

California Northern Coastal Area 06

2024 Pre-Conference Assembly

“Connecting with Love, Unity, and Service”

Saturday/Sunday April 6-7, 2024

Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building, Petaluma, CA

Zoom ID: 632 553 607 Password: 1935

Saturday April 6, 2024

8:00 Registration

9:00 Orientation

9:15 Assembly Business Meeting
(Agenda on p. 3)

12:00 Lunch

**1:00 Remarks from the Delegate
and Sharing on the
Conference Theme**

1:15 Group Consciences

Corrections

Literature

Grapevine/La Vina

International Conventions/
Regional Forums

Public Information

Archives

5:30 What’s On Your Mind?

PLEASE NOTE: All times are approximate.

Sunday April 7, 2024

8:30 Registration

**9:00 Sharing Session “How Should
We Treat A.A. Founders’ Writing”**

Group Consciences (continued)

Agenda

Finance

Treatment & Accessibilities

Cooperation w/ Professional
Community

Report and Charter

Policy/Admissions

Trustees

12:30 What’s On Your Mind?

1:00 Closing

PLEASE NOTE: If extra time is needed to hear group consciences, we will break for lunch at 12:30 pm and return at 2:00 pm to finish hearing group consciences.

Please refrain from video recording, photography or taking screenshots at CNCA events

In-Person: FM Radios provides simultaneous English/Spanish interpretation and Assisted Listening. Please bring a radio. **Online:** Zoom provides Closed Captioning and English-Spanish interpretation. Wear headphones for best audio.

WHO IS A VOTING MEMBER AT ASSEMBLIES?

- Current General Service Representatives (GSRs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present;
- District Committee Members (DCMs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present;
- District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs), or their alternates if the person with whom they serve is not present; and
- CNCA Area Officers



ASSEMBLY ETTIQUETTE

IN-PERSON:

- Please line up at the microphone and wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
- Please speak directly into the microphone, and feel free to adjust the height as needed.
- Please try to speak slowly and clearly as a courtesy to the interpreters.
- If you are not at the microphone, please try to limit side conversations which may make it hard for others to hear.
- During the business meeting, we ask that sharing be limited to two minutes. For group consciences on Agenda Topics, we will be timing at 90 seconds. The green, yellow and red lights are there to help you remember.
- In order to preserve a safe environment for all viewpoints to be heard, please do not respond positively or negatively to shares. The exception is a round of “warm applause” to let people know they have gotten the red light.

ONLINE:

- Use a wired headset or your computer system microphone. It is strongly suggested to not use a bluetooth device.
- [Select your language](#) and turn closed captions on or off according to your preference.
- Please raise your virtual hand to speak.
- After the Chair calls on you, you will be invited to unmute by a tech host.
- Please turn on your camera so the Delegate can see you when you share your group conscience. If your wifi is unstable, turn on your camera while you introduce yourself and then turn it off to save bandwidth.
- Speak slowly and clearly as a courtesy to the interpreters.
- While on camera, please do not engage in distracting activities, such as driving, walking, etc. Please be mindful of your facial expressions so that all feel safe to share.
- Chat will be available to Host/Co-Host only during the program, but will be set to public and private before, after and during break.



- Green:** Keep going
Yellow: Please wrap up – 30 seconds warning
Red: Times up – audience will applaud or you will be muted.

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06
Assembly Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, April 6, 2024

Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer
AA Preamble
Twelve Traditions in English and Spanish

Approval of the 2023 Summer Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

Minutes were published in the September 2023 issue of the CNCA Comments and Comentarios; copies are also available on the cnca06.org website.

Officer Reports:

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Treasurer, Assembly Coordinator, Registrar, Recording Secretary, Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair

Standing and Sub-Committee Reports:

Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, Finance, Interpretation and Translation, PI/CPC, Technology, Web

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.
- Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 12/16/23
- That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.
- Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23

OLD BUSINESS

- That the Conference Literature committee consider producing literature combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- Presented by District 14 at the Area Committee Meeting 10/22/22

NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA continue to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly.
- Presented by District 15, Humboldt/Del Norte at the Area Committee Meeting on 09/23/23

Close with the Responsibility Declaration

Voting Members of California Northern Coastal Area:

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BACKGROUND OF CURRENT PRESENTATIONS OF NEW BUSINESS

1. That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.

Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73

Presentation: Jose L. provided background. We've had a few months of discussion and listening to your feelings and opinions about this topic. After the Area decided to stop discussing the topic, we believed it was time for someone to present a motion. (The discussion was during Area Committee Meetings as a discussion topic since the beginning of 2023)

Concept IV. IV. Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Of our 93 Areas in the US and Canada, seventy of them allow committee chairs voting rights. Concept Four says at all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional right of participation, allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge (like money, time, etc.).

Vote by simple majority to keep the motion at the ACM (23 for ACM; 20 for Assembly). Motion will become New Business at the Area Committee meeting on January 20, 2024.

Discussion was held at the January ACM and a new vote was taken:

Simple majority vote to determine whether the motion will remain a matter for the ACM or become a matter for the assembly. (Assembly: 40. ACM: 11) Motion that will become a New Business Presentation at the pre-conference assembly on April 6, 2024.

2. That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees.

Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73

Presentation: Jose L. provided background information. This motion follows the same principles of responsibility and inclusivity as the previous one. After we've discussed this topic, some members believe more people should participate in our elections. (The discussion was during Area Committee Meetings as a discussion topic since the beginning of 2023)

Vote by simple majority to present this motion at the Area Assembly (the number of members voting in favor was substantial). Motion will become a Presentation of New Business at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 6, 2024.

Historical Information from the Area Motions Book:

Post-Conference 2016: “That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Members Chairs and current members and chairs of area standing committees and sub committees who have served as a DCM and/or DCMC” Presented by Eric L., Jennifer B. and Laura W. (Pre Conference 2015) <<Vote: 180 YES 60 NO 35 Abstain>> (Pre Conference 2016) <Motion to reconsider was made and seconded: 148 YES 90 NO> (Motion to Reconsider PASSED) <<Vote: 87 YES 86 NO 10 Abstain>> Motion << Failed>> (Post Conference 2016)

ANONYMITY STATEMENT

There may be some here who are not familiar with our tradition of anonymity at the public level.

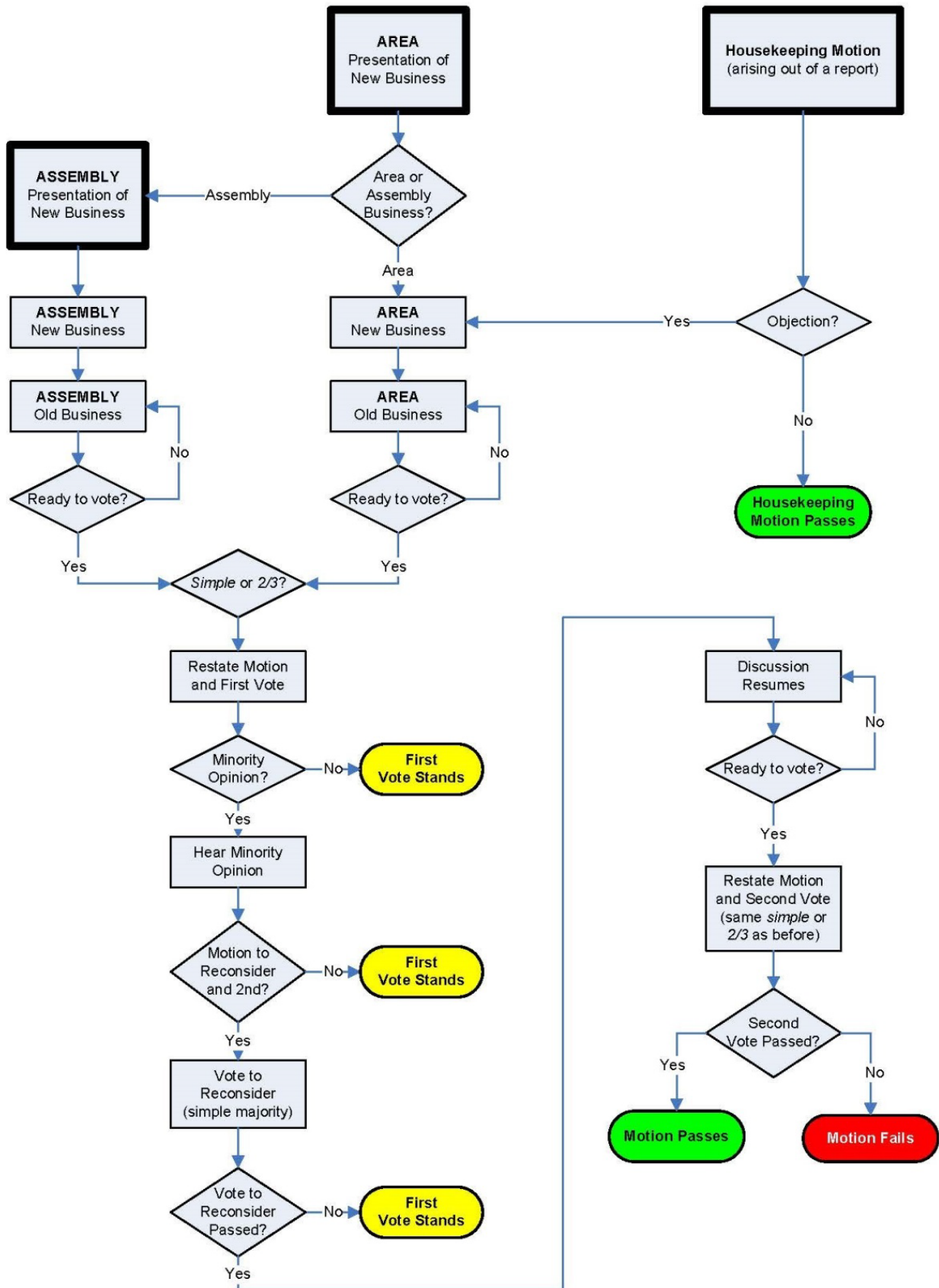
“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the lever of press, radio (TV) and films” Thus we respectfully ask that no A.A. speaker-or, indeed, any A.A. member- be identified by full name in published or broadcast reports of our meetings.

