

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair Report

Things are heating up this summer, and there is a lot to do here in Area-07! Check our Announcements and Events Calendar on page 3 for upcoming events in districts throughout our area, and be sure to **note the CHANGE of Assembly Hosts and Locations for our 2026 Post-Conference and Fall Assemblies.**

Our July ACM was attended by about 49 people – 29 in person and 20 online. I am continually grateful for our tech committee that provides a hybrid option to enable online participation.

- Our area has been discussing the possibility of making changes to our **assembly structure**, and we have formed an ad hoc committee to consider feedback from our area and propose alternative options and a recommendation to consider for our 2027 assemblies. We will consider and discuss options at our August Area Committee Meeting (ACM) and revise as needed to present a final proposed recommendation for consideration at our September ACM. *Any proposed changes to our assembly structure will be brought to an area assembly for consideration by the body.*
- I had the opportunity to present a **Lean into Service** workshop in District 42 (Fresno) last month. Thank you, Bill L. (DCM, D42) for the opportunity to present, Christina A. (DCM, D21) for the help in planning the workshop(s), and to Carrie J. (DCM, D40/Webmaster) and Michael P. (GSR/Tech Committee) for an outstanding job sharing their general service experience!

There will be two more *Lean into Service* workshops in the coming weeks, and I invite you to join us for either of these hybrid events hosted by Districts 11 and 37. *The purpose of these workshops is highlight various opportunities and paths to service in our area, motivate others to get involved with general service, and to cultivate future service leaders in our area.* Please see the Announcements on page 3 and the [CNIA Events Calendar](#) for more information.

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

In anticipation of our elections at the Fall Assembly, [Area Officer and Appointed Chairs' Position Descriptions](#) are available for review on our website. If you are interested in making yourself available for service to our area, please review the position descriptions and our *experience, strength, and hope* with our service positions.

- Our **Area Planning Meeting** will be held on December 20th to confirm our 2026 calendar and plan dates for our 2027 Assemblies and ACMs. Districts interested in hosting an area assembly in 2027 should be prepared to submit an assembly bid at this meeting. [Assembly Guidelines and Bid Forms](#) are available in our Service Material Handbook and on our website.

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

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

Yours in Service,

Holly J.

CNIA Chair | Panel 74

chair@cnia.org

ACM Agenda – August 16, 2025

Location: 1500 Park Blvd., West Sacramento, CA

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

10:00am – Call to Order

~ A Declaration of Unity ~

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

10:30 – 10:45 Reports (90 seconds)

Assembly Reports

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

Liaison Reports

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

10:45 – 11:15 Present Draft Spending Plan

11:15 – 12:00 Draft Spending Plan Discussion

I am Responsible
When anyone, anywhere, reaches
out for help, I want the hand of
AA. always
to be there.
And for that **I am Responsible.**

1:00 – 1:45 Officer Reports

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

1:45 – 2:00 Assembly Structure – Ad Hoc Committee Report

2:00 – 2:30 Sharing Session – WOYM

2:30 – 2:45

- **Old Business** – none
- **New Business** – Translation Equipment
Loan Request (D15)

2:45 – 3:50 Reports (90 seconds)

District Reports – D57-D09

Committee Reports

- Finance
- Technology

Appointed Chair Reports

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

4:00 pm – Closing: Responsibility Statement

A Declaration of Unity ~

This we owe to A.A.'s Future:

To place our common welfare first,

To keep our fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depend our lives,

And the lives of those to come.

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Announcements

Election Assembly November 14-16, 2025.

Registration is available now!

Upcoming Events

(see CNIA Calendar for more info)

Aug. 2 – D22 All AA Service and Safety

Workshop

Aug. 9 – D30 Unity Day

Aug. 24 – CCFAA Picnic

Aug. 31 – D57 4th Anniversary

Sept. 6 – D9 Unity Day

Sept. 5-7 – BTG Workshop (Ontario)

Sept. 10 – D34 Safety Workshop

Sept. 14 – D36 Unity Day

Sept. 19 – GSR School

Sept. 20 – FCYPAA Event

Sept. 27 – D11 Unity Day

Sept. 27 – D19 Unity Day

Oct. 4 – D15 Service & GV Writing workshop

Oct. 11 – D33 Unity Day

Dec. 6 – Hispanic Women's Workshop

Dec. 14 – Hispanic Foro (Chowchilla)

Delegate's GSC Report Backs

□ Aug. 1 – D53, 55

□ Aug. 2 – D42, 47, 49

□ Aug. 3 – D09 (online only)

□ Aug. 23 – D23/24/27/29

□ Sept. 9 – D30

□ Sept. 21 – D22

Spending Plan Discussion Sessions

□ Aug. 13 th 7:15pm

□ Sept. 1 st 7:15pm

□ Sept. 9 th 7:15pm

Lean into Service Workshops

□ Aug. 2 – D42 (Fresno)

□ Aug. 23 – D11 (Redding)

□ Oct. 25 – D37 (Stockton)

Monthly Committee Meetings

□ BTG Coordinators' Meeting – 4 th

Tuesday of month at 7-8pm

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

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

CNIA CALENDAR

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

Finance Report

Summary from January 1st to July				
31st of 2025				
	30-Jun-25	31-Jul-25	Spending Plan 2025	% of budget
REVENUE/INCOME				
4010 Group Contributions	30,856.39	41,260.40	\$ 64,000.00	64%
4020 Seventh Tradition	\$2,021.00	\$2,312.00	\$ 2,800.00	83%
4050 Contribution - Other C	502.92	545.92	\$ 970.00	56%
4056 By Individual C			\$ 400.00	0%
Total 4000 Contributed support	\$ 33,380.31	\$ 44,118.32	\$ 68,170.00	65%
5160 Assembly Income (Net)^	2,607.00	2,607.00	\$ 5,900.00	44%
5490 Misc Earned Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	
5310 Interest-Savings/Sh-term Inv	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$-	
Total 5000 Earned Revenues	\$ 2,609.12	\$ 2,609.12	\$ 5,900.00	44%
TOTAL REVENUE/INCOME	\$ 35,989.43	\$ 46,727.44	\$ 74,070.00	63%
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
Total 7620 Delegate	\$2,778.11	\$2,800.58	\$ 3,857.88	73%
Total 7640 Alt. Delegate	\$2,048.66	\$2,048.66	\$ 2,856.66	72%
Total 7660 Chair C	\$2,354.69	\$2,466.69	\$ 2,827.90	53%
Total 7680 Alt. Chair C	\$1,487.22	\$1,487.22	\$ 2,722.28	55%
Total 7700 Secretary	\$2,835.81	\$3,036.81	\$ 3,313.32	50%
Total 7720 Treasurer C	\$1,640.30	\$1,640.30	\$ 3,143.32	52%
Total 7740 Registrar	\$1,768.13	\$1,792.25	\$ 2,116.66	85%
Total 7600-7700 Officers Expenses	\$ 14,912.92	\$ 15,272.51	\$ 20,838.02	73%
Total 7820 Literature Chair	\$1,484.00	\$1,484.00	\$ 2,848.24	52%
Total 7840 Grapevine Chair	\$2,212.35	\$2,442.20	\$ 2,904.86	84%
Total 7860 Bridging The Gap Chair	\$1,568.01	\$1,568.01	\$ 3,407.46	46%
Total 7900 Archives Chair	\$ 1,055.94	\$ 1,055.94	\$ 2,268.36	47%
Total 7920 Alt Archives Chair	\$1,537.85	\$1,537.85	\$ 1,987.34	77%
Total 7930 AV Tech./Equip. Mgr	\$2,167.23	\$2,413.83	\$ 2,720.78	89%
Total 7940 Oral Transl. Chair	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	0%
Total 7950 Written Transl. Chair	1,536.28	1,536.28	\$ 3,793.86	41%
Total 7960 Tech. Serv. Chair	\$1,590.27	\$1,590.27	\$ 3,233.76	49%
Total 7980 Accessibility Chair	\$965.92	\$965.92	\$ 1,834.84	53%
Total 7800-7960 App'd Chair Expenses	\$ 12,581.57	\$ 13,058.02	\$ 24,999.50	52%
Total 7970 Spanish Transl. ACMS	\$1,752.48	\$2,234.68	\$ 3,000.00	74%
Total 7990 ASL Interpret. Assemblies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
Total 7982&7984 Span. Transl. Mileage	\$ 107.20	\$ 107.20	\$ 600.00	18%
Total 7970-90 Transl. & Interpr.	\$ 1,859.68	\$ 2,341.88	\$ 4,600.00	51%
Total 8000 Assemblies & Guests	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	25%
Total 8070 Other Event Expenses (Unreimbursed GSC or District)	126.63	391.95	\$ 1,100.00	36%
Total 8100 Accents, GV/LV, Literature	\$881.10	\$1,025.10	\$ 1,000.00	103%
Total 8200 Liability Insur., Rent & Misc.^	\$10,548.15	\$12,301.15	\$ 13,420.00	92%
Total 8300 Website C	\$755.09	\$794.58	\$ 500.00	159%
Total 8400 Access., Lingu. & Serv. Contrib.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	0%
Total 8500 Other Misc. Expenses	1,868.13	1,868.13	\$ 2,050.00	91%
Subtotal 8540 General Service Conference	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	100%
Total 8600 Taxes & Fees	\$774.42	\$911.25	\$ 865.00	105%
Total 9000 Technology & Equipment C	\$1,103.39	\$1,416.53	\$ 1,300.00	109%
Total 8000-9000 Other Expenditures	\$ 19,856.91	\$ 22,508.69	\$ 31,635.00	71%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 49,211.08	\$ 53,181.10	\$ 77,472.52	69%
NET REVENUE/INCOME ^^	\$ (13,221.65)	\$ (6,453.66)		
BANK ACCOUNTS				
Checking Account Balance (Corrected)	6,412.83	6,768.89		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	15,002.75	15,002.87		
Prepaid Reserve Fund (Sinking)	1,098.22	1,098.24		
Total Account Balance	\$ 22,513.80	\$ 22,870.00		



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



Área Interior Norte California
Asamblea de Elecciones | 14 y 16 de Noviembre, 2025 Tracy
Community Center - 950 East Street Tracy CA 95376

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

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

11/16/2025 9:00 – 12:00PM

Dinner: Barbeque Tri-Tip and Chicken, Pasta

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

**Online Registration due by
November 7th**

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

www.cnia.org

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

Send reg. form & payment to: / Enviar formulario y pago a:
District 37, P.O. Box 523, Stockton, CA 95201

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

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



Name and District #
Mail Pre -Reg due by April 2 / Correo Pre-Reg hasta el 2 de abril / Nombre y

Distrito #: _____ Name on Badge (if different) /

Nombre en la insignia (si es diferente): _____ Email / Electrónico Correo:

Phone / Teléfono:

I will be attending/ Estaré presente: ☐ in person/en persona ☐ online/en línea ☐ Both/Ambas

Note: full online participation dependent on Wi-Fi / Nota: la participación completa en línea depende de Wi-Fi

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

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

LODGING OPTIONS

Hotels in Tracy/ Hoteles en Tracy

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

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

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

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

RV

Discounted blocks not available

Elks Lodge

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

Dos Reis Regional Park

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

“Back to Basics” Lodging / Alojamiento

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

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

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

Located: 2251 Florin Rd, Ste 93
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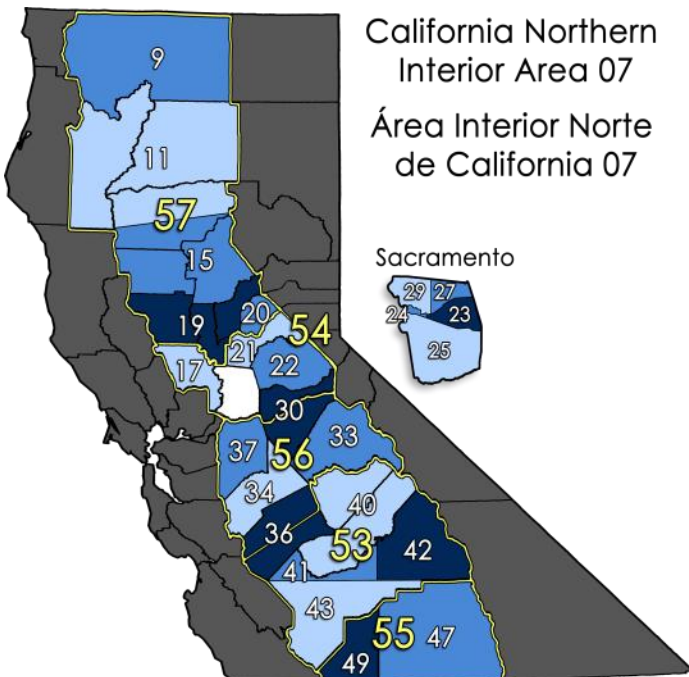
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July ACM Minutes 2025 (Unapproved)

The ACM was held on Saturday, July 19, 2025. CNIA Chair Holly called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The session opened with a Declaration of Unity. Readings included The 12 Traditions in Spanish by Hector H. D53, The 12 Concepts by Drew D33, the GSR Preamble by Peggy D21, and "Why Do We Need a Conference?" by Claudia M. July sobriety anniversaries and housekeeping announcements followed.

Introductions: Past Delegates: Jann D. Panel 72. Tom A. Panel 70, Vikki L. Panel 66. Woody R. Panel 50, Bob D. Panel 36 (Area 28 – Maine)

Consideration of June Minutes: Amend to move the Accessibilities Chair report from Liaison Reports to Appointed Chair Reports. Marjie motioned to approve, and Danny seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

7th Tradition baskets passed

Assembly Reports:

Election Assembly Patricia G. D37: District 37 is excited to host the Election Assembly in November. We have all of our committee chairs in place and hold regular planning meetings. We have inventoried the supplies we received from the Post Conference Assembly host group and will use available supplies. The Assembly Flyer is posted in Area Accents at cnia.org, with online registration options in English/Spanish.

Pre-Conference Assembly Chris L. D19: Everything was reported last month all positions are filled.

Post-Conference Assembly Marji E. D17: I found one location that fits all our needs, but we didn't have a contract signed and we lost our reservation at the John Rogers Hall at the Yolo County Fairgrounds to a larger event that is taking the entire fairgrounds for the Post-conference Assembly dates. I fully understand our Traditional 3rd weekend is important to keep as often as possible so I propose either teaming with another District to be voted in for that Assembly or move the assembly to the following weekend, May 23rd and 24th, 2026, which is available. My deep apologies for making this a more difficult situation. In Love and Service, Marjie E.

*** Action:** further discussion under new business proposed host districts D17 and D53 swapping the post-conference and fall assemblies to keep original dates. Swap was confirmed after ACM, so D53 will now host the post-conference assembly on May 16-17, 2026, and D17 will host the fall assembly Oct. 16-18, 2026.

Mini PRAASA Hector H. DCM-D53: We are talking to Chowchilla County, and the cost may be two days not three. We will work with the Chowchilla hotels; there are two that have enough parking. Next month we will work with the committee. We are working to welcome everyone.

* as noted in report above, D53 will now be hosting the Post-conference assembly.

Liaison Reports:

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

YPAA – Young People in A.A.

SACYPAA - Chris K: Hosting Summit for ICYPAA Halloween weekend, October 31 to Nov 2, at the Holiday Inn Sacramento.

Hispanic Women's Conference- Patricia G: A committee has not formed and there have been no planning meetings to date. The Area has not had enough participation to move forward. There is no committee chair, nor treasurer or secretary. There has been discussion among the past participants about the possibility of having a zoom only workshop or moving the host to another area. There was also a comment that there is some fear in the community of travelling to California in the current political climate. The Hispanic Women's Workshop has not been cancelled but is possible but perhaps unlikely that it will be hosted by Area 07. I will continue to report out as information is available.

Hispanic Foro, Herminia: Hello, I'm Herminia, I'm an alcoholic I'm the liaison of the Hispanic Foro of our Area 07. The committee will have its meeting on July 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm with the following Districts: 53, 54, 55, 56, 57. This month, it will be in Tulare in District 55. Love and Service. December 14, 2025 The Foro will be held in Chowchilla, CA.

Central Offices/Intergroups

CCFAA, Wendy M: Attended CCFAA Board of Director's meeting 7/15/25. 2024 Annual Report was approved for distribution. New Groups: 1) Spiral Staircase Group – 12 & 12 Study at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2351 Pleasant Grove Blvd. Roseville, CA 95747 Saturday 7am, closed, 1 hour, step study; 2) Arcade Steps and Traditions, 4044 Pasadena Ave. Sacramento, CA 95821 Monday, 7:30pm, open, one hour. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

H & I. Vikki L: Currently serves San Quentin, Salinas Valley, the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, and the Central California Women's Facility. Efforts are underway to bring the ISS to Folsom, Corcoran, the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Corcoran, and Avenal. A new position, Inside Liaison, is being tested at and will help communicate with inside members. The IVSS thanks many people, and the Central Offices actively encourage volunteers and help.

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NCCAA Interior Secretary, Sue B: NCCAA stands for Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2024, NCCAA celebrated its 75 th Anniversary. NCCAA conferences are held for one purpose, to carry the message. Two conferences are held each year: Fall 2025 – No Conference due to International World AA Conference; Spring 2026 – San Ramon March 20, 21, and 22, 2026 (San Ramon Marriott). Registration is available online at norcalaa.org and flyers available here on the table. We are visiting venues to plan for Stockton in Fall 2026. If your area has an interest in hosting an NCCAA conference, please contact Sue B on NCCAA website at norcalaa.org. 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. Questions or interested people, please reach out to current Council Chairperson Mary M., Sue B., or other Council Members. Next Steering Committee is Sunday, July 27 (1:30 – 2:30 pm), at the Manteca Fellowship, 332 E. Yosemite Avenue. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Sue B.

Officer Reports:

Delegate Matthew L: Begin where you are, step out in faith, do what you can, gracefully, and expect God to help! Concept 7 “The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness. ”Principle of the Concept: BALANCE

One Thing You Need To Know: The Board Can Override the Conference When Necessary
The charter and bylaws of the General Service Board (GSB) ARE legal documents. The charter of the General Service Conference (GSC) IS NOT. Because of that, there may be times when the Conference has, shall we say, gone off the deep end, and the Trustees (legally or otherwise) need to reel them back in through the vetoing of a Conference action. The Trustees have “legal authority,” whereas the Conference only has “moral authority.”

Matthew shared his recent activity and upcoming events (see CNIA Events Calendar)

There is an opening for Class A Trustee & Class B Regional Trustee for 2026-Pacific Region at the end of this year! Also opening for Non-Trustee Director for 2026. 7 years of Sobriety.

Area 93 has is producing Safety in AA videos available on YouTube – We reviewed 1 of 3 videosSafety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter

One: AA's Safety

Safety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter Two: The Safety Solution

Safety in Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter Three: More About Safety

Alternate Delegate Claudio B: Held our Monthly Area Sharing Session. Low attendance then usual. Probably from international. Attended a few Unity days and helped set up the table. Many districts are involved with a stand-down. Sacramento will be having a Stan-down in October. It's a three-day event and is looking for volunteers to help out.

Alternate Chair, Emily: I've been spending my time supporting assembly host districts, working on a pass-it-on, and supporting DCMs with group inventories and general AA and service questions.

Recording Secretary/Accents Publisher. Jose U:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for submitting your reports. They are exceptionally valuable, particularly for those who are unable to attend in person. We will ensure that all information will be accessible to both in-person and online participants. Additionally, I have been engaging with the linguistic district to underscore the significance of translation and to participate in assemblies, as emphasized by Lela. I love Alcoholics Anonymous and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Love Jose U.

Registrar Debbie S: Well, 6 months into my one-year term, and I continue to enjoy not only meeting more of you in person but also learning best practices for supporting you and the fellowship. Communication is vital, so don't hesitate to email me new group and district information so I can get it updated for you. I hope you have found the Group Number Lookup feature on our website more helpful since we refined the information that is displayed and now includes all statuses. This page is updated monthly, and if you don't find what you are looking for, let me know right away. Your Group and Service Position reports are also published once a month, and I am now including any District Registrars that I know of in the email letting you know the reports are ready. Finally, I would like to thank District 53 for inviting me to share my service experience at their Anniversary Service Meeting last month, along with some of my fellow Area officers and appointed chairs. The passion for AA service in that room was inspiring to say the least, and they never fail to feed us authentic, yummy, homemade food! Grateful to be in service, Debbie S.

Treasurer Don: Thank you to every member, group, and district for their support with contributions, as well as all of our trusted servants, the Finance Committee (Drew, Ada, Simon, Jenn), and our Officers. Thank you for inviting me to Unity and Hispanic Anniversary events, which were loving and kind. Thank you for your 7th Tradition Contributions. Remember, there are many ways to contribute: Districts Area 07 1) Zelle to treasurer@cnia.org; 2) online at CNIA website; and 3) cash or checks to the treasurer at events or send to PO Box 161712, Sacramento,

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

- * Special conferences and PRAASA for officers and appointed chairs. There is clear division of thought on this topic. Many think we need to limit attendance; others think it is important for everyone to attend.
- * Mileage reimbursement rate – currently \$0.71/mile (follows GSO/IRS reimbursement rate). Factors in vehicle depreciation, insurance, cost of operation (incidentals)
- * Technology budget is flat – does this account for current and future needs?
- * Assembly costs are going up – venue, dinners, registration
- * Where do groups/districts want money to go? How can we best serve our area's needs?
- * Consider online ACMs in 2026 to save money
- * Look at services we should provide – if needed, funding we must
- * Testing Spanish translation online. We may be able to save on travel expense if this is effective
- * Finances are sound, but budget creep is becoming a problem
- * Ability to attend ACMs and Assemblies online saves money for districts and groups

Archives Presentation – Valerie – Archives is now moved into their new location and open on the first Saturday of the month at 10am-2pm. They are ready to start committee meetings again, and they are available to attend Unity Day and other district events when invited.

Old Business: Motion made at June ACM to form an ad-hoc committee for assembly structure was tabled. We discussed this motion and was withdrawn, and instead a sense of the room agreed that Chair would form an adhoc committee to propose options and a recommendation by the September ACM.

- * Assembly Structure discussion included information from Post-conference Assembly comments, survey responses, and sharing at the ACM
- * If 3-day assemblies get moved to 2-days, some folks who travel further will still need a hotel the night before if we're starting Saturday 9am
- * Consider changing assembly hours – Saturday 10-6; Sunday 9-1
- * Other areas in our region have 1-day assemblies. They do business from 10-12, offer lunch, then have additional content in the afternoon. Optional Friday night dinner with speaker.
- * Option to combine Winter/Pre-Conference Assembly – comments against highlight the very different purposes for these two assemblies. Winter assembly is important to kick-off the panel/year, is a great opportunity to

network and learn about service; Pre-conference assembly time is devoted to group conscience reports.

- * Consider splitting our area horizontally – 15 districts North, 14 South
- * Consider our fall assemblies be in Oct or Nov consistently, not switching

New Business:

- * Process to loan Area's translation equipment. We currently approve translation equipment loans to requesting districts at the ACM if there is no conflict and there is an area officer or appointed chair available to accompany the equipment (as they are named on the area's insurance). This may not be necessary if we have an identified procedure outlined in our SMHB that authorizes officers to approve based on stipulated requirements. Our tech chair noted the cost of our equipment, and our delegate indicated the equipment was being used without ACM consideration. There was some confusion around this, and no action was taken at this time.
- * District 17 – scheduled to host post-conference assembly in 2026 – reported that they lost the venue for our scheduled dates. We discussed options and proposed that D17 and D53 swap their assemblies to have D53 host the post-conference assembly and D17 host the fall assembly to keep our originally scheduled dates to avoid confusion. Hector (D53) said he would check to see if the May 16-17 dates were available to host, and Margie (D17) would confirm dates for fall assembly Oct. 16-18 available for her district to host. Emily would coordinate communication and confirm if swap was available.
- * Note: Swap was confirmed after ACM, so D53 will now host the post-conference assembly on May 16-17, 2026, and D17 will host the fall assembly Oct. 16-18, 2026.

District Reports:

D09 Chirtine T. DCM: We had a Saturday meeting lose their location and had to move. They are now meeting in the park and BBQing hot dogs before. At our district meeting, there was a 15 minute IT workshop on how to use Zoom and QR codes. We're looking to bring back the birthday contributions but are waiting to fill the unity editor position. There has been a by laws subcommittee. The timing is good for the transfer of the next panel which is quickly coming. I have been informing members and am hopeful people will step up next panel. We are having a general service positions panel at unity day in hopes of attracting new members. Grateful to be of service.

D11 Angi T. DCM: D11 will be hosting Matthew for the delegate report on July 15 instead of having a regular district committee meeting.

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Next regular district meeting to be held in August where we will focus on our preposed by laws and budget. On August 23 Holly will be facilitating a district inventory and Lean Into Service workshop. Sept 27 will be D11 Unity Day. In October Emily will be facilitating a GSR School. We are attempting to visit dark meetings and attract more interest in general service. Opening for grapevine and accessibilities.

D15, Lisanne T. DCM: District 15 will be hosting a service workshop October 4, 2025 in Chico at the Hope Commons Church on East Avenue. Area officers and area committee chairs will be presenting on H&I, BTG, Accessibilities, GSR school, PI/CPC, Finance, and concluding with a Grapevine writing workshop. We have two vacant officer positions and are earnestly seeking a DCM for the next panel. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

D17 Marjie E. DCM: District 17's meeting was held July 14, 2025. Very little of our usual business was conducted to allow time for Matthew's General Service Conference report... which was great, being informational and entertaining. Thank you Matthew! Our Treasurer is in the process of doing a "deep dive" into the past eight years of records in preparation for rotating out at the end of this Panel. No other business was discussed. In Love and Service,

D19 Chris L. DCM: Our Unity Picnic date has been set for September 27th at Gauche Park in Yuba City. We have had 4 new detox facilities open in our area recently, creating an influx of newcomers from all over the US. There are 7 more sober living homes as well. PI/CPC has recently given a presentation for the clients and staff about who we are and what we do. The printer that we purchased for our District to provide all groups with meeting schedules has paid for itself already. Malena, our secretary, just signed up for the CNIA website offer.

D21, Christina A. DCM: District 21's Group History report for June was from the Auburn Over 50 group. At our June meeting we also discussed increasing the number of GSR scholarships for the Fall Election Assembly as there were fewer costs so far this year (Assemblies were closer). This will come back for a vote in July. We have a schedule and plan for the last few months of Panel 74 that include a District Inventory, approval of the 2026 Spending Plan, "pass it on" position reviews and District elections for Panel 76 in November. Our goal is for our December meeting to be a celebration of Panel 74 and a welcome for new Officers and any GSRs already elected for Panel 76.

D22, Lorraine M. DCM: At our District 22 meeting July 9th we discussed our Servicepalooza and

finalized our plans for the day. This event is in response to our District inventory and the question if we were doing enough to inform all of our district the services in AA at large. We will have Matthew give his Delegate report September 21st.

D23, Chris K. DCM: District 23's business meeting was on July 8, 2025. Our business meetings are currently held on the second Tuesday of each month at 630 pm on zoom. We had a member from District 29 at our business meeting who presented a proposed agenda item in order to receive feedback as well as answer questions. The GSR's from District 23 will be taking the proposed agenda item to their groups in order to receive feedback. We also reviewed the area spending plan proposals and GSR's to ask for feedback from their groups. We are planning a post-conference workshop with our district and other districts in Sacramento.

D25, Nancy M DCM: District 25 is doing well. We had our quarterly in-person potluck on July 9th. Our Delegate Matthew gave his report. He did an excellent presentation. There was time for questions after. It was a memorable evening with good food, fellowship, and hearing about General Service. Thank you for letting me be of service. Nancy M.

D27, Sarah T. DCM: We are planning to prepare a report from our delegate, Matthew L., on August 23, 2025.

D29, Raechyl L. DCM: Our district last met on Monday, June 30th and we spent the majority of the meeting discussing a Proposed Agenda Item that was put together by a GSR in our district. Our district voted to support the PAI. It hasn't been decided yet if the PAI will be brought to the Area or not. Our district is now doing well financially. We have tabled a few items for our next district meeting; Our trip to the archives, the possibility of hosting a Safety Workshop, and the option to create a district website through the Area. I will have more detailed information to report on all of these items at next month's ACM meeting. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

D30, Greg N. DCM: Greetings from D-30! We ratified our Budget for the next fiscal year and we are on solid financial footing. We are preparing for our District Unity Day that will be on Saturday August 9th at the American Legion Hall in Jackson, Ca. District 30 is in good condition overall.

D33, Drew R. DCM: The Summer doldrums are upon us. All is well. We had much discussion about the budget of our Unity Day and the desire to keep it a free event at our July business,

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meeting. One of the ideas was to sell raffle ticket in addition to the customary single "free" ticket awarded with lunch. Our committee maintains a level of attention and excitement not witnessed since before Covid. I continue to encourage future participation and attendance at the upcoming Fall Election Assembly. In love and service, Drew R.

D34 Leslie B. DCM: Hello, area District 34 is doing well. Our GSRs are asking questions and are engaged. The delegate report back is 7/20 at Harvest Hall. My Alt DCM, Laura, set this up with districts 36,37. She has done a fine job and is getting that experience that's needed, if god willing, she get elected to DCM in Nov. It's wonderful having an Alt DCM eager to learn:). We are going to have a safety workshop on September 10th @ 7:15 pm at the Alano club in a district mtg. We already have two people committed to speak on this topic and are looking for a couple more. We are also discussing the election and upcoming positions. We have approximately 25 people attending the District meeting, and we are financially stable. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Leslie

D36, Robert G. DCM: District 36 is doing well financially. We continue to reach out to unrepresented groups. We are making very good progress planning our Sept Unity Day. We are preparing for our elections so that our new panel can vote at the Area 7 election assembly this year.

D37, Patricia G. DCM: District 37 is doing well. We have regular meetings with solid attendance. We voted to add a District Registrar to our service positions and will be amending our guidelines to include this new position. Our District is busy with a full calendar of meetings, events and anniversary celebrations.

D40, Carrie J. DCM: We held a caravan to a non-participating group on June 23. They were happy to see us again. We are still finalizing our Unity Day We are in support of an ad hoc committee on Assembly brainstorming. Our District has had low participation (suspect due to change in meeting time) and groups who do attend share that they are struggling with getting service participation, and issues caused by the fact that those in service don't understand traditions and principles of AA service and decisions are handled poorly. We will be discussing the 2026 proposed spending plan and were shocked to see how much we are spending on mileage for ACMs. We would also like a more thoughtful approach to PRAASA attendance, especially with the potential for expensive travel to Hawaii in 2026. We like the idea of having Area Officers/Appointed Chairs being able to serve virtually if it works for that role.

D42, Bill L. DCM: District mtg.held Mon.7/13. All three Fresno districts were represented, D41-D42 & D43, and discussed Finances, outreach, and the upcoming Delegate report and area service panel. All's well on the southern front. Bill L.

D47, Mike C. DCM: We moved our July meeting to July 15th as members attended the international conference. We look forward to cohosting the upcoming delegate report workshop on August 2nd with District 42.

D53, Hector H. DCM: The anniversary of La Vina was held in Area 05 in Los Angeles is July 25 26, 2025. District 53 Thank Area Officers on the Anniversary were Holly J., our area chair, Steve D. La Viña Rep. We are ready to receive our delegate Matthew L. on August 1, 2025

D54, Ismael DCM: District 54 has 17 groups, 11 of which have GSR, and 11 have no GSR. We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month. We visit groups that do not have GSR.

D56, Gilberto. Alt-DCM: The La Viña committee is functioning well and has completed many registrations. The Public Information Committee continues to collaborate with the radio station in Tracy, CA.

D57, Martin R. Alt-DCM: We held our last meeting on July 1, 2025. Seven GSRs were present, and two joined online. The Corning group has a new address. The Polermo group needs support and unity, as their rent is too high. We registered 2 GSR and received updates on what is happening at the Hispanisc Foro. We discussed the 2026 Area spending plan and informed the groups about it. As the first concept, we emphasized that the groups themselves should be in charge of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). However, we also need to be responsible in making contributions.

Committee Reports

Finance Chair, Drew R: The Area Finance Committee met Thursday, 7/10, 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. Don reviewed Q2 Area checking account activity with Jenn and me, and we agreed it was verifiable. We then took a quick peek at the current revenue/expense report and found things predictably in order. The three of us looked at Don's draft of the 2026 spending plan and discuss trends, understood group conscience on future spending, and as always the expected prudent fiscal activities of our area, officers and appointed chairs. As a group we feel that we can maintain the accelerated spending plan timeline and look forward to riveting conversation at our workshops. Respectfully submitted, Drew R Area 07 Finance Chair.

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Tech Chair Sam P: 1. District websites are ready for districts to apply for implementation. The link is on the home page of CNIA.org; 2. Worked with the Area Treasurer to begin the process of digitization receipts and other financial documents via QuickBooks and the Website. This is an ongoing effort; 3. We are prepping for the election assembly to ensure a high quality hybrid experience for all. We are tracking to meet this goal; 4. The unified Pass It On template is ready to share with Area Officers and Appointed Chairs. The tech committee will socialize these with them during the next months; 5. We are evaluating a new software solution for written translation. We are coordinating with Area 06 as they have implemented a solution; 6. The tech committee would like to attend Area District Meetings to share about the benefits and fun of serving on the tech committee; 7. We did an analysis of all the security/breaches for Google. The three google superusers with implement multifactor authentication and we are changing our passwords.

Appointed Chair Reports:

Accessibilities Chair, Claudia M: All survey respondents (Pre/Post Conference Assemblies survey) who requested Accessibilities training/presentations, a facilitated brainstorming session, and/or an Accessibilities speaker (many requesting all three) have now been contacted. As your Accessibilities Chair, I'm halfway through developing a general introductory presentation on Accessibilities to be offered virtually, or in-person, with travel costs reimbursed by the requesting district. After speaking with the Area's Google Administrator regarding the hosted district website project, which will have some initial accessibility features built-in and a 'to-be-determined' phase-in of more advanced accessibility features over time, we'll circle back to determine whether further accessibility tech assistance is needed beyond district website accessibility. Due to interest from several districts in hearing from A.A. members with accessibility challenges, we're in the early stages of creating a speaker's bureau to provide them with members who can speak to the barriers they encounter and their needs for full access. All members within Area 07 who encounter access challenges and who would like to be part of this language-of-the-heart form of service, please contact accessibilities@cnia.org. Finally, though the convening of a formal Accessibilities Committee is being deferred until the start of the next panel--largely because this is a new service entity and as your appointed chair I'm engaged in laying a foundation and infrastructure for the position and Accessibilities service offerings--the dozen or so people who expressed interest in accessibilities service work will be contacted and invited to come on board now informally to keep accessibilities rooted in "we" and "us" and prevent relapse into an 'echo chamber.'

Archives Chair, Herminia N: Hi everyone, this month Archives was open on July 5, 2025. It is also scheduled to be open on Saturday, July 19, 2025. It will be open from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. If you need any information regarding address, time and contact it will be in the Accents. Valerie and I continue to work on the Archives. Thank you Valerie for the presentation on the Archives today. Also for having the Archives open on July 5, as I attended the Internacional Convention in Vancouver, Canada. Love and Service Herminia, I almost forgot, Does Archives carry the message, YOU BET IT DOES!!!

Archives Alt-Chair, Valerie L: Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your alternate archivist. We are as unpacked as we can be as far as unpacking goes, until we get more shelves up. I attended the monthly regional archive meeting, The appointed chair meeting, I went to central office and plan on connecting all the inter groups in our area. I am communicating with area 6 archives and Marin and San Francisco's intergroup archives Jose is doing my report because I am off to archives to greet all of you. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve.

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Rachel A: BTG continues to have its monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm. I have registered for the BTGWW Sept. 5-7 in Ontario CA. I'm available for district picnics/unity days. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Grapevine/La Viña Chair Steve D: Hello, everyone. My name is Steve, and I am an alcoholic. Honored to be of service to CNIA Area 07 as your Grapevine/LaVina Rep. Since the Post Conference Assembly and the District 53 32nd Anniversary celebration, I have had a break in the action. I am looking forward to the upcoming Grapevine publish your story workshop in District 15 in Chico on October 4th and District 33 Unity day event the following week in Sonora on October 11th. Please contact me if you would like me to attend your event. In Love and Service Steve D

Literature, Beth S: Happy 24 hours, I'm all stocked up and ready for Unity Day in Merced. District 33 has changed the date, and I will not be able to attend. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

AV Tech, Tom: We have Starlink for Wi-Fi at our assemblies and made the transition today. If you know someone who's available in the tech committee, let me know.

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

With Love and Service.

José U.

Recording Secretary/Accents Publisher.

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