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

** SEVERAL ITEMS IN RCM REPORT TO DISCUSS AT NEXT ASC **

ASC Chair (2 years)
ASC Treasurer (3 years)
ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years)

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

General Business began at 1:35 PM (New Life hosting)

Open with Serenity Prayer

Reading of 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Purpose of the ASC

Administrative Officers Roll Call:

Present:

- Chair Marc S.
- Vice Chair Alicia A.
- HIPPR Jennifer/Janis
- RCM Chuck B.
- Activities Marc

Absent:

- Secretary Doralene D.
- 2021 Convention Shaun N.
- RCM Alt.- Shaun N.

Vacant:

- Treasurer
- Treasurer in Training
- Web

Group Roll Call: Quorum Met

Present:

- Coffee Pot NA Meeting (Peaches S)
- Final Frontier (Marshall C.)
- Livin Clean (Jack H./Todd M.)
- New Life (Jennifer G., JW)
- Peaceful Dozen (Shelly/ Mark)
- Second Chance (Ken)
- Therapeutic Value (Dyanne)

Absent:

- Yardbirds/ New Beginnings (Wendy)
- New Attitudes (Bob)
- Peace Out West (Chris/Bri)

Secretary Report: Alicia read minutes and they were accepted without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance given by Alicia. \$1550.40

GSR Reports: Report submitted and attached;

RCM: Report submitted and attached

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Marc -

Budget report: The account currently has \$1,789.25. Cabins were partially paid for in the amount of \$288. The dates for the BRU campout are June 25, 26, 27, 2021.

We have approved one vendor and signed a contract with Basic Bros Attire. As part of the contract they are donating 10% of all sales at the event to BRU as well as \$100 in merchandise for the Auction. They are willing to set up for the whole weekend, but at a minimum require at least from 1 pm to the end of events on Saturday, June 26. They will close during the auction and any recovery meetings.

- 1) Theme and Artwork contest deadline is today and we've received 2 submissions so far.
- 2) Group banner quilt: These are due today. I've been hearing about some very creative pieces being made by groups.
- 3) Pre-registration will be \$35, on site registration will be \$45. We are also offering a discounted registration with no shirt for \$15. We will be accepting donations from NA members for day visitors.
- 4) Please announce that we are looking for donations for the auction.

Our next meeting is set for April 3 at 10 am. Meeting location to be determined. Marc S.

HIPPR: Jennifer/Janis - 3-4 places have requested H&I meetings. We are still working on getting the PR racks filled. The Women's Prison in Fayetteville has requested that we start going in again. Contact Jennifer to get information about orientation. The clean time requirement is 2 years and you must get a background check.

JW - Leroy Pond at the VA has expressed a desire to have H&I come in on alternating Sundays. Peaches - True Life rehab in Berryville would like to start an H&I meeting.

Web: Alicia - Currently working on a procedures document to submit to Area that will outline the basics of the job tasks for anyone taking over this position. This will not be a guideline and will instead be a living document that can be updated as needed. Meetings have been updated on the Area and Regional website. A link to the RSC survey has been added on the main page and "for our members" page. Please go there to find the link. I did not get a chance to work with Bob or JW yet but creating the procedures document to use will make that time more productive.

2021 Arkansas Regional Convention Committee: Shaun N. - Next meeting March 27th at 10am via zoom. Coffee Pot decided to pass a 2nd basket and gave me a list of volunteers from the Eureka Springs area to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Shaun N. We need volunteers for several things such as transportation, helping to direct people where to go, etc. We need to think about fundraising since the budget we initially set is more than what we actually have in the bank. It will come up in open share today about how we would like to fundraise.

Guidance Committee Ad Hoc: Alicia - next meeting will be April 10th, time TBA

OLD BUSINESS:

- ★ TAKE BACK TO GROUPS: ARSCNA Environmental Scan (How can RSC better serve survey) email or send back hard copies. Electronic copy located on facebook page *Narcotics Anonymous of NWA Area; ARSCNA Environmental Scan. Good positive, constructive feedback. Suggestions, observations, etc. Electronic copy located on facebook page *Narcotics Anonymous of NWA Area; ARSCNA Environmental Scan.
- ★ TAKE BACK TO GROUPS: ARSCNA Nominations for all positions other than RD and RDA are accepting nominations in May. The May RSC meeting will be held in the ARVANA Area. Nominees must be present at 2 concurrent RSC meetings to be nominated and elected. If you are interested or know anyone who is, they can attend the May RSC to be nominated and you can find the qualifications in the RSC guidelines posted at www.arscna.org

★ TAKE BACK TO GROUPS: Guideline and Policy Report review requested for Items #1 thru #9 of 17 total. Request feedback from groups on the first 9. Will be reviewing the rest, after initial 9. Chuck is willing to meet with any group about these 9 items before the next ASC. (SEE ITEMS #1-9 LISTED BELOW)

What this all means?

You might be thinking, OMG, we are going to have a bunch of G&P motions to make all these changes, but that's not where we are at yet. We think this body might be better off if we have a discussion on these proposed changes and answers to some of our questions. We would like to know if this is your conscience; is this what you'd like to see reflected in our G&P's? Do you like some of the proposals but have suggestions for some of the other ones? Before we prepare a bunch of motions or a new document for approval, we might as well survey/straw poll the room to find out how to best proceed. We wouldn't want to prepare something that this body feels would only be rejected in the end because it's not what you believe ought to be in our G&P's. We are here to serve you. We brought our leadership and knowledge to reviewing these for you and now we are asking for your guidance.

Items #1 - #9 to discuss with groups and bring feedback to next ASC

- 1. Divisions between what is a Guideline and a Policy is not always clear. One way to determine that is to look at the codes in the index. Maybe we need to clearly separate it into sections and note it in the Guidelines that there is an associated Policy.
- 2. Some sections are not consistent with Consensus-Based Decision Making (CBDM). Can we just revise the wording without putting forth motions that will require Area Conscience since the spirit of the Area Conscience has already approved CBDM?
- 3. Currently, the G&P is required to update the G&P every quarter and bring new copies to this meeting every time a new Guideline or Policy is changed. Is this cost effective and efficient? May we propose another way of updating G&P's? Could we have an Appendix of updates that is then integrated into the full document every two years or annually? This would save on printing a whole new set every time we make changes to G&P.
- 4. We have some Guidelines that contradict where authority lies in our service structure. For example, our quorum statement says "Only duly elected Representatives are eligible for quorum" and that there are "No Proxy representatives". We believe this body can't tell Areas who they can send to represent their area. For example, in the absence of an RCM, an area may choose to send their Chairperson or Vice-Chair to represent them. Are we telling them they can't? There is also another section where we say that RCM's can't vote or participate until they've attended two consecutive meetings and if they've been absent for more than two meetings must attend two meetings before they can join again. This is contradictory to CBDM and maybe our Third Tradition which to us means "You're a member when you say you are." Furthermore, our 7th concept states that "All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes."
- 5. Although we've been asking new nominees for a Service Resume, this is not in our Guidelines & Policies.

- 6. We have another Guideline that states the "Relapse constitutes automatic and immediate removal in any office" but we do not elect RCM's here and this decision should be left to the Area's. Maybe it should read: "Relapse constitutes automatic and immediate removal of Regional Trusted Servants positions."
- 7. We have "Standing Committees" and Subcommittee chairs, but there are really only two "Standing Committee" and that is Convention and G&P. The other positions act more like Coordinators. Even the description of these "Standing Committee" state that their main role is to act as a resource for Areas and Loner Groups within the region. Being a coordinator or having a coordinator position doesn't prevent others from being involved like they would on a subcommittee. A good coordinator delegates many tasks to various people within the region to accomplish their mandate.
- 8. We should also rethink "Literature Review". In the absence of a trusted servant to do this position and the role that the RD and alt. RD play at requesting literature review might better serve us. In fact, any NA member can review Literature and give feedback to NAWS by visiting na.org "Projects and Surveys".
- 9. Renaming some positions to better reflect their role in our service structure and CBDM. For example, a chairperson is more of a facilitator now and Outreach acts more like Fellowship Development.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Regional Convention Fundraiser Ideas/comments:
 - o ASC can host an Ice cream social if we serve the ice cream in May
 - Both Homegroups and Area could have a fundraiser
 - Convention subcommittees are also raising funds for their responsibilities, so we are not trying to make up the difference all by ourselves
 - o Do we only accept contributions from addicts/members? Yes, no outside donations
 - ASC could have a picnic in the summer at a park with volleyball or some other fun things to do - Chicken cookoff does that later in the summer, but maybe we can do something earlier in the summer
 - Kickball tournament?
 - New Life Speaker Jam is in June we need to make sure that we are not trying to pack too many events back to back
 - Freakout is the end of May
 - Recovery on the Ridge is Mother's Day weekend
 - ASC could have a treasure hunt
 - Convention host committee could sell a "pie in the face" at BRU volunteer getting the pie could match the bid to NOT get the pie in the face
 - Marc appointed Chuck to chair an ad-hoc to plan a fundraiser
 - Not sure about Area's financials, but maybe we could raffle off a hotel + registration (ad-hoc to discuss)
- March 2021 ASC location changed discussion:
 - There was an email sent out regarding a change of location for the ASC meeting in March that included some banter at the bottom. some of the steering committee wanted to ask GSRs if they were ok with that while others wanted to just make the decision -GSRs should be part of the process.

- Guidelines already outline a procedure for how we rotate on a schedule and since both the original group and the next in line weren't able to host, it automatically went to the next on the list, New Life. We didn't have time to ask about something that had already been voted on by groups when they approved the guidelines that had the schedule layed out. The chair has been delegated the authority to make that decision. It didn't change guidelines; if it did then the groups would have been consulted.
- When the WSC was cancelled and moved to an online venue, the regions weren't consulted. The admin just made a decision and told us all where to show up. If I have set aside time to attend the service committee, then I just need to be informed on where to go.
- This is a clear example of procedures vs guidelines. Selecting the meeting location is a procedure. Clearly GSRs knew where we were meeting because they are here.
- Procedures should still include this body to make those decisions not necessarily go back to groups, but the members here should have their conscious heard
- Group conscious has already been made, nothing had changed except that the meeting location was no longer available.
- When we elect trusted servants as leaders, we expect them to do their duty not check in every time they need to do their job. We should either trust the chair to do the job or not.
- Texting and email to make sure there is no objection is easy to do.
- Emails and texts are sent out and many times people don't respond to them anyway.
- If people don't respond with an objection then that is still giving them the opportunity.
- There's some issue with the word "authority". It doesn't sit well with me.
- o The word "authority" shows up in our concepts review this with a sponsor
- When there was no unified consensus among the steering committee, that should have been the time to reach out to the GSRs instead of moving forward with opposing viewpoints. This made it difficult for our secretary to know which message to send out and therefore the chair was asked to communicate the decision they had already made directly since there was not an agreement. We are all trusted servants of that steering committee.
- The chair meant to inform the steering committee instead of asking for input. It had already been decided what order we would meet in, so it was a moot point.
- A precedent had already been set with the order of who is hosting.
- Poll is asked of GSRs if they would like to be part of that decision making process (just to check to make sure there was no opposition). It was clarified that it is only asked about a decision like this. 4 out of 6 GSRs agreed they would want to be asked and 1 abstained from the vote. We should still check with the groups to make sure there is no opposition.
- If we do this, then you aren't giving the chair the authority to do their job and interpret the
 guidelines. If the chair isn't able to do their job, then why have a chair? There is a means
 to challenge the decision of the chair. You either trust the chair to do their job or you
 don't.
- We shouldn't have to find out about venue change from another home group. Give the groups conscious instead of dictating what they do. I understand we go in order of a list.
- Every member has a voice in the decision making process.
- By asking the chair to do this, you are taking away their voice in the decision making process. How can the chair lead the Area?

- We have taken a conscious and heard from the GSRs. We are kicking a dead horse here.
- We don't have a consensus.
- o This is now an attack on the chair.
- The chair doesn't feel like they are having their character attacked.
- o This is about a process of the way we do things in Narcotics Anonymous.
- We should also check A Guide to Local Service, our Concepts, the Traditions, and Guidelines.
- If you don't give the chair the ability to do their job, then the Area might as well chair themselves.
- The job of the chair is to be a facilitator.
- The chair disagrees that the role is called "chair" and not "facilitator".
- Motion made to move on from the discussion and bring up in New Business any procedural recommendations.
- It would be courteous to ask the GSRs.
- It is also courteous to not burden them with a decision that was already made by approving the guidelines and procedures.
- This is not a decision for one person to make. It is the service body's decision.
- The chair is supposed to be impartial.
- o The chair resigns.

MONEY MOTIONS/ TREASURER REQUESTS:

\$50 requested for use of the building at Alano Club for the ASC meeting (budgeted item)

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1		Policy Change: Yes		
Motion Maker: <u>Ken F.</u>		Motion 2nd: Chuck B.		
Motion: NWA ASC Activities Subcomm	ittee bank account sho	ould only have signers on the account to		
<u>include:</u>				
 Any trusted servants on the ma 	in account			
Activities Chair				
Intent: to create a guideline to outline exactly who should be responsible and accountable for NWA ASC money. Currently this is not defined at all in our guidelines. Policy Affected: Article X: Financial				
YES	NO	ABSTAIN		

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS:

- ASC Chair (2 years) NO NOMINATIONS
- ASC Treasurer (3 years) NO NOMINATIONS
- ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years) NO NOMINATIONS
- ASC Activities Chair (2 years) NO NOMINATIONS
- ASC Web Chair (2 years) NO NOMINATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Meeting List updates/announcements
 - Coffee Pot Meeting Wednesday meeting format changed to "spiritual principles" and Friday is no longer on Zoom and has a new format, "Steps 1,2, 3 and Sponsorship"
 - New Life Sunday 12pm meeting is no longer on Zoom.
 - New Attitudes moved to same location as Peaceful Dozen
 - Therapeutic Value Women's Group is now hybrid physical location is 201 S. 20th St.,
 Suite 6 (Peer Resource Center)
- 3/27/21 @ 10am: Arkansas Regional Convention Committee meeting via zoom
- 3/27/21 @ 6:30 PM: Final Frontier potluck, speaker, and birthday night Jennifer G. is our speaker and Food Theme is "fried chicken, potato salad, and fixings"
- 4/3/21 @ 10 AM: NWA Activities Subcommittee meeting location TBA
- 4/3/21 @ 1:30 PM: NWA H&I Subcommittee meeting at Alano Club in Fayetteville
- 4/10/21 @ TBA: NWA Guidelines Ad-hoc meeting
- 4/10/21 @ 1:30 PM: NWA ASC meeting at Peaceful Dozen
- 4/17/21 @ 6PM: Peaceful Dozen "Huntin for Recovery" 2 speakers (Romero D. and Kelvin J.) and pizza
- 4/23/21-4/25/21: ARVANA Women's Spiritual Retreat @ Lake Fort Smith State Park
- 5/1/21: Regional Committee meeting in ARVANA Area Nominations for all positions except RD and RDA will be open and accepted
- 6/5/21: New Life is hosting their Annual Speaker Jam more TBA
- 6/25/21-6/27/21, 2021Beaver Round Up 2021 pre-registrations are \$35, on site registration will be \$45, registration without a shirt is \$15, and we will have a day only rate as well
- 8/14/21: Livin' Clean hosting Chicken Cookoff at Hickory Creek speakers Tommy M from KC and Jennifer L from Fort Smith - more details TBA
- 11/2021: 2023 Arkansas Regional Convention Bids will be accepted at the RSC meeting

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

Beginning Balance	\$1550.40	<u>Donations:</u>	
Expenses	- \$50.00	Coffee Pot	\$300
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Ending Balance	\$1832.75		

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM and closed with the Third Step Prayer.

• Next Area Business Meeting: April 10th at 1:30PM at Peaceful Dozen.

ATTACHMENTS:

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RCM Report March 2021

The next RSC will be hosted by ARVANA in May.

REMINDER: The convention committee reported financial issues. Specifically, there were inconsistencies on what was reported originally to be turned over from the previous convention due to checks clearing late. Seed money is supposed to be \$7,000, committee budgeted for \$6,900 and actual funds are \$4,700.

I would like to inquire if this area is willing to help fundraise in some way. I informed the region that I would check with my area about helping in this matter.

Are we willing to have a fundraiser? (Open sharing?)

Two motions from Region to vote on"

- Motion 020621-1-1 Remove statement on the Guidelines page 3 that states the UPS Store will send to secretary.
- Another was to have the previous Convention Committee provide a report to the RSC regarding the discrepancies in the reports/finances this was passed at Region.

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ARVANA'S 5th Annual Women's Spiritual Retreat

When: April 23 - 25, 2021

Where: Lake Fort Smith State Park

Early Registration: \$50.00 NOW until March 1, 2021

Registration after March 1 - \$60.00

Registration Includes: 2 Night stay in Lodge

5 Meals

(Bring your own Bed Linens/Toiletries)

T-shirts may be purchased separately from registration - \$20.00 each.

Mail Checks/Money Orders to:

ARVANA Women's Retreat

P.O. Box 2532

Fort Smith, AR 72902

Check our Facebook page for updates - ARVA	NA 5th Annual Hope on the Hill Women's Retreat $oldsymbol{\mathbf{f}}$
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Name:	_ Address:
Phone Number:	_ Clean Date:
Shirt Size:	Amount: \$

Detach this Section and Mail in with Check/Money Order

Activities Report

Mar. 13, 2021 - ASC meeting

Marc S.

Budget report: The account currently has \$1,789.25. Cabins were partial paid for in the amount of \$288.

The dates for the BRU campout are June 25, 26, 27, 2021.

We have approved one vendor and signed a contract with Basic Bros Attire. As part of the contract they are donating 10% of all sales at the event to BRU as well as \$100 in merchandise for the Auction. They are willing to set up for the whole weekend, but at a minimum require at least from 1 pm to the end of events on Saturday, June 26. They will close during the auction and any recovery meetings.

- 1) Theme and Artwork contest deadline is today and we've received 2 submissions so far.
- 2) Group banner quilt: These are due today. I've been hearing about some very creative pieces being made by groups.
- Pre-registration will be \$35, on site registration will be \$45. We are also offering a discounted registration with no shirt for \$15. We will be accepting donations from NA members for day visitors.
- 4) Please announce that we are looking for donations for the auction.

Our next meeting is set for April 3 at 10 am. Meeting location to be determined.

Marc S.

RCM Report March 2021

The next RSC will be hosted by ARVANA in May.

REMINDER: The convention committee reported financial issues. Specifically, there were inconsistencies on what was reported originally to be turned over from the previous convention due to checks clearing late. Seed money is supposed to be \$7,000, committee budgeted for \$6,900 and actual funds are \$4,700.

I would like to inquire if this area is willing to help fundraise in some way. I informed the region that I would check with my area about helping in this matter.

Are we willing to have a fundraiser? (Open sharing?)

Two motions from Region to vote on"

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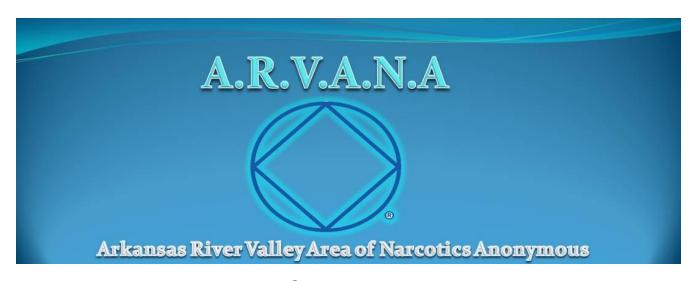
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Arkansas Regional Service Committee of NA Motion Form

2/6/2021	020621-1	Author: Zenia F
Main Motion: Y/N	#	Seconded By: Alisha
Primary Amendment: Y/N		
Secondary Amendment: Y/N		
Substitute Motion for Motion:	#	_
Motion:	Change Policy and Procedure	es to have all mail sent to the
treasure instead of the secretary,	Change Policy and Procedures	Manual, Page(21) under
Secretary-Administrative Commit	tee, A. Duties, 6 & 7:responsibl	e to handle all incoming
correspondence to the ARSCNA a	and responsible to handle all ou	tgoing correspondence from
the ARSCNA as directed. Move th	ese to Page(22) under Treasure	er - Administrative Committee, Duties
Update Guidelines page(