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# COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2026

January 25, 2026

April 26, 2026

July 26, 2026

October 25, 2026

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Jan. 25, 2026

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

**January 25, 2026**  
11:00 AM Pacific Time

Join Meeting by ZOOM:  
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## From the NorCal Chair

Greetings Fellow Committee Members,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season, however you chose to spend it.

As we reflect on 2025, I hope you can all take a moment to celebrate the contributions you've made—both to this committee and within your local areas. This past November, I had the privilege of joining Karen and Jeff in Nashville, TN for the National Corrections Conference. I was truly humbled and honored to be a part of that experience. Hearing from members across the country—those sharing successes as well as those seeking guidance on how to better serve their areas—was incredibly meaningful.

It made me especially proud to be part of the Northern California H&I Committee, where this service was born in 1942. Listening to panel discussions about how different areas are carrying the message into institutions reinforced for me that our committee is on the right path. We continue to do our very best to bring meetings and literature into the facilities we serve, and it shows.

As we move into the new year, there will likely be a fair amount of service rotation at both the area and committee levels. My hope is that we continue to support, welcome, and guide new members stepping into service commitments. I know from personal experience that without the smiles, encouragement, and support of those who came before me, I would not be where I am today—or able to serve as your current chair.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and contributions. The IVSS program continues to grow, and literature remains our largest—and one of our most important—committee expenses. To me, that simply means what we are doing is working.

I look forward to sharing more with you at the January Business Meeting and to seeing what this year brings for all of us and the service we provide.

In service,

Joe N.  
Chair, Northern California H&I Committee



## H&I ANNUAL PINK CAN REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP – FYE 2025

The Hospital & Institution Committee of Northern California is a Ninth Tradition service committee of Alcoholics Anonymous with the purpose of carrying the message of A.A. to those who are confined in prisons, hospitals, treatment facilities, and other institutions. NorCal H&I has been carrying the A.A. message of recovery to confined alcoholics dating to its origins in 1942 at San Quentin State Prison and is one of the oldest Ninth Tradition service committees of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Northern California H&I supports more than 27,400 meetings *each year*, serving approximately 20 major state and federal institutions plus hundreds of local jails, hospitals, rehabs, and other community facilities. Unlike in most areas of the country, the NorCal H&I Committee incorporates service to both treatment AND corrections facilities, allowing a simple path for volunteers to move through different service commitments, as well as the ability to distribute our resources across the spectrum of facilities and institutions for confined alcoholics. Additionally, we make sponsorship services available to hundreds of inmates confined in state prisons.

Those who are confined often don't have the resources to buy AA literature, so the Pink Can, with your contributions, covers this cost. Unlike other areas of the country which don't have separately funded H&I committees, in Northern CA the use of the Pink Cans allows us to purchase literature necessary to our service without placing the burden of this expense on the local groups, Central Office, or General Service Committees.

In the period ending December 2025 NorCal H&I incurred \$539,712.18 of literature expenses for the use of the alcoholic who is confined. Despite lingering shutdowns, we were still able to distribute literature, including AAWS books, Grapevine / LaViña magazines and books, and meeting schedules to our facilities. These essential categories comprise 87.7% of NorCal H&I's total 2025 expenses; 5% of our expenses is allocated to help the Areas in performing the work of our committee while the remaining 7.3% covers our operating costs. Additionally, we pay for neither an office nor salaries for service committee workers, thus enabling us to dedicate such a large portion of our contributions to literature for the confined alcoholic. We publish our Financial Report online monthly in order to be accountable to our Fellowship for these and all other expenses.

The Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee has for many years been one of the largest purchasers of literature from AAWS, contributing significantly to the support of our General Service Office in New York. No H&I members are ever paid for their Twelfth Step service, nor are they reimbursed for expenses incurred carrying the message into these institutions, regardless of the distance. Some H&I volunteers drive well over 200 miles for a weekly or monthly institution meeting - these travel expenses are a personal contribution of the individual.

The H&I Committee is adamant that the contributions so generously made to our Pink Cans in no way detract from the Seventh Tradition collections of the groups. We therefore ask that the Pink Cans be passed separately from and after the baskets to avoid subtracting from support of the Seventh Tradition, and we encourage all members to remove the cans from the baskets if they are being passed together. Many groups have had success in passing the collections at different times, for example passing the basket at the regular time and passing the Pink Cans at the end of the meetings. An online payment option is also available from our website at <https://www.handinorcal.org/contribute> where you can get a receipt as soon as the transaction is processed.

We are humbly grateful for the generous contributions, both financial and in service, of the AA members of Northern CA who make our mission possible, and especially for the cooperation of our fellow service committees through-out the area. **Without this loving support, tens of thousands of confined alcoholics simply would not have access to the lifesaving message of A.A.**

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.handinorcal.org](https://www.handinorcal.org) or write to the Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee. P.O. Box 192490, San Francisco, CA. 94119-2490.



## Letter of Gratitude for H&I

Getting into AA I was always drawn to service from the start. I began as a coffee maker and did what most of us do and just tried everything. I spent my time on the overnight phone lines, got involved in General Service and always seemed to hold a commitment at the meetings I was attending. It was natural that H&I work was going to come at some point. I started with juvenile detention centers at first, which was a lot of fun trying to just plant the seeds to kids that were going down the same path I was, with just way more consequences. I ended up doing a short time at the fire camp in Soledad where I was struck with the guys we met. Seeing the fear of leaving the institution they were in only to go back home to what they have always known really had an impact on sharing our message. There was a feeling he knew exactly what was going to happen when he left and without any program that might have been the case. Alcoholic or not, we have a program that will hopefully not allow people to end up back in institutions and live happy lives inside or out.

When I began my time at CTF Soledad in 2016 I found that I was in meetings with the guys I used to hang out with while I was out there. Fortunately, I didn't end up where they ended up, but if there was just a small change here or there, I could be one of the guys in blue. As we started going more and more, getting to know the guys and now sharing the message and the program with them we started to see changes. Guys inside sponsoring each other, being of service and changing their minds and behaviors for the best. Many old lifelong conceptions that the guys had started to fall away due to practicing the program and adopting our principles in their life. To be a very small part of this has been the most amazing thing in life. To watch a fellowship of AA grow up in front of my very eyes, with all the ups and downs, is priceless. Finally, I am beyond grateful to see guys take these principles, go to the board, get released and end up back in society as productive members as well as some of my closest friends. Who knew I had to go to prison to get an experience like this, but for those that do work inside the wall you all understand and I hope that those that haven't given it a shot.

In Love and Service,  
Alex S.

CTF Soledad Chair



# OPEN POSITIONS - NORCAL H&I

The following positions for our Northern California committee are currently open. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in stepping up and filling these openings, you'll be making our committee both more effective and more representative. See our Policy Manual for the complete position descriptions, and *if you're interested or have any questions, please contact our General Chair.*

## Committee Chairs/Officers

*Execute the operations of the Committee.*

- ◊ Co-Chair
- ◊ H&I Conference Chair

- ◊ Literature Chair

## Regional Chairs

*Acts in support capacity to Area Chairs within the region...*

Region 01 - Far North Coastal – OPEN	Region 10 - Far North Interior – OPEN
Region 30 – Northern Interior – OPEN	Region 70 – Southern Coastal – OPEN
Region 50 - East Bay - OPEN	Region 90- Far East Interior - OPEN

## Area Chairs

*Have overall responsibility for the H&I operations in the areas in which they serve...*

Area 12 Lassen – OPEN    Area 44 Amador - OPEN    Area 95 Kings - OPEN

## Major Institutions Coordinators

*Have overall responsibility for all H&I meetings in the Major Facility which they serve...*

FCI Herlong (HER) – OPEN    FCI Mendota (MEN) – OPEN    SCC Jamestown – OPEN  
SVSP Soledad - OPEN    USP Atwater (ATW)-OPEN

## IVSS Coordinators

*If you'd like to support opening this service in an Institution near you, please contact the IVSS Chair*

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**NORCAL COMMITTEE AGENDA****January 25, 2026****OPEN MEETING with the Serenity Prayer****READINGS:**

- Purpose of the Hospital & Institution Committee
- Twelve Traditions of AA

**INTRODUCTIONS / WELCOME****APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST COMMITTEE MEETING****OFFICER REPORTS:**

1. General Chair: Joe N.	10. Pink Can Coordinator: Peter M.
2. General Co-Chair: Vacant	11. Policy Chair: Penny C.
3. Treasurer: Joyce Rauen	12. Audio Media Chair: Jeremiah P.
<b>• APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>	
4. Secretary: Lynn D.	13. Archives Chair: Julio B.
5. Major Institutions Chair: Jeff L.	14. Public Information Chair: Melody T.
6. IVSS Chair: Karen C.	15. Grapevine Chair: Bob F.
7. Finance Committee Chair: Heidi O.	16. Publisher: Jude H.
8. NCCAA Conf. Coordinator: Karen B.	17. Spanish Comm. Chair: Martin L.
9. Literature Chair: Kelly B.	18. Website Chair: Thom H.

**LIAISON & SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. VATF: Jeff L.	4. NCCAA (as req. by NCCAA Chair): Karen B.
2. H&I Liaison to CNCA: James C.	5. SoCal H&I Liaison: James C.
3. H&I Liaison to CNIA: Vikki R.	6. Guest Reports:

**BREAK****COMMITTEE BUSINESS SCHEDULE**

- Annual Form II Submission Updates
- 2026 Literature Order Form Updated
- Pink Can Letter Changes and Timing of Policy Manual Changes
- Open Committee Positions
  - Literature Chair
  - General Co-Chair

**DISCUSSION TOPIC FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR**

- April 26th Committee Meeting Hybrid Meeting hosted by Area 23 Lake County.

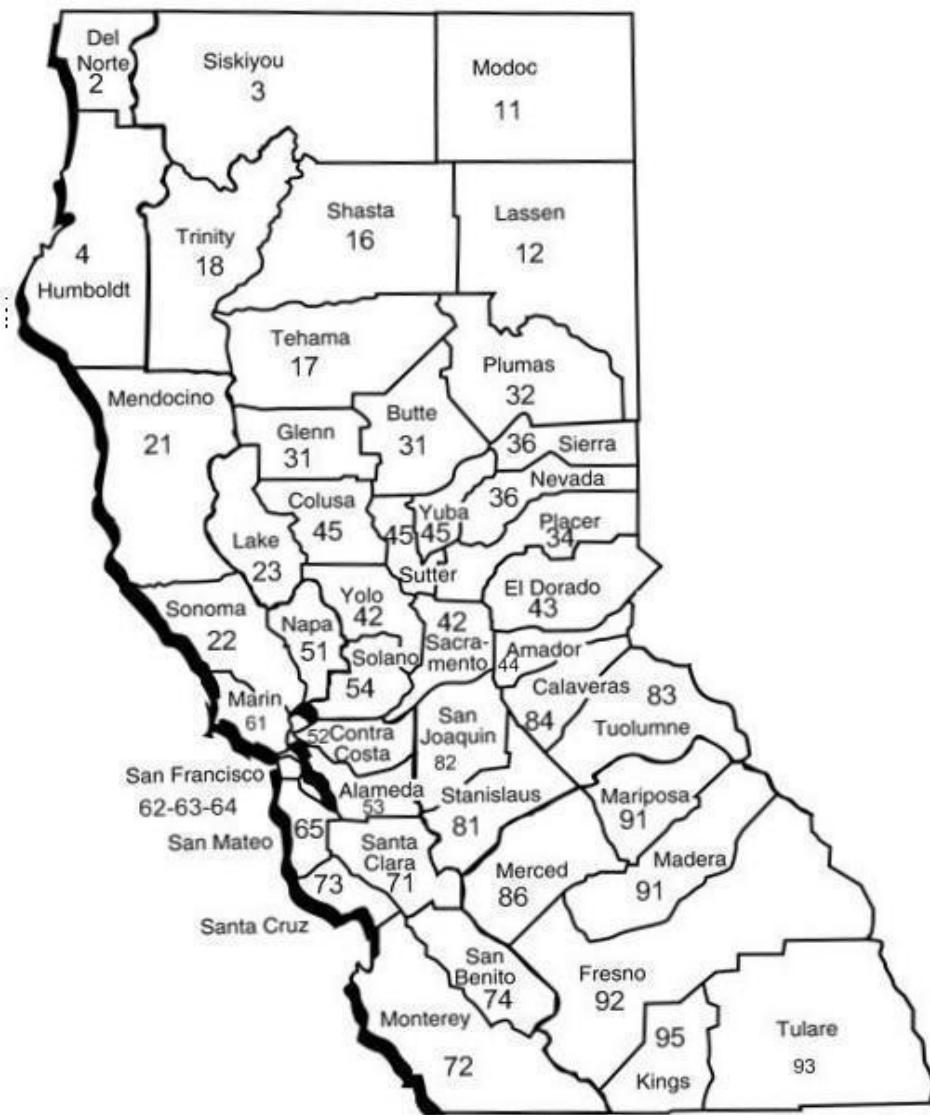
**OPEN FORUM – HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?** Questions, suggestions, or comments from the floor**ANNIVERSARIES****CLOSE MEETING with Declaration of Responsibility**

*Please send a brief written copy of your report to our Recording Secretary*





## **Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee Regions and Areas**



**Region 01 - Far North Coastal**  
Areas: 2, 3, 4

**Region 10 - Far North Interior**  
Areas: 11, 12

**Region 15 - Lower Far North Interior**  
Areas: 16, 17, 18

**Region 20 - Northern Coastal**  
Areas: 021, 22, 23

**Region 30 - Northern Interior**  
Areas: 31, 32, 34, 36

**Region 40 - Central Interior**  
Areas: 42, 43, 44, 45

**Region 50 - East Bay**  
Areas: 51, 52, 53, 54

**Region 60 - West Bay**  
Areas: 61, 62, 65

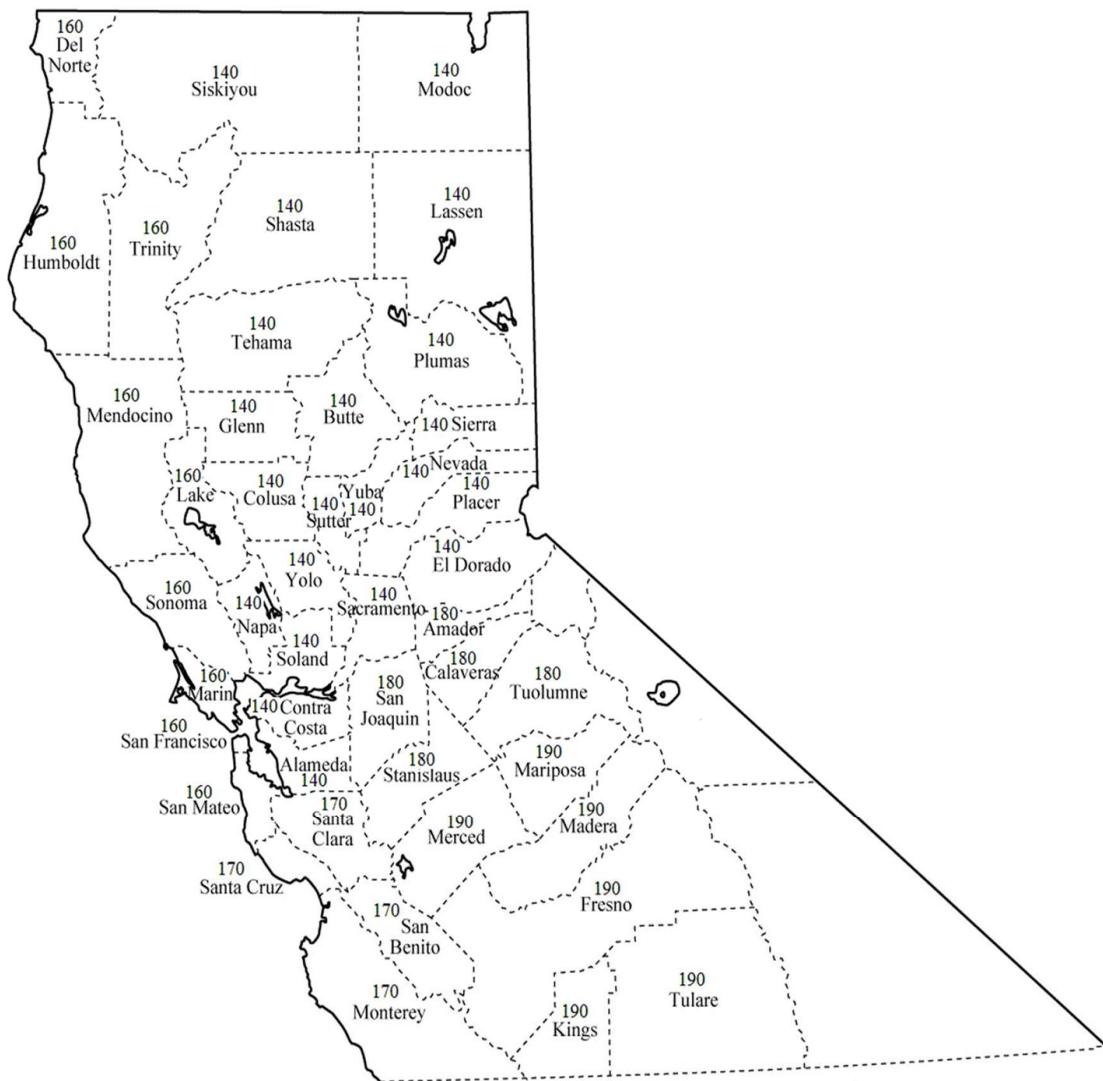
**Region 70 - Southern Coastal**  
Areas: 71, 72, 73, 74

**Region 80 - Southern Interior**  
Areas: 81, 82, 83, 84, 86

**Region 90 - Far Southern Interior**  
Areas: 91, 92, 93, 95



## Comité de Hospitales e Instituciones del Norte de California



Región		Reunión de negocios
140	Spanish North Interior (Sacramento)	4th Thursday of the month 7:00 to 9:00pm 5625 24 <sup>th</sup> St, Sacramento, CA 95822
160	Spanish North Coastal (San Francisco)	2nd Friday of Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov at 7:00pm 3401 Cesar Chavez St. Suite C, San Francisco, CA 94110
160	Area 161 Sonoma	Last Friday of the month, 7:00 pm 5959 Commerce Blvd, Unit 18, Rohnert Park, CA 94928
170	Spanish South Coastal (Salinas)	3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm 216 Gavilan St. Suite 215, Salinas CA 93901
180	Spanish Central Interior (Modesto)	1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 to 8:30pm 100 Carver Rd. Suite 7, Modesto, CA 95350-4787
190	Spanish South Interior (Fresno)	1st Monday of the month 7:00 to 8:30pm 520 N Fulton St, Fresno, CA 93728

Norcal H&I COMMITTEE MINUTES October 26, 2025

**Opening:** Joe N. opened the meeting at 11:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Purpose Statement:** Penny C. read the H&I Purpose Statement and Julio B. read the short form of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

<b>Zoom:</b>	
Jennifer B.	Jim L.
Julio B.	Jeff L.
Kelly B.	Amy M.
Karen B.	Peter M.
James C.	Claudia N.
Penny C.	Joe N., Chair
Karen C.	Heidi O.
Annetta D.	Jeremiah P.
Lynn D.	Joyce R.
Mark F.	Miki S.
Alley G.	Cecilia S.
Victoria H.	Maxie V.
Bill H.	
Jude H.	
Andrew K.	
John K.	
	<i>Interpreter: Manuel G.</i>

**Attendance at Committee Meetings:**

2024	2025
01/28: 38 (8 in person)	01/26: 38 (6 in person)
04/28: 34 (6 in person)	04/27: 39 (4 in person)
07/28: 39 (10 in person)	07/27: 28 (5 in person)
10/27: 41 (3 in person)	10/26: 28 (0 in person)

Joe N. shared voter eligibility: Area Chairs, Regional Chairs, NorCal committee chair, co-chair, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Literature Chair, Pink Can Coordinator, Grapevine Chair, Policy Chair, Public Information Chair, Audio-Media Chair, Archives Chair, NCCAA Conference Coordinator, Publisher, Website Chair, Spanish Communications Chair, Major Institutions Chair and Coordinators, IVSS Chair and Coordinators, Finance Committee Chair.

The above committee members are invited to comment on any new and unfinished business. Our Open Forum is available for anyone present to make comments, ask questions or bring up a topic.

**AGENDA (preliminary draft published in October 2025 newsletter):** Committee members are asked to request agenda topics in writing prior to the meeting so we can add to the published new business agenda. A



committee member may also bring up a new topic in the open forum discussion portion of the meeting, but this will likely delay consideration and action.

Two changes I would like to make are

1. Under Unfinished Business in the Agenda, I should have listed all Committee members I wish to reappoint, but I will list them out when we get to that part of our Unfinished Business today.
2. The third bullet point under New Business has been withdrawn by its maker and will therefore be removed from the Agenda.

- **Review and approve agenda** published in October 2025 newsletter (as revised):
  - Motion to approve: **Miki S.**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Jeff L.**
  - Approved= 100%
- **Review and approve July 2025 minutes** published in October 2025 newsletter:
  - Motion to approve: **Miki S.**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Kelly B.**
  - Approved = 100%

## Officer Reports

### **General Chair, Joe N.**

I am humbled and honored to serve as the new Chair of this Committee. I look forward to working alongside all of you. I know I may miss a few things in my first report, so ask for your patience as I get my bearings.

I want to first thank Julio Barba for his dedicated service as Chair over the past couple of years. I am grateful that our strong Committee includes him, as well as other past Chairs, who I know I can turn to for guidance as needed.

