

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

Thank you for participating in sharing your group's conscience at our Pre-Conference Assembly last month. It was a great success! This month, the California Northern Interior Area will be holding our Post Conference Assembly on Saturday, May 15th, on Zoom. You will find the flyer with the meeting information on the following page. Our Delegate, Tom A., will be reporting back to our Area about what happened at the 71st General Service Conference. I'm sure his report will not be one to miss!

Along with our regular reports this month, there is a motion under old business to be discussed from the DCM of District 24. Please take the time to read the motion before the business portion of the assembly.

I want to take the time to thank all of our Trusted Servants from Area 07 for doing such a great job this panel. It has been very challenging and together we have been able to accomplish what seemed like the impossible.

Applying Love,
Matthew L
CNIA07 Chair

POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AGENDA— May 15, 2021

Saturday, May 15th, 2021

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| 9:00 a.m. Assembly Convenes | ○ DCM Reports |
| 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Call to Order | 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Panel: Our AA Friends |
| • GSR Preamble, Traditions, Concepts, Why we need a Conference | 12:15 pm 1:00pm Lunch |
| • Introductions | 1:00 p.m – 2:45 p.m. Delegate Report from The 71st General Service Conference |
| Roll Call | 2:45 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Break |
| 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Weekend Overview | 2:50 p.m. - 4:10pm Old/New Business |
| 9:30 a.m.-9:35 a.m. 7th Tradition | 4:10 p.m. - 4:30 pm DCM Reports |
| 9:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. • Liaison reports | 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Breakout Rooms - What shape is your triangle? |
| ○ Assembly Reports | 5:15 p.m - 5:30 p.m. What's on your mind |
| ○ Approval of Pre-Conference Assembly Minutes | 5:30 pm Assembly Closes |

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES (UNAPPROVED) APRIL 10-11, 2021 ON ZOOM

The Pre-Conference Assembly of the California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held by Zoom videoconference on Saturday and Sunday, April 10–11, 2021, from 9:02 am to 7:57 pm on Saturday (with breaks for lunch and dinner), and from 9:00 am to 1:26 pm on Sunday. The Assembly Overview video by CNIA Panel 60 Delegate Melody T. was viewed several times throughout the weekend. CNIA and CNCA delegates were introduced throughout the weekend. We had a business meeting on Sunday from 12:00 to 1:26 pm. The assembly closed with the Responsibility Statement.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Area Chair, Matthew L., called the meeting to order at 9:02 am with the Serenity Prayer. Leslie K. read “Why Do We Need a Conference?”.

SHARING WITH DELEGATE ON CONFERENCE AGENDA TOPICS

We started sharing our group consciences with the Delegate, Tom A. We continued until 7:57 pm Saturday night, with breaks for lunch and dinner.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Area Chair, Matthew opened the second day of the CNIA Pre-Conference Assembly at 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. Rafael, D54, leyó “¿Por qué necesitamos una Conferencia?” en español.

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BUSINESS MEETING

Matthew called the business meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: ELECTION ASSEMBLY FORMAT

D24 DCM (Elections Assembly host district) Paul Z. moved, and Alt. Delegate Jenn D. seconded:

I move that we hold the Election Assembly on November 12, 13 & 14 as an online assembly.

DISCUSSION

D24 DCM Paul Z.: D24 was the first assembly to come back in person. As time goes by, our

options will change significantly but we have lots of help.

Alt. Delegate, Jenn D., explained, the officers took a lot of time to think and discuss this. Jenn clarified that unless this motion (reaffirming the officers’ decision to hold the assembly on Zoom) or a second motion (to host the assembly in person) receives substantial unanimity, the assembly will be on Zoom. A fair number of DCMs at the last few ACMs said they felt the decision had been taken away from them, and the officers wanted to make sure that everyone felt like their voice was heard. If you feel strongly about how assemblies are held, please voice your opinion.

Alt. Chair, Claudio, discussed that planning the next assembly can’t wait. Claudio discussed availability of different types of facilities, venue costs, food/beverage costs, production of a hybrid event, including internet connection, sound, social distancing, and participation of our Regional Trustee and Area 06 volunteers.

In-person or online participation

We had a poll in our last discussion: 17 were in favor of Zoom, 16 in favor of in-person, and 6 said we need more information. That near split gave pause.

None of our GSRs this panel have had the experience of an in-person, on-site assembly. . . . people talk about coloring on the tables, sharing snacks, chatting with someone from a district hundreds of miles away. I hate to think we would withhold that opportunity for fear of what may or may not be 7 months from now when we are moving back into an interactive society.

I miss out on the vacation portion of my service position but ultimately my job is to serve in whatever capacity I am. The General Service Conference is going to be held virtual. No one dropped out. Maybe we need to do a better job of making Zoom more attractive.

Doing the right thing for the right reasons is what we are trying to do in AA. My overall sense is that our numbers are declining in General Service because

Zoom is less personable, we don't get to have side conversations, we don't get to eat ice cream with each other arm in arm. Many people who aren't here on Zoom don't show up for assemblies and ACMs. There are people who will be able and unable to attend in-person or on zoom. On Sunday morning at the end of an assembly, there are definitely more than 44 people still present.

Planning

For the 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly, D21 didn't know until a week or two before that we would have to cancel. We had to refund all the registrations. In the Central Valley we have had bad economic impacts. Economically there would be cost for hotels. Many meetings are going to a hybrid model because of uncertainty and other issues. If we lost a \$500 deposit, our area is not going to be hurt financially. I think we should listen to Claudio, who has shared his experience this past 2 years. We don't always have to like it when we disagree.

Access and participation

I thought in the beginning, hybrid would be a possibility. Some area officers mentioned they attended an election as hybrid and it was confusing. We are going to be limiting, regardless of guidelines. Some may not feel comfortable meeting in person. We do want to make it all inclusive. We can start preparing to make the Winter Assembly hybrid of some sort. I don't like that it's either all or nothing. I don't like the exclusion. Part of the lack of interest in the group I represent is that they haven't had the experience I have had being a GSR in previous years. If more people could see that, they would be more excited to participate in General Service work. When we went on Zoom I have been able to attend many meetings. GSRs from prison can attend, and they have never been able to participate and have a voice. Black and Indigenous people of color are most affected by the coronavirus by economic impact and who has contracted the virus. If they have not fully recovered, I would hate to think this area would like

to continue to perpetuate excluding Black Indigenous people of color in those kinds of ways.

We can't argue that we have more participation, but maybe more access because it's convenient.

Standing for service positions

How many people would stand for a position on Zoom who might not be able to serve in person in 2022–23, only remotely?

If someone wants to run and they cannot – it doesn't seem fair.

My service position is anywhere the message can be carried.

If you stand for a position, we don't ask if you're actually able to do those tasks. We assume you will ask for help when needed. Think about what we are considering to only do online or in person.

We elect our trusted servants for one reason, to serve us. We trust them to do the best they can with the information they have.

The motion was withdrawn.

Paul, D24 DCM, moved, Holly, D21 DCM, seconded:

If public health guidelines for all counties in the California Northern Interior Area allow for travel to Sacramento County and if public health guidelines in Sacramento County allow attendance of the members, the 2021 Election Assembly will occur as an in-person event.

The Host District (District 24, Sacramento) is ready and able to host an in-person Election Assembly if it is allowed by the relevant state health guidelines.

The Host Committee will need to provide the location and cancellation dates to the Area Committee by the June 2021 Area Committee Meeting.

The Host Committee will provide flyers with event location and lodging information for the Assembly for the September and October Area Accents and Acentos newsletters, to ensure GSR's have adequate time to make reservations.

The California Northern Interior Area agrees to abide by all state and local public health guidelines.

The Area Committee will make a final determination on the venue or platform of

the Election Assembly at the Area Committee Meeting in August 2021

The Assembly and the Area Committee entrust the Alternate Chair, acting as Assembly Coordinator, and Area Officers to make the best-informed decision if health circumstances change prior to the Assembly and a decision is necessary. A report to Election Assembly will be provided regarding the basis of the decision.

The motion was presented in English to read by screen sharing in Zoom.

DISCUSSION

Area Chair, Matthew, instructed that we will not vote on this motion today because we don't have everyone here to vote. **Q:** Are the officers within their rights of the bylaws to make a decision to stay online this year? **A:** The officers discussed and voted amongst ourselves, 6-0, 1 abstention, that is what would be best for the area, safety-wise. We have our Pacific Regional Trustee coming here for the assembly. As chair I felt it was necessary that the motion is brought to this body for everyone who doesn't attend the regular business meetings. Whatever the body decides to do, we will support. We want to be united.

Over a year ago, I was at an ACM and said there were a lot of moving parts and we will have to do the best we can. Time, circumstances, medical knowledge change. The second motion means to me is that if planets align, we do an in-person meeting. If not, we pull the plug and go back to zoom.

I learned to trust my trusted servants. I don't think you've disregarded the restrictions or the news, but decided having it on zoom would be the best for the area.

DCM, D24, Paul: I am not trying to undermine our officers' delegated authority. To me it's a larger issue, Concept I. It was voted on to have this responsibility. We have an opportunity to discuss as a fellowship. I am asking that a change in that decision would be made with that authority. I don't think [the officers] expressed their opinions as to why they have made that decision. In-person is game changing. Are

we collectively on Zoom, or are we trying to move the ball forward?

Alt. Delegate, Jenn: The officers didn't feel a hybrid format would be appropriate for our election assembly in particular, and that we'd see out Zoom to the end of the panel. The body has entrusted the area officers over the past year. 7 other districts who were awarded assemblies had to cancel and go to Zoom. The 2020 districts had first choice for 2022 assemblies. The 2021 districts had first choice for 2023 assemblies. The officers did not make this decision lightly. We understand the spiritual value of standing for a position at an area election.

To be continued as old business at the Post-Conference Assembly.

CONSIDERATION OF 2021 WINTER ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Loren moved, Claudio seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendyce M

CNIA 07 Panel 70

Recording Secretary

CNIA Income/Expense 2021

JANUARY 1--APRIL 30, 2021

	Jan 1-Apr 28, 2021	Spending Plan 2021	% of budget
Revenue/Income			
4010 Group Contributions	13,088.62	54,380.00	24.07%
4020 Seventh Tradition	74.00	3,360.00	2.20%
4050 Contribution - Other	207.00	1,250.00	16.56%
Total 4 Contributed support	13,369.62	58,990.00	22.66%
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	0.24	1.50	16.00%
Total 5 Earned revenues	0.24	9,301.50	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 13,369.86	\$ 68,291.50	19.58%
Expenditures/Expense			
Total 7620 Delegate	1975.05	7,527.00	26.24%
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	163.40	4,222.00	3.87%
Total 7740 Registrar	231.01	2,177.00	10.61%
Total 7600 Officers Expenses	2399.46	27,269.00	8.80%
Total 7820 Literature Chair		2,557.00	0.00%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair		2,462.00	0.00%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair		4,157.00	0.00%
Total 7880 Accents Chair	15.00	2,247.00	0.67%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	497.61	3,067.00	16.22%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	15.00	3,097.00	0.48%
Total 7940 Oral Translation Chair		3,482.00	0.00%
Total 7940.1 Written Translation Chair	15.00	1,962.00	0.76%
Total 7980 E Services Chair		900.00	0.00%
Total 7800 Appointed Chair Expenses	542.61	23,931.00	2.27%
Total 8000 Assemblies		6,000.00	0.00%
Total 8070 Area Workshops		800.00	0.00%
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	4256.07	10,920.00	38.98%
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	3206.00	5,580.00	57.46%
Total 8300 Website		500.00	0.00%
Total 8500 Misc expenses	4467.01	6,315.00	70.74%
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	17.61	620.00	2.84%
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,888.76	\$ 84,935.00	17.53%
Net Revenue/Income	\$ (1,518.90)	\$ (16,643.50)	9.13%
Checking Account Balance	\$45,337.81		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$9,881.11		
Total Account Balance	\$55,218.92		

AREA 07
POST CONFERENCE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY



SATURDAY May 15, 2021

9:00am-5:00pm (PST)

ZOOM MEETING ID: 920 7580 6362

PASSWORD: PostConfer

DIAL IN BY TELEPHONE: +1 (699) 900-6833

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SIMULTANEOUS SPANISH-ENGLISH INTERPRETATION IS PROVIDED IN
THE ZOOM APP

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GSR Preamble

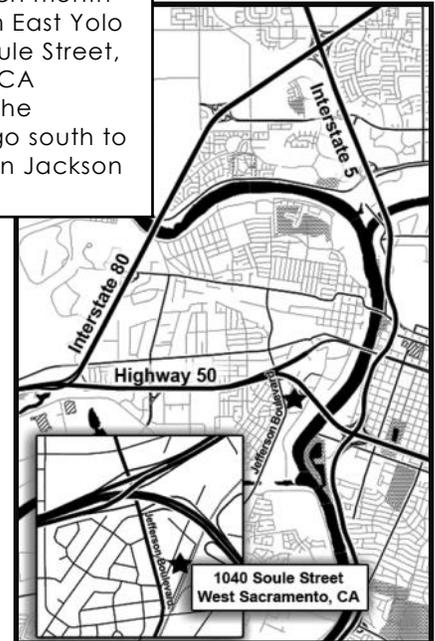
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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.



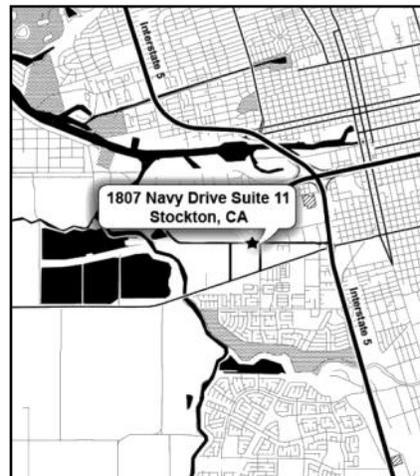
CNIA Archives Center

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

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

2022 (Proposed)