

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

Thank you to everyone for attending our Winter Assembly held on Zoom January 16, 2021. It was an amazing assembly and great to see you all there! Starting off the day was a presentation from our host District 33. Since we are not meeting in person, it was decided to allow them the opportunity to share about the history of their district and some of the local highlights of Jamestown/Sonora. Great job Drew, D33 DCM, with your presentation!

After the reports and business were completed at the assembly, we held a "Mock Conference" demonstrating the General Service Conference process and how the Agenda Items are chosen to be Advisory Actions. Thank you to Jenn and Claudio for facilitating the event. It was both informative and fun.

At the February Area Committee Meeting, our Delegate, Tom A. will be distributing the 2021 General Service Conference Agenda Items and background information. My hope is that we are able to put the background information up on our website behind a password protected area. This is still to be determined. This will be a busy time as we work together and pass along this information to the groups.

If your district would like to host an Agenda Item Workshop, please contact our Delegate, Tom A., to schedule the event. Also please continue to check our website calendar for Agenda Item Workshops throughout the California Northern Interior Area.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Applying love,

Matthew L.
CNIA Chair

Area Committee Meeting Agenda February 20, 2021

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 –	12:30-1:00 Finish up Officer Reports
Assembly Reports –	1:00-2:00 Delegate Report
Mini PRAASA Assembly 2020	2:00-2:45 Old Business New Business
Winter Assembly 2021 Zoom	2:45 – 3:45 Go over 2021 Agenda Topics
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

Meeting ID: 982-1637-5307

Password: CNIA_ACM

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

Phone password: 57673252

December 2020 Area Planning Meeting

The Area Planning Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held by zoom videoconference Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020. Area Chair Matthew called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Beth S. read the Twelve Traditions (short form). Rafael read the Twelve Concepts (short form). Nancy read the GSR Preamble. Michael read “Why Do We Need a Conference?”

Introductions of Past Delegates:

Mike K., Panel 68; Vikki R., Panel 66; Kelley M., Panel 64; Inez Y., Panel 44.

Guests or first-timers to CNIA:

Veronica R., Sacramento Central Office/Central California Fellowship (CCF) liaison (Pierre outgoing)

Assembly Reports

Winter Assembly: Will be on Zoom. Flyer is in Accents. Future assemblies will be on Zoom or locations TBD. Monitoring stay-at-home orders and restrictions.

Liaison reports

Hospitals & Institutions, Vikki: Serving as H&I public information chair. We are doing zoom meetings as much as we can and sending in literature.

Sacramento Central Office/CCF, Pierre: See aasacramento.org for online ordering, information about in-person and virtual meetings. Seeking a new office manager and webmaster. CCF delegates voting on revised bylaws, Jan. 16¹. 2021 budget was approved. Held elections, including CNIA liaison, Veronica R. I hope you will welcome and support her in this important role just as you have so kindly done with me.

North Valley Intergroup, Martha T.: We elected new officers in December

2020, including Chair, Alt-Chair, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

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

Placer County Young People

(PLAYPAA, D21), Mary Jane: Committee business meetings, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 6–7:30 pm on Zoom. Monthly speaker meeting with event, 1st Saturdays, 6 pm on Zoom. Weekly hybrid weekly meetings, Sundays 2–3 pm at Roseville Alano Club and on Zoom. Zoom ID: 691 041 3941 PW: playpaa

Northern California Accessibility Committee (NCAC), Delia: We met

today at 10 am. Discussed Uber rides for AA members who are unable to get to meetings due to accessibility or mobility issues. Jon C. discussed contacts with Uber and decided to continue to go forward with in-person meetings. Jan. 23: 6th anniversary event. Looking for someone to maintain the website.

Hispanic Women’s Workshop, Lorri A.: Dec. 5 workshop held over zoom with 135–156 participants.

Seventh Tradition – Margie explained how to make a contribution by cash app.

2021 proposed Area calendar

All events to be held online until further notice or if otherwise noted.

Jan. 16: Winter Assembly

Feb. 20: Area Committee

March 5–7: Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly (PRAASA)

April 10–11: Pre-Conference Assembly: virtual, hosted by D49

Lemoore/Kings County Conference

May 15–16: Post-Conference Assembly: virtual, hosted by D11

Redding

June 4–6: NCCAA: San Ramon

June 19: Area Committee

July 17: Area Committee

Aug 21: Area Committee

Sept 18: Area Committee

Oct 8–10: NCCAA: Rocklin

Nov 19–21: Election Assembly: virtual, hosted by D24 Sacramento

2022 Assembly Bids

Four assemblies in 2020 and 2021 were canceled as in-person events due to the covid-19 pandemic. The former host districts were given the opportunity to make themselves available for 2022. D53 (Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced linguistic district) was to host the 2020 Post-Conference Assembly. D53 is now unable to host due to logistical concerns and hotel unavailability. D22 was the only other district to submit an assembly bid form, therefore a vote was not needed.

Bid results:

Winter Assembly: D33 Sonora/Jamestown (was to host 2021 Winter Assembly)

Pre-Conference Assembly: D21 Auburn (was to host 2020 Pre-Conference)

Post-Conference Assembly: D22 Placerville

Mini-PRAASA: D19 Marysville/Yuba City (was to host 2020 Mini-PRAASA)

Delegate’s Report, Tom A.

Thank you for being so resilient. We are going through a lot right now. You have continued to adjust and serve unlike any other Panel has done. Thank you for your sacrifice to A.A. Thanks to all the Districts for making themselves available to host an Assembly. I can’t wait to get back together.

I had the opportunity to be on a Panel for the Area 9’s “A Day in A.A.” *US/CAN Western Virtual Regional Forum –* Virtual event, Dec 19. We changed our Area meeting so that

people could attend if interested.
Register at aa.org.
Enterprise Resource Planning –
Scheduled to roll out Dec 15. We have
been working on this software for a
while now. It will create an easier,
friendlier to use database for different
groups, like area chairs of committees,
area positions. CNIA Registrar,
Herminia should be able to report on
next steps.

D42 Agenda Item to change dates of
General Service Conference – The
item has been listed on the
spreadsheet showing the progress of
items that have been submitted. The
Area did not officially support, but we
discussed it. I can share the
spreadsheet by email.

GSO general manager opening –
Deadline: Feb 1, 2021. To obtain a
resume, email publicinfo@aa.org.

Call for stories continuing – Grapevine,
Older Alcoholics, Veterans and others.

*Public Information Committee
appointed committee member opening*
– Candidate should be knowledgeable
in social media, internet analytics.
Deadline: Feb. 1. See Box 459 for
description.

Box 459 – Article on how we are
working to better communication with
intergroups and central offices.
Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV
Seminar (ICOAA) Seminar – IG and
Central Offices precede the General
Service Structure. Their purpose is to
provide a forum for those who labor on
the front line. There has been a
growing concern and need about
communicating with intergroups and
central offices. They predate the
General Service Office but are not part
of the General Service Structure.
Receiving feedback from central
offices on AAWS' decisions to change
literature prices. // Article on Class A
Trustee, Dr. Al J. Mooney – served six
1-year terms. AA helped his parents;
they brought AA detox into their

home. // Fresh look for La Viña:
Launched its own website in January,
in Spanish. New book: "Mujeres en
A.A." // New online store has launched
on aa.org.

Quarterly report — report from three
corporations; quick updates;
Corrections Correspondence Service
is currently fully up with volunteers but
members can still consider signing up.
*2020 Q4 General Service Board
minutes* (unapproved) – Trustees'
reports, board sharing session reports,
presentations (102 pages). Tom will
share on CNIA.org website, password-
protected file.

Regional Delegates — Meeting
upcoming. Panels 69, 70, 71 overlap.
We are not sure what it will look like in
the future. We may not all meet
together like this.

Final Conference reports — Have you
read yours yet? Use this report as a
source of information for upcoming
71st Conference agenda items. Mark
your page numbers.

What's on your Mind?

Tom, Delegate: Assemblies seem
impersonal. Could host
districts put together a "District
Highlights" or short video?

Tom, Delegate: Potential
development of a smartphone
app showing agenda items
and background information.
An area in Southern California
is using an app.

Masks at meetings — We're not
the mask police; every group
is autonomous; try to remain
positive; seeking ideas to
support a group where
members won't wear masks;
AA does not suggest that
groups break the law; are we
willing to risk enforcement of
the law?

Pierre, outgoing CCF Liaison:
Health professionals that I
work with are asking for

access to any data about
relapse during covid. They are
putting together a presentation
on substance use, alcohol use
disorder, mental health. (send
email to pdelprato@aol.com)

My home group decided to
reallocate our Seventh
Tradition distributions. I've
always done birthday
contributions with my group
but went to aa.org this year.
Holly, DCM D21: The approved
spending plan should be in the
December Accents.

Jose's backgrounds are very
creative and colorful.

Grapevine, Brad: Has been
receiving 30 copies of La Viña
for a few months, originating
from an event hosted by
linguistic districts. Discussing
with Pacific Regional Trustee
Kathi F. about distributing
them. Can enter a CNIA
motion if needed.

"Living Sober" is now a free
audiobook. Go to aa.org,
"What's New" tab

Loren, D22: Any DCMs with a
registrar, please contact me so
I can get them in touch with
ours.

Have a nice holiday season and
see you at Winter Assembly!

We closed the meeting at 2:57 with the
Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendyce M.

CNIA Recording Secretary

January 1–January 30, 2021

	Jan 1-Jan 31, Spending Plan		% of budget
	2020	2021	
Revenue/Income			
4010 Group Contributions	3,954.09	54,380.00	7.27%
4020 Seventh Tradition	32.00	3,360.00	0.95%
4050 Contribution - Other	85.00	1,250.00	
Total 4 Contributed support	4,071.09	58,990.00	6.90%
5110 Literature Sales	0	1,200.00	0.00%
5140 Grapevine Sales	0	2,100.00	0.00%
5160 Assembly Income (net)	0	6,000.00	0.00%
5310 Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.08	1.50	5.33%
Total 5 Earned revenues	0.08	9,301.50	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 4,071.17	\$ 68,291.50	5.96%
Expenditures/Expense			
Total 7620 Delegate	15.00	7,527.00	0.20%
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	38.45	4,222.00	0.91%
Total 7740 Registrar		2,177.00	0.00%
Total 7600 Officers Expenses	83.45	27,269.00	0.31%
Total 7820 Literature Chair		2,557.00	0.00%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair		2,462.00	0.00%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair		4,157.00	0.00%
Total 7880 Accents Chair		2,247.00	0.00%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	402.75	3,067.00	13.13%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair		3,097.00	0.00%
Total 7940 Oral Translation Chair		3,482.00	0.00%
Total 7940.1 Written Translation Chair		1,962.00	0.00%
Total 7980 Eservices Chair		900.00	0.00%
Total 7800 Appointed Chair Expenses	402.75	23,931.00	1.68%
Total 8000 Assemblies		6,000.00	0.00%
Total 8070 Area Workshops		800.00	0.00%
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	881.06	10,920.00	8.07%
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	225.00	5,580.00	4.03%
Total 8300 Website	7.24	500.00	1.45%
Total 8500 Misc expenses		6,315.00	0.00%
Total 8920 Hispanic Women's Wk Liaison		1,000.00	0.00%
Total 8930 Hispanic Local Forum Liaison		2,000.00	0.00%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees		620.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,599.50	\$ 84,935.00	1.88%
Net Revenue/Income	\$ 2,471.67	\$ (16,643.50)	
Checking Account Balance	\$48,311.26		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$9,880.95		
Total Account Balance	\$58,192.21		

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA
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PRE-CONFERENCE
VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 10-11TH 2021

MORE INFO TO COME

ZOOM ID: 971-441-14585

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GSR Preamble

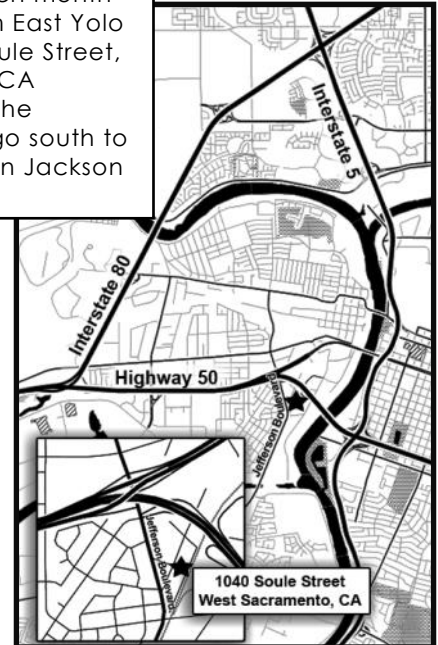
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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.



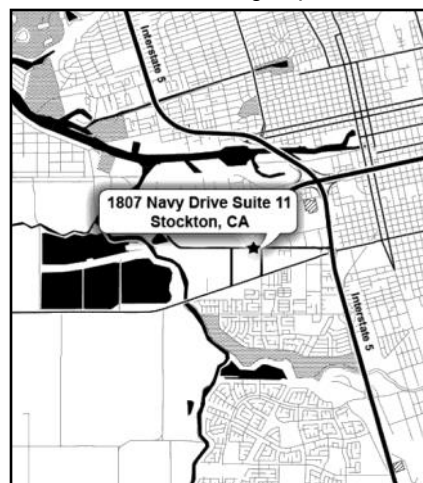
CNIA Archives Center

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 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	West Sacramento
March 5–7	PRAASA	Zoom	March 4–6	PRAASA	Portland, OR (Area 58)
March 20	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom	March 19	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
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 15–16	Post-Conference Assembly	Zoom	May 21-22	Post-Conference Assembly	Placerville (D22)
June 4-6	NCCAA	San Ramon	June 18	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
June 19	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	July 16	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
July 17	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	Aug 20	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Aug 21	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	Sep 17	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Sep 18	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	Oct 14-16	Mini-PRAASA	Marysville/ Yuba City (D19)
Oct 8–10	NCCAA	Rocklin	Nov. 19	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Oct 16	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento	Dec 17	Area Planning Meeting	West Sacramento
Nov. 19–21	Election Assembly	Sacramento (D24)			
Dec 18	Area Planning Meeting	West Sacramento			