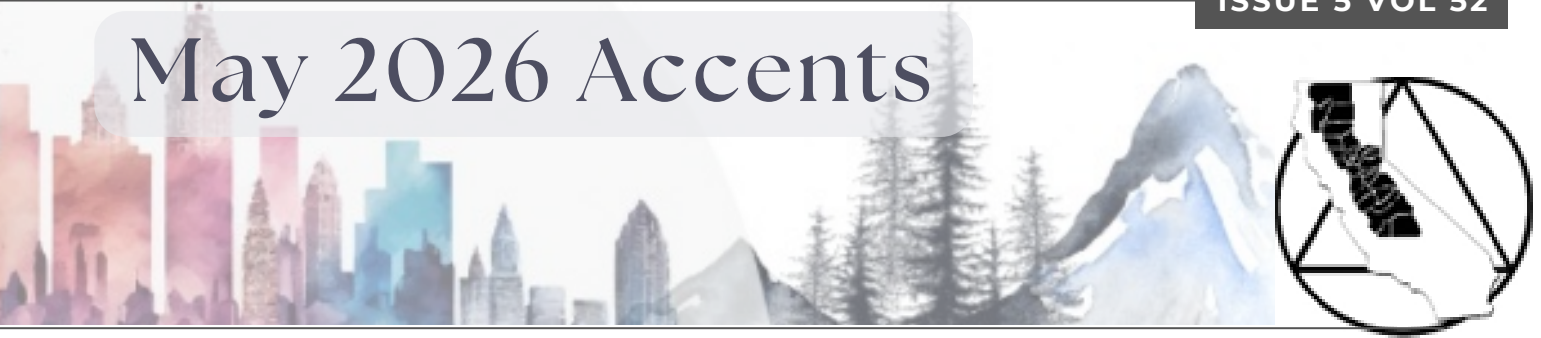


# May 2026 Accents



## CHAIR'S CORNER

Happy May!

Our Delegate has returned from the General Service Conference in New York, and we look forward to the Post Conference Assembly where we'll hear his report back on the experience, the discussions that took place, and the actions the Conference ultimately took.

In addition to the Delegate's report, we'll also be conducting area business together. We have two items of old business that will continue to be discussed:

A motion made at the Election Assembly last panel: **"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."**

o This was discussed at the Winter Assembly (see January Accents for discussion) and will continue this weekend.

### A discussion regarding area quorum.

o It has been brought up that we often talk about having enough GSRs and DCMs present when we discuss and vote on business - especially on Sundays at assemblies. Quorum is the minimum number of members required to be present at a properly called meeting in order to validly transact business. There is currently no motion regarding quorum, but we will continue the discussion as an area.

One thing I continue to appreciate in service is that thoughtful discussion matters. Even when we don't immediately arrive at a decision, the process of listening, considering different perspectives, and seeking an informed group conscience is valuable in itself. Sometimes the discussion is the work.

**Fun Fact of the Month:** In addition to his Post-Conference Report at the assembly, our Delegate will also be making Delegate Conference Reports around the area over the next few months. If you miss hearing the report this weekend - or just want to hear it again - more details can be found through your DCM or on the CNIA calendar at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org).

In service,

Emily L  
CNIA Chair  
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# Post Conference Assembly Agenda - May 16 & 17

Location: Merced Women's Club, 707 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340

## Saturday, May 16, 2026

10:00am – 12:00pm	Registration
11:45am – 12:00pm	Housekeeping and Announcements
12:00pm – 12:20pm	Welcome to the Post Conference Assembly 2026 -Opening, GSR Preamble, introductions, district roll call.
12:20pm – 12:30pm	Review Minutes Winter Assembly & Pre-Conference Assembly. 7th Tradition
12:30pm – 12:40pm	Weekend Overview Past Delegate, Tom, Panel 70
12:40pm – 1:45pm	Reports: Liaisons; Appointed Chairs; DCMs
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Break
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Delegate Report: From the Conference to Our Assembly. Report and Q & A.
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Old Business: 1) Motion: Past Delegates & Voting. Motion that California Northern Interior Area 07 give all Past Delegates from Area 07 the right to vote on all manners of business at Area Assemblies. 2) Defining Area Quorum
04:00pm – 04:15pm	Break
4:15pm – 5:00pm	New Business/Discussion
05:00pm – 06:00pm	Dinner
06:00pm – 07:00pm	Delegate Report: Not just Meetings: What I Experienced around the Conference Report and Q & A
07:00pm – 08:00pm	Panel: Humility in Action
08:00pm – 08:45pm	Ice Cream Social

## Sunday, May 17, 2026

08:45am – 09:00am	Housekeeping, announcements
09:00am – 10:00am	Resume Reports: Officers & DCMs
10:00am – 10:15am	Break
10:15am – 10:30am	Area Inventory: Review draft area inventory questions to be used at Mini PRAASA
10:30am – 11:15am	What's On Your Mind?
11:15am – 11:45am	Ask-It-Basket
12:00pm	Assembly Closes See you at Mini PRAASA in Woodland!



Summary from January 1st to April 30

	30-Apr-26	Spending Plan 2026	% of budget
<b>REVENUE/INCOME</b>			
4010 Group Contributions	23,049 \$	66,000	35%
4020 Seventh Tradition	1,912 \$	2,800	68%
4050 Contribution - Other	55 \$	1,370	4%
<b>Total 4000 Contributed support</b>	<b>25,016 \$</b>	<b>70,170</b>	<b>36%</b>
5160 Assembly Income (Net)	2,900 \$	800	363%
5490 Misc Earned Revenue (offset by expenses)	4,160 \$	1,500	277%
5310 Interest-Savings/Sh-term Inv	0 \$-		
<b>Total 5000 Earned Revenues</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>307%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME</b>	<b>32,076 \$</b>	<b>70,171</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>			
Total 7620 Delegate	1,642 \$	4,238	39%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	3,030 \$	3,437	88%
Total 7660 Chair	1,261 \$	3,408	37%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	1,523 \$	3,457	44%
Total 7700 Secretary	2,354 \$	4,693	50%
Total 7720 Treasurer	2,581 \$	4,198	61%
Total 7740 Registrar	1,748 \$	2,597	67%
<b>Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses</b>	<b>14,139 \$</b>	<b>26,028</b>	<b>54%</b>
Total 7820 Literature Chair	968 \$	1,157	84%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	291 \$	2,285	13%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	110 \$	2,268	5%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	197 \$	1,378	14%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	457 \$	2,097	22%
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	106 \$	1,901	6%
Total 7940 Oral Transl. Chair	45 \$	-	0%
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	45 \$	1,474	0%
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	2,376 \$	2,989	79%
Total 7980 Accessibility Chair	1,583 \$	1,586	100%
<b>Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses</b>	<b>6,178 \$</b>	<b>17,136</b>	<b>36%</b>
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMS	412 \$	3,000	14%
Total 7981 Spanish Transl. Assemblies	2,034 \$	5,000	41%
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies	0 \$	1,000	0%
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mileage	384 \$	600	64%
<b>Total 7970-90 Transl. &amp; Interpr.</b>	<b>2,830 \$</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>62%</b>
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	9,785 \$	800	1223%
Total 8070 Other Event Expenses (Unreimbursed GSC or District)	137 \$	1,100	12%
Total XXXX Assembly Expense (Net)			
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literature	2,541 \$	1,000	254%
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.	2,376 \$	13,420	18%
Total 8300 Website	159 \$	500	32%
Total 8400 Liasion Expenses	0 \$	2,400	0%
Total 8500 Other Misc. Expenses	0 \$	2,050	0%
Subtotal 8540 General Service Conference	5,000 \$	5,000	100%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	417 \$	865	48%
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment	4,176 \$	1,300	321%
<b>Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures</b>	<b>24,591 \$</b>	<b>31,635</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>47,738 \$</b>	<b>77,473</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>NET REVENUE/INCOME</b>	<b>-15,662</b>		
Literature: income \$275.99 expense=\$1195.90		\$ (920)	
Grapevine: income=\$679 expense=\$1034.52		\$ (659)	
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>			
Checking Account Balance 1/31/2026	3,196		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,004		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	1,098		
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>19,298</b>		

# Pre-Conference Assembly Minutes, April 2026 (Unapproved)

The Pre-Conference Assembly was held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Assembly was called to order by CNIA Chair Emily, at noon on Saturday.

**Introductions:** Past delegates, Area Officers, Appointed Chairs, guests, new attendees and visitors were introduced.

District Roll Call.

7th tradition was conducted.

Weekend overview presented by past delegate, Mike K., panel 68.

GSR's shared their group conscience with the delegate, Claudio B. Here are the most common agenda items that were shared on and a summary of the feedback that was received:

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Item E: Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals. Strong, widespread agreement that short stand-alone clips should be created. Many emphasized that modernizing and updating AA's professional videos is overdue. Broad consensus that short videos (around 60 seconds) are ideal for busy professionals. Short clips are seen as more engaging, more accessible, and more likely to be watched. Professionals should be involved in creating the new content. Concerns were expressed about cost and where videos will be posted.

Corrections, Item C: Consider a request to update the pamphlet "The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs." Overwhelming support for updating the pamphlet. Many described it as outdated, "criminally old," or no longer reflective of current realities. Stories should be more relatable, inclusive, and reflective of today's drug landscape. Strong emphasis that AA does not give medical advice and that medical decisions belong between a member and their doctor. Sponsors should not tell members to stop taking prescribed medications. Reduce stigma around mental health meds and pain management. Some tied the traditions to this topic. Cost concerns mentioned. A minority expressed distrust in the updating process, belief that this is an outside issue, and to rely on the Big Book or sponsorship.

Finance, Item C: Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study-guide or workbook. Feedback was mixed, with strong opinions on both sides. Supporters feel it to be valuable for incarcerated and rural members. It would strengthen sponsorship. Guides are already published so why not have a conference-approved one? Could generate revenue. Those objecting feel it could encourage self-sponsorship and weaken relationships between sponsors and sponsees. Create over-structuring and the Big Book and 12x12 are already our guides. Concerns mentioned about cost and who would write the study guide or workbook. Some groups' support was contingent on if it was based on the Big Book and/or did not replace sponsorship. Some suggested a pamphlet or a checklist.

Grapevine, Item F: Consider that the Grapevine, Inc. accept contributions. Feedback was highly mixed. Supporters suggested that a separate basket be passed for the Grapevine or have contributions be capped. Print is declining but digital subscriptions are the future. Some saw it as no different than supporting GSO. Extremely valuable for H&I. Those opposed felt that Grapevine is not being self-supporting and Grapevine contributions could potentially take away from GSO, H&I, and Intergroup contributions. Grapevine should rely on subscriptions not donations. If it cannot sustain itself then it should go away. Some felt that the background lacked clarity and that Grapevine should provide more information and financial transparency. Some wanted the five-year plan finished. Some suggested that the Grapevine raise prices. It is a band-aid rather than addressing the root problem.

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Literature, Item D: Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Strong support with some mention of stories that some groups prefer to keep in the book.

Literature, Item I: Consider publishing the personal stories for the Fourth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. Majority support for preserving and republishing the stories being removed from the Fifth Edition. Many members feel these stories are historically important, deeply relatable, and spiritually valuable. A consistent minority expressed cost concerns or felt the project is not necessary right now. Some mentioned that the stories will stay in the Fourth Edition and that is always accessible.

Report and Charter, Item A(i): Consider a request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in The AA Service Manual. Overwhelming opposition to this agenda item.

Treatment and Accessibilities, Item E: Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO. Strong majority support for keeping, updating, and using the safety videos. Only a small minority expressed concerns about alignment with AA principles or the risk of appearing too “formalized.” Supporters said the videos would be useful for new secretaries and safety issues are increasingly common. Suggestions to include better animation and color.

