

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair's Corner

Happy April!

We're coming up on our Pre-Conference Assembly - an exciting and meaningful time for our area. This is where we gather to share our groups' conscience and help inform our Delegate as they prepare for the General Service Conference.

Something that's been on my mind is the balance described in the *AA Service Manual*, particularly in Concept Three. It reminds us that while we have the responsibility to *inform* our delegate through thoughtful discussion and shared experience, we don't simply instruct them. Our Delegate is trusted with the "Right of Decision" - to act in the best interest of AA as a whole, guided by the full Conference, not just our area. There's something deeply spiritual in that balance of trust, responsibility, and humility. We show up, we share honestly, and then we trust the process and the principles.

A couple of updates as we head into the assembly:

We have a new Tech Appointed Chair - Ron C. (formerly our AV Tech)
With that transition, John G. is now serving as our AV Tech.

Please join me in welcoming both of them at the assembly and thanking them for their willingness to serve.

Fun Fact of the Month (and a moment to publicly take my own inventory): My very first area assembly was a Pre-Conference Assembly. I was so excited just to be there - I went up to the mic, shared my group's thoughts... and then left pretty shortly after. I didn't yet understand the importance of staying for the full assembly, listening to all voices, and experiencing what it feels like to really hear an area conscience develop over the weekend. If you've read this far, I hope you'll learn from my mistake all those years ago ;)

In service,
Emily L
CNIA Chair
Panel 76-77 (2026-2027)

Pre-Conference Assembly Agenda—April 18-19, 2026

Location: 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, 95993

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Orientation

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Welcome to Pre-Conference Assembly 2026!

Introductions: Past delegates, Area Officers, Area Appointed chairs, new attendees and visitors.

District Roll Call

7th Tradition

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Weekend Overview – Past Delegate, Mike K, Panel 68

12:45 pm – 01:00 pm Prepare to share with our Delegate

01:00 pm – 02:45 pm Sharing your group's conscience sharing with the Delegate

02:45 pm – 03:00 pm BREAK

03:00 pm – 05:00 pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

05:00 pm – 06:00 pm DINNER

06:00 pm – 07:15 pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

07:15 pm – 07:45 pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL

07:45 pm – 09:00 pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

Sunday, April 19

08:45 am – 09:00 am Housekeeping and Announcements

09:00 am – 10:30 am Welcome Back Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

10:30 am – 10:45 am BREAK

10:45 am – 11:50 am Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

If time permits What's On Your Mind & Ask-it-Basket

March 2026 Expense/Revenue Report

Summary from January 1st to March 31	Mar-31-2026	Spending Plan 2026	% of budget
REVENUE/INCOME			
4010 Group Contributions	17,904	66,000	27%
4020 Seventh Tradition	1,350	2,800	48%
4050 Contribution - Other	79	1,370	6%
Total 4000 Contributed support	19,333	70,170	28%
5160 Assembly Income (Net)	828	800	104%
5490 Misc Earned Revenue (offset by expenses)	4,160	1,500	277%
Total 5000 Earned Revenues	4,988	2,300	217%
TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME	24,321	72,470	34%
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Total 7620 Delegate	18	4,238	0%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	1,858	3,437	54%
Total 7660 Chair	985	3,408	29%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	1,214	3,457	35%
Total 7700 Secretary	-	4,693	0%
Total 7720 Treasurer	1,816	4,198	43%
Total 7740 Registrar	1,674	2,597	64%
Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses	7,565	26,028	29%
Total 7820 Literature Chair	1,903	1,157	164%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	75	2,285	3%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	-	2,268	0%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	182	1,378	13%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	173	2,097	8%
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	106	1,901	6%
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	-	1,474	0%
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	111	2,989	4%
Total 7980 Accessibility Chair	1,584	1,586	100%
Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses	4,135	17,136	24%
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMS	413	3,000	14%
Total 7981 Spanish Transl. Assemblies	1,243	5,000	25%
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies	-	1,000	0%
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mileage	173	600	29%
Total 7970-90 Transl. & Interpr.	1,829	4,600	40%
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	-	800	0%
Total 8070 Other Event Expenses (Unreimbursed GSC or District)	-	1,100	0%
Total XXXX Assembly Expense (Net)	2,800		0%
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literature	2,084	1,000	208%
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.	3,071	13,420	23%
Total 8300 Website	87	500	17%
Total 8400 Liasion Expenses	-	2,400	0%
Total 8500 Other Misc. Expenses	-	2,050	0%
Subtotal 8540 General Service Conference	5,000	5,000	100%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	532	865	62%
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment	2,663	1,300	205%
Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures	16,238	31,635	51%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	29,766	77,473	38%
NET REVENUE/INCOME	(5,445)		
Literature: income \$261 expense=\$755		262	
Grapevine: income=\$481 expense=\$1034		481	
BANK ACCOUNTS 3/31/2026			
Checking Account Balance	5,823		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,004		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	1,098		
Total Account Balance	21,925		



California Northern Interior Area
 Post-Conference Assembly | May 16 & 17, 2026
Área Interior Norte De California
 Asamblea Post-Conferencia | 16 & 17 de Mayo
 del 2026

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

5/16/2026 9:30 AM – Registration opens / Registros
 12:00 PM – Call to order/ Orden del Día
5/17/2026 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Dinner/Cena: ? Chicken Stuffed Ham&Cheese/Tri-Tip & Gravy
 Pollo relleno de Jamón y queso y/o Tri Tip de res.
 Mash Potatoes, steam vegetables/Pure de papa y vegetales al vapor
 ? Steam Vegetable and green salad (Vegetarian)
 Vegetales al vapor y ensalada (Vegetariano)

Online Registration
Due by May 15, 2026

Registracion en linea
Asta el 15 de Mayo, del
2026

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

District 53 CNIA, 1516 Howard Rd. #202, Madera, CA 93637

Make check payable to: **CNIA** / Haga los cheques pagables a **CNIA**

Mail Pre-Registration due 05/09/26 / Pre-Registación por Correo hasta el 05/09/26

Nombre/Name _____

District/Distrito # _____

Nombre en el gafete (si es diferente) / Name on Badge (if different) _____

Correo Electrónico/Email: _____

Phone/Teléfono _____

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

Puesto de Servicio: ? RSG/Alt., ? MCD/Alt., ? Asignado/a ? Delegado/a, ? Miembro/a

Vivienda "Back to Basics" ? masculino ? femenino

"Back to Basics" Home Stay ? male ? female

Registration/Registacion: \$20.00

Dinner/Cena:----- : \$20.00

Coffee/Café sin fondo----: \$5.00

Total-----: _____

Winter Assembly Minutes 2026 (Unapproved)

The Winter Assembly of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held from Saturday, January 17, through Sunday, January 18, 2026. CNIA Alternate Chair, Jose U., called the assembly to order at 12 noon on Saturday. Lisa (D20) read the GSR Preamble.

Weekend Overview: Woody (P50) gave an overview of the weekend

District roll call: Conducted by Alternate Chair, Jose U.

Introductions:

Past Delegates: Woody (Panel 50), Lela M. (Panel 62), Tom A. (Panel 70), Bob D. (Panel 36), Vikki (Panel 66), Matthew (Panel 74), Bahjrang (Panel 64) Visitors and new attendees were welcomed.

Consideration of Election Assembly 2025 Minutes:

Mini PRAASA report has the date incorrect, stating that the assembly will take place in 2926. Correct to show that it will be held in 2026.

New business - regarding assembly structure. Motion to conduct trial for 2027 schedule. The language should be specific to include the actual language of the motion, and that it was approved at the last assembly.

Moved by a member and seconded by a member

Approved with substantial unanimity.

Seventh tradition was conducted.

DCM Introductions: DCM's for all districts were introduced.

Assembly Reports:

Pre-Conference, Marie M. (D19): The flyer is available now - please use the printed copies of the Accents and not the flyer that was e-mailed. The assembly will be at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds April 18-19, 2026. Dinner will be tacos!

Post Conference Assembly, Hector H. (D53): The assembly will be in Merced May 16-17, 2026. Book your room early because the hotel prices rise as you get into May. Dinner will be chicken, tri-tip, vegetables, and salad. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mini PRAASA, Marie E. (D17): Will be held October 16, 17, and 18, 2026 at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. There is RV parking available at the fairgrounds! Contact her for information or go to <https://www.yolocountyfair.net/p/rv-park>

Winter Assembly, Curtis (D22): The district is excited to host! More information to follow.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Election Assembly, D9/11 : Election Assembly will be in Anderson, CA on November 20-21, 2027. They're excited to have you!

Mock Conference - Tom A.: District 22 is hosting a Mock Conference February 14, 2026 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm! This is a great place to see how the General Service Conference in New York functions. The event will be at First Lutheran Church - 1200 Pinecrest Court, Placerville, CA 95667. It's a buffet potluck, so please bring a dish to share!

Debbie S - Registrar: There's an online data form that you can use to register a new GSR, DCM, or group. There's a flyer on the table this weekend with QR codes to these forms, or they can be found on the website at <https://cnia.org/documents-and-forms/>

PRAASA Area highlight - Claudio B.

Delegates give an area highlight report at PRAASA. This report is also shared at the general service conference. Claudio gave his report at the assembly today as an opportunity to practice and encourage area participation.

GSR Orientation - Jose U.

Panel: 3 Legacies and Inverted Triangle

Introductions of Area Officers and Appointed Chairs

Area Officers and Appointed Chairs introduced themselves.

Delegate Report - Claudio B.

<chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnbpcajpcgqlclefindmkaj/https://cnia.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/January-Delegates-Report-2026.pdf>

Questions and answers

Q: Where can we find a copy of your report? A: It will be on the website - but give us a few weeks while we work with a new webmaster

Q: 5th edition, what will change and what will not? A: The stories and a new forward

Liaison Reports:

Central Valley Intergroup (Modesto) - Beth: Planning meeting for the year was held recently. They will send flyers to the publisher.

Hispanic Women's Workshop - Holly: Annual event. Tenth annual was held in December 2025. Area 07 was supposed to host that, but there was confusion as there was not an advisory committee. The advisory committee has been reformed. The conference was held online. There was English translation for English speakers to attend. The 2026 workshop will be held by Area 09 in San Diego.

Hospital and Institutions (H&I) - Vikki L.: The committee is a ninth tradition service committee of AA, with the purpose of carrying the message to this confined to prison or institutions. H&I has been carrying the message to those confined since 1942. They support more than 29,000 meetings each year. They serve jails, hospitals, rehabs, and other institutions. They help those who are confined to receive sponsorship. The pink can goes to support purchasing books for those who cannot afford them. Contributions have gone down, so please contribute more.

Young Peoples in AA: SACYPAA, Lilly: SACYPAA meetings and events are held the 4th Saturday of each month at 2700 L street and times vary. All ages are welcome. Sacypaa business meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at 2100 J street. This month's speaker meeting will be followed by a lip sync battle, co-hosted by CRUZYPA and BUTTYPAA. WACYPA will be in Reno this month at Circus Circus. ACYPAA is a yearly roundup, and will be held in Los Angeles this year. SACYPAA

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is an ACYPAA bidding committee, and would like to request a letter of support. Please visit <https://www.sacypaa.org/> for more information.

Taking a sense of if the room supports or doesn't support Area 07 writing a letter of support. The group is in favor of providing this letter.

Hispanic Foro - Herminia: The Foro is a workshop put on by the five linguistic districts within our area. It is another way to stay connected if you cannot go to the regional foro. The event consists of speakers and a workshop.

NCCAA, Sue B.: The fall NCCAA Conference will be held in Fresno October 9-11, 2026. If your area has an interest in hosting an NCCAA conference, please contact me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Sue B.

Old Business

Motion from Election Assembly: "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".

Past delegates travel on their own dime. Past delegates in other areas have a vote.

Just as Bill Wilson turned AA over to the general conference, we should. Our past delegates have home groups where their voices can be heard.

Everybody with a vote in this room represents another body. Past trustees speak at the General Service Conference but don't get a vote. I am opposed to this motion.

I am against it. My group would be against it. The past delegates have a home group which hears their vote.

If you have a vote, do you also have a right to make a motion? Would full funding come along with this?

What caught me is "all past delegates" - how many are there?

If they have the ability to vote, they don't always have to exercise it.

The spirit of rotation means that you've rotated. This might take something away from the current delegate. If I can look over at the past delegates table and see how they vote, it will sway me.

At the board, you have a vote while you're on the board. When you rotate, you have to leave the room. Giving them a vote is giving them a vote for life. Bill and Bob didn't do that. There are more past delegates than officers.

Past delegates will sway the room. Absolutely not.

I'm a current GSR. If you haven't read the service manual, page 29 has a paragraph on past delegates. "While the A.A. practice of rotation prevents delegates from succeeding themselves or from returning later as delegates, a role for past delegates can often be found that does not interfere with the responsibilities of the current delegate or area committee." Why shut the door at the past delegates. If they vote, why can't the appointed chairs?

Room check: Do we want to pause and come back in May, or do we want to keep discussing this now? Forgo new business?

-In favor: 20

-table: majority

No vote will be made today, as we are a new body.

Today will be discussion only.

New Business

Jared, DCM D42: It was brought to us by FCYPAA (Fresno County Young People of AA) that they would like a letter of support from Area 07 for ACYPAA.

They've been very active in general service and attending a lot of events in our area for the districts around us and in Fresno County. Will the Area be willing to give this letter?

-In favor: Majority

-Opposed: None

Maria, DCM 19: Panel 74, we did an inventory on Area. There were several items suggested for the Area to improve. This is available on the web page. Officer presence, better communication, promote unity and tolerance, make assemblies engaging. I would like to challenge the Area to actually address these things that are in the inventory. (2024 area inventory)

Area inventory consisted of appointed chairs. The questions came to an assembly, the committee got together. The findings are now available to everybody. However, the action that comes from that is up to the Area.

At miniPRAASA is when we voted as a body to have someone serve in that role. As a newly appointed chair and in this position, please provide your feedback. I am always open to suggestions and learning. I have a survey asking for your experience. If you didn't get a chance to fill one out, please do come by. I want to make the assembly more accessible. I can also help your district make your meetings more accessible as well.

I've been to a lot of assemblies as a past DCM. I was here when we did the inventory. I hear that the officers are not available, but they are. I've never had a problem getting a hold of any officer, chair, prior delegate. It's my responsibility to ask them. They will either be available or not. We have an accessibility chair in our area who also doesn't know everything. They're trying, so talk to the chair person. It's your job to do the footwork and ask for guidance.

Fostering unity and tolerance: Help minimize gossip. Suggested to attend service manual meetings. The area officers have experience. How we participate is important. It's the first time I've had this experience. I am open and do not know everything. One of my first issues with the last rotation of officers was that someone was rude, condescending, and so on. But now I'm back. The way we participate is everything. I have to have new ideas. I am from a small district where not a lot of people want to participate. We couldn't rotate for so long. This room is packed this morning, so people do have the spirit of service. They do want to participate.

Thank you for bringing the inventory to the forefront of a conversation today. We took this at our fall assembly in 2024 and we will be taking another one at the fall assembly this year. Hopefully you're thinking of the questions now. We have addressed a lot of those, but a lot of that comes from the body. If you

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have a discussion item or inventory item, bring it up. Send it to the chair or alternate chair. While the officers are leaders, they carry out the actions of the body. The inventory is a good guide for the alternate chair to put up for discussion at panels. This may be a good place to look back and ensure we cover them when we talk again in October.

I want to thank the Area for the work they've done so far. I did my pass it on to the new GSR who took my spot. I used the GSR 101 from the website. I don't know if this came from the survey. The online forms make registration easy. It is one step at a time. We're making progress - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.

Area inventory questions that will be reviewed at the next inventory - when will those be provided to GSR in order to ensure substantial time for discussion with groups.

I can find the area inventory questions, but not the feedback. Is that available? We were shown how to access this.

There's a technical thing we've been dancing around a few times this morning - the motion is to include a quorum. This came about when we went to hold a vote on a Sunday morning. If there had been a quorum, the vote could have been taken. There is math that can be done to find out what percent of the room is past delegates. I've spoken to other past delegates about having a quorum, and to her knowledge the area has never had one.

The assembly closed at 11:52 am on Sunday, January 18, 2026 with the Responsibility Declaration.

In Love and Service,

Raechyl L.

Recording Secretary, Accents publisher

Panel 75-76, CNIA Area 07

CNIA Calendar					
2026			2027		
Jan 17-18	Winter Assembly	D27 Orangevale	Jan 16-17	Winter Assembly	D22 Placerville
Feb 21	ACM	W. Sacramento	Feb 20	ACM	W. Sacramento
Feb 27-Mar 1	PRAASA	Area 17 Hawaii	Mar 5-7	PRAASA	W. Washington
Mar 20-22	NCCAA	San Ramon	Mar 19-21	NCCAA	San Jose
Mar 21	ACM	W. Sacramento	Mar 20	ACM	W. Sacramento
Apr 18-19	Pre-Conference Assembly	D19 Yuba City	Apr 3-4	Pre-Conference Assembly	D29 N. Highlands
Apr 26-May 2	General Service Conference	New York	Apr 11-17	General Service Conference	New York
May 16-17	Post-Conference Assembly	D53 Merced	May 15	Post-Conference Assembly	D56 Modesto
June 20	ACM	W. Sacramento	June 19	ACM	W. Sacramento
July 18	ACM	W. Sacramento	July 17	ACM	W. Sacramento
Aug 15	ACM	W. Sacramento	Aug 21	Online Assembly	W. Sacramento
Sep 19	ACM	W. Sacramento	Sep 18	ACM	W. Sacramento
Oct 9-11	NCCAA	Fresno	Oct 15-17	NCCAA	W. Sacramento
Oct 16-18	Mini-PRAASA	D17 Woodland	Oct 16	ACM	W. Sacramento
Nov 21	ACM	W. Sacramento	Nov 20-21	Election Assembly	D9/11 Anderson
Dec 4-6	Regional Forum	San Diego			
Dec 19	Area Planning Meeting (2028)	W. Sacramento	Dec 18	Area Planning Meeting (2029)	W. Sacramento

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