

**NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
MAY 9, 2020**

**** VOTE ON REGIONAL NOMINATIONS IN RCM REPORT **
** NOMINATIONS NEED FOR ALL POSITIONS LISTED BELOW (CLEAN TIME REQUIRED) ****

**RCM (3 years)
RCM Alt (2 years)
ASC Chairperson (2 years)
ASC Vice-Chairperson (1 year)
ASC Treasurer (3 years)
ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years)
ASC Secretary (1 year)**

**ASC Activities Chair (2 years)
ASC HIPPR Chair (2 years)
ASC Web Chair (2 years)
2021 Regional Convention Chair (5 years)
2021 Regional Convention Vice-Chair (4 years)
2021 Regional Convention Secretary (1 year)
2021 Regional Convention Treasurer (5 years)**

General Business began at 1:30 PM (Hosted virtually)

Open with Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Purpose of the ASC

Administrative Officers Roll Call:

Chair	Frank M.	PRESENT
Vice Chair	Marc S.	PRESENT
Treasurer	Janis W.	PRESENT
Treasurer in Training	VACANT	--
Secretary	Alicia A.	PRESENT
RCM	Chuck B.	PRESENT
RCM Alt	VACANT	--
Activities	VACANT	--
HIPPR	Stephanie S.	ABSENT
Webmaster	Alicia A.	PRESENT
BRU 2020	Laurel B.	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./Shaun N.	PRESENT
Peaceful Dozen	Roger/Shelly	PRESENT
Peace Out West	Bri A./Chris	ABSENT
Second Chance Group	Brenda S./Ken F.	ABSENT
Therapeutic Value	MaryLyn T./Karen S.	ABSENT

Quorum met (5 out of 9)

Secretary Report: Alicia A. read minutes and passed.

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Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance given by Janis W. \$2266.12. Different from previous month's ending balance from last month since some of the donations that were reportedly sent haven't yet been received.

GSR Reports: Given and Attached

RCM: Report given by Chuck. See attached.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Activities:** VACANT - BRU is still scheduled and we will wait until after Memorial Day to decide if this event needs to be cancelled or can still go on as planned. Currently the guidelines from the state mandate that no tent camping is allowed and all campers must be "self contained" meaning that they must have their own toilet in their camper. The tie dye is mostly done and we can hold those shirts without a design for next year if we need to. See tie dye design below:



- **HIPPR:** Verbal report given by Stephanie. No current update.
- **Web:** Report given by Alicia. Links were added to the website for closed meetings, cancelled events, and virtual meetings. The COVID-19 announcement from NAWA is on our website as well. If your group meeting or event will be postponed, cancelled, or new online meetings, please email meetings@arscna.org. The meeting page has been changed to reflect both the meetings that are online and meeting face to face for our Area.

Old Business:

- **Motion #1: Maker: Marc S. 2nd: Shaun N. Policy Change: NO Motion: To remove the Alt. RCM from their position due to absenteeism. INTENT: As per policy Article VI (pg 8), removal of officers. PASSED**

Open Share:

- Alicia: I will be adding to the minutes a list of suggestions that have been compiled by areas/regions from around the world for groups as they plan to reopen. They are only suggestions, so please take what you want and leave the rest.
- Henry: excited to announce a new in person meeting in Eureka Springs called the "outsiders". The goal is to meet at rotating locations. Currently we are set up as Chair Choice, Open meeting. We want to continue the meeting after the quarantine ends weather permitting.
- Wendy: Bentonville has been hosting an outside meeting called the "Yard Birds" on Tues/Thurs at the A Street church parking lot since March 2020.
- Wendy: New Beginnings will have Tye Die event June 13th 12p - 4p.
- Wendy: I found out about the CAR workshop about 15 mins before it started so I'm glad to have another opportunity.
- Wendy: As for HIPPR, the addict searching for us still needs us. I request a HIPPR subcommittee meeting. I can only do what I can to spread the word.
- Chuck: Area FB page that we don't have any control over. We need an administrator for the page. When some disunity happened in posts and comments against group that chose to stay open. We do have control over it. It is using our name on there and maybe we need to do a "cease and desist order".

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- Alicia: Facebook group guidelines have been set up by the Foothills Area. I will contact them to get a copy of it. In the meantime, I would suggest that we create a new group and migrate people over to that group from the existing group.
- Henry: I like the recommendation to have people in the current group know about a new group. It will be important for the guidelines to be very specific so that we don't begin to censor based on opinions and not traditions.
- Chuck: This FB group isn't a place for free speech, instead it is meant to be a place to share information.
- Doralene: if we decide to do that
- Marc: FB page should be restricted - all be approved by admin. Like any non-profit page. They control everything. Members need to be approved and part of our area and show that what they are posting, the same way they send a flyer or it isn't posted. Same restrictions that are for our website, should also apply for a FB group.

New Business:

- **Motion #1: Maker: Chuck B. 2nd: Marc S. Policy Change: NO**
Motion: Create a new Area Facebook page for the purpose of disseminating information related to Narcotics Anonymous events and information pertinent to the Northwest Arkansas Area of Narcotics Anonymous and surrounding NA Areas. INTENT: Disseminate information related to Northwest Arkansas Area of Narcotics Anonymous and surrounding NA Areas. PASSED
- **Motion #2: Maker: Chuck B. 2nd: Laurel B. Policy Change: NO**
Motion: Make one last effort to contact the administrator of the Area Facebook page to turnover administrator status. If no contact or response to the area, then continue with the legal process for cease and desist order. INTENT: To fulfill the purpose of the Area Facebook page to disseminate information. PASSED

Announcements:

- CAR/CAT workshop will be scheduled. Date/Time TBA. Contact Chuck for details.
- All ASC Trusted Servant positions are open for nomination at the June ASC.
- All Host Subcommittee positions for the 2021 Regional Convention are open. Nominations need to be brought to June ASC.
- NWA will be hosting a 30 year celebration for RSC in NOV on the same weekend as the RSC. We are hosting the RSC the same weekend.
- ALL cancelled/postponed meetings/events should be reported to meetings@arscna.org
- Several groups in the Arkansas Region have moved to online/virtual meetings. There is a virtual meeting link on the www.arscna.org website to final links and meeting information for these meetings.
- Two new Loner Groups have formed:
 - Bentonville: Yard Birds meeting Tues/Thurs at 7pm in the parking lot of the Church of Nazarene on A Street, Bentonville. Bring your own chair.
 - Eureka Springs: The Outsiders meet, you guessed it, outside, every Tuesday at 5:30 PM (weather permitting). This is a F2F meeting of Narcotics Anonymous. Our format is Chairs Choice and our location is the picnic tables behind the fire tower in the Village at Pine Mountain, Eureka Springs. 508 Village Circle, 72632. More will be revealed.
- 6/6/2020 - NWA Area June ASC meeting (zoom link provided below)
- 6/13/2020 - New Beginnings will have their annual Tye Die event 12p - 4p at Park Springs Park - 301 NW 10th St, Bentonville, AR 72712 - Bring a white T-shirt or something to tie dye.
- 6/20/2020 - New Life Speaker Jam at Veteran's Park in Fayetteville - more will be revealed
- 6/21/2020 - Peaceful Dozen Family Day 12p - 6p
- 6/26/2020 - 6/28/2020 - NEXT Beaver Round Up in Yellville
- **Upcoming Regional Events (<http://arscna.org>) - check website for cancellations**
 - **May 13-17, 2020:** (Hot Springs) Denby Point Campout

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GSR Reports

<p>Coffee Pot NA Meeting GSR: Doralene D.; Alt GSR: Wendy C. Monday: 7pm open, discussion Wednesday: 7pm Basic Text/Literature Friday: 5:30pm Step Study (How and Why) Saturday: 4pm Chairs Choice Total Meetings: 16 Total # of people: 20 Total # of new people: 2 Group Activities: Meetings continue on zoom, meeting hall remains closed per Alano Club Positive experiences: New faces in the meetings, a couple of people possibly moving to area looking for home group. Good turnout from Dr Pauls recovery center. Any concerns or problems: Actively looking for new meeting location outside of the Coffee Pot building. Upcoming birthday: Abby - 1 year</p>
<p>Final Frontier GSR: Laurel B.; GSR Alt: Chuck B. Wednesday: 7:30pm open, literature study Saturday: 7:30pm open, discussion Total Meetings: 8 Positive experiences: We have continued to meet in person with proper social distancing Upcoming Birthdays: Ester R today 31 years, Alicia A 17 years</p>
<p>Livin Clean: no report received</p>
<p>New Beginnings GSR: Marc S.; GSR Alt: Tina V. No meetings at this time Group Activities: Planning our summer tie dye shirt event for 6/13/2020 at Park Springs park in Bentonville 12p - 4pm Positive experiences: No meetings at this time. Service meeting on Thursday May 14 to decide if and how we might reopen. Any concerns or problems: What are other groups doing to sanitize there meeting room and materials?</p>
<p>New Life GSR: Jennifer G.; GSR Alt: Shaun N. All meetings are hosted on zoom Sunday: 1pm on zoom Monday: 12pm on zoom Tuesday: 7pm on zoom AND in person Thursday: 7pm on zoom AND in person Friday: 10pm on zoom Saturday: 10pm on zoom Total Meetings: 6 Total # of people: 100 Total # of new people: 3 Group Activities: Planning for speaker jam Positive experiences: Club house back open and Tues/Thurs at 7pm resuming in person in addition to the zoom meetings at the same time</p>

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<p>Peaceful Dozen GSR: OPEN Sunday: 6pm open Monday: 6:30pm book study Wednesday: 6:30pm open Friday: 6:30pm open Saturday: 6:30pm open Total Meetings: 5 Total # of people: 324 Total # of new people: 9 Group Activities: June 21st Family Day 12pm - 6p Any concerns or problems: service position interest</p>
<p>Peace Out West: no report received. GSR: Brianna A.; GSR Alt: Chris Meetings currently suspended</p>
<p>Second Chance Group: no report received</p>
<p>Therapeutic Value: no report received. GSR: Marylyn T.; GSR Alt: Karen S. No meetings at this time</p>
<p>LONER GROUP: Yardbirds GSR: Wendy B. Address: 220 N.W. A St. Bentonville, AR Tuesday: 7pm Thursday: 7pm Total Meetings: 2 Total # of people: 4 Positive experiences: Still rockin'</p>
<p>LONER GROUP: Outsiders GSR: Henry W. (acting not elected) Address: Picnic Tables at Village of Pine Mountain. Rte 62., Eureka Springs, AR Tuesday: 5:30p Total meetings: 1 Total # of people: 4 Positive experience: new face to face meeting</p>

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ATTACHMENTS:

RCM Report May 2020

The Arkansas Regional Service Committee (RSC) met via ZOOM on May 2nd, 2020.

The Regional Delegate (RD) was able to attend the morning portion of the meeting and gave us some important updates regarding the worldwide fellowship. Due to COVID-19 and very few face-to-face meetings, the revenues for NA as a whole have decreased significantly (donation and literature sales). As a result, the majority of the conversations at the World Service Conference (WSC) have been dealing with how to remedy our financial woes. Thus, CAR/CAT voting has been delayed. As an Area, we can decide if we want to stay with our first vote OR if we want to schedule another workshop and allow groups to vote/re-vote on the motions.

Takeaways from RD report: We can schedule a workshop and open CAR/CAT voting again. World needs our donations and literature sales (although, due to social distancing in California, there are fewer employees to fill orders).

Regarding motions at the RSC:

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: Per our last ASC, where we were given the responsibility to create a list of acceptable absences. Policy and procedures/Marc S. at Region is working to add our list of acceptable absences which included with proper documentation provided:

1. Sickness, personal injury, or hospitalization
2. Car trouble or an automobile accident while traveling to the RSC.
3. Death in the family or of a close personal friend

There was one motion that was tabled for discussion/voting until May 2020:

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

Result: Our area was in favor, but it was tabled until August 2020 as some other areas have not had an opportunity to meet since our last region due to COVID-19.

020220-2: To create a BMLT coordinator position at Region.

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Result: Our area was in favor, but it was tabled until August 2020 as some other areas have not had an opportunity to meet since our last region due to COVID-19.

There were several nominations for regional positions:

Chair: Pat P.

Vice Chair: Joseph C.

Treasurer: Alicia A.

Secretary: Zenia (would be remote)

Treasurer in Training: Ryan P.

Policy and Procedures: Marc S.

Regional Delegate: Dyanne S.

RD Alternate: Glynn W.

The nominations for the above positions are closed.

Nominations are still open for Secretary in Training (and Subcommittees, I think).

The RSC would like to know what the Areas think about posting the RSC minutes on the Regional Website.

Our bid for the 2021 Arkansas Regional Convention for October 29-31, 2021 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas was accepted!

The areas/loner group drew the following responsibilities:

Registration:	CRANA
Merchandise:	ORACNA
Programming:	ARVANA
Entertainment:	FUACNA
Hospitality:	AWOL
(Floater: Central)	

We need to select a Convention Committee. The Committee Chair must attend all RSC meetings.

Also, NWA Area hosts the RSC in November 2020. We are being asked to put on an event to celebrate 30 years of the RSC being in existence and of service. We probably need a committee to head that up, if we do not have an Activities Chair by then.

There were a few activities announced:

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FUACNA campout – June 12-14

New Life Speaker Jam – June 20

Beaver Roundup – June 26-28 (Pending National Park status)

The next RSC will be hosted in Foothills Unity Area. We will request funds for travel closer to the date.

In loving service,

Chuck B./RCM

Shaun N./RCM Alt nominee

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Re-opening of Meetings: Suggestions

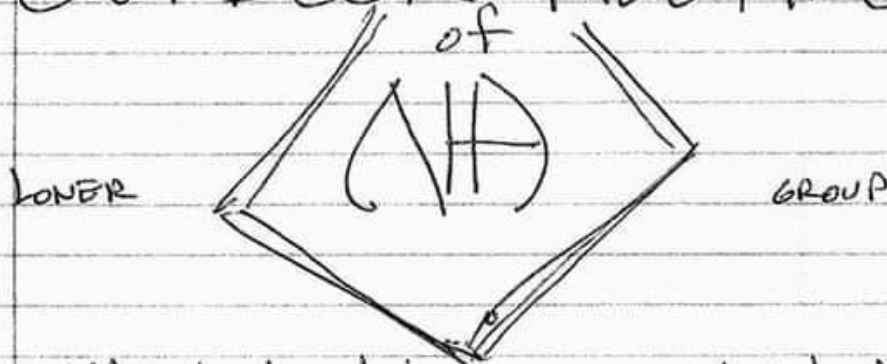
- Contact your facility and determine if they have any specific requirements that must be adhered to in order to use the facilities
- Clean all tables and chairs before members arrive
- Have spray cleaner and paper towels available for those who want to clean their own areas
- Make sure bathrooms have soap for washing hands
- Wear your masks to meetings
- Consider not serving coffee and suggest members bring their own drinks to meetings
- Move chairs to allow for distance between members
- Put the basket in a stationary place
- Designate an area for members who have compromised immune systems – could use reserved signs on the seats. Get creative – be mindful that designated area will not be in high traffic areas
- Download readings/books to avoid passing literature around the meeting
- Consider having gloves on hand so that the person signing papers can protect themselves
- Spray key tags with disinfectant prior to meeting. Wear gloves when handing them out
- Circle up without touching
- Door Post:
 - Please don't move the chairs
 - Normally we hug: please be mindful that due to COVID not everyone will be comfortable with hugs: Please ask for permission before going in
 - If you feel sick, or have had a fever, in the past 14 days please refrain from attending in person meetings. Virtual meetings are still available [\[insert local area website\]](#)
- Format announcement to reiterate the new precautions that the home group is taking to protect the members

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OUTDOOR MEETING



★ BNAZAPkg. lot ★ 220 NWA St. ★
Bentonville - Tu - 7:00 - Th - AR

1-800-338-8750

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