

# CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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## Chair Report

We are well into Panel 74 and going strong! We have been having meaningful discussions and preparing for upcoming business – including archives relocation, hybrid assemblies, our Area Inventory, and our 2025 Spending Plan! We have appointed chairs attending the Bridging the Gap Workshop in Missoula, MT; the National A.A. Technology Workshop in St. Louis, MO; and the National A.A. Archives Workshop in Des Moines, IA. We have a lot going on right here at home in the beautiful California Northern Interior Area – 07!

Please see the Announcements on page 3 for more great events coming our way, and visit our Events Calendar at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org) for additional information.

### Call for Resumes!

- ◆ CNIA Appointed Chair for Grapevine & La Viña  
Our Grapevine/La Viña appointed chair will be stepping down in 2025 for personal reasons, so we are looking for someone to fill that appointed chair position for the remainder of this panel. Please contact Holly at [chair@cnia.org](mailto:chair@cnia.org) if you are interested.
- ◆ CNIA nomination for Trustee-at-Large U.S. (Election at Fall Assembly | Mini PRAASA)  
Our area will select one qualified candidate to put forward as a nominee, and the Pacific Region delegates will then select one nominee from our region to present to the trustees' Nominating Committee for consideration (A.A. Service Manual, p. 55-56).

Our Fall Assembly | Mini PRAASA is next month! October 11-13 in Angels Camp (D30)

- ◆ 2025 Proposed Spending Plan: Our treasurer and finance committee held several presentations with discussion over the past month to help inform and prepare our 2025 Spending Plan. We have been discussing our finances for several months, and reference material is available for review on the Treasurer/Finance page at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org). Please come prepared to discuss and vote on the Proposed 2025 Spending Plan (Saturday, 10/12).
- ◆ Area Inventory: Please review and discuss the Area Inventory Questions with your groups and come prepared to participate in this process. The inventory questions are available on our website at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org), and they are printed in this issue for your review. The inventory will take place on Sunday, October 13th at 9:00am – 12:00pm

Area Planning Meeting – December 14th

- ◆ Does your district want to host an Area Assembly in 2026?
- ◆ Start discussing now to prepare an assembly bid to present at our Area Planning Meeting
- ◆ Assembly information and bid forms are available in our CNIA Service Material Handbook and on our website at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org)

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve the California Northern Interior Area as your chairperson. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues to discuss.

Yours in Service,

**Holly J.**

CNIA Chair | Panel 74

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# ACM Agenda September 21, 2024

Location: 1500 Park Blvd., West Sacramento, CA  
Hybrid: Zoom Meeting ID: 982 1637 5307; Passcode: 244723

## 10:00 am – Call to Order

- ◆ Readings: GSR Preamble, Traditions, Concepts, Why We Need a Conference
- ◆ Introductions – First-time attendees, Visitors/ Guests, Past Delegates
- ◆ Review/Approve Minutes – August ACM
- ◆ Announcements/Anniversaries
- ◆ Seventh Tradition

## 10:30 – 11:00 Reports – 90 seconds each

### Assembly Reports

- ◆ 2024 Fall Assembly | Mini PRAASA (D30)
- ◆ 2025 Winter Assembly (D33)
- ◆ 2025 Pre-Conference (D09/D11)
- ◆ 2025 Post-Conference (D20)
- ◆ 2025 Fall Assembly | Elections (D37)

### Liaison Reports

- ◆ Finance Committee
- ◆ Hispanic Women’s Conference
- ◆ FORO
- ◆ Central Offices/Intergroups
- ◆ YPAA | Young People in AA
- ◆ H&I | Hospitals & Institutions
- ◆ NCCAA | Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous
- ◆ PICPC | Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community
- ◆ Accessibilities Interest Group (AIG)

11:00-11:15 BTG Speaker

11:15-12:00 2025 Proposed Spending Plan

## 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Break

1:00 – 1:20 Spending Plan Q&A

1:20 – 1:30 Webmaster – Carrie

## 1:30 – 2:00

Old Business – Archives; Resumes

New Business – None

2:00 – 2:50 Delegate’s Report

Break – 10 min.

## 3:00 – 3:30 Reports – 90 seconds each

District Reports – D-57 to D-09

### Appointed Chair Reports

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ Alt-Archives
- ◆ Bridging the Gap (BTG)
- ◆ Grapevine/La Viña
- ◆ Literature
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ A/V Tech
- ◆ Written Translation

### Officers

- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Registrar
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Alt-Chair
- ◆ Chair
- ◆ Alt-Delegate

3:30 pm – What’s on your Mind?

4:00 pm – Close

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

- **Our Area Archives remain closed** as we continue to look for viable and sustainable options to relocate.
- **Registration for the 2025 International A.A. Convention** in Vancouver opens Sept. 10th
- **18th Annual Hand in Hand Women’s Day of Unity** – Sept. 14th (Lodi)
- **National A.A. Technology Workshop** – Sept. 13-15 (Hybrid)
- **Service Committee Workshop** – Sept. 15 on Zoom (Area 62)
- **Get Into Action Committee** – Sept. 28, 11:00am (online groups and service)
- **NCCAA Fall Conference in Sacramento** – Oct. 4-6
- **Love and Service Conference** – Oct.11&12 (Pleasant Hill)
- **A.A. in Treatment Settings Online Conference** – Oct. 19, 10am-3pm (Area 58)
- **First OIAA International Online Convention** – Oct. 25-27
- **Plain Language Big Book** goes on sale Nov. 1, 2024
- **SACYPAA** – November 23
- **Hispanic Women’s Conference** – Dec. 7, 9-4pm (San Jose)

### Monthly Committee Meetings

- Grapevine/La Viña** – 3rd Tuesday on Google Meet, 7:00pm
- PI/CPC** – 1st Wednesday on Google Meet, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Accessibilities Interest Group (AIG)** – last Sunday of the month on Zoom, 4:00pm-5:30pm. Spanish interpretation is available.

### District Events – See our CNIA.org Events Calendar for more information

- Sept. 3rd – Lake Shasta Potluck & Speakers
- Sept. 7th – District 9 Siskiyou Unity Day Picnic
- Sept. 13-15 – 2024 A.A. Juanita Lake Campout (Siskiyou)
- Sept. 14 – District 33 Unity Day
- Sept. 21 – Sobriety in the Siskiyou’s 10th Anniversary
- Sept. 22nd – District 36 Unity Day
- Sept. 28th – District 19 Unity Day
- Oct. 5th – District 20 Unity Day
- Nov. 3rd – District 54 Anniversary

CNIA CALENDAR					
2024			2025		
JAN 20 - 21	Winter Assembly	Merced - D53	JAN 18 - 19	Winter Assembly	Sonora – D33
FEB 17	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	FEB 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
MAR 1 - 3	PRAASA	Area 06	MAR 7 - 9	PRAASA	Anchorage AK
MARCH 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	MARCH 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
APR 6 - 7	Pre-Conference Assembly	Denair - D36	APR 12 - 13	Pre-Conference Assembly	Gazelle - D9 - D11
APR 14-20	General Service Conference	New York	APR 27 MAY 3	General Service Conference	New York
MAY 18 - 19	Post-Conference Assembly	Huron – D55	MAY 17 - 18	Post-Conference Assembly	Nevada City- D20
JUNE 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	JUNE 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
JULY 12-14	Regional Forum	Las Vegas	JULY 3 -6	International Convention	Vancouver Canada
JULY 20	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	JULY 19	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
AUG 17	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	AUG 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
SEP 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	SEPT 20	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
OCT 4 - 6	NCCAA	Sacramento			
OCT 11 - 13	Mini PRAASA	Angels Camp D30	OCT 18	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
NOV 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	NOV 14-16	Election Assembly	Tracy D37
DEC 14	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento	DEC 13	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento

## CNIA Area Inventory

**Hello California Northern Interior Area!** Much like the individual alcoholic takes their inventory in Step 4, groups also take their inventories - and it's time for our Area Inventory. Our Area conducts an inventory once every 2 years at our fall assembly. The questions are written by an ad hoc committee of DCMs, Area Appointed Chairs and the Area Alternate Chair.

We look forward to hearing your responses at the Assembly in Angel's Camp October 11-13 (haven't registered yet? Go here to register online: <https://cni.org/assembly-info-2/>)

A heartfelt thank you to our Area Inventory committee members for their service: Martha DCM D15, Randel DCM D41, Patricia DCM D37, Jose DCM D57, Hector DCM D53, and Amanda Grapevine/La Vina Appointed Chair.

Here are the questions we'll be discussing so you can start to think about how you might answer:

1. **CNIA as a Whole:** What is the role of CNIA? What is the Area doing well? Where can the Area improve?
2. **Trusted Servants:** How can we make sure we prioritize principles over personalities when electing trusted servants? Do we pick leaders who think carefully about their important job, instead of just picking the most popular ones?
3. **Area and District Communication:** How well do the Area and districts talk to each other? How can the Area help Districts, Groups, and GSRs use the Traditions to share the message and help the still suffering alcoholic?
4. **Area Technology:** How are we doing at using technology and tools – do our tools enhance or restrict participation and access to information? Where should we adjust, or how can we better use our current tools (including website, online platforms, and newsletter)?
5. **Area Finances:** Is the Area's spending aligned with the Area's primary purpose? If so, how? If not, what should be adjusted?
6. **Accessibilities:** In what ways are we serving AA members--and/or prospective AA members--who have barriers to accessing AA in our Area? Where can we improve?