Trustees, Items G and H: Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.” And “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.” Overwhelming support to create the videos but there were significant concerns about cost.

Reports from Officers, Appointed Chairs, Liaisons, or DCM’s were not heard at Pre-Conference.

## **Liaison Reports:**

Central Valley Intergroup, Beth: We have 3 more events coming up chili cook off with Paul C past delegate as our speaker and our Holiday Extravaganza with current delegate Claudio as our speaker. Our office is going to be open every day from 1130 to 330 M-F. I learned at PRAASA a few things like the office position is a paid position but rather than being paid I asked to be funded to assemblies and all agreed. Also getting involved with the linguistic Intergroup and with all their events to build a bridge between us and them.

Central California Fellowship (CCF), Wendy: New meeting named Latino at the Hub Alano Club in Marysville. Wednesdays at 7 pm, Spanish Big Book Meeting.

## **Appointed Chair Reports:**

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Valerie: Attendance at District 33, District 29, and District 30 business meetings provided opportunities to inform and inspire volunteers about Bridging the Gap. Five additional representatives have been added to support the area’s efforts, along with new volunteer support from District 33. Collaboration with the Programs Director and Social Worker at Sacramento County Jail has resulted in Bridging the Gap being established within the facility after sustained outreach and coordination. Bridging the Gap services are now also active in El Dorado County Jail through collaboration with District 22. Outreach has been extended to Folsom Prison, Yolo County Jail, Monroe House, and facilities within District 17, with continued efforts to expand into additional facilities.

Finance Committee Chair, Laura: Happy 24 hours my name is Laura I am a alcoholic. The finance committee has meet and reviewed the accounts and confirmed that they all are reflected accurately in the treasury report. Thank you with respect and gratitude to be of service Laura U.

Literature, Carrie: I am still working on inventory levels, so if I'm missing something you need I'll be sure to have it at Post Conference Assembly. I am also available to bring literature to your Unity Days. New Literature: The 2025 International Convention Souvenir book, “A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service” available in English, Spanish and French for \$15 and I have some available.

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You can also buy the 2025 IC Three Big Video Meetings for \$60. Might be great to purchase as a group or district and host a watch party. There is new Literature available in Somali (Africa), Karen (Burma/Thailand) and Bambara (Africa). There is a new Tabletop display of the new Twelve Steps Illustrated pamphlet (17"x24").

Accessibilities, Christine: I was contacted by a GSR from the Davis Hope Group. They have experienced an AA member who has created an unsafe and disruptive environment in the meeting hall and various meetings. On April 8th, I attended the Davis Hope Group's business meeting to provide information about safety in AA. There have been other reports on safety concerns throughout the area. I want to have a safety workshop and am looking for people to help with putting it on. I attended District 09 PI/CPC committee meeting. Their concern is wanting to get AA information or meetings to some rural areas. I will be working with them to accomplish this. Accessibility committee meeting meets every third Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30.

## **Officer Reports:**

Registrar, Debbie: I continue to collaborate with our Technology team to fine tune and establish best practices for using our online registration forms. When completing them, it is important that you enter the Group ID, not the old FNV Service Number to avoid delays in processing your requests. You can find the Group ID on our Group LookUp page at [cnaia.org/cnaia-area-07/districts/group-number-lookup](https://cnaia.org/cnaia-area-07/districts/group-number-lookup).

Treasurer, Drew: The Area Treasury remains stable, with the Prudent Reserve at \$15,004. The Sinking Fund holds \$1,098, and the BofA Checking account balance is \$2,937. Credit card balances total \$26, verified during the April Finance Committee meeting. The committee's second online meeting of the year included a review of the March Expense and Revenue report, along with discussions on the necessity of the Sinking Fund at this time. The Area is progressing according to the 2026 Spending Plan, indicating current expenditures align with budget expectations. However, future funding will be needed for upcoming projects and initiatives. As both Past Finance Chair and current Treasurer, I am saddened to hear about Don H's illness. He has been an invaluable mentor, and I wish him a swift recovery. Don's support has greatly influenced my service, and he remains in my thoughts and prayers.

Recording Secretary, Raechyl: I sent out minutes early last month and I hope that was helpful! Thank you everyone for submitting your reports to me. It's obvious that everyone puts thought and care into them and I appreciate everyone submitting on time.

Alternate Chair, Jose: I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Area 07 for the opportunity to attend PRAASA in Hawaii. One key takeaway I've embraced is the importance of outreach in our community. If you're interested in a GSR school or have any questions, please feel free to reach out! I'm here to assist in any way I can.

Chair, Emily: nothing to report not already listed in the "Chair Corner" in the accents this month.

**Delegate Report, Claudio B.:** <https://cnaia.org/delegates-page/>

## **DCM Reports:**

D20, Philip: Still in search for an Accessibilities chair. The district's Officers have begun short follow-up meetings on Tuesdays after our district meeting. Come as you are to Gold Vibe Kombuchary, 12615 Charles Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95945 Trudging Together; A Walk in Fellowship | Saturday, May 9, 2026 | Cascade Canal Trail off Gracie Road. District 20 Summer Campout | June 12-15, 2026 | Bear Valley Campground. Flyers on our website <https://dist20aa.org/>. Finally, District 20 is in sound financial condition. We're looking for ideas for fun and enriching AA workshops and events. Please send your ideas my way.

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D22, Curtis: We have all our elected positions and appointed chairs filled with trusted servants.

Our focus in the past month was to prepare and assist our GSRs in gathering their group conscience to bring forward at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Our GSRs did a great job and we will be well represented at the Assembly.

D27, Gina: The combined Sacramento Districts Agenda Workshop was a great success, with a full room and full bellies. I truly enjoyed being of service alongside three other passionate members, as well as the Area, to help bring valuable information to our GSRs. D27 has 6 new GSR's and are blessed to have Tina step up for Accessibilities, leaving one position left to fill

D29, Terri: We had a full house at our last district meeting and reminded GSRs to discuss the scholarship motion with their groups. We also started to talk about committee members needed for next year's Pre-Conference Assembly committee and we hope everyone will take a role. We also enjoyed a visit by our Area BTG Chair Valerie. At our next meeting we will set up a Finance committee to review our first quarter and vote on changing our meeting to a different week so that members can attend conflicting group birthday or business meetings.

D33, Cathy: All GSRs conducted their agenda item workshops with their respective groups and are prepared to speak at the upcoming event this weekend. I provided an overview of the new "going to the mike" setup in an effort to ease any apprehension among the GSRs. Valerie D., our Area Bridging the Gap Chair, attended as a guest via zoom and delivered a brief presentation outlining the purpose and scope of Bridging the Gap. Due to a scheduling conflict, Valerie extended an invitation for us to join a Bridging the Gap Zoom meeting on April 27th from 6-7 p.m., which was enthusiastically accepted.

D34, Laura: Doing well working with starting an accessibilities committee in the area. We have good participation and going outreach to inactive groups. Our registrar is been hard at work to fix the groups dropped at new panel and chair members thank you so much Shawn S. Looking forward to planning some summer workshops.

D36, Nancy: We are putting together a committee for our Unity Day coming up in September.

D47, Michael: We have two new GSRs that were recently added to our district. Gary and Patrick Springville and Tulare meetings. I plan on attending the pre-conference assembly with one of our GSRs in Yuba City. Still in need of an Alt DCM, Registrar and missions for our district.

D56, Fernando: Our district met April 16th and talked about agenda items, only my home group and grupo renacer of tracy were interested in 1 agenda item, which is item 9 a ii dr. Bob's quote, both fellowship agreed that it needs to be left alone and respect our founder's work, we are also happy to announce that w new GSR'S are joining, I will be helping our registrar to fill out the form and send it to Debbie our Area registrar.

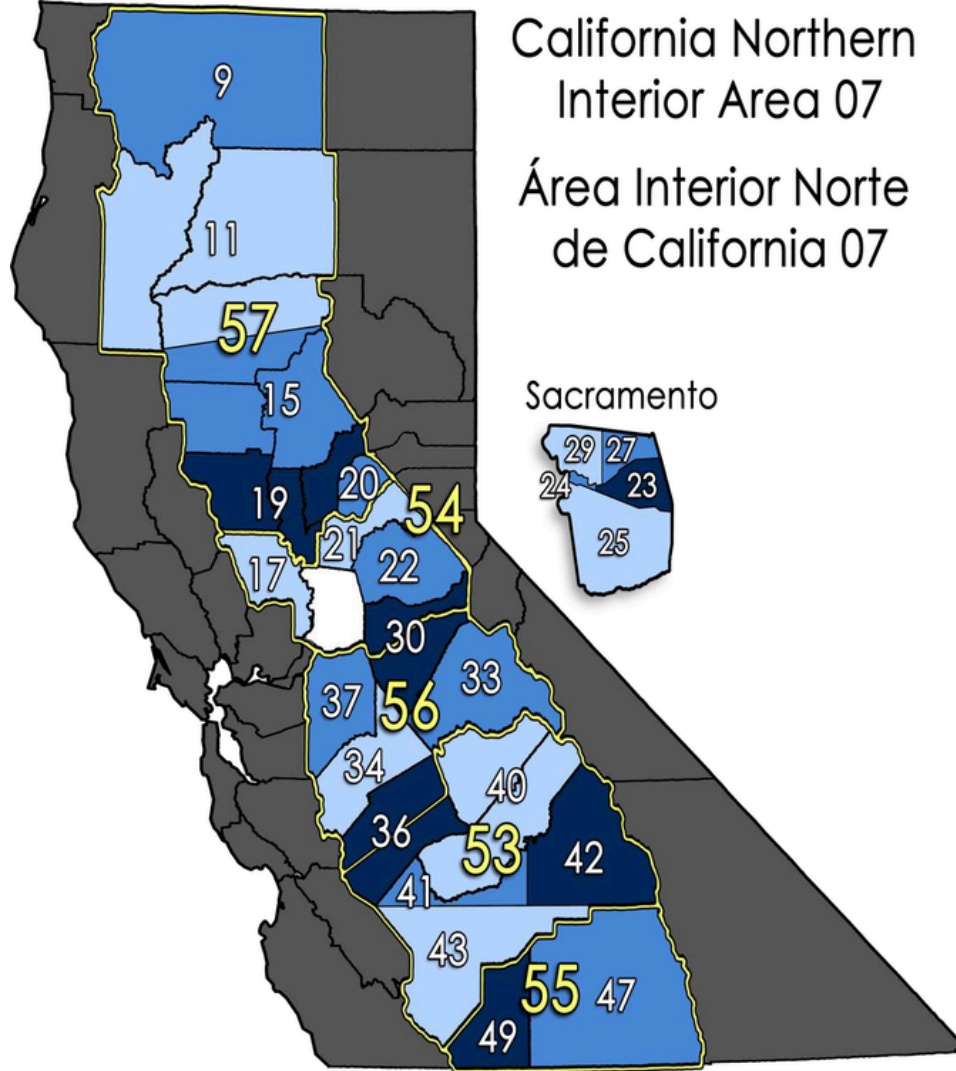
D57, Martin: Business meeting was held on April 7, 2026, the first Tuesday of the month. We had seven GSRs present. DCM Martin talked about agenda items and the importance that members of every group participate and understanding the agenda items. The district continued visiting groups who don't have a GSR or bring reports. We also spoke with five class B Trustees who were elected in the 2025 Conference. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Assembly closed at 12:35 pm with the responsibility declaration.

In Love and Service,  
Raechyl L.  
Recording Secretary, Panel 76

# California Northern Interior Area 07

## Área Interior Norte de California 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