

District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
Allen L., Treasurer
David G., Recording Secretary, Central Office Liaison, H&I Liaison
Mike C., District Committee Member

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 Allen L.

Concept 7: Concept 7 long form read by Laura B.

Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2025 minutes – motion to approve made by Laura B., seconded by Dusty B. All voted in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$1,455.43

INCOME

| Date | Description | Amount |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 06-21-2025 | Valley Group Speaker Series | \$72.67 |
| 06-24-2025 | Springville Book Study | \$69.00 |
| 07-13-2025 | Friday Freedom Fellowship | \$33.63 |
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| | Total Income: | \$175.30 |

EXPENSES

| Date | Description | Amount |
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\$0.00
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Total Expense: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$1,630.73

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our June CSR Meeting was held on June 10th, 2025. Our July CSR Meeting was held on July 8th, 2025. Both meetings were hybrid meetings: both in-person and on Zoom. Because of the one-time postponement of the D47 meeting to after the July CSR meeting, both are covered here.

Central Office finances: For the period from April 21st, 2025, through June 20th, 2025, Central Office had an income of \$11,463 and expenses of \$8,333 for a gain of \$3,130. Our balance was \$24,898 where our prudent reserve is \$19,000 (\$5,898 over our prudent reserve). We are super grateful for our members. Twelve groups donated to Central Office, contributing \$1,727.

Our Public Information (P.I.) committee has been active with recent events, with more than 500 visitors. A new service opportunity is available: at Visalia Rescue Mission on Mondays from noon to 3 PM, we could use some help with our booth.

Old Business:

The Founders' Day Picnic was June 14th, 2025 at Mooney's Grove Park in Visalia. It was a success, with more than 250 people attending, and an excellent share of experience, strength and hope by Cheryl H. of Springville. Income exceeded expenses by \$3,816. Due to a tree fall, we moved to a new set of arbors, but the shade provided was great.

Our monthly newsletter publisher has resigned; we need someone who would like to take on this service position. Being comfortable with a computer is a must.

We are requesting that groups create a birthday list and send it to us, so that we can list the name and how many years of sobriety our members have in our monthly newsletter.

New Business:

New Year's Eve 2025 Planning Committee is forming. John W. will be the committee chair. The first planning meeting will be online (Zoom) only Wednesday July 30, from 7 PM to 8 PM. The One-Click Zoom link is on the aa-tulareco.org web site, or you can join the meeting via Zoom for meeting ID 886 9666 9352 with the passcode being 425429.

Thank you for letting me of service.
David G.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: David G.

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 most recent Hospitals and Institutions Business Meeting was held on July 12th, 2025 at Bridge Street Drunks Only, in Visalia, at 10 AM. Immediately prior, at 9 AM, was our Volunteer Orientation meeting. We had five new volunteers attend orientation. If you would like to get involved with H&I, we ask that you attend a Volunteer Orientation meeting once.

Old Business:

We have service positions available. We went through the list of open positions and asked for volunteers. We have a need for our Area Co-chair, Regional Chair, and meeting leaders for one of the T.L.C. meetings, the Navigation Center meetings, and one of the Robertson House meetings. Our Area Chair, Joyce R, rotates out of service this November.

There were policy revisions from the NorCal committee, which we reviewed.

The NorCal financial position is currently \$36,000 below budget. Although we are teetering on “poor” condition, we haven’t crossed that threshold as of July 12th. The Avenal State Prison Speaker Jam was a resounding success; but, we also distributed more than \$5,000 of literature in the three events.

New Business:

There are open positions at the NorCal committee level; specifically they need a web servant.

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 7:00 – 8:00 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 September 13th, 2025 at 9 AM. The Business Meeting will follow at 10 AM.

Reports:

The Avenal Speaker Jam event turned into three weekend events, because of the enthusiasm from volunteers, the incarcerated, and facility staff. The staff have asked us to plan on two sets of events per year; Spring and Fall. It is encouraging to all to help incarcerated people find recovery from alcohol. Many went to prison because of actions while drunk, and it is to everyone's benefit if they have a strong program of recovery upon release back into our communities.

Avenal, Corcoran, and SATF prisons have 92 meetings a month; however we have only enough volunteers to attend 10 meetings a month. One of the Corcoran members got a story published in La Viña, our Spanish Meeting in Print.

Our H&I committee here has a growing partnership with our Spanish speaking A.A. members. We are starting to connect our local Spanish speaking A.A. members who wish to do H&I with the meeting leaders taking meetings into facilities.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.

DCM Report: Mike C. The last Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was held June 21st.

Election Assembly: District 37 will be hosting the Election Assembly in Tracy on November 14th through 16th, 2025. Online registration is already available at <https://ti.to/cnia-07/election-assembly-2025> The flyer for the event is available here: <https://cnia.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/CNIA-Election-Assembly-2025-Flyer-Final.pdf> and also on aa-tulareco.org under Upcoming Events in November.

Technology Committee: CNIA is starting a District Website Program, where they will host a website for any district which wants one at no cost to the district or CNIA. From their Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page: "Many districts may not have the financial or technical resources to maintain their own website. By providing a centralized hosting solution, we aim to support districts in their service efforts while reducing their costs and technical barriers." The location of the website will be in the cnia.org domain, for example it could be <https://d47.cnia.org> (if we were to sign up).

Delegate GSC Report D42/47 Hybrid: Matthew L has six upcoming Delegate GSC (General Service Conference) Report events scheduled, including Saturday August 2, 2025 in Clovis at New Life Church from noon to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided if you attend in-person. Mike, Allen, and David are planning on going in-person (other people who want to carpool are welcome). To attend via Zoom, use [meeting ID 831 0161 7429](#) and password 347842.

CNIA Spending Plan process: There was a motion that the spending plan for next year be presented a minimum of 45 days before the vote to make it official. The spending plan will be discussed this weekend, July 19 at the Area Committee Meeting in Sacramento (and on Zoom). It will be discussed at the ACMs in August, September, and October, and then presented for final approval at the Election

Assembly in November.

(New Business) Assembly Length: Created an ad-hoc committee to consider shortening the Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings (ACM). Our current Assemblies are three days: Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning, looking to change to two days instead. The ACM could go from six hours to four hours. This might be implemented by members filing their reports instead of presenting them during the event.

Mike got some information requested by our Springville members: the new Archives location is 2251 Florin Road, Suite #93, Sacramento, CA 95822. It is open to visitors the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM. A question was if the new space also has room for the ACMs, and it does not.

GSR Reports:

1. Dusty (Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group): Nothing changing to report.
2. Laura (Springville Monday Night Book Study): We have between eight and ten people a week, and are currently reading *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*. We did have a newcomer show up on a get-well card; *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* might be a little tough for someone still trying to clear their head of the alcoholic brain fog, but we did give him a newcomer's packet too.

New Business:

1. Stories from the International Conference for those who went.

Announcements:

1. The Election Assembly will be in Tracy on November 14th through 16th, 2025. Online registration is already available at <https://ti.to/cnia-07/election-assembly-2025>
2. The Serenity In The Sierras conference will be November 21st through 23rd, 2025.
3. Mike, Allen, and David will be going in-person to the Delegate GSC Report, Saturday August 2, 2025 in Clovis at New Life Church. If anyone else wants to go, we can carpool.

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 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary