

# CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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CNIA Chair Report: January 2024

Welcome to Panel 74!!!

Our Panel 72 trusted servants have now rotated, and your newly elected officers are ready to serve the California Northern Interior Area for the next two years. I'd like to thank all of our outgoing committee members for their service to our area and introduce our newly elected Panel 74 officers.

**Welcome to Panel 74!!**

Area Delegate – Matthew L. (D21)

Alternate Delegate – Claudio B. (D27)

Area Chair – Holly J. (D21)

Alternate Chair – Emily L. (D27)

Secretary – Jose U. (D53)

Treasurer – Don H. (D25)

Registrar – Jessica J. (D27)

Congratulations and welcome to our new GSRs and DCMs, as well. Your participation as voting members of our area is essential in carrying out Concept One as "the final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. World Services." You are the vital link between our virtually unknown trustees at the General Service Board and the A.A. groups you serve. I am honored by the opportunity to serve with all of you for the next two years.

Our Winter Assembly will be hosted by District 53 in Merced on January 20-21, 2024. This is the first of our four assemblies this year. You will have an opportunity to meet GSRs and DCMs from other districts throughout our area, as well as your current officers, appointed chairs, and past delegates. We will offer a GSR School as an introduction to General Service, and you will have the opportunity to participate in engaging round table discussions. Preliminary Agenda Topics are available at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org), and It is not too early to start planning your group discussions to prepare for the Pre-Conference Assembly in April.

PRAASA – Our Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – will be held in San Francisco (Area-06) on March 3-5, 2024. You will not want to miss this relatively local Pacific Region Service Assembly. Registration is available now at [PRAASA.org](http://PRAASA.org).

If you are a DCM interested in an opportunity to serve our area on either the finance or technology committee, please submit your service resume to me by 12:00pm on Sunday January 21 st . These committees are a great opportunity to get involved and be of service to CNIA. We are still looking to fill a Tradition Eight Special Worker position for Spanish Translation. Please contact me at [chair@cnia.org](mailto:chair@cnia.org) for information regarding this paid position. We also offer American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation at our assemblies upon request. Please let us know if you or another member needs ASL interpretation services.

CNIA Chair Report: January 2024

Yours in Service,

Holly J.

**Chair's Report January 2024**

## Winter Assembly Agenda 2024

### Saturday, January 20

10:00 am **Registration Opens**  
*Come early to participate in getting to know you bingo!*

12:00-12:20 pm **Welcome and Week-end Overview**  
*Opening readings, introductions, housekeeping, approval of election assembly minutes*

12:20-12:30 pm **District Roll Call**

12:30-1:15 pm **DCM Introductions**  
*Where is your district?  
 Best tip for a new GSR?  
 What's your favorite cereal?*

1:15-1:30 pm **Break**

1:30-2:30 pm **GSR 101 (GSR School)**

2:30-2:45 pm **Break**

2:45-3:45 pm **Panel: Connecting Home Groups to the Conference Throughout the Year to Better Inform the Group Conscience**  
*Speaker 1: Agenda Topics  
 Speaker 2: Engaging and Informative GSR Reports  
 Speaker 3: Funding the GSR  
 Speaker 4: Service Sponsorship*

3:45-4:00 pm **Break**

4:00-5:00 pm **Delegate Report**

5:00-6:30 pm **Dinner**

6:30-7:30 pm **Liaison, Appointed Chair, and Officer Reports**

7:30-8:00 pm **Ice Cream Social and Fellowship**

9:00-9:15 am **Assembly Reconvenes**

9:15-10:00 am **Old Business**  
*Archives rent*

10:00-10:45 am **New Business / Discussion Topics**

10:45-10:55 am **Break**

10:55-11:25 am **Ask it Basket**

11:25-11:45 am **What's on your Mind?**

11:45-12:00 pm **Assembly Closes**

### Sunday, January 21

## Election Assembly Minutes 2023 (Unapproved)

The Election Assembly of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held on Saturday, November 10 through Sunday, November 12, 2023.

### FRIDAY

The assembly was called to order by CNIA Chair Claudio at 7pm. The assembly heard announcements and housekeeping items.

Introductions: Panel 72 Area Officers and Appointed Chairs were introduced. The Pacific Regional Trustee Reilly was introduced. Those who were attending their first assembly were introduced.

### DCM Reports:

D9, Christine: I'm the new DCM for Panel 74 - looking forward to serving

D11, Gayle: I've been pursuing groups to get involved in service with GSRs

D15, Lisanne: We have several new GSRs. We also conducted a district inventory. The PI/CPC chair manned a table at the Stand Down event for veterans at the Chico Elks Lodge handing out pamphlets and copies of the recent Grapevine issue focusing on the military. The PI/CPC committee also placed copies of the AA Big Book in the Little Free Library boxes throughout the neighborhoods in the district.

D17, Ryan: We had a lively discussion following a presentation of concept 10. Our district treasurer agreed to prepare a potential spending plan for 2024. We prepared to co-submit a bid to co-host the 2024 Post-conference Assembly.

D19, Steve: The District finances are being reconciled by the interim Treasurer. All Groups that reported were doing good financially. The District inventory was postponed to Panel 74. Webmaster reported that the site design company is ready for input on our wants and Brad has set up a zoom workshop to get everyone's ideas as to what they want on the page,

D20, Lisette: As we wrap up Panel 72 the word "perseverance" comes to mind as a description of the actions of the members of District 20. It has been a time of rebuilding, addressing frustrations, learning to have fun in person again and trusting that a Higher Power is guiding our membership even through periods of questioning our leadership at the General Service level

D21, Sam: D21 held a Service Fair and Celebration in September. Activities included a Sponsorship Workshop, Service Panel (H&I, BTG, PI/CPC, CCFAA -intergroup), a general service overview and a past delegate share. Claudio facilitated a District Inventory. Holly presented the Area 2024 Spending Plan to the GSRs.

D22, Peter: Our elections are coming up. Glad to be hosting this assembly

D23, Carlos: We're close to going dark

D25, Don: Finances: stable with Venmo 'CNIA District 25 Area 7' and prudent reserve. Thanks to all servants this panel – most current and – and some who left a little early but made a contribution nonetheless. Open service positions: literature, webmaster, YPAA, archivist, PI/CPC and maybe special events; CCFAA rep

filled. Key issues going forward: In-person, online or both? Time for another inventory?

D27, Kayla: holding elections on the 21st. Our fall in love with service event went well

D29, Valerie: We had our elections in October and filled all but one position BTG. We continue to reach out to inactive groups. December 4 we are having a Talk with the Delegate, Zoom Meeting instead of our last District meeting we are hoping to include the incoming Delegate. They will discuss Service, The Final Conference report, and open the floor to Q&A.

D30, Titia: Our District held a Unity Day. Our theme for our Unity Day was "Grateful We Are NOT Dead". We had 85 turn out for an YPAA speaker, an Alanon speaker and our main speaker Tom A.

D33, Drew: Our district committee is alive and well. We have ratified new district guidelines. The website committee has been made. Our new URL is [aasonora.org](http://aasonora.org) and we hope to be live before the end of the panel. Unity day was well attended

D34, Ada: Struggling to get a recording secretary, still need H&I and BTG. [cviaa.org](http://cviaa.org) for our events

D36, Michael: District 36 doing good new meetings, opening in Los Banos and in district. Looking forward to the election assembly. Also district 36 getting ready for the pre-conference. Do you have a venue in Denair California

D37, Gavin: Elections this week.

D40, Carrie: We had low attendance for our November meeting. And no one is interested in standing for DCM. So hoping we will have interest for our December meeting. We had discussions about possibly merging with a district in Fresno. Our PI/CPC Chair is going to continue into the next panel. We are going to focus on schools.

D42, Bill: Holding District elections next Monday. All reporting groups doing well. Morale picking up.

D47, Allen: I was not at our last district meeting because i was in NY - which meant I got to visit Stepping Stones - it was an amazing experience

D53, Luis: We visit groups Thursdays. This month we'll be having traditions meetings - the first Friday traditions 1-4, third Friday 5-8, fourth Friday 9-12. We visited district 54 in their "ciclo de unidad"

D54, Lupe: We have a new DCM secretary and treasurer. Celebrated our district anniversary.

D56, Gilberto: had our elections, our PI committee is working as well

D57, Jose Luis: Working with 10 groups, and are ready for the assembly

### Liaison Reports:

Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki: we elected a new chair and have a new steering committee

Central Valley Intergroup, Terri: elections coming up. Annual holiday extravaganza Dec 3 at the Harvest Hall [cviaa.org](http://cviaa.org) more info

Fresno Intergroup, Darryl: filled all positions except PI CPC.  
fresnoaa.org

NCCAA, Ada: conference in San Jose in the spring Norcalaa.org  
to register. Fall 2024 conference in Sacramento, spring 2025 in  
Modesto. Jan 27 is the next committee meeting

Foro, Luis: event will be in Tulare December 3

Young Peoples in AA: Davis YP meets Friday nights at 7

Hispanic Women's Conference, Herminia: The date of the work-  
shop will be on December 9, 2023, in Pasadena, CA. It will be a  
Hybrid event, English interpretation available. The Area contribu-  
tion was deposited. The Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd  
Sunday of the month via zoom. This year I will bid for Area 07 to  
host the workshop in 2025. Area 06 will be hosting in 2024.

Appointed Chair Reports:

Accents, Jeff: We need to change printers, I'm working on get-  
ting bids

Archives, Nancy: Herminia and I participated in the District 54  
Service Meeting. We took the Archives display to the District 54  
Anniversary. e-Services instructed me on Google Workplace and  
helped to transfer all the files from my personal computer to the  
Archives computer. I attended the Pacific Region Archives Com-  
mittee. Our Archives Committee met to discuss creating a non-  
rotating archivist position, and relocation from our current un-  
safe, upstairs, non-wheelchair accessible repository building with  
no Internet to a safe, accessible location with Internet. We've  
looked at several places so far, but nothing ideal. Open to sug-  
gestions

Alt Archives, Herminia: I attended National Archives 2023, I at-  
tended several panels: (Where Do I begin? Standards, Guide-  
lines, Deed of Gift), (Preservation Basics, Conservation Fund-  
ing), (Traveling Displays, permanent exhibits). Honestly, so  
much to learn and it can't be done just by attending 2 Archives  
workshops. I learned we have The Archivist's Serenity Prayer –  
Grant me the Serenity to accept the collections I cannot decline,  
Courage to decline the collection I can, and The funding to pro-  
cess the backlog. Bridging the Gap (BTG), I want to ask you to  
consider the opportunity to be of service as a volunteer for BTG.  
The basic requirements are 6 months of sobriety and a working  
understanding of the 12 steps and 12 Traditions and a familiarity  
with the meetings in your district. If your DCM asks for volun-  
teers, raise your hand. You are agreeing to meet a newcomer at  
their first meeting on the outside, introduce yourself and intro-  
duce them to other AA members with experience; give them  
meeting schedule, point out the different types of meeting. Get  
them started on a phone list and encourage them to find a spon-  
sor and a home group Arrange to show them a few more meet-  
ings. That is it.

Eservices, Jessica: I have continued to schedule introductions to  
the Google Drive for Pass It On's for Area Officers and Appoint-  
ed Chairs. We had a special guest join us our last eservices  
meeting - Area 11, Ted P. from Connecticut. He is in charge of  
the exploration of creating a Technology Committee for their  
Area. We've been researching online options for online Assem-  
bly registration that will be managed at the Area level in cooper-

ation with host Districts - we'll pilot Tito at the winter assembly.  
We have also worked to set up an Area PayPal account to help  
manage subscriptions to ease automatic payments as the next  
panel rotates in.

Finance Committee, Don: We learned a lot this panel and want  
to share with the next committee some of the challenges we faced  
– trying to get the conscience from the area, making sure we  
were spending the area's money the way the groups would want,  
as well as trying to balance best business practices with our pri-  
mary purpose (e.g. sending all chairs to PRAASA?)

Grapevine, Jorge: I want to thank all the different districts that  
invited me to their unity days. Take advantage of the discounts  
that Grapevine has on subscriptions for holidays and the new  
book in Spanish of oración y meditación from la vina

Literature, Beth: Literature is all stocked up. Some back orders  
came in.

Oral Translation, Jose: I translate all the Reports at the ACM's  
and Assemblies, I love my Service and attend as many events as  
possible. I make sure the interpretation equipment is working  
properly. I'm willing to help the next special worker and offer my  
knowledge at any time it is needed.

Written Translation, Amanda: Working on a pass-it-on. This has  
been one of the best experiences of my recovery  
SATURDAY

The assembly was called to order at 9am. The assembly heard  
housekeeping items and opening readings.

Introductions: CNIA 07 delegates (Bob P36, Vikki P66, Mike P68,  
Tom P70), past delegate Kunane from Hawaii, as well as mem-  
bers from CNCA 06 were introduced. A district roll call was con-  
ducted.

Past delegate Tom gave an overview of the weekend.

Consideration of 2023 Post Conference Assembly minutes: Lis-  
anne stated that on lines 2-3 it says post conf assembly was May  
5 and 6, it should be May 6 and 7. Margie motioned to approve  
the minutes with this correction. It was seconded by Carlos and  
approved by substantial unanimity.

Assembly Reports:

Post Conference 2023, Lisanne (D15): 152 total registrants, 110  
paid for dinner. Cost was \$2205 for the facility. \$4497 total in-  
come, total expenses \$5959

Winter Assembly 2024, Luis (D53): we have a location, working  
on getting online registrants

Pre Conference 2024, Mike (D36/34): We have a venue in De-  
nair, working on hotels

Post Conference 2024, Ramon (D55): we're excited and nervous  
to host, we have 4 volunteers so far. Working on a facility  
Mini PRAASA, Titia (D30/33): hosted at FrogTown in the main  
building, we have a chairperson. D33 will be running snack bar  
and concessions

The seventh tradition was conducted.

Old Business:

Create Funded A/V Tech. Carrie rescinds the motion from the  
last assembly to submit this motion. Motion to create a fully fund-

ed A/V Technician to serve on the Area 07 Standing Technology Committee. Motion was seconded by Lisette.

Historically, all Area equipment has been stored and managed by the Alternate Chair at their residence. The Area's equipment needs continue to grow with the introduction of Hybrid ACMs in Panel 72. The Alternate Chair should have the opportunity to focus on other needs of the Host Committee at assemblies instead of managing the PA system and other equipment. The tech chair needs to be free to focus on running the hybrid ACMs and not managing equipment at the same time.

Proposed duties for the Equipment Manager:

Store all Area audio, visual, translation, and hybrid technology equipment

Run sound system at Area assemblies, working with the host committee and alternate chair

Run sound system and hybrid audio/visual system at ACMs working with the technology chair

Proposed AV technician spending plan 2024

Mileage \$1000, lodging \$1200, registration/meals/coffee \$120 (total \$2320)

Discussion

Is assisted listening included? Yes

Will there be a change to the Alt Chair's expenses? No. The only change would be if this position was the one to take equipment to events that the Alt Chair does now (mileage)

Our proposed spending plan is 15k in the red so it's hard for me to add additional expenses

My concern is storing at someone's house (someone clarified that the equipment is insured)

I'm very supportive of this to keep hybrid working well

I've served as eservices and alternate chair. Eservices looks a lot different today and is a lot on top of being a DCM. i'm in favor of this motion

Will this position be sent to PRAASA? No

Who will appoint this position? The area chair

To be clear we already have hybrid equipment

Motion passes

Archives Chairperson. Motion to make the following amendment to the CNIA Service Material Book from G. Be available to attend the National Archives Workshop (Alternate Archives Chair) to G. Chair be available to attend the National Archives Workshop (Archives Chair and Alternate Archives).

Discussion

The workshop has two sessions going on at the same time, so it's important that both the Archivist and Alternate Archives chair can attend

I served as Archives for 6 years. I think we should fund both

Our spending plan is about 10% allocated to Archives, not taking into account the new location we may move. It's a bit disproportionate spending, and I would not support this

As alternate, there's so much to learn I don't feel like it can be done in just two years

I'm not in favor of this because when we first voted to have an alt position, the current archives chair said it wasn't important for them to be funded to the workshops because they'd attended the previous ones. I think we should also be mindful that we can't attend everything - for example when I attend PRAASA I can't go to every round table, I have to pick and choose

I think we should fund the archivist for year 1 and alt for year 2  
43 in favor, 61 opposed. Minority opinion - we need someone trained to handle these important materials; there's 43k in our reserve for no stated purpose right now; I can't fathom how much information there is to learn. Valarie made a motion to reconsider, it was seconded by Cathy. The motion to reconsider passed by simple majority.

Discussion:

It was great to get to hear both of them share the different panels they went to

I see the workshop as an investment in our trusted servants and that they'll bring this information with them not just to the area but also to their home groups, etc.

Though the percentage of archives spend is high, it's not as high as it is in other areas

If the service need is there we should take care of it, not be concerned about money

I've seen our spending plan anticipate a loss of 20k and we've instead made 7k. While we may not be able to do this forever, we currently have the resources to send both  
61 in favor, 19 opposed. Motion passes.

New Business:

Combining Accents and Recording Secretary. It is hereby moved to combine the responsibilities of the Area Secretary position with the Accents Appointed Chair Position. This would remove the budget allotments for the Accents Appointed Chair from the 2024 Proposed Spending Plan.

History: As technology has advanced and our need to mail printed copies of the Accents has drastically diminished, the opportunity to combine the two positions was discussed as a way to reduce the annual spending plan and be more efficient with our service positions. It is an opportunity to evaluate the timing of the Accents, as well as the format and ensure efficiencies at each level of production. The current secretary is confident that this is a reasonable merging of duties.

Proposed recording secretary job description:

A. To take minutes and maintain approved minutes of all business at Area Committee

Meetings and Area Assemblies.

B. To have available at each Area Committee Meeting and each Area Assembly a complete

file of all approved minutes of Area business of the current and immediate past panel.

C. To assist with Area correspondence when requested by the Area Committee.

D. To record and maintain audio recordings of Area business until relevant minutes have

been approved.

E. To maintain and distribute the Area Accents/Acentos as follows:

- a. To keep the Area Accents/Acentos within the framework of its stated purpose: to keep the Area informed of all motions and/or recommendations made and all actions taken by the Area Committee and Area Assemblies.
- b. To coordinate with the Area Treasurer for funding of printing and mailing cost.
- c. To publish the Area Accents/Acentos in a readable fashion including design and layout.
- d. Coordinate with the Written Translation Chair for the Acentos.
- e. Coordinate with the Registrar to update the Accents/Acentos postal and email lists.
- f. Submit Accents/Acentos to Area Chair for approval prior to distribution.
- g. Keep informed of Finance Committee's budget preparation schedule. Provide adequate space and timely publication of the proposed annual Spending Plan, and minutes covering the discussion of the Spending Plan.
- h. Email the Accents/Acentos.

Discussion:

This makes sense logically, the only thing secretary does is take minutes that go in the Accents the context may be helpful to write the newsletter

Area 18 in Idaho has a combined position

When I was Accents it was a big job, not sure if it's been streamlined since then

Finance committee supports this

Do we have a plan on training? Yes

Is there a new program for Accents publishing?

Motion passes. Minority opinion - this would take away another position that allows another person to be a part of the area; why would we make this decision today when we have elections today. Tina makes a motion to reconsider, Margie seconds the motion. Motion to reconsider does not pass. Motion stands Retire Oral Translation Chair. Don made a motion to make the following amendment to the California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) Service Material Book, section on Committees and Trusted Servants, Page 10 of 13 from existing Oral or Verbal Translation Chair to no chair...to retire the position Oral or Verbal Translation Chair (as the service is carried out by Area-approved paid special workers for long-term sustainability). Sam seconds the motion

Area 7 has had oral or verbal and written translation chairs. This panel and last, it was realized that the oral translation chair had a substantial burden of translating area committee meetings, assemblies and other events. It inadvertently fell on one person, typically, and the workload is too much and may interfere with experiencing the meeting and serving in other ways. A model similar to that of professional interpreter was suggested and later approved by the Area. Funding in the spending plan was also

approved. The roles of Oral Translation Chair role and paid special worker are redundant.

Discussion

I think there's more to the oral translation chair than just interpreting, I think it would be a disservice to our area to remove this chair (especially their attendance at PRAASA)

I think we've outgrown the position; by hiring interpreters we're improving our commitment to make sure everyone is able to participate fully

Who would be responsible for funding this position? The chair. I think we should keep this position and the oral translation chair should coordinate

We invite our GSRs but they're afraid because of the language barriers

We should keep the position because the chair is someone that's been able to unite us, not just translate at meetings. Removing this position would separate us

I've observed the chair doing more than just interpret, we should keep this position and reassess in one year

We need the coordinator to make sure the translation is correct The oral translation chair collects and translates the reports. If not this position, who will be the link in the chain for linguistic districts to go to PRAASA?

I don't think the title oral translation chair fits what this person is doing anymore

Motion does not pass unanimously

Archives Rent: Don motioned, It is hereby moved to incorporate an increase Line 189 of the current proposed California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) Spending Plan - the Archives facility rental cost - in order to relocate Archives to an accessible location: from \$235/mo and \$2,820/yr to approximately \$1,000/mo or \$12,000/yr That is an approximate difference of \$9,180. Titia seconded

From time to time, we have to adjust rent and other expenses to serve alcoholics and our Area functions. The Archives location is quite affordable, but lacks Wi-Fi and is not in a setting that is safe at all times and conducive to the service - for trusted servants and the many members who would like to visit for an event, experience the archives and contribute to their upkeep. Current rent is \$235/mo or \$2,820/yr. In looking for a more appropriate location, we anticipate to approximately \$1,000/mo or \$12,000/yr - a difference of \$9,180. This is an example of why we don't just spend down excess funds and have a prudent reserve (PR); we will not need to use the PR

This motion will be discussed at the winter assembly Presentation of 2024 Spending Plan. Holly - we adjusted our proposed contributions because we are on track to receive more than our three year average anticipated. Income from literature and GV sales on lines 14/15 now match the expenses on lines 183/184. Assembly income line 16 now matches line 170. Added \$500 for delegate expenses at conference line 170, 500 for delegate to participate at NCCAA line 29, 500 a year for delegate to attend international every 5 years, reinstated PRAASA for all

appointed chairs, increased Spanish translation at ACMs to what we are paying line 155, changed name of our Online Transactions Fees (formerly Web Processing Fees line 216)

The body discussed and the finance committee fielded Q&A 76 in favor, 2 opposed. There was no minority opinion. Spending plan passes.

Panel 74 Elections: Matthew L (Delegate), Claudio B (Alternate Delegate), Holly J (Chair), Emily L (Alternate Chair), Don H (Treasurer), Jose U (Recording Secretary), Jessica J (Registrar)

Pacific Regional Chair Report, Reilly: Reilly explained her duties as Pacific regional trustee. She discussed agenda topics, and asked that groups spend time discussing what to do with the founder's words in our literature. I am the chair of the archives committee and we recently discussed a three phase project that will be brought to the conference (phase one will be a progress report including the cost to house, preserve, and care for our archives). I'm on the nominating committee, and the AAWS finance and auditing committees. The Young People in AA pamphlet was revised and is available. Don't forget the only way Grapevine can get contributions is by Grapevine subscriptions - you can get it through the Grapevine app.

Delegate Report, Jenn: There are over 16K downloads of the Grapevine app, it's \$3 / month for the current version and digital versions - you may have noticed there are glitches that are being worked on. All delegates have had an opportunity to read the first 6 chapters of the plain language big book. AA for the Black and African American pamphlet will be named Black in AA: Experience Strength and Hope. AA for the Native North American pamphlet will be having a call for stories. Work is continuing on 4th edition Alcoholicos Anonimos and the 5th edition big book (they're still reviewing 5th edition stories). Do You Think You're Different? pamphlet is having a call for stories through April 30. Background information for agenda topics will be available by the end of February.

There was an ice cream social while Reilly shared her recovery story.

#### SUNDAY

The assembly committee reported 211 registrants for the weekend. Business was resumed (notes above)

#### Officer Reports:

Registrar, Loren: All registration requests and inquiries have been processed and responded to. I participated in the CNIA portion of District 54's Anniversary meetings. I'm also the parking chair for this Election Assembly and participated in the Host Districts planning meetings. District group & service reports are on our Area Google Workspace. If you don't currently know if you are registered with GSO see me

Treasurer, Holly: Thank you and your groups for your contributions both large and small. Note from one group with no contribution - citing concerns over our current spending. I appreciate the feedback, and I hope you are all having thoughtful discussions with your groups on how to make your 7th Tradition contributions beyond your homegroup. I received notes with final contributions from five groups that were closing. I'm working on a

treasurer's desk manual for a pass-it-on. I purchased a new printer

Recording Secretary, Emily: Looking forward to facilitating district elections where I've been asked - and I remain available for other groups as needed. This month I worked on updating the area's service handbook with the committee for the next panel. I'd like to see how we can be effective with sharing reports or new business in our minutes - maybe using links to full reports or motions

Alternate Chair, Kendyce: I have been meeting with assembly host districts and pre-planning them for Panel 74. Conducted GSR School online a couple of times and remain available to visit any district to greet everyone jazzed about general service. Facilitated a group inventory. Have participated as a speaker or helper at several district and group events. Ordered some replacement equipment for the PA and interpretation kits. More receivers are winding up broken. Coordinated with our Pacific Region Trustee to be here in attendance at the Election Assembly weekend. Continuing to host a monthly meeting where we study the Concepts and AA Comes of Age. Participated in the process to update the Area service handbook.

Chair, Claudio: I've helped facilitate district elections. I'll be visiting district 11

Alternate Delegate, Matthew: I want to take the time to thank all of you for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous this panel. I had the opportunity to speak at the District 25 meeting and District 54 Anniversary Event

The current officers and appointed chairs did the Ask it Basket and the assembly closed at 12pm on Sunday

In Love and Service,

Emily L

Recording Secretary, Panel 72

January 1 - December 31, 2023

	31-Dec-23	Spending Plan 2023	% of budget
<b>Revenue/Income</b>			
4010 Group Contributions	\$ 60,837.08	\$ 62,000.00	98.12%
4020 Seventh Tradition	\$ 3,199.31	\$ 3,000.00	106.65%
4050 Contribution - Other	\$ 1,391.67	\$ 1,500.00	92.78%
<b>Total 4 Contributed support</b>	<b>\$ 65,428.26</b>	<b>\$ 66,500.00</b>	<b>98.39%</b>
5110 Literature Sales	\$ 1,461.01	\$ 1,500.00	97.40%
5140 Grapevine Sales	\$ 1,676.83	\$ 2,400.00	69.87%
5160 Assembly Income (net)	\$ 3,739.88	\$ 4,800.00	120.00%
5310 Interest-savings/short-term inv	\$ 2.11	\$ 1.50	140.67%
<b>Total 5 Earned revenues</b>	<b>\$ 8,899.83</b>	<b>\$ 8,701.50</b>	<b>102.28%</b>
* Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	\$ (2.04)		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 74,326.05</b>	<b>\$ 75,201.50</b>	<b>98.84%</b>
<b>Expenditures/Expense</b>			
Total 7620 Delegate	\$ 4,101.00	\$ 8,100.00	50.63%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	\$ 1,978.31	\$ 4,230.00	46.77%
Total 7660 Chair	\$ 2,070.62	\$ 2,700.00	76.69%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	\$ 2,042.87	\$ 2,600.00	78.57%
Total 7700 Secretary	\$ 1,708.68	\$ 2,250.00	75.94%
Total 7720 Treasurer	\$ 4,042.92	\$ 4,250.00	95.13%
Total 7740 Registrar	\$ 1,194.76	\$ 2,500.00	47.79%
<b>Total 7600 Officers Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,139.16</b>	<b>\$ 26,630.00</b>	<b>64.36%</b>
Total 7820 Literature Chair	\$ 1,956.26	\$ 2,250.00	86.94%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	\$ 3,084.34	\$ 3,450.00	89.41%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	\$ 3,093.90	\$ 3,850.00	80.41%
Total 7880 Accents Chair	\$ 1,699.33	\$ 2,000.00	84.98%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	\$ 2,670.47	\$ 3,500.00	76.30%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	\$ 3,376.16	\$ 3,700.00	145.30%
Total 7940 Oral Translation Chair	\$ 4,269.63	\$ 3,700.00	115.40%
Total 7950 Written Translation Chair	\$ 1,269.33	\$ 1,825.00	69.55%
Total 7960 E Services Chair	\$ 3,081.62	\$ 2,750.00	112.06%
<b>Total 7800 Appointed Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,503.46</b>	<b>\$ 27,025.00</b>	<b>98.07%</b>
Total 7970 Spanish Translation at AOMs	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 2,600.00	133.08%
Total 7980 Spanish Translation at Assemblies	\$ 1,139.84	\$ 5,500.00	93.45%
Total 7990 ASL Interpretation at Assemblies	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total 7970-7990 Translation and Interpretation</b>	<b>\$ 8,599.84</b>	<b>\$ 12,100.00</b>	<b>71.07%</b>
Total 8000 Assemblies	\$ 3,449.13	\$ 6,000.00	90.82%
Total 8070 Area Workshops	\$ 3,166.10	\$ 3,800.00	83.32%
Total 8100 Accents, Grapevine, Literature	\$ 8,737.80	\$ 9,900.00	88.46%
Total 8200 Meeting Room Expenses	\$ 7,526.00	\$ 6,970.00	107.98%
Total 8300 Website	\$ 632.27	\$ 500.00	126.45%
<b>Total 8400 Other Service Contributions and Liaison Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,239.63</b>	<b>\$ 4,600.00</b>	<b>70.43%</b>
Total 8500 Misc expenses	\$ 6,073.00	\$ 6,650.00	91.35%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	\$ 851.38	\$ 1,080.00	78.83%
Total 9000 E-Services and Equipment	\$ 6,734.16	\$ 9,900.00	68.02%
<b>Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 51,031.31</b>	<b>\$ 61,500.00</b>	<b>82.98%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 94,673.93</b>	<b>\$ 115,155.00</b>	<b>82.21%</b>
<b>Net Revenue/Income</b>	<b>\$ (20,347.88)</b>	<b>\$ (39,953.50)</b>	<b>50.93%</b>
Checking Account Balance	\$ 34,700.85		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$ 15,000.61		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (sinking)	\$ 3,300.94		
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 53,002.40</b>		





**California Northern Interior Area**  
Winter Assembly—January 20 & 21, 2024

**Área Interior Norte California**  
Asamblea de Invierno—20 y 21 de enero, 2024

**Women's Club**  
**707 W. 22nd St., Merced, CA 95340**

**1/20/2024** 12 PM – Llamar al ordenar / Call to order  
10 AM – Registration opens / Registraciones

**1/21/2024** 9 AM–12 PM

**Dinner: Steak, Chicken, Vegetarian**  
**Cena: Carne de Res, Pollo, Vegetariana**

**Snack bar & refreshments (purchase at cost)**  
**Almuerzo y refrigerios (compra artículos al costo)**

**Registro en Línea**  
hasta el 15 de enero

**Online Registration**  
due by January 15

**[www.cnia.org](http://www.cnia.org)**

**Enviar formulario y pago a:      *Send reg. form & payment to:***  
**Dist. 53, P.O. Box 3164, Merced CA 95344**

**Haga los cheques a nombre de Distrito 53      *Make check payable to: Distrito 53***  
**Correo / Mail — Pre-Reg hasta el 10 de enero      *due by January 10***

**Nombre/Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **District/Distrito #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nombre en la insignia (si es diferente) / Name on Badge (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Electrónico Correo/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone/Teléfono** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Position:** ☐ GSR/Alt., ☐ DCM/Alt., ☐ Officer, ☐ Appointed, ☐ Past Delegate, ☐ Member

**Puesto de Servicio:** ☐ RSG/Alt., ☐ MCD/Alt., ☐ Funcionarios, ☐ Designado/a  
☐ Delegado/a Pasado/Pasada, ☐ Miembro/a

**Vivienda "Back to Basics"** ☐ masculino ☐ femenino  
**"Back to Basics" Home Stay** ☐ male ☐ female

**Registration/Registro** \$13.00

**Dinner/Cena:** \$20.00

**Coffee/Café sin fondo:** \$3.00

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

# HOTEL ROOM RENTAL OPTIONS

## ALQUILER DE HABITACIONES DE HOTEL

### **Fairbridge Inn**

1199 Motel Drive  
Merced, CA 95341  
(209) 722-2726  
\$89.00 per night Double Bed

730 Motel Drive  
Merced, CA 95341  
(209) 354-8977  
\$106.00 per night Double

### **Travelodge by Wyndham**

1260 Yosemite Pkwy  
Merced, CA 95341  
(209) 722-6224  
\$99.00 per night Double

POR FAVOR CONSULTE LA TARIFA DE GRUPO UTILIZANDO EL CÓDIGO 'SERVICIO AA'

PLEASE ASK FOR THE GROUP RATE USING CODE 'AA SERVICE'

### **Rodeway Inn**

1001 Motel Drive  
Merced, CA 95341  
(209) 723-1034  
\$79.00 per night Single King  
\$89.00 per night Double

### **Quality Inn**

**Merced Women's Club**  
**707 W. 22nd St.**  
**Merced, CA 95340**



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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 Trinity Presbyterian Church 1160 Westacre Rd. West Sac.  
From I-5, Merge onto hwy 50  
Take Jefferson exit stay to the left  
Continue through light onto Park Blvd Turn right on Westacre



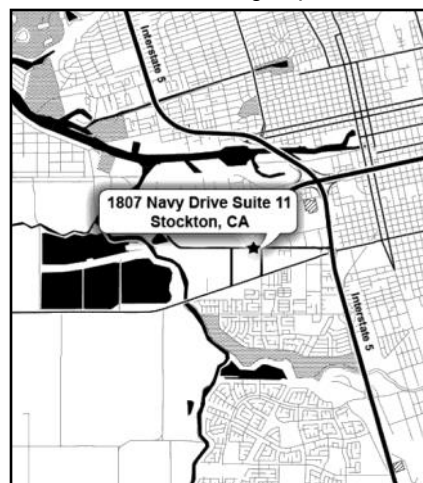
## CNIA Archives Center

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**

**Contact Area  
Archivist before  
Visiting**

CNIA AREA ACCENTS  
P.O. Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA 07 · CALENDAR 2024 to 2025**

2024			2025		
<b>JAN 20 - 21</b>	Winter Assembly	Merced – D53	<b>JAN 18 - 20</b>	Winter Assembly	Sonora D-33
<b>FEB 17</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	<b>FEB 15</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>MAR 1 - 3</b>	PRAASA	Area 06	<b>MAR 7 - 9</b>	PRAASA	Anchorage AK
<b>MARCH 16</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	<b>MARCH 15</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>APR 6 - 7</b>	Pre-Conference Assembly	Stanislaus - D34/D36	<b>APR 12 - 13</b>	Pre-Conference Assembly	Anderson D-9 D-11
<b>APRIL</b>	General Service Conference	New York	<b>APRIL</b>	General Service Conference	New York
<b>MAY 18-19</b>	Post-Conference Assembly	Huron -D41-42	<b>MAY 17 - 18</b>	Post-Conference Assembly	Nevada City D-20
<b>JUNE 15</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	<b>JUNE 15</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>JULY 12-14</b>	Regional Forum	Las Vegas	<b>JULY 3 -6</b>	International Convention	Vancouver Canada
<b>JULY 20</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	<b>JULY 19</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>AUG 17</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	<b>AUG 16</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>SEP 21</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	<b>SEPT 20</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>OCT 18 - 20</b>	Mini PRAASA	Sonora-D30/33	<b>OCT 18</b>	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
<b>NOV 16</b>	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento	<b>NOV 14 - 16</b>	Election Assembly	Sacramento
<b>DEC 21</b>	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento	<b>DEC 13</b>	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento