

The August ACM was held Saturday, August 19. The ACM was called to order by the Chair at 10am. "Why Do We Need a Conference?" was read by Amanda.

Introductions: Past delegates (Mike P68, Tom P70, Vikki P66), guests and visitors, and anyone whose first time it was to the ACM were introduced. August sobriety milestones were recognized.

Announcements:

- District 36 Unity Day "Service, Our Third Legacy" Sept 24 Yosemite Lake Merced 10-4
- District 21 has a Service Fair and Celebration 9/30 10-3:30 more info aaplacer.org
- Regarding the Maui fires, my experience being part of the fires in Butte County was that groups wanted to send money but we didn't know what to do with it - I would recommend to wait and see what they need, which could take time. We really appreciated thinking of you cards

A member shared about tradition 8. A member shared about concept 8.

Consideration of Minutes: Moved by Steve to approve the July ACM minutes, it was seconded by Jenn and approved by substantial unanimity.

Assembly Reports:

- Election Assembly 2023, Peter (D22): Nov 10-12 at American Legion Hall in Placerville
- Winter Assembly 2024, Luis (D53): We have a contract at the new location - Merced Women's Club
- Pre Conference 2024, Mike (D36/34): Found a location
- Post Conference 2024: need to find another district to host

Liaison Reports:

- Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki: We elected a new general chair that will appoint the steering committee in the next few weeks. We are operating below our prudent reserve right now; as facilities are opening up again remind your groups about the pink can
- Hispanic Women's Conference, Herminia: The annual \$600 contribution check needs to be approved by ACM before it's mailed to the Hispanic Women's Conference. Posters will be delivered this month. The workshop will be December 3 in San Diego. The liaison meetings are scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturday monthly
- Fresno Intergroup, Darrel: Our business meeting was Monday August 7th. Everything is going well. We are working on an A.A. Forum on our website fresnoaa.org.
- CCFAA, Diana: CCF annual picnic is tomorrow.

Appointed Chair Reports:

- Accents, Jeff: no report
- Archives, Nancy: Went to Auburn Unity Day with the Archives. Last month we sorted more materials. I attended the Pacific Region Archives Committee and learned that three

of us on the Committee have been invited to present at the National AA Archives Workshop in Sudbury, Canada in September.

- Alternate Archives, Herminia: Jeff showed me how to string the Grapevine/La Vina subscriptions. I meet at the CNIA Archives Center every 1 st Saturday of the month. Tomorrow Nancy and I will be at Annual CCFAA Picnic in Elk Grove Park with our Area's Archives display table. The following week we will be of service at the Unity, Service, Recovery for Districts 23, 24, 25, 27, 29 and 54.
- Bridging the Gap (BTG), Brad: We have received and processed 10 referrals in August so far, they seem to come in waves. I had the opportunity to visit Auburn for the Auburn Unity Day meeting. I also had the privilege of discussing Bridging the Gap with the Sunday Linguistic Inter-District Meeting in Modesto. In the coming months, I will be traveling to Houston, Tx on September 8-10 for the Bridging the Gap Working Weekend (BTGWW) and in October I will be attending the Fall in Love and Service meeting in Folsom with District 17. As always, I will be hosting the monthly Zoom meeting on the last Wednesday of the month (August 30)
- Eservices, Jessica: We met Monday, working on a pass it on. I'm registered for NAATW
- Finance Committee, Don: The Fin Comm met 8/11/23 and 8/19/23 to review a draft of 2024 spending plan. Some of the following was discussed:
 - Where is there redundancy (e.g., Oral Translation Chair and paid translation)?
 - Spending plan reflects a 3-year average with both longitudinal estimates of current officers/chairs and customized estimates, if possible.
 - Follow federal trends on expenditures (e.g., mileage now at 62.5 cents/mile).
 - Make the spending plan (more) accurate: edit, spell out and less lumped.
 - Clarity of presentation: ongoing vs. new, one-time vs. regular expenditures, edits vs. additions, English vs. Spanish versions; use color-coded; dollar round off; glossary and notes, if feasible.
 - Are we going to be in the negative? Normally, not. But if so, how much is 'reasonable'?
 - If we have excess, let's spend purposely, but gradually.
 - Consider organizational function, infrastructure and technology: procedures for requests and approval; information on a cloud; role of hybrid meeting.
 - Are there important functions for the Area or people who can help without funding who serve (e.g., past delegates' funding for Area meetings/events).
 - Consider context (e.g., meeting sites for 2024 for assemblies and PRAASA in SF) and what is sustainable (e.g., funding a chair to two meetings/year vs. letting them pick one)?
- Grapevine, Jorge: I want to thank the area for giving me the opportunity to attend the anniversaries of the viña. It was a great experience where I learned how to use the different tools we have to do the 12 steps. The new grapevine and la viña apps coming in September
- Literature, Beth: Literature is good and stocked up. Still waiting on a few orders.
- Oral Translation, Jose: All is good
- Written Translation, Amanda: I got to translate the flyer for our election assembly and some parts of the spending plan.

Officer Reports:

- Registrar, Loren: All registration requests and inquiries have been processed and responded to. One new group and 3 new GSRs registered. The request from GSO for us to help them improve the integrity of the information in Fellowship Connection by updating groups with the status "unknown", hasn't, from what I've seen, had much progress. Please stress to groups to make sure they have a Primary Contact. Remember, having correct information is the principal means by which GSO can serve the groups that choose to be linked to the AA service structure. District Committee Members, please pick up or download your District's group & service reports.
- Treasurer, Holly: I'd like to thank everyone and your groups for your continued support to our area with contributions both large and small. Most groups are doing well identifying their group name and/or number with their contributions. Unidentified groups' contributions are grouped into one category and not allocated to their district. I have the proposed spending plan and notes available in Spanish and English. Officers and appointed chairs - please submit expense reports for unsubmitted expenses and complete Expense Reports by December 16, 2023. I met with Bookkeeper in July to review our QBO records so she can start preparing our taxes. She discovered a discrepancy between 2021 tax return and the 2021 financials that we were able to resolve. Point of Business on another issue I need clarity on for our records (note in minutes): PRAASA 2017 still shows on the books as equity; need to confirm \$22k "seed money" is not available and does not exist; It does not appear on the tax return, but it is still on our books; We need to add explanatory note and close this open equity entry (why it was there and/or what happened to it) and make a journal entry to remove it from the books; Was this the year we hosted PRAASA? The Area would have received money for registrations and then paid it out to PRAASA committee, but that doesn't show in our records.
- Recording Secretary, Emily: I'm looking forward to attending ICYPAA at the end of the month! I've been attending the service manual discussion meetings monthly
- Alternate Chair, Kendyce: Districts I'm meeting with about assemblies have been asking about one day assemblies, starting later, ending earlier, if area can receive reg forms, who pays for online ticketing fees, and if area can manage registration payments. Attended a Florida State Convention and was of service. When I go to these kinds of events I try to learn about how these spaces get set up to help with my position. We'll be having GSR schools in September/October
- Chair, Claudio: Had the opportunity to attend the Foro plan meeting. Contract has been signed and they voted on the poster which is hand drawn each year. I will be attending and speaking at the District 9 unity day next Saturday Aug 26 at Lake Siskiyou. We had the officers call and the e-services committee attended to talk about how we can use technology to help out our assembly process. I will be attending ICYPAA. Our Area will be hosting a marathon meeting on Saturday noon.
- Alternate Delegate, Matthew: I have been busy this month working with several districts helping out with their inventory. Our Area 07 Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community Meeting is on the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 on Zoom 861 9041 1117 Password 465838. Each month I get to attend the NAAD North American Alt.Delegate

Meeting. Here all 93 Alt.Delegates get together and share their thoughts and ideas on what is happening in their Areas. I'll be attending ICYPAA. I'll be going to the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Houston Texas in September with our BTG chair

7th tradition was conducted.

Housekeeping Motions: The Foro would like to use the area's translation equipment 12/3 - the chair will be attending – the group voted in favor. The Hand in Hand Women's Unity Day Convention 9/9 in Lodi would like to use the area's translation equipment – the group did not vote in favor as an officer or appointed chair would not be able to take/monitor the equipment (*it was clarified that our insurance policy has our area officers and appointed chairs named with our equipment*). D27 Fall in Love With Service event would like to use two microphones and one speaker 10/14 – an area officer will be attending – the group voted in favor.

Assembly Online Registration: Michael from the eservices committee shared information regarding using an online platform Tito to streamline the online registrations so every assembly uses the same process.

- Questions/comments:
 - What percentage does the vendor take? 2.5% per transaction for non profits which is lower than many competitors. NAATW uses this platform. We'd also need Paypal which has a small fee
 - I think this is a great idea for standardization. Keep in mind fees for credit cards too

Old Business:

- ACM Rent Increase. Claudio met with the church and got contact information to see about signing a contract.

Delegate Report, Jenn D: Met with our Pacific Regional Trustee to share about the July board weekend. Had an All Conference meeting - this was a result of a desire to have the trustees and the rest of the conference more connected. This year the finance committee receive monthly reports from the trustee's finance committee, and all delegates receive a quarterly report; I'll post it on the delegate's page on cnia.org. I'll be doing a concept workshop at ICYPAA on Sunday. Grapevine - new apps will be launched Sept 1, to be launched at ICYPAA; cost will be \$3/month (\$2.99 every other month for La Vina). Non Trustee director position is available on aa.org for more information deadline is 9/15. International Conventions - 2025 will be in Vancouver. A digital option will be added for those unable to attend the Friday night meeting including the flag ceremony and Saturday/Sunday meetings. Literature - Daily Reflections is now published as an audiobook in English/Spanish/French. AA for the Older Alcoholic ended up being published as a small book instead of a pamphlet due to its length. Access to AA pamphlet has been translated to Quebec sign language. Translation of the big book into Haitian Creole has been completed. "Black in AA, Experience Strength and Hope" pamphlet is progressing. Public Information - discussed creating PI cards that could be a service piece for local PI committees. Intellectual Property Ad Hoc Committee - created by Trustees beginning of this

year to focus on reviewing past and current IP and copyright policies and practices to put together a workflow to address requests in this area. [AA.org](#) - updating 102 FAQs on the website in all three languages. [Ad Hoc Committee on Online Groups](#) - looking at how to incorporate online groups into the service structure. [Nominating Committee](#) - searching for a board chair, 3 strong candidates.

- Questions:
 - What if the app doesn't make the Grapevine self-supporting? A: there's been a lot of market research
 - What was the feel of those that saw the first 7 chapters of plain language? And, has there been the same level of secrecy with other previous translations? A: There was nothing negative shared about the translation. This is the same process followed for other translations and other pamphlet reviews as well.

2024 Spending Plan: The treasurer shared the 2024 Spending Plan and key considerations.

- Questions/comments:
 - Can we still consider an equipment manager? A: it was discussed at post conference and needs to be brought as a motion at election assembly
 - As an appointed chair, a special conference was much more valuable than PRAASA was to my position
 - Not sure about removing the NCCAA line item; it's in the service manual for our area that the delegate attend, and NCCAA does not reimburse
 - Written translation has been a funded position since 2014
 - As a past appointed chair, going to PRAASA was so important in helping me get to know other people doing the service I was doing, and continuing on in general service
 - If we have more services we need to fund maybe assembly prices needs to be more
 - What is the incidental funding for delegates at the conference spent on? Sometimes extending stay, food at airport/meals that aren't paid for, anything they would need to spend when they are going to NY for us
 - We'd like to update the interpretation equipment
 - I'd like to see delegate continue attending the international, and maybe even past delegates
 - If Accents were merged with the Recording Secretary what would that look like? Right now as recording secretary I do about an hour a month of work outside assemblies/ACMS; I think the work could be taken on - but I haven't talked to our Accents chair about it
 - Going to PRAASA was essential for me as BTG or Grapevine

What's on your mind?:

DCM Reports were not heard at the ACM but the following DCMs submitted reports:

- D15, Lisanne: From Sept. 21st to the 23rd, the PI/CPC chair will have a display at the Veteran's Stand Down event at the Chico Elks Lodge in Chico. We will be discussing the position descriptions for the various officers and chairs.
- D17, Ryan: Our last business meeting discussion included PI/CPC commitment participation as well as budget and advertising preparations for the CNIA Delegate Report that D17 hosted on 8/12. We will discuss reimbursing Jenn D. the cost of her travel in our next business meeting
- D19, Steve: The District is financially stable. We have an interim treasurer. All Groups that reported were doing good financially. Some groups are doing inventories. The District inventory committee is looking for a new chairperson. Webmaster has been in contact with a company to build a custom web page. Planning for the District 19 unity Day is moving forward - Sam Brennan Park in Yuba City on September 23rd
- D20, Lisette: Members of District 20 participated in a successful pool party that welcome some of our recovery home clients. Families appreciated the cannonball contest and floating AA trivia contest. We will be celebrating Unity Day on October 21
- D21, Sam: D21 has two key activities in motion. The first is a District Inventory in September. The second activity is a Service Fair and Celebration planned for September 30th at 5400 Barton Rd in Loomis. The intent is to invigorate all members in the district to engage with one of many service opportunities. The flyer is posted at aaplacer.org
- D22, Peter: D22 is hosting the Election Assembly on November 10-12, planning is well under way, we have met several times and we are just ironing out the details now. Please book your lodging as soon as possible so we will have time to find more if the hotels and RV sites fill up.
- D25, Don: Finances are stable, we have a new Venmo. We are developing D25 Committee Guidelines (or bylaws). Encouraging folks to attend River Float for SACYPAA August 26, 2023 and ICYPAA September 1-4, 2023, in San Francisco.
- D27, Kayla: D27 is hosting an event on October 14 from 11am-4:30pm called "fall in love with service". Baked potato/ chili bar and a dessert potluck!
- D29, Valerie: District 29 is doing well. We continue to visit meetings that are inactive, and our goal is to visit all meetings in our district before the end of the panel. We voted to have our next panel elections in October rather than November, as we have in the past, so the new panel can be involved in the area election.
- D30, Titia: We are still working on a plan to reduce our excess contributions. One idea is to place ads on the local buses in both counties with our contact information. Another is to buy each group a copy of the new book "The Home Group."
- D33, Drew: Planning Unity Day October 7, 2023. Treasury is hovering at or around prudent reserve. We have formed ad hoc committees for By-laws and also for a new Website.
- D36, Michael: Prisons not yet opening up members are prepared when they do open. Getting ready for our unity day.
- D42, Bill: The state of AA in district 42 is mixed. The groups have recovered from covid and attendance is back to pre covid levels. Some groups are having trouble filling service positions. That is particularly the case with the district committee. Only three GSR's attended the monthly meeting despite efforts to have them there. The post

conference assembly was discussed at length, a vote was held and it was unanimously decided that we will not be able to host the assembly and must return the responsibility back to the area for re-bid. No arrangements have been made, no committee has been formed, no volunteers have been obtained. We extend our apologies.

- D53, Luis: We meet every Friday and visit groups Thursdays. We have our inter district meeting 8/23 in Modesto. NCCAA meeting 8/20 in Fresno at 4.
- D57, Elias: 10/27 we will have our new district committee

ACM closed at 4pm with the responsibility declaration.

In Love and Service,

Emily L

Recording Secretary, Panel 72