

**District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
Date: March 3, 2026**

This is a hybrid business meeting with participants attending in-person and on Zoom from various locations, including the Central Office in Exeter.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Mike C., DCM
Robert C., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only
Allen L., Treasurer (acting Recording Secretary)
Joyce R. H&I Liaison
Mike S. GSR Unity Thru Traditions

The GSR Preamble: read by Mike C. “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 Robert C.

Concept 3: Concept 3 read and explained by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled—Allen will correct minutes for approval next month.

Treasurer’s Report: Allen L.

Beginning Balance: \$2935.87

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
01-23-2026	Tuesday Women Amity Group (#1033)	\$52.80
02-17-22026	Civic Center Group (#1311)	\$35.50
02-02-2026	AA1/2and1/2 Book Study (PMO# 55069714985)	\$70.00

02-02-2026	Wed. Night Acceptance Group (PMO#55069714947	\$90.00
02-18-2026	AA Monday Night Men's Stag (MO#31-396767637)	\$50.00
02-15-2026	Bridge Street Drunks Only (#1157)	\$50.18

Total Income: \$ 348.48

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
02-14-2026	U.S. Postal Service (check #318)	\$106.00

Total Expense: \$106.00

Ending Balance: \$3178.35

CSO Liaison Report: none

Registrar: none

H&I Liaison Report: Joyce R., Area 93 Chair: March, 2026 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare, we continue to carry the message of AA monthly to 8 different treatment facilities by bringing 14 AA meetings monthly to these facilities. We were able to bring 6 to 8 AA meetings in Spanish and English monthly to the Tulare County Jail. Our volunteers attend the AA meetings being held at Avenal, Corcoran, and SATF Prisons as often as possible. AA literature is provided to all who request it at our meetings. For Treatment Facilities, we bring the AA Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Living Sober and Daily Reflections in English and Spanish. At the Tulare County Jail, we bring the above titles and add some incarcerated titles appropriate for that setting. The prisons make available AA literature as requested to all meetings being held regardless of our volunteer's availability.

We continue to encourage all meetings to pass the pink can and have treasurer's send in the money regularly. If a meeting does not have a pink can and would like them, please refer them to myself or Central Office to ensure they receive one. Passing of the pink can, ensures that AA approved literature is available to share at all our H&I meetings.

Attached is our most recent News Brief which gives an overview of our last NorCal General Committee meeting. This is a great document to share with your group. It is also located on the H&I page of our local AA website.

We continue to be in dire need of volunteers for the Prisons and Tulare County Jail and the IVSS Program which provided outside sponsors for incarcerated member. Please

send any interested AA members to our next orientation which will be held: 9:00 am followed by business meeting at 10:00 am on March 14, 2026, at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291.

In Service,
Joyce Rauen, Area 93 Chair

DCM Report: Mike C. Area 7 ACM meeting February 21, 2025

Approve of Minutes: December 2025 minutes were approved.

Assembly Reports:

- Pre Conference D19- All ready to host the pre-conference assembly please register and reserve your rooms. Committee is full and snack bar is going to have good food.
- Post Conference D53- Have the flyer ready and they are looking for a smoking area at the facility. Lots of parking spaces at the location. They have volunteers for snack bar and have room for accessibility and wheelchair.
- Mini PRAASA D17: Planning a walkthrough at Yolo County Fairgrounds.
- Winter Assembly D22- still in preliminary stages and have a great crew in place and will be at American Legion Hall and still looking at hotels for reservations.
- Central Office/Intergroups: Lower than expected income for FY 2025
- Foro: Hosting event in December 2026
- H&I: N/A
- NCCAA: San Ramon conference, March 20-22; pre-registration closes March 7
- YPAA: SACYPAA speaker meeting on February 28 in downtown Sacramento, followed by a Trivia game with prizes

DCM School:

- What it means to be a DCM; be the voice of the district; it can be done in many ways, give guidance to GSRs and how to be a good GSR and serve their groups.
- Inspire and encourage GSRs to participate
- Learn the thoughts, wishes, and needs of the district
- Express the district conscience:
- Ask questions
- Participate in area business
- Share with the delegate
- Vote in area elections and other business agenda items
- Regularly hold district: meetings, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
- Regularly attend ACMs and Area Assemblies
- Reach out to groups without GSRs
- Organize workshops and/or sharing sessions.
- Bring Traditions problems to the delegate
- Help GSRs become acquainted with the AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts, Box 459
- Alert the district GSRs regarding new literature and info from GSO and Grapevine
- Assist the Area Registrar in obtaining and updating group contact information, group information page includes the group ID when sending in contributions, there is a new GSR from online when registering new GSRs.
- <https://cniia.org/cniia-area-07/districts/group-number-lookup/>

- <https://cniia.org/documents-and-forms/>
- <https://www.aa.org/district-committee-member-dcm-kit-list>

DCM to the District:

- ACM Business that affects the groups especially if there is an upcoming vote
- Highlight the Delegate report
- Share information from the Area Spending Plan
- Information about upcoming Assemblies

DCM Share with Area:

- District business that affects the Area
- Upcoming General Service events in the District
- Problems that your district may be having, especially if you're looking for experience from other Districts

What Help Do DCMs Have:

- A.A. Service Manual – to the newly elected DCM <https://cniia.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/CNIAService-Manual-Panel-74-2024.pdf>
- https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf
- WWW.CNIA.org - <https://cniia.org/documents-and-forms/>
- DCM Work kit- <https://www.aa.org/district-committee-member-dcm-kit-list>
- <https://www.aa.org/your-dcm-district-committee-member>
- https://aaws.widen.net/content/s47sn3xlam/pdf/F-12_DCM_Flyer_ONLINE.pdf
- District Committee Member (DCM) Change Form
- Service Sponsor Info from Q&A Pamphlet
- Service Sponsor Characteristics
- Read the full Questions & Answers on Sponsorship
- Sample District Guidelines
- Sample District Agenda

DCM Updates-

D47- We need service positions to get filled for Alt DCM, Secretary, Registrar and liaison positions. I will be attending meetings to recruit new GSRs in March and April. D47 will be participating in the Agenda Items Workshop with D40,41,and 42 in Clovis CA on March 15th 12-3 pm.

Delegate Report:

- Shared a video from AA Grapevine- “Get the Grapevine App”
- https://youtube.com/shorts/0uyVPITcSel?si=A_moblrUGDXfzTC1
- Highlights of Corporate Report-
- Received 8 pieces of correspondence this quarter: local/area matters, a past trustee's suggestions, and 4 letters about withholding or reducing contributions related to Conference actions, the 2020 International Convention, and lack of information that has now been reported.
- AAWS holds 28 trademarks
- Grapevine Board: Financial: losses reduced from over 800,000 dollars two years ago to under 300,000 dollars this year, with hope to reach about 200,000 dollars next year; primary purpose remains reaching those who are still sick and suffering.
- Digital growth: app subscriptions up 35% in 2025; 120 new EU subscriptions after January 11 release; app store revenue over 456,000 dollars. Audience expansion: podcasts over 1.3 million downloads (about 24,000 per month); social media growth

includes 62,000 Instagram views and 17,000 YouTube subscribers. Products: greeting card sales brought in 32,000 dollars. Innovation & strategy: fulfillment system conversion underway; weekly online Grapevine open meeting to be repurposed as podcasts; new subscription sales commission model for intergroups and central offices.

- Audio version of the Plain Language Big Book expected in June at about half the projected 20,000-dollar budget
- More Grapevine literature is now in correctional facilities than at any time in A.A. history
- A.A. World Services / Finance (simple summary for 2025): - Numbers are unaudited and as of January 26, 2026; they may change after all December activity and the audit. 2025 operating revenue: about 18.9 million dollars (7% below budget). 2025 operating expenses (before depreciation): about 18.5 million dollars (2% below budget).
- Operating surplus: about 325,000 dollars (budget had projected about 1.3 million). Figures exclude International Convention and building retrofit costs (retrofit spending about 493,000 dollars through year-end).
- As of January 26, 2026: - Operating cash: about 575,000 dollars. -Accounts payable (bills owed): about 1.14 million dollars. Short-term gap between cash and bills: about 563,000 dollars.
- General Service Conference / Finance-related items: - Initial planning underway for a self-supporting trip to Stepping Stones. Considering an earlier start to Saturday's closing session of the Conference to allow a shared visit and smoother travel. Will continue inviting only current Conference members to the Sunday Opening Dinner and A.A. meeting, for unity and financial prudence.
- Grapevine/La Viña (operations): Darwin conversion underway with Grapevine Digital, Customer Relations, Finance, and vendors Treeline and North Studio; expected completion by end of February.
- Weekly online Grapevine open meeting starts February 4, 2026; meetings recorded and released as a second weekly podcast; anonymity protected.
- Ongoing work with warehouses to reduce inventory. Intergroup/central office subscription sales commission model begins after the Darwin conversion. Book discounts and free shipping started November 1, 2025, leading to strong sales in November and December.
- CDs on half-price sale to clear inventory; CDs will soon be discontinued.
- Grapevine Board considered PAI 76 (to restore "men and women" in the A.A.
- Grapevine Board took no action.
- Special Forum for Deaf Alcoholics held virtually January 17 (noon–8 p.m.); GSO staff presented on products and services; members expressed strong appreciation for the ASL playlist on YouTube. Preamble was discussed; after thoughtful discussion about unity and disunity, the
- CPC agenda items (for DCM and GSR input) Item 2 .CPC:
- Agenda A: Review A.A. LinkedIn presence (link on AA.org under CPC); feedback on the page is welcome.

- Agenda B: Progress report on developing an outward-facing pamphlet for mental health professionals (draft is Conference-only; GSRs can suggest general ideas such as color, font, photos, tone).
- Agenda C: Review content and format of the CPC Kit and Workbook (digital versions at AA.org > Inside A.A. > Service Committees > CPC).
- Agenda D: Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on AA.org (GSRs can watch CPC videos on the site).
- Agenda E: Consider a request to create short stand-alone audio/visual clips when developing new or revised video for professionals (shorter clips and “sound bites” to fit how people watch media today; request originated from Area 75 BC/Yukon CPC committee in Vancouver).

New Business:

- GSR Scholarship fund discussion- Curtis DCM D22 proposed to have the area create a line item budget for \$5000 spending plan for scholarship fund for GSRs and DCMs that are not able to attend the Assemblies- Reduce to half of cost where we support 50%. Reduce the amount of from \$5000 to a different amount. Maybe add an option for assemblies for members to donate to the scholarship fund. Many members were not in favor. Will be brought back next month under old business
- Discuss funding for Claudio to stay an extra day after GSC- Want to know the cost and budget. It will cost \$384 for extra costs. Holly will support our delegate to stay an extra night, Treasurer- falls under the area budget to add a extra cost that is less than 5% of costs.
- Motion to approve an additional night lodging for delegate to stay and extra night not to exceed \$400. Motion Passed

Officer Reports

- Chair- asked if members would be interestested in gathering for dinner on Friday night.
- Tech Equipment was stolen after the winter assembly and they have received a check for insurance claims.
- Alt Delegate stated we should have members sign up to communicate via “Whats App”, gave an update for the meeting in placer county, recovery happens event September 2nd in Sacramento. Created a flier on PI/CPC flier and looking for feedback. Will be attending the NCAA meeting next month. Will also be attending PRAASA and will be supporting having PRAASA hybrid in the coming years.
- Treasurer- has received support in quick books, and the 1099 have been mailed out to interpreters, IRS has received our report. Still a few PRAASA request are pending. Has reduced printing the for treasure reports by members scanning a QR code to download the report. Secretary-She sends out a link every month to submit district reports, we can submit reports for ACM and Assembly Reports by submitting forst report, log out and re-log back in to submit assembly report.

GSR Reports:

Robert G., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only group in Visalia. Robert said the group had a discussion on if and how a person can be banned from Bridge Street meetings.

Birthday meetings were moved from the last meeting of each month to the first meeting of the following month, which caused some confusion. He said the two Bridge Street meetings he attends are going well and have good attendance.

Mike S, GSR for the Unity Thru Traditions group said there are between 12 and 20 members at their Wed. 5:30 PM meeting. They have just finished reading the book Experience, Strength and Hope and are now reading the Big Book—starting with the personal stories. On the last meeting of each month they read the Tradition for that month in the 12&12.

Old Business: The Officers and GSRs in attendance voted to go ahead and pay \$600 for 2026 rent of the Central Office for our District 47 business.

New Business: District 47 will be joining with Districts 40, 41 and 42 to host an Agenda Items Workshop on March 15, 12:30 to 3:00 PM at the New Life Community Church, located at 2165 Gettysburg Ave. in Clovis. The officers and GSRs in attendance voted to provide \$100 for food, and \$100 to help with CNIA officers' travel expenses.

Our delegate will be on the Cooperation with Professional Community committee at this year's General Service Conference. He has asked GSRs discuss with their groups and provide feedback on the items that committee will bring dealing with. You can find The final list of Agenda Items and the background information on each item by visiting cniia.org/delegates-page/confidential-downloads/ The password is: HowItWorks

Announcements:

- NCAA NorCal Conference March 20-22 San Ramon CA (see flier for reservation and hotel booking at cniia.org).
- Pre-Conference Assembly Registration is open April 18-19 2026, Yuba City CA (see flier for registration and hotel reservations at cniia.org).
- Agenda Items Workshop are being held online starting this month and all are welcomed to attend them see the meeting times at cniia.org
- Saturday March 21st Spring Into Sobriety 8:00am – 9:00pm St Paul's Episcopal Church, Visalia. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$25 at the door.
- Springville Speaker Meeting Sunday March 8, 2026 \$8 breakfast 8:30-9:45 AM and Meeting starts at 10:30 AM
- **Seventh Tradition:** None

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 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Allen L., Acting Recording Secretary