

District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2025

This was a Zoom -only meeting with members participating from various locations.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:13 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group (last month as GSR)

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study (last month as GSR)

Allen L., Treasurer

David G., Recording Secretary, Central Office Liaison, H&I Liaison (last month as recording secretary and 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 Laura B.

Concept 12: Concept 12 long form read by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2025 minutes approved. Motion by Laura B., seconded by Allen L.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$2,365.52

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
11-25-2025	Visalia Women's Amity Group	\$54.90
11-14-2025	Valley Speaker Series	\$23.66
11-13-2025	Visalia Friday Night Freedom Fellowship	\$25.00
		=====
	Total Income:	\$ 103.56

EXPENSES

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

Ending Balance: \$2,468.08

We also discussed putting on the new business agenda for next month the question of what to do with our funds over our prudent reserve. David will get the information from last year and send it out.

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

CSO Liaison Report 2025-12-02

Our November CSR Meeting was held on November 11th, 2025.

We have a new newsletter editor. :-)

The New Year's Eve 2025 Planning Committee met November 11th at 5 PM in-person and over Zoom. We distributed tickets to people for pre-sale, and we went through the list of service positions, making sure that we know who is doing what. We do have the 50/50 raffle captain service position available, if anyone wants to be involved. The Zoom link for the next meeting is on the aa-tulareco.org web site, or you can join with meeting ID 886 9666 9352 and passcode 425429.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88696669352?pwd=dU8xRGdici80K3dIdTYvaDZEWx0Zz09>

We also need to get the word out, asking people to volunteer to make a baked good for our Bake Sale Auction at the New Years Eve party.

Three nominations for Central Office Board of Directors were made in November, and

the election will be at the CSR meeting Tuesday, December 9th. One board member is resigning, and another has completed his first two-year term.

Our Public Information (PI) outreach has been going very well, with PI volunteers at four events in October, including a new event held by the Porterville Parenting Network.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.

Registrar:

H&I Report: David G.

November, 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 most recent Hospitals and Institutions Business Meeting was held on November 8th, 2025 at Bridge Street Drunks Only, in Visalia, at 10 AM. Immediately prior, at 9 AM, was our Volunteer Orientation meeting. If you would like to get involved with H&I, we ask that you attend a Volunteer Orientation meeting once.

We have several service positions available at the area level, which do have requirements for experience in H&I and minimum sobriety time. Our Area Chair, Joyce R, rotates out of service in 2026. We also have three meetings locally which need meeting captains.

The financial report for NorCal H&I came out for November. Our current financial position is *neutral*. We ended November positive \$2,792 with year-to-date positive \$9,150. Every month, our current Income and Expense Breakdown and Contributions By Area are provided, and uploaded to <https://aa-tulareco.org/hospitals-institutions-hi/>

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. The insiders at these locations appreciate H&I visitors (outsiders) because of our breadth of experience. We currently visit 2 of these meetings at Avenal, and another 2 at SATF. We would benefit from more volunteers. The Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service (IVSS) is now helping 200 incarcerated people with sponsors on the outside. A telephone is all you need (and to get set up, a tiny bit technical savvy). IVSS has been such a success that the General Service Office in New York is in the process of adding it to their supported programs.

We also have H&I volunteers going in to the Tulare County Jails. Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) does require five years of sobriety before letting H&I volunteers in. We had 5 meetings in September, and 4 in November.

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

Under new business, we discussed what to do with our local committee's money over our prudent reserve. We usually distribute it in December; we decided to divide it with 50% going to Central Office, 25% to District 47, and 25% to NorCal H&I.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.

DCM Report: Mike C.

Mike was able to attend the Fall Assembly (Election Assembly) that was held November 14th through the 16th, 2025 in Tracy, California.

The CNIA spending plan was approved for the coming year. They kept the mileage rate at 70 cents per mile, but reduced the some of the funding for sending CNIA officers to PRAASA (fewer officers will go). The next PRAASA will be in Honolulu, Hawaii, February 27th to March 1st, 2026.

There was a long discussion about changing the Assemblies, with two options presented. The vote was to put Option 2 into effect in 2027. Option 2 will save about \$4,000 a year because one Assembly, mostly a business meeting, will be online and won't incur travel expense.

The current structure is that 2-day assemblies typically run 12pm-8pm on Saturday; 9am-12pm on Sunday (+/- 9.25 hours) and 3-day assemblies typically run 7pm-10pm on Friday, 10am-6pm on Saturday; 9am-12pm on Sunday (+/- 12 hours).

The proposed structure is that 1-day assemblies run 10am-6pm (+/- 6.5 hrs), 2-day assemblies run 12-6pm on Saturday; 9am-12pm on Sunday (+/- 8.25 hours), and a 1-day summer online assembly run 10am-4pm (+/- 4.75 hours).

Option 2 was four one-day assemblies (Winter, Post-Conference, Summer, Fall) and one two-day assembly (Pre-Conference). The Summer assembly would be online only. Another consideration was to rename Mini-PRAASA and Election Assembly to Fall Assembly – Inventory/Elections.

Lastly, there were the elections for the new CNIA officers:

Elections:

- Regional Trustee - Tom, past Delegate
- Delegate - Claudio B, past Alt Delegate
- Alt Delegate - Holly, past Chair
- Chair - Emily, past Alt Chair
- Alt Chair - Jose, past Recording Secretary
- Treasurer - Drew
- Recording Secretary - Rachel

- Registrar - Debbie, re-elected

GSR Reports:

1. Laura (Springville Monday Night Book Study): We're reading *Doctor Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, but we're nearing the end of the book, so we've picked our next book: *One Big Tent*. *One Big Tent* is a book that collects personal stories from atheist and agnostic AA members about how they got and stay sober without a traditional belief in God. Laura announced that she is stepping down from General Service, and the group thanked her for her service. No-one stepped up to fill the GSR position.
2. Dusty (Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group): Pretty much the same: Dusty announced that he is stepping down from General Service, and the group thanked him for his service. No-one stepped up to fill the GSR position.

New Business:

1. Elections for District 47:
 1. Mike has been elected District Committee Member
 2. Alternate District Committee Member is still open
 3. Allen has been elected Treasurer
 4. District 47 «—» Central Office Liaison is open
 5. Registrar is open
 6. District 47 «—» Hospitals and Institutions Liaison is open, although an H&I member may step up.
 7. Recording Secretary is open

Announcements:

1. Central Office will put on our New Years Eve event, and tickets are available. It will be held in Lindsay at the Veteran's Memorial Building.
2. Our own Bill H. got an article published in The Grapevine last month.

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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary