

NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

JULY 11, 2020

**** NOMINATIONS NEED FOR ALL POSITIONS LISTED BELOW (CLEAN TIME REQUIRED) ****

RCM Alt (2 years)
ASC Treasurer (3 years)
ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years)

ASC Activities Chair (2 years)
ASC HIPPR Chair (2 years)
ASC Web Chair (2 years)

General Business began at 1:35 PM (Hosted virtually)

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

<p>Administrative Officers Roll Call:</p> <p><u>Present:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair - Frank M.• Vice Chair - Marc S.• Treasurer - Janis W.• Secretary - Alicia A.• RCM - Chuck B.• Web - Alicia A. <p><u>Absent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RCM Alt. - Shaun N.• HIPPR - Stephanie S.• BRU 2020 - Laurel B. <p><u>Vacant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer in Training• Activities	<p>Group Roll Call: <i>Quorum met (8 out of 9)</i></p> <p><u>Present:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Pot NA Meeting (Doralene D./Abby)• Final Frontier (Marshall C./Nathan B.)• Livin Clean (Jack H./Todd M.)• New Beginnings (Marc S.)• New Life (Jennifer G.)• Peaceful Dozen (Shelly)• Peace Out West (Chris/Bri)• Therapeutic Value (MaryLyn T./Karen S.) <p><u>Absent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second Chance Group (Brenda S./Ken F.) - 3rd
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Secretary Report: Alicia A. read minutes and they were accepted without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance given by Janis W. \$1886.44.

GSR Reports: Given and Attached

RCM: Report given by Chuck. See attached.

Voting Results for **2021 Arkansas Regional Convention:**

- **Chair - Dyanne S. - PASSED**
- **Vice Chair - Chuck B. - PASSED**
- **Secretary - Doralene D. - PASSED**
- **Treasurer - Alicia A. - PASSED**

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Activities:** VACANT - Report submitted by Frank M. See attached.
- **HIPPR:** No report given.
- **Web:** Report given by Alicia. Meetings and events have been updated on the website. If your group meeting or event will be postponed, cancelled, or new online meetings, please email meetings@arscna.org. NWA Area FB group has been going well so far this past month. There have been a couple issues with delays for posts getting approved that were time sensitive. I apologize for this. If you have anyone trying to join the group and they haven't been accepted or

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automatically allowed in, please ask them to check their FB messages. I have finished setting up the push notifications for the website. This allows anyone visiting the website to allow those notifications to be sent to their device. The feature allows notifications to be sent about meeting updates, events, or any other pertinent information about Area.

- **2021 Arkansas Regional Convention Committee:** Dyanne will have a report at the next ASC.
- **Guidance Committee:**
 - Guidance committee met today at 12:30pm. We discussed the motion that was tabled and concluded that it would remain tabled until there is an outcome for Motion #5 today. Then, we will meet before next month and construct the motion to be submitted back to the groups.
 - It was discussed that we should begin displaying more leadership through mentoring. While there are several services that have been put on hold due to the current COVID situation, there may be other efforts, such as PR, could be increased.
 - Some ideas for how that might happen is by creating some volunteer sign up forms online, training for specific skills (such as webservant and PR), or positions like treasurer-in-training being filled more regularly to learn a position before being thrust into it. It was also discussed that we may consider creating some type of template or set of suggested procedures to follow so that anyone could basically walk right into the position and use them as a tool that could be a good starting point for anyone taking on a new position. We discussed that BRU 2021 and other area activities could be run as "project based", but it was agreed that this is something that needs to be directed by the groups. As far as area activities we annually have BRU, Unity Day, V-Day, Halloween, NYE, and sometimes a BRU fundraiser.
 - We would like to solicit feedback from the Area members during the open share portion of the meeting today.

Old Business:

- **Motion #1: Maker: Alicia A. 2nd: Chuck B. Policy Change: YES**
Motion: To change the guidelines for the webservant position from a subcommittee to a trusted servant position. Amendments to the guidelines are as follows:
 1. Move page 20, III Qualifications and Duties of Webservant section to page 11 under Article VII Qualifications and Duties of Area Trusted Servants to become #4.
 2. Move on page 9 "Web" from letter "f" to letter "e".
 3. Change heading on page 20 to remove the word "subcommittee" and read as "Area Website Guidelines".**INTENT: To change to guidelines to be more consistent with the position since it does not have a committee. PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

- **Motion #2: Maker: Alicia A. 2nd: Chuck B. Policy Change: YES**
Motion: To update Article V, Elections, page 7 #1f, FROM: "No NWAASC trusted servant shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office." TO: "It is suggested that no NWAASC trusted servant serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office." INTENT: Be consistent with the other suggestions under the elections section and serve as guidance to the ASC. FAILED DUE TO OPPOSITION

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- **Motion #3: Maker: Janis W. 2nd: Jennifer G. Policy Change: YES**
Motion: to change pg. 9 add “Guidelines/Policy & Procedures” under Article VII, 2(note to self: should be #2 and #3 for roles), e “Trusted Servants” This would become an elected trusted servant position. (TABLED TO GUIDANCE COMMITTEE)
- **Motion #4: Add outsiders as a group of the ASC (PASSED JUNE 2020)**
- **Motion #5: Maker: Chuck B. 2nd: Alicia A. Policy Change: YES**
Motion: Add to Vice Chair duties: Work with the Secretary to update guidelines as guideline changes are approved by the groups/ASC pending review by the guidance committee.
INTENT: A single point of accountability for updating the Area guidelines. PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY

Open Share:

- Frank: Any changes that are made today that require a change to the bank account will require a separate set of minutes with both First and Last names as well as a signature of a current account holder to make those changes at the bank..
- Janis: Let everyone know that we have a member that has donated 2 infinity medallions to the Area. Infinity medallions are presented when a person in the area dies with clean time. I have the receipt. Since there is no literature committee, it was decided to give them to the treasurer to hold onto them and they will be passed along in the bank bag.
- Marc: I talked to Frank about this and I talked to a few other people as well. Our groups are getting tired of guidelines changes. Too many groups are spending too much time discussing them instead of taking care of group business. I think that Livin Clean’s response today is indicative of guideline overload. I think that too many guideline changes are simply housekeeping changes and could be dealt with by the GSRs and don’t need to go back to groups to burden the groups. They can be dealt with by the leadership of the GSRs because we are knowledgeable people and if we’ve forgotten to name someone to be responsible for updating guidelines or grammar errors. Other guideline changes are more serious and may need to go back to groups. I wanted to discuss how people felt about moving toward having some housekeeping motions addressed directly at the area without having to go back to groups.
- Chuck: I’ve seen some places, specifically in the region, use guidelines and policies separately. Guidelines are more like the skeleton and require 2/3 majority to change and the policy is more fluid related to how we do things in the guidelines and can be changed by the committee that’s present where guidelines have to go back to groups. I’m not sure that’s feasible for our area, but that’s one suggestion of how that has been done.
- Todd: Marc is right. Livin Clean is tired of seeing the guidelines changes and spent almost 80% of time researching due to a typo. We are only GSRs and we can’t speak for the group. Things that need to go back to groups, should go back to groups. We can’t say yes or no at the area meeting without discussing it with our group first. We represent Livin Clean, but we do not speak for them.
- Marc: Guide to Local Service and 12 concepts it says that each of us is elected to that position to carry out that role. If you look at what the GSR’s position is, you are entitled to make a decision. Your group says we like Todd, we think he’s got a good head on his shoulders, and he’s going to make good decisions. They may tell you, “except for this, we want you to talk to us about it”.

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- Marc: Today we talked in the guidance committee today about setting up a volunteer sheet for the different things in this area that we need help with. I wanted to see how they felt about getting a sheet or online sheet where they can sign up to volunteer for help. We need to draw more people in and get more volunteers.
- Frank: Why do you feel people are not being drawn into service at any level? We don't have people waiting in line to be in service. Collectively what do you think? Are there people who are too controlling making people feel like their voice doesn't count or is service not attractive?
- Chuck: I think part of it would make it more attractive and get newer people involved is what we discussed about a volunteer database in the guidance committee. We sometimes get thrust into service and don't get trained. We get put in positions and told what to do rather than reading things like the Guide to Local Service that explains how we do things such as holding subcommittees, announce meetings, and welcome everyone into service. Also, there are some specific skill sets like PR and Web and in our guidance committee we mentioned that we ask some of these volunteers if they are willing to stuff envelopes, post flyers, etc. It doesn't have to be that total involvement. I also think people hear about confrontation and disagreements, which are a natural part of making decisions in a body coming together. That turns some people off. That's a skill we develop; how to disagree and not be disagreeable. Without service I might not have learned a lot of those things.
- Frank: I think you hit a lot on the head Chuck. Todd or Jack do you have any input or suggestion to draw people into service and make service more attractive?
- Todd: That should start with sponsorship where sponsors suggest getting involved in the homegroup and then moving to the area level considering their clean time. If we stay clean and we are a part of service, then we need to know when there are subcommittees and availability when we can be of service.
- Chuck: Great suggestion. If you aren't involved in sponsorship then how much of the program are you really participating in?
- Frank: We had a workshop on that a few years back. They separated us all into groups to figure this exact thing out and that's what it boiled down to: sponsorship, encouraging people getting involved in service.
- Chuck: One more thing about making service attractive. If you feed them, they will come.

New Business:

- **Motion #1: Maker: Chuck B. 2nd: Alicia A. Policy Change: NO**
Motion: Move the \$250 from the August 2020 RSC Travel fund to be combined with the \$250 from Nov for a total of \$500 to host the RSC in NWA. Intent: Host November 2020 RSC as stated in the duties of the RCM. (PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION)

Elections:

- **NWA Area RCM - Chuck B. - PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION**
- **NWA Area Chairperson - Marc S. - PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION**
- **NWA Area Vice Chairperson - Alicia A. - PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**
- **NWA Area Treasurer - Janis W. - WITHDRAWN**
- **NWA Area Secretary - Doralene D. - PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION**
- **NWA Area Activities Chair - Frank M. - WITHDRAWN**

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Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM and closed with the Third Step Prayer.

Next Area Business Meeting will be Aug 8th online at 1:30 PM (details below).

Aug 2020 NWA ASC Meeting

Time: August 8, 2020 1:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82254970897>

Dial in via phone: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 822 5497 0897 (no password)

GSR Reports

Coffee Pot NA Meeting

GSR: Doralene D.; Alt GSR: Abby S.

Donation: \$50

Monday: 5:30 live meeting at the clubhouse -open discussion / No zoom

Tuesday: 5:30 Outsiders meeting of Coffee Pot Group (pine mountain village) CC

Wednesday: 7pm Zoom Meeting Basic Text book study

Thursday: 5:30 Outsiders meeting of Coffee Pot Group (pine mountain village) CC

Friday: 5:30 Zoom - How and Why step study

Saturday: 4PM live meeting at the clubhouse -open discussion / No zoom

Total Meetings: 24

Total # of people: 15

Total # of new people: 4

Change in Trusted Servants: Abby S - Alt GSR, Peaches S - Secretary, Josh B - Literature

Positive experiences: Outreach to Dr Paul's every Friday at 1PM. Outsiders group merged with coffee pot group

Any concerns or problems: N/A

Final Frontier

GSR: Marshall C.; GSR Alt: Nathan B.

Group Donation: \$250

Wednesday: 7:30pm open, literature study

Saturday: 7:30pm open, discussion

Total Meetings: 8

Total # of people: 60

Total # of new people: 1

Group Activities: Speaker and Potluck on July 25 2020

Change in Trusted Servants: Marshall C. as GSR and Nathan B. as Alt. GSR

Positive experiences: Going to start our Speaker meeting again.

Any concerns or problems: Low attendance on Saturday meetings.

Upcoming Birthdays: Celebrating Alicia A. 17yrs, Sarah P. 11yrs, and Marshall C. 18 months