Yours in service,

**Emily L**

Alternate Chair

Panel 74

January 1 - Aug 31, 2024 Summary

	31-Jul-24	31-Aug-24	Spending Plan 2024	% of budget
<b>REVENUE/INCOME</b>				
4010 Group Contributions	37,329.41	\$ 41,983.00	\$ 60,000.00	70%
4020 Seventh Tradition	1,848.45	\$ 1,899.45	\$ 2,800.00	68%
4050 Contribution - Other	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 970.00	5%
4056 By Individual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	0%
<b>Total 4000 Contributed support</b>	<b>\$ 39,177.86</b>	<b>\$ 43,932.45</b>	<b>\$ 64,170.00</b>	<b>68%</b>
5110 Literature Sales	\$ 1,083.74	\$ 1,083.74	\$ 1,500.00	72%
5140 Grapevine/La Viña Sales	1,076.67	\$ 1,055.17	\$ 1,500.00	70%
5160 Assembly Income (net)	\$ 11,529.60	\$ 11,529.60	\$ 6,800.00	170%
5490 Misc Earned Revenue	\$ 466.56	\$ 466.43	\$ -	
5310 Interest-Savings/Sh-term Inv	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.73	\$ -	
<b>Total 5000 Earned Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 14,157.30</b>	<b>\$ 14,135.67</b>	<b>\$ 9,800.00</b>	<b>144%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 53,335.16</b>	<b>\$ 58,068.12</b>	<b>\$ 73,970.00</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>				
Total 7620 Delegate	\$ 2,778.11	\$ 3,469.22	\$ 4,860.00	71%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	\$ 2,260.50	\$ 2,260.50	\$ 3,135.00	72%
Total 7660 Chair (Corrected)	\$ 2,902.12	\$ 2,910.56	\$ 2,948.00	99%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	\$ 1,291.75	\$ 1,291.75	\$ 2,611.00	49%
Total 7700 Secretary	\$ 2,824.38	\$ 3,025.38	\$ 3,217.00	94%
Total 7720 Treasurer (Corrected)	\$ 2,145.66	\$ 2,856.32	\$ 3,545.00	81%
Total 7740 Registrar	\$ 1,442.10	\$ 1,442.10	\$ 2,045.00	71%
<b>Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,365.60</b>	<b>\$ 16,365.60</b>	<b>\$ 22,361.00</b>	<b>73%</b>
Total 7820 Literature Chair	\$ 800.45	\$ 800.45	\$ 2,330.00	34%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	\$ 651.91	\$ 651.91	\$ 3,012.00	22%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	\$ 403.87	\$ 403.87	\$ 3,688.00	11%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	\$ 3,227.94	\$ 3,227.94	\$ 4,108.00	79%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	\$ 2,640.25	\$ 3,105.50	\$ 3,288.00	94%
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	\$ 1,702.58	\$ 1,702.58	\$ 2,627.00	65%
Total 7940 Oral Transl. Chair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,670.00	0%
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	\$ 1,925.28	\$ 1,925.28	\$ 3,010.00	64%
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	\$ 1,645.87	\$ 1,645.87	\$ 3,545.00	46%
<b>Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,998.15</b>	<b>\$ 13,463.40</b>	<b>\$ 28,278.00</b>	<b>48%</b>
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMS	2,437.02	\$ 2,812.02	\$ 3,000.00	94%
Total 7980 Span. Transl./Lodg. Assbly	\$ 3,261.42	\$ 3,261.42	\$ 4,000.00	82%
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	0%
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mil./Lodg.	\$ 129.98	\$ 237.18	\$ 1,450.00	16%
<b>Total 7970-90 Transl. &amp; Interpr.</b>	<b>\$ 5,828.42</b>	<b>\$ 6,310.62</b>	<b>\$ 12,450.00</b>	<b>51%</b>
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	\$ 5,570.98	\$ 5,410.17	\$ 6,800.00	80%
Total 8070 Area Workshops	\$ 313.90	\$ 313.90	\$ 3,700.00	8%
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literat.	\$ 3,598.00	\$ 3,832.53	\$ 10,500.00	37%
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.	4,524.90	\$ 5,634.90	\$ 7,420.00	76%
Total 8300 Website	\$ 347.02	\$ 320.52	\$ 500.00	64%
Total 8400 Access., Lingu. & Serv. Contrib.	\$ 127.30	\$ 127.30	\$ 2,800.00	5%
Total 8500 Misc. Expenses	6,450.76	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 7,050.00	91%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	\$ 793.21	\$ 859.01	\$ 865.00	99%
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment	\$ 6,450.49	\$ 6,450.49	\$ 3,000.00	215%
<b>Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 28,176.56</b>	<b>\$ 29,398.82</b>	<b>\$ 55,085.00</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 63,368.73</b>	<b>\$ 65,538.44</b>	<b>\$ 105,724.00</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>NET REVENUE/INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (10,033.57)</b>	<b>\$ (7,470.32)</b>	<b>\$ (31,754.00)</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>				
Checking Account Balance (Corrected)	23,333.25	\$ 25,238.75		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,001.49	15,001.62		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	\$ 1,625.51	822.97		
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 39,960.25</b>	<b>\$ 41,063.34</b>		

**CNIA 07**

**Mini PRAASA**

**October 11-13, 2024**

**Calaveras County Fair Grounds**

**2465 Gunclub Rd Angels Camp Ca 95222**



**Scan for online registration**



Friday Registration opens 5pm / Assembly 7 pm – 9 pm

Saturday Registration opens 9am / Assembly 10am – 8:30pm

Sunday Assembly 9am – 12pm



**Pre-Register (online or mail) through October 6**

**Online: <https://ti.to/cnia-07/mini-praasa-2024>**

**Mail: District 30 Assembly (MINI PRAASA)**

**PO Box 43 Murphys Ca 95247**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Badge (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

GSR  Alt GSR  DCM  Alt DCM

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alt DCM  GVR  Member  Other

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Area 07 Officer \_\_\_\_\_

I need back-to-basics housing  M  F

Past Delegate/Panel# \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner \$20.00

Registration \$15.00

Western BBQ

Bottomless coffee/tea \$4.00

Vegetarian Grilled Portabella

**Make Check Payable to: AA District 30 ( Please note in the memo MINI PRAASA)**

**Mail: District 30 (MINI PRAASA)**

**PO Box 43**

**Murphys Ca 95247**

# ACM Meeting Minutes 2024 (Unapproved)

**The August ACM was held on Saturday, August 17, 2024.**  
CNIA Chair Holly called it to order at 10 a.m.

**Introductions:** Past Delegates Bob D. Panel 36, (Area 28) Vikki L. Panel P66, Tom A. Panel 70, and new guests and visitors were introduced. The Declaration of Unity followed this. Christine D17 read the Preamble. Hector H. D53 read the preamble in Spanish. Joey D24 read the 12 Traditions. Robert D36 read the 12 Concepts, and Loraine D17 read Why Do We Need a Conference?

**Consideration of Minutes:** Margie D17 moved the motion, which Martha D15 seconded. It was approved with a high degree of unanimity.

## Assembly Reports:

**Mini PRAASA Greg N.(D30):** Things are progressing well. We are on task and track for the assembly.

**Winter Assembly, Drew R.(D33):** Mini-PRASSA- District 33 is set to offer food services for the Fall 2024 assembly. We've booked the Mother Lode Fair for the Winter Assembly 2025 and are seeking hotel rates. We will also have a flyer ready for the Fall assembly.

**Pre-Conference Assembly Robert (D09 & 11):** I am Lauralyn D., the 2025 Pre-Conference Assembly Chair. We've met three times in person, but due to distance, we'll now meet on Zoom monthly for an hour and 15 minutes. We've reserved the Gazelle Grange, appointed chairs and co-chairs, and formed committees. We've also chosen Mike Z and Janet to cater our Saturday night dinner. Emily hopes to attend our next meeting on Zoom on Saturday, September 22 at 5:30. If you have questions or suggestions, please email me at lauralyncastle@icloud.com.

**Post-Conference Assembly Eric (D20):** Our first Zoom meeting discussed Post-Conference 2025. Emily attended and I thought it went well. Mellissa, our co-chair, is very organized and proactive in asking questions and doing research for the event.

**Fall Assembly Patricia D37:** Not ready, more info in Nov

## Liaison Reports:

**Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki L :** Inside Visitation Sponsorship Service (IVSS): NSS currently serves San Quentin, Salinas Valley (SVSP), the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) in Soledad, and the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF Chowchilla). Efforts are underway to bring the ISS to Folsom, Corcoran, the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Corcoran (SATF), and Avenal. A new IVSS position of Inside IVSS Liaison is being tested at CTF, which will help communicate with inside members. The IVSS thanks many

people, and the Central Offices actively encourage volunteers and help establish the service for inside members. Please send inquiries about IVSS to handiivss@gmail.com.

**SACYPAA, Young People in AA. Chris:** SACYPAA events are on the fourth Saturday of each month at 2700 L Street. All ages are welcome. Business meetings are on the second Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. at 2100 J Street. The next event is on August 24th at 12 p.m. at 6700 Tarshes Dr, Carmichael, CA, followed by a river float.

**Hispanic Foro, Herminia:** Attended Committee Foro on 7/21/24 in Lincoln. The group "Mi Mejor Decision" is working on posters that might be available at ACM for distribution to Districts. Next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 18.

**Central Offices/Intergroups Phillip:** Modesto. Having issues ordering literature. Financially stable.

**NCCAA Lorraine:** 75th Annual Fall Conference. Sacramento Wyndham Hotel, Oct. 4-6, 2024. See flyer.

**IP/CCP Claudio/Gina :** On the 4th Tuesday at 6:30, we request volunteers - specifically women - for the Women to Women event in April. Opportunities are starting to emerge with the Elk Grove School District and Legion of Rio Linda. We are asking local DCMs to share this information with their groups to gauge interest in volunteering for PI/CCP work. I have been reaching out to Veterans I meet in meetings, so if anyone is a Veteran and would like to participate in PI/CCP, please direct them to me. Lastly, the annual picnic is scheduled for 08-18-2024. American Legion Car Show Setp. 7, 2024

## 7t tradition baskets passed.

## Appointed Chair Reports:

**Tech Chair Sam P:** The Tech Committee met in August to work on updating the Accents process. The Webmaster will attend the National AA Technology meeting next month. Plans for a limited pilot of a hybrid Area Assembly for Mini-PRASAA are underway. The meeting will not be broadly available, so please attend in person. We're also working on enabling websites for Districts. Expect an update in September. We're looking for improved translation software as the current Google solution isn't sufficient.

**Bridging the Gap (BTG), Annette:** Hello, My name is Annette H. I am the Bridging The Gap Chair for CNIA Area 07 Panel 74. Bridging The Gap (BTG) helps alcoholics connect with AA in their home-towns upon release from an institution or rehab. I have plans to get BTG activities moving along and will be getting assistance from Rachel A. I expect to set up monthly BTG calls to share best practices by mid-September. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.



**Finance Chair, Drew R.** The Finance Committee met this month to review and comment on Don's 2025 Spending plan presentation.

**Archives Chair, Herminia N :** Valerie and I found a rental. It's currently under discussion by the Area Officers. We're on hold until further notice or approval. Attending the CCFAA picnic on Sunday 8/18/24 with the Archives display. Contact us with any questions. Love and service.

**Archives Alt-Chair, Valerie L :** The whole Archives Committee is excited about moving to a new location. We have been looking at several great locations within the \$2000.00 budget approved by the Post-Conference assembly. In addition to searching for locations, I've been busy with packing, attending meetings, and preparing for upcoming events. We have upcoming plans for the CCFAA Picnic, an event in Roseville, and participation in the NCCAA Conference and an Archive Workshop in Iowa in September.

**Grapevine/La Vina Chair, Amanda:** The grapevine birthday party was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended. I look forward to district 33's unity day on September 15th and Mini PRAASA

**Literature, Beth S:** I am still waiting for GSO to fix the online bookstore for me. However, I was able to purchase what I needed from District 34 intergroup. Accessibility kits and workbooks are on back order. I will call and order directly when available. I'll be at two unity days in September and I'm excited. Thank you all for letting me be of service to you.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Registrar Jessica:** Emails will go out this week with District group status and GSR contact updates. Please see the Group Look-Up form at [cnia.org](http://cnia.org) for questions about your group # and status. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to learn and serve our Area.

**Treasurer Don:** Thank you to all of you, our trusted servants and the Finance Committee (Drew, Ada, Simon, Jenn). Contributions are stable, hitting the 50% mark by July 1. The 7th Tradition at the July ACM was \$134 (\$129 cash & \$5 online). Current balances: checking (\$23,333.25), prudent reserve (\$15,001.49), prepaid reserve for the Forum (sinking, \$1625.51); total \$39,960.25. The Finance Committee reviewed Expense/Revenue report, Spending Plan draft for 2025, and a summary of principles based on traditions. We plan to put the surplus into action, projecting balances to approximately \$27,000 by December. Planning one or two online workshops in August to review spending plan and make budget cuts. Services added for our Area include translation services, interpretation equipment, technology upgrades, prudent reserve, sinking fund for conferences, and increased GSC contribution for delegate's costs. Considering

7th Tradition and Area's purposes from the AA Service Manual and Area Service Material Book to inform our decisions. Contributions stable at about \$65,000/year, but expenses have increased. Considering reducing attendance to conferences, mileage reimbursement, and service positions to sustain essentials without an increase in contributions. Thank you for letting me and our team be of service!

**Recording Secretary/Accents Publisher. Jose U:** Good morning! I'm Jose, and I'm on a journey of recovery. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your recording secretary and accents publisher. Your support is helping me grow, and together, we will continue to provide this valuable service. Please remember to read the accents, as they are a rich source of information. Thank you all for your dedication to Alcoholics Anonymous and your service. Love. José U.

**Alternate Chair, Emily:** Reminder: GSR schools on 9/15 in Shasta and 9/23 in Modesto. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend mini PRAASA due to commitment before the Assembly date change. I'll ensure my position is covered.

**Alternate Delegate Claudio B:** Hosted the monthly PI/CPC meeting, attended the North American Alt-delegate meeting, and helped with the Grapevine birthday party.

**Delegate Matthew L:** I have been making significant progress in my reports and am excited to share the latest updates. Recently, I visited Sonora D33 and Red Bluff D11 to give a delegate report. I have been responding to emails from confused members about the PLBB and updating the CNIA website. Some trusted servants have contacted me, feeling unsure about their roles. I always ask them about their service sponsor and encourage them to connect with other trusted servants in our area. I also remind them to refer to the area's **Service Material Handbook**. It's normal to feel this way, but showing up and participating is the most important thing. I encourage them to embrace these feelings and seek guidance from past Delegates if they haven't found a service sponsor yet. The key is to begin where you are and trust in your abilities. I want to remind everyone about the opening for a Class A Trustee on the GSB and the upcoming August 31, 2024 deadline. This is a crucial deadline, and your prompt action is greatly appreciated. Also, Racy GSO Staff has an update about the requested video for introducing GSO Staff members, which is unavailable yet. I have notes from the Board Meeting held in July. LinkedIn Page: Since November 2023, our page has received 2,800 visits, leading to 350 clicks to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). As of June 30, 2024, we have 3,856 followers (+89 increase from last quarter) [https://youtu.be/IgMjTlwh\\_LA?si=pUU-MN\\_w0S-uO2vD](https://youtu.be/IgMjTlwh_LA?si=pUU-MN_w0S-uO2vD). Cochrane Study: The 2020 study on Alcoholics Anonymous, led by Dr. John Kelly of Harvard and Dr. Keith Humphries of Stanford, provided extensive evidence that A.A. works as well or better than other scientific treatments for alcoholism. Request for shared



experience in Online CPC efforts: GSO wants to collect shared experiences from committees to inform professionals. Any input is welcome and may be sent to [cpc@aa.org](mailto:cpc@aa.org). Please remember the following update from the July General Service Board weekend regarding the Plain Language Big Book: The GSB reviewed correspondence received since the 74th GSC of the Plain Language Big Book and discussed related floor actions proposed at the GSC. Each person who submitted correspondence will receive a personal response. The Trustees Literature Committee (TLC) reviewed the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature memo to A.A.W.S. Publishing regarding editorial changes, including relocating the "A.A. Steps Table" and replacing references to "addiction" with language related to alcoholism. The TLC agreed to proceed with the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous based on the Advisory Action from the 74th GSC and the first 10 "minor editorial changes" from the Publishing memo. The AAWS Board is discussing pricing and format for the Plain Language Big Book, which is expected to be available in November 2024. The list price is \$11.00. The Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference is available on the Area Website. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2024. The latest news from GSO can be accessed by subscribing to AA.org. Registration for the International Convention opens on September 10th. There's also an option for a virtual program track for those unable to attend in person. More information is available on IC 2025 FAQs.

### **DCM Reports:**

**D9, Christine T. DCM:** We have 25 meetings. One meeting has closed, but another has started. Three of the meetings are hybrid. Our district met on the 4th. We are considering participating in a 4-county Unity Day, but it conflicts with Mini-PRAASA. Next month is busy with a district Unity Day on the 7th, a campout from the 13th-15th, and Sobriety in the Siskiyou on the 21st. I've started attending meetings in the north county to attract members to general service and bridge the gap between North and South County. We have a new GSR from the north county, and I'm open to suggestions to shorten this divide.

**D11, Gayle S. DCM:** District 11 wants to express gratitude to our Area Delegate Matthew, past Delegates, and everyone who attended our district event on August 3rd. We received a fabulous 2024 AA Conference report! Thank you, Gayle. We are actively promoting GSR positions and will host the Intergroup birthday meeting on September 7th. Our very own Area 07 Alt-Chair Emily L. will conduct a GSR School on September 15th. The agenda item on splitting areas is being

reconsidered due to other areas expressing the same need. Gayle S. DCM will remain the district 11 intergroup liaison. Next year's preconference meeting is scheduled for June 29th at 6:00 at Alano Club. More information on the Assembly will be provided by Lauralyn D.

**D15, Martha T. DCM:** D15 meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2341 Floral Ave., Chico at 4 pm. Matthew is coming to Chico Central, 1102 Mangrove Ave, Chico, on Sunday, August 25th from 10 am-2 pm. The potluck brunch is at 10:30, and the delegate report starts at 11 a.m. We are discussing how to make our Little Free Library Project sustainable for the future. A member of our fellowship is serving as our Archives Chair, and our District 15 archives will be presented at fellowship events.

**D17, Marjie E. Alt-DCM:** District 17 meeting on Aug 12: 10 GSRs, 4 officers, and 2 members-at-large attended. Some GSRs reported not receiving Accents and were directed to [cnaa.org](http://cnaa.org) to submit new forms. 5 GSRs registered for MiniPRAASA. Address for District contributions to be added to the website. 4 registered for NCCAA. H&I liaison received a request for AA to come to Safe Harbor House in Woodland. New GSR showed interest in helping with data entry. Area Inventory passed out for feedback. Discussion on hybrid assemblies. Upcoming events: Winters Kitchen Table Group Speaker Meeting and Potluck on Sept. 14, and Dixon No Name Group's 42nd-anniversary celebration on Nov 2nd at the Methodist Church in Dixon. Looking for a true DCM. Submitted by Marjie Echols, Alt. DCM, D17.

**D19, Chris L. DCM:** We met on August 3, 2024. Our alt-DCM, Chris L., became the new DCM, and Marie M is the new Alt-DCM.

**D20, Eric K. DCM:** Good morning! Just a reminder that Unity day is on October 5th from 2:30 to 8:30 pm, with the theme being rule 62. If you're interested in attending and want dinner, please give me a call for tickets at 530-210-3769. Also, our first zoom meeting discussing post conference 2025 went well. Melissa, our co-chair, is very organized and ahead of the game with event planning. In love and service, Eric.

**D21, Christina A. DCM:** District 21's hybrid business meetings are well-attended with members actively participating in person and online. Our "Spotlight on Service" topic for July was the 7th Tradition, with discussions led by our Area Chair, Treasurer, and Rocklin Fellowship GSR. We're working on updating our District 21 Guidelines and considering new policies for appointed service position holders as voting members. The draft A07 Spending Plan was distributed to GSRs for review. We're also planning a D21 Service Assembly in the Fall and our PICPC Chair and reps are engaging with community groups. We had a brief discussion on the District's role in contributing to the Area Archives and are seeking more information about this. Members who

attended the Pacific Regional Forum shared their positive experience.

**D22, Lorraine M. DCM:** Our District 22 met on Wed, Aug 14th at 6:00 pm. We are considering hosting future workshops on Safety in AA and Accessibilities. Our PI/CPC will be present at the VA Stand Down on Sept 19th, and we are working on improving our website and adding new pages. We are also hosting a day with our Delegate, Matthew, on Sept 15th in Cameron Park, with pizza and cookies to entice members who are unsure about General Service.

**D23, Chris K. DCM:** District 23's business meeting was on August 13, 2024. District 23 is considering a unity day to boost participation. Emily, the Alt-chair, led the GSR school at the meeting. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm on zoom. We're in talks with District 27 about co-hosting their Fall in Love with Service event on October 26.

**D24, Joey S. Alt-DCM:** District 24 had a successful meeting on August 14, 2024, with 14 attendees and two new GSR's. We discussed budget proposals, upcoming inventory for the mini-prassa, and concerns about mileage reduction and cutbacks to support the Archives move. Mathew L. will give his report at our next meeting on September 11, 2024, at 6 pm, followed by tacos.

**D25, Nancy M. DCM:** District 25 is planning an in-person meeting to discuss inventory questions and outreach opportunities. Additionally, they are emphasizing the importance of the Accessibility Checklist for GSRs.

**D27, Sarah T. DCM:** We are planning our 'Fall in Love with Service' event on Saturday, October 26th from 11 to 5 at 510 Wool St in Folsom. There will be panels, speakers, trivia, and fellowship. Free food and drinks will be provided. The event aims to promote involvement in general service. Please attend and bring a friend or sponsee! Look out for the flyer in the next 'By the Way' newsletter. Thank you!

**D29, Raechyl L. DCM:** We have good district participation, our Bylaws committee is reviewing and updating our Bylaws and our financial situation is slightly improving. We are working on getting quotes from facilities for a potential Assembly bid this year. Thank you!

**D30, Gregory N. DCM:** During our District Committee Meeting on August 10th, 2024, we discussed the Area 7 Spending Plan and the Area Accessibilities Interest Group. There were 16 people in person and 4 online. The conversation was intense, with concerns about overspending and unnecessary expenses. A unanimous decision was made to reconsider financial support if spending doesn't change. "Concerning any given Service, we pose but one question: Is this service really needed? If it is then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who seek AA. Thanks for your Service.

**D33, Drew R. DCM:** Please remember the following: Serving Tuolumne County, our hybrid District Committee Meeting takes place on the second Monday of every month at the Willow Springs Clubhouse in Soulsbyville, California. We have 7 members in person and 8 online. Our District Archives committee has made great progress in reconstituting our archives and will display their work at our September 14 Unity Day. Jeanine visited all 21 available Little Libraries in our district and placed Grapevines with PI cards. We discussed meeting requirements and decided that meetings must be registered with GSO prior to inclusion in our schedules. 16 people attended Matthew's Delegate report back, and some of us attended District 11's report as well.

**D34 Leslie B. Alt-DCM:** Our district meeting went well. We have some upcoming events: a sponsorship workshop on August 18, a GSR workshop on September 22, and an old-timer panel on September 15. Good progress has been made in our bylaw committee meetings. Thanks to Claudio, Christina, and Amanda for their efforts in organizing the Grapevine Party. We're now preparing for Mini PRAASA and ensuring that all GSRs are ready. - Leslie B, DCM, District 34

**D36, Robert G. DCM:** District 36 met on July 21st to review notes from the 7/20 ACM meeting. We are moving forward with planning Unity Day for September 22nd at Yosemite Lake in Merced. Finances for the district are good, with Intergroup donating \$500 towards Unity Day.

**D37, Patricia G. DCM:** District 37 didn't have a July meeting because the DCM was out of the country. Several positions are vacant. Matthew provided a Delegate report in June. The next meeting is on August 21 at 7:00 PM. Thanks!

**D40, Carrie J. DCM:** We discussed ongoing Area business, including the upcoming Area Inventory, addressing concerns about the Plain Language Big Book, the 12 Step Checklist status, the 2025 Spending Plan, possible restructuring with Area 06, last chances to attend Delegate Report, and revamping Accents. We reminded members of the upcoming PI/CPC Area and Grapevine/La Vina Area meetings. We had a great GSR panel in Madera on August 3. Thank you to Holly and Jose for speaking.

**D41, Randel M. DCM:** District 41 is financially stable. This month, we added 1 new GSR and 2 Alternate GSRs!! I am looking forward to continued and growing participation within the District.

**D42, Bill L. DCM:** District Mtg. held on Aug 8. Discuss upcoming delegate reports, Mini-PRAASA, and finances. Starting planning workshop for Secretaries and GSRs. **Our meeting is attended by District #43 GSRs while they get organized.** Thanks, Bill L

**D47, Mike C. DCM:** District 47 is collaborating with Districts 49 and 42 to host a Delegate meeting on August 24th, 12-4 pm, at the Exeter Veterans Memorial Hall in Exeter, CA. The meeting will be on Zoom, and the Zoom link is on the Tulare County Central Office web page.

**D54, Ismael M. DCM:** Hello, everyone; I am Ismael DCM from District 54. GSR's meetings are on the first Thursday of each month, and concept studies meetings are on the third Thursday. District 54 will celebrate its 29th Anniversary on Sunday, November 3, 2024. The Hispanic Foro will occur on the first Sunday, December 1, 2024. Thank you, and happy 24 hours of sobriety!

**D56, Fernando R. GSR:** We continue to meet every third Thursday of the month. We currently have 11 GSRs, and financially, we are stable. The subcommittee of the Foro continues to work very well. Thank you and have a happy 24 hours.

**D57, Martin R. Alt-DCM:** We continue to hold our district meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and encourage GSRs to establish new committees.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Archives Location: Officers' Discussion/Vote**

The Area officers met to discuss renting commercial office space for our area archives. The vote resulted in a tie, so the proposed location was not approved. New financial information will be presented to the group, and the archives' chairs expressed their frustration at not having a workspace for their service commitment. They asked to be present for the next location discussion.

- ◆ **ACM Discussion:** Members expressed a desire to keep the relocation moving and explore alternative options to an expensive commercial office space used only twice a month. They appreciated the officers' cautious approach to finding the right location without rushing into an unsustainable situation.

#### **New Business:**

Trustee at Large U.S. Resumes for Election at Fall Assembly  
Asked if candidates needed to be present to submit an application. It is customary that elected officers be present to be considered, but given the fall assembly date change created conflict for many, this question was posed. Also, is it necessary to attend in person, or will online presence be permitted if/when we go hybrid? It was mentioned that nominees are not present when regional delegates consider candidates, and perhaps we accept applications for those not present, and the assembly body can determine if they want to vote for someone who is not present for the election.

**ACM closed at 4:00 pm with the responsibility declaration.**

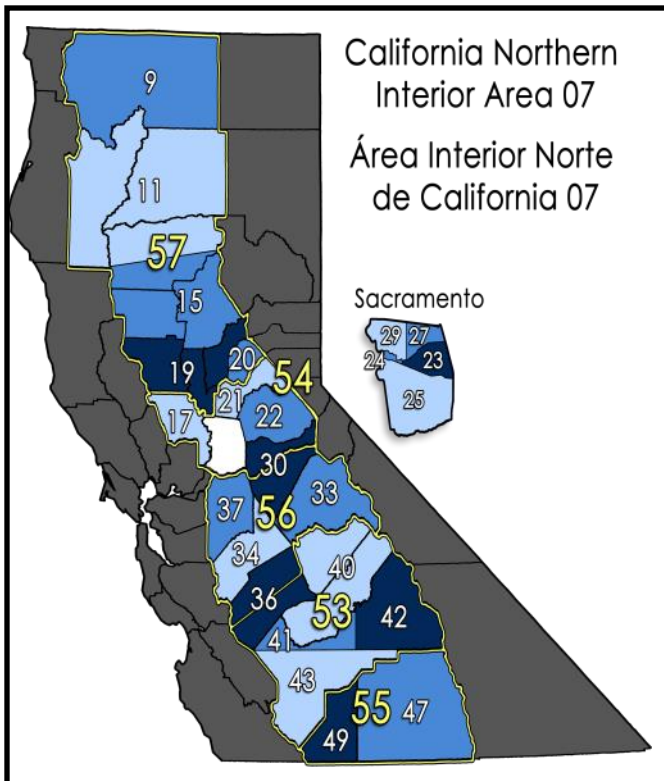
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**Location:** Trinity Presbyterian Church  
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And for that **I am Responsible**

### A Declaration of Unity ~

This we owe to A.A.'s Future:  
To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,  
And the lives of those to come.