

NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 8, 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 1:32 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 - Marc S.• Vice Chair - Alicia A.• Secretary - Doralene D.• RCM - Chuck B. <p><u>Absent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A <p><u>Vacant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer• Treasurer in Training• RCM Alt. -• HIPPR -• Activities/BRU• Web	<p>Group Roll Call: <i>Quorum met (6 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 Life (Jennifer G.)• Peaceful Dozen (Shelly)• Therapeutic Value (MaryLyn T./Karen S.) <p><u>Absent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Beginnings• Peace Out West (Chris/Bri)• Second Chance Group (Brenda S./Ken F.) - 4th<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AFTER 4 THEY FALL OFF THE ROLL CALL
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Secretary Report: Doralene D. read minutes and they were accepted without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance given by Janis W. \$1936.79.

GSR Reports: Given and Attached

RCM: Report submitted by Chuck B. See attached.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Activities:** Vacant
- **HIPPR:** Vacant
- **Web:** Report submitted by Alicia. Any meeting changes, or events or flyers please submit.
- **2021 Arkansas Regional Convention Committee:** No report given.
- **Guidance Committee:**
 - Guidance committee met today at 11:00AM. We discussed the motion that was tabled to the Guidance Committee and ruled it as out of order.

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Old Business:

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 #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 $\frac{2}{3}$ MAJORITY
- NWA Area Treasurer - Janis W. - WITHDRAWN
- NWA Area Secretary - Doralene D. - PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION
- NWA Area Activities Chair - Frank M. - WITHDRAWN

Voting Results for 2021 Arkansas Regional Convention:

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

Nominations:

- RCM Alt (2 years) - NONE
- ASC Treasurer (3 years) - NONE
- ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years) - NONE
- ASC Activities Chair (2 years) - NONE
- ASC HIPPR Chair (2 years) - NONE
- ASC Web Chair (2 years) - NONE

Open Share:

- Marc - Guidance Committee met today. One of the things we were made aware of are the Guidelines and Policies state Guidelines and Policies are to be reviewed on a yearly basis. After the discussion during last month's ASC meeting regarding too many changes being brought back to the individual groups, the decision has been made to separate guidelines from procedure and policies. The reason being, anything that is a guideline for the area should be almost "written in stone" and be changed by the group conscience. Anything that is a Policy/Procedure "how we do things" should not be going back to groups every time and be voted on during ASC. The Guidance Committee with Vice-Chair takes care of these changes. Any discussion moving that direction in the next 6 months?

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- Chuck - clarification that we would be separating hard guidelines “skeleton of what we have and what we do” i.e, clean time requirements for example from policy and procedure that would not go back to groups for example budgets. Budgets are guidelines that would have to go back to the group for 2/3 vote and come back to ASC. This is not how this would work. Budgets need to be fluid in service to Narcotics Anonymous and the suffering addict. These would be voted on at area level so groups can focus on their group business. ASC would vote on Policy and Procedure changes.
- Janis - Reminding committee the Treasurer position is open. I do have the treasurer report for this month, and request the Treasurer position be filled as soon as possible.
- Marc - If there is no more discussion on what the Guidance Committee is looking at doing, under new business, I may direct the Vice-Chair to move forward with changes we are proposing.
- Chuck - Could this be appointed as an ad-hoc committee?
- Marc - Yes, it could. Regarding vacant Treasurer position. We are having a problem with our Treasury, it's 2 fold. In the absence of a treasurer, we will need our vice chair to take over these duties to make sure there is continuity and accountability however, we need someone to step into this position. Right now, our guidelines state the signing authority can be the chairperson, RCM and Treasurer. I cannot be on the account due to waiting on a social security number so I am unable to be a signer on the account in the US. (at least 6 months out potentially) We need to address these things in our guidelines about the treasury. Janice has offered her support and training in the transition however, we need to make a decision today. I don't want the Guidance Committee or myself or anyone else to push forward our agenda without the body feeling this is the best decision for the area. Have I missed anything Alicia?
- Chuck B. - Clarifying point. With us not having a treasurer elected and due to Marc's situation, we have 1 signer on the account, the RCM. We usually require 2 signatures on a check for anything. I believe in our former guidelines, it stated the vice chair was a signer and the vice-chair would take over duties for the sub-committee chair or in absence of another position. Along the lines of accountability with our treasury, we have nothing as to who is to be a signer on our activities account that is supposed to at times maintain over \$5000. We need to make some adjustments for the financials.
- Janis - Current signers at the bank until it gets changed. Signers are currently - Frank, Janis, Chuck. Will need to be changed at the bank. I also have a key to the post office box in Rogers. Janis has not been to Rogers, will need someone to take this over and check on the box.
- Marc and Alicia volunteer to check the post office box. Alicia lives nearby.
- Marc - Janis could you get the key to Alicia?
- Alicia- Will get the key from Janis in order to check the post office box on her way to work.
- Janis - I also have a box of literature that will need to be picked up, ordered months ago for HIPPR.
- Marc- Alicia and Marc will coordinate a pick up time with Janis to get literature and treasurer materials.
- Janis - How do we go about meeting at the bank to update signatures on the account? Current signers are:
- Alicia - Currently Chuck is the only person that can be on the account. Chuck can coordinate with you (Janis) to get you and Frank off the account until a new Treasurer has filled the position..
- Marc - We can discuss who can be a co-signer in new business today.

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- Marc - In regards to Beaver Roundup, there has been a suggestion that 2 items be addressed. Accountability for the activities bank account as addressed by Chuck and communication by Frank that he has willingness to continue organizing BRU. The Guidance Committee suggests Beaver Roundup be organized under the Activities committee chair even if the BRU is the only activity taking place through the course of the year. The other part is in regard to the same people doing the same activity/ tasks each year. We may direct in a motion today, if the will of the group approves, to direct the activities sub-committee to create a task list and a timeline in the event anything ever happens to those people planning the activity and the knowledge they have in organizing BRU is not lost. For example; in January we do this, we order food during this time, etc.

New Business:

- Marc - As chair, I am appointing an ad-hoc committee for the duration of 1 year appointing vice-chair as chair of the ad-hoc committee to review guidelines with the guidance committee and anyone else who would like to join. Intent is to separate guidelines from policies and procedures.
- Chuck - Would like to point out something in our guidelines under "Vacancies";
 - a. Notice of intent to fill a vacancy shall be provided at a regularly scheduled NWAASC meeting.
 - b. Elections to fill a vacancy of an office shall occur within two regular NWAASC meetings after the vacancy arises. When an office is vacant, and there is no one willing or able to serve, the duties of the vacant position shall be assigned to another trusted servant as recommended by the NWAASC Chairperson when the vacant position is an officer and as recommended by the NWAASC Vice Chairperson when the vacant position is a standing subcommittee Chairperson.
- Marc - I am waiting to hear back from Frank to see if he has the willingness to be Activities chair even if BRU is the only activity planned for the year.

Motion #1: Maker: Marc 2nd: Jennifer Policy Change: YES
To add the Vice-Chair and Alt. RCM as signing authority to area accounts and to increase Vice-Chair clean time to 2 years. Intent: To increase the number of qualified members who could be signing authorities.
"For _____ Opposed _____ Abstain _____"

Motion #2: Maker: Marc 2nd: Chuck B Policy Change: YES
That the area treasurer or an area trusted servant to serve as treasurer, shall be a signing authority on the Activities bank account. Intent: To bring accountability to the area body. (TABLED TO GUIDANCE COMMITTEE)

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Announcements:

- 8/29/20 **Final Frontier Speaker** potluck birthday night. Scott H from living clean will be sharing experience, strength and hope. Food theme: chicken wings.
- New Life Fellowship has a new meeting schedule. Sunday 1PM zoom/in-person, Tuesday/Thursday 7PM zoom/in-person, Friday/Saturday 10PM in person.
- Light My Fire is a go! October 2nd - 4th Campsite A; **Devil's Den State Park** taking submissions for artwork.(artwork due 1st weekend of september) Send artwork to Janis, Frank or Jennifer. Speakers confirmed.....24 sites can be reserved via contribution to cover cost of site. 2-3 tents on each site. Saturday night speaker - Richard from Corpus Christi, TX.
- NWA will be hosting a 30 year celebration for RSC the 1st weekend in NOV on the same weekend as the RSC. We are hosting the RSC that weekend.
- ALL cancelled/postponed meetings/events should be reported to meetings@arscna.org
- Upcoming Regional Events (<http://arscna.org>) - check website for cancellations

Account Balance:

\$1936.79	Starting balance
- \$.00	Expenses
+\$ 125.00	Deposit
<u>\$2061.79</u>	(new balance)
- \$ 1565.88	Prudent reserve
- \$ 74.39	(15% RSC Donation)
\$ 1987.40	Ending balance (\$421.52 before prudent)

Meeting adjourned at 2:57PM PM and closed with the Third Step Prayer.

Next Area Business Meeting will be September 12th, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87059524203>

Meeting ID: 870 5952 4203

No password required

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GSR Reports

Coffee Pot NA Meeting
GSR: Doralene D.; Alt GSR: Abby S.
Donation: None
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: 20
Total # of new people: 2
Change in Trusted Servants: None
Positive experiences: Continued growth and outreach every Friday at Dr Pauls treatment center.
Any concerns or problems: N/A
Upcoming Birthdays: David S - 3 years

Final Frontier
GSR: Marshall C.; GSR Alt: Nathan B.
Group Donation: None
Wednesday: 7:30pm open, literature study
Saturday: 7:30pm open, discussion
Total Meetings: 8
Total # of people: 80
Total # of new people:
Group Activities:
Change in Trusted Servants: Marshall C. as GSR and Nathan B. as Alt. GSR
Positive experiences:
Any concerns or problems: Need more support in Saturday
Upcoming Birthdays: None to my knowledge

New Life
GSR: Jennifer G.; GSR Alt: vacant
Group Donation: \$50
Sunday: 1pm on zoom AND in person
Tuesday: 7pm on zoom AND in person
Thursday: 7pm on zoom AND in person
Friday: 10pm on zoom AND in person
Saturday: 10pm on zoom AND in person
Total Meetings: 35
Total # of people: 200

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Total # of new people: 4
Group Activities: Light my fire October 2nd-4th is a GO
Change in trusted servants: Secretary stepped down
Positive experiences: Come support zoom and in person
Concerns/Problems:
Upcoming Birthdays: Not to my knowledge

Yardbirds
GSR: Wendy B
Group Donation: None
Sunday: None
Monday: None
Tuesday: 7PM
Wednesday: None
Thursday: 7PM
Friday: None
Saturday: None
Total Meetings: 2
Total # of people: 10
Total # of new people: 0
Group Activities: None
Change in trusted servants: None
Positive Experiences: Still alive and well!
Concerns/Problems: Low attendance despite word of mouth awareness ; construction may require moving to Park Springs.
Upcoming Birthdays: Mike and Tina 2 1/2 years each

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ATTACHMENTS:

RCM Report August 2020

MOTIONS AT REGION:

There are no new motions from the last RSC (that I'm aware of, I will check the minutes when they come out).

The following nominations were voted on by our area and carried at Region.

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.

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

The 2021 Arkansas Regional Convention committee members are as follows:

Chair: Dyanne S.

Vice Chair: Chuck B.

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Secretary: Doralene D.

Treasurer: Alicia A.

NWA Area hosts the next 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. If anyone would like to help in the planning an implementation of the RSC &/or 30 year anniversary event, please contact me!

In loving service,

Chuck B./RCM