

# CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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## Area 07 Chair's Report

It was nice having an in person ACM (Area Committee Meeting) in almost two years. We had some great discussions on a few things and were able to vote and approve a few motions. We we be funding our Grapevine Chair/ La Vina to attend the La Vina Workshop in Las Vegas in July. We will be moving our September ACM to September 24th 2022. Regional Forum falls on the third Saturday and with many officers and DCM's attending we discussed and voted to move the ACM.

We will be meeting at a new location this month Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Its on the corner of Park Blvd & 15th street/ Westacre Road. We will discuss at the ACM which venues we like and where we like to have the ACM's in the future.

Please check our website to see what events will be going on. Our Delegate will be giving reports in different Districts throughout the Area. It might seem like things are slowing down but the Conference goes on all year. Make sure to share any events your District might be having with your fellow DCM's, Appointed Chairs and Area Officers.

Happy 24hrs

Claudio B

CNIA Chair

Panel 72

## February ACM Agenda, February 19, 2022

10:00 am -Call to Order	7th Tradition
Serenity Prayer	10:30 am – DCM Reports & Area Of- ficer Reports
– 12 Traditions (short form)	12:00 - 1:00pm– Lunch
– 12 Concepts (short form)	1:00-1:15 pm –Finish up Officer Re- ports
– General Service Representative (GSR) Preamble	1:15-2:00 pm –Delegate Report
– Why We Need a Conference	2:15 pm – Old Business: E-services Chair position
Introduction	2:30pm – New Business: Archives & Alt-Archives to Workshop
Approve Minutes June ACM	
Assembly Reports	
– Mini PRASSA (District 19)	3:45 pm – Whats on your mind?
– Winter Assembly (District 57)	
– Pre-Conference (District 40)	
– Post Conference (District 15)	4:00 pm – Close
Liaison Reports	

**CNIA 07 PI/CPC Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30**

**Zoom Info: MeetingID:861 9041 1117 Passcode:465838**

## June 2022 ACM minutes (unapproved)

The June ACM was held Saturday, June 18. The ACM was called to order by CNIA Chair Claudio, at 10am. The 12 Traditions were read by Simon; the 12 Concepts were read by Sam; the GSR Preamble was read by Susie; "Why Do We Need a Conference?" was read by Mike.

**Introductions:** Past delegates (Vikki P66, Mike P68, Tom P70), guests, and visitors were introduced.

**Consideration of Minutes:** Moved by Matthew and seconded by Maureen approved with substantial unanimity.

### Assembly Reports:

Post Conference, Peter (D22): still working on accounting/final numbers

Mini PRAASA, Brad (D19): we have a location, committee still forming, flyer TBA in August

Winter Assembly, Elias (D57): having a hard time finding a location this far in advance

Pre Conference Assembly (D40): looking for locations

Post Conference 2023, Lisanne (D15): got a verbal agreement on a location, working on hotels

### Liaison Reports:

Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki: I did an H&I presentation at: 6/4 Red Bluff round up and 6/11 Modesto. H&I is being restructured including quarterly steering committees (area chairs, so a longer/bigger meeting but better information sharing) and one annual general

meeting. We have 77 people at San Quentin that have sponsors/are working steps.

Sacramento Central California Fellowship (CCF), Joanne: CCF picnic Aug 21  
Young Peoples in AA: SACYPAA, Carlos - Pool Party June 25 4pm Rusch Park, River Float July 23. *Norcal Bid for ICYPAA* - will be asking for a letter of support

*7th tradition was conducted.*

### Appointed Chair Reports:

Accents, Jeff: The accents were sent a little later than usual this month - I apologize. Extra copies are available at the ACM.

Archives, Nancy: no report

Alternate Archives, Herminia: We had one guest at the archives in June. Today I'm at the Founder's Day Picnic in Anderson CA with the archives display. Join us at the archives the 1st Saturday of the month

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Brad: I attended the Circles of Love and Service service panel in Modesto where I helped host a BTG service table. 6/9 I attended Joint Committee Meeting where members of CNCA and CNIA committees from PI/CPC and BTG and representatives from Nor Cal H&I gathered to discuss their roles in 12th step work. We held our monthly Area BTG meeting - we discussed presentations to patients in rehabs and working with H&I in the post pandemic environment. We received 17

referrals and successfully met with most of them.

Eservices, Jessica: We have voted to upgrade our hosting service to BlueHost for a total cost of \$260 for 3 years (\$88/year) for a more secure and efficient website/email. The committee will be rebuilding the Area website in the coming months

Finance Committee, Don: 5 members, we provide checks and balances for the Treasurer. Discussed motion to amend CNIA service material book section 4 for spending flexibility of approved funds; status- going to translation and subsequent distribution to groups for input, motion for fall assembly. Prudent reserve currently \$9881.91, may need to discuss adjusting. Spanish interpretation—working on updating equipment. Discussed funding Archives/Alt Chair to attend NAAAW in Little Rock AR- will be following an area decision to have chair go one year and alt chair next year.

Grapevine, Jorge: all is well, he's ready to help with the La Vina anniversary in Las Vegas. He's available to go to Unity Days/other events to provide Grapevine/La Vina info

Literature, Lorri: I am available to come to Unity Days. I'm going to the Merced Unity day in September to bring the literature display.

Oral Translation, Jose: all is well

Written Translation, Amanda: I've translated minutes for the accents and a few requests from our delegate. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

### **Officer Reports:**

Registrar, Loren: In the last month I've registered about a dozen more trusted servants and updated about the same

number of groups with GSO. If you have GSRs who haven't received their packets let me know. Last weekend I had the honor of talking about how I use traditions 5 thru 8 in my personal and service life, at the Auburn Fellowship.

Treasurer, Holly: I attended the Building the Fellowship You Crave workshop at the Traditional Group. I met with the finance committee on June 10th. We purchased a new web hosting. Our insurance certificate is ready to go for our ACM venue next month at Trinity Presbyterian Church in West Sacramento. I am registered for the Regional Forum coming up in September in Salt Lake City, UT. Contributions to date are at 47% of our 2022 Spending Plan. Our Carry the Message Project recipients are up for renewal, and we are getting renewal notices - seems prudent to NOT renew but to consider contributing to new subscriptions

Recording Secretary, Emily: Thank you DCMs for your feedback - I've added a feature to the report Google form that sends you a copy of the report you submitted, that way you can read it at the ACM. You can print that copy to bring for Jose! Our recording is working this month

Alternate Chair, Kendyce: The Pre-Conference Assembly and Post-Conference are both almost closed out. I will be putting together an ad hoc committee to come up with questions for the Area Inventory. I'd like to plan some sharing sessions for GSRs on zoom, as several DCMs and GSRs have approached me about new and old issues coming up.

Chair, Claudio: I spoke at the anniversary for El Grupo El Progreso and Circle of Love and Service event In Modesto. I met with Loren and Kendyce for a walk thru for the room we are in today.

Alternate Delegate, Matthew: As your PI Chair I'm looking to find out how many districts have active Picpc Committees - email me at alt-delegate@cnia.org. This month I will be hosting the Area Public Information Committee Meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 730pm-830. The meeting information is 861 9041 1117 password 465838.

**Delegate Report, Jenn D:** Delegate's Reports - see cnia.org for dates. Grapevine/La Vina- new book Fun in Sobriety. Submit your story for upcoming issues (Grapevine—spiritual awakenings due 7/15, making amends due 8/15, service keeps us sober due 9/15. La Vina—prayer and meditation step eleven due 7/30, newcomers due 9/3). Grapevine annual photo contest see aagrapevine.org. Unknown Districts- we have 55 active groups with an unknown districts and 209 unknown groups with no group contacts - access Fellowship Connection to see the groups listed in your district. GSO News- shipping charges from GSO have been reduced. Regional Forums- Sep 16-18 Pacific in SLC Utah. Dec 2-4 Southwest in New Orleans LA. July 16 Virtual Special Forum about Remote Committees presented by US, Canada, Argentina, and Chile. Call for Stories- shared experience on sponsoring members in correctional facilities due 6/30, 5th edition big book due 10/31, 4th edition big book in Spanish due 12/15, stories for "AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic" due 10/31. 2023 Agenda Items- proposed agenda items due 9/15 - use the form from GSO. Start discussing as a group/maybe with your districts too. Background info could be available

