

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair's Report

Greetings Trusted Servants,

This month our Pre-Conference Assembly for California Northern Interior Area 07 (CNIA) will be held April 10th and 11th on Zoom. Look for the meeting information on the flyer. The entire assembly will be dedicated to the General Service Representatives (GSR's) sharing their group's conscience on this year's 71st General Service Conference Agenda with our Delegate, Tom A. He will be eager to hear everything you have to share. Please sign up for a time slot before the event. Look at the cni.org website for details.

Our Delegate will be attending the General Service Conference April 18th through the 25th. He will be reporting back all that happens at this year's annual meeting. We will hear his report back at the Post Conference Assembly on Saturday May 15th and 16th. Look for the flyer in this month's Accents.

Thank you for your dedication and efforts to Area 07. This is an exciting time to be in service!

Please stay safe everyone.

Applying Love,
Matthew L
CNIA07 Chair

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AGENDA— APRIL 10 AND 11, 2021

Saturday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Call to Order
Serenity Prayer
Why we need a conference
9:05 a.m. Weekend Overview
9:20 a.m. Sharing with the Delegate on Agenda Items
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:20 pm. Sharing with the Delegate on Agenda Items
5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Sharing with the Delegate on Agenda Items
8:00 p.m. Sharing with the Delegate on Agenda Items
9:00 p.m. Close

Sunday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Serenity Prayer
Why we need a conference
9:20 a.m. Sharing with the Delegate on Agenda Items
12:00 p.m. Business meeting
Consideration of the 2021 Winter Assembly Minutes
Old Business / New Business

The Winter Assembly of the California Northern Interior Area was called to order at 9:30 am on Saturday, January 16, 2021 by Area Alt-Chair, Claudio. Lauralyn read the Twelve Traditions (short form), Joshua G read the Twelve Concepts (short form), Sandi A. read the GSR Preamble, and Holly D21 read "Why Do We Need A Conference?"

Introductions of past Delegates:

Inez (Panel 44), Melody (Panel 60), Mike (Panel 68), Marianne (Panel 56), Kelley (Panel 64)

Roll Call of districts was presented by Claudio and E-Services. "**Get to know District 33**" presentation was given by Drew, DCM.

Assembly reports, Claudio: **Pre-Conference, Post-Conference:** Assemblies will be held on Zoom.

Election: Working with D24 to put together a committee. They are concerned about venue availability, deposits and possible returns if the in-person event is cancelled.

LIAISONS

Hospitals & Institutions, Vikki: We received our Policies & Procedures manuals October 2020 with a lot of revisions. H&I's scope now includes more people who are confined, not just those who are confined in prisons and jails. Discussed reimbursement for travel expenses. The Steering Committee discussed bringing various literature to meetings.

Northern California Council: No report provided, not present

Central California Fellowship/

Sacramento: Veronica R.: A new office manager, Robin T., was hired and began in January. CCF Delegates vote on new bylaws, Jan. 16. Literature can be ordered online for curbside pickup M-F, 9 am – 2 pm. aasacramento.org/newsletter.

Fresno Intergroup, Joshua: We have been doing our best to keep the virtual meetings list up to date. There is a new list of in-person meetings. fresnoaa.org. New hours: M-F 11:30-4, Sat. by appointment.

Northern California Accessibility Committee, Mike K: 6th anniversary event is Jan. 3, 1–3:30 pm with participation of people with blind, deaf, and accessibility needs.

Young People in A.A.

PLAYPAA (Placer County), Mary Jane, General Service Liaison: Meetings are 2nd/4th Sundays 6:00–7:30 pm on Zoom. Monthly speaker meeting and event, 1st Sat., on Zoom. Hybrid meeting Sundays 2–3 pm at Alano Club and on Zoom. Made contribution in December 2020 to Grapevine "Carry the Message."

SACYPAA (Sacramento), Jennifer, General Service Liaison: Holding monthly speaker meetings and events. SACYPAA may bid for WACYPAA. Business meetings: 2nd Sundays 2–4 pm. www.sacypaa.org
REDYPAA (Redding), Susy P., GSR: Monthly business meetings 4th Sundays 3–5 pm. Our committee has some open positions. Speaker meeting and event: 3rd Saturdays.

DISTRICTS

D09: no report, not present

D11: Lauralyn: we are dealing with grief and loss in D11. Dan Z., Treasurer, passed from COVID, Deanna, DCM, resigned. Maureen is the new DCM. Suzy P Recording Sec. Our Jan. 10 meeting included 3 officers, 2 visitors, 1 GSR.

D15, John C.: We are considering making a new position as zoom meeting host. A lot of groups are on the NY Intergroup account, which is ending, so they need their own account.

D17, Lindsay G: We have a variety of zoom, in-person and hybrid

meetings. We are writing new bylaws. Workshop on group health, Jan. 30.

D19, Annette H: D19 last meeting was held Jan 1 with 8 members. D19 is financially healthy. Attendance remains constant. We have one new GSR. There is a mix of how groups are meeting. Zoom only, in person and one group is a hybrid model of Zoom and in person. Most groups report doing ok financially but still needing contributions. D19 is hosting a unity event. Steve D has organized a speaker and a 21 Questions game, with sharing following the speaker. Grateful to be hosting 2021 Mini-PRAASA. Made contributions to CCFAA and GSO.

D20, Todd: We have been fortunate to have maintained regular attendance of about 20 people at monthly business meetings. D20 is hosting the CNIA unity meeting in January. We voted to keep the newspaper ad suspended. PI/CPC chair is making inroads on other means to reaching suffering alcoholics.

D21, Holly: D21 has 35 active groups in various formats. Participation and contributions to the district are holding strong. Excited to have the opportunity to host 2022 Pre-Conference. We passed the 2021 spending plan, including a quarterly contribution to NCAC and Grapevine & La Viña "Carry the Message" subscriptions. We met in December to go over district inventory action items. www.aaplacer.org is updated regularly. Attended US/Canada Western Forum, NCAC, and Treasurers' sharing session. I am registered for PRAASA.

D22, Loren: We have a new, hard-working registrar. We have 21 active, 11 inactive, and 4 unknown groups. Most groups are zoom only, but an in

-person option is available. Our financials are good. Our first choice venue for the 2022 Post-Conference Assembly is unavailable. The search continues, undaunted.

D23, Joe: Most groups are meeting via zoom. One meeting has a hybrid with 11 people average in attendance while simul-cast on zoom.

D24, George: We have normal attendance through the year so far on Zoom. We are receiving good contributions from groups, so we have the Cadillac problem of what to do with the funds. The Grapevine writing workshop in November was well attended.

D25, Don H, Alt DCM: We are continuing our service in time of covid. Everett and I are working with Mike to facilitate a district inventory. I will help host a committee and breakout at the Mock Conference in place of Everett. A group in D25, Babes in Recovery, has developed a Twelve Step Checklist and is submitting it with rationale and endorsements for CNIA discussion, as a potential General Service Conference agenda item.

D27, Amanda: We are meeting on zoom 3rd Saturdays. We did not meet in December due to the holiday. 15-20 GSRs participating.

D29, Patrick: We've had fewer people meeting on Zoom, which we have been doing since March. We meet the last Monday of the month. We got our bylaws updated. Thanks to D24 for their help. Our treasury is healthy. We had a Grapevine workshop and will have a follow-up. We are having a service manual study group on 2nd Mondays, with speakers from various service groups. One of our longtime GSRs and service members, Jeff D, passed away 2 months ago.

D30, Michael: Zoom has been the main tool for keeping the connection. We are meeting on the 2nd Saturdays, 10 am on Zoom. Attendance of most

zoom meetings has gone up. We are reaching out to newcomers. The rehab in Arnold has a good connection with meetings. We put out a list of zoom meetings. Unity Day will have a virtual tour of Bill W's house.

D33, Drew: AA is alive and maintaining in this new year. Only a few meetings are in true hibernation. Our Zoom and in-person meeting schedules are kept up to date on an Excel sheet. Our website is seeing good visits and we have improved its mobile appearance. We have switched to a VOIP hotline. Our PI/CPC committee has published a wallet card with instructions on how to get and use Zoom, how to find our schedule, and encouragement to call our hotline for help. At our district meeting there is much discussion about reaching the alcoholic that still suffers in a COVID protocol world. Our treasury has too much money.

D34, Beth: My alternate, a new GSR, and I are attending from a hotel in Reno. We can't wait to have in-person assemblies again. It's been a slow process for some groups but most are fully open for in-person, zoom or hybrid. We are doing well financially. Our business meeting is the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm as a hybrid meeting at the Alano Club 1660 Herndon Road, Ceres.

D36, Julie: D36 continues to trudge the road of Happy Destiny. We are keeping the doors open virtually and in person for the newcomer to walk through, which they continue to do. The district is financially sound. A new GSR, Tee, is present today.

D37 no report, not present

D40, Ray: Our meeting was held the 1st Sunday at 1:00 pm (virtual meeting). We typically have 8-9 people representing 5-6 fellowships in Madera and Mariposa Counties. We have many discussions about meeting formats. We have few in-house in-person meetings. If we do, attendance

is quite low. We have an adequate prudent reserve. We will determine how to willfully and correctly allocate the money after covid is diminished in importance. We are trying to get more zoom meetings, as it seems to work better for the majority of fellowships in our area.

D41, Joshua: We talked about the D42 GSR School and gave an overview of the upcoming year. NCAC extended an opportunity to incorporate the Fresno Intergroup area into the NCAC Uber For Business and Google Voice number to request rides to meetings. The Fresno Fellowship has been under construction to have two restroom spaces. A longtime group with difficulties financially supporting their rent decided to dissolve the lease and is meeting virtually. We talked about developing a district for online groups to continue having a presence at district meetings.

D42, Reyna: Finances are stable. GSR Training, hosted by Claudio. Jenn will be attending our February meeting, and Tom will be hosting a Pre-Conference meeting in March. We had excess funds at the end of 2020 and made splits to GSO, Area, and Central Office. We have an intergroup representative and treasurer. Our district is very strong throughout COVID. We have come together and made our service commitment a priority.

D43, Ray, Alt. DCM: D43 is doing OK financially. We lost some in-person meetings throughout. Our website has been removed due to difficulties maintaining/updating. We will discuss creating a new one if there is a need. We did get two new GSRs who may be attending the Winter Assembly. We are looking forward to getting in-person meetings back. We had an issue with using PayPal. Four areas are doing smaller meetings.

D47, Allen L: A small group of officers and GSRs continue to meet. No district events are being planned for the near future. Groups continue to contribute, but we are not spending the money we are receiving. Last month we contributed \$1,000 to Tulare County Central Office and \$200 to AAWS.

D49, Robert: We're keeping the doors open. We have some meetings going, and things are going fine.

D53, Jose: We took some time off in December. We meet Fridays 7:00-9:00 pm. We had 18 people attending out of 25 in the district. Finances are going great.

D54, Rafael: We have meetings on the 1st Thursdays (service reports) and 3rd Thursdays (Concepts study). Thank you, Margie, for the Finance/Treasurers workshop. D54 approved using a PO Box. The 2021 spending plan was presented to RSGs, and it was approved. We are experiencing little participation with the service structure.

D55, Jose: No report, not present

D56, Gilberto M: We meet on 3rd Thursdays, with assistance from 3-4 RSGs. We are studying the Concepts. The activities of the district are cloudy because of the pandemic but our Public Information committee had their first meeting on the radio on January 10, 4 pm in Modesto, Stockton and surrounding areas, 2nd Sundays of each month. We continue to motivate groups to participate in the district and the committees.

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Accents, Celia: Thanks to everyone for getting their Accents items in on time. Thanks to Amanda for translating into Spanish. Hard copy went out in the mail on Jan. 8. The email went out on Monday. If you want to receive the Accents, or if you are a GSR and DCM and you think you should be getting them, please contact Herminia. She maintains the contact list... you're your group's connection to GSO and AA.

Archives, Jeff: We got a new scanner that is faster, higher quality, and can create a searchable catalog and save files on the cloud. The archives center is not open to visitors at this time. Inez and I have been working there on Wednesdays. Our International Convention photos are being preserved and they will be hung at the archives repository. At our last assembly, we showed our new video. Paul/D24 created an anonymous version that can be posted on websites. Emily is working on posting it to CNIA.org.

BTG, Jason: I received two blue cards in the past 2 months and passed them along to CNCA 06. The treatment facility I've been going to had a Covid breakout and was temporarily closed. I've received three letters from inmates asking about Bridging the Gap. I have written back explaining what we do and do not do. Some people have come up with online presentations. I would like DCMs to reach out to me about facilities so we can give presentations to their staff.

E-Services, Emily: We're working on updating the website. If you sent me an email or talked to me about requested changes, thanks for your patience while I do those. We want someone who speaks Spanish on the committee. Let me know if you are interested.

Finance Committee, Holly: Larry stepped down, and we are welcoming Rafael. Jan. 13 meeting: Margie, Holly, Annette and Mike K Past Delegate. The 2021 Spending Plan was approved at Mini PRAASA. It was not in the Dec 2020 Accents, but it is in Jan 2021. Our bank balances continue to grow with contributions and without expenses. The Treasurer's Sharing session included 2 informed speakers, and a lot of engaging discussion on how to carry the message of AA. To GSRs and DCMs: Please go to your groups and districts for ideas on how to expend funds. Spending Plan

questions for your consideration: (1) GSO requests each area to contribute \$1,800 for operating expenses at the General Service Conference. CNIA optionally contributes an additional \$1,400 as our budget allows. Should we have separate line items? (2) Do we want to include taxes and insurance in regular expenses or should they be included in the prudent reserve? The prudent reserve is \$9,880, including \$3,200 for the General Service Conference, "walking around money" for the Delegate during the GSC; liability insurance; Archives rental; and East Yolo Fellowship meeting room rental. It does not include yearly taxes or insurance. // We discussed whether to include these items into the Prudent Reserve.

Grapevine, Brad: I have been part of a couple of workshops recently. People from outside the Area are sitting in. I've received some questions from GVRs asking what they are supposed to be doing. I am considering doing a virtual tour. I am registered for PRAASA.

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

Oral Translation, Jose: I am grateful to be here. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Written Translation, Amanda: I am available for any written translations, Spanish to English and vice versa.

OFFICERS

Registrar, read report: Happy New Year! I am recuperating from COVID-19. I am really excited and looking forward to working on the new "Fellowship Connection" system, formerly My Portal which has been shut down. I took training on Dec 19 with 25 participants, as the fellowship was having the virtual Forum which I also attended. All DCMs & GSRs will need an email address to be entered in the system. I now have a contact person at GSO for tech support. I continue to clean up the Accents/

Acentos list. Please let me know if you prefer email or a hard copy.

Treasurer, Margie: Last month, I emailed contribution reports to all DCMs. Synopsis of 2020: Net income \$13,449.98. Revenue: \$55,407.06. We anticipated \$61,476.50. We received about 90% of what was budgeted for income, which was substantial considering all the losses and changes. We had \$3,693 income from the Winter Assembly. Normally that would be offset by what the Area put in for the assembly, but it was spent in 2019, so it didn't net out.

\$2,000 contribution from a member.

Many groups made contributions into the hundreds.

\$110 contribution from the PRAASA Committee for Area scholarships in 2020. It arrived so close to the PRAASA date we did not talk about using that. Perhaps we can use that for another date.

Mileage expense for agenda item workshops

International Convention: CNIA hosts a welcome room. We received a refund of the Area's support of the Delegate's registration.

Hispanic Women's Workshop: We paid \$365 to support the event. It was hosted on Zoom, so our contribution was refunded.

Accents: The Area's biggest expense

Literature: No purchases made

Translation: Not on spending plan. We had to make last-minute decisions on paying a translator when needed.

\$640 transfer from checking (operating expenses) to savings (prudent reserve)

Prudent Reserve: Consists of archives center rental, meeting room rental, liability

insurance and contribution to GSC

Payment of taxes and to Philadelphia Insurance

The treasurers' sharing session went well. Thanks to Claudio, Jose and Holly. Thanks to D21 Treasurer Jane and Past Delegate Melody for sharing. Topics included "Who's in our neighborhood" and "Any means necessary." Welcome to Rafael to our Finance Committee. // Margie reminded us to include group name and number on contributions.

Recording Secretary: Attended NCAC planning meeting for the anniversary event in January. Consulted with Margie about information in past years' approved spending plans as published in the Accents.

Alt. Chair, Claudio: Thank you all for being of service especially during the times we are in. One of my goals is to try to keep the assembly as close as possible to a regular assembly but I've found that to be difficult. Thank you Jenn for helping me out. I attended the Treasurer's workshop and hosted the Unity AA meeting with D21. The next meeting will be hosted by D20. I helped D49 with their first zoom meeting. I helped host D11 in December. I attended the virtual Western Forum. I worked with the Area Inventory committee to go over the notes. Let me know if your district would like me to give a GSR presentation.

Chair, Matthew: Attended CNIA unity meeting in December. Attended Western Regional Forum. I am registered for PRAASA. Attended Treasurer's workshop. The report from D11 is still resonating... we lost someone in our area to covid. I hope we continue to help the next alcoholic but we need to remain safe.

Lunch break 12:07 pm. We reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Delegate, Tom: Virtual Western Forum. We've never had a combined forum like this. You could go into different rooms. 1,800 people were registered. This format could be replicated. I got to go to recovery meetings with other delegates online. I wouldn't have had the opportunity to do that were we not meeting online. Agenda items workshops: Feb. 15: List of final items and background information will be coming out. People should decide what items to talk about, and get an informed group conscience. 134 total voting members for 2021 General Service Conference. They did a survey on operating the conference. People did not like shortening it from 7 days to 4 days. For 2021 it will go back to 7 days. Video reports will be available to review in advance. First-year Delegates usually give "area highlights" which wasn't done in 2020. The survey said the area highlights is not a good use of time, so reports will be published in the final conference report.

January: CNIA Winter Assembly
February, March: Mock Conference, agenda workshops and discussions
March: Virtual PRAASA: The theme is "AA In a Time of Change." Last year, the Area 93 Delegate gave me a big bag of buttons for the 2021 PRAASA. The PRAASA committee is asking for volunteers from each area (presenters, timers, moderators and readers).

April: Bring group conscience to the Delegate
Discussing finances, GSO still needs contributions: We shouldn't be afraid to reach out to district, intergroup and area treasurers and have an open discussion. As a GSR, you should have access to that information. aa.org contributions page and bookstore have been updated.
Grapevine/La Viña: Supporting the Carry the Message project – You

cannot send them money. It is a separate corporation, and they have staff, facilities, equipment, etc.

2020 Conference banner: The digital design was printed on banner material. I will be dropping it off to Archives. For the next Conference, I will get signatures from attendees and email a template to other areas.

Final GSC reports: Let me know how many each district needs. It seems like we have too many. 1,200–1,300 delivered to CNIA for 2020.

Tom reported that he submitted a change in wording to the Guidelines on Finance in the “Questions and Answers” portion for AA Grapevine, regarding “sample” contributions and pie charts. The item did not come to the Area Assembly for approval, but Tom sent it to a couple of past delegates for their review and feedback. The AA Guidelines does not require Conference approval. Tom noted: “AA belongs to us. If you think something needs to be changed, run it by a couple of people and send it in.”

Area Inventory

Comments, Claudio: Similar to a personal inventory or a store inventory, what suggestions and changes need to be made in order to grow? We can probably tackle some of these things as the year goes on. Bring your discussions, comments back to the Area.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal to change the dates of the General Service Conference by a month or two in order for each group to have enough time to develop group conscience and bring back to the Delegate.

Presenters: D42 DCM, Reyna, members, Bill L and Tommy R. In December 2020, we forwarded to New York a proposal to consider the GSC schedule and hold the Conference in mid-May of in each year. They accepted the item and have forwarded it to the Conference Agenda Committee.

Chair, Matthew: We did not have enough time to discuss it as an Area. If we did, we would have been voting on it today. Would you like to make a motion for 2021 to take effect for 2022 and thereafter? The motion you made was great. You forwarded it already.

Tommy: Our thought process was to submit it before the 2020 deadline, and ask this assembly’s support for that. As to submitting it for the 2022 conference, they will either accept it for review or not.

Bill: We submitted it to New York because we believe the timing is critical. When the COVID crisis is over they will be negotiating contracts and setting up revised conference schedules. Patrick in New York is expecting follow-up from CNIA on this item. Patrick said if the Area Assembly took action on this today and forwarded their approval, he would include it with the Board Weekend agenda.

Discussion: They are planning for dates 5 years from now. // We would be behind the change. // It feels rushed, not enough time. // **Q**: Would this change the dates now or in the future? **A**: Yes if it is approved. We don’t know what year the conference would take effect. The Area Recording Secretary read the motion.

Additional Discussion: Delegate, Tom: All of the hotel reservations we made were cancelled, so we wouldn’t have to suffer any penalties. The future dates are being set, but may be fairly easily changed if the conference chose to. // **Q**: Are we voting today to support D42’s proposal, which they have already submitted? **A**: Yes. Area 07 would add their name to the letter. The motion was seconded by Leslie K., D34 GSR.

Point of clarification: 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 which is held the last weekend of January 2021.

Matthew: We will not be taking action on this today, and we will not be taking up any business at the next assembly. We are 20 minutes over the agenda time.

NEW BUSINESS

Developing a Twelve Steps Checklist, by D25 group, Babes in Recovery Area Chair, Matthew said the item would be brought up as new business at the Post-Conference Assembly.

MOCK CONFERENCE

Claudio and Jenn: We have been thinking about ways to bring us together in this new format. This is an opportunity for DCMs, GSRs and anyone interested in General

Service to understand what is meant by “discussing the agenda topics.” Kelley M., Past Delegate Panel 64, 2014–15, shared about the General Service Conference and agenda items.

Dinner break: 5:30 pm. We reconvened at 6:02 pm.

REPORT-BACKS FROM MOCK

CONFERENCE: We heard reports and recommendations from each committee. We chose one topic to consider as a group, then discussed and voted on whether to go forth with the motion. 114 people participated.

What’s on your mind?

Treasurer, Margie: Clearing up a comment in the chat regarding a \$45,000 line item in the spending plan. We have about \$13,000 excess from last year. We will be sending \$3,200 to NY. Insurance and taxes will be paid early in the year. We would like to encourage people to consider where their Seventh Tradition contributions are most needed.

I would love to have information about all the upcoming events.

Other areas have apps for GSRs, DCMs, meetings. E-Services is looking into an app for CNIA where informational items can be added for GSRs and DCMs to share with groups. It could be done at no cost using the Glide platform or other app platforms that can be sustainable and don’t require a lot of coding.

How to get GSRs involved? It’s easy – bring them to an assembly.

This is where the excitement and activity happens, and it’s where I got bit by the bug.

What would it cost to rent a screen at the drive-in movies and watch an AA movie? SACYPAA is having an event at a drive-in! Inez and Jeff were talking about doing an Archives Day with a movie screening.

We adjourned at 7:43 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

Report back on Area Inventory conducted at 2020 Mini-PRAASA

1. What is the Area's Purpose and how are we Fulfilling its Purpose?

There should be a publicly visible statement on the website

Purpose of area and individual's primary purpose

More GSR schools, GSR orientation

Maybe a video orientation or some resources to show people what to expect

Create a DCM buddy between people who are coming on and rotating out

2. Conference theme // What is the Area's clear vision for you?

The area has supported unity.

Unity could be improved by continuing to spread the message of AA on zoom, hybrid meetings, reaching out to people who cannot or will not go to online meetings. Is the area looking at ways to reach out to people who do not have zoom?

People keep talking about this panel being only about survival

Did not see anything on the website

Does the area have an emergency plan?

People were all on their own and trying to figure it out.

The area could provide wifi hotspots for area officers so they can participate.

Where do we want to be in 1 year or 5 years? It is astonishing that changes were made quickly.

3. Are we doing all we can to encourage the Right of Participation through all "links in the chain of communication?"

Who is missing that could make a contribution to this area? The area could do a better job of reaching out.

Traveling is easier because we have a big divide between North and South. Using zoom for ACMs could make it easier for people to participate. This may lead to more people making themselves available for area service.

Nice to see the area involved with accessibility but there is nothing on the website. Are accessibility services focused only on the Sacramento area?

A person works at a senior facility. They would prefer that people go to meetings rather than AA come in.

Having trouble getting into senior centers – not everyone has online access.

Could outreach to Ukraine and Hmong communities.

We could reach out to the homeless community with PI/CPC

Black people, Hispanic women and homeless are unrepresented in area meetings.

4. Is the area using the Seventh Tradition to fulfill our primary purpose?

People see money in our reserve fund and want to spend it.

Holding on to funds isn't a good idea.

Would like to see us reach out to groups next year.

I would like to research how to do hybrid meetings and then do it. We could purchase equipment for hybrid meetings that we can use in the future.

Would like more transparency on the budget at the beginning of the year

Would like to see planning for prudent reserve rather than planning to overspend. There are different ways to create a budget.

Would like to see more information about officer expenses.

Would like to hire a professional interpreter. It has been done for many years by the same person. Our translation headsets and equipment is damaged.

Have a quarterly workshop for district treasurers.

When the spending plan was proposed, we didn't talk about our bank balance increasing so much above the prudent reserve.

5. Is our use of technology effective? Is our use of technology limiting participation, encouraging participation, or both?

What more can we do?

Groups were overall happy with what the area has provided and would appreciate more information on the website: Calendar, district meetings and something more helpful.

Zoom is good but not everyone can be reached. What can we do to keep unity with people who have zoom and non-zoom?

More outreach to help people fearful of zoom. The area could do more.

Have member stories in the Accents, so people will read it, like the Grapevine

Pay someone to help with updating the website, creating district pages, or helping districts with their own websites. Have an e-services workshop for this.

Have workshops or sharing meetings for all officer and appointed positions

Having wifi hot spots and pay for the internet expenses

Could the area put on a forum similar to the regional forum?

Next steps: Bring these bullet points back to districts and discuss.

JANUARY 1--MARCH 31, 2021

	Jan 1-Mar 28, 2021	Spending Plan 2021	% of budget
Revenue/Income			
4010 Group Contributions	8,897.36	54,380.00	16.36%
4020 Seventh Tradition	74.00	3,360.00	2.20%
4050 Contribution - Other	197.00	1,250.00	15.76%
Total 4 Contributed support	9,168.36	58,990.00	15.54%
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	0.16	1.50	10.67%
Total 5 Earned revenues	0.16	9,301.50	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 9,168.52	\$ 68,291.50	13.43%
Expenditures/Expense			
Total 7620 Delegate	763.71	7,527.00	10.15%
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	832.16	27,269.00	3.05%
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	402.75	3,067.00	13.13%
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	447.75	23,931.00	1.87%
Total 8000 Assemblies		6,000.00	0.00%
Total 8070 Area Workshops		800.00	0.00%
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	3458.97	10,920.00	31.68%
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	2981.00	5,580.00	53.42%
Total 8300 Website		500.00	0.00%
Total 8500 Misc expenses	4227.01	6,315.00	66.94%
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	14.82	620.00	2.39%
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,961.71	\$ 84,935.00	14.08%
Net Revenue/Income	\$ (2,793.19)	\$ (16,643.50)	16.78%
Checking Account Balance	\$43,855.75		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$9,881.03		
Total Account Balance	\$53,736.78		

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA 07

PRE - CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

APRIL 10-11TH, 2021

Please attend to inform and advise our Delegate on your Group's conscience regarding agenda items that will be discussed at the 71st General Service Conference.

SATURDAY APRIL 10TH

9:00am - 8:00pm



SUNDAY APRIL 11TH

9:00am - 12:00pm

ZOOM MEETING ID: 971-4411-4585

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AREA 07
POST CONFERENCE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY



SATURDAY May 15, 2021

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

ZOOM MEETING ID: 920 7580 6362

PASSWORD: PostConfer

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GSR Preamble

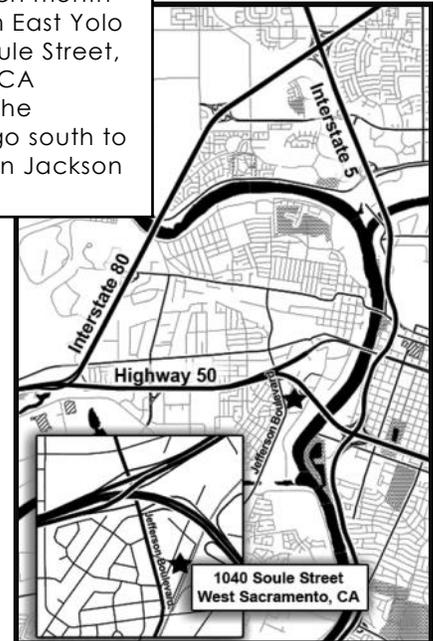
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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.



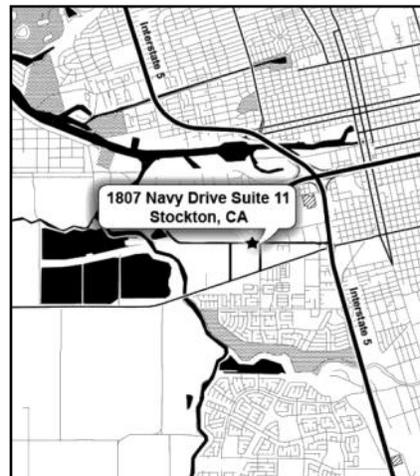
CNIA Archives Center

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
Feb 20	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom
March 5–7	PRAASA	Zoom
March 20	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom
April 10–11	Pre-Conference Assembly	Zoom
April 18–24	General Service Conference	Virtual
May 15	Post-Conference Assembly	Zoom
June 4-6	NCCAA	San Ramon
June 19	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom
July 17	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom
Aug 21	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom
Sep 18	Area Committee Meeting	Zoom
Oct 8–10	NCCAA	Rocklin
Oct 16	Area Committee Meeting	West Sacramento
Nov. 19–21	Election Assembly	Zoom
Dec 18	Area Planning Meeting	West Sacramento

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