The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinker who may wish to share our program with us, and our tradition of anonymity reminds us that A.A. principles come before personalities.

The long form of A.A. Eleventh Tradition says “Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed.” In keeping with this principle, please do not post recognizable photos of identifiable A.A. members on Web sites accessible to the public, including unrestricted pages on social networking sites.

As per our motions book: Please remember that video-taping and cameras are prohibited.

Conducting Area/Assembly Business in CNCA Area 06



74TH GENERAL SERVICE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE HEARD AT THE PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

DAY 1 – SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

I. Corrections

- (A) Consider updated Singleness of Purpose text to replace the existing paragraph in the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals.”
- (B) Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- (C) Review the video “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls” for effectiveness, relevance, and intended audience.
- (D) Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.*
- (E) Review progress report on updating A.A. Service Material to better carry the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.*

II. Literature

- (F) Review draft manuscript of the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
- (H) Review progress report on the video animation of the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”
- (I) Review progress report on video adaption of the pamphlet ”Too Young?”
- (K) Consider a request that the words "Donation" and "Contribution" be swapped under Warranty One in “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” pamphlet.

III. Grapevine/La Viña

- (C) Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Viña.
- (D) Explore the services provided by AA Grapevine and how they should be funded.
- (E) Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholics in A.A.*

IV. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- (A) Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the Flag Ceremony to be taken at the 2025 International Convention.

(B) Discuss an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the Convention Flag Ceremony for the 2025 International Convention.

(C) Discuss a report concerning virtual programming for the 2025 International Convention.

(D) Discuss options for closing the Big Meeting at the International Convention.

(F) Discuss the production of anonymity-protected videos of other highlights of the Convention as a way of sharing the spirit and enthusiasm of the 2025 International Convention with A.A. members.

(G) Discuss the production of a delayed, anonymity protected, digital access video product offering of the three big meetings at the 2025 International Convention.

V. Public Information

(B) Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

1. Review the 2023 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs.”
2. Discuss progress report on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
3. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.

(H) Review reports on reports on AAGV/La Viña media platforms.

(K) Consider revised proposal to develop an AAWS Instagram account.

(L) Review progress report on the Young People’s Video Project.

(N) Review results of A.A. Membership Survey convenience sample pilot.

VI. Archives (none)

DAY 2 – SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

VII. Agenda

(D) Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2023 Evaluation Summary.

(G) Review Conference Inventory plan for the 2025 General Service Conference.

VIII. Finance

(A) Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of various services provided by the GSB.

(D) Review video "Hope" for effectiveness and relevance.*

IX. Treatment and Accessibilities

(F) Review report on what resources are currently available from the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine to meet accessibility-related challenges and how those resources are communicated to the Fellowship.

(G) Review P-27 "A.A. in Treatment Settings" for effectiveness and relevance.

(H) Review F-4 "Where do I go from here?" flyer for effectiveness and relevance.

(I) Review resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with the Elder Community.

X. Cooperation with the Professional Community

(D) Discuss effectiveness and relevance of CPC videos currently on aa.org.

(E) Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.*

XI. Report and Charter

(C) Discuss the reporting of Simple Majority Items.

XII. Policy/Admissions

(C) Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.

(D) Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.

(E) Discuss revising procedures for electing the Delegate chairperson, Conference Committee chairpersons and their alternates.

XIII. Trustees

(F) Discuss guidelines or parameters for deadlines of Conference agenda items.

* 2024 EDW distribution International Convention.

* 2024 EDW distribution +Carryover from a previous EDW plan