as late as mid-March to allow for Spanish/French translation. 6/6 Challenge- we still need the proceeds from our literature to make up the difference between 7th tradition contributions and what it costs for the services provided by GSO. This year if every AA member sent \$6.06 to GSO we could make up that difference. If we could sustain this, we could offer our books at cost or even cheaper than they already are

### **DCM Reports:**

D9, Wes: no report

D11, Maureen: We are financially solvent. 40th Founder's Day Picnic today. Red Bluff Roundup was last Saturday, approximately 140 in attendance. RE-DYPAA Campout will be held June 17th-19th. We are working on a spending plan and workshop planning. Our 20th Annual Women's Retreat will be 9/8-9/11

D15, Lianne: Collaborating with D19 to host a Delegate's Report/service panel on 7/23. We are developing the spending plan for the next fiscal year. D15 received and responded to two BTG referrals from the BTG chair. Finances are great.

D17, Ryan: Our district meets over Zoom. Discussing solutions to migrate attention from our previous Teleservice number to the current teleservice plan adopted by our district last panel.

D19, Steve: Finances are good. Looking for mini PRAASA volunteers. Unity Day - 9/24 Hammon Grove Park.

D20, Lisette: Working on planning fellowship events - pool parties, bowling, etc. Unity Day coming in the fall

D21, Sam: Finances are good - working on making a spending plan. Working on reaching out to underrepresented

groups, PI/CPC, how to integrate online groups, and plan to reach out to the homeless population.

D22, Peter: The final head count of post conference assembly was 170.

D23, Carlos: All is well

D24, Rachel: We voted to host a Unity Day with other Sacramento districts. We recently elected a BTG liaison, and we are working on figuring out an updated website, as well as updating our bylaws.

D25, Don: Financials stable. We meet informally-hybrid. District supporting 2 to go to the Pacific Regional Forum. District inventory focusing on service sponsorship, outreach committee for unknown groups, quarterly meetings (1st event will be "Best of 2022 GSC" 7/9 1-3pm at Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community Sacramento—it will be hybrid.

D27, Kayla: We are still meeting on zoom and plan to discuss going back in person at our next district meeting. Recently voted in a new BTG committee member. We have a couple new GSRs. we have a new PO box

D29, Valerie: finances are good. Working on going hybrid

D30, Titia: no report

D33, Susie: We will be doing a 3 month test run for hybrid district meetings/workshops. We discussed starting our Unity Day plans. We approved a spending budget for the DMC to attend the Pacific Regional Conference in SLC

D34, Ada: no report

D36, Michael: most meetings are open, doing well. 9/18 Unity Day

D37, Gavin: We are still looking for a location to have our once a month meetings in person. We have enabled electronic payment methods (cashapp, venmo, paypal) for 7th tradition donations. The Delta Central Office is having an event on 7/30 at Oak Grove Regional Park. Our District approved a \$500 donation to help with expenses.

D40, Carrie: We're interested in hosting a GSR school. We were approached by other south valley groups about a coordinated Unity Day and we all agreed we would like to participate.

We will be hosting our Annual Unity Day 10/1. We are excited to have a new virtual group with a participating GSR!

D41, Javier: I'm the new DCM

D42, Reyna: no report

D43, Sherri: no report

D47, Josh: no report

D49, Robert: no report

D53, Jesus: no report

D54, Guadalupe: we're working on PI/CPC work - we have our meetings in a local Spanish magazine

D55, Francisco: we meet every Wednesday.

Reaching out to groups weekly to motivate GSRs. Hoping to have a delegate report in our district

D56, Heriberto: We've been doing a lot of outreach to the groups because we only had 2-3 people in the district. We now have 8 members!

D57, Elias: We meet the first (GSR reports) and third (concept study) Tuesday of the month

**Old Business:** ACMs in person - trying a new location in July, then we can choose between the two.

**New Business:** Moving 2023 Post Conf dates - Chico State graduation is that weekend, hotel will be super impacted. *Discussion:* Weekend before is Mothers day and the weekend after is Memorial day. Districts may want to be aware of large events in the area moving forward. Even if we can have hotels it could be way too expensive. Could we bump up back to basics? If we want to avoid Mothers day/Memorial day we could do first weekend in May 6-7...will just be quick turnaround for delegate. I don't see urgency for post conf, we could push it out later - first weekend in June? *Action:* Take to your GSRs and we'll discuss more in July. Moving Sep ACM- DCMs may be attending the regional forum. *Discussion:* our delegate and alt delegate will be at the forum, we should change it. Seems like many will be gone, we should change it. NAATW is 9/10. What about 9/24? Can we just not have one? We have done that in the past; if we want to do that we'll need to be more forward thinking with some budget decisions. I think we should always have an ACM! *Valerie motions to move the ACM to September 24, 2022. Sam seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Grapevine/La Vina conference* - funding out GV rep to the La Vina conference in Las Vegas. *Discussion:* what's the cost? Driving vs flying? Need

more info. There's a line item in the spending plan for the Archivist to go to national conference so this seems in line with that. Would love to see a motion for this to be an ongoing expense; we have the money. There's a 2022 PRAASA line item that we didn't use - \$700 for GV/LV rep. I'd estimate cost is \$83 registration/banquet \$400-500 flight/hotel. GV needs our support. *Matthew makes a motion to fund \$600 to our GV/LV rep for the workshop. Carlos seconds the motion. Jenn proposes a friendly amendment to not cap the dollar amount. Matthew accepts.* 1 opposed. Minority opinion - I'm uncomfortable with no cap, our spending plan has numbers so I'd like to have an idea. It changes at least one person's vote so we voted again. There isn't a motion to reconsider and so the motion stands. Reconsider Prudent Reserve (PR)- current PR comes from May 2013 assembly and includes liability insurance and cost to fund delegate to GSC, we now have more things that should be considered in PR. It would be nice to have \$ amounts and not just categories in the PR. We'll keep looking into this and there may be a motion to raise the PR, just fiscussino for now. *Discussion:* our expenses have increased, and keep in mind 2020-2021 were atypical. Funding Eservices Chair- Eservices is an appointed chair, typically a DCM already funded by district, this year that isn't the case. Funding would mean to 4 assemblies, PRAASA, mileage to ACMs. Currently appointed chairs are funded only for assemblies. We can make an autonomous decision that doesn't apply to next panel if the eservices chair is a DCM. *Discussion:* could/ should the position do more at the ACM/ assembly to be funded? You shouldn't have to pay out of pocket to be of service. I served as eservices 10 years ago and we haven't really updated the position since then; the scope of our technology needs is way greater since

then, we may want to look at these committee descriptions and re-envision what that could look like and then we can talk money. What do we need this appointed chair position to do at ACMs? Do we need to hire a paid person to do this? If eservices makes a report doesn't that mean we're requiring them to be here - and then we should fund them. At the last two assemblies eservices manned the square devices, managed the area printer, set up area emails. Moving forward we may not want to have this position be a DCM because they do so much during assemblies/ACMs. Let's go discuss with our groups. Jenn shared some history on some appointed chair positions and how they were started. Agenda Item to ask GSO to create a workbook work with the unhoused population - D21 is working on an agenda topic and would love the area to discuss; we'll have the potential agenda item form after our next district meeting. *Point of order*- assembly will unfortunately be after the GSO deadline. Maybe individual districts can support

ACM closed at 3:31 pm with the responsibility declaration.

