

The November ACM was held Saturday, November 18. The ACM was called to order by CNIA Chair Claudio, at 10am. The 12 Traditions were read by a member; the 12 Concepts were read by a member; the GSR Preamble was read by a member; "Why Do We Need a Conference?" was read by a member.

**Introductions:** New attendees were introduced. Past delegates Mike (P68) and Tom (P70) were introduced.

**Consideration of Minutes:** D53 report is missing. September minutes old business to Fund Archivist to go to NAAAW mentioned that the last spending plan says the Archivist will be funded -- this comment was redacted, minutes should reflect that right after the comment was made. Moved by a member and seconded by a member and approved as amended with substantial unanimity.

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#### **Assembly Reports:**

- Mini PRAASA, Brad (D19): We had 123 registered attendees and 98 paid dinners. Total income \$3,897 and total expenses of \$4,929.58. For a net operating loss of \$1,032.58.
- Winter Assembly, Jesus (D57): last meeting 11/6. All positions are filled. Need more volunteers.
- Pre Conference Assembly: Claudio reported that we still need a host committee. Gavin D37 says his district is interested and is looking to see if somewhere is available the dates. Valerie says Sacramento districts were interested but haven't found a location yet – supportive of D37. Motion was made to have Pre Conf Assembly hosted by D37. Motion passed with substantial unanimity - **D37 will host Pre Conf Assembly 2023!**
- Post Conference Assembly, Martha (D15): Still too early to book hotels but we have a date

#### **Liaison Reports:**

- Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki: no report
- North Valley Intergroup, Martha: no report
- Northern CA Accessibility Committee (NCAC), Caroline: We have a free Uber ride program - rides to meetings if you don't have other transportation. We need an ASL chair person
- Hispanic Women's Conference, Herminia: workshop will be 12/3/22. This year Area 8 is hosting in San Diego. The speaker representing Area 7 is Mary Tequida, Group Latino Americano. The liaison meetings are scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. I will be putting the bid for the Hispanic Workshop to be hosted by Area 7 in 2024. *Chair conducted a sense of the room and the body is in favor of supporting a bid.*
- Young Peoples in AA: SACYPAA (Carlos) - 11/26 7pm panel meeting and event. ICYPAA will be in San Francisco first weekend in Sept 2023. WACYPAA is being hosted by EBYPAA and will be NYE next year. SANJYPAA is having elections 11/26 and could use support for the Stockton area. YOLYPAA could use support.

*7th tradition was conducted.*

The chair asked for discussion on how DCMs want to see time used at the ACM ahead of reports. Discussion: Emailed reports at ACMs seem sufficient unless there's something really big going on I need to share about. My GSRs were concerned they didn't have the most recent spending plan. A projector at the assembly would have been helpful while talking about the spending plan. One of my GSRs wondered if the area is ineffective/resistant to change. What about a survey ahead of the area inventory to be sent to GSRs? Reports are good but think about what's actually relevant to other meetings. I like the idea of doing a tradition/concept of the month. Reports feel redundant. I felt disheartened after the area assembly. If we publish the ACM reports let's not read them. Concept 4 right of participation is why our DCMs have time for reports/what's on your mind; when I was a DCM I learned that allowing my GSRs to give reports allowed them to grow and get to know each other. It's been valuable to me to hear reports – oh you're doing bylaws, that could be helpful to me, etc. I value the language of the heart that we only get from hearing reports, not seeing them in writing - I'm here to learn. At the end of ACMs we often miss new business/what's on your mind. Let's talk about highlights in reports. Frustrating when we don't get business done. What if we had a topic per month to discuss? At the GSC we get 1-2 minutes and it works well. I'd like to see the area support our district events more. I'd like to see small group discussions. Maybe let's look at the order of the agenda. What about a what went well/what didn't/where we can improve after ACMs? I like opening with this - it's like what's on your mind.

#### **Appointed Chair Reports:**

- Accents, Jeff:
- Archives, Nancy: I attended Mini PRAASA. We received a donation of office supplies along with a 2-speaker cassette player and a CD player. A group of over 15 members visited Archives on November 5. We went to District 54's 28th Anniversary meeting.
- Alternate Archives, Herminia: I participated in Area 06 elections. Attended District 54's 27th anniversary. Attending Group La Montana 16 Aniversario in D53 today.
- Bridging the Gap (BTG), Brad: monthly Zoom committee meeting the last Wednesday of the month at Meeting ID: 861 3875 9562 Passcode: 658415. We are going to explore putting on a BTG workshop.
- Eservices, Jessica: Our new website is in progress. We have a new committee member, Travis, from District 20. I helped run Area 06 hybrid Election Assembly.
- Finance Committee, Don: Good feedback from the group after discussing the spending plan - have some thoughts on what to do better next year. New website shows an opportunity to increase paper to electronic contributions. Discussing switching from ATM card to credit card. Do we outsource Treasurer to bookkeeper as we do an accountant or have a special worker help? Kelley did this and then it was rolled back in with Tom? Discussed having online treasurer/finance committee workshops.
- Grapevine, Jorge: Grapevine books have free shipping for the rest of the year. Grapevine audio project is happening now – 7 minute member talks, please participate
- Literature, Lorri: The coverless big books and 12x12 are coming soon - will save on costs and help production process
- Oral Translation, Jose: Thank you for emailing me your reports, helps me do my job!

- Written Translation, Amanda: I translated the September ACM minutes for the November Accents.

**Officer Reports:**

- Registrar, Loren: I've added 13 GSRs into GSOs Fellowship Connection and I also sent 33 email addresses to our Accents chair, to add to our subscribers list. I helped CNCA with their election's assembly.
- Treasurer, Holly: Looks like more discussion is needed regarding interpretation. I'd like to discuss having a credit card vs ATM card so that we can give card number to officers/others in a more secure way.
- Recording Secretary, Emily: I went to the area archives last month for the first time on a field trip I arranged for my sponsorship family - it was really cool
- Alternate Chair, Kendyce: Assembly planning and wrap-up is ongoing. Fresno GSR School scheduled for Dec. 10. Helped at CNCA Election for Panel 73. Brainstorming ideas and format for a series of meetings in 2023 where we will share about service topics.
- Chair, Claudio: I was able to visit some Districts 27 & 53. I helped Sacypaa with their inventory. I was contacted by a group in District 23 in doing a group inventory. I participated in the District 54 Anniversary and helped out with Area 06 elections.
- Alternate Delegate, Matthew: CNIA Public Information Committee met on zoom 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm. 7 members in attendance.

**Delegate Report**, Jenn D: CPC- Trustees committee is working on material to help healthcare providers understand what AA is/isn't and literature specifically for mental health providers. Corrections Canada- eager to work with AA and participate in corrections correspondence. Group Services- natural disasters in certain countries recently, Group Services has reached out; there's also a service piece "Responding to Natural Disasters." GSO- GSO is reopened for visitors, 46 visitors so far and office workers are back in the office part time. Agenda Topics- All background anticipated identified/translated in time for Jan 2023 board weekend. Operations Desk- July 16-Oct 14 member services received/responded to 6600 email inquiries, 2400 phone calls, 8000 literature orders. Finance- contributions are >7.3M (67% of re forecasted budget, we're a little behind what they budgeted and 30K behind where we were last year however literature sales are up). Grapevine app- in progress, discussing what should be included. Decline in print subscriptions. International Convention - discussing hybrid options (also for regional forums). Public Information- GV podcast has over 250K weekly downloads. Literature- we're discussing how to address changing literature that was written by our founders. Plain language big book is in progress.

**DCM Reports:**

- D9, Wes: no report
- D11, Maureen: no report
- D15, Lianne: no report
- D17, Ryan: no report
- D19, Steve: Looking for an Alt DCM. We're updating the Registrar's service positions.

- D20, Lisette: The last assembly felt divisive in the inventory process and the mini PRAASA event itself; I feel disheartened by the experience. D20 had our Unity Day in October. Our district is discussing suggestions for improving ACMs and assemblies.
- D21, Sam: D21 continues to be extremely busy. We are still not meeting all of our PI/CPC goals. Our "inreach" program to engage more interest in General Service is going well, and includes having a new group send a GSR to District meetings.
- D22, Peter: Our new website to launch 1/1. Working on action items that we identified in our recent District Inventory. Exploring hosting an Alphabet Soup Service Palooza and a separate event featuring an in depth presentation of the Twelve Concepts.
- D23, Carlos: Thanks Kendyce for coming to our last district meeting and giving a presentation on hosting our 2023 pre conference assembly. I am currently putting together a B.T.G. committee, first meeting will be in January on zoom.
- D24, Ada: Our district recently helped put on an H&I workshop where people could have an orientation and sign up for commitments. About 40 people were in attendance. We hope to have our bylaws updated by the beginning of the year.
- D25, Don: Had some turnover of positions. Thoughts and prayers with Gibbons Sunset No-AI Club, in D27, which suffered a fire overnight a few weeks ago.
- D27, Kayla: D27 is going back in person as a hybrid meeting! Would love to hear other DCMs experience with the equipment they use for hybrid. We recently elected an archives chair, grapevine chair and a PICPC chair!
- D30, Titia: working on updating our Guidelines, we have updated our mileage reimbursement rate to .585 cents per mile. The Jackson Fellowship will be hosting Thanksgiving marathon meetings on November 24th from 10:00a to 7:30p.
- D33, Susie: We are solvent with our funds and prudent reserve. We are prepared for our next 4th Monday workshop on 11/28, where we'll cuss and discuss our 2024 spending plan. Will pick a date for group inventory.
- D34, Ada: no report
- D36, Michael: Still having trouble getting more GSR's involved
- D37, Gavin: discussed returning to a in-person/hybrid meeting format in january. Some thoughts from a GSR—as rent increases fellowships are struggling when they have to move, how is this being handled with other groups? How to create safe spaces during hybrid meetings? What equipment is needed for hybrid meetings/how to structure them? How to manage sponsorship in virtual meeting?
- D40, Carrie: We're discussing the Area Spending Plan and the excessive amount of money in the bank. A couple of groups are concerned and have been discussing this for a few months and are anxious to know how the money will be handled. We discussed that they could vote to not distribute money to the Area until the prudent reserve was back down. And all GSRs agreed they would not want Area distributing excess money to GSO, they would want to see it used within the Area and liked the idea of DCMs being funded to more development opportunities
- D41, Javier: no report
- D42, Reyna: no report
- D43, Sherri: no report
- D47, Josh: no report

- D49, Robert: no report
- D53, Luis: no report
- D54, Guadalupe: We attended the inter-district meeting in Tulare. We have a new GSR. Had our anniversary last Sunday.
- D55, Francisco: We are working on our district anniversary that will be 12/11
- D56, Jorge: We are organizing our district anniversary 1/8/23 and invite you to our Hispanic forum 12/4 in Stockton. We had 7 GSRs at our last meeting.
- D57, Elias: 8 GSRs present. Assembly planning is going well. Majority of the groups approve that D57 will participate in El Foro Hispano.

**Old Business: Archives Workshop - *Loren makes a motion to fund both the archives chair & archives alt-chair to the 2022 archive workshop.***

*Discussion* - Sue read a report from Archivist Nancy who wasn't able to be at today's ACM—Nancy shared an overview of the last several months where she was told this funding would be brought up at different ACMs but it was never discussed, it's been confusing to hear different things from different people and she wasn't trying to do anything behind anyone's back- rather find the right path to present this motion. I wanted to give some context—the Alt Archives position was created P68; Jeff had been archivist for many years he suggested a more continuous rotation and we created an alternate archivist position; it was recommended in that motion that alt archivist was funded so that they would have 2 years of going before the conference before becoming archivist; this was written in the service manual but with COVID it didn't happen; this motion is just to reimburse Nancy as Archivist. In the recent spending plan weren't both approved? No, it's just the alternate. Nancy was informed no by the chair before she chose to go on her own. I think it was clear on the 2022 spending plan that only the alternate was funded - I feel the procedure is clear, it's not personal. **11 in favor, 10 opposed. Motion does not pass.**

**New Business: Credit Card for Treasurer - Claudio took a sense of the room - the body is supportive of getting a credit card. *Discussion* - Will this impact Holly's credit? Were told it will be against the nonprofit/bank record; we will confirm. Should we write out a guideline on using the credit card before putting this into place? I think we can trust our trusted servants, guidelines can be done later. The card should be in the business name not Holly's, right? Yes. I think it's too quick to make a decision today. I feel this falls within the treasurer's position and we don't need a motion. **Leslie makes a motion to have CNIA get a credit card with a \$2500 limit. Valerie seconds.** No further discussion. Majority in favor, 1 opposed. *Minority opinion*- we shouldn't make the decision today; i'd like to see what the bank says in terms of how it would affect someone's credit. **No motion to reconsider. Motion passes****

**What's On Your Mind:** Thank you to everyone that helped with mini PRAASA! Do we want to keep using this room? This room lacks strong wifi connection. Come talk to me (Gavin D37) for ESH on hybrid meetings/equipment/safety and security while virtual. D25 needs help building a website. We still need to vote on if we're going to do hybrid meetings – after going to CNCA's meetings I'm concerned hybrid is distracting and disunifying; what about a conference call? We need to talk about what to do with interpretation because it was taken out of the spending plan. I've noticed we don't ask about abstentions in voting, is that still an option? We do, thank you for

pointing that out. I've been wondering if our Accents are still serving their purpose - do we need to re-look at what they do/what information we need? I have a motion ready to soon talk about hybrid ACMs. Eservice committee is heavily focused on the new website right now, I'm not sure we're ready to launch hybrid right now (especially in this room). I just got forms for several GSRs that don't have emails so let's be aware of that when we talk virtual.

ACM closed at 3:40 pm with the responsibility declaration.

In Love and Service,  
Emily L  
Recording Secretary, Panel 72