

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair Report

Greetings faithful and trusted servants! We are heading into the final stretch of this panel, and I encourage everyone to remain steadfast and focused as we forge ahead for the remainder of this year – continuing to make progress toward whatever comes next for our area, your districts, and all of our groups and members.

Our August ACM had lighter than usual attendance with just 34 people (24-26 in person and 8-10 online). We successfully tested our Spanish interpretation remotely (from the next room), so this should be a good cost savings for our ACMs going forward – paying for the service but not the mileage reimbursement.

- An **Assembly Structure** Ad hoc Committee has considered comments from ongoing discussions regarding possible changes to our assembly structure. The committee will offer a recommendation and a *draft proposed motion* at our September ACM. *Any proposed changes to our assembly structure will be brought to an area assembly for consideration by the body.* We will distribute a draft proposed motion to districts and GSRs, so they can inform their group, get feedback, and be prepared to discuss and possibly vote on a motion at our 2025 Election Assembly. *If approved, changes would affect our 2027 assemblies* (determined at our December 2025 Planning Meeting).
- Our Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair held three **Spending Plan Workshops** over the past few weeks to get feedback – helping to inform our developing *Proposed 2026 Spending Plan*. The final *Proposed 2026 Spending Plan* will be made available for GSRs to review and discuss with their groups prior to the Election Assembly in November, so they can be informed by their groups and participate in the discussion and possibly vote on our 2026 Spending Plan.
- We had our 2nd **Lean into Service** workshop in District 11 (Redding) last month. Our final *Lean into Service* workshop will be a hybrid event hosted by District 37 on October 25th. *The purpose of these workshops is highlight various opportunities and paths to service in our area, motivate others to get involved with general service, and to cultivate future service leaders in our area.* Please see the [CNIA Events Calendar](#) for more information.

Our **Election Assembly** will be hosted by District 37 in Tracy on November 14-16. This is a 3-day assembly that starts on Friday evening and goes thru Sunday afternoon. Registration is available on our website, and you can [start planning for this weekend event now!](#) We will be electing our Area Officers for Panel 76 (2026-2027) and presenting our 2026 Proposed Spending Plan for consideration.

- Area Officer and Appointed Chair [Position Descriptions](#), and our *experience, strength, and hope* with our service positions, are available for review on our website.
- **Call for Resumes!** We will have an election to nominate our candidate for the Pacific Regional Trustee position. Please see page 53 of the Service Manual for information regarding this service position.

The **Area Planning Meeting** on December 20th will be a potluck, so bring your appetite and your favorite dish to share! Districts interested in hosting an assembly in 2027 should be prepared to submit an assembly bid at this meeting. [Assembly Guidelines and Bid Forms](#) are available in our Service Material Handbook and on our website.

Thank you all for your love and dedicated service to Alcoholics Anonymous. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve with all of you!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns to discuss.

Yours in Service,

Holly J.

CNIA Chair | Panel 74

chair@cnia.org

ACM Agenda – September 20, 2025

Location: 1500 Park Blvd., West Sacramento, CA

Hybrid: Zoom **Meeting ID: 982 1637 5307; Passcode: 244723**

10:00 am – Call to Order

~ A Declaration of Unity ~

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

10:30 – 10:50 Reports (90 seconds)

Assembly Reports

- 2025 Fall Assembly – Elections (D37)
- 2026 Winter Assembly (D27)
- 2026 Pre-Conference (D19)
- 2026 Post-Conference (D53)
- 2026 Fall Assembly – Inventory (D17)

Liaison Reports

- PICPC | Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community
- YPAA | Young People in AA
- Hispanic Women's Conference
- FORO
- Central Offices/Intergroups
- H&I | Hospitals & Institutions
- NCCAA | Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

10:50 – 11:15 Present Draft Spending Plan

11:15 – 12:00 Draft Spending Plan Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Break

1:00 – 1:15 BTG Presentation

1:15 – 2:00 Sharing Session

- Assembly Structure Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation
- Sharing Session – WOYM

2:00 – 2:30 Business

- Old Business – none
- New Business – Translation Equipment

2:30 – 3:00 Officer Reports

- Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Alt. Chair, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer

3:00 – 3:50 Reports (90 seconds)

District Reports

- D09 – D57

Committee Reports

- Finance
- Technology

Appointed Chair Reports

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

4:00 pm – Closing: Responsibility Statement

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

Announcements

Election Assembly November 14-16, 2025.

Registration is available now!

Upcoming Events

(see CNIA Calendar for more info)

Sept. 19 – GSR School

Sept. 20 – FCYPAA Event

Sept. 27 – D11 Unity Day

Sept. 27 – D19 Unity Day

Oct. 4 – D15 Service & GV Writing workshop

Oct. 11 – D33 Unity Day

Dec. 6 – Hispanic Women's Workshop

Dec. 14 – Hispanic Foro (Chowchilla)

Delegate's GSC Report Backs

□ Sept. 21 – D22

Spending Plan Discussion Sessions

Lean into Service Workshops

□ Oct. 25 – D37 (Stockton)

Monthly Committee Meetings

□ BTG Coordinators' Meeting – 4 th

Tuesday of month at 7-8pm

□ PICPC Meeting – 1 st Wednesday of month at 6:30pm

□ SACYPAA business meetings 2 nd Sunday monthly at 1pm – 2100 J. Street (Sac)

CNIA CALENDAR

2025			2026		
JAN 18 - 19	Winter Assembly	Sonora – D33	JAN 17 – 18	Winter Assembly	Folsom D27
FEB 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	FEB 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
MAR 7 - 9	PRAASA	Anchorage AK	FEB 27/28 MAR 1	PRAASA	Hawaii
MARCH 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	MAR 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
APR 12 - 13	Pre-Conference Assembly	Gazelle-D9-11	APR 18 - 19	Pre-Conference Assembly	Yuba-City D19
APR 27-MAY 3	General Service Conference	New York	APR 26-MAY 2	General Service Conference	New York
MAY 17 - 18	Post-Conference Assembly	Nev. City D20	MAY 16 - 17	Post-Conference Assembly	Merced D53
JUNE 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	JUNE 20	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
JULY 3 - 6	International Convention	Van. Canada	JULY 18	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
JULY 19	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	AUG 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
AUG 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	SEPT 19	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
SEP 20	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	OCT 16—18	Mini-PRAASA	Woodland- D17
OCT 18	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	NOV 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
NOV 14—16	Election Assembly	Tracy D37	DEC 4 - 6	Regional Forum	San Diego
DEC 13	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento	DEC 19	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento

Finance Report

Summary from January 1st to August 31				
	31-Jul-25	31-Aug-25	Spending Plan 2025	% of budget
REVENUE/INCOME				
4010 Group Contributions	41,260.40	46,879.27	\$ 64,000.00	73%
4020 Seventh Tradition	\$2,312.00	\$2,460.00	\$ 2,800.00	88%
4050 Contribution - Other C	545.92	545.92	\$ 970.00	56%
4056 By Individual C			\$ 400.00	0%
Total 4000 Contributed support	\$ 44,118.32	\$ 49,885.19	\$ 68,170.00	65%
5160 Assembly Income (Net)^^	2,607.00	2,607.00	\$ 5,900.00	44%
5490 Misc Earned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	
5310 Interest-Savings/Sh-term Inv	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$-	
Total 5000 Earned Revenues	\$ 2,609.12	\$ 2,609.12	\$ 5,900.00	44%
TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME	\$ 46,727.44	\$ 52,494.31	\$ 74,070.00	71%
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
Total 7620 Delegate	\$2,800.58	\$2,800.58	\$ 3,857.88	73%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	\$2,048.66	\$2,048.66	\$ 2,856.66	72%
Total 7660 Chair C	\$2,466.69	\$2,566.69	\$ 2,827.90	54%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair C	\$1,487.22	\$1,524.32	\$ 2,722.28	56%
Total 7700 Secretary	\$3,036.81	\$3,237.81	\$ 3,313.32	98%
Total 7720 Treasurer C	\$1,640.30	\$1,715.90	\$ 3,143.32	55%
Total 7740 Registrar	\$1,792.25	\$1,792.25	\$ 2,116.66	85%
Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses	\$ 15,272.51	\$ 15,686.21	\$ 20,838.02	75%
Total 7820 Literature Chair	\$1,484.00	\$1,484.00	\$ 2,848.24	52%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	\$2,442.20	\$2,442.20	\$ 2,904.86	84%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	\$1,568.01	\$1,568.01	\$ 3,407.46	46%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	\$ 1,055.94	\$ 1,055.94	\$ 2,268.36	47%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	\$1,537.85	\$1,537.85	\$ 1,987.34	77%
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	\$2,413.83	\$2,413.83	\$ 2,720.78	89%
Total 7940 Oral Transl. Chair	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	0%
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	1,536.28	1,536.28	\$ 3,793.86	40%
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	\$1,590.27	\$1,590.27	\$ 3,233.76	49%
Total 7980 Accessibility Chair	\$965.92	\$965.92	\$ 1,834.84	53%
Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses	\$ 13,058.02	\$ 13,058.02	\$ 24,999.50	52%
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMS	\$2,234.68	\$2,754.38	\$ 3,000.00	92%
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mileage	\$ 107.20	\$ 107.20	\$ 600.00	18%
Total 7970-90 Transl. & Interpr.	\$ 2,341.88	\$ 2,861.58	\$ 4,600.00	62%
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	25%
Total 8070 Other Event Expenses (Unreimbursed GSC or District)	391.95	432.82	\$ 1,100.00	39%
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literature	\$1,025.10	\$1,115.10	\$ 1,000.00	112%
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.^	\$12,301.15	\$13,101.15	\$ 13,420.00	98%
Total 8300 Website C	\$794.58	\$807.57	\$ 500.00	162%
Total 8400 Access., Lingu. & Serv. Contrib.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	0%
Total 8500 Other Misc. Expenses	1,868.13	1,901.16	\$ 2,050.00	93%
Subtotal 8540 General Service Conference	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	100%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	\$911.25	\$927.08	\$ 865.00	107%
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment C	\$1,416.53	\$1,416.53	\$ 1,300.00	109%
Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures	\$ 22,508.69	\$ 23,501.41	\$ 31,635.00	74%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 53,181.10	\$ 55,107.22	\$ 77,472.52	71%
NET REVENUE/INCOME ^^	\$ (6,453.66)	\$ (2,612.91)		
BANK ACCOUNTS				
Checking Account Balance (Corrected)	6,768.89	10,315.39		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,002.87	15,003.13		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	1,098.24	1,098.28		
Total Account Balance	\$ 22,870.00	\$ 26,416.80		



California Northern Interior Area
Election Assembly | November 14-16, 2025



Área Interior Norte California
Asamblea de Elecciones | 14 y 16 de Noviembre,

Tracy Community Center - 950 East Street Tracy CA 95376

11/14/2025 5:00PM – Onsite Registration opens / In situ Registros
7:00PM – Call to order / Llamar al ordenar

11/15/2025 8:00AM – Onsite Registration opens / In situ Registros
9:00AM – Call to order / Llamar al ordenar

11/16/2025 9:00 – 12:00PM

Dinner: Barbeque Tri-Tip and Chicken, Pasta and sides

Cena: Barbacoa Tri-Tip y Pollo, Pasta y guarniciones

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

**Online Registration
due by November 7th**

**Registro en Línea
hasta el 7 de
Noviembre**

www.cnia.org

Send reg. form & payment to: / Enviar formulario y pago a:

District 37, P.O. Box 523, Stockton, CA 95201

Make check payable to: District 37 /Haga los cheques a nombre de: Distrito 37

Mail Pre-Reg due by November 1/ La preinscripción por correo vence el 1 de Noviembre

Name and District # / Nombre y Distrito #: _____

Name on Badge (if different) / Nombre en la insignia (si es diferente): _____

Email / Electrónico Correo: _____

Phone / Teléfono: _____

I will be attending/ Estaré presente: ☐ in person/en persona ☐ online/en línea ☐ Both/Ambas
Note: full online participation dependent on Wi-Fi / Nota: la participación completa en línea depende de Wi-Fi

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

Puesto de Servicio: ☐ RSG/Alt. ☐ MCD/Alt. ☐ Oficiales ☐ Asignado ☐ Delegado Pasado
☐ Miembro

"Back to Basics" Lodging ☐ male ☐ female

Alojamiento "Back to Basics" ☐ masculino ☐ femenino

Registration / Registro \$24.00

Dinner / Cena: \$20.00

Coffee / Café sin fondo: \$5.00

Total: \$ _____



**Online Registration /
Registro en línea**

LODGING OPTIONS

Hotels in Tracy/ Hoteles en Tracy

Room blocks are available at the following hotels for Friday 11/14 and Saturday 11/15

Hampton 2400 Naglee Road. Tracy, CA 95376
(209) 833-0483 \$129.00

Holiday Inn 3751 N. Tracy Blvd. Tracy, CA 95304
(209) 830-8500 \$134.00

Hilton Home2 Suites 2025 W. Grant Line Road,
Tracy, CA 95377 (209) 407-4663 \$159.00
All hotels must be booked by calling the hotel directly and requesting the CNIA room rate.
Hotels must be booked by October 22, 2025

RV

Discounted blocks not available

Elks Lodge

6400 W. 11th Street, Tracy, CA 95304
(209) 835-4413

Dos Reis Regional Park

890 Dos Reis, Lathrop, CA 95330
(209) 953-8800

“Back to Basics” Lodging / Alojamiento

Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis. Please send email request to ElectionAssembly@cnia.org with gender and number of individuals seeking lodging.

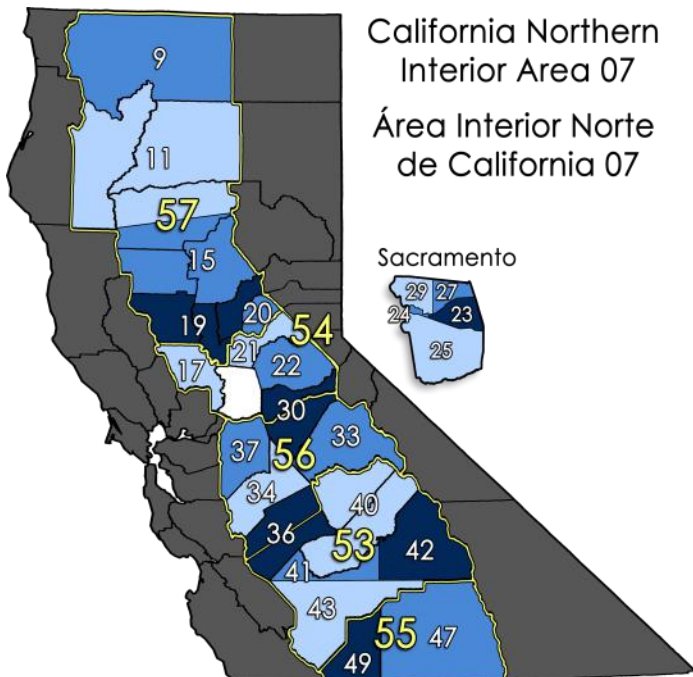
CNIA contributions:
PO Box 161712
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

CNIA Archives
is open monthly on the 1st Saturday
10 am to 2 pm

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August ACM Minutes 2025 (Unapproved)

The ACM was held on Saturday, August 16, 2025. CNIA Chair Holly called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The session opened with a Declaration of Unity. Readings included The GSR Preamble by Eric A. D20, 12 Traditions by Reachyl L. D29, The 12 Concepts by Tony D30, and "Why Do We Need a Conference?" by John B. D41. July sobriety anniversaries and housekeeping announcements followed.

Introductions: Past Delegates: Tom A., Panel 70, Paul C, Panel 54. Woody R. Panel 50, Consideration of June Minutes: Marjie D17 motioned to approve, and Greg D30 seconded. The Minutes were approved.

7th Tradition baskets passed

Assembly Reports:

Election Assembly Patricia G. D37: District 37 is busy planning the Election Assembly. Registration is available on cnia.org and at the door. The committee has been meeting monthly and will move to a twice-monthly schedule nearer to the date. We have toured the facility and will map out the event. The balance of rental is due 20 business days, and the Area Treasurer has that information.

Winter Assembly 2026, Sarah T. D27: We are working on creating a budget.

Pre-Conference Assembly Chris L. D19: We're having committee meetings for the Pre-Conference in April of 2026.

Post-Conference Assembly Hector H. D53: We have already reserved the venue for the Post-Conference Assembly, scheduled for May 16-17, 2026, in the City of Merced, CA. The location is the Merced Women's Club, located at 707 W. 22nd St. The venue is accessible from the back of the room, and it includes an audio system as well as two TVs for video or virtual meetings. The person in charge will confirm whether there are any additional costs associated with using these amenities.

Mini-PRAASA Marjie D17: 2026 Mini-PRAASA is on Oct. 16-18, 2026, At Yolo County Fairgrounds. Contract is signed, and a deposit of \$500.00 has been paid. The security Guards have also been reserved. As of now, Marjie will be the Chair of the Assembly.

Liaison Reports:

PI/CPC Claudio B: PICPC met last Wednesday and attended Unity Day. Stand Downs scheduled for Sept. 27-29, 2025, Gina M. (D27) is leading. Since last month, not much has been happening. I have attended a few report-backs from Matthew. I participated in a panel about its service recovery at Butte Round-Up

SACYPAA - Chris K: Hosting summit in Sacramento, Halloween weekend. October 31 – Nov. 2nd. Monthly business meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1-4 pm. Please see our website sacypaa.org.

Hispanic Women's Conference- Patricia G: I finally have a full report. I was not aware that the Liaison position was responsible for coordinating the event. Area 07 stepped up to host the 2025 workshop at the conclusion of the 2024 workshop. I have now spoken to a lot of women (current Area Liaisons and past participants in the workshop), and Area 07 has agreed to move forward. I understand and appreciate that the workshop means a lot for the community and we don't want a year to pass without holding one. We are currently a committee of one (me) and have planning meetings via Zoom every Sunday at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information is 853 9853 9447. Passcode is HWW2025. We are currently selecting artwork for the flyer. Once the design is selected, I will make the flyers and distribute them ASAP. We have decided to hold the 2025 workshop via Zoom only. I will need the Area's support in tech and translation. Another Area has expressed interest in a watch party and I hope to have a full slate of liaisons present at the next meeting. Please forward my information to anyone in the Area who is interested in serving on the committee, participating in the event, or wants additional information.

Hispanic Foro, Herminia: Good morning I'am Herminia, an alcoholic. It's a privilege to be of service to Area 07 as the Liaison for the Foro Local. The Foro Committee will be meeting on Sunday, December 14, 2025, in Modesto. The host will be District 56. The linguistics Districts 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 continue to participate in the Foro Local, which is scheduled for August 14, 2025, in Chowchilla. Looking forward to attending this amazing event, I invite the fellowship to come and celebrate with us. Love and Service.

Central Offices/Intergroups

Central Valley Intergroup, Beth S: Hello, Area 07, we have a new office manager, Beth S. We voted her in at our last meeting. She is a good fit. We will be figuring out the details of her position (liaison to the Area) at our next business meeting. We meet on the 4th Monday in Turlock at Salvation Army in the Salt room. We do have an upcoming event Old Timers panel September 13th at the Harvest Hall, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358. Doors open at 2 pm, program starts at 3-5 pm, please see the flyer. Come have some fun.

NCCAA Interior Secretary, Sue B: I serve as the NCCAA Interior Secretary and liaison to Area 07. San Ramon, March 20, 21, and 22, 2026 (San Ramon Marriott). The NCCAA Chairperson election will be held. The Council Chairperson

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should have experience serving with NCCAA in any capacity. The position description can be found on the NCCAA website at norcalaa.org. o Registration is available online at norcalaa.org, and flyers are available here on the table. Fresno has put in a bid for Fall 2026. If your area has an interest in hosting an NCCAA conference, please contact Sue B. or Mary M. The Next Steering Committee is Sunday, October 26 (1:30 – 2:30 pm), at the Manteca Fellowship, 332 E. Yosemite Avenue, or via Zoom. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Sue.

Officer Reports:

Delegate Matthew L: Begin where you are, step out in faith, do what you can, gracefully, and expect God to help!
Concept 8

“The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities. Principle of the Concept: CONSISTENCY

One Thing You Need To Know:

Trustee Oversight Has 2 Primary Parts

1. They plan, manage, and execute large matters of overall policy and finance, and...
2. 2. They oversee both of our corporations (A.A. World Services, Inc. [which includes the General Service Office A.A. Grapevine, Inc.]). Trustees have the responsibility of ensuring the good conduct of all our world service affairs. Their attitude is one of custodial oversight instead of executive order. They are guarantors of good management as opposed to micro-managers. The ins and outs of day-to-day operations are not for them. They leave that up to those they elect to run the organization. Their broad-brush strokes strategically guide the entities they oversee. The past two months have been hectic with report-backs and AA activities. I'm incredibly grateful for all the participation in our Area events. A huge thank you to our DCMs for encouraging your GSRs and promoting these reports. It's an honor to represent you all! Looking ahead, we have two more report-back opportunities from the GSC this year. Our election assembly is also approaching, so if you're considering an Area position, now is the time to discuss it with your family, service sponsor, and Higher Power. Serving our Area requires a commitment of time and effort, including assemblies, committee meetings, and various service opportunities. Are you available? That is the key question. Serving your District is equally significant. I encourage you to step out in faith and do what you can. My own journey in General Service, inspired by a past delegate, has been transformative over the last 19 years. The connections I've made have been invaluable. If you're considering service, please

reach out to a past delegate. Thank you for allowing me to serve! Alternate Delegate Claudio B: Held our Monthly Area Sharing Session. Low attendance than usual. Attended a few Unity days and helped set up the table. Many districts are involved with a stand-down. Sacramento will be having a Stan-down in October. It's a three-day event and is looking for volunteers to help out.

Alternate Chair, Emily: I was asked to participate in the assembly structure ad hoc committee and did so this past month. Continuing to support assembly host committees in their planning. Election assembly registration is live - please pre-register - no need to make a dinner selection as there will be a buffet with vegetarian options as well. If anyone is interested in back-to-basics housing for ACMs due to a long drive, etc., please let me know.

Recording Secretary/Accents Publisher. Jose U: Good morning, everyone! I hope you are all doing well. I have the honor and privilege to serve as your Recording Secretary and Accents Publisher for Panel 74 of the California Northern Interior Area 07. I am here to assist you with anything I can. This position has been an incredible experience on my spiritual path. I am still learning, and I am very excited about everything I have gained from this role, as it has helped me grow emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Let's continue working together to provide this essential service and demonstrate our commitment to one another and to the community we cherish. Sending lots of love and gratitude.

Registrar Debbie S: Since the last time we met, I've been busy updating your group data and even adding a few new groups, which is always very exciting. I checked in with the General Service Office to find out when the next Registrar sharing session will be held, and was informed that there isn't one scheduled at this time, but they will notify me when that happens. I had a conversation with Michael P., our Google Admin, to learn more about the District Website project. He invited me to start attending the Tech Team's monthly meeting to stay informed and make myself available for any Registrar support or involvement as needed. And finally, I'll be traveling with Emily to Weed, CA, on September 6th to attend D09's Unity Day Picnic, and looking forward to hearing their guest speaker with 65 years of sobriety and supporting their Service Panel. Grateful to be in service, Debbie S., Registrar.

Treasurer Don: Thank you to every member, group, and district for their support with contributions, as well as all of our trusted servants, the Finance Committee (Drew, Ada, Simon, Jenn and our Officers. Thank you for inviting me to Unity and

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Hispanic Anniversary events, which were loving and kind. Thank you for your contributions. Remember, there are many ways to contribute: Districts Area 07 1) Zelle to treasurer@cna.org; 2) online at CNIA website; and 3) cash or checks to treasurer at events or to PO Box 161712, Sacramento, CA 95816-1712 (*Please include your Group's name and group number for any 7th Tradition contributions.) General Service Board/Office contributions -Online (preferred): at aa.org Notes from last month's spending plan discussion. Move the spending plan discussion up before notes, and include the notes from the August discussion.

Spending Plan Presentation and Continued Discussion after Lunch – Treasurer, Don H.

*We're excited about the upcoming special conferences and PRAASA for our officers and a pointed chairs! There's been some lively discussion about whether we should limit attendance or encourage everyone to join in. It's great to see so many different perspectives on this topic.

*Friendly reminder about the mileage reimbursement rate, which is currently set at \$0.71 per mile. This rate follows the GSO/IRS guidelines and takes into account things like vehicle depreciation, insurance, and operational costs.

*It looks like our technology budget is staying the same. How can we make sure it covers both our current needs and future goals?

*Assembly costs are on the rise, including things like the venue, dinners, and registration.

*Where do our groups and districts hope to see funding go?

*How can we best support the needs of our community?

*How about considering online ACMs in 2026? It could be a great way to save some money.

*Let's explore the services we could offer and see if we might need to secure some funding to support them.

*Just trying out some Spanish translation online! If this works well, it could help us cut down on travel costs.

*Our finances are looking solid, but we're starting to notice a bit of budget creep.

*Being able to join ACMs and Assemblies online is a great way for districts and groups to save money! It makes participation easier and more affordable for everyone involved.

Archives Presentation

History is never a completely accurate representation of what has occurred in the past. It relies on the interpretation of available data, and even the most thorough historical records struggle to reconstruct events accurately. Even occurrences from just yesterday cannot be perfectly re-created in the present; the moment is forever lost. Our under-

standing of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) history is often little more than a collection of facts and interpretations from individuals who witnessed those events. The information presented below consists of recollections from people involved in that history, preserved in writing over the years since the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous.

District Reports: D09 Christine T. DCM: We have 23 active meetings of which 2 are hybrid. We had Mathew attend our meeting via Zoom to give his conference report. Thank you, Matthew. We are looking forward to our Unity Day on September 6th and campout on the 12th-13th. Our annual round-up, Sobriety in the Siskiyou is scheduled for October 4th in Yreka. You can find the flyers on the area website under events. We have a new homeless shelter in Yreka, and H & I is working with them to possibly bring in a meeting. We had a motion to change our district meeting time, but the motion was withdrawn. We have a committee for our district bylaws. Grateful to be of service,

D11 Angi T. DCM: Our district is focusing on bi-laws, budget, and communicating with dark meetings. Hosting district inventory and Lean into Service on Aug 23. Holly area chair is facilitating. Hosting Unity Day on Sept 27. GSR School planned for Oct 19. Emily Alt, Chair, facilitating. Our next focus will be to spark interest in our district before our district elections in November.

D15, Lisanne T. DCM: District 15 continues to plan for the upcoming Service Workshop to be held on October 4, 2025, from 10-4 pm at the Hope Commons Church on East Avenue in Chico. Area 31 of the H & I Committee will be participating in the event. At the last district meeting, there were not one, not two, or even three, but four new GSRs. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

D17 Marjie E. DCM: District 17 meeting was on August 11, attended by 11 GSRs and Officers. Our Treasurer did a deep dive into the past 8 years of finances, illuminating that since COVID our group contributions have not come back to previous amounts. A plea went out to the GSRs to suggest that higher percentages be distributed to our service entities. A newly elected GSR from the Davis Women's Step Study was in attendance. Both she and her Alternate will send their new info forms to our Area Registrar. Some groups continue to have safety issues. I passed along the GSO Safety in AA. and the podcast from Area 93, Safety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter. One. We agreed with the idea to reduce mileage reimbursements to \$.50/mile in an effort to use Area resources more frugally. As several Districts are doing, D17 is getting volunteers to visit meetings and let them know how important it is to be represented in General Service. I put out the idea to think about the GSRs making themselves available at our Election Assembly. That garnered some interest! I submit this report in Love and Service, Marjie E.

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D19 Chris L. DCM: District 19 will be hosting a table at the Yuba Sutter Stand Down on August 14th to 16th. We're having committee meetings for the Pre-Conference in April of 2026. We're having our annual Unity Day on September 27, 2025, @ Gouche Park. Thank you for letting me be of service. Chris L. DCM

D20, Eric A. DCM: Happy Saturday, everyone. Eric DCM district 20. We had our first district campout a couple of weekends ago. The event was smaller than usual events, but we did have lots of fun and good food. We're having our Unity Day on October 11 at the Nevada City Elks Lodge. Trenna T will be our opening speaker, and Mathew L will be our main speaker for the event. We're planning on doing a potluck this year with the theme of trudge the road of happy destiny. I will forward a flyer when I receive one from our events coordinator. I believe they're going to finalize the rest of the event this upcoming week. In love and service, Eric.

D21, Christina A. DCM: District 21/Placer County continues to meet monthly with excellent participation. Our Group History presentation in July was from the Craig N., Bent Nickel Group. Starting in August, we will have 5-minute "Pass it On" talks for all our District service positions. We are on track to hold our District Inventory, approve our 2026 Spending Plan, and hold elections for 2026 Officers by our November meeting. Our December meeting will be a celebration of Panel 74 and a welcome to Panel 76 for newly-elected/prospective GSRs and D21 Officers. We voted to increase the number of GSR scholarships from 2 to 4 for the Fall Election Assembly. D21 will hold a Service Faire on Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm with speaker David N., Santa Rosa.

D22, Lorraine M. DCM: Our District 22 meeting was held Aug 13th in Placerville. We had 13 attend, 8 were GSRs. We discussed the Service Palooza we held Aug 2nd. It was well attended, and many learned about AA service opportunities. Our PI/CPC committee has been invited to participate in a County Probation event. Two groups had incidents from the same individual, with law enforcement called to one of them. One group banned the individual for one year. We had a good discussion on group safety and methods of handling disruptions. We will host our Delegate Sept 21st to hear his report at High Flyers. After his report, we will have an hour for our District Officers, appointed Chairs, and GSRs to speak on their positions with the goal of getting new members involved.

D23, Chris K. DCM: District 23 has its business meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at

630 pm on Zoom. We explored the area spending plan as well as discussed the upcoming Post-Conference agenda items workshop that District 23 is co-hosting with other Sacramento districts.

D29, Raechyl L. DCM: Good morning, everyone. Our district is doing great. We have a finance committee meeting next Friday where we plan on meeting our prudent reserve goal, and have also discussed a separate savings account for our prudent reserve. We have requested a district website through the Area and are excited to hear about the next steps on that. The biggest news in our district is that we are hosting Matthew for his report back on Saturday, August 23rd, from noon to 3 p.m. in Folsom, and this is in conjunction with the other Sacramento districts: 23, 24, and 27. The event is on the Area calendar with the flyer attached. I want to thank Don for holding the spending plan meetings, and I plan on attending on September 9th. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

D30, Greg N. DCM: The District is doing well. We held our District 30 Unity Day, and a lot of folks had a lot of fun. There were some great speakers, great food, and wonderful fellowship. Matt, gave his Delegate Report before the event at our district meeting.

D33, Drew R. DCM: The summer doldrums continue. Our October 11 Unity Day planning is almost complete, and we are excited to host a great event. We have completed the concept study at our 4th Monday workshops and have planned for a safety workshop and a GSR school workshop in the coming two months. Our GSRs have been presented with the spending plan handouts and alerted to the workshop dates. We hope to have great participation at the fall election assembly. In love and service, Drew R.

D34 Leslie B. DCM: Hello, District 34 is doing well financially, and attendance is good. We just had a new alt GSR come to the meeting. One of the district groups is upset that GSO only made an apology about the commemorative book from the international. I know a different member wrote a letter to GSO pointing out the mistake. Several members feel like the book should not be sold, and the correction page is not enough. On September 10th, we are having a hybrid safety workshop. There will be 5 panelists speaking on several topics from cult like behavior, financial, cyber, aggressive, and 13 stepping with an ask-it basket:) We also had a past DCM ask for a district blessing to recommend a trusted servant in the Area. Her resume was read and we will vote in October or sooner if time permits. I love how engaged our

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District members are and district-wide groups have been busy having floats down the river, day and resentment, burning at the lake, and lake days. Summer has been great:) Love and service Leslie D36, Robert G. DCM: District 36 is doing well financially. We continue to reach out to unrepresented groups and encourage them to join us at our district meetings. We will continue to sponsor rooms and encourage participation in the Area 7 election assembly. We are making good progress on our Sept Unity Day event and continue to have meetings for this event planning. We have good participation at our district meetings.

D37, Patricia G. DCM: District 37 is doing well. The District guidelines were circulated to the GSR's. The Area Registrar was kind enough to forward a list of her duties, as we plan to add a District Registrar to our service positions. We are looking forward to hosting a Lean into Service Workshop on October 25

D40, Carrie J. DCM: We set our Unity Day for August 30. Jose U will be our speaker. And we discussed the spending plan. Our District would like to see tracking/reporting of visits to the new Archives location.

D41, John B. DCM: District 41 was happy to be invited to the Area Delegate's Conference Report hosted by District 42. As we continue to grow general service representation and participation among the district's groups, we continue to join with Districts 42 and 43 in a combined intergroup business meeting. Two new GSRs have been identified to represent Serenity Group and the By Any Means Group. Next week, the three active GSRs will meet with me to talk about next steps in reinvigorating District 41 with the spirit of general service.

D42, Bill L. DCM: Met Mon.8/11 with reps from D's 41,.42, and 43, and Fresno YPAA Rep. Discussed Delegate Report, Picnics, and upcoming local events. Two new GSRs. Bill L.

D47, Mike C. DCM: District 47 continues to meet on the first Thursday of every month. We need a registrar and an Alt-DCM. We want to thank Matt and Holly for coming to Clovis to give the Post-Conference update and all those who attended. We are looking forward to attending the upcoming budget meeting later this month and in September.

D53, Hector H. DCM: We continue to work in service, attending different AA events and meetings. And each month we have an informational workshop with an active service committee from the District 53, which helps all members understand the role and responsibility of each committee, allowing them to cooperate and

support each other, and maintain the line of service with each other, and maintain harmony and unity to fulfill the primary purpose of carrying the AA message through of the service. Happy 24 hours of sobriety to all.

D54, Ismael DCM: Hello everyone, I'm Ismael, and I'm an alcoholic DCM. District #54, we have meetings on the first Thursday of the month for the report of the GSR, on the 3rd Thursday Concept Study 12 groups have a GSR. 5 groups do not have a GSR. We continue to work with the groups that do not have GSR. It's all Happy 24 hours of sobriety.

D56, Fidel. DCM: We have 15 GSR The La Viña committees and Public Information, who are working hard with the groups. Thank you.

D57, Martin R. Alt-DCM: Our last meeting was on August 5, 2025. We had seven GSRs present, with two additional GSRs in line. Everyone provided their reports. We are participating in a health fair in Yuba City, with the District Committee for Public Information. DCM Luis informed us that the Central Office committee from Sacramento will visit us on August 19th. They will provide information about the Conference.

Committee Reports.

Finance Chair, Drew R: The Finance Committee met early this month and worked with Don H to put together what we all feel is a fair and equitable spending plan for 2026. We also gave Don feedback on his Balanced Budget workshop presentation and look forward to seeing everybody at one of the two remaining workshops, the 1st and 9th of September, where you can expect to discuss topics like mileage pay, PRAASA funding, virtual ACM's and many other fiscal considerations. In love and service, your A7 Finance Committee Chair, Drew R.

Tech Chair Sam P: 1. District Website project is moving along. 5 districts are in flight. Request for a district website has a link from the CNIA.org page if your district is interested. A training document for creating/maintaining a district website is in progress.

2. The tech committee has created a Pass It On form for all Area Officers and Appointed Chairs to use. The purpose is to ensure standardized documents for incoming officers and appointed chairs. The tech committee will meet with each officer and appt chair to train them on the form and then meet with them AFTER they complete it to help ensure quality pass-on for the next panel.

3. We tested and ensured the Spanish translation for ACMs and Assemblies remotely. This will save the Area money to have the translator physically one-time cost for a new PC to connect to Zoom.

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4. We are going to review how to better manage Officer/Area hybrid meetings that are not ACMs or Assemblies to ensure quality. There was one Delegate Sharing Session that was not a high-quality experience for attendees. We will create procedures and processes to improve this.

5. We are running a pilot using better translation software to increase accuracy, account for AA-specific lexicon, and speed up the timeline for translation. This will still require human intervention to ensure quality.

6. Working with Emily to prepare for an excellent hybrid experience for the Area's first-ever hybrid election assembly.

7. In discussion with the Registrar to determine what the Tech committee can do to enhance the duties of the registrars, DCMs, and GSRs

8. Will submit a tech spending plan to the Area Treasurer for 2026. End of Report

Appointed Chair Reports:

Accessibilities Chair, Claudia M: The Accessibilities focus this month has been on assessing and expanding access to blind and Deaf members in the Area, and ensuring our website Technology is indeed accessible. Two blind members (one an active GSR, one a member-at-large) tested and confirmed that the Area 07 website is "screen-reader friendly," and one confirmed that his District (15) website is also fully accessible to him. Collaboration continues with Area tech committee members regarding accessible website features for low-vision users and accessible features on the Area 07-hosted websites project. The Sign Language icon and link to Deafaa.org has been added to the Area 07 website, and Accessibility will be encouraging Districts within the Area to do so as well, particularly if Deaf members/prospective members do not have access to ASL/LSQ/LSM interpreters for local meetings.

Archives Chair, Herminia N: Good morning to the Area 07 fellowship. I am Herminia, an alcoholic, privileged to be of service as the Archives Chair. The Archives will be open on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Valerie and I will continue to unpack the remaining packed boxes to prepare for digitizing all the files from the Area and districts. We have much work in the Archives to be done, but the Archives are coming along. Please stop by and say hello to Bill and Bob, they would love to see our amazing Area 07 fellowship. So please keep in mind, Does Archives Carry The Message, You Bet It Does. Love and Service.

Archives Alt-Chair, Valerie L: A lot is going on at the Archives, and all my weekends starting this weekend are booked; I am going to be busy. We will be going all over. We

appreciate the invites, keep them coming. If it isn't convenient for you to come to the archives on the first Saturday of the month, shoot me an email with a couple of dates, and if I'm available, I will meet you there. This is your Archives, and we want you to be involved. I would like to have a workshop for districts that want to start their own archivist and for districts that have archives to share what they're doing. One of the reasons we needed to change locations was that we didn't have the internet. We moved in January, and we still don't have the internet. I don't know why. We also need shelves put up. Last time I put up shelves, they fell and took some of the wall with it. I will work around someone's schedule even if it's at night, even if it's the middle of the night.

Written Translations Chair, Jorge D: Hi, my name is Jorge. I'm an alcoholic. We're almost at the end of this panel. I'm still learning how to translate, thanks to all of your help.

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Rachel A will be attending the CCF picnic in Elk Grove on 8/24. Our monthly BTG meeting is 8/26 at 7 pm online. The annual BTGWW conference is 9/5-9/7 in Ontario, CA. I am attending a service workshop for District 15 on 10/4 and another one for D21 on 10/11. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Grapevine/La Viña Chair Steve D: Hi everyone. My name is Steve, and I'm an alcoholic, honored to serve as your Area 07 Grapevine/La Viña representative. I am gearing up to have a good inventory of books for the events that are coming in the next couple of months. The October GV story writing workshop in Chico and the District 33 Unity Day in Sonora. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Literature, Beth S: Happy 24 hours. I am invited to a Unity Day in District 36 in September. I'm all stocked up and ready for the election assembly. I will be mailing accessibility some things they need. Thank you for letting me be of service.

AV Tech, Tom: If you are a DCM and looking to be of service. Come and see the Tech committee

Sharing Session – What's on Your Mind

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

With Love and Service.

José U.

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