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<p>Living Clean: GSR: Jack; GSR Alt: Todd M. Meetings are outside right now. We are working on getting our bank situation together and will contribute to Area soon.</p>
<p>New Beginnings GSR: Marc S.; GSR Alt: Tina V. No meetings at this time Change in trusted servants: I'll probably be stepping down as GSR since I might be elected as chair today. Positive experiences: Still conducting business meetings even though we are not meeting Any concerns or problems: N/A</p>
<p>New Life GSR: Jennifer G.; GSR Alt: vacant Group Donation: \$50 All meetings are hosted on zoom Sunday: 1pm on zoom AND in person Monday: 12pm on zoom AND in person Tuesday: 7pm on zoom AND in person Thursday: 7pm on zoom AND in person Friday: 10pm on zoom Saturday: 10pm on zoom Total Meetings: 52 Total # of people: 250 Total # of new people: 3 Group Activities: Speaker jam postponed Change in trusted servants: Alt gsr resigned Positive experiences: We still here no one is ill Concerns/Problems: Sherry is having surgery prayers please Upcoming Birthday: Sherry 5 yrs</p>
<p>Peaceful Dozen GSR: Shelli H.; GSR Alt: Matt C. Group Donation: \$40 Sunday: 6pm open Monday: 6:30pm book study Wednesday: 6:30pm open Friday: 6:30pm open Saturday: 6:30pm open Total Meetings: 21 Total # of people: 415 Total # of new people: 4</p>

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Peace Out West: GSR: Brianna A.; GSR Alt: Chris Tuesday: 7:30pm open Total Meetings: 4 Total # of people: 25 Total # of new people: 1 Group Activities: Speaker meeting last Tuesday of the month
Therapeutic Value GSR: Marylyn T.; GSR Alt: Karen S. Tuesday at 6pm - only meeting on zoom at this time Total Meetings: 4 Total # of people: 20 Total # of new people: 0 Concerns/Problems: reduced attendance Group Activities: Speaker meeting last Tuesday of the month - Debbie W. is the speaker this month

ATTACHMENTS:

RCM Report July 2020

There were no inputs or tally sheets turned in for CAR/CAT.

MOTIONS AT REGION:

There are no changes to the motions from last month's report.

The following nominations were voted on by our area last month and none were opposed.

- 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.

Nominations are still open for Secretary in Training and subcommittees.

Per the last Area meeting, our area is in favor of posting the RSC minutes on the website after redacting personal information such as emails, contact information, last names, and account information.

Reminder: We will host the 2021 Arkansas Regional Convention October 29-31, 2021 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

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The areas/loner group drew the following responsibilities:

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

We will vote on the nominations for the 2021 Arkansas Regional Convention committee today:

Chair: Dyanne S.
Vice Chair: Chuck B.
Secretary: Doralene D.
Treasurer: Alicia A.

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.

The next RSC will be hosted in Foothills Unity Area.

I am proposing that we roll over the funds for travel to help with costs related to the November RSC and activity that NWAANA hosts instead of requesting travel funds today.

In loving service,

Chuck B./RCM

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Beaver Roundup Update

Frank M 7-11-2020

I cancelled the Reservations for the campground because they would not roll over the reservation for 2021.

There were no cancellation fees. Refund was \$650.00

On July 3rd I used the debit card to pay \$650.00 to reserve the campground and pavillion for June 25,26,27 2021

The campground for 2021 is paid in full.

I also cancelled the speaker cabins. The refund was \$639.36. There were no cancellation fees.

On July 3rd I called and reserved 3 speaker cabins for June 25,26,27 2021.

On January 1st 2021 someone needs to call and pay for the cabins because they do not accept payment this far out.

I wrote and sent 2 checks to Onda Mountain Tie Dye Artist. The first was a \$1,000.00 startup payment.

The remaining balance of \$2,162.00 was paid on 6-23-2020 \$3,162.00 Total for shirts.

That does not include screen printing. The Committee should probably meet on Zoom or in person to agree to use the same theme and artwork or if they feel that it should be reopened for new enteries.

Current Activities Account balance is \$2,077.25

Something I failed to mention at the last meeting was that we had 2 face to face BRU planning meetings. Those meetings were attended by the same people both times. I conducted a phone group conscience with each of those people on the lastest news from the campground. The consensus was to cancel BRU. In my mind, the people that had been showing up for the meetings, were the committee and consulted each of them about what was going on. I apologize to anyone that felt left out of the decision making process.

I do not have willingness to be Activities Chair. I have found it to be a very stressful position with a lot of pressure. Quite often it is a Thankless position that receives a lot of criticism. I am not the only one that feels this way. I have willingness to Co-Chair BRU 2021 with Laurel. If Area would prefer, I will make myself availble to sign off and sign over the account so that someone else can make the final financial arrangements for BRU 2021.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service