

District 47, CNIA

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

This is a hybrid and Zoom meeting with members participating from various locations, including the Central Office in Exeter.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM by Treasurer Allen L.

Committee members present:

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group

Kim C., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group

Mike S., new GSR for Unity Through Traditions

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study

Allen L., Treasurer

David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be audio recorded for the recording secretary's benefit.

The GSR Preamble was read by all attendees. "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 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 groups can reach an informed group conscience. In 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."

12 Traditions: read by Laura B.

Concept 4: Concept 4 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2025 minutes – motion to approve made by Laura B., seconded by Kim C. All voted in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$2,249.98

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
3-30-25	Springville Book Study –USPS money order #29735457704	\$45.00
		=====
	Total Income:	\$45.00

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
3-19-25	Tulare County Central Office (#312) misdirected D49 contrib	\$313.00

3-22-25	Dusty B (#313) Agenda Items Workshop Food	\$488.15
3-22-25	Holly J (#314) Workshop presenter gas money	\$75.00
		=====
	Total Expense:	\$876.15

Ending Balance: \$1,418.83

Laura asked if we had given Matthew L, our delegate, any gas money. Allen explained that Bill from District 42 in Fresno had given us a check for \$150 to help with expenses, so we made Matthew the payee on it for his gas money.

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our March CSR Meeting was held on March 12th, 2025. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: For the period from January 21st, 2025, through February 20th, 2025, Central Office had an income of \$3,722 and expenses of \$5,528 for a loss of \$1,806. Our balance was \$22,979 where our prudent reserve is \$19,000 (\$3,979 over our prudent reserve). We are super grateful for our members. Fifteen groups donated to Central Office, contributing \$2,135. Here in February, we filed our taxes for both State and Federal. Our credit card processor has raised their fees to 3.5% plus 15 cents per transaction.

Old Business:

We still need a chairperson to head the Founders' Day Picnic committee. The Founders' Day Picnic will be June 14th, 2025 at Mooney's Grove Park in Visalia. We will be having a Founders' Day Picnic Planning meeting on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Central Office.

New Business:

We are asking members with one year (or more) if they would like to be added to our Birthday List to be published in our monthly newsletter.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: David G.

April 2025 H&I Report

Our Purpose: the only purpose of our Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in Corrections and Treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern California. The activities of this committee are governed by the Twelve Traditions and based on the spiritual principles embodied within the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are a Ninth Tradition service committee.

Our March Hospitals and Institutions Business Meeting was held on March 8th, 2025 at Bridge Street Drunks Only, in Visalia, at 10 AM. Immediately prior, at 9 AM, was our Volunteer Orientation meeting. We had three new volunteers attend orientation. If you would like to get involved with H&I, we ask that you attend a Volunteer Orientation meeting to learn the dos and don'ts which have made

H&I members useful in these settings over the last 83 years.

Old Business:

We have service positions available. We went through the list of open positions and asked for volunteers.

New Business:

Avenal Speaker Jam: We are thrilled to announce the First Annual Avenal Speaker Jam, held inside Avenal State Prison (ASP). This event will take place on Saturday, June 7th, 2025. This event brings together members of AA with the AA groups at ASP to share experience, strength, and hope. We expect a day filled with sobriety, stories, fun, tears, steps, love, and enthusiasm for AA. We invite you to join us and make this event a memorable start to a new tradition at ASP. Participation in this event does require a clearance, although it is a less intensive clearance form because of the single-day event. We need the clearance form sent to Bill H no later than Noon on Friday, April 4, 2025.

Schedule:

If getting involved with H&I is appealing to you, you might ask if your schedule has room.

Here is a list of meeting times for facilities we bring meetings in to:

Please note that unless otherwise specified, both Male and Female volunteers are welcome:

Meeting Dates and Times	Type
1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 5:15 – 6:15 pm	Men's Facility
2 nd Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Men's Facility
4 th Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Men & Women's Facility
1 st Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Men & Women's Facility
2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Men & Women's Facility
1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Women's Facility (women volunteers only)
2 nd & 4 th Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm	Women's Facility (women volunteers only)
Every Friday Evening	Tulare County Jail (background check and clearance by TCSO required)
1 st & 3 rd Saturday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Men's Facility
4 th Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 am	Men's Facility

We also have H&I volunteers going in to Corcoran State Prison, SATF (Substance Abuse Treatment Facility), and Avenal State Prison. These require CDCR clearance and prior H&I experience. Please attend the next orientation for more information.

If members of your group haven't been H&I volunteers before, we will have a Volunteer Orientation Meeting on May 10th, 2025 at 9 AM. The Business Meeting will follow at 10 AM.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.
H&I Liaison

DCM Report: Mike C supplied the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) for March 15. Not read during the

meeting, but supplied here for completeness:

DCM March 15 ACM Report

Pre-Conference Assembly (D09 & 11): District 9 and District 11 are very much looking forward to hosting you all at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Gazelle on April 12th and 13th.

Post-Conference Assembly (D20): Preparations for the assembly is on schedule. The venue is secured and caterer is on board. They are finalizing the final registration numbers for the caterers. Their concessions committee is fully prepared. Breakfast for Sunday morning will consist of frittata or biscuits and gravy. Please don't forget about their registration contest and the winning prize!

Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki L: Currently serves San Quentin, Salinas Valley (SVSP), the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) in Soledad, and the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF Chowchilla). Efforts are underway to bring the ISS to Folsom, Corcoran, the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Corcoran (SATF), and Avenal. A new IVSS position, Inside IVSS Liaison, is being tested at CTF and will help communicate with inside members. The IVSS thanks many people, and the Central Offices actively encourage volunteers and help establish the service for inside members. Please send inquiries about IVSS to handiivss@gmail.com.

SACYPAA, Young People in AA, Chris K: SACYPAA events are held the 4th Saturday of each month at 2700 L street and times vary. All ages are welcome. SACYPAA business meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 1 pm at 2100 J street. If you would like to get involved, we would be happy to have you! Flyers can be found at the SACYPAA website, SACYPAA.org. We will also ensure the information is on the CNIA website.

NCCAA Interior Secretary Sue B: NCCAA celebrated its 75th Anniversary. NCCAA was founded on the idea by Bill W. in 1945 to bring conferences to Northern California and have representation to the General Service structure. Conferences are held for one purpose – to carry the message. Bill W was the main speaker at the 1st NCCAA conference. Two conferences are held a year: Spring 2025 was held in Modesto March 7, 8 and 9, 2025 (DoubleTree by Hilton). There were 618 registrations. The conference was a success. NCCAA Treasurer election held. Jason S was re-elected as Treasurer. The Treasurer election is held every 2 years on the odd 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.

At the Spring 2026 conference, the NCCAA Chairperson election will be held. Questions or interested people, please reach out to current Council Chairperson Mary M, me or other Council Members.

PI/CPC Claudio B: PI/CPC had to cancel the last minute as a life event come up. Claudio stated one thing he learned at PRAASA from other Areas that have bigger cities with multiple districts who have Central Offices/Intergroups have just one PI/CPC instead of every district having a committee. Claudio is going to work with the Sacramento Districts introducing them the Central office committee that way it's only one group instead a few different committees.

Tech Chair Sam P: The tech committee is working to ensure a flawless online experience for the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly. This is the first time hosting a Hybrid pre-conference. We are making efforts in advance to identify and address any critical issues. Matthew and Emily are involved in this process. Michael P. is coordinating focus group sessions with district representatives to garner input about the rollout of the District Websites.

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Rachel A: Thanked CNIA 07 for sending her to PRAASA in Alaska and was able to attend the BTG roundtable. She stated that she did not learn anything new, but was able to help inform other Areas about what BTG is trying to do and answer some questions.

Finance Chair, Drew R: The Area Finance Committee met this last Thursday 3/13 with Don H (Area Treasurer), Ada R DCM D24 and me, Drew R Finance Chair/DCM D33. Absent were Simon C, DCM D54 and Jenn D (Past Delegate). The committee looked at the 2025 February Summary, talked about dates for a couple informational Treasurer/Finance Committee workshops and discussed the proposed timeline for the 2026 Spending Plan. The Finance Committee is committed to their pledge of increasing transparency throughout the spending plan process, as well as making sure the fellowship is aware of the CNIA Service Handbook timeline and the procedure for approving the plan.

Archives Alt-Chair, Valerie L: Thursday, March 6 went to the Archives display to set-up our Area board, I helped with the PRAASA Archives set up and gave the attendant a lunch break. I got the opportunity to spend an hour with an A.A. Historian and Collector, he showed me pictures of his personal archives, and we talked about A.A. History and the value of area histories. Our area history is the story of us, how we started, how we are evolving, our highlights and challenges. Our history will help with moving forward as a more effective area. Friday the day started with Native Alaskans from various tribes talking about their cultures demonstrating by acting out native stories and teaching us a native dance.

Written Translations Chair Jorge D: Hi, my name is Jorge I'm alcoholic. I do my best to have all your documents translation on time. Sometimes I still struggle with some things, but thank you all for your support and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Registrar Debbie S: It's been a very busy start to the 2nd half of Panel 74 for your new Registrar. I executed and distributed the group and service position reports, and subsequently processed dozens of change requests from our districts and groups. Some new groups were added, and a few inactive ones were closed. Several open DCM, GSR and their corresponding alternate positions were filled by excited new servant hearts. A couple of groups changed their name and a few others merged with fellowships.

Treasurer Don: The 7th Tradition at today's ACM – was \$178 (\$108 cash and \$70 online, I think.) Remember, there are many ways to contribute: 1) check to the CNIA address; 2) Zelle to treasurer@cnia.org; 3) online at CNIA website; and 4) cash or checks to Don at events! Contributions are solid at \$11,676 year to date. February's balances are: checking (\$19,648.71), prudent reserve (\$15,002.37) and prepaid reserve for the Forum (sinking, \$1,098.14); total \$35,749.22. This year, Don will be directly communicating with GSRs – with simplified information for groups – in addition to the DCMs. Part of this is to provide brief summaries to GSRs and DCMs with treasury/finance (e.g., 5-10 lines; 1-pagers) after the ACMs and assemblies to 'take home'. New online workshops this March-April and maybe June on The 7th Tradition and the 7th Tradition Fact Sheet, How to be a treasurer, best practices for spending/reimbursement, How to set up a bank account, non-profit status and continuity when servants pass the torch.

Recording Secretary/Accents Publisher, Jose U: Good morning, everyone! I'm José, the Recording Secretary and Accents Publisher for Panel 74 of the California Northern Interior Area 07. Thank Area 07 for sending him to PRAASA.

Alternate Chair, Emily: Please pre-register for Pre Conf Assembly on cnia.org! Now that we're hybrid, pre-registration is crucial to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Emily has been staying busy

with facilitating GSR schools, agenda item workshops, assembly planning, and PRAASA.

Alternate Delegate Claudio B: Claudio helped facilitate two resolution part of group inventory. He attended two district meetings just to support the DCM and the district. Thanked the groups in our Area for funding him to attend PRAASA. Claudio had the opportunity to attend international hospitality meeting at PRAASA, he was asked to see if our Area is able to contribute to the hospitality suite for rent which will be \$300 and money towards possibly having food some days at the international. The \$300 will be split amongst 15 areas.

Delegate Report Matthew L: Concept 3

Agenda Workshops: Look at Area Event Calendar.

March 16th 2-4pm D20,21,22 Auburn Hybrid event

March 22nd 11am-3pm D42,47,49 Porterville Hybrid event

March 23rd 1-3pm D33 Sonora

March 29th 12-5pm D22 Cameron Park

March 30th 12:30-4 D36 Merced

April 5th 1-3pm D19 Marysville

April 6th 1-3pm D53,54,55,56,57 Stockton

Pre Conference Assembly. April 12-13 in Gazelle. 12-9pm Saturday and 9am-12pm Sunday. **Bring 3 copies of your Group's Conscience to the Assembly. One for delegate, one for you, and one for translation.** There will be a hybrid option for those unable to attend in person. Look for the zoom information in the Accents. The priority will be the members that are attending in person. There will be time available for those attending online to share as well. **There will be two additional sharing sessions with the Delegate on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 & 16, from 7pm-9pm.**

Riley Pacific Region Trustee will be there. Make sure you greet her that weekend. She's a great trusted servant. This is our Area's only time to be with her this panel.

Delegates Page on cnia.org: Here is where you will find the 75th GSC Final Agenda Items. You will find the background materials on the confidential download area. Remember NOT to post anything on websites or social media sites because it's not anonymity protected. Look for "What's New". There you will find: Final 75th Agenda Items.

GSR Reports:

1. Kim C. (Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12): the meeting is going really well. We're going through the steps and traditions. We get about 30 women every Saturday.
2. Mike (Unity Through Traditions, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club): We're going through the *Experience, Strength, and Hope* book. The meeting is going really well. We have anywhere from ten to twenty people at the meeting.
3. Dusty (Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group): We just had our birthday meeting last week. We had one member take a cake for 39 years, another for 36 years, another member took a cake, and the baby of the celebrants got 9 years. It is a speaker and discussion meeting.
4. Laura (Springville Monday Night Book Study): We have between eight and twelve people a week, and are currently reading *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*. We're really liking it. Several of our members attended the Agenda Item Workshop.

New Business:

1. Discuss paying cost for DCM to attend the Pre-Conference Area Assembly on zoom. Cost for attending the conference is \$18.00.
 1. All voted in favor, none against.
2. Follow-up Workshop from March 22, 2025. How was the workshop? Are there any action items we should ask the delegate to bring up?
 1. Discussion was that the workshop was great, no action items.
3. Any GSRs need funding to attend the Pre-Conference assembly, D47 has funds available from Valley Speaker Series contribution.

Announcements:

1. Area 7 Finance Workshop April 3 7:15pm and April 21 6pm on Zoom. Will discuss how to be a treasurer, best practices for spending and reimbursement. Other questions on prudent reserve, district and area contributions. See flyer emailed.
 1. The flyer was a Microsoft Word document, which won't render on cell phones; Mike could not read it. David had converted it to PDF, and put into Zoom chat the link on the aa-tulareco.org website.
2. Post Conference Assembly will be held May 17-18 in Nevada City. Registration will open after the pre-conference assembly.
3. If you plan on attending the pre-conference assembly in Gazelle, remember to bring 3 copies of your groups reports: one for the delegate, one for the interpretation, and one for you.

Responsibility Declaration: Read by all "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary