

**Napa District 11
Panel 73 General Service Meeting
Via Zoom 860-5600 2397 -PW 060455
1:30PM – 3:30PM
April 13, 2024 Minutes**

I. Opening of meeting: Serenity Prayer

II. Introductions, New GSR's, Alternates, and visitors, Birthdays

Derek - Just organized closet Angela, Calistoga Gliders - Just cracked 300 walnuts Chris,
Candlelight - Favorite color is blue Devyn, Treasurer D11 - Just had a baby! Aria Terry,
Serenity on Saturday - Busy with 8 grandchildren Melnie, Keep it Simple Sister - Got a guitar,
broke it and fixed so has to learn how to play Duncan, Joe's Group, Chair of FOC, Hybrid
Committee - Spent all morning watering plants Nell, Freethinkers - Alateen is starting back up
Micheal, Living Sober, Grapevine - Captain of... at church, got to make coffee for 400 Jo,
Registrar - Lives at the Vets home with husband who has 60 years of sobriety Jeff, Web tech host, web
editor for CNCA - On the rowing team in college and spent the weekend in Santa Cruz with them. Enjoyed
getting home to weed wacking Sandy, DCMC - Loves this time of year when the Orioles come home.
They are citrus and bug eaters so takes the hummingbird feeder apart so they can get at the juice

III. GSRs – 90 seconds– share about your group / check in / Questions

IV. Volunteers for the month of May GSR Report Back, Tradition 5 and Concept 5

Report Back: Jo Moore

Tradition 5: Melanie

Concept 5: Nell

V. Tradition 4: [Nell] Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

VI. Concept 4: [Laura (Micheal filled in)] 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.

VII. Approval of:

a. Minutes – March 2024 (Approved, no objections)

VIII. Upcoming Dates to remember:

a. Post-Conference Assembly – May 11th , Willits Community Center

b. Unity Day – June 15th, 2024, Crosswalk Church

- c. **Summer Assembly – August 10th, Campbell Community Center**
- d. **Pacific Regional Forum – July 12th-15th - find information at**
<https://area72aa.org/event/pacific-regional-forum-2/>
- e. **Fall Assembly – November 9th – Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore, CA**

IX. Financial Oversight Committee – Update - Duncan Lange

Duncan - We have not yet met for the second quarter of 2024. We did have a sharing session with an ad hoc committee. Looking to set up an official meeting before the end of the month.

Sandy - We will be having elections at the end of the year in November, hoping we can start a little earlier than we did last year.

Duncan - I am looking forward to passing on my positions and will be putting together a pass it on.

X. Sub-Committee to Review District 11 meeting at Presbyterian Church, St. Helena, in a hybrid format – Thom Hinesley

Sandy - Thom is not available, said that we will be starting in person hybrid meetings in July or August.

XI. Meeting in a Pocket – Contact Sandy OR Jeff D for copies

Jeff - We made some edits with some typos before printing. The printer is being very slow with putting them together but we have some available with about 800 more to come. We ordered 2,500 in total.

XII. Assembly Motions: Take these to your group prior to the Post-Conference Assembly. They will be New Business at the Post-Conference Assembly.

Sandy - We will be going around to hear any comments or questions about these. They were worked on for over a year before they were sent on to the Area Assembly.

- a. 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 12/16/23CNC*
- b. 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*

Sandy - In our District our chairpersons have a vote but at the Area level they do not.

Jo - This is almost exactly what people in my meetings don't want to hear about because it would be really hard to get them to understand what is going on. I think the education of bringing it to the group is important but as a GSR I get to know my meeting and at least for mine, I don't think there is anyone with anything to say on this subject.
(Sandy lost connection, Jeff filling in)

Duncan - Because of my position in the district and area I get to hear a lot about these and do have an opinion. I think they should be presented in the opposite order to be better understood.

Micheal - It is kind of confusing to me, I was once a DCM and got to vote at both. Now I am a GSR and don't get to vote at area even though I think they should.

Jeff - Do these apply to our groups? Should we be adding these motions to the Report Back?

Nell - I think we should leave them off as they are not relevant to the group level.

Jeff - One thing is that we hear groups saying that they don't hear things that are happening on the Area level, like these motions

Duncan - I think we should leave them on there so they are at least available to share with the group or not.

(Sandy is back)

Sandy - Could I please hear a bit of what people said so I could get caught up

(Duncan repeats)

Sandy - I would like to encourage you all to take these back to your groups to inform them and gather their opinion. We will be discussing and voting on these at the next assembly

Terry - Could I get a summary to make it easier to bring back to the group?

Sandy - Sure, at the District level for example, we have an Archives Chair who chairs their meeting as well as attends the Area committee meetings but they can't vote on that level

Sandy - Would a poll be helpful to the group?

(General feel says yes)

Should Chairpeople be able to vote on the area level? (11 yes, 2 no)

Derek - Some clarification would be nice on the second one

Sandy - You have to be a current area officer, a DCM or a DCMC to be eligible to be a delegate. This motion would make Chairpeople also available.

Joe - To me I don't think a chair should be eligible based on our current rules

Nell -

Sandy - This makes it so that you need some district experience to become an Area officer

Micheal - I think that anyone attending should be able to take on Area jobs if they are available. If people have the experience then they should be eligible.

Angela - Does that mean current DCM's and other people would be having two jobs?

Sandy - No, voting is for next panels jobs

Sandy - Are we ready for a vote? (General feel says yes)

Should Chairpeople be eligible for Area Officer positions? (11 yes, 2 no)

Break (2:31 - 2:39)

Sandy - Let's open with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer

XIII. Open Positions:

a. **Accessibilities Committee Chair** (None available)

XIV. Visiting Area Officer – No visiting Area Officer April, May, August, and December

XV. Seventh Tradition – PayPal – gsdistrict11@gmail.com

XVI. Officer Reports:

DCMC - Sandy - (Report attached) Attended the ACM as well as the DCM and DCMC sharing session. I did a presentation on PRASAA history. I asked about what others do with sending people to PRASAA and responses varied. Our area secretary is hosting a workshop, the flier is attached. Love and Service group asking if people want to join them, flier attached. Post Conference assembly is in May at Willits community center. Technology workshop in June. All of the fliers are in the packet as well as up on aanapa.org Three housekeeping motions happened. One passed, one rescinded and one objection.

Nell - What is the difference between what the delegate shares with us at the Post Conference Assembly and Unity Day?

Sandy - Essentially the same thing.

Alt. DCMC PI/CPC - Elizabeth - (Not present but not submitted a written report)

DCM 01 - Joe - Nothing to report

DCM 02 - Laura - (Absent)

Treasurer - Devyn - (Report attached) (Approved, none opposed)

Recording Secretary - I am excited to attend the Secretary Workshop on the 20th

Registrar - Jo - I think I have everyone's information but, if I don't please contact me!

Archives - Angela - I did my first interview with Thelma T. Had some technology difficulties and lost the recording, so I will have to do it again. I bought the materials for a display at Unity Day and will be putting it together.

Sandy - In case you don't know, Angela is taking oral histories from some of our long time members for posterity

Web/Tech - Jeff - We are trying to make the website in a larger print so that those who have bad eyesight can read it. We have a new app for the calendar to make it easier to utilize. We are also looking at developing a newsletter section for Intergroup, District, and P.O. Box 459

Sandy - Is there anyone who does not know how to access the Area Minutes or information? (None)

Literature - Michael - (Written report submitted) Please sign up for the app as well as subscribe to the podcast. You all have until the 15th to submit stories. Lots of La Vina in our groups.

BTG - Joe - Starting Tuesday we will be going into the new recovery center. We have been going into Duffy's but we haven't had a Napa referral yet. I am looking for volunteers to bring meetings into the centers as well as picking up people for their first meeting

Beginners Mtg - Matt - (Written report submitted) Lower attendance on the night of the monthly Birthday Meeting. Please keep announcing at your meetings to bolster attendance.

Intergroup Liaison - Jason -

H&I Liaison - John -

NAPYPAA Liaison - Derek - We had elections and are up and running. Our first meeting is April 24th and I have already talked to Melanie about having a table at Unity Day

Unity Day - Melanie - I have a spreadsheet and will be having meetings every two weeks leading up to Unity Day. I have chairs already appointed but I need a few more such as at Intergroup. Please reach out as I need all the help that I can get.

Sandy - Angela, are you interested in putting together a table for Archives?

Angela - I am available to set up a table but not to attend. I might be able to find someone to run the table.

Micheal - I am going to ask Matt Evans our area Literature Chair if he can set up a table at Unity Day again

Guidelines: Voting members of District 11 are the District Officers, Chairpersons, and current GSR's/Alternate if GSR is not present. During discussion, please wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. Remember all discussion should be direct to the chairperson. Please give only your own ideas and refrain from a debate or commenting on what other people have shared. We want all people to feel comfortable with their thoughts and ideas. Finally wait until all have had a chance to share before speaking again.

Housekeeping Motions: Housekeeping motions are simple in nature and usually do not set precedence for the District. There is no discussion, and they are accepted if no one disapproves of them, otherwise, it goes to New Business for the next DBM.

XVII. **Housekeeping Motion**

- a. That District Business Meetings be recorded. Use of the recording is for backup and verification purposes for the Recording Secretary. All recordings will be archived on an appropriate platform and is the property of District 11 Business Meeting.

Sandy - Clarifying questions?

Nell - Will this be available for us to listen to if we miss a meeting?

Sandy - This is for Secretary to produce the minutes only

Duncan - Where will this be stored and for how long?

Jeff - It will be stored on a removable drive so that it does not have to be stored on a personal computer where it can be lost or corrupted. It will be stored for two years. Since people use their last names we want to be careful with anonymity. We already have a program that produces a transcript along with the recording.

Sandy - Objections? (No objections, motion passes)

XVIII. **Old Business:** None

XIX. **Presentation of New Business:** None

XX. **New Business:** None

XXI. **Discussion Items:**

- a. District 11 has scholarships for PRAASA on a regular basis given the District has the financial means. Included as part of the Budget? Who? Requirement – person in need? How to distribute?

Terry - I think it's a great idea. Our home group has funds in the reserves for such scholarships and don't discriminate on who wants to go since it's against principles to worry about qualifications.

Nell - I think it's a great idea and agree that it is hard to judge who does need it. I suggest a lottery. I don't know if we would even have too many applicants

Sandy - I would like to point out that this is usually a group expense so, this is for groups who cannot afford it.

Micheal - I am in a smaller group that does not have the funds so, I think it would be nice to have been able to go this year.

Melanie - I need clarification on if it is a suggestion or requirement for groups to fund a GSR to PRASAA

Sandy - GSR is a group service position and so should be funded by it. PRASAA is not required but as the coffee maker gets reimbursed for the coffee provided the GSR should be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Melanie - I would love to see more people have the opportunity to attend more assemblies

Duncan - I think instead of calling it a scholarship, call it a subsidy or something so people don't think that it's a full ride. I think we should also put it as a line in the budget.

Jeff - Traditionally it was outside the budget to do this and was considered based on need. Since we are using 7th tradition funds and belongs to everyone, if there were no GSR who wanted to go maybe we could send a non GSR who was interested

Sandy - My first PRASAA the district subsidized \$200 for me to go and it was enough to get me to go which I attribute to my passion for service since.

Sandy - Can I get a feel for the room to continue this discussion at the next meeting? (General feel says yes)

XXII. **Area Committee and Assembly Motions:** See attached Area Motions

XXIII. **What's on your Mind?**

Micheal - Did we start so late today because our Literature Chair is at the Intergroup Meeting?

Sandy - It was decided earlier in the year that when there was a conflict with assemblies that we would meet the next Saturday after the Intergroup Meeting

XXIV. **Close with the Responsibility Statement**