

**District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
Date: April 7, 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: 7:10 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Mike C., DCM
Robert C., GSR for Visalia Friday Freedom Fellowship
Gary B., GSR for Gut Level Group— Springville
Patrick P., GSR for Prospecting for Nuggets— Tulare
Allen L., Treasurer (acting Recording Secretary)
Joyce R., H&I Liaison
James W., Filling in for Bridge Street Drunks Only

The GSR Preamble: read by Mike C.

12 Traditions: read by James W.

Concept 4: Concept 3 read and explained by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: Corrected minutes from 2/3— approved. Minutes from 3/3— approved

Treasurer’s Report: Allen L.

Beginning Balance: \$3178.35

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
03/04/2026	Correction of math error	\$1.00
03-18-2026	H&I Committee (#1050)	\$125.00
03-20-2026	Friday Night 7PM Freedom Fellowship (M.O. 22-122281784)	\$25.00
03-18-2026	Springville Book Study (M.O. 55126251586)	\$75.00

Total Income: \$226.00

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
03-03-2026	Claudio Barron — Fresno Agenda Items Workshop—travel (#319)	\$100.00
03-03-2026	Mike Casas — Fresno Agenda Items Workshop—food (#320)	\$100.00
03-03-2026	Tulare County Central Office—2026 Rent (#321)	\$600.00

Total Expense: \$800.00

Ending Balance: \$2604.35

CSO Liaison Report: none

Registrar: none

H&I Liaison Report: Joyce R., Area 93 Chair: April 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 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 upon request at our meetings. At our March 14, 2026, Area Business Meeting, we welcomed 2 two new volunteers, had volunteers step up to lead H&I meetings and elected a new co-chair, Erica D. Erica will begin assisting in the different aspects of H&I at the Area level to be ready to move into the Area Chair position at year end. We are grateful to be able to practice the spirit of rotation. We are also going to try a texting service to streamline the communication process with our volunteers.

IVSS (Inmate Volunteer Sponsorship Service) which provides members on the inside with a sponsor on the outside is currently serving over 200 inmates in the Northern California Area, with waiting lists at each facility of inside members waiting to be matched with outside sponsors. Locally there are 40 inside members matched with outside Sponsors and 25 more waiting on a waiting list. If you have 5 years of sobriety and previous sponsorship experience, this is a great way to get involved. Sponsorship is all done from the comfort of your own home digitally over a secured service to protect your anonymity. If you are interested, more information is available on our website at www.handinorcal.org or you can reach our local committee at handiarea93@gmail.com

Our current financial position continues to be Neutral as our expenses have put us into our recommended total 6-month cash on hand. We continue to encourage all meetings

to pass the pink can and have treasurer's send in the money regularly. The consistency in contributions, will allow our committee to adjust to the rising literature costs so we can stay within the generous means afforded by our fellowship. If your group does not have a pink can, please send an email to our local committee at handiarea93@gmail.com . We will make sure to get you one.

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 May 9, 2026, at 526 N. Bridge Street,

DCM Report: Mike C. Area 7 ACM meeting on March 24, 2026

Assembly Reports:

Pre-Conference, Marie (D19): Please check ALL preconference flyers for incorrect information the address of District 19 the correct P.O. Box number is 3422. There have been several versions of this flyer included in the Accents over the last few months with incorrect information. The next committee meeting will be held on March 25th. They are ahead of schedule with regards to the guidelines provided by our Area, Back-to-Basics housings, availability is our focus at this time.

Post-Conference, Hector (D53): I have flyers on the table for post-conference.

Everything is ready including food. The hotels are on the back. No hotel discounts because graduation is in May.

Mini PRAASA, Robert (D17): Lodging arrangements made. Jose is helping with our meeting and planning. Winter Assembly, Curtis (D22): They haven't done anything. Will have more to report at next ACM.

Old Business - GSR Scholarship Fund: Motion to amend the 2027 spending plan that would include a scholarship fund that would fund GSRs and DCM members to attend the three general assemblies in person and it would cover 50% of expenses to attend and would set aside a budget of \$3,000 per year.

Treasurer, Drew mentioned that last year we had a \$400 surplus of leftover funds at the end of the year. Where is the money going to come from and we would need to think which other programs get cut to support this motion.

Scotty- thinks this is good for those who cannot attend due to lack of funds, are we taking the money from other budgets?

D22 Grass Valley DCM- stated that he is not in favor of this motion because there should be funds set aside to assist the GSRs and DCM to attend the area assemblies.

Tom- asked how come the past delegates were not included in the motion and the finance committee has not even discussed or considered.

Christine- Financial issues shouldn't stop GSRs and DCMs from able to participate in area meetings. Each district should have funds available to send their DCM to Area Assemblies. Splitting the cost of travel with district GSRs could also help with cutting costs.

Motion to postpone until next meeting in June

New Business: No new items added

CNIA.org Tour: The new Webmaster conducted a overview of the CNIA website for new DCMs and Alt DCMs to see how to get and collect information that they need for assemblies, conferences, new GSRs and other events.

PRAASA Sharing Session: There was a discussion from Area Officers and GSRs, DCMs to provide their experiences that they had from attending the PRASSA Conference in Hawaii.

There are many areas that are using AI to take meeting minutes and use it for their business minutes.

Rural communities are experiencing accessibility to AA area meetings and AA meetings. People in Alaska have experienced that alcohol was more accessible than AA.

GSR Reports:

Robert G, GSR for Visalia Freedom Fellowship group. About 40 min attendance usually.

Gary B. GSR for Springville Gut Level group said he was the new GSR for his group.

Patrick P., GSR for the Prospecting for Nuggets group in Tulare. Patrick said he was the new GSR for that group. Patrick also said he was willing to step into the now vacant office of District 47 recording secretary.

Old Business: None

New Business: Funding was approved for DCM registration and travel expenses to the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 18th -19th in Yuba City (\$359. 55).

Announcements:.

- Pre-Conference Assembly Registration is open April 18-19 2026, Yuba City CA (see flier for registration and hotel reservations at cna.org).
- Founders Day Picnic planning meeting on April 14th at Central Office 5-6PM
- Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting Sunday April 12, 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