Today I am going to ask for your approval of my Committee appointments. Most members are being re-appointed, and I apologize if that was not clear on the Agenda. One position currently open is NorCal **Literature Chair**. **Kelly B.** has graciously agreed to stay on until we find the right person to fill that role. If you are interested – or know anyone who might be interested – please reach out to Kelly or me. You can refer to our Policy and Procedures Manual for details on terms, qualifications, and responsibilities for this position.

Please review the Region and Area Chair reports sent out digitally before this meeting. As a reminder, we will not be highlighting them individually today; it's strongly recommended that you read them on your own. During the Open Forum, Region and Area Chairs may bring forward any issues or topics for discussion or advice.

Today we will also vote on the 2026 Budget, and I want to thank the Finance Committee for their hard work on developing a realistic plan for the coming year. A few key items to note involve literature and newsletter expenses. I would like to remind everyone to revisit our Policy and Procedures Manual regarding ordering H&I Literature, especially with regard to stockpiling and Grapevine purchases. Let's ask ourselves if we are ordering more literature than what is truly needed. And for newcomers, is it more important to start with the Big Book and 12&12 rather than a wide variety of other materials? These are important questions to consider so we can better understand why literature expenses have increased. There is no right or wrong answer, but an open discussion will help us to clarify our actual needs and keep costs reasonable. Our goal is to see that literature is distributed fairly, ensuring all Areas are providing sufficient books to carry the message, but not placing an undue burden on our resources.



Over the past few years, donations have remained steady or even increased. Yet literature expenses have continued to rise. With better communication and understanding of our policies, we can manage these costs more effectively by keeping things simple.

You will also notice a decrease in next year's Budget for hard copy Newsletter production. Last year, we introduced an option for members to go digital or to continue receiving mailed copies. While some responded, we did not receive enough feedback to make a clear transition. Starting with the January 2026 issue, the Newsletter will be available digitally and on the NorCal website. Hard copies will be mailed only upon specific request. We hope that members who prefer paper can print the digital version themselves.

It's that time again for Region and Area Chairs and Major Institution Coordinators to submit annual Form II's. This serves as our annual census of NorCal-sponsored meetings, giving us a snapshot of the number and types of facilities where meetings are held; the number of volunteers involved; and the estimated meeting attendance. This data supports our transparency, accountability, literature planning, and annual budgeting. It is especially relevant to tracking our literature expenditures. Please remember that Spanish regions are also included in this process. It is essential that we collect complete information to meet everyone's needs. Form II submissions are due **by November 30**. If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out. Remember: H&I Literature will only be provided to Areas and Institutions that have completed their 2025 Form II's. You can find forms on our website or contact me for assistance.

Thank you all for your service and commitment to showing up to this meeting. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

**General Co-Chair, OPEN.**

**Treasurer, Joyce R.**

First I would like to thank Annetta D. from Area 52 for inviting me to attend their workshop and provide information on our financial standing. This was a great time to fellowship with other people that are interested in this, and it gave me an opportunity to see some of my long-time friends on the Committee, like Peter, Ken, Julio and Karen in person. I also got an opportunity to find out what people want to know about our financial situation.

We continue to be in a Neutral financial position as we remain \$19,760.84 below our recommended 6-month prior year expenses. To explain: Poor financial position is when our combined cash on hand/prudent reserve drop 1-month prior year expenses (\$53,564.60) into our 6-month recommendation; Sound financial position is when our combined cash on hand/prudent reserve is  $\frac{1}{2}$  month prior year expenses (\$26,782.30) above our 6-month recommendation; Neutral is anywhere in the middle. We have been approximately \$25,000 +/- into our recommended 6-month recommendation since 2023 due to facilities reopening after Covid causing literature expenses to exceed income.

As of September 30, 2025, our Area Contributions are 2.8% above last year while our literature expense is 1% above last year. This year in comparison to the same period in 2019 (which was our last year before Covid and one of our best years ever), we are 1% ahead in income and 1% above in literature expense. Since we are safely back to pre-covid numbers, as a committee we can now make sound financial decisions to make up our shortfall and live within our means as provided by our fellowship. In all the financial reports, I mention to share this information with our fellowship. It is our hope that those that are passing the pink cans and sending in contributions will continue to do so. We are incredibly blessed to have the budget we do as to date we have purchased \$431,474.03 in literature alone along with supporting our committee business and our Areas.

In the budget presentation later in this meeting, our Finance Chair will present some areas in which we can cut back minimally to bring our numbers back in line. Some thoughts on what we can do at the Area level:



- Beginning in October, I will be sending the “Literature Recap by Area” report out with the Financial Statement. This report shows the per meeting cost per Area. We want to be around \$25.00/meeting. This will help Area Chairs plan literature orders accordingly.
- We have had groups contacting us through the website to get pink cans. It would be helpful if Area Chairs can have Pink Cans on hand and possibly have your Central Office (Intergroup) keep some to make them readily available for groups.
- Encourage volunteers to pay attention if the Pink Can is not being passed at the meetings they are attending, and encourage them ask if the group would consider passing the Pink Can.
- Make sure that Areas are only purchasing literature for Area Meetings that are included on the Form 2 (making sure to include any Spanish meetings in your Area and get literature for those also). Major Institutions should be placing literature orders under their Institution.
- Share with your Area’s Fellowship how much literature you are distributing at your meetings. Our Financial Reports show how much is contributed by Area, but it does not show how much comes back to the Area in the form of literature.
- A section has been added to the Financial Report which shows our Cash in Bank in relation to our 6-month prior year expenses recommendation. This relates back to the explanation of our Financial Position designation. Also added is the percentage of literature expense versus total expense which at year end will match the number on the Pink Can Letter.

There are a few Areas who have not cashed their 5% Area Checks. Checks that have not been cashed by December 20, 2025, will have a stop payment placed. Prior to sending checks in 2026, these Areas will be contacted to ensure proper delivery of the check. If at any time I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at [treasurernorcalhandi@gmail.com](mailto:treasurernorcalhandi@gmail.com).

#### **July, August, September 2025 Finance Statement(s) Approval** (in October 2025 newsletter)

- Approved = 100%

#### **Recording Secretary, Lynn D.**

Thank you for getting your reports to me on time.

#### **Major Institutions Chair, Jeff L.**

I want to give a shout-out to CHCF Stockton coordinators Melody T. (CHCF Stockton), Josh S. (CSP Sacramento) and Frank D. (FCI Mendota). These places were dark, and now they are not. Mendota is conducting meetings, CSP Sacramento received approval but hasn’t started yet; and CHCF Stockton is starting up again. I’m inspired by reading Institution reports, because I know how much work goes into doing that position. These are big commitments, and everybody does a super job.

MCSP Mule Creek is trying to expand the program. If anyone wants to see the magic of this Committee in Institutions – especially alongside the IVSS program – I suggest you contact Alex S. and participate in the next conference inside Soledad or Speaker Jam. There will be another one on November 8. I was cleared to go in, but they changed dates, and I’ll be in Nashville with Karen and Joe doing the National Corrections Conference.

I also want to shout out to the new Area 72 Chair Mark F. – thank you for being here. I know there was some turmoil in Monterey County getting the position filled, and I appreciate you stepping out.

**IVSS Chair, Karen C.**

The Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service is the H&I program to provide outside one-on-one sponsorship to confined alcoholics, primarily those in state prisons. We're currently serving 8 prisons in Northern CA. As of 9/30/2025 we have 198 inside members who have applied (up 12%) and 158 have sponsors (up 10%).

Breakdown of facilities:

- SQ remains our dominant facility and Maxie V, our most senior Coordinator has achieved his long-term goal of 100 inside members served. He feels the increase in sponsees is the result of higher attendance at the H&I meetings we bring in, where we can get more apps to the inmates. He was also interviewed for an article on the service for the A53 Intergroup newsletter.
- CTF Soledad is holding steady at 19 assigned members. We expect to begin the transfer to our new Coordinator, Gareth Maher, current A62 Chair, at the beginning of 2026.
- SATF/Cor/Avenal complex of 3 facilities now has 33 assigned sponsees, a terrific increase of almost 75%. Bill continues to spread the IVSS word at events & the weekly International Corrections meeting.
- CCWF has increased to 16 assigned sponsees and Leigh Ann has identified and resolved a problem with receiving apps at the post office, so hopefully we'll begin to see more of an increase in sponsee applications there. She will be giving a presentation of the service at the workshop Melody is putting on.
- SVSP only has 1 assigned sponsee due to the fact that we're not currently bringing H&I meetings into the institution, so we can't hand out brochures. Dave is continuing to sponsor until the roadblock clears.
- FSP – 1st orientation scheduled for 10/29, after which we'll distribute brochures on inside with the help of Jamie Woodward and her team. We're bringing Mike Lasmen on in the trial position of Co-Coordinator and perhaps see if we can split the duties, so the position isn't so time-consuming.

Our video project continues to move forward on time; we expect to have all modules completed by the end of 2025. At the next NorCal mtg in January I should be able to give you a YouTube link where you can view the videos. This will be huge asset both for our committee and interested committees across the country.

The 8<sup>th</sup> National Corrections Conference is being held in Nashville in 2 weeks, Joe, Jeff and I will be attending. I'll cover IVSS and I've arranged a display of materials and info for the hospitality room. I've recently been in contact with the Coordinator at Indiana Women's Prison, who is starting the service there.

In closing, as always, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Most of our facilities are held back only b/c we don't want to hand out brochures when we know we don't have volunteers available. I'll send out the regular mass email after this meeting with the recruiting flyer, requesting the assistance of all Area Chairs and Regionals to support our efforts. Please distribute it as widely as you can, as outside members from anywhere can sponsor an inside member electronically and our primary resource of volunteers is from current volunteers and those we can get from the Areas.

**Finance Committee Chair, Kelly B.** Under new business, I'll present the 2026 Budget.

**NCCAA Conference Coordinator & NCCAA Liaison, Karen B.** – see attached Flyer

The NCCAA (Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous) Steering Committee meeting is today at 1:30pm, so I will be leaving early to attend.

The next conference is **March 20-22, 2026** at the San Ramon Marriott in San Ramon CA. On Saturday Morning at that conference, we will have our H&I Panel as well as a table.



Also, on Saturday morning at the Delegates meeting there will be an election for a new chairperson. The next conference will be in Fresno **October 8-10, 2026**.

Today we will be discussing the upcoming chairperson election, and perhaps instituting conference pricing based on the area where the conference is being held.

### Literature Chair, Kelly B.

I want to talk a bit about the ordering process, and how important it is for me to be able to get new Literature Chair information from the Area Chairs. Area Chairs really need to let me know when there is a new Literature Chair in their Area. I've had some requests from people I don't know requesting literature, and I want to be sure these people are on board. When I ask the person who their Area Chair is, they say they do not know. This is concerning for me and I'm not sure how to handle this situation.

The other important point I would like to make is that it is time for Policies and Procedures manuals to be mailed out to Area Chairs and other Committee members. I would like to be sure all names and addresses are correct on the roster. I believe Bruce A. (Registrar) is responsible for updating this information. I do not want to get things mailed back to me.

Form II's are available on the website, and it's important that we receive completed forms from Area Chairs by November 30. I will not send literature out if we haven't received a Form II. There have been several facilities who tell me there are more meetings and therefore need more literature. To have the correct information on our monthlies that show how much per meeting per month, we need accurate Form II's. This includes Spanish language community.

### Pink Can Coordinator, Peter M.

As of today, we have 260 pink cans and 73 lid stickers to be used on older cans that do not have the contribution info. If you need stickers, please contact me and I'll send.

Over the past couple of months, I received 250 new pink cans, put the slits on all the lids and placed labels on them.

### Policy Chair, Penny C.

The 2025 Policy Manuals are completed and being printed. Hopefully they will be sent to Kelly Bennett from the printer at the end of next week. Kelly will distribute. If you have any ideas for the 2026 Policy Manuals, please email me at [penelopestew60@gmail.com](mailto:penelopestew60@gmail.com).

Audio/Media Chair Jeremiah P. Thank you to Joe for spending time with me a couple of days ago to show me around the system.

### Archivist/Historian Chair Julio B.

In the October newsletter we published a short paper from a talk in 1982 by Jim Estelle, who passed away recently. It's an interesting letter that goes over the history of the spread of AA groups in prisons throughout the country, particularly in Texas, where he ended up serving as the Director of the Department of Corrections until his retirement. He was also involved in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for many years prior to that. Jim Estelle was a big supporter of H&I and promoter of AA in both federal and state prisons.



### Public Information Chair **Melody T.**

**Grapevine Chair, Bob F.**: N/A – Joe and Julio to follow up with Bob Free, who has not attended this quarterly meeting.

### Publisher Chair Julio B. / Jude H.

Things are going well. Hopefully those of you who received the printed copy of our newsletter noticed the cool new binding, which is a style improvement. Please be sure your contact information is correct on the roster. In every issue of the newsletter, we publish the NorCal roster (without physical addresses). Every time you receive the newsletter, please look at your listing on the roster to be sure your name, position, phone number and email address is correct. If your address or position changes, please notify the Registrar **Bruce A.** His contact info is on the roster.

Those who switch from receiving the paper to electronic newsletter save us about \$20 per year. If you can live with the electronic copy, please let us know. Finally, on the Agenda is our nomination of **Jude H.** as the Publisher. She in fact published the last two newsletters and has required little to no help from me at all.

### Spanish Communications Chair, Martin L.

Julio B. spoke with Martin. He is translating the surveys for the website transition. Martin is currently ill, but on the mend.

### Website/Audio Chair, Thom H.

Julio B.: At the last Committee meeting there was a vote to rebuild the website onto a WordPress platform. The rationale is that our current Web Chair (Thom Hickey) built the website by coding from scratch and over time has built it out and maintained it. However, the programming language used is not commonly known among people who manage websites currently. We concluded it's a risk to our Committee to have website functionality dependent upon one person with Thom's fairly unusual high-level skills. Thom has done an amazing job and given us a lifetime guarantee for the website. But out of caution, we want to migrate to a platform more people can manage.

We are beginning with two surveys. We'll email a link to one survey to everyone on the roster, asking for feedback, suggestions and recommendations. The other survey will be posted on the landing page of the website and consists of just a couple quick questions to get a sense of why people are visiting the site. We looked at some data analytics on the website, to get a sense of what pages people are looking at. We love the site now, but it could be more user-friendly. By next month we'll have more info.

### Registrar, Bruce A.

Julio B: I want to remind everyone that if you are new to this committee or if your position, address or other contact info has changed – please notify our registrar **Bruce A.** The roster is published in the last few pages of the newsletter, so please check your entry to be sure the information is correct. It is important that we have the most updated information on everyone serving on this committee.

### Liaison Reports:

**VATF, Sacramento Jeff L.**: No luck contacting anyone. Only time I was able to attend meeting at Mule Creek was with Mike Kelly. Would like to talk with Cecelia Strange after this meeting.

### H&I Liaison To CNCA, James C.

The bulk of the reports the last 2 months have been focused on their inventories—group



inventories, area inventories, and district inventories. A move has been made to include ASL at post-conference assemblies as standard practice, and the announcement I made about the Forum coming up in January for deaf AA members was received with applause as it is aligned with their push for inclusion for all who are perceived to have been marginalized over the years—the forum to be held January 17, 2026 and more information can be found at [www.deafaa.org](http://www.deafaa.org). Inclusion and safety are two topics that are mentioned in almost all reports, with sharing sessions at monthly meetings. It has been noted that the Grapevine continues to struggle financially though it has improved over the last year, and even only if a small percentage of members or groups were to obtain a subscription, the situation would be solved. It was stated that a 5th Edition of the Big Book would likely be out by the time of their next convention. A request was made by CNCA 06 for a public information service that could be nationwide and in Canada's service structure with a QR code to convey a simple and consistent message about AA's primary purpose.

My reports to CNCA mentioned: Our IVSS program, stating it is going very well and we are actively seeking those who would sponsor someone in prisons, with an emphasis on needing Spanish-speaking volunteers as well as the opening of Mendota Federal Prison to H&I. I mentioned an invitation to attend the Special Forum for Deaf AA members and provided contact information for this online forum. I mentioned we are changing platforms for our NorCal website. I invited comments and suggestions.

General questions submitted by area members: I continue to have enquiries about the possibility of a Spanish translation of the PLBB, and if something like this is a possibility.

#### **H&I Liaison to CNIA, Karen B. N/A**

#### **H&I Liaison to SoCal, James C.**

The SoCal committee is gearing up for elections in November in which a new Coordinator, Co-coordinator, and Policy Chair will be elected. A mention was made of the money to be sent to NorCal H&I for the conference the two of them facilitated, last month it was agreed upon to get information where to send the money, and this month the Chair stated it had been handled. No other information was given. There was continuation of discussing ways in which they can better serve the Spanish-speaking community. They are continuing to discuss the need for better communication with the administration of the jails and other institutions such as prisons and stated they are making progress on finding ways to offer something like our IVSS program. They are continuing to discuss ways to place QR codes on their literature that direct people to their website, or to a specific program on their website. There was information about a national database for Bridging the Gap and using this resource to contribute to their own partnership with BTG and more accurately reflect the status of their success rates in their Contact on Release committee.

My reports to SoCal H&I included a general statement of our current financial status, I made a pitch for the IVSS program, stating it is going very well and we are actively seeking those who would sponsor someone in prisons, with an emphasis on needing Spanish-speaking volunteers. I mentioned an invitation to attend the Special Forum for Deaf AA members and provided contact information for this online forum. I mentioned we are changing platforms for our NorCal website. I invited comments and suggestions.

#### **Liaison from SoCal to NorCal, Nikki J.**

I love all NorCal reports re: prisons. We don't have many in SoCal other than Chino and a few others, all going well. Locally here in Coachella Valley, our Central Office is not receiving donations as it used to, so prudent reserve is low. The price of literature has gone up; not sure if this is the reason for fewer donations. I would like to report on one of our success stories. In 2011 I met a man at Chino Prison; he was locked up for 27 years. While in Chino he got a BA in Psychology, and became a drug and alcohol counselor in the prison. He attributes his success to H&I for this incredible change in his life.

H&I SoCal has seen an increase in detox centers and treatment centers. Orange County H&I does more work with the prisons. A prison in Blythe closed, and I believe another one will close soon. Since the pandemic, it's been difficult for H&I to get back into the prisons. Also, the introduction of electronic pads has replaced some of the in-person work done in the past. Thank you to Karen Czujko for mentioning that IVSS members do not need to be in Northern CA to sponsor through the IVSS program, so I'll get the word out about that.



## **Claudia N. Alt delegate CNCA & PICPC Chair**

Thank you to all for great work. Event coming up next Saturday is Fall Assembly or Area Inventory. California Northern Coastal Area 06 covers CA-Oregon border to Monterey, and we are taking our own (actually everyone else is taking) our inventory. Two items of business include:

1. Supporting Area 93 to make a safety training video.
2. Voting to reconsider an old business item regarding Public Information and QR codes to inform the Public about Alcoholics Anonymous.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. **Open Finance Committee Member #2.** One-year term. Qualifications: Hold position on NorCal Committee. Have minimum of five years continuous sobriety. Three years of active Committee work. Some knowledge of financial and/or accounting procedures is required. Third Legacy Procedure: **Karen C.** is available. H&I NorCal Committee poll: 99% yes to Karen Czujko to be Finance Committee Member.
2. **Open Finance Committee Member #3.** One-year term. Qualifications: Hold position on NorCal Committee. Have minimum of five years continuous sobriety. Three years of active Committee work. Some knowledge of financial and/or accounting procedures is required. Third Legacy Procedure: **Jeff L.** is available. H&I NorCal Committee poll: 100% yes.

## **Chair Re-Appointments:**

Treasurer – Joyce R.

Secretary – Lynn D.

Major Institutions Chair – Jeff L.

IVSS Chair – Karen C.

NCCAA Conference Coordinator – Karen B.

Literature Chair – Kelly B. staying on for now

Pink Can Coordinator – Peter M.

Policy Chair – Penny C.

Audio Media Chair – Jeremiah P.

Archives – Julio B.

Public Information Chair – Melody T.

Grapevine Chair – Bob F.

Registrar – Bruce A.

Spanish Communications Chair – Martin L.

Website Chair – Thom H.



**Publisher – Jude H.** has been doing a great job as Publisher, and we officially would like the Committee to confirm her appointment. Jude has been an active committee member since 1993, has experience in data typography and typesetting, and has worked extensively on workplace presentations. Jude currently does the NorCal Intergroup newsletter which is distributed in Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. I am willing to learn new software if needed.

## **New Business**

### **2026 proposed Budget presented by Kelly B. – see attached PDF**

The proposed budget was reviewed line by line and **approved unanimously**. The budget document will be included in the Newsletter along with the monthly financial statements approved at the meeting.

Reminder for annual Form II submissions. Please send directly to **Joe N.**

### **Discussion Topic - Joe N.**

Area 23 (Lake County) requested input regarding help to set up an H&I event. I will talk to them about the possibility of hosting the one H&I NorCal annual hybrid business meeting in April. We are currently brainstorming thoughts about that. Any input about that, please reach out to me directly – or connect with someone in Area 23 if you have suggestions for raising awareness about H&I. **Melody T.** (PI Chair) can also be a resource for Area 23.

## **OPEN FORUM – N/A**

### **AA Anniversaries:**

Peter M. 37 years on Aug 15  
Jude H. 33 years on Sept 3  
Miki S. 29 years on May 4  
Heidi O. 24 years on May 3  
James C. 29 years on Aug 17 (and 29 years in H&I)

12:51pm End Meeting with Responsibility Declaration

## **H&I Regional & Area Reports OCTOBER 2025**

### **Region 01 Far North Coastal**

- **Area 02 Del Norte, Melissa C.**
- **Area 03 Siskiyou, Rich C.** All is well in Area 03. We continue to have difficulty getting additional clearances for the Siskiyou County jail, so we have three of the 4.5 weeks covered. I'm still trying to get my clearance into Deadwood Fire Camp , it's been about 6 months We have a monthly meeting at the Fire Camp near Susanville. We have a monthly H&I Committee meeting in Weed; a few people show up, usually Committee members. I announce this meeting at the meetings I attend, and there's been some interest but we're still a bit short handed.
- **Area 04 Humboldt, Timothy F.**



## Region 10 Far North Interior

- **Area 11 Modoc, Ryan H.**
- **Area 12 Lassen, Open Position**

## Region 15 Lower Far North Interior, Renee P.

Shasta County (Area 16): Things continue to run very smoothly. We have been conducting monthly orientations prior to our business meeting. Attendance has been steady. The waiting period for background checks in one our facility is so lengthy that some volunteers give up and we have to recruit new ones. Our jail is still conducting "one-on-one, behind the glass" meetings.

The fire camp applications process has not improved. There seems to be a "hold-up" process within the CDCR. The applications have been received because we started submitting them directly to the fire camp that we serve. But no action is taken.

Our monthly H&I Committee meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 at All Saints Episcopal Church. We are averaging about 20-25 people at the meetings.

Tehama County (Area 17) Business meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 838 Jefferson St., Red Bluff. They service four facilities, all of which fall under the "transitional housing" category. Their jail is still under construction, so no meetings are taking place. They have new applicants attend our monthly orientation prior to our regular business meeting in Shasta County.

Trinity County (Area 18) hold their monthly business meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 102 Church Street, Weaverville. They continue to bring meetings into their jail (both men and women's side) on Saturday mornings.

- **Area 16 Shasta, Jude H.** Overall things are going smoothly in Shasta County, same as last quarter. Area 16 takes meetings into the County Jail (behind the glass), Juvenile Hall, Sugar Pine Fire Camp, Crestwood and Restpadd (psychiatric facilities), and Empire Recovery and Visions of the Cross (detox/residential treatment facilities). We have been getting anywhere between 2 and 5 new volunteers at our orientation meetings each month. The only issue is long-standing and that is getting clearances processed for the fire camps. We have tried going through the CDCR channel as well as going through the fire camps directly with no avail.
- **Area 17 Tehama, Mike D.** – see Renee P. above
- **Area 18 Trinity, Diane C.** We are going in our county jail on both the women and men's sides, and we have 3 applications in for the Trinity River Fire Camp and waiting for ok to get TB tests and live scans. Look forward to going there for meetings soon.

## Region 20 Northern Coastal

- **Area 21 Mendocino, Ryan Y.**
- **Men's Jail Report:** The Friday evening AA meetings are going very well. We are able to take a meeting in every Friday of the month. Literature is good.
- **Women's jail Report:** We are waiting on two more women volunteers to be cleared for entry. Right now we have two women taking in a meeting a month. Literature is good.
- **Juvenile Hall Report:** This meeting is going very well. We have 4 volunteers taking in a meeting every other Sunday of the month. Literature is up to date. More people are interested in a commitment.
- **Ukiah Recovery Center Report:** This meeting has the most interest because there is no clearance process with the DOJ. We vet volunteers ourselves and it's a great way to be of service. Meetings are every Friday night, and we have a full house. Literature is up to date.
- **Ft Bragg Hospitality Center Report:** Meetings are being conducted on Tuesday mornings with 2-8 participants. AA literature is available.



- **Parlin Fork Fire Camp Report:** AA is provided every Sunday of the month. Unfortunately, this camp will be closing in January 2026. There was a devastating kitchen fire and the cost to replace the facility is too high. Our volunteers will be there over the next few months until closure.
- **Area 22 Sonoma, Liz W.** Area 22 is still doing well. We had one residential treatment center close and added another all-men's facility.
- **Area 23 Lake, Kelli S.** Overall, things in Lake County H&I are steadily improving compared to last year. Attendance is up, commitments are being maintained, and while growth has been gradual, we're seeing consistent progress toward stronger participation and stability. While other nearby areas may have higher enthusiasm and volunteer engagement, we're encouraged by the steady progress our county continues to make.

H&I is more active this quarter than the last. We've been successful in encouraging more local groups to elect H&I representatives, and recent announcements at larger events have helped raise awareness and interest across the fellowship.

We've recently started a sponsorship program at the Fire Camp and are seeing new members attending our monthly business meeting, which is very encouraging. One ongoing challenge is that some members are hesitant to take on larger or long-term service commitments, such as facility coordinators or jail panels. As a result, several of these roles have been held by the same trusted servants for many years.

At this time, we don't have enough volunteers to fully meet our needs. Many of the current trusted servants have been holding their positions for several years and are eager to rotate out when replacements can be found.

**Questions / Issues for General Committee:** Our area has reached out to a few members active in the NorCal Committee and would like to ask if other areas—or the General Committee as a whole—could help us host an H&I event. We'd love to bring in a speaker or hear suggestions from other areas about what's worked well to inspire participation and service. We plan to use the funds previously donated to our area by the H&I Committee to support this effort. Many local members still feel uncertain about taking on H&I service, and we hope an event like this could help show them that they can absolutely do it

**Assistance Requested from Committee:** As mentioned earlier, support in hosting an H&I event or workshop—particularly help with finding a speaker or planning format—would be greatly appreciated.

## Region 30 Northern Interior

- **Area 31 Glenn Butte, Jim L.**
- **Area 32 Plumas, Michael B.**
- **Area 34 Placer, Rick M. (Chair), Diane McL.** (Co-Chair) At our September business meeting we decided to bring back combined regular area orientations and informational workshops every other month starting October and December of this year. We are having elections in November to elect a new chair, co-chair, recording secretary and workshop chair. We are being more active in our service activity, with plans to get new volunteers involved. We decided to have in person business meeting once a quarter and monthly business meetings will remain on Zoom. They will not be hybrid. We are short some volunteers but have been worse off historically. The Placer County jail administration has been more open to H&I and has begun to clear applications on a more timely basis.
- **Area 36 Nevada Sierra, Amy M.** AREA 36 is alive and well. No dark nights at our facilities including our newest facility the local homeless shelter, and I have had the privilege to be in a regular aa meeting with someone who was inspired at that shelter meeting and is trying to get his life back together and his wife and children! The WHY we do this work!



## Region 40 Central Interior, Terry D.

- **Area 42 Yolo Sacramento, Roger McM.** Area 42 Yolo & Sacramento Counties we are adding new Facilities every month. It's very important and exciting to see the growth. We are getting the word out that we bring hope where there is no Hope! Come to our meeting and become that messenger of Hope!!!
- **Area 43 El Dorado, Todd D.**
- **Area 44 Amador, OPEN**
- **Area 45 Colusa Sutter Yuba, Alley G.** Things are going well. No issues have been reported to me this quarter. We have seen movement with getting more clearances in our Yuba Co. facility. Hopefully will be able to get some more people in there in the coming months. Area 45 H&I has about the same activity, and we've had an increase in interested new volunteers. We continue to emphasize NorCal guidelines regarding the ways we show up to meetings and facility rules. We've seen some improvement on volunteers leaving their cell phones in their vehicles. We are getting our rosters filled and even have an abundance of volunteers in our lower sobriety time facilities. It is difficult getting those with more sobriety time to come back out and into service work in our jails.

## Region 50 East Bay

- **Area 51 Napa, John K.** We continue to expand facilities served.  
**Adventist Health Vallejo** (Residential Mental Health) Went dark during covid, but requested meetings again. Coordinator in place, and meetings happening.  
**Genesis House-Vallejo** (Adult Residential Recovery) Has requested meetings, so looking for coordinator/volunteers, and presentation at business meetings.  
**The Bridge-Napa** (Residential Men's Recovery) Searching for coordinator and volunteers  
**Providence Adult Day-Napa** Looking for more volunteers, especially Spanish-speaking  
**Archway-Napa** (Adult Residential Recovery) Meetings are increasing, and looking for coordinator for Women's side. We continue to recruit volunteers and explain need for passing the Pink Cans.
- **Area 52 Contra Costa, Annetta D.** Meetings are going strong, and we're in the process of setting up two additional facilities that recently reached out to us. Once arrangements are finalized, they'll be added to our roster. It's also that time of year for us to update our Form 1s. We've asked all coordinators to complete their Form 1 and submit it to the Area Chair. Once received, the Area Chair will complete Form 2 and forward it to Nor Cal H & I.

We held our 2025 H & I Workshop in August, and both Julio and Joyce were kind enough to serve as speakers — and of course, they were absolutely fabulous. We learned a great deal about our finances and, more importantly, how to have productive discussions with our H & I reps and their home groups when financial questions or concerns that may arise. A huge thank-you to Joyce for your insight — I know I personally feel much more confident answering these types of questions because of your presentation.

We are still struggling to secure enough volunteers for our local women's detention center, but our H & I reps continue to announce the need at their meetings and encourage participation. Announcing we want to avoid dark nights, as these meetings are the only opportunity many of these women have to attend while they are at these facilities.

As Area Chair, I've made myself available to speak at each facility where women are allowed to participate, so I can experience them firsthand. I strongly encourage anyone who's able to do this to do so — it's been a truly rewarding experience for me, and it allows me to speak about these facilities with genuine enthusiasm and understanding.



- **Area 53 Alameda, Annie G.** H&I in Area 53 is about the same. Each quarter, we add about 3 new facilities to the roster.

We continue to welcome 10–15 new volunteers at each monthly orientation, and our Area is steadily growing. We had our largest business meeting of the last 3 years with 30 volunteers joining!

Participation of H&I Group Reps continues to be strong. We're able to make swift moves through consistent communication when there are updates at NorCal or in the Area, such as needed sponsors for IVSS San Quentin.

There's been consistent outreach from new facilities requesting meetings. We added 3 new meetings to the roster this quarter. There are 600 people on our email list at this point, so when we have an urgent need, we email the list directly.

- **Area 54 Solano, Jen B.** Area 54 would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Steve Dillman, who has stepped down as Men's Jail Coordinator after four dedicated years of exceptional service, and to Roger Cox, who has stepped down as City Church Coordinator. We sincerely appreciate their time, commitment, and contributions to H&I. We're pleased to welcome Angel Miranda as our new Men's Jail Coordinator and Stacey Lynn as our new City Church Coordinator, thank you both for stepping up to serve. We've had a couple of new volunteers come forward for the Men's and Women's Jails, though we continue to face challenges finding consistent volunteers for CMF and CSP Solano, with one pending for Fire Camp. Looking ahead, we're excited to represent H&I at Unity Day on November 15, where we'll offer help with applications and continue bringing awareness and attention to our committee. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **Region 60 West Bay San Francisco, Chair, James C. –**

There continues to be good turnout for new volunteers at the monthly orientations for each area, and we are seeing more coordinators and meeting representatives attending business meetings. Each area is pushing for Coordinators and secretaries to use the new member list to involve new members in H&I service right away. The issues with access to those in jails continues to have challenges, but new meetings are being added to the existing rosters in addition to existing meetings. San Mateo (area 62) states the Sheriff's Department has lowered the sobriety requirement from 5 to 3 years, and it was stated that will help in being able to recruit new volunteers for the jails, but a concern was raised that less sobriety/H&I experience could translate into problems in carrying the message to the residents in the jails. San Francisco (area 62) has begun a new outreach program a Zoom meeting monthly that serves as a Q&A forum as well as an online orientation for those who cannot make it to the business meetings where orientation is usually held. The Spanish speaking rep from SF (62) pointed out that an older address/phone number was listed in the map section, and an update was sent to the NorCal Website committee along with a Spanish language website where updated information could be found: [oficinacentralhispanasf.com](http://oficinacentralhispanasf.com). Also, in area 62 there is an H&I website being maintained: [handisf.org](http://handisf.org). All areas have a robust program that is working to increase their participation in institutions their respective areas. There are a couple of topics I bring up at each business meeting: A mention at each of the business meetings is H&I finances, and the need to pay attention to the pink can donations—some suggestions made were to invite the reps to find ways to be consistent in donation schedules and perhaps remind the respective meetings that a dollar just go as far as it used to. I made a pitch for the IVSS program, stating it is going very well, and we are actively seeking those who would sponsor someone in prisons, with an emphasis on needing Spanish-speaking volunteers. I mentioned an invitation to attend the Special Forum for Deaf AA members and provided contact information for this online forum. I mentioned we are changing platforms for our NorCal website. I invited comments and suggestions. General questions submitted by area members: I continue to have enquiries about the possibility of a Spanish translation of the PLBB, and if something like this is a possibility.



- **Area 61 Marin Hilary D.** We have moved our literature storage to the Marin Alano Club where we hold Orientation and our Monthly Business meeting. This will ensure convenient access to literature for all our coordinators and secretaries.

We continue to have openings for secretaries & alternates at our mental health facilities and our homeless shelters. I'm sure we are not alone in the homeless shelter situation. Since the federal funding said that they can no longer require sobriety, meeting attendance is minimal. Sundays were an issue, so we have switched Jonathan's Place to Thursdays. 2 facilities have openings for coordinators. I am acting as coordinator for them. We are doing follow up emails with everyone who attends H&I Orientation to facilitate more engagement. Other than that things are going well. We serve 13 facilities with a total of 22 meetings per week.

- **Area 62 San Francisco Gareth M.** We have merged with the Spanish H&I. They now attend our orientations, and the orientation script has been translated into Spanish for those who don't fully understand English. A member from the Spanish H&I also provides translation before or after the orientation as needed. We now have four Spanish meetings on our roster. We are finding that we need a strong coordinator from their community who also has good English skills to ensure the message from our business meetings is clearly communicated back to their groups.

Although we thought the Women's meeting would be a relatively easy launch, we got stalled with clearances and some people not showing up for Live Scan. We hope to have this meeting up and running in a few months.

The jails are now giving us a one-year clearance with a Live Scan that can be renewed at the end of the year.

Some volunteers in the psychiatric wards are reporting that they feel a little unsafe without someone from the facility in the rooms. We feel that the majority of volunteers who sign up for a psychiatric ward know what they are getting themselves into, but there are a few who sign up who need more debriefing about what they've signed up for. We made a decision that the coordinator will debrief them after they have signed up.

In general, our meetings are going well. We have added a meeting at a new abstinence-based facility this week, so we are excited to see how this one goes.

We have approximately 330 volunteers and 33 meetings per week.

The new website and app are going smoothly now. Volunteers sign up for a commitment at the orientation through our website, and the coordinator gets an email straight away and takes it from there. It's very efficient, and everything is all in one place.

We have stopped the IVSSs in rehab facilities due to lack of interest by patients. We pushed it hard and had a lot of sponsors, but we didn't want to waste any more time on it.

- **Area 65 San Mateo Mark W. (Co-Chair) & Dylan H. (Co-Chair)**

## **Region 70 Southern Coastal**

- **Area 71 Santa Clara, Michelle D.** Things going well in area. Same amount of participation - we have great great service people in Area 71, about the same as last quarter. What's going well is the volunteers we do have. We definitely need more volunteers - there are more facilities in the county, and we are trying to still fill the places we already have established.



- **Area 72 Monterey, Mark F.**
  1. Overall things are going ok.
  2. We had 5 new folks go through orientation in October. More announcements have brought more folks. We now have 3 people cleared for the Men's Jail and are trying to start bringing a couple of meetings per month in while we work on getting more. They just changed the person who does the scheduling so still waiting on confirmation of day/time.
  3. All the facilities except the men's jail are full on volunteers. The women's jail could use another 8 women so they could open another pod. The inmates are asking for more meetings.
  4. **Potential agenda item:** A member asked if H&I would take a meeting into a senior facility. They volunteer there and there are several alcoholics who cannot get out to attend meetings. The facility hasn't asked yet, but in anticipation of them inviting us, is a senior facility a place we take meetings?
  5. **Policy/SOP needed:** The jail is asking our women volunteers to give them our literature for disbursement to the inmates. Is that ok or against our policies?
- **Area 73 Santa Cruz, Victoria H.** Overall, things are going well in Santa Cruz. Our monthly business meetings have been well attended, and all committee positions are filled. Jail volunteers are flush and a few new facilities have reached out to bring in H&I meetings. We are working to get more volunteers to fill those openings. Our local Bridging the Gap committee had reached out to us for assistance in how they might spread their message more effectively.
- **Area 74 San Benito, Doug S.**

#### Region 80 Chair, Melody T.

- **Area 81 Stanislaus, Pete D.**
- **Area 82 San Joaquin, Paula A.** Things are going okay overall in Area 82. We need to fill some important service positions, including Treasurer and Facility Coordinator for the New Hope Family Shelter. Attendance has remained steady, with a few new people joining each quarter. We would be able to accomplish more with additional volunteers. We have flyers out and continue to invite more people to fill positions and grow involvement.
- **83 Tuolumne, Travis T. / Bruce A.** This last quarter has been full of ups and downs, on the upside we have a meeting at juvenile Hall up and running. We are going to start another meeting at the refuge. We have rotated secretaries at the rehabilitation centers. Tonight, I got to give some literature to one of our fellowship who is going into the jail. I am so grateful for all the wonderful things we get to do in this area, Melody came up for our Unity Day, she gave a fantastic workshop and spent time in our booth talking with the locals. We had a huge response with sign-ups for volunteers at Unity Day. Thank you for letting me be of service, I am choosing not to discuss anything but the amazing things that bring gratitude
- **Area 84-Calaveras Andrew K.** We did get 2 new volunteers cleared for Calaveras County Jail: one for the Men's facility, one for the Women's. We now have sufficient volunteers to rotate for the Men's meeting; and can investigate best night/time for the Women's.
- **Area 86 Merced, Paul C.**



## Region 90 Far Southern Interior

- **Area 91 Madera Mariposa, Miki S.** Mariposa County has been quite active since our last report. The County jail has 3 new volunteers from the North Fork Fellowship coming up to participate in service. There are several of the inside members who have been released and continue attending the local meetings there, who are interested in getting involved with our H&I services, to carry back into the meetings what they grateful to have received! So Dusty and LuEllen are working together with them to be able to join our committee when they get off probation. Dusty and LuEllen have also told me that they have a new treatment center there in Mariposa called TRADE, Trading One Life For The Other, which they have been attempting to contact and participate with, but, so far, have been unsuccessful in achieving being allowed to have an AA H&I meeting there. It seems they want to do their own recovery program. They have also informed me that the Mt Bullion Fire Camp is closing as of January 1, 2026! So our participation there will be ending with this closure. They have resumed passing the H&I Pink Cans at the 2 groups active in Mariposa as well.

River Vista Behavioral Health Center and Hospital has continued our participation with 3 Units of the 4 Units open there. We do not have a meeting with the adolescent unit yet, but we are hoping to add that unit to our meeting schedule. One local individual who was a patient, and has been released has entered an inpatient treatment program that works with dual diagnosis, and intends to join us in the mental health facility upon completion of this program.

So, our Area 91 H&I activity has illustrated one big takeaway, in my humble opinion, which is that we seem to be successfully carrying the message of AA as our recipients are anxious to give back to the communities where they receive it!

- **Area 92 Fresno, Katherine S.** Area 92 currently brings H&I into:
  - Fresno County Men's and Women's Jail
  - Fresno County Juvenile Hall
  - Touchstone Recovery Center
  - MyTime Sober Living
  - Total Life Recovery (TLC)
  - The Poverello House
  - Comprehensive Addiction Program (CAP)
  - Mendota Federal Prison
  - Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP)
  - Horizon's Health
  - Fresno First
- **Area 91 Madera Mariposa, Miki S.**
- **Area 93 Tulare, Joyce R.** We continue to hold H&I meetings in 8 different Treatment Facilities and the Tulare County Jail monthly. We hold English and Spanish H&I meetings at the Tulare County Jail. We currently have 4 Spanish Speaking and 1 English Speaking volunteer in the process of being cleared for Tulare County Jail. We look forward to being able to bring more AA meetings to this facility soon. Recently, we have had the need to rotate officers at the Area level and were very pleased to have new volunteers step up. We continue to work with Martin from Region 190 to orient our Spanish Speaking volunteers and look forward to having Martin attend our November Area meeting. Our Area H&I meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of odd months at 10:00 am in person with orientation at 9:00 am and as needed in between.
- **Area 95 Kings, Open Position**



**Region 140 Spanish North Interior, Omar L.** All is well in Region 140. There have been no changes.

**Region 160 Spanish North Coast, Jose Luis C.**

**Region 170, Spanish, Roberto S.**

**Region 180 Spanish Central Interior, Jesus V.**

**Region 190 Spanish South Interior, Martin L.**

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### Major Institutions Reports October 2025

#### **CCWF & VSP**

We have a new volunteer at CCWF in our Spanish speaking team. This gives us 3 Spanish speaking volunteers so far. Rafael said he had 3 new members applying for clearance to join Juan and him with their participation. It's only been recently that our CRM office has been once again CCing me with the AA volunteer approvals for clearance, and now, that particular office member responded that he is no longer at that location at CCWF, to direct correspondence to the remaining CRM office staff! Oh my! I spoke with another staff member to request this information explaining the process and importance of my receiving the information, so hopefully it will continue! There is also difficulty with our Spanish speaking meetings being rescheduled and relocated on the grounds. First, they were moved to Education, and then they were cancelled for the Summer season as Education was closed! And now they are being rescheduled to Fridays in still another location, which means that Rafael is not available since he has another commitment at this time, and he is the only Spanish speaking Brown Card volunteer so the other 2 volunteers will have to have escorts, which is not always available! I will try again to discuss this with the CRM.

It seems as if we are in constant change in personnel at our CRM offices at both CCWF and VSP! This makes communication difficult at times, however, WE keep showing up and the meetings inside seem to carry on well—sometimes smoothly, sometimes with a little difficulty! I know that I am continuing to stay sober! And I am seeing new more faces on the inside in both CCWF and VSP, and our staff sponsors are consistent. So, I am able to correspond with them on a regular basis to be current on the availability for participation. As always I am grateful for the allowance of being of service.

Miki S., Coordinator for CCWF and VSP

#### **Mule Creek State Prison**

During September, I actively participated in meetings across A, B, C, and E yards at Mule Creek. I have sent requests to the CDCR Sponsors for the two meetings in D Yard to attend these meetings at the end of this month (October). I am still waiting for a reply. I have three people who have received their Program Provider application packets which are required for gate clearance.

**Goals:** My goal remains unchanged: to recruit enough volunteers to ensure coverage for all Hospital & Institution (H&I) meetings (44) at Mule Creek.



**Volunteer Recruitment Efforts:** I continue to announce the need for additional volunteers at local meetings. I am also requesting Area 42 to make announcements at their meetings to help recruit more volunteers for H&I activities.

In Love and Service,  
Cecelia S., Coordinator MCSP NorCal H&I Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous

## CHCF

I am pleased to report that CHCF has finally opened to AA coming in bringing meetings. Two of us have been going in on a regular basis. Finally. However, there are still issues which have to be addressed:

- 1. Staffing:** The staff is constantly turning over. We have a new acting Warden; the CRM has returned from maternity leave, and her duties have been farmed out to several people. It's whack-a-mole to follow applications through the process.
- 2. Literature:** We located a cabinet of very old books in E yard – the DVI stash? In E yard, the inside members aren't permitted to have books and don't bring them to meetings. We are working to change this.
- 3. AA Meetings:** The AA meetings in E yard are handled by our friends inside. They look like therapy groups and use non-Conference approved literature handouts. We have yet to get into FSS.

It's obvious AA needs to meet with staff as soon as possible. We are willing to do this virtually or in-person so we can present H&I again and return the AA meetings to AA recovery meetings. Our Intergroup PI/CPC Committee is at the ready to assist with presentations - separate from the AA meetings – so that our friends inside can get the answers they need about the AA program.

There will be another Resource Fair on November 18. H&I will have a table, along with PI/CPC and Bridging the Gap. We hope to have literature available so we can give it directly to our friends inside.

In love and service,

Melody T., CHCF Coordinator

## Pleasant Valley State Prison

We attended our last regular 1st & 3rd Thursday meetings. We split to 3 units between the Bravo, Alpha & Delta meetings each visit. We typically have 2-3 speakers in each unit. Delta (Spanish speakers). We have 8 Volunteer Speakers that are committed & cleared. I have 4) in the prison's queue for access. Some are re-submitting after expiring.

Paul O. & I attended a special function for 4 hours in September. An Outreach Carnival where we met 150-200 inmates representing Alcoholics Anonymous. Consisted of a brief handshake and explanation of what's available to the men inside and after release.

STILL need Spanish speaking volunteers!! We keep working on recruiting. I have 1) in queue for access.

Our next meeting is November 6th

Best Regards ~ H&I Coordinator, Jeff S.



## CTF Soledad

All is well at CTF Soledad. We have our next one day event on the 8th of November and will begin planning for next year's conference after that. The next 3 day conference will happen in April, the date has yet to be determined. The plan language big book is going over very well with the guys and soon they are planning on changing one of their meetings to be a book study with that book. Still looking for volunteers especially during the week and Sunday night, but we are covered for all our meetings.

Alex S.  
Soledad H&I Chair

**CSP Sacramento:** I've FINALLY been granted access to New Folsom (A&B facilities only), but have not started yet. Hopefully meetings will begin next week.

**Folsom State Prison:** Business as usual. Always looking for volunteers. Meeting running smooth.

**Napa State Hospital:** Of the twelve meetings scheduled for July, August and September, six were held and six were blacked out by hospital staff for a variety of reasons. Covid quarantine, construction complications, and no escort available. Our volunteers and speakers continue to be ready for service.

Report submitted by Mark B.

## Avenal State Prison

ASP- 8 Volunteers cleared (5 English and 3 Spanish speaking). A small number of cleared volunteers, work schedules, and transportation limitations will likely continue to contribute to relatively few visits to this facility. 6 English and 6 Spanish Speaking groups meet are held weekly. All AA groups meet on Tuesdays (2 from 3-5 PM and 4 from 5-7 PM).

Meetings held each month at ASP: 48- 24 English, 24 Spanish

Meetings AA volunteers attend each month at ASP: 3 (Average)

**Incarcerated Meeting Attendees:** The English and Spanish AA meetings at ASP are run separate but held together in a large room. 150 attendees total on each of the 6 yards or a total attendance of 900 at ASP each week. We support the literature needs for all of these.

## Corcoran State Prison

COR- 7 Volunteers cleared (4 English and 3 Spanish speaking). Application for 1 new English volunteer is pending. 3 English volunteers visit weekly (between rotations with SATF), 3 others visit as schedule allows- 2 live in So Cal. 1 of the 3 Spanish visits weekly (between rotations at ASP & SATF), 2 others visit as their availability allows.

Meetings held each month at COR: 40- 36 English, 4 Spanish

Meetings AA volunteers attend each month at COR: 6 (Average)



Incarcerated Meeting Attendees: Meetings at COR vary between 15-25 attendees per meeting. I estimate the total attendance of 800 at COR each week. We support the literature needs for all of these.

### **Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Corcoran**

SATF- 10 Volunteers cleared- (7 English and 3 Spanish Speaking). Application for 1 new English volunteer is pending

Meetings held each month at SATF: 46- 34 English, 12 Spanish

Meetings AA volunteers attend each month at SATF: 6 (Average)

Incarcerated Meeting Attendees: Each meeting has a capacity of 25 attendees. Total attendance of 1,150 at SATF each week. Meetings at SATF are not held on the 5th week of the month. We support the literature needs for all of these.

\*\* The pool of volunteers for Avenal, Corcoran, and SATF is shared, with no more than 9 individuals cleared in total. Nearly all of them serve at two or even all three institutions.\*\*

Lit orders- Continue at COR, SATF and ASP. The CRM at Avenal encourages digital literature use, limiting printed copies, but allows small batch restocking in meeting rooms. There are currently no similar limitations imposed at COR or SATF.

Our 12 Steps - In response to persistent and consistent requests for an "AA Step Working Guide" we have begun sharing this new book. Taking efforts to explain the sentiment that this book offers various examples of our members experience with our 12 steps seems to drive a favorable response. We will continue to share this resource to see where it can meet the need for assistance in understanding how we take the 12 steps.

### **FCI Mendota**

Two meetings a month, regular attendance. Institution only holds one orientation a year, so difficult to expand program with new volunteers.

**Pelican Bay State Prison.** Pelican Bay State Prison is currently dark.

**CMF Vacaville.** No report.

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### **IVSS Program Report for 2025-10-27** (Included in the Minutes on Page 12)

### **Liaison Reports October 2025**

(Included in the Minutes on pages 14 – 15)



8:50 AM  
01/03/26  
**Cash Basis**

NorCal H&I Committee  
**Profit & Loss Budget Overview**  
January through December 2026

Jan - Dec 26

### Ordinary Income/Expense

## Income

**Area Contributions** 648,000.00

**Total Income** 648,000.00

**Gross Profit** 648,000.00

## Expense

**Literature Expense** 561,162.00

**Accounting** 1,350.00

**Area Expenses - 5% PY Cont.** 32,075.20

**Bank Charges** 600.00

**Equipment & Fixed Assets** 400.00

**Insurance** 1,677.00

**NorCal Committee** 14,040.00

**NorCal IVSS Program** 3,428.00

**Office Supplies** 600.00

**Postage** 1,510.00

**Printing Costs** 17,525.00

**Processor Fees** 6,496.00

**Virtual Meeting Expense** 200.00

**Website Expense** 3,000.00

### Total Expenses

### Net Order



**NorCal H&I Committee  
Financial Report  
December, 2025**

INCOME AND EXPENSE BREAKDOWN		CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA			
	Dec	Jan - Dec 25			
Income					
Area Contributions					
Check Contribution	43,164.70	452,676.11	02, Del Norte	84.62	1,851.20
Online Contributions	19,080.37	218,893.95	03, Siskiyou	262.00	2,039.95
Total Income	62,225.07	671,570.06	04, Humboldt	420.62	5,535.45
Literature Expense			11/12, Modoc/Lassen	82.26	220.26
AAWS	30,208.55	447,069.03	140, Spanish North Int	90.00	3,100.12
Grapevine & La Vina	0.00	87,936.13	16, Shasta	1,476.83	18,079.25
Meeting Directories	30.08	630.02	160, Spanish N Coast	100.00	1,230.31
Storage Unit Rent Expense	0.00	4,077.00	161, Spanish (Area) Santa Rosa	0.00	489.00
Total Literature Expense	30,238.63	539,712.18	17, Tehama	130.00	1,069.21
Other Expense			170, Spanish S Coast	180.00	1,127.00
Accounting	0.00	825.00	18, Trinity	0.00	387.00
Area Expenses - 5% PY Cont.	-403.16	28,353.76	180, Spanish Central Int	45.63	869.73
Bank Charges	6.07	69.19	190, Spanish South Int	595.59	3,333.72
Insurance	0.00	1,525.00	21, Mendocino	241.82	3,042.50
NorCal Committee	0.00	10,503.83	22, Sonoma	5,065.46	59,939.23
NorCal IVSS Program	500.00	2,888.63	23, Lake	179.27	5,183.57
Office Supplies	0.00	21.68	31, Butte/Glenn	1,558.81	14,832.51
Postage	0.00	1,066.60	32, Plumas	72.50	531.75
Printing Costs	0.00	23,298.26	34, Placer	4,575.20	39,046.30
Processor Fees	604.74	7,005.86	36, Sierra/Nevada	788.12	10,807.96
Virtual Meeting Expense	0.00	146.91	42, Sacramento/Yolo	8,823.23	49,742.40
Total Other Expense	707.65	75,704.72	43, El Dorado	277.06	8,824.90
Total Literature and Other Expense	30,944.28	615,416.90	44, Amador	247.94	3,257.12
Income Less Total Expense	31,280.79	56,153.16	45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	448.06	6,857.70
Beginning Cash Balance	320,140.40	295,268.03	51, Napa	1,189.61	11,917.40
Ending Cash Balance	351,421.19	351,421.19	52, Contra Costa	3,758.63	47,052.71
**Recommended Cash on Hand	321,387.60		53, Alameda	6,235.50	66,775.21
Cash in Bank	351,421.19		54, Solano	733.94	13,350.51
Above or Below Recommendation	30,033.59		61, Marin	5,157.70	49,680.51
**Recommended Cash on Hand = Prior year average monthly expense x 6. 2024 average monthly expense was \$53,564.60			62, San Francisco	6,175.20	49,349.31
Literature Expense % Total Expense	87.70%		65, San Mateo	1,384.80	31,904.11
Value of Lit on Hand =	9,416.81		71, Santa Clara	3,169.30	48,702.61



**NorCal H&I Committee  
Financial Report  
November, 2025**

<u>INCOME AND EXPENSE BREAKDOWN</u>			<u>CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA</u>	
	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 25</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 25</u>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Area Contributions</b>				
Check Contribution	32,580.61	409,511.41	02, Del Norte	312.23
Online Contributions	12,216.80	199,833.58	03, Siskiyou	210.65
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,807.41</b>	<b>609,344.99</b>	04, Humboldt	251.41
<b>Literature Expense</b>			11/12, Modoc/Lassen	0.00
AAWS	18,105.30	416,862.48	140, Spanish North Int	50.20
Grapevine & La Vina	0.00	87,936.13	16, Shasta	1,209.53
Meeting Directories	0.00	599.94	160, Spanish N Coast	125.00
Storage Unit Rent Expense	0.00	4,077.00	161, Spanish (Area) Santa Rosa	0.00
<b>Total Literature Expense</b>	<b>18,105.30</b>	<b>509,475.55</b>	17, Tehama	68.00
<b>Other Expense</b>			170, Spanish S Coast	939.28
Accounting	0.00	825.00	18, Trinity	947.05
Area Expenses - 5% PY Cont.	0.00	28,756.92	180, Spanish Central Int	387.00
Bank Charges	7.75	63.12	190, Spanish South Int	159.90
Insurance	0.00	1,525.00	21, Mendocino	824.10
NorCal Committee	2,232.72	10,503.83	22, Sonoma	209.94
NorCal IVSS Program	98.32	2,388.63	23, Lake	2,386.19
Office Supplies	21.68	21.68	31, Butte/Glenn	166.34
Postage	21.95	1,066.60	32, Plumas	54,853.77
Printing Costs	8,203.91	23,298.26	34, Placer	225.00
Processor Fees	394.16	6,401.12	36, Sierra/Nevada	34,471.18
Virtual Meeting Expense	0.00	146.91	42, Sacramento/Yolo	765.69
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>10,980.49</b>	<b>74,997.07</b>	43, El Dorado	10,019.86
<b>Total Literature and Other Expense</b>	<b>29,085.79</b>	<b>584,472.62</b>	44, Amador	3,803.05
<b>Income Less Total Expense</b>	<b>15,721.62</b>	<b>24,872.37</b>	45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	40,819.17
<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	<b>304,418.78</b>	<b>295,268.03</b>	51, Napa	659.61
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>320,140.40</b>	<b>320,140.40</b>	52, Contra Costa	3,009.18
**Recommended Cash on Hand	321,387.60		53, Alameda	663.44
Cash in Bank	320,140.40		54, Solano	10,727.85
Above or Below Recommendation	<b>(1,247.20)</b>		55, Marin	43,294.13
**Recommended Cash on Hand = Prior year average monthly expense x 6. 2024 average monthly expense was \$53,564.60			56, San Francisco	60,539.75
Literature Expense % Total Expense	87.17%		57, San Mateo	1,695.20
Value of Lit on Hand =	10,292.30		58, Santa Clara	12,816.61
			59, Monterey	4,301.10
			60, Santa Cruz	8,677.27
			61, San Benito	29,129.30
			62, Stanislaus	987.90
			63, San Joaquin	2,251.60
			64, Tuolumne	7,138.72
			65, Calaveras	652.13
			66, Merced	1,815.63
			67, Mariposa/Madera	249.54
			68, Fresno	2,525.80
			69, Tulare	243.69
			70, Kings	24,704.38
			71, Out of the Area Contribution	555.93
			72, Unidentified Contributor	0.00
			73, Total	898.89
				37.00
				491.98
				240.99
				<b>44,807.41</b>
				<b>609,344.99</b>



**NorCal H&I Committee  
Financial Report  
October, 2025**

October, 2025

INCOME AND EXPENSE BREAKDOWN			CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA	
	Oct	Jan - Oct 25	Oct	Jan - Oct 25
Income				
Area Contributions				
Check Contribution	40,337.19	376,920.80	02, Del Norte	162.25
Online Contributions	23,798.07	187,618.78	03, Siskiyou	42.25
Total Income	<u>64,135.26</u>	<u>564,537.58</u>	04, Humboldt	670.93
Literature Expense			11/12, Modoc/Lassen	0.00
AAWS	45,221.38	398,757.18	140, Spanish North Int	558.94
Grapevine & La Vina	13,539.15	87,938.13	16, Shasta	1,412.06
Meeting Directories	82.69	599.94	160, Spanish N Coast	0.00
Storage Unit Rent Expense	1,063.00	4,077.00	161, Spanish (Area) Santa Rosa	0.00
Total Literature Expense	<u>59,896.22</u>	<u>491,370.25</u>	17, Tehama	262.14
Other Expense			170, Spanish S Coast	126.16
Accounting	0.00	825.00	18, Trinity	0.00
Area Expenses - 5% PY Cont.	-569.06	28,756.92	180, Spanish Central Int	90.52
Bank Charges	5.87	55.37	190, Spanish South Int	273.76
Insurance	0.00	1,525.00	21, Mendocino	224.44
NorCal Committee	937.50	8,271.11	22, Sonoma	6,477.93
NorCal IVSS Program	260.00	2,290.31	23, Lake	971.26
Postage	62.65	1,044.65	31, Butte/Glenn	1,908.94
Printing Costs	0.00	15,094.35	32, Plumas	0.00
Processor Fees	780.06	6,006.96	34, Placer	4,540.01
Virtual Meeting Expense	0.00	148.91	36, Sierra/Nevada	1,116.65
Total Other Expense	<u>1,447.02</u>	<u>64,016.58</u>	42, Sacramento/Yolo	3,725.75
Total Literature and Other Expense	<u>61,343.24</u>	<u>555,386.83</u>	43, El Dorado	1,145.03
Income Less Total Expense	2,792.02	9,150.75	44, Amador	287.92
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>301,626.76</u>	<u>295,268.03</u>	45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	1,365.14
Ending Cash Balance	<u>304,418.78</u>	<u>304,418.78</u>	51, Napa	865.46
**Recommended Cash on Hand	321,387.60		52, Contra Costa	5,019.61
Cash in Bank	<u>304,418.78</u>		53, Alameda	6,740.61
Above or Below Recommendation	<u>(16,968.82)</u>		54, Solano	1,074.28
**Recommended Cash on Hand = Prior year average monthly expense x 6. 2024 average monthly expense was \$53,564.60			61, Marin	2,804.29
Literature Expense % Total Expense	88%		62, San Francisco	5,729.69
Value of Lit on Hand =	10,292.30		65, San Mateo	3,538.07



## PINK CANS

The Pink Cans are passed at meetings in Northern CA to provide funds which enable this committee to carry our message. If your meeting doesn't have a Pink Can, please contact the Literature Chair at [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) (or your local Area Chair) to get one.

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You can also now make your group's contribution by credit or debit card directly on our website at [www.handinorcal.org/contribute](http://www.handinorcal.org/contribute); you will receive an immediate email receipt documenting the transaction.



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**March 20, 21 & 22, 2026**

<u>Friday March 20, 2026</u>	<u>Saturday March 21, 2026</u>	<u>Sunday March 22, 2026</u>
2:00 PM Registration Opens 5:00 PM Long Timer's Panel	8:00 AM – Steering Committee 11:00 AM – NCCAA Delegates	8:00 AM Meditation Meeting 10:00 AM Open Speaker Meeting
8:00 PM Open Speaker Meeting   <b>Jeffrey B.</b> Vancouver, B.C.	8:00 PM Open Speaker Meeting   <b>Megan H.</b> Hollywood, CA YP SPEAKER	   <b>Nick H.</b> Tiburon, CA
Additional program information on back of flyer		

**Al-Anon and Spanish Speakers &  
Participation**



**Area 06 & 07 Updates – Marathon Meetings  
Saturday Night Dance  
Free Drawing**

**Sunday Morning Meditation Meeting**

Visit NCCAA website for more information on how to be of Service to NCCAA.

**NCCAA Website**

[norcalaa.org](http://norcalaa.org)

**PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**CONFERENCE RATE FOR HOTEL CUT OFF DATE IS FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**PRE-REGISTRATION - \$30.00 (per person) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$35.00**

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The following hotel is offering Conference rates for those attending the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual NCCAA Spring Conference March 20, 21, 22, 2026 in San Ramon, CA. To ensure a reservation at conference rate call prior to February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The phone number is listed below, mention that you are with **NCCAA** to obtain the conference rate. We have a strong room requirement for this Conference and per the NCCAA Steering Committee, we will only list the host hotel.

**CONFERENCE RATE FOR HOTEL CUT OFF DATE IS February 26, 2026**

Host Hotel	King Bed	2 Queen Beds	Amenities
<b>San Ramon Marriott</b> 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA94583 Phone: 1-866-232-4066 Ask for <b>NCCAA Spring Conference Rate</b> <a href="#">Link to Hotel Booking</a>	\$149.00	\$149.00	Pool, Jacuzzi, Exercise Room Full Restaurant Free Daily Self-Parking \$7.00 Overnight Parking

**Program Highlights**

Friday	2:00 PM	Registration Opens
	3:00 PM	Marathon Meeting Begin
	5:00 PM	Long Timer's Panel
<i>Eg</i>	8:00 PM Friday Night Speaker Meeting	Jeffrey B. from Vancouver, B.C.
Saturday	9:00 AM	Registration & Marathon Meetings Resume
	9:30 AM	Hospital & Institution Panel
	11:00 AM	NCCAA Delegates Meeting
	1:00 PM	Area 06 & 07 Update
	3:00 PM	Host Committee Panel
<i>Eg</i>	8:00 PM Saturday Night Speaker Meeting	Megan H. from Hollywood, CA
	10:00 PM	Dance
Sunday	8:00 AM	Meditation Meeting
<i>Eg</i>	10:00 AM Sunday Morning Speaker	Nick H. from Tiburon, CA
Friday & Saturday	Al-Anon and Spanish Programs and Speakers	

**Pre-Register for Conference online at [norcalaaa.org](http://norcalaaa.org)**

**PRE-REGISTRATION - \$30.00 (per person) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$35.00**

Please print in the form below for pre-registration. Pre-registration cutoff date is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Name	AA	Al-Anon
City	State	
Home Group		
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City	State	
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Would You like to volunteer at the conference? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Do you need ASL translation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Email:		Enclose an Extra \$30.00 to "Sponsor a Newcomer" <input type="checkbox"/>

**Total Pre-Registration Included:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit with payment to: NCCAA Treasurer, PO Box 277214, Sacramento, CA 95827**  
**On-line pre-registration for conference is available at <http://www.norcalaaa.org>**



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