

District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07 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
Marla W., Member asked to attend by the former GSR for Unity Through Traditions
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 Laura B.

Concept 10: Concept 10 long form read by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2025 and September 2, 2025 minutes were approved. Motion by Allen L., seconded by Dusty B.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$2,050.28

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
09-01-2025	Unity Through Traditions	\$120.00
08-30-2025	Bridge Street Drunks Only (chk #1143)	\$91.83
09-29-2025	The Crossroads Group	\$50.00
09-25-2025	Bridge Street Drunks Only (chk #1147)	\$35.46
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	Total Income:	\$297.29

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
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	Total Expense:	\$0.00

Ending Balance: \$2,347.57

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

CSO Liaison Report 2025-10-07

Our September CSR Meeting was held on September 9th, 2025.

We have a newsletter editor! Melissa of Tulare.

We're going to pass along the 3% charge for credit card processing on the sale of literature. Cash and check are still free.

The New Year's Eve 2025 Planning Committee met on September 17th at 7 PM over Zoom. We decided to hold future meetings both in-person and on Zoom. We also changed the meeting time to the hour before the CSR meeting, so it's easier for people already in Exeter for the CSR meeting to attend. The link 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=dU8xRGdici80K3dIdTYvaDZEWWx0Zz09>

Nominations for Central Office Board of Directors are due in November. Two board members have hit their term limit and will be out.

Printed paper CSR packets won't be made, unless a CSR asks for them ahead of time. Otherwise, the documents will be available online.

Thank you for letting me of service.
David G.

Registrar:

H&I Report: David G.

October, 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 September 13th, 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 service positions available. We have a need for our Area Chair, Area Co-chair, Regional Chair, and meeting leaders for one of the T.L.C. meetings, and the Navigation Center meetings. Our Area Chair, Joyce R, rotates out of service this November.

The financial report for NorCal H&I came out for September. Our current financial position is *neutral*. We ended September positive \$5,584 with year-to-date positive \$7,333. 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 currently meet 134 times per week, but H&I visitors (outsiders) are very welcome to break up the monotony. We currently visit 3 of these meetings, and would benefit from more volunteers.

In July, we brought 5 meetings into the Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), and in August, we brought 8. TCSO recently upped the minimum sobriety time for volunteers to five years continuously sober.

If members of your group haven't been H&I volunteers before, we will have a Volunteer Orientation Meeting on Saturday, November 8th, 2025 at 9 AM. The Business Meeting will follow at 10 AM.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.

DCM Report: Mike C. The Area Committee Meeting (ACM) was held September 22th, 2025.

DCM Report

Assembly reports:

- 2025 Fall Assembly (D37) – The committee is busy and has been meeting monthly the first Sunday. We will have our last monthly meeting in October and will then move to weekly meetings.
- 2026 Winter Assembly (D27) – We are in the process of finalizing the budget for the Winter Assembly. We are meeting next Tuesday (09/23) to hammer out tasks for each chair (i.e. creating flier, blocking hotels for lodging, determining catering and food costs, etc.)
- 2026 Pre-conference (D19) – no report
- 2026 Post Conference (D53) – We are gathering members and complete our committee for post conference. We are going to be working with hotels.
- 2026 Fall Assembly – inventory (D17) – Waiting to see if they are going to make the changes for 2 days to 3 days one member has a hot dog cart and they are seeking more volunteers.

Liaison Reports:

- H&I – There are a few ways to volunteer: in your local area or at a prison. Provide Sponsorship. At selected and authorized prisons, we provide inside Visiting Sponsorship Services. We match prisoners requesting sponsorship with specially oriented anonymity-protected volunteers.
- NCAA – NCCAA celebrated its 75th Anniversary. NCCAA was started because of an idea from Bill W. in 1946, to create and test the representation of groups via delegates to communicate with AA headquarters in New York. Bill worked with Nic N, San Francisco, to organize and test this idea.

Officer Reports:

- Delegate- It has been a very active summer! I have attended/reported at 21 different districts to date. Tomorrow at District 22 will be my last Delegate Report. I want to say thank you to all of the Districts that hosted me! Bringing everyone together and sharing our group's conscience and opinions has fostered Unity and Growth in our Area. My hope is that you all take all this enthusiasm back to your districts and groups! As this panel comes to an end, your service to the Area and those back home in your districts need to be recognized.
- Review 2025 Reserve Fund: As of June 30, 2025, the Reserve Fund Assets totaled \$12.481 million, consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Less the liability for unfulfilled Grapevine subscriptions of \$540K, the Reserve Fund Balance was \$11.941 million. Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine, and La Viña, the reserve fund balance is equal to 6.42 months of operating expenses. The goal range is coverage of 9 to 12 months.
- Safety continues to be a challenge in our Area and surrounding Areas across the US. Attendance is low with our Spanish members. Fear of immigration and intimidation by politically motivated individuals is real. Know that any disruptive behavior hurts all of us. If your meetings are having problems, please share with this body what/how you're dealing with this. Please don't remain silent. Silence is consent. If one person in the room doesn't feel safe, it is up to the group to take action. Safety Workshops can be an opportunity to help your districts.
- Alt Delegate Claudio B: Held Area PI/CPC sharing session first Wednesday of the month. Attend Recovery Happens at the Sacramento Capitol. Plan on attending Stand Down in Sacramento September 30-October 3rd.
- Alt Chair- Assembly planning is in full swing! Some Unity days and GSR schools on the calendar in the next month.
- Secretary- This month, I visited several groups and participated in the Unity Day with District 40, as well as supported District 36 during their Unity Day. Let's continue working together to provide this essential service and demonstrate our commitment to one another and to the community we cherish.
- Registrar-Attended D9 event and took notes for Group Three's inventory facilitated by Claudio and will return in a few weeks for the Resolution follow-up meeting. I attended two different

Area Registrar support groups. The first is a Registrar Sharing Session hosted by several GSO team members that support the Area Registrars from a Fellowship Connection technology, procedure, and customer service perspective. The second is a Registrar Working Group comprised only of Area Registrars, formed as a collaborative group to collect and present Fellowship Connection issues to the Registrar Sharing Session.

- Treasurer- The 7th Tradition at the ACM is \$65 in-person & online \$15 – a total of \$80 – thank you. The Expense/Revenue summary report shows – at 67% of the year (end of 8 of 12 months) Contributions are solid at \$ 48,879.27 year to date (73% of projected raise to \$64,000). Expenses at 71% (that includes 3 of 4 assemblies and a PRAASA). Correction on chair mileage: anticipate about \$3,000 less expense as ACM mileage errantly entered. End of August balances were checked (\$10,315.39) prudent reserve (\$15,003.18) and prepaid reserve for the Forum (sinking, \$1,098.28); total \$26,416.80. 2025 Treasurer/Finance Committee Calendar. September: input at ACM on Version 3 and Version 4 by October 1 (email out and to website). October: input and discussion at groups, districts 2026 Spending Plan Version #3. Since last month, we reduced cost of mileage in two ways: From chairs as it was included for ACMs, which are not technically required; that saved a little under \$3,000. -Interpreter mileage to ACMs; that costs about \$450 less. There is some support for raising contributions to \$68,000; definitely for raising it up from \$64,000. There is some support for \$66,000 instead. We left it at \$68,000, though \$66,000 would be more incremental and maybe more prudent. It is mixed in terms of support for 8 PRAASA and 4 special conferences this year only. Some suggest more going; no one suggests less, though some would like less than \$15,200 spent. This is how many learn their role and a key part of training. We left it at 8 and 4 going. There is not very good support for reducing mileage to 0.50/mi based on principles and experience. We moved it back to 0.70/mi.

Mike went over the 2026 CNIA Spending Plan, discussing the differences between last year and this year.

GSR Reports: *due to confusion, we accidentally skipped over GSR reports and moved on to an in-depth review of the elements of the 2026 CNIA Spending Plan.*

New Business:

1. David did a screen share of the d47.cnia.org web site, and what logging in to WordPress looks like. Michael of CNIA will set up an introductory orientation meeting for Mike C. and I (and other DCMs and web servants).

Announcements:

1. This Sunday will be the Springville Second Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting. At \$8 it is a good deal.
2. ACYPAA Summit 2025: Back From the Gates of Death, October 31 - November 2. Hosted by SACYPAA (Sacramento Young People In Alcoholics Anonymous) at the Holiday Inn at 300 J Street, Sacramento. Register at <https://share.google/bWSOGsbF2ztn37ugz>
3. The Election Assembly will be in Tracy on November 14th through 16th, 2025. Online registration is available at <https://ti.to/cnia-07/election-assembly-2025>
4. NCCAA San Ramon March 20th through 22nd, 2026, there is a discussion that will be held to split Area 6 and 7. Both Area 6 and Area 7 have the problem that from north to south, the travel time, one-way, is nine hours. If these areas are split, we would end up in a smaller Area.
5. The Serenity In The Sierras conference will be November 21st through 23rd, 2025.

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 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary