

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair Report

As Panel 74 comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who served our area, districts, and groups for the past two years. It is not always easy to rotate when we have dedicated time and energy to, come to love, and finally got the hang of our service positions; yet, we honor Tradition Eight and the principal of rotation as we welcome whatever comes next in our service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

A summary of Panel 74 actions was published in the November Accents, and we covered additional ground last month at our **Election Assembly** in Tracy (D37). This assembly was full of anticipation, emotion, and some confusion, but we continue to learn and grow as we trudge this path with humility, respect, compassion, and love. We approved our 2026 Spending Plan, selected our nominee for Pacific Region Trustee, elected Panel 76 Area Officers, and voted to change our assembly schedule in 2027 (*November minutes will be published in the January Accents, published assembly to assembly*).

- Tom A. is CNIA's nominee for Pacific Region Trustee
- CNIA Officers elected to serve Panel 76: Delegate – Claudio B., Alternate Delegate – Holly J., Area Chair – Emily L., Alternate Chair – Jose U., Secretary – Raechyl L., Registrar – Debbie S., Treasurer – Drew R.
- A motion to revise our 2027 assembly schedule was submitted by Christine T. (DCM, D09), who accepted a friendly amendment by Robert S. (GSR). The first vote did not pass, but there was a vote to reconsider after hearing minority opinion, and the final vote passed with substantial unanimity. **Motion:** CNIA-07 update its assembly structure to hold three 2-day assemblies, one 1-day assembly, and one online assembly effective year 2 of Panel 76 for the 2027 Assemblies as a one-year trial beginning in 2027 as outlined below:

<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Changes</u>
Winter	January	2	None
Pre-Conference	April	2	None
Post-Conference	May	1	- 1day
Online	August	1	+ 1day for business
Fall	November	2	- 1day

Matthew L., our Panel 74 Delegate, submitted a motion that was heard on Sunday and tabled without discussion. The motion will be addressed under New Business at our Winter Assembly in January.

Motion: In the spirit of inclusion and participation, I motion that California Northern Interior Area 07 give all Past Delegates from Area 07 the right to vote on all matters of business at Area Assemblies.

Our **Area Planning Meeting** will be at Trinity Church on Saturday, December 20th. Bring your appetite and a breakfast dish to share. We will confirm our 2026 calendar, set our 2027 calendar, and consider district bids to host our 2027 Area Assemblies. This will be our final meeting at the Trinity Church, as our Area Committee Meetings will be moving back to the East Yolo Fellowship in 2026.

Our Panel 76 kick-off will be our **Winter Assembly** January 17-18, 2026, in Orangevale (District 27). Registration is open now, and you will not want to miss this! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Yours in Service,
Holly J.
CNIA Chair | Panel 74

December Planning Meeting Agenda
Location: 1500 Park Blvd., West Sacramento, CA

- 10 AM **Call to Order**
Readings: 12 Concepts, Why We Need a Conference
Introductions: Past Delegates, Guests/Visitors, First Time Attendees
Announcements
- 10:20 AM **Consideration of October ACM Minutes**
Assembly Reports: 2026 Winter, Pre-Conference, Post-Conference, and Mini PRAASA
Liaison Reports: H&I, Central Offices/Intergroup, NCCAA, YPAA, Hispanic Women's Conference
- 11 AM **Potluck Lunch**
- 12:15 PM **Consideration of 2026 Area Calendar**
Proposal of 2027 Area Calendar Dates

7th Tradition
- 12:45 PM **2027 Assembly Bids**
- 1:30 PM **Delegate Report**
- 2 PM **What's on Your Mind?**
- 2:30 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

Announcements

- ♦ **Winter Assembly**
January 17-18, 2026
Registration is available now!
- ♦ **CNIA Archives**
is open monthly on the 1st Saturday
10 am to 2 pm **Located:**
2251 Florin Rd, Ste 93
Sacramento, CA 95822
- ♦ **ACMs moving** to East Yolo Fellowship in
2026. 910 Sacramento Avenue, West
Sacramento

Monthly Committee Meetings day/time subject to change

- ♦ BTG Coordinators' Meeting – 4 th
Tuesday of month at 7-8pm
- ♦ PICPC Meeting – 1 st Wednesday of
month at 6:30pm
- ♦ ACYPAA business meetings 2nd Sunday
monthly at 1pm – 2100 J. Street (Sac)
- ♦ Accessibilities monthly meeting 1st Tuesday
of the month

Upcoming Events

see **CNIA website** calendar for more information

CNIA CALENDAR					
2025			2026		
JAN 18 - 19	Winter Assembly	Sonora – D33	JAN 17 – 18	Winter Assembly	Orangevale 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 Area 17
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 20	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento	DEC 19	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento

Finance Report

4010 Group Contributions	58,623.92	64,774.08	\$ 64,000.00	101%		
4020 Seventh Tradition	\$2,664.00	\$3,309.00	\$ 2,800.00	118%		
4050 Contribution - Other	545.92	545.92	\$ 970.00	56%		
4056 By Individual			\$ 400.00	0%		
Total 4000 Contributed support	\$ 61,833.84	\$ 68,629.00	\$ 68,170.00	101%		
5160 Assembly Income (Net)^^	607.00	3,116.31	\$ 5,900.00	53%		
5490 Misc Earned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$-			
5310 Interest-Savings/Sh-term Inv	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$-			
Total 5000 Earned Revenues	\$ 609.12	\$ 3,118.43	\$ 5,900.00	53%		
TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME	\$ 62,442.96	\$ 71,747.43	\$ 74,070.00	97%		
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES						
Total 7620 Delegate	\$2,923.86	\$3,269.27	\$ 3,857.88	85%		
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	\$2,048.66	\$2,278.28	\$ 2,856.66	80%		
Total 7660 Chair	\$2,566.69	\$3,129.52	\$ 2,827.90	76%		
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	\$1,851.42	\$2,156.65	\$ 2,722.28	79%		
Total 7700 Secretary	\$3,639.81	\$3,982.15	\$ 3,313.32	120%		
Total 7720 Treasurer C	\$3,056.41	\$3,056.41	\$ 3,143.32	97%		
Total 7740 Registrar	\$2,236.73	\$2,260.73	\$ 2,116.66	107%		
Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses	\$ 18,323.58	\$ 20,133.01	\$ 20,838.02	97%		
Total 7820 Literature Chair	\$1,722.67	\$1,722.67	\$ 2,848.24	60%		
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	\$2,442.20	\$2,966.12	\$ 2,904.86	102%		
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	\$2,238.01	\$2,238.01	\$ 3,407.46	66%		
Total 7900 Archives Chair	\$ 1,055.94	\$ 1,387.66	\$ 2,268.36	61%		
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	\$1,537.85	\$1,537.85	\$ 1,987.34	77%		
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	\$2,565.03	\$2,826.10	\$ 2,720.78	104%		
Total 7940 Oral Transl. Chair	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	0%		
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	1,536.28	\$2,042.48	\$ 3,793.86	40%		
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	\$1,590.27	\$2,278.77	\$ 3,233.76	70%		
Total 7980 Accessibility Chair	\$965.92	\$1,627.63	\$ 1,834.84	89%		
Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses	\$ 14,117.89	\$ 18,627.29	\$ 24,999.50	75%		
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMs	\$3,166.88	\$3,166.88	\$ 3,000.00	106%		
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%		
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mileage C	\$ 107.20	\$ 107.20	\$ 600.00	18%		
Total 7970-90 Transl. & Interpr.	\$ 3,274.08	\$ 3,274.08	\$ 4,600.00	71%		
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	\$ 200.00	\$ 537.39	\$ 800.00	67%		
Total 8070 Other Event Expenses (Unreimbursed GSC or District)	892.59	892.59	\$ 1,100.00	81%		
Total XXXX Assembly Expense (Net)^^						
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literature	\$1,387.60	\$1,387.60	\$ 1,000.00	139%		
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.^	\$15,813.74	\$15,813.74	\$ 13,420.00	118%		
Total 8300 Website C	\$1,086.94	\$1,126.43	\$ 500.00	225%		
Total 8400 Access., Lingu. & Serv. Contrib.	167.47	417.47	\$ 2,400.00	17%		
Total 8500 Other Misc. Expenses	1,901.16	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	\$1,049.80	\$1,049.80	\$ 865.00	121%		
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment C	\$1,466.53	\$2,237.52	\$ 1,300.00	172%		
Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures	\$ 27,565.83	\$ 28,963.70	\$ 31,635.00	92%		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 63,281.38	\$ 70,998.08	\$ 77,472.52	92%		
NET REVENUE/INCOME	\$ (838.42)	\$ 749.35				
BANK ACCOUNTS						
Checking Account Balance (Corrected)	13,138.83	10,156.98				
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,003.25	15,003.50				
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	1,098.30	1,098.34				
Total Account Balance	\$ 29,240.38	\$ 26,258.82				



California Northern Interior Area
Winter Assembly | January 17 & 18, 2026

Área Interior Norte De California
Asamblea de Invierno | 17 y 18 de Enero, del 2026

Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Ave, Orangevale, CA 95662

Online Registration
due by **January 10**
Registro en Línea
hasta el **10 de Enero**
www.cnia.org

1/17/2026 10:30 AM – Registration opens / Registros
12:00 PM – Call to order/ Orden del Día

1/18/2026 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Dinner/Cena: ☐ BBQ Chicken and/or Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Pollo en Barbacoa y/o Sandwich de Carnitas
☐ Stuffed Pepper (Vegetarian)
Pimiento Relleno (Vegetariano)

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

District 27—CNIA, P.O. Box 41, Citrus Heights, CA 95611

Make check payable to: District 27—CNIA / Haga los cheques pagables a Distrito 27—CNIA

Mail Pre-Registration due 01/10/26 / Pre-Registración por Correo hasta el 01/10/26

Name/Nombre:

District/Distrito #:

Name on badge/ Nombre en el Gafete:

Email/Correo Electrónico:

Phone/Teléfono:

Registration Type/Tipo de Registro: ☐ in person / en persona ☐ online / en línea

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

Pocision de Servicio: ☐ RSG/Alt. ☐ MCD/Alt. ☐ Oficiales ☐ Designado ☐ Delegado Pasado ☐ Miembro

Registration/Registración: \$25.00

Dinner/Cena: \$22.00

Coffee/Café ilimitado: \$3.00

Total: \$ _____



Roseville 7 miles

Best Western Orchid Hotel & Suites
130 N. Sunrise Ave.
Roseville, CA 95661
916-784-2222
Room Block Code: CNIA07
\$139 plus tax

Rancho Cordova 7 miles

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham
11131 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
916-638-1111
Room Block Code: CNIA07
\$105 plus tax

Folsom 8 miles

Hilton Garden Inn Folsom
221 Iron Point Rd.
Folsom, CA 95630
916-353-1717
Room Block Code: CNIA07
\$129 plus tax

RV / Trailer Parking

Folsom Lake State Recreational Area
Beals Point Campground
7806 Folsom Auburn Rd.
Folsom, CA 95630
800-444-7275
reservecalifornia.com



October ACM Minutes 2025 (Unapproved)

The ACM was held on Saturday, October 18, 2025. CNIA Chair Holly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The session opened with a Declaration of Unity. Readings included The GSR Preamble by Chris. D27, 12 Traditions by Marjie E. D17, The 12 Concepts by Loraine M. D22, and "Why Do We Need a Conference?" by Christine T. D09. October sobriety anniversaries and housekeeping announcements followed.

Introductions: Past Delegates: Jenn D., Panel 72, Tom Panel 70, Woody R. Panel 50,

Consideration of September Minutes: Leslie. motioned to approve, and Marjie E. D17 seconded. The minutes were approved.

7th Tradition baskets passed

Assembly Reports:

Election Assembly Patricia G. D37: Things are going fine, food is good, parking is ok. We meet every two weeks for the assembly if anyone is interested. Much focus has been on the upcoming Election Assembly, which we are hosting in Tracy, CA. Committee meetings for those are now every other Sunday at 14:00-16:00 via Zoom, all are welcome

Winter Assembly 2026, Nick H. D27: Our host committee is doing well, and things are moving along. We finalized the dinner menu for catering and finished setting our prices for registration, coffee, and dinner. We also created the registration flier that will be included in the November accents. We will pick up the assembly materials from the election assembly host committee report once the assembly is done. Things are going well.

Pre-Conference Assembly Chris L. D19: November 1st, 2025 D19 had a meeting for Pre-Conference Assembly.

Post-Conference Assembly Hector H. D53: We have already reserved the venue for the Post-Conference Assembly, scheduled for May 16-17, 2026, in Merced, CA. The location is the Merced Women's Club, located at 707 W. 22nd St

Mini PRAASA Marjie D17: Members of District 17 have been announcing the Mini-PRAASA in October 2026, encouraging people to get ready to commit to the various volunteer positions. A district committee has not been formally appointed yet, but several members are ready to step up. More will be reported as we get closer!

Liaison Reports:

PI/CPC Claudio B: Held the Monthly PI/CPC meeting. Attended Veterans Stand Down. Made some wonderful connections with other organizations that want to work with AA. Attend a DUI presentation in Lodi which was a good experience and helped me understand how to do that. Was able to talk with the Chair of the

Suicide Awareness Walk. Confirmed yesterday that we will be able to have a table at the event. The event is on short notice next Saturday, October 25th, at the state capitol in Sacramento. I will be looking for volunteers. I had a meeting with the Director of the Safety Center. He is open to having presentations at the DUI schools, so I will be working with him on that. He also asked if we would be able to have a rack of pamphlets to have at all his schools, which are located in Sacramento, Woodland, and Modesto. Once I confirm with him what we could have, I will reach out and connect the Districts in those Area to work with him.

SACYPA: Monthly business meetings are 2ND Sunday, 1-4 pm. Please see our website sacypaa.org.

Hispanic Foro, Herminia: Hello everyone, I am Herminia, an alcoholic, and it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Liaison for the Hispanic Foro. The Committee continues to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The committee will meet on Sunday, October 19, 2025. District 54 will host, and it will at Luz a La Vida Group in Sacramento. The Foro is scheduled on December 14, 2025, in Chowchilla, CA. I am looking forward on this amazing AA fellowship event. Thank you for letting me be of service. Love and Service- Herminia

Central Offices/Intergroups

Central Valley Intergroup, Beth S: Hello everyone, Central Valley Intergroup is doing well with sales of literature and Grapevine. As we are looking forward to an amazing Holiday Extravaganza on 12/13/2025 will have flyers as soon as they come out. please, if you're looking for something to do out of your Area, come join us.

NCCAA Interior Secretary, Sue B: I serve as the NCCAA Interior Secretary and liaison to Area 07. NCCAA stands for Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2024 NCCAA celebrated its 75th Anniversary. NCCAA was started because of an idea from Bill W. in 1946 to create and test the representation of groups via delegates to communicate with AA headquarters in New York. Bill worked with Nic N, San Francisco, to organize and test this idea. The first NCCAA Conference was held in 1947, and Bill W. was the keynote speaker. The idea for group representation for AA has evolved into our General Service structure. Today, NCCAA conferences are held for one purpose: to carry the message. Two conferences are held each year. The next conference is: Spring 2026 – San Ramon March 20, 21, and 22, 2026 (San Ramon Marriott) Registration is available online at norcalaa.org, and flyers are available here on the table. There is a San Ramon Outreach Dinner, 50/50 raffle, and costume contest and meeting with Penny P as the speaker on Saturday, October 18, 2025

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(6 pm) at St. Philip's Church, 8850 Davona Drive, Dublin, CA. The cost is \$15. The flyer is on the norcalaa.org website. Fresno has put in a bid for Fall 2026; the dates are October 9, 10 and 11. 2026. At the Spring 2026 conference in San Ramon, the NCCAA Chairperson election will be held. The Council Chairperson should have experience serving with NCCAA in any capacity. The position description can be found on the NCCAA website at norcalaa.org. For questions or interested people, please reach out to current Council Chairperson Mary M, me, or other Council Members. Next Steering Committee is Sunday, October 26 (1:30 – 2:30 pm), at the Manteca Fellowship, 332 E. Yosemite Avenue, or via Zoom (Zoom: Meeting ID: 884 3873 4023; Passcode: 585647). Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Sue B.

Spending Plan Presentation Treasurer Don H:

We're excited about the upcoming special conferences and PRAASA for our officers, and a pointed chair! 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 considers things like vehicle depreciation, insurance, and operational costs.

BTG Presentation Bridging the Gap (BTG),

Rachel A: I attended District 15's service workshop and District 21's service fair this month. Thank you to all who helped put these events on. Our monthly BTG meeting will be on 10/28 at 7 pm via Google Meet. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Sharing Session: Ad Hoc Committee. The Fall Assembly is scheduled for October/November, during which a Trustee will be in attendance. There are discussions regarding the duration of the Assembly, specifically whether it will take place over one day. While some members support the idea of a Pre-Conference Assembly, there are differing opinions, with some expressing a preference against online formats. It may be premature to propose structural changes at this time, and further discussion is necessary before making any decisions.

Officer Reports:

Delegate Matthew L: Begin where you are, step out in faith, do what you can, gracefully, and expect God to help! Concept 10

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined. "Principle of the Concept: CLARITY One Thing You Need to Know: Clarity of Roles, Responsibility and Authority is Vital

1. Delegate Calendar Oct. 18 ACM. Oct. 31-Nov.2 SACYPAA Summit Nov. 14-16 Election Assembly

2. 1. Final Conference Reports are here. I have one copy for each GSR and possibly Alt. GSR for every group. Please take a box or two and distribute to your Districts. Remind everyone that the information contained inside is confidential. Many of you have attended one my Delegate report backs? That was my interpretation / my experience of this years General Service Conference. The final report is the a publication produced by GSO that encapsulates everything that occurred during conference week. I challenge you to give it a read. You will not be disappointed! Please share one or two things that you learn with members of your home group. You have permission to give them your copy. You also can find the pdf version on AA.org. 2. Safety continues to be a challenge in our Area and surrounding Areas across the US. Attendance is low with our Spanish members. Fear of immigration and intimidation by politically motivated individuals is real. Know that any disruptive behavior hurts all of us. If your meetings are having problems, please share with this body what/how your dealing with this. Please don't remain silent. Silence is consent. If one person in the room doesn't feel safe, it is up to the group to take action. Safety Workshops can be an opportunity to help your districts.

3. David R., our Director of Publishing, will be retiring after nearly twelve years of dedicated service at the General Service Office. We are profoundly grateful for his faithful contributions to the office and to the Fellowship as a whole. Applications are now being sought for this position, and the desired qualifications are noted in the attached announcement. I encourage you to please share this opportunity with prospective applicants who may be interested and meet the desired qualifications. 4. This last Monday, I participated in the Grapevine /joint committee call, where we reviewed and weighed in on the 2026 Proposed Agenda Items (PAI's). There were 4 total items discussed. The one item I feel that has the best chance of making it is "Discuss changes to the preamble, returning to men and women". My thought is that it has been four years since the change was made. The fellowship is still divided on the lack of discussion before this decision to change to "people". If this topic makes it to next year's agenda, I know it will be a hot topic! Stay tuned. The preliminary agenda will be out at the end of November. 5. This year's NAATW National AA Technology Workshop will be fully hybrid this year. Both in person and online. It's the 11th Annual Workshop. November 7-9, 2025. Registration is now open. The full program will be released soon. Rooms at the discounted rate are still available through October 24th. If you're interested, search NAATW 2025 for more information and registration. 6. The latest issue of the Box 459 is out, and the AAWS Highlights. Please take a look at the website under the Delegates page. Last words: Serving our Area as the Panel 74 Delegate has

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been an opportunity of a lifetime. I have gained insight from so many people and have grown in my personal and servant life. Last month, I encouraged you all to take a moment to reflect on your journey these past 22 months. I believe we have formed a wonderful community of trusted servants who have made a difference to many throughout our Area. The lessons we have learned from this panel, we have experience together. We have made a positive impact. Impact is defined: "the force of impression of one thing on another, a significant or major effect". Many of the significant impacts will go without recognition. As an anonymous program, we often never get the opportunity to see the benefits/rewards/outcomes of our actions. I hope that you all have been an inspiration to those who are around you and to those newcomers to our program. Also, an example to those who have been around the rooms for many years. As we "Pass on" what we have learned to the next person, remember that the love you have experienced here is real. It's the thread that binds us all together. The love for Alcoholics Anonymous. The love we have for each other. The relationships that we have formed here will last a lifetime. You all have made a difference in my life. Thank you all for your service!

Accessibility Presentation: Accessibility for Blind Members. Conduct Inventories of all meetings/locations using A.A.'s Accessibilities Checklist as a guide, but further assess access challenges for members who

- Are Deaf | HOH *
- Non-English-speaking *
- Neurodivergent
- Depend upon public transportation to get to the meeting
- Need A.A. literature in alternative formats (e.g., large print, Spanish and/or plain language, audio, etc.)
- Need to bring their child/ren with them to a meeting
- Are reliant on communication devices that require Wi-Fi Access to operate them.

Make your A.A. Hotline number Relay Service-friendly. Deaf callers can use a Relay Service Communication Assistant (CA) to mediate calls with hearing recipients by texting or using sign language to communicate their message to the CA, who then translates by voice for the hearing caller (& reversing the process for the reply). Video Relay Service is another option. No special equipment necessary. Contact accessibilities@cnia.org

Add the Sign Language icon to your website with a link to Deafaa.org If your District is part of the CNIA.org-hosted website project, we can include this for you within the template. Contact googleadmin@cnia.org.

Expand & Enhance Your Website Accessibility

- Verify website content is Screen-Reader Friendly and Translatable into languages other than English (the more options, the more accessible).
- Providing a "Text Us" and/or "Contact Email" option through your website expands accessibility for all members who need this mode of communication, rather than voice-only communication, when reaching out for help.

Discuss Accessibilities at District, Group, Intergroup/Central Office levels

- Take a District inventory specifically focused on Accessibility & Safety.
- Is your District part of a larger Central Office, Intergroup or Fellowship? If so, how can you work together to meet the needs of alcoholics who encounter accessibility barriers in AA in your communities?
- Collaborate with District H&I, Bridging the GAP, and PI/CPC Committees – the alcoholics these committees serve often encounter accessibility barriers and overlap of service exists

New Business: 2026 ACM Location. CNIA has been invited back to the East Yolo Fellowship to have our ACMs there. We visited the site last month, and it will meet our needs (we have Star link for Wi-Fi). We heard many comments during discussion, and the consensus is to move back to the EYF for our ACMs in 2026.

- HWWWS Speakers – Monica E. (D53). Still need an old-timer/veteran.

Alternate Delegate Claudio B: This month I facilitated a resolution group inventory. Attend the Pacific Region Alt-Delegate meeting. Was able to make Matthew's last report back to the districts and stayed for the District meeting, talking about their positions. Attend the tech committee meeting.

Alternate Chair, Emily: CNIA has a marathon meeting at ACYPAA summit on 11/1 at 11 AM, register at sacypaa.org and join us. I've been thinking about last year's area inventory and comments about our election assemblies-- There was much support for how we do things today, some comments wishing we had more conversations about how to know who's most qualified, and questions around our current procedures, e.g. should we read position descriptions.

Recording Secretary/Accents Publisher. Jose U: I want to express my gratitude to all of you who have sent your reports. Your contributions have been incredibly valuable in helping me improve my service and make it even more user-friendly. Thank you so much for taking the time to share your feedback with me! This month, I participated in a couple of linguistic District elections. Thank you, D53 and D56, for allowing me to be of service. With Love & Service, Jose U.

Registrar Debbie S: In addition to my regular duties, I attended the monthly Registrar Working Group and really enjoyed scribing for two in-person group inventories. A recent Area email campaign resulted in a rather large list of GSR returned emails so I reached out to the Districts for their assistance. I so appreciate those DCMs who have helped get updated group and GSR information to me as it is vitally important for our groups to stay connected to the General Service Office. Something new is coming, thanks to Carrie

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Registrar electronically rather than printing or emailing them. Once they are finalized and ready for publishing, you will find easy access to them throughout multiple pages on the Area website. This is a technological advancement we are both very excited about and hope you are too. As always, grateful to be of service to Area 07.

Treasurer Don: Thank you to every member, group, and district for their support with contributions – thousands of them this panel! Thanks, too, as well as all of our trusted servants, the Finance Committee (Drew, Ada, Simon, Jenn), Carrie & Tech Comm, and our Officers. And thanks to my service sponsors Jenn, Martha, and the ad hoc committees that helped with workflow, best accounting practices, and other things! Congratulations to our new Treasurer, Drew! Remember, there are many ways to contribute and please include your Group's name and group number...to your Districts (check with your GSR or the District Treasurer); Area 07 (Zelle to treasurer@cna.org; online at CNIA website; cash or checks to me at events or PO Box 161712, Sacramento, CA 95816-1712); and the General Service Board/Office (online preferred: <https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020/1/checkout.ssp?is=login&login=T&origin=checkout#login> register, or mail a check to General Service Board Post Office Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407). Materials on the website include: Go to cna.org, then middle tab CNIA Area 07, scroll down to the Treasurer/ Finance Committee Spending Plan 2025 – Excel – separate English and one in Spanish. Spending Plan 2026 – separate English and Spanish. Excel 2026 Version 4 Draft. Word/PDF 2026-11 Balance the Budget with Feedback Current and previous Expense/Revenue summaries – combined English and Spanish. The Expense/Revenue summary report, as of December 1st, is 97% revenue and 92% expenses: Contributions are solid at \$64774.08 year to date (101% of raise to \$64,000) – thank you! End of the month balances were: checking (\$10,156.98) prudent reserve (\$15,003.50) and prepaid reserve for the Forum (sinking, \$1,098.34); total \$26,258.82. Regarding the 2026 Spending Plan, thank you for both the support and concerns about the plan at the Assembly, as well as the ACMs since June in putting it together. It passed and includes: -Overspending by \$4,167; last year it was \$3,402.52; most were okay with up to \$5,000. -Contributions are requested of \$66,000. 2 ACMs going virtual (-\$3,500). -Only 8 officers/ chairs are attending PRAASA. We suggested sending 7 officers and picking 1 chair out of the hat; there are other ways to decide who goes. 4 special conferences are budgeted: Bridge the Gap, Grapevine/La Vina, Archives (only the Alternate Chair attends), and National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW). That leaves the

Archives, Accessibility, Literature, Written Translation (Oral Translation not filled), and AV Tech not attending any conference; it does not seem fair to some & our heart goes out to them. The Finance Committee received mixed input on past such assemblies (e.g., Hawaii, Alaska) – we were told all went and that only half went interesting. Let's keep the group conscience going, please and thank you for helping us be of service!

District Reports:

D09 Christine T. DCM: We have been discussing modifying the current assembly structure due to fluctuations in attendance. We formed an ad-hoc committee and have been presenting options at our July and August ACMs. At that point, we had presented a few options to choose from, including a virtual assembly and shortening the three-day assemblies, fall/elections, assemblies to two days. After discussion at the August ACM, the ad-hoc met and decided to amend our recommendation and make minimal changes. We have proposed the following changes. Our proposed amended assembly schedule is to hold four 2-day assemblies (reducing the fall assembly by one day) and adding a 1-day online assembly in the summer to address business between the Post-Conference and Fall assemblies. For many, this would eliminate the need for attendees to have two-night hotel stays. The online assembly would provide an opportunity for the area to address business with the entire body in the 5-6 months between the Post-Conference and the fall assembly. The new proposal has been sent via email and hard copies in the room in Spanish and English. We will be discussing this further next month at the elections assembly and presenting a motion.

D11 Angi T. DCM: Hello ACM, D11 has had a Unity Day, which was very successful. We will be having a GSR School tomorrow. Continue to reach out to dark meetings. Our bylaws and budget have been updated and approved. We are getting ready for our elections at the December Business meeting. Attempting to get interest from the district to help fill these positions. We have been very busy over the last year. I am grateful to be part of the general service. Angi T.

D15, Lisanne T. DCM: Thank you to all who attended and presented at the Service Workshop held on October 4th. The event was quite informative and well attended. Spanish translation was made available and utilized. The Area 31 H&I committee was able to connect with someone who was interested in taking Spanish meetings into the Butte County jail. In traveling to groups outside the district, a new group in Corning was discovered. The PI chair has started a "Sober a "Sober Curious" meeting at Butte College on campus

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to inform students of the A.A. program. H&I and District 15 participated in the Stand Down event at the Elks Lodge in Chico, Oct 8-10.

Approximately 18 of the 36 groups are represented with a GSR. District elections will be held in November. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

D17 Marjie E. DCM: District 17 Report to ACM 10/18/2025 All GSRs report meetings are doing well. The Woodland On-Line Group is hosting an all-afternoon event with a potluck and games on Oct 24, as is the Davis Hope Group hosting a potluck on Nov. 8. The East Yolo Fellowship is planning their Alkathons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. They have also extended an invitation to have our ACMs move our meeting place to their new meeting hall. District 17 has received a Bridging. The Gap referral. Our PI/CPC chair has made some PDF changes to our local meeting schedule. We talked at length about what the Mini-PRAASA 2026 will have with many volunteers. Our 2026 Budget Planning committee will meet on Nov 4, 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Several GSRs will attend the Election Assembly next month! Submitted in Love and Service.

D20, Eric K. DCM: Good morning Eric, alcoholic DCM district 20. Everything seems to be going good. We just had Unity Day last Saturday. We had a good turnout with Trenna as our opening speaker and Mathew as our main speaker. We also had an exploding watermelon competition during the afternoon, which was fun to watch. I did not participate. We're going to be holding our district elections on November 22. The outgoing officers are working on putting together spending plans for positions for next year

D21, Christina A. DCM: D21 had a successful Service Faire on 10/11/2025, featuring a great speaker - David N from Santa Rosa. We played "Service Bingo" and 19 speakers spoke for two minutes each about their service commitments and how these enhanced their sobriety. We had a "Service Countdown." Thanks to the many local, district, and area folks who helped plan and carry out this "thank you" to all the D21 Groups for their support over the past 2 years of Panel 74. We are currently running a District Inventory Survey that will be discussed in October and November. D21 Elections will be held in November. Our December meeting will be held earlier in the month and will be a celebration of all the dedicated service of GSRs, Officers, and Appointed Chairs Reps in Panel 74.

D22, Lorraine M. DCM: District meeting was Oct 8th, and we had 8 GSRs in attendance. Our Treasurer presented the proposed 2026 Spending Plan, and the GSRs agreed they want some expenses increased for the Alt DCM and supplies.

We discussed that contributions are down at GSO, the proposed Area 07 spending plan, the future assembly restructuring proposal, and attending the Election Assembly. Our PI/PCP committee has 3 community presentations this month. Our district election will be Nov 12th.

D23, Chris K. DCM: District 23's business meeting was on October 15, 2025. Our business meetings are currently held on the second Tuesday of each month at 630 pm on Zoom. We continued to explore District 23 dissolution and the groups joining surrounding districts. The overall consensus was that District 23 will likely dissolve due to having limited groups in the district. Serenity Seekers, a group in District 23, sadly closed this month, leaving likely only 4 groups to participate in the next panel for District 23. Another group has moved out of the district as well. We explored the geographical location of the surrounding districts, provided the business meeting information of the surrounding districts, and the GSRs will take this information back to their groups and at our next business meeting, we will finalize the decision whether to dissolve as a district or not. We also continue discussing the Area spending plan and feedback included ensuring we do still have in-person assemblies, although the virtual option is helpful, and many approved of the idea to have one-day assemblies.

D29, Raechyl L. DCM: Happy Saturday, everyone. There isn't a whole lot of new information for my district to report. The 2026 spending plan, version 4, and the example motion regarding Area Assemblies have been distributed to my district's GSR's. I look forward to seeing everyone next month at the Election Assembly.

D33, Drew R. DCM: As Panel 74 draws to a close, I am thrilled with the excitement building within our district as new GSRs declare their willingness to be of service to their groups. This month's 4th Monday workshop will be a Committee "Open House," and we will be having District elections at our November business meeting. District 33's October 11 Unity Day was a smashing success with over 150 people in attendance. Past Delegate Melodie panel 60 opened the free event with an H&I workshop, and after the BBQ chicken lunch we had 2 recovery speakers, Alejandro from Turlock and Tiombe from Modesto. The Unity Day 2025 Chili Cookoff winner was Drew (me)!! In love and service, Drew R DCM.

D34 Leslie B. DCM: Hello, area seven, District 34 is doing well. We had about 19 present for our October meeting. We went over the area assembly and the importance of talking to groups and fellowships about the spending plan. One of our liaisons, Terri S., was asked to participate in a question and answer session for the finance committee. She had a lot of great points and

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ideas. We also went over some of the job responsibilities for our trusted servants because our elections are coming up in November. we also discussed the election assembly and how that works, and how exciting it is to be a part of, and I'm hoping that lots of people show up for that. We had some old business. We had a past DCM, who is an appointed chair of literature at area 07, Beth S asked District 34 to push her résumé through to the area. We voted, and District 34 will be approving Beth S' résumé to be included in the election assembly. Good luck, Beth S., you have our Support and Congratulations :) The other business was to start a discussion about a motion to stop the sale of the remaining commemorative international convention books. Two groups feel that this was a grievous error and want to have their voices heard. District 34 will be continuing the discussion on this motion. We will keep you posted. I would also like to thank area 07, district 34, and God for allowing me to be of service these last eight years. This experience has completely enriched my sobriety it gave me a new way to look at Alcoholics Anonymous, and I will be forever grateful. The lessons learned and the challenges that I faced could not have been learned without being willing to be of Service. if you're a new GSR, raise your hand. Be willing to listen, ask for help, and you will have nothing to fear. It could just be one of the best rides of your life. I know that's how I feel.. Love and service, Leslie B. DCM District 34

D36, Robert G. DCM: District 36 is doing well financially, and we are having good participation at our district meetings. Our district elections will happen on 10/19, so that our new DCM can participate in the Area elections in November as the new DCM. We continue to reach out to unrepresented meetings/groups on the importance of having a GSR.

D37, Brian C. ALT-DCM: - We still have open positions for H&I Liaison, PI/CPC, and BTG Liaison. We voted and passed the final verbiage of the District Registrar Position to be included in our guidelines for the next Panel. Much focus has been on the upcoming Election Assembly, which we are hosting in Tracy, CA. Committee meetings for those are now every other Sunday at 14:00-16:00 via Zoom, all are welcome. We are hosting the last Lean into Service Workshop in Stockton, hoping to leverage GSRs/Alt-GSRs to get people there and involved for the next Panel. Submitted in love and service, Brian C.

D40, Carrie J. DCM: We had further discussion on the 2026 Proposed Spending Plan. We discussed the accessibility newsletter, accessibility and safety within groups, and how to start the discussion at groups before an issue arises so they know how to handle them. We discussed the

need for the three essential District officers at our election in December.

D41, John B. DCM: District 41 now has 4 active GSRs and 1 active Alternate GSR. I was able to transfer the district's bank account to my name. While I hope to eventually elect a treasurer for the district, this at least puts the bank account in the name of an active officer. GSRs continue to meet with Districts 42 and 42, and at our last meeting on October 13, I announced that I would be willing to run for my first full term as DCM of District 41. We still have a lot of work to do, but as of now, GSR representation is fivefold what it was six months ago.

D42, Bill L. DCM: Met on Zoom with D41 and #43. Discussed upcoming elections assembly as well as local district elections. Joining the Fresno Intergroups Zoom account to get a longer time on meetings. Attendance is improving, and morale is high. Bill L.

D47, Mike C. DCM: District 47 meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. It's a hybrid meeting. We discussed the Area 7 budget at our last meeting and are in favor of the budget as submitted in version 4.

D53, Hector H. DCM: We want to thank Emily and Jose, Area secretary, for helping with district elections. October 10, 2025

D54, Ismael DCM: Hello everyone, I'm Ismael, an alcoholic and the DCM of District 54. We currently have 17 active groups; 7 of these groups do not have a GSR, while 10 groups do have a GSR. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month for the GSRs, and we have a concept study on the 3rd Thursday. On October 16th, we held the elections assembly, and we now have the new District service committee for the next panel. Additionally, Herminia, our chair archivist from District 54, will be nominated for officer elections. Thank you, and I wish you all happy 24 hours of sobriety!

D55, Simón DCM: Greetings from D55, we already have our new District service committee, and we continue to hold meetings on the first 3 Wednesdays of the month

D56, Fidel. DCM: We held our district elections on October 16, 2025, and we have our District service committee complete. Thank you, Area Secretary Jose U and DCM D53 Hector, for your help.

Appointed Chair Reports:

Tech Chair Sam P: Tech Committee Members continue to provide excellent support for the Area. 1. We are busy preparing for the election assembly. We aligned with Area CNC06, which will facilitate the actual voting. Please bring your cell phones to the assembly. They will provide

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instructions (apparently, it is very simple).

2. The District Website project is making significant progress. There should be at least 4 district websites active before the end of the panel. There is potential for several more to be live as well. Many kudos to Michael P, Carrie J, and D23 for their support! Michael and Carrie are presenting our district website effort at the National AA Tech Conference in November!
3. We are diligently working with Area Officers and appointed chairs to have their Pass It On templates completed BEFORE the election assembly.
4. Claudio and Carrie are working to review a replacement for Google Translate to improve our Spanish written translation process.
5. Carrie is working with Debbie (registrar) to utilize a form tool to improve the registration process. This capability may be interesting to other Area Officers and Appointed Chairs.
6. The Tech committee is continuing to work with Accessibilities to improve support for the community.

Finance Chair Drew. R.: The Area Finance Committee met on Thursday 9/25, with Don H (Area Treasurer), Drew R, Finance Chair/DCM D33, and Jenn D (Past Delegate) present. Ada R DCM D24 and Simon C, DCM D55 absent. This meeting was held shortly after the September ACM and is potentially one of the final meetings of the Panel 74 Area 07 Finance Committee. Don presented the area accounts, bank, and credit card for a Q3 review. The committee found everything in order. We then took a final moment to prepare the 2026 spending plan to be sent out to all area officers, DCM's and GSRs. As a committee, we look forward to the discussion and hopeful ratification of our hard work at the Election Assembly. Don, Ada, Simon, Jenn, and I would like to thank everyone who attended our workshops and came to the mic during ACMs with input that helped shape the 2026 Spending Plan. Of course, the Finance Committee acknowledges the ongoing discussion and debate having to do with PRAASA funding. We understand that there are members of this body and our fellowship who have a distaste for the concept of the full funding of the area committee and appointed chairs to attend PRAASA. However, we are unanimous in our feeling that the Area can afford to send more people to PRAASA than the current proposed spending plan allows, and would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Area 07's long-standing history of "full" PRAASA funding. Thank you for allowing us this spiritually rewarding opportunity to be of service to all of you. A7 FC Drew R.

Archives Chair, Herminia N: Hi Everyone, Herminia Alcoholic, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on panel 74 as the Archives Chair. It has been an amazing journey being of

service in the last 4 years as Alt Chair and Chair for the Archives. I will always keep in mind 10.5 The archives have the doors open on the 1st Saturday of the month. Valerie and myself continue to work on organizing, purging the packed boxes. Archives was invited to attend a few events, and Valerie will share her report. Next month, I will not be at the Archives as I will be attending an AA fellowship event in Honolulu, Hawaii. I will be making myself available for the Officers Election in November, and District 54 will be nominating me. How exciting! My service sponsor's words were Make yourself available, Herminia. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Written Translations Chair, Jorge D: Hi, my name is Jorge I'm alcoholic. Time has flown by on this panel. It has been a source of much learning, thanks to God and all of you I have been able to do my service to the best of my ability. Thank you for everything see you in the elections.

Grapevine/La Viña Chair Steve D: Hello everyone, my name is Steve, and I am an alcoholic. Honored and privileged to serve as Area 07 CNIA Grapevine/ La Viña representative. This month, I have attended the District 15 Appointed Chairs workshop in Chico. I put on a grapevine story writing workshop that went over well. The following week I was in Sonora at the District 33 Unity Day. I have received the order for new books and will be ready for the upcoming election assembly in Tracy. Yours and service, Steve D

Literature, Beth S: Hello Area 07, Happy 24 hours. As we wind down the year and this panel, I'm excited for next month and to see where I go from here. I was asked to make sure I had a few extra service manuals on hand, so I made an order, and with all the other literature, I am stocked up. If there is something specific, please let me know. I will see you all at the election assembly. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Beth

Sharing Session – What's on Your Mind

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

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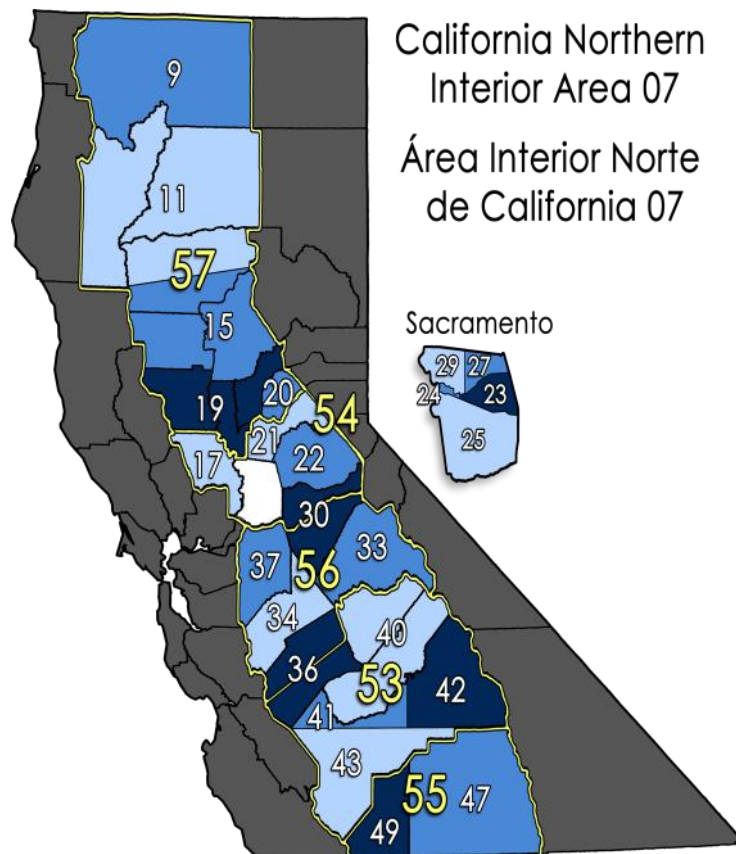
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