In Love and Service,  
Emily L  
Recording Secretary, Panel 72

**Due to circumstances beyond our control there is no treasurers report for the accents this month. Holly will print out reports and have them available at the ACM. Thank you for your understanding.**



**CNIA – Area 07**

**Central Northern Interior Area**

**ACM – Area Committee Meeting**

**When: July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am**

**Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church**

**1500 Park Blvd**

**West Sacramento, CA 95691**

**Corner of Park Blvd & 15 St/Westacre Rd**

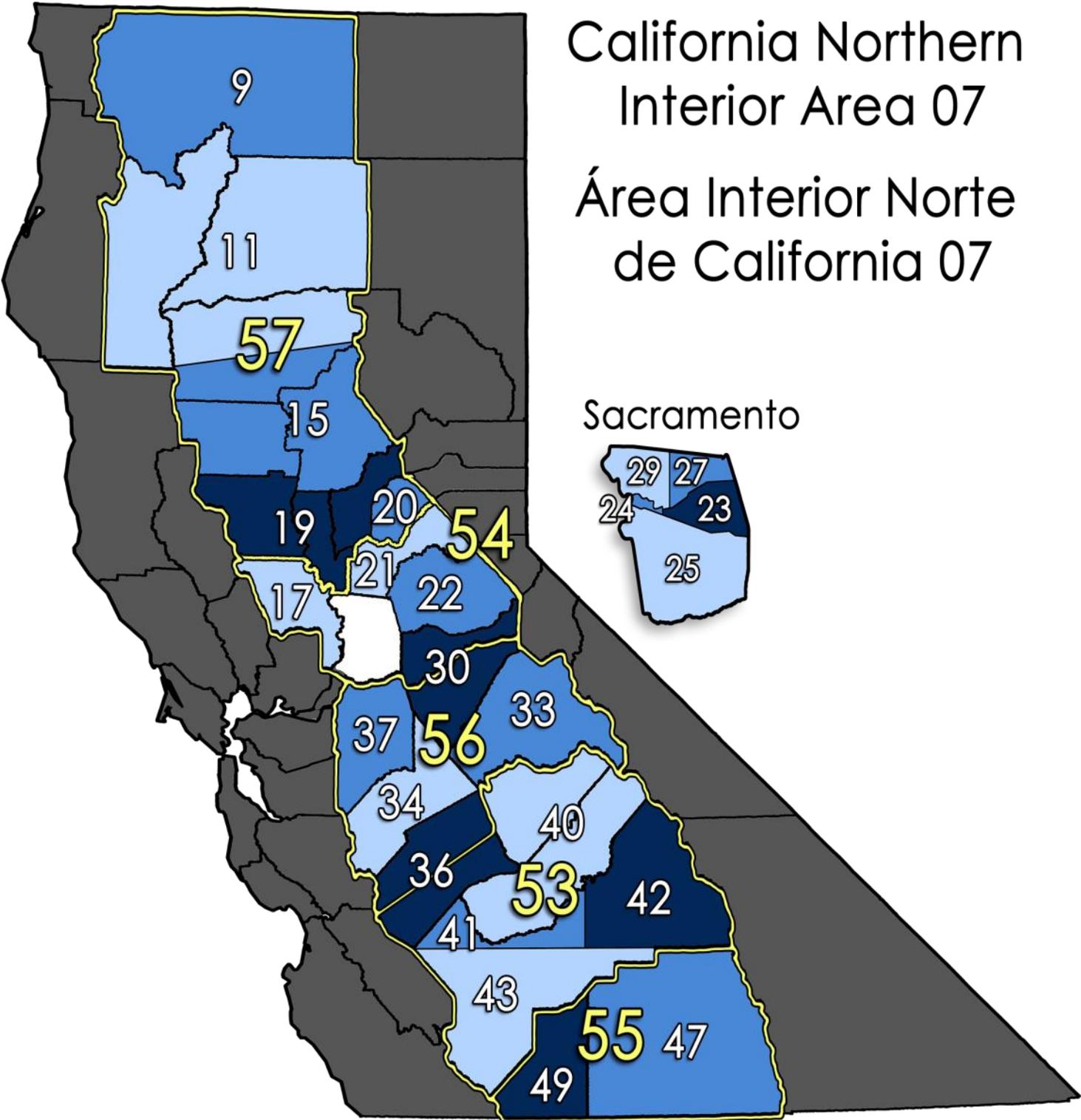


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## GSR Preamble

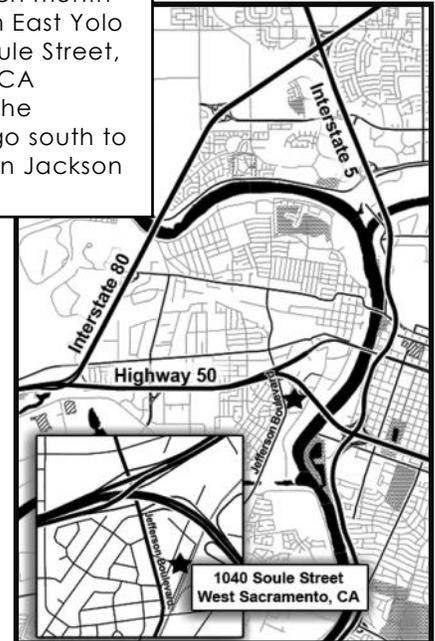
We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

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.



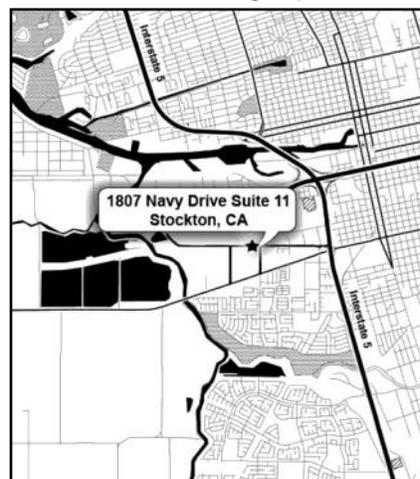
## CNIA Archives Center

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.



**CNIA Archives  
will be open  
the 1st Saturday  
10 am to 2 pm**

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**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA · CALENDAR 2022-2023**

<b>2022</b>			<b>2023 (Proposed)</b>		
Jan 15-16	Winter Assembly	Zoom	Jan 21-22	Winter Assembly	D57
Feb 19	Area Committee Meeting		Feb 18	Area Committee Meeting	
March 4-6	PRAASA	Zoom	March 3-5	PRAASA	Area 05
March 19	Area Committee Meeting		March 18	Area Committee Meeting	
April 9-10	Pre-Conference Assembly	Auburn (D21)	April 15-16	Pre-Conference Assembly	D40
April 24-30	General Service Conference	New York	April	General Service Conference	New York
May 21-22	Post-Conference Assembly	Placerville (D22)	May 20-21	Post-Conference Assembly	Chico (D15)
June 18	Area Committee Meeting		June 17	Area Committee Meeting	
July 16	Area Committee Meeting		July 15	Area Committee Meeting	
Aug 20	Area Committee Meeting		Aug 19	Area Committee Meeting	
Sep 16-18	Pacific Regional Forum	Salt Lake City, UT	Sep 24	Area Committee Meeting	
Sep 17	Area Committee Meeting		Oct 21	Area Committee Meeting	
Oct 14-16	Mini-PRAASA	Marysville/ Yuba City (D19)	Nov 17-19	Election Assembly	Placerville (D22)
Nov. 19	Area Committee Meeting		Dec 16	Area Planning Meeting	
Dec 17	Area Planning Meeting				