

**NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2020**

**\*\*\* STILL IN NEED OF ASC NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS LISTED BELOW \*\*\***  
**ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years - non voting), Activities Chair (2 years)**

**General Business began at 1:30 PM (Hosted by New Beginnings)**  
Open with Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts

**Administrative Officers Roll Call:**

Chair	Frank M.	PRESENT
Vice Chair	<b>VACANT</b>	
Treasurer	Janis W.	PRESENT
Treasurer in Training	<b>VACANT</b>	
Secretary	Alicia A.	PRESENT
RCM	Chuck B.	PRESENT
RCM Alt	Scott H.	ABSENT
Activities	<b>VACANT</b>	
HIPPR	Stephanie S.	ABSENT
Webmaster	Alicia A.	PRESENT

**Group Roll Call:**

Coffee Pot NA Meeting	Doralene D./ Wendy C.	PRESENT
Final Frontier	Laurel B.	PRESENT
Livin Clean	Jack H./Todd M.	ABSENT
New Beginnings	Marc S.	PRESENT
New Life	Jennifer G.	PRESENT
Peaceful Dozen	Leona C.	ABSENT
Peace Out West	Bri A./Chris	PRESENT
Second Chance Group	Brenda S./Ken F.	ABSENT (2ND)
Therapeutic Value	MaryLyn T.	PRESENT

**Quorum met (6 out of 9)**

**Secretary Report:** Alicia A. read minutes and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Opening Balance given by Janis W. \$2181.22.

**RCM:** Report given by Chuck B. Report attached.

- We need to discuss NWA hosting CAR workshops in the ASC. All votes are due by April ASC.
- Discussion about Regional Motion: GSRs should bring back to homegroup a list of acceptable reasons to excuse missing one RSC before being elected.
- Next RSC is in Jonesboro May 2020. All Regional positions currently open are Vice Chair, Treasurer in Training, Secretary in Training, Outreach, Policy & Procedures, Literature Review, and Phonelines.

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**Subcommittee Reports:**

- **HIPPR:** Report emailed.
  - Last Thursday of this month there will be a PR booth at "It Takes a Village".
- **Activities:** VACANT - 5239.25 used debit to pay 639.36 \$4599.89 remaining in activities account. 2pm on Saturday Feb 22nd deadline for theme and artwork for BRU. There are 4 or 5 different tie-dye designs we passed around at the planning meeting. Next BRU is 2pm on February 22nd at New Life.
- **Web:** Report given by Alicia. Not many changes were made except adding some events that were submitted and making minimal meeting list changes.
- **2021 Convention Bid Ad-hoc:** 3 bids for RSC convention; NWA submitted 2 for different weekends in Eureka Springs and 1 for Hot Springs.

**GSR Reports:** Given and Attached.

**Old Business:**

- Resignation of the Vice Chair received by the Chair and read to the ASC.
- **Motion #1 Motion (GUIDELINE CHANGE):** Change pg 6, Article IV: Meetings, #1 C. **FROM** "The agenda of the ASC meetings shall be prepared by the ASC Chair assisted by the Guidance Committee." **TO** "The agenda of the ASC meetings shall be reviewed and amended as needed by the ASC Chair assisted by the Guidance Committee." **AND ADD** the following Area Service Agenda to pg 6, Article IV: Meetings to become #4 . **TABLED BACK TO GROUPS WITH AMENDMENTS FROM GUIDANCE COMMITTEE - SEE NEW BUSINESS**
- **Motion #2 Motion:** To provide \$400 of NA Literature to Washington County Detention Center. **INTENT:** Carry the message. **PASSED**
- **Motion #3 Motion (GUIDELINE CHANGE):** To make this [motion] form Addendum 1 and renumber other Addendums. **POLICY AFFECTED:** Addendums **PASSED**

**Open Share:**

- Chuck - RSC workshop from Rob (Texarkana) - will send handouts to Secretary for the minutes. Also discussed was the 12 concepts. How many have them for their groups or service pamphlets? If we have them, do we use them in our groups? Do we use "A Guide to Local Service"? Are we giving new trusted servants the opportunity to learn these things? This helps to prepare and groom members for different service positions.
- Chris - I've traveled to as many of our groups from our area, but I am looking for a group that is more welcoming for adolescents. Answer: New Life Thursday night,
- Marc - recently I heard a member talking about taking her medication for mental illness. The member was told that it was an outside issue. Our "It Works How and Why" says that any issue that affects our recovery is an inside issue. The trusted servants said this isn't a normal practice, it was a choice that chairperson made.
- Chuck - CAR report includes some amendments or new literature related to mental health in recovery. There's also a way to share about outside issues that doesn't make it controversial. It is something you learn as you stick around for a while.
- Doralene - we have some similar issue about medical marijuana and how it relates to recovery. One physician has talked to people in recovery about using that within their recovery.
- Chris - I do a lot of stuff that is recovery related. One person I work with was told by a sponsor that they weren't clean because they were still using medication from their treatment center. I may have personal opinions, but it isn't the opinion of NA.
- Dyanne - Quote from Tradition 10, "NA as a fellowship ...if a problem we are having....we need anyones permission..." When medical marijuana passed in Arkansas, I reached out to California. They said they handle it the same as any other medication. We treat it the same as psych meds or other meds. It is more about how we approach people and make them feel welcome no matter what.

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- Chris - when you have time, called "Callie Sober" that is an interesting read
- Marc - our pamphlet "In Times Of Illness" discusses that if it affects your ability to share abstinence, then maybe you should step away from service.
- Janis - I have had 3 sponsees that are MRTs and they told me when I took them on as a sponsor. I told them that's an issue with your doctor, your higher power, and you.

**New Business:**

**Motion #1 (JAN 2020) - AMENDED BY GUIDANCE COMMITTEE**      **Policy Change: YES**  
**Maker of Motion: Alicia A.**      **Seconded by: Chuck B.**  
**Motion:** Change pg 6, Article IV: Meetings, #1 C. **FROM** "The agenda of the ASC meetings shall be prepared by the ASC Chair assisted by the Guidance Committee." **TO** "The agenda of the ASC meetings shall be reviewed and amended as needed by the ASC Chair assisted by the Guidance Committee." **AND ADD** the following Area Service Agenda to pg 6, Article IV: Meetings to become #4 .

**ASC SERVICE MEETING - AGENDA**

1. OPEN MEETING
2. READ TRADITIONS, CONCEPTS, PURPOSE OF THE ASC
3. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISH VOTING QUORUM
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - OPENING BALANCE
6. GROUP REPORTS
7. RCM REPORT
8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
  - \_\_\_ACTIVITIES
  - \_\_\_HIPPR
  - \_\_\_WEB
  - \_\_\_AD HOC
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. OPEN SHARE
11. MONEY MOTIONS/TREASURER REQUESTS
12. NEW BUSINESS
13. A. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (IF NECESSARY)  
    B. NOMINATIONS (ELECT INTERIM, IF NECESSARY)
14. REVIEW THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY
15. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING TIME AND PLACE
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS
17. FINAL TREASURER'S REPORT
18. MEETING CLOSES

**INTENT:** to establish a consistent order of business for ASC meetings. **POLICY AFFECTED:** pg 6, Article IV: Meetings, #1 C

**For** \_\_\_\_\_ **Opposed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstain** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Motion #1 Motion:** To purchase 5 soft cover Basic Texts and donate to Northwest Behavioral Health Psych Unit in Springdale. **INTENT:** Carry the NA message to addicts in Hospitals and Institutions. **FINANCIAL IMPACT:** \$60.75 plus shipping (\$75 estimated) **PASSED**

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<b>Motion #2</b> <b>Maker of Motion: Janis W.</b> <b>Motion:</b> Article IV: Meetings - add item "D" The Guidance Committee consists of the ASC Chair, Vice Chair, RCM, RCM Alt, Secretary, Treasurer, and Treasurer in Training. <b>INTENT:</b> Clarify who the Guidance Committee consists of. <b>POLICY AFFECTED:</b> pg 6, Article IV: Meetings	<b>Policy Change: YES</b> <b>Seconded by: Chuck B.</b>	
For _____	Opposed _____	Abstain _____

**Elections:**

- **ASC Vice Chair - Marc S. - ELECTED**

**Nominations:**

- **ASC Treasurer-in-Training - NO NOMINATIONS**
- **ASC Activities - NO NOMINATIONS**

**Announcements:**

- Meeting List changes:
  - Final Frontier is moving to a new location starting February 15th. (600 S. School Ave, Fayetteville in the Life Sources Building)
- Monthly events:
  - 1st Friday potluck and fellowship-New Beginnings at Flagstone location
  - 2nd Saturday speaker meeting-Livin' Clean meeting at 8pm
  - 3rd Sunday brunch-New Life at 12pm before speaker meeting at 1pm
  - Last Friday birthday night-Coffee Pot meeting of NA
  - Last Saturday potluck at 6pm and speaker meeting at 7:30pm-Final Frontier
- 2/22/20 - at 2pm BRU 2020 Committee meeting: Artwork and Theme due - submit to Laurel B.
- 2/29/20 - 5 pm HIPPR meeting at Final Frontier
- 3/14/20 - Next ASC meeting @ New Life at 1:30p
- 3/21/20 - New Beginnings Hoops and Noodles event 1 PM - 6 PM (see flyer)
- 6/20/20 - New Life Speaker Jam at Veteran's Park in Fayetteville - more will be revealed
- 6/26/2020 - 6/28/2020 - NEXT Beaver Round Up in Yellville
- **Upcoming Regional Events (<http://arscna.org>)**
  - **February 28-March 1, 2020:** ARVANA Men's Spiritual Retreat
  - **March 6-8, 2020:** ARVANA Hangin' in the Fort
  - **March 14, 2020:** (Russellville) Friends for Freedom Fish Fry
  - **April 17-19, 2020:** AWOL's Freedom Float
  - **April 24-26, 2020 :** ARVANA Women's Spiritual Retreat
  - **May 15-17, 2020:** (Tenkiller State Park, OK) Grateful Heads Freak-Out
  - **August 14-16, 2020:** (LR) Central Arkansas Convention
  - **September 11-13, 2020:** (San Antonio, TX) Guided by Principles Multi-Zonal Service Symposium

**Account Balance:** See Attached Report.

\$2182.22 Starting balance	- \$1082.52 Prudent reserve
- \$ 0 Expenses	- <u>\$203.58 (15% RSC Donation)</u>
+ \$258.54 Deposit	<b>\$2236.18 Ending balance</b>
\$2439.76 (new balance)	

**Meeting adjourned and closed with Third Step Prayer.**

**Next Area Business Meeting will be March 14th at New Life at 1:30 PM.**

NWAANA SERVICE COMMITTEE - MOTION TO ASC

DATE: 2-8-20

MOTION # 1

MAKER OF MOTION: Therapeutic Value Group

POLICY CHANGE: YES / NO

MOTION 2ND: Mark S.

MOTION: To Purchase 5 soft cover Basic Texts & Donate to Northwest Behavioral Health Psych Unit in Springdale, AR

INTENT: To carry the NIA message to addicts in hospitals & institutions

POLICY AFFECTED: 0

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$0.75 plus shipping (\$75 estimated)

OUTCOME:	<u>PASSED</u>	FAILED	TABLED	REFERRED TO:
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To be taken out of office Acct.

NWAANA SERVICE COMMITTEE - MOTION TO ASC

DATE: 2-8-2020

MOTION # 2

MAKER OF MOTION: Jani W.

POLICY CHANGE: YES / NO

MOTION 2ND: Cherie B.

MOTION: Article IV: Meetings Add item "d" The Guidance Committee consists of the Asc Chair Vice-Chair, RCM, RCM-Alt, Secretary, Treasurer, and Treasurer in training.

INTENT: Clarify who the Guidance Committee consists of.

POLICY AFFECTED: Article IV: Meetings

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

OUTCOME:	PASSED	FAILED	TABLED	REFERRED TO: <u>Group</u>
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**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.  
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.**

Date: 2/8/20
Group Name: COFFEE POT Group of NA
GSR Name: Doralene D
GSR Alt Name: Wendy C

Donation to ASC \$30	Check number 546	Date 2/7/20
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**Meeting List**

	Place	Time	Type
Sunday			
Monday	Coffee Pot	7pm	CC
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	Coffee Pot	*6:30pm	CC
Saturday		* last Friday of Month B-Day Night	
<b>Total Meetings</b>	3	<b>Total # of people</b>	<b>Total # of new people</b> 2

<b>Activities report:</b>
N/A
<b>Changes in group trusted servants:</b>
N/A
<b>Positive experiences your group would like to share:</b>
Continued growth - <del>going</del> starting group participation to visit over NA meetings on Sundays 3 cars
<b>Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?</b>
N/A
<b>Any upcoming birthdays?</b>
—

participation

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.  
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.**

Date:	2/8/20
Group Name:	Final Frontier
GSR Name:	Laurel B.
GSR Alt Name:	Chuck B.

Donation to ASC	\$50	Check number	CASH	Date
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Meeting List		
Place	Time	Type
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Open, Literature
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	7:30 PM	Open, Discussion
<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>Total # of people</b>	<b>Total # of new people</b>

<b>Activities report:</b>	Speaker/Potluck was well attended. Feb. 29 David H. from Cabot, AR will be our speaker
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<b>Changes in group trusted servants:</b>	N/A
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<b>Positive experiences your group would like to share:</b>	Great attendance for Speaker/Potluck.
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effective Feb 15

<b>Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?</b>	→ New Location: 600 S. School Ave. Fayetteville, AR 72701 (Literature Bldg)
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<b>Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?</b>	please come join us for meetings & speaker/potluck.
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<b>Any upcoming birthdays?</b>	Chuck B. 2-14-89 11 yrs
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Northwest Arkansas Area of Narcotics Anonymous  
Group Service Report to A.S.C.

Date: Feb. 8, 2020		
Group Name: NEW BEGININGS		
GSR Name, address, phone number, email: Marc S. 479-226-0932 Mseguin10189@gmail.com		
GSR Alt. Name, address, phone number, email:		
Donation to Area: 8/5	Cheque # 111	Date: Feb. 4, 2020
Meeting List:		
Place: Church of Nazarene/Flagstone Time: 7 pm Type: OPEN		
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday: 7 pm		
Wednesday		
Thursday: 7 pm		
Friday: 7 pm		
Saturday		
Total Meetings: 12 per month	Total People: —	Total # of new people —
Activities Report: Hoops + Noodles - Flyer attached		
Changes in Group Trusted Servants:		
Positive Experience your group would like to share: We approved G+P for the group.		
Any concerns or problems group is experiencing? How many groups use "The Treasurer's Handbook"		



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GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.

Date:	2-8-20
Group Name:	New Life
GSR Name:	Jennifer G
GSR Alt Name:	Open

Donation to ASC	100. <sup>00</sup>	Check number	12316	Date	2-8-20
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Meeting List			
	Place	Time	Type
Sunday		12m	
Monday		noon	
Tuesday		7pm	
Wednesday			
Thursday		7pm	
Friday		10pm	
Saturday			
<b>Total Meetings</b>	22	<b>Total # of people</b>	504
		<b>Total # of new people</b>	?

<b>Activities report:</b>
Speaker jam June 20th Veterans Park
next sub-com meeting 2-22 1pm
<b>Changes in group trusted servants:</b>
Activities open
<b>Positive experiences your group would like to share:</b>
Friday night & group still
we requested A Sat 10pm meeting
<b>Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?</b>
<b>Any upcoming birthdays?</b>
Brad F 2-11- 7yrs
Jennifer G 2-11- 7yrs

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.  
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.**

Date: <u>2 8 2020</u>
Group Name: <u>POW</u>
GSR Name: <u>BRI A</u>
GSR Alt Name: <u>CHRIS J</u>

Donation to ASC <u>Yes</u>	Check number <u>1252</u>	Date
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Meeting List			
	Place	Time	Type
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	<u>411 W. Benton Siloam Springs</u>	<u>730pm</u>	<u>open</u>
Friday			
Saturday			
Total Meetings	<u>3</u>	Total # of people	<u>30</u>
		Total # of new people	<u>2</u>

Activities report:
<u>NONE</u>

Changes in group trusted servants:
<u>NO</u>

Positive experiences your group would like to share:
<u>NO</u>

Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?
<u>NO</u>

Any upcoming birthdays?
<u>?</u>

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.  
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.**

Date: 2-8-20
Group Name: Therapeutic Value Group
GSR Name: Marilyn T.
GSR Alt Name: Karen S.

Donation to ASC: \$10	Check number: Cash	Date: 2-8-20
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**Meeting List**

Day	Place	Time	Type
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday	3800 S.W. Rich Smith Rd, Bentonville, 7pm	Q, W	
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
<b>Total Meetings</b>	1	<b>Total # of people</b> 6	<b>Total # of new people</b> 5

**Activities report:**

None

**Changes in group trusted servants:**

Chair - Dianne S. | Chair - Pam F. | GSR Alt -  
 Sec. - Kathy T. | Treasurer - Gennette S. | Karen S.  
 Literature - Natasha S. | GSR - Marilyn T.

**Positive experiences your group would like to share:**

Our group continues to grow. We are searching for a bigger venue/location.

**Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?**

None

**Any upcoming birthdays?**

Unknown

Motion - pending.

### *RCM Report February 2020*

Central Arkansas hosted region at the Who We Are group in Cabot, AR. We spent the first day covering the CAR and CAT. NWA needs to decide when/where we would like to host workshops on the CAR/CAT. We need to collect votes at the April Area Meeting.

In old business, motion #080319-1 – eliminating vacant subcommittee positions and transitioning to Project Based Service was tabled for more RCMs to garner feedback from their areas.

Result: (Waiting on RSC minutes to provide exact results)

There were four motions:

**110219-1: To change guidelines under the election of trusted servants to include “unless one meeting is missed with a reason that is acceptable to the ARSCNA”. To be voted on by groups.**

Result: NWA was the only area opposed to this motion. The maker of the motion suggested that NWA come up with a list of acceptable and non-acceptable absences. More details will follow when the RSC minutes are sent.

110219-2: To establish a project committee to follow the “Planning Basics” guide to discuss future finances, goals, and needs of the region. Tabled until February 2020.

Result: Awaiting RSC minutes for exact response.

110219-3: Postpone budget discussion until Feb 2020 RSC to allow treasurer to participate. Passed.

Result: Budgets were discussed and set at the February RSC.

**110219-4: ORACNA is requesting \$2500 seed money to host a convention every other year that the Region does not host one. To be voted on by groups.**

Result: ORACNA withdrew this motion.

There were several new motions, we are awaiting the release of the RSC minutes to provide exact wording. Most of them were sent to Policy and Procedure to determine appropriateness of changes prior to voting.

Our bid(s) were submitted for the 2021 Arkansas Regional Convention. We need to vote on the bids and bring that back to the May RSC.

REMINDER: BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox) is live. The next step is using something called YapApp which interfaces with BMLT. We can test the functionality of YapApp with a

dummy #501-200-4114 – THIS IS ONLY A TEST NUMBER AND IS NOT LIVE!!! YapApp could be used either in place of the 800 service or to augment.

In loving service,

Chuck B.

Date:	February 8, 2020								
Bank Balance	\$2,181.22								
Outstanding Checks									
Actual Balance	\$2,181.22								
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Donations</b>			<b>Checks Written</b>				<b>Ending Transactions</b>	
	<b>From</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>New Balance</b>	
	Coffee Pot Group	546	\$30.00					<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	\$2,439.76
	Final Frontier	Cash	\$50.00					<b>Balance Minus P. R.</b>	\$1,082.52
	Livin' Clean							<b>Donation to ARSCNA 15%</b>	\$1,357.24
	New Beginnings	111	\$15.00					Check # 1402	\$203.58
	New Life	1236	\$100.00					<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$1,153.66
	Peace Out West	Cash	\$20.00					<b>Ending Balance plus P.R.</b>	\$2,236.18
	Peaceful Dozen								
	Returning Home								
	Therapeutic Value	Cash	\$10.00						
	RCM Expense Returned	Cash	33.54						
	<b>Total</b>		\$258.54		<b>Total</b>		\$0.00		