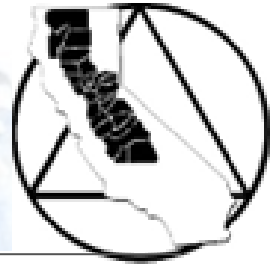


September 2026 Accents



CHAIR'S CORNER

Happy September! Here's what's on my mind:

- Mini PRAASA is next month. Our fall assembly will be held in Woodland October 16-18. You can find more information, including registration details, here: <https://cnia.org/assembly-info-2/>. P.S... keep reading and you'll see more from our Alternate Chair, Jose, regarding the Area Inventory questions and process later in these Accents.
- We're continuing to refine the 2027 Spending Plan. Current version can be found here: <https://linktr.ee/cnia07>. The Finance Committee has been iterating over the last few months with your continuous feedback.
- The Pacific Regional Forum is on December 4 in San Diego. Regional Forums strengthen communication and trust among A.A. members, the General Service Board, General Service Office staff, AA Grapevine/La Viña staff, and more...and they're free. More info and flyer here: <https://www.aa.org/event/2026-pacific-regional-forum>.
- There's so much to do in AA right now!: Feels like weekend there's a district unity day or workshop to participate in. You can go to cnia.org > Event Calendar to see more.

Fun Fact of the Month: Ever wondered why it's called Mini PRAASA? You're not alone. I asked this same question my first few years in area service and it was explained to me that this assembly is meant, in part, to model PRAASA - the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly - in that our alternate chair typically arranges a number of panels to encourage the sharing of ideas and experiences within our area. So now you know! And if that doesn't work for you, some just call it our fall assembly.

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

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September 2026 ACM Agenda, September 19

Location: 910 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, 95605

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

ACM AGENDA

10 AM Call to Order

- Introductions (Past Delegates, Guests)
- Announcements
- Approve Minutes - August ACM
- 7th Tradition

10:15 AM Assembly and Liaison Reports

- Assembly Reports (Mini PRAASA D17, Winter Assembly D22, Pre Conference D29, Post Conference D56)
- Liaison Reports (Central Office/Intergroups, Foro, Hispanic Women's Conference, H&I, NCCAA, YPAA)

10:45 AM Archives Workshop Report Out

10:55 AM Appointed Chair and Officer Reports

- Accessibilities, Archives, Alternate Archives, AV Tech, Bridging the Gap, Grapevine/La Vina, Literature, Technology, Written Translation
- Alternate Delegate, Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar

11:25 AM Business

12:00 PM Spending Plan Discussion

12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Delegate's Report

2:45 PM DCM Round Tables

3:45 PM What's On Your Mind?

4 PM Close

Summary from January 1st to August 31st

	31-Aug-26	Spending Plan 2026	% of budget
REVENUE/INCOME			
4010 Group Contributions	43,600	\$ 66,000	66%
4020 Seventh Tradition	3,500	\$ 2,800	125%
4050 Contribution - Other	55	\$ 1,370	4%
Total 4000 Contributed support	47,155	\$ 70,170	67%
5160 Assembly Income (Net)	16,938	\$ 800	2117%
5490 Other Revenue (incl GV/Lit)	7,971	\$ 1,500	
5310 Interest-Savings/Sh-term Inv	1	\$-	
Total 5000 Earned Revenues	24,910	\$ 1	2490998%
TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME	72,065	\$ 70,171	103%
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Total 7620 Delegate	1,734	\$ 4,238	41%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	3,520	\$ 3,437	102%
Total 7660 Chair	1,699	\$ 3,408	50%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair	2,399	\$ 3,457	69%
Total 7700 Secretary	2,695	\$ 4,693	57%
Total 7720 Treasurer	2,935	\$ 4,198	70%
Total 7740 Registrar	2,040	\$ 2,597	79%
Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses	17,022	\$ 26,028	65%
Total 7820 Literature Chair	1,171	\$ 1,157	101%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	1,808	\$ 2,285	70%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	1,674	\$ 2,268	74%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	1,251	\$ 1,378	91%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	2,152	\$ 2,097	103%
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	106	\$ 1,901	6%
Total 7940 Oral Transl. Chair	475	\$-	0%
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	294	\$ 1,474	0%
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	1,124	\$ 2,989	38%
Total 7980 Accessibility Chair	2,175	\$ 1,586	137%
Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses	12,030	\$ 17,136	70%
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMS	1,725	\$ 3,000	58%
Total 7981 Spanish Transl. Assemblies	2,229	\$ 5,000	45%
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies	0	\$ 1,000	0%
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mileage	384	\$ 600	64%
Total 7970-90 Transl. & Interpr.	4,338	\$ 4,600	94%
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	14,300	\$ 800	1788%
Total 8070 Other Event Expenses (Unreimbursed GSC or District)	204	\$ 1,100	19%
Total XXXX Assembly Expense (Net)			
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literature	2,984	\$ 1,000	298%
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.	10,847	\$ 13,420	81%
Total 8300 Website	274	\$ 500	55%
Total 8400 Liasion Expenses	0	\$ 2,400	0%
Total 8500 Other Misc. Expenses	1,425	\$ 2,050	70%
Subtotal 8540 General Service Conference	5,000	\$ 5,000	100%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	864	\$ 865	100%
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment	5,475	\$ 1,300	421%
Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures	41,373	\$ 31,635	131%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	74,763	\$ 77,473	97%
NET REVENUE/INCOME	-2,698		
Literature: income \$1317 expense=\$1310		\$ 7	
Grapevine: income\$1199 expense=\$1135		\$ 64	
BANK ACCOUNTS			
Checking Account Balance 8/31/2026	6,481		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,005		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	1,099		
Total Account Balance	22,584		



California Northern Interior Area
Mini PRAASA Assembly | October 16 -18, 2026

Área Interior Norte De California

Asamblea Mini PRAASA |16-18 de Octubre
del 2026

Hosted/Anfitrión District 17

Yolo County Fairgrounds

John Rogers Hall

1250 E. Gum Ave. Woodland, CA 95776

10/16/2026 5:00 PM – Registration opens / Registros

7:00 PM – Call to order/ Orden del Día

10/17/2026 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

10/18/2026 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Dinner/Cena: ☐ BBQ Chicken & Ribs

☐ Vegetarian Lasagna

Green Salad, Potato Salad, roll and butter included.

☐ Pollo a la barbacoa

☐ Lasaña Vegetariana.

Ensalada verde, Ensalada de Papa, pan de roll
y mantequilla incluida.

Online Registration

Due by Oct 18, 2026

Registración en línea

**Asta el 18 de Oct. del
2026**

WWW.CNIA.ORG

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

District 17 CNIA, P.O. Box 72731 Davis, CA 95617

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

Mail Pre-Registration by 10/10/26 / Pre-Registación por Correo hasta el 10/10/26

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

Registration/Registación--: \$25.00

Dinner/Cena:-----: \$22.00

Coffee/Café sin fondo-----: \$3.00

Total-----: _____



Hotel Room Options Alquiler de Habitaciones de Hotel

Best Western Shadow Inn

\$141.37 per night + \$50 dep (includes tax)

Tel. 530-666-1251

584 N. East St., Woodland CA

3.4 mi to Assembly

Hampton Inn and Suites

1K \$149.00 + tax, 2Q \$159.00 + tax per night

Tel. 530-662-9100

2060 Freeway Dr., Woodland CA

3.3 mi to Assembly

Holiday Inn Express

\$149.00 + tax per night

Tel. 530-662-7750

2070 Freeway Dr., Woodland CA

3.4 mi to Assembly

Econo Lodge Woodland

1K \$89.35, 1Q \$85.35, 2Q 99.00

+ tax per night - 530-662-9335

53 W. Main St., Woodland CA

2.6 mi to Assembly

Ask for Vicky - use code CNIA

Motel 6 Woodland

1Q \$94.77, 2Q \$96.74 per night

pet friendly (includes tax)

Tel. 530-666-6777

1564 E. Main St., Woodland CA

2.6 mi to Assembly - Use code CNIA

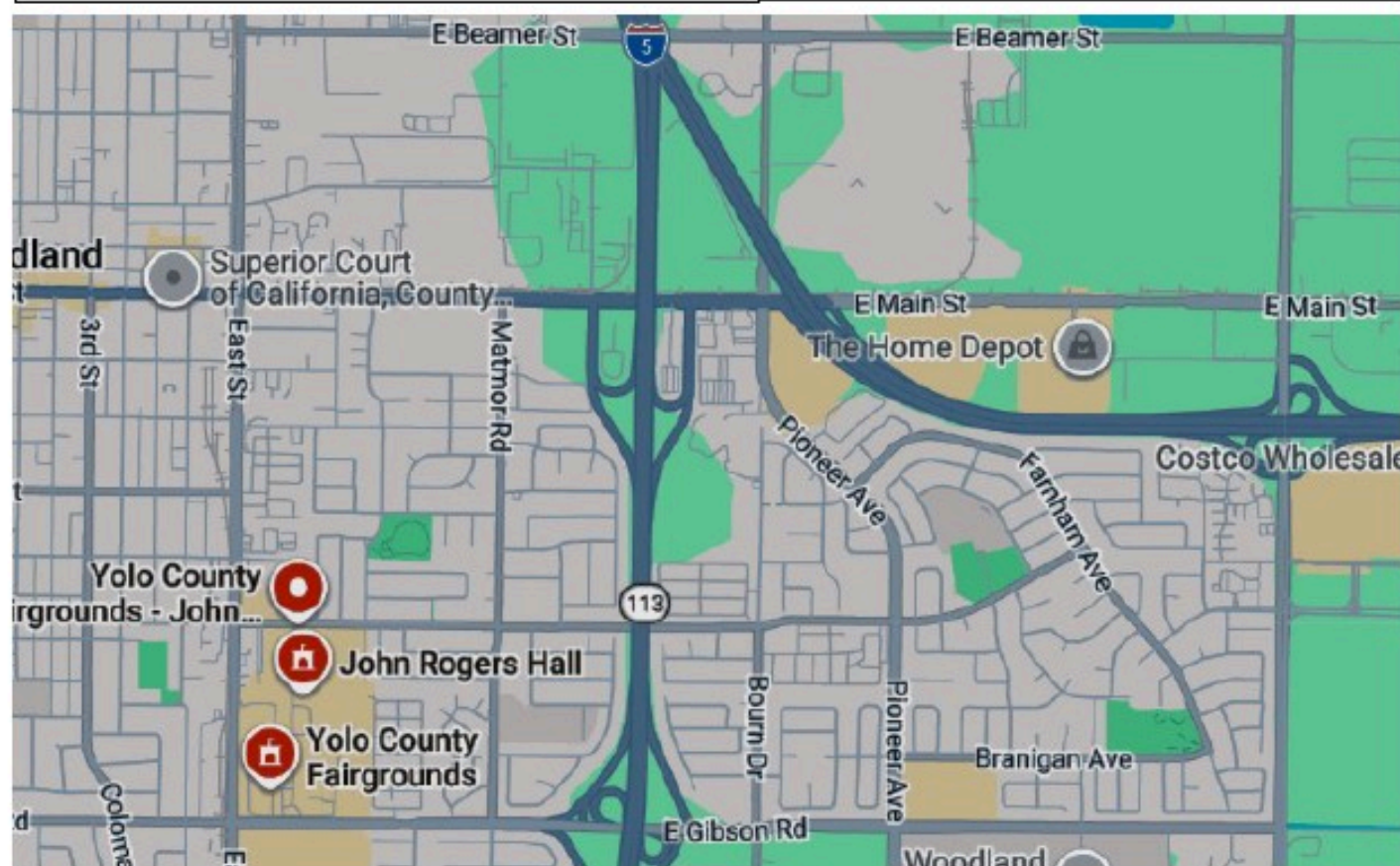
Yolo County Fairgrounds - RV parking

\$50.00 per night + tax, Dump Station

\$20.00

For Reservations email : yolocounty.net

1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland CA



August 2026 ACM Minutes (Unapproved)

The August Assembly was held Saturday, August 15, 2026. The ACM was called to order by CNIA Chair Emily, at 10am.

Introductions: Past delegates (Tom A., Woody R., Bob D., Mike K., Matthew L.), guests, and visitors were introduced.

Announcements: Area 06 Hispanic Foro 10/18 at St. Anthony's.

Consideration of Minutes: Moved by Evan and seconded by Curtis approved with substantial unanimity.

7th tradition was conducted.

Assembly Reports:

Pre-Conference, Terri (D29): Our committee is just starting. We visited the location and the tech guys came with us.

Post-Conference, Fernando (D56): We already have a committee and a location.

Mini PRAASA, Marjorie (D17): Flyers now available online at cnia.org. It is preferred for you to use the QR code for registration, meal choices, and coffee. The 2nd page has lodging and directions info. They will have two armed guards at the premises during our Assembly times throughout the weekend. A walk-through of the venue will happen hopefully next week so plans for setup can be made. I hope someone from the tech committee can be there also.

Winter Assembly, Curtis (D22): We have all players in place. We have a parking czar. At American Legion hall. Based on costs we may be able to reduce registration price.

Liaison Reports:

Northern California Council of AA (NCCAA), Sharon T.: Upcoming Conference October 9, 10 & 11 at the DoubleTree in Fresno. Registration and lodging are now open at NorCalAA.org Flyers are available online and out on the service table. Fresno's next outreach event will be August 29th at 4:30. If you would like more details, please let me know. Our Chair James W., stepped down. Devlin F., the appointed Coastal Secretary, was appointed acting interim Chair for NCCAA. All registered AA groups can have 2 Delegates to the NCCAA conference in Northern California.

Central Valley Intergroup, Beth: Central Valley Intergroup is starting its planning meeting for our Old timers panel in October. Our first planning meeting is September 13th. The webmaster for Central Valley Intergroup and I have been working on trying to get information that Delta Intergroup has wrong on the meeting guide app as it pertains to our groups. It is current on our website but not on theirs nor on the app. I have a call into GSO about this.

Butte County YPAA, Janet: We are hosting summit which is a statewide young people's event and held in Chico, CA at the Double Tree hotel. YPAA's from the whole state are coming to our conference. This conference is focused on learning higher levels of service.

Foro, Hector: Program is ready. Flyers are printed in English for the area for next month.

Appointed Chair Reports:

Archives, Valerie: This month I was physically at the Archives eight times, usually for at least six hours each visit. I also attended four A.A. history meetings and our monthly Regional Archive check-in meeting. Renewing our Archive lease is already on the agenda, even though we have barely finished unpacking. A physical Archive preserves things that cannot always be appreciated on a computer screen.

Alternate Archives, Michael: I had the honor of representing the Archives at District 09's Unity Day. Thank you Christine T., Accessibilities chair, for the invitation. Still working on establishing WiFi at the archives.

AV Technician, John: Did walk through of the La Sierra facility. Looks great. We know how we will hookup all of the equipment. Last week we came here to do the hybrid spending plan meeting. There was not a lot of online participation so I want to make it be known that we are making it available for people.

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Valerie: A presentation was given to SACYPAA, resulting in four new volunteers and a potential liaison to Area 07. A presentation was also given to Yellowwood Recovery Centers which resulted in bringing BTG services into all five of their centers. An Area 07 Bridging the Gap committee has been established. Attended the Area 43 H&I meeting. A presentation was given to Lieutenant Rodriguez at Sugar Pine Fire Camp. Pleased to report 6 BTG representatives will be attended the BTG conference in Kansas City from our area. Update on the Bridging the gap monthly meeting to the last Sunday of the month at 7pm hoping this change will allow more people to attend.

Tech Chair, Ron: We met with Western Washington Area 72 and he has a software called sobriety works for election assemblies. The issue is that it won't show who voted so it works on an honor system. We are looking to fill the Webmaster position. Then we will start looking for someone to fill the district website position. Found speakers for \$390 apiece. They are Yamaha brand so they will match our Yamaha brand sound board. National AA technology workshop 9/11-9/13 and it will be hybrid.

Finance Committee, Laura: We've held spending plan meetings and are making adjustments to the spending plan. We have also reviewed all accounts and they match the treasurer's report and summary of accounts.

Grapevine, Christina: I want to report on the LaViña 30th Anniversary Conference in July in Tacoma WA. The love and dedication, to AA in general and LaViña in particular, were palpable. Of the over-200 LaViña Reps, AA members and their families (mostly from the Western States) in attendance, including several A07 AAs, dozens had driven up to 22 hours to avoid airports. Of course, the entire Conference was in Spanish. I definitely felt like a pescado out of agua! Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. After

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spending 3 days in headphones, I had deep gratitude for Doris and Karla, who tag-teamed 22 hours of interpretation, often just for me (as there were few non-Spanish-speaking attendees). Some takeaways: the big emphasis among LaViña Reps is generating subscriptions. Panels included speakers on "How LaViña Supports my Recovery," "Online Technological Tools" and "LaViña as Part of my Daily Spiritual Practice." Panelists and speakers included Paola (LaViña Editor), Non-Trustee and Past Trustee Directors, current and past Delegates and LaViña Reps. I learned there is a LaViña "What's App" channel, and there is a new book coming about the AA Hispanic community. Every year they have a logo contest, and logo posters for all the past conferences were displayed throughout the room. I was deeply moved that when the Serenity Prayer was recited at the beginning of each Panel, everyone in the room stood up. This was just one manifestation of the love and service that makes LaViña a vital component of sobriety for so many.

Literature, Carrie: Updating containers and placing an order in the next couple of weeks for our fall assembly.

Accessibilities, Christine: We are working on creating a checklist for accessibility needs for assemblies. With that being said please contact me if ASL interpreter is needed for assemblies. We have a line item in spending plan for said service. I will be having a small information table at District 09 Unity Day next Saturday in Weed. Interestingly, three years ago we at district 09 have had to change the location of our Unity Day due to the physical access to the picnic area and the bathrooms.

Officer Reports:

Registrar, Debbie: I am all caught up on requests. Fellowship connection had a section only posting as Spanish. It updated on its own. When submitting your new group request, please provide as much information as possible. The old system uses the FNV service number. Only use what is called the group ID.

Treasurer, Drew: I remain optimistic about our financial position. At this point, I do not see anything abnormal, but I will continue to monitor things closely and remain vigilant. As of July 31, our year-to-date contributions are essentially even with 2025. I am seeing what appears to be a slight, unplanned increase in expenditures. Please continue to consider the long-standing request to include the full and proper name of your group, group number, and district with all forms of contributions, including checks, Venmo, and Square. I would also like to remind all Area Officers and Appointed Chairs that, whenever possible, we expect everyone to share costs by sharing hotel rooms and carpooling. As a personal example, when I make the decision that I do not want to share a room, I submit only 50% of the lodging expense for reimbursement. Finally, please make every effort to submit legible and complete expense reports along with your requests for reimbursement.

Recording Secretary, Raechyl: Apologies for not having hard-copies of the Accents this month. Also, the Accents will be updated with the correct month's finance report.

Alternate Chair, Jose: I've been helping with Mini-PRAASA, Winter Assembly, and Pre-Conference. The Area Inventory questions are on the table in English and Spanish. Area 06 will be helping us with our inventory. Our Regional Trustee, Candace, will be helping with our elections next year.

Chair, Emily: How do you want to use our time at the ACM's? It seems there are things you want to talk about. GSC process, PI/CPC, dark groups, Intergroups. I'm going to try round tables at a future ACM.

Alternate Delegate, Holly: I'm registered for Mini-PRAASA. The monthly PI/CPC meeting is the first Thursday, 6-7 pm. We have a shared google drive that stores PI/CPC resources for everyone. There are a lot of recovery happens events and veteran stand downs. District 19 is having a workshop on how to bring services in the community. NCCAA is moving forward with the service committee inventory. They are looking for Area 06 and 07 and NCCAA to participate in this inventory. If you have any preliminary inventory question then you can share that. I'm attending district 09 Unity Day in August.

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

DCM Reports:

D17, Robert: All of our positions are filled except for Archives.

D19, Marie: We just held our first committee meeting for our Unity Day Picnic and have found that the cost for our usual venue options have increased significantly, almost doubling. The date has been set for September 26 2026. I will have flyers at the next ACM.

D20, Beth: District 20 Literature Chair, Lisette, hosted a very informative workshop about how to create a Proposed Agenda Item. Our PICPC committee attended a recent Veterans Wellness Fair and have been providing updated literature to local substance use treatment programs. They have also printed informational "Café Cards" with local AA resources and are posting them around town on bulletin boards. Our Unity Day event takes place on October 24th and the first planning meeting will be on August 23rd.

D21, Theresa: We've focused on the PAI's. I anticipate to hear back from more GSR's. We lost our webmaster. We will be doing a presentation on the Grapevine. We voted to fund our BTG chair to attend the BTG conference.

D22, Curtis: We had 17 trusted servants in attendance at our August 12 meeting. A group conscience was taken for the CNIA budget proposal to send appointed chairs to the CCFAA Assembly in Fresno in October. We have had two planning meetings so far and have all our committee positions filled and duties assigned.

D24, Joey: We are looking for a treasurer and it's holding us up on our spending plan for 2027. We discussed the three PAI's and GSRs gave me their decision. We discussed the liaisons going to NCCAA.

D25, Donean (on behalf of Jerry): Our treasury remains sound and we continue to set aside funds for future DCM travel reimbursement. We are actively seeking trusted servants to serve as Bridging the Gap Chair, District Archivist, District Registrar, and Literature Chair. Discussion regarding NCCAA funding raised questions amongst the GSR's, they did not reach a vote at this time. Our GSR's continue to share the three Proposed Agenda Items submitted last month with their home groups.

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D27, Nick: We're still working on filling a few committee chair positions (i.e. Archives, PI/CPC and GV). We spent a majority of our last meeting going over the 3 PAIs. There was a little confusion about items 1 and 3, but maybe we can get clarification here soon from those submitting the items. Our district did express that they were comfortable with me carrying their vote at the September ACM if we vote on Area endorsement of those items at that time. Also, a motion came forward from a few groups in our District regarding a vote of no confidence for our Delegate. We spent some time discussing it, and will continue discussion at our next meeting.

D29, Terri: District 29 met earlier this week and are happy to have a new GSR this month for a group that had been missing since the last panel and two of the other newer groups are just starting contributions. We reviewed what is a mini-PRAASA and items such as the Area spending plan, the Assembly structure for 2028 and Inventory. We have been discussing PAIs most of this year and though we have not voted on all of them we discussed them so that I know their group's consciences and I am grateful they all said they trust me to vote on their behalf if it comes to that at an ACM.

D33, Cathy: At last Monday's business meeting, all members were present except the Registrar and myself. Reports indicated that all District groups remain healthy and well attended. The District's Unity Day will be held on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free event will feature guest AA and Al-Anon speakers from outside the area, lunch, a children's activity table, an archives display, and more. At this month's 4th Monday workshop, past Area Delegate Vikki L. will lead the District inventory via Zoom. We look forward to revisiting this important process, as it has been several years since our last inventory. The group also elected a new PI/CPC representative, who will present a proposed budget and a list of needed pamphlets at next month's meeting. In addition, the District voted to support my attendance at the Pacific Regional Forum in San Diego this December, for which I am very grateful.

D34, Laura: We passed a vote for our BTG to go to the special conference. We also voted regarding the NCCAA inventory discussion funding. We are filling out accessibility questionnaires to try and get the info on meeting guide and CVI and other intergroup sites. We still have some open liaison positions and web master.

D36, Nancy: Our business meeting is held on the third Sunday of every month. Last we met we talked about the proposed agenda items. The consensus of the district feels that going forward they would like to see that nothing else gets changed in the first 164 pages of the big book unless the entire fellowship has been at the table for the vote. We are still looking for a BTG chair. At our last Unity Day Committee meeting, we voted to change the venue from Hagaman Park in Livingston to Henderson Park in Snelling due to parking issues and mosquitoes. The new flyers have been posted on the websites and distributed to the fellowships.

D37, Evan: District 37 will hold an, "Anonymity and Social Media," workshop on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The location will be the Tracy Fellowship meeting hall located at: 154 West 10 Street, Tracy 95376. The workshop will be in-person only, and food will be provided.

D40, Paul: Our secretary is done by Al. I've been using the PAI's as a tool to reach out to dark groups. I've been given the right of decision to vote at the Area. Our Unity Day is 9/12/26 with district 53 at Bass Lake Recreation Point. \$10 per vehicle. Our district will pay for your parking if you can't afford parking.

D41, John: We are down to 2 GSRs in District 41, and we have not received contributions from any groups in about 4 months, but we do have some money in the bank for future attendance to area assemblies. I don't expect contributions to be directed to the district in the near future, given that our Central Office doesn't have enough funds to cover their expenses through the end of the year. At our most recent meeting, the GSRs in attendance expressed interest in hosting a District-sponsored event -- a service faire or unity day -- in February 2027.

D49, Chris: We've been getting more participation. Having a district beach day August 22nd in Cayucos. We will start going through the service manual at our district meetings.

D53, Jorge: We are planning on doing an inventory. Asking others for their help. I've been working close with Hector and the committees.

D54, Norberto: We have around 15 groups. District has two meetings per month, first and third Thursday of the month. We are celebrating the 31st anniversary on November 7th.

D55, Juan: I continue to motivate the district to attend assemblies with me. We have one new group. We currently have 15 groups. We meet every Wednesday. The third Wednesday is a service manual meeting. We continue to encourage groups to have a GSR.

D56, Fernando: We have our meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month, we currently have 14 GSR'S and we're getting ready to have our first meeting for the post conference in 2027.

D57, Martin: We had a business meeting on 8/4 and 8 GSR's in person and one online. We have a study meeting the third Tuesday of the month. Groups have started to invite the district to their planning meetings on topics related to service. We are getting ready for our fifth anniversary on 8/30.

Old Business:

Motion: Move that the CNIA Area 07 make a budget amendment to allocate \$1,200 to fund three committee representatives, Accessibilities, Bridging the Gap, PI/CPC, to attend the NCCAA conference in Fresno on October 9th through 11th, 2026.

- Do not support this with our financial information. NCCAA is not general service.
- Can we have NCCAA reimburse us instead of have the area pay for us?
- NCCAA is about how Area 06 and 07 cooperate with each other. \$1,200 is not a lot of money and our community services committee are our boots on the ground serving AA. I'm going to go regardless. I would love for our BTG and Accessibilities chairs be able to participate without having to pay out of pocket..
- My district voted yes to fully support them. Our area is very active in these committees. The inventory is meant to identify gaps.
- There is now a formal committee to do an all services inventory across NCCAA, CNCA, H&I, central offices. The planning committee would decide which questions to ask and the inventory would not be in October.
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- We already have a \$2,400 approved budget for liaison expenses. It seems to me all they have to do is go and then submit an expense report.
- What is happening in October if the inventory is not happening then? What is the purpose in sending them in October?
- set aside money and when I have questions, I would like to be able to go to the chairs to get information that I need.
- Budget creep happens slowly. \$1,200 turns into a lot of money if it happens a lot of times. If we haven't increased group contributions by this amount then where does this money come from.
- NCCAA does pre-date the general service conference. They are trying to make contact with many service entities.
- Call to question. Second.
- I'd like clarification if this is an additional \$1,200 on top of the budgeted \$2,400 line item on the spending plan.
- Someone asked last month for the motion to be put in place to memorialize this. It will come out of the \$2,400 line item that exists on the spending plan.
- Is this a one-time expense? Yes.
- It could be that it is not a one-time expense in the future but this motion is a one-time expense.

Vote: 11 in favor, 16 against

Minority opinion: This is simply allocating the existing funds for this event and I am in favor of that. It seems like handcuffing our liaisons is taking away their right of decision. The money is there. I voted yes but if this motion doesn't pass then these liaisons could still use these funds, right? I support this because the chairs should decide how to use those funds.

Motion to reconsider? No. This motion does not pass.

Motion: That the CNIA Area Committee be able to vote to approve which Proposed Agenda Items to support at the September ACM. Motion is seconded.

Discussion:

- This motion does not specify that the committee will be in support or not in support. It gives them the ability to vote on this at an ACM.
- Issue of perception with the groups and if we vote in September we would be rushing this. I am more comfortable doing this at the assembly.
- My district gave me right of decision. I don't think we've had enough time to discuss them. I don't want to spend all of our time at the ACM discussing these.
- We need to have a vote so that we can meet the deadline of when the PAI's are due to the General Service Office.
- I support something having a larger audience. If it gets to be an agenda item then it would be discussed by all groups. It does not mean we are supporting the PAI.
- I hear a lot of confusion behind all of this. If this Area approves the PAI, I believe that says the Area supports the PAI. No, we do not have to make a decision before the deadline. We do not need to manipulate the schedule of things. There are going to be plenty of PAI's that come out of other areas.
- Our GSR's supported me voting on the PAI in September. All of us had some confusion around PAI numbers 1 and 3 and I don't know that they are complete agenda items. I don't know that I would be prepared to vote on the PAI's right now without further clarification.
- CNIA should not support them if they are not heard at an assembly where group conscience can be heard.
- I'm in support of this thoughtful process continuing and to do it before September because Bill will need time to consider any friendly amendments. I'd advocate for just considering the three PAI's.
- The due date for PAI's has moved several times. We have a conflict taking place with the scheduling of events. Right now, if it is not submitted in September then it is moved to the following conference year.
- Our district supports all three agenda items.
- We're okay with giving right of decision to the Area but these PAI's are taking away right of decision from the delegate. There are no emergencies in Alcoholics Anonymous. This does not have to be done by the end of September. We can do this next year if we want.
- Because I've been getting questions about this having to come to the Area to get support. The answer from GSO about that is, no, a PAI does not need to have Area support. If these groups or districts are interested in submitting it this year, then they should submit it directly to GSO this year. And if they are interested in further conversation, then we should have that at an Assembly.
- Not everyone in my district is ready to vote on this yet. Some of the PAI's came from our district. If a group supports the agenda, they can contact the author of the PAI to add their group's name on it if we don't get around to a vote here.

Spending Plan:

The finance committee held two spending plan workshops. We've listened to the comments and we've made some changes. We were asked to remove the line item for oral translation and update the rental storage fees for archives, tech committee, and for the rent here. Spending plan is mostly the same as last month. We updated the mileage calculation to \$0.76 per mile. There is a version 3 that is available. The current net amount would be negative (\$18,836.47) if we funded everyone to go to PRAASA. Version 4 will be the final version as of September 1st.

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- We are no longer pulling out of the hat for PRAASA
- Concerned about the planned amount of contributions because I'm hearing that groups are withholding contributions.
- Inflation speaks to expenses so I would hesitate to increase our contributions based on inflation. We don't need to continue this practice. I would like to know what the three year average of contributions is. Before last panel we funded everyone to PRAASA. We could give the option to appointed chairs to attend either their special conference or attend PRAASA. It could be more affordable to attend PRAASA than their special conference a long distance away. Expenses have increased by \$5,000 for oral translation and \$10,000 for PRAASA.
- We paid \$500 in bank fees for the election assembly. I don't know that we are capturing all of those fees since we hold four assemblies per year and the spending plan shows \$1,100. We could have an opportunity to pay cash, write a check, or do Zelle to save on these fees. Treasurer mentioned that PayPal fees are not tracked because our practice is to leave approximately \$500 in the account to cover fees.
- In 2012 we had no guidelines for our prudent reserve. Our prudent reserve is tied to four accounts to be able to continue operations for one year. At that time, it was \$6,800. In 2023 it went from \$9,000 to exactly \$15,000 and I'm not sure why. We need to clearly define what the prudent reserve is. If this spending plan passes then our prudent reserve would be \$22,000. Treasurer stated that the finance committee will look at the prudent reserve balance after the fall assembly.
- Average for three years is \$66,619 for contributions. The finance committee doesn't know if it was voted on whether the appointed chairs can choose PRAASA or their special conference.

New Business:

The GSR of the Arcade Steps and Traditions Group: PAI number 3 about Concept 3 is being withdrawn.

What's on your mind?

ACM closed at 3:25 pm with the responsibility declaration.

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

CNIA 07, 2026 Inventory Questions

Hello, California Northern Interior Area CNIA! Fellow Trusted Friends!

As I look back on my early experiences with personal inventories, I remember the advice I received: take a moment to reflect on everything in my life— the good, the not-so-good, and even the stuff in between. It's about recognizing what I've done well, where I've stumbled a bit, and figuring out how to make things right without letting too much time pass between those important reflections.

Now, it's that time again! Just like we do every other year at our Mini PRAASA Assembly, we have the chance to take an inventory of our Area. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how we uphold our collective informed group conscience and fulfill our responsibilities within the General Service structure. Let's make the most of this moment together!

In the journey to sobriety, tools and strategies that provide structure and encourage self-reflection are very helpful. An inventory in AA is one of these tools. When you use it effectively, it can help you become more self-aware, responsible, and emotionally healed.

Sobriety is not just about stopping alcohol use; it's about learning to interact with the world in a new way that focuses on honesty, responsibility, and growth. As you start taking inventory, you will find it to be a great support in your sobriety journey.

Remember, every time you work on understanding yourself better, you move closer to a healthier, sober life. Embrace this process, learn from it, and let it lead you to a better future.

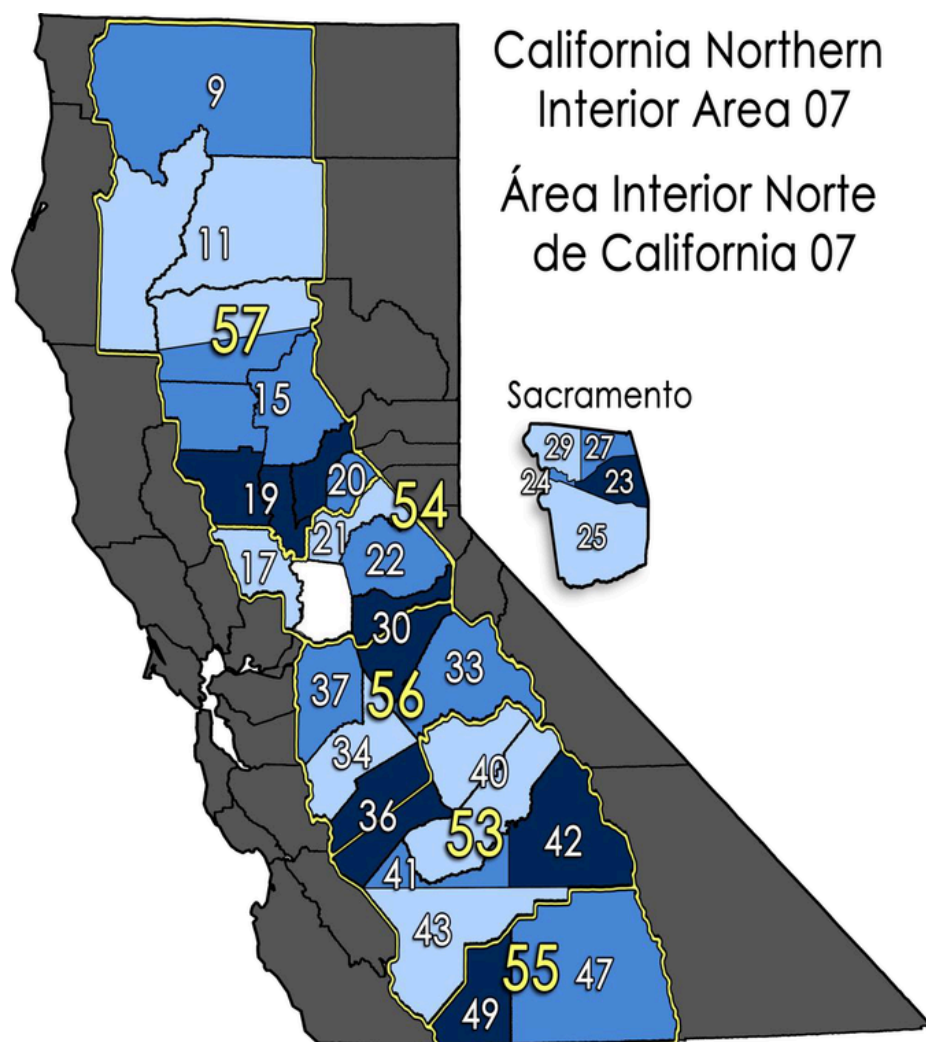
Area Inventory Questions: The following questions were drafted by the area inventory committee: DCM Craig C. D09, DCM. Marie M. D19, DCM Joey S. D24, DCM Chris O. D49, DCM Fernando D56, Past Delegate Mike K. Panel 68. Area Officer Jose U.(5 DCMs, 1 past Delegate, and 1 area officer).

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Area's alternate chair. Jose U. at alt-chair@cnia.org.

We will discuss some important questions, so please think about your answers.

- 1) What works well, and what changes can improve communication between CNIA, the districts, and the groups?**
- 2) What changes can be made to allow for a smoother transition for GSR's, DCM's, and CNIA Trusted Servants?**
- 3) Is participation in Area activities encouraged? If so, how can we improve?**
- 4) How well do the CNIA Trusted Servants perform duties as described in the Service Material Handbook?**
- 5) Where can CNIA improve to encourage more participation in the Conference process?**
- 6) Where can CNIA improve to better emphasize the importance of sponsorship and service sponsorship?**

GSRs, please bring an extra copy of your group's conscience on the inventory questions to the Mini PRAASA. This will help us collect all the answers and add them to the Area notes for the inventory. Thank you for your service to your groups and the Area.



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