it may be, please let me know so I can assign it to a group and/or district. Contributions on the website can be "anonymous" in the name field. I received two receipts returned in the mail. If you need a receipt, please let me know and I can send it to you. Reach out to me or our Area Registrar if you need to know your group # (to include with contribution). District Treasurers sharing session is upcoming. Let me know if you have questions or topics to discuss.

**Secretary**, Kendyce: Participated in D24's Grapevine workshop. I'm going over my notes carefully from Mini PRAASA to cross reference with prior years' Accents, in particular with the Area Inventory and the Spending Plan discussions. The assembly proceedings were not recorded and I don't have audio to refer back to.

**Alt. Chair**, Claudio: This month I was not as busy as usual after Mini PRAASA. Glad I get to be of service and fired up again. I attended D24's Grapevine Workshop for a little bit. Thank you to D27 for hosting the unity meeting, and all those who attended. I will be facilitating an inventory for D53. I will be getting together with the Area

Inventory Committee to go over the results from our Area Inventory.

**Chair**, Matthew: Thank you to Claudio, Jenn and Emily for coordinating at Mini PRAASA. It was a long day and a very fun day. The inventory was informative. Having the Pacific Regional delegates helping out was great. Thanks to the ad hoc committee for putting together the inventory questions and recording the responses. Attended CNCA Election Assembly. Thanks to Jenn, Emily and Brooke D. for their service running the election. Participated in D29 business meeting and service manual meeting. Attended meeting in Area 45 and CNIA meeting. Participating in Servicepalooza Nov. 28.

**Alt Delegate**, Jenn D.: Met with D29 and D33 to talk about the role of a PI/CPC Chair and shared my experience doing this work in D15. If your district doesn't have a PI/CPC chair, I am happy to come out and talk about what that means. Facilitated CNCA Election Assembly. Congratulations to Panel 71 officers. Thanks to Tom for facilitating sharing over Google Voice, and to Emily for tabulating and posting votes. I manipulated 18 zoom polls to allow for voting on more candidates per poll. Brooke D. pulled names out of the hat. 5 of 8 area officer votes went to the hat. Appreciated the patience of the CNCA assembly to allow each one of the votes to go to the 5th round and seeing whether the vote would go to the hat. Participated in Area Officers call (Monday before ACM or Assembly). The E-Services committee will be looking at web content. AAWS and AA Grapevine both have great content on their YouTube channels that you can embed into your district website, especially about what AA is and what it isn't. Planning to attend HWW. Registered for Regional Forum. PI/CPC workshop is scheduled for January 23. Please consider asking your home group or district to

participate in the AA Grapevine “Carry the Message” campaign.

We broke for lunch. Area Chair, Matthew L. called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Delegate, Tom:** Board Weekend: Linda C. (Class A Trustee) is on the slate for board chairman. Employee news: New CFO, Paul K., has extensive experience with non-profits. Sandra W. new staff services director, formerly on Regional Forum desk. 25 people were offered a voluntary retirement incentive. 80% accepted, 19 AAWS, 1 AAGV. The board had anticipated 50% participation. We will pay \$1.1 million + \$45,000 in severance. Seeking a GSO general manager, as Greg T. is rotating. Resumes due Dec. 15. There is a special edition of Box 459 with info about who is leaving. Technology: Web store and contributions are online.

MyPortal: User testing start date Nov. 20. Area Registrars want to add/modify group information without advance permission. Potential conflicts with existing Advisory Actions. Dec. 15 target roll-out for new Registrar tools. Can establish Area Alt. Registrar access upon request.

Meeting Guide app: Includes temporarily closed, hybrid, online meetings.

“Service app” could allow content to be shared by app rather than email attachments or links. Request of 2019 conference committee on Public Information.

Accessibilities: Remote Communities web page is being drafted. Military audio recordings will be heard to the Conference.

Publishing: Distribution is down for BB, 12&12, ebooks. Visual history book and Intl Convention souvenir book on Feb. 14. “Our Great Responsibility” to be converted to English, Spanish and French.

Grapevine: Instagram sample content is being developed. 3,000 subscriptions purchased for Carry the Message. “Free on the Inside” prison book in spring 2021. YTD loss \$307,000. Publisher, Albin is on medical leave.

La Viña: New book for Hispanic women. Sales and subscriptions are down, \$252,000 loss YTD.

General Service Board Committees Archives: 235 items received for Covid-19 project. Research for book on AA history 1955–present – possible themes include women, growth overseas, photos. GSC: A virtual 71st conference is recommended, April 2021. Improvements subcommittee: Clarifying points of order, discussing what we can do prior to the Conference. Other: 70th Conference farewell talks – audio is available (no video). Strategic plan: Underrepresented sectors and language barriers. Trustees committee will review the results of Spanish and French translations of background material. Considering a proposed change on the process for Floor Actions.

CPC: “AA In your Community” – Class A trustees to record audio clips for Linked In and YouTube.

Treatment and Accessibilities: “AA for the Older Alcoholic” call for stories. 7 have been received so far. Due Dec. 15.

Corrections: Discussions on Correspondence Service being more inclusive with gender identity.

Finance: Literature 40%, contributions 60%. Reforecast anticipates 2020 loss of \$337,000.

Reserve Fund: \$12.1M balance, 7.7 months of operating expenses. We try to keep 9–12 months in reserve. Received approval to draw down \$4.5M and withdrew \$4M.

Ad hoc Google committee: What are our obligations, if any, for receiving in-kind services, donations, and signing contracts with Google?

International: World Service Meeting virtually Nov 2021.

Intl Conventions & Regional Forums: Eastern, Dec. 5. Western, Dec. 19.

Presentations of archives, videos, discussions with Area delegates, Trustees. 2020 Intl Convention: Refunds are issued. Total insurance claim was \$2.3m.

Literature: Spanish-speaking women in AA draft has been reviewed. “12 Traditions Illustrated” draft is taking a while due to

graphics. “Young People in AA” is in print. “AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic” has a lot of support with the new stories. A working group will be similar to the Spanish-speaking women group.

Nominating: Deborah K to fill slot at AAWS board. Tommi H. at AAGW. Received three names for nominees for non-trustee directors. Two appointed committee members are needed with a focus on assessing online metrics and digital public information efforts.

Public Information: Discussing a GSO podcast and a PSA geared toward minorities.

Membership survey: Should be distributed fall 2021.

Google AdWords: Spent \$1,000 of grant. \$10,000 per month available. “seeking help” and “finding a meeting” ads. Two highest clicks are men 25–34 and women 25–34, which are the target categories.

#### **Questions**

**Q:** Why was the International Convention section on aa.org taken down? **A:** It was up for a limited time, will ask about that.

**Q:** Re. inclusivity and representation. Have other working groups been convened? **A:** The first ones I heard about were for Hispanic Women in AA and AA for Black & African-American. I can check into that.

**Q:** Please clarify drawdowns from the Reserve Fund. // Tom discussed the approved \$4.5 million, \$1 million received; events insurance claim. Initially we thought \$3 million would be sufficient, but another \$1 million was drawn down. A remaining \$500,000 has been approved. \$1.1 million for severance agreements will be needed.

**Q:** Please clarify Google in-kind contributions. **A:** The finance report was published before the Conference. Exchange of services needs to be noted under generally accepted accounting principles to claim the value of services received and what we are giving back. Example: PSAs have \$22 million – \$25 million value.

**D40,** Lorri, for Ray M.: Business meetings on 1st Sundays. We have new BTG and PI/CPC committee chairs and two long-timers



enthusiastic about getting involved. Connecting with Jason on BTG. We are looking into buying more subscriptions for "Carry the Message." Someone wanted to buy the "No Matter What" book and made a contribution for Carry the Message. AA and Al-Anon members will be attending HWW. We talked about getting a group together to zoom in for the Regional Forum.

## OLD BUSINESS

*District 42 proposal to change dates of the General Service Conference.* Matthew summarized: D42 reworded their motion and sent it to GSO absent Area support, but that we would be discussing it at November ACM and at Winter Assembly.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Item 1: Modify Area calendar to reschedule Area Planning Meeting from Dec. 19 to Dec. 12.* Matthew: We won't be having our annual potluck. This year we will be hosting the planning committee meeting on Zoom. Districts that would like to host in 2022 would fill out a bid form. As an Area we would have to talk about that and get interested districts to look for facilities that could host us in 2022.

Matthew said he wanted to entertain discussion of whether we should have our area planning meeting on Dec. 19 as scheduled. If so, our Delegate, Tom, would not participate because he was invited to participate in the Regional Forum. Matthew said CNIA officers have not been asked to participate but he would like to attend, and if anyone else wants to attend, we would have to discuss changing our meeting to the second Saturday in December. Matthew asked for a show of hands: "How many people would like to go to the regional?"

### Discussion:

- Could we shorten the area agenda and have it on Sunday afternoon (Dec. 13)?
- Move to the next Saturday?
- The [Regional Forum] event is 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Having another event might be much for one weekend.
- If we do change it, does this mean we are going to change the due date for the

Accents? We usually try to get the Accents to you the week before the meeting.

o Response: Will have to check with Celia. The Accents deadline will have to be pushed up a week too.

If we move the meeting to the week before, it would be a squeeze. Maybe we could consider having it after 11 a.m. so NCAC could participate.

Loren, D22 asked if he could make a motion. // Matthew: No, we are only discussing now. If you want to participate in the Western Forum, please raise your hand. I will have to talk with Celia about Accents. We typically don't have any reports at the Area Planning meeting. It's really just figuring out who wants to host assemblies.

More discussion (We did not have a show of hands.)

- Could we meet after the regional forum ends at 5:30 p.m.? We often have long days at assemblies anyway.

- If I could vote, I would like to have it on Dec. 12 after 1 p.m.

- Is the Accents deadline a hardship or can we send out a separate message to DCMs and GSRs with an agenda?

o Response, Matthew: I can do that. I can talk to Celia and get started with our reports and let everyone know through the Accents.

o Some people may not want to change, depending on how long the meeting is, 2-3 hours as opposed to 5-6 hours.

Matthew: We are not talking about that yet. Content and date are separate.

Matthew asked for a motion. Loren indicated he wanted to make a motion. // Kendyce:

You'd have to submit the motion in writing.

Put in the chat. // Margie (via chat): Is a

motion needed or is it housekeeping? //

Jenn: Making a change to the calendar should require a motion.

Holly D21 submitted a motion by chat: *I make a motion to move our December Area Planning meeting from December 19th to December 12th at 1:00-3:00pm to accommodate Regional Forum on 12/19.*

Loren D22 seconded. Matthew described who is eligible to vote. We voted by zoom

poll. Result: 17 yes, 1 no. Minority opinion: One person stated the area planning meeting would be the same time as their home group's business meeting. There was no motion for reconsideration. The motion passed.

*Item 2: Process for choosing districts to host 2022 CNIA Assemblies*

Claudio: Since a lot of districts weren't able to host their assemblies, we talked as area officers about talking to DCMs about those districts having the priority to host in 2022. It would affect D21, D53, D49, D33, D11 and D24. How do we want to go about this? Bid forms would be filled in and submitted at the planning meeting.

### Discussion

- I think they should have priority. If any of those districts nominate themselves for an assembly against someone who wasn't affected, then we could vote.

- We were going to host the Election Assembly at an events center. Would the responsibilities be the same for the districts that are bidding?

o Response, Claudio: We don't know if we will host an election in person in November 2021. We want the districts to have the experience of functioning as a bid committee. The service book contains everything you need to do it.

Emily (via chat): links to Assembly guidelines and bid forms – English/Spanish:

[www.cnia.org](http://www.cnia.org) > resources > documents and forms.

o I think we should extend this not just to the districts that didn't get to hold their assemblies in 2020, but the early assemblies that are cancelled. Winter 2021 and Pre-Conference 2021 are likely to be going on zoom.

o Recommendation: Give the first right to the four districts who did not have the opportunity to host assemblies in 2020 and 2021. That way no one is left out.

o If in the next few weeks, those four districts decide they want or don't want the first right of refusal, we can cancel the planning committee?

Response, Jenn: We still have to do the calendar planning at the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS, continued**

*District 42 proposal to change dates of the General Service Conference*

Reyna: We would always love your support. The letter was submitted. I wasn't able to touch base with Tommy or Bill. Can we table this to next month?

Response, Matthew: We can discuss this at Winter Assembly. After a sense of the room, we can decide on the Area supporting it.

### **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

Topics discussed:

- Possibly scheduling a huddle for district registrars
- CNIA using excess contributions to support Grapevine "Carry the Message" program
- Saving districts and groups money with Zoom/hybrid meetings for assemblies, possibly meeting in smaller groups around the area.
- Carrying the message with in-person/online hybrid meetings and zoom breakout rooms
- Outside issues at groups, including politics, race, ethnicity, government rules and restrictions for covid-19.
- Updating the CNIA.org with officer and appointed chair pages so we would rely less on districts' websites.
- Tom said CNIA can add background information to an item that has already been submitted for consideration. The next deadline is the General Service Board meeting, the last weekend of January 2021. (We did not continue discussing the item.)

Clarification on who is eligible to vote at ACMs and assemblies.

**ADJOURNMENT** Loren moved, Holly seconded, to adjourn. Matthew closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 3:19 p.m.

## Virtual Western US/Canada Forum

2020 Experience, Strength and Hope – What it was Like,  
What Happened and What is Like Now

This one-day sharing and informational session will feature workshops, special presentations and much more, with the participation of your trusted servants in the Pacific, Southwest, West Central and Western Canada Regions.

**December 19, 2020**  
**6:30 am to 5:30 pm PST**

No Charge for Registration

**[Register Here!](#)**

**[What is a Regional Forum?](#)**



**CNIA Income and Expense - Year-to-date 2020**  
**January 1 through November 30 2020**

	<b>Jan 1-Nov 30, 2020</b>	<b>Spending Plan</b>	<b>% of budget</b>
<b>Income</b>			
4010 · Group Contributions	41,368.77	52,600.00	78.65%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	3,693.45	2,375.00	155.51%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	526.59	1,000.00	52.66%
<b>Total 4 · Contributed support</b>	<b>45,588.81</b>	<b>55,975.00</b>	<b>81.44%</b>
5110 · Literature Sales	938.97	1,500.00	62.60%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	830.24	2,300.00	36.10%
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>5,462.99</b>	<b>5,501.50</b>	<b>99.30%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>51,051.80</b>	<b>61,476.50</b>	<b>83.04%</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	7,670.22	12,490.00	61.41%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	5,204.00	5,416.00	96.09%
Total 8300- Website	272.00	500.00	54.40%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	5,818.35	5,580.00	104.27%
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	637.29	585.00	108.94%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,181.80</b>	<b>75,341.00</b>	<b>53.33%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>10,870.00</b>	<b>(13,864.50)</b>	<b>-78.40%</b>

Checking Account Balance	<b>\$43,424.73</b>
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	<b>\$9,240.71</b>
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$52,665.44</b>

California Northern Interior Area  
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**Virtual Winter Assembly  
Panel 70 2021**



**Please log on and join us by Zoom**

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:30am-8:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 966-0998-1109**

**Passcode: CNIAWinter**

**Dial-In by Telephone: +1-669-  
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Spanish - English Interpretation will be  
provided

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## GSR Preamble

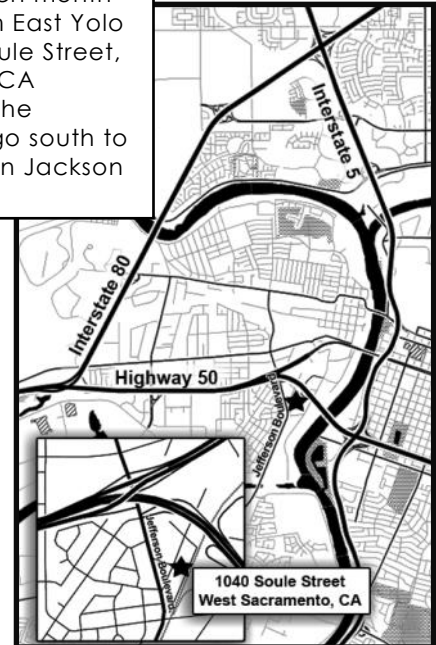
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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 18–19	Winter Assembly	Sacramento (D54)	Jan 16	Winter Assembly	Zoom
Feb 15	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	Feb 20	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
March 6–8	PRAASA	Tucson, Ariz. Area 03	March 5–7	PRAASA	Central Calif. Area 93
March 21	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	March 20	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
April 4–5	Pre-Conference Assembly	Zoom	April 10–11	Pre-Conference Assembly	Lemoore (D49)
May 9	Pre-Conference Sharing	Zoom	April 18–24	General Service Conference	New York
May 16	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	May 15–16	Post-Conference Assembly	Redding (D11)
May 16–19	General Service Conference		June 4-6	NCCAA	San Ramon
June 20	Post-Conference Assembly	Zoom	June 19	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
July 18	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	July 17	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Aug 15	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Aug 21	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Sep 19	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Sep 18	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Oct 16–18	Mini-PRAASA	Zoom	Oct 8–10	NCCAA	Rocklin
Nov 21	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	Oct 16	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Dec 12	Area Planning Meeting	Zoom	Nov. 19–21	Election Assembly	Sacramento (D24)
			Dec 18	Area Planning Meeting	West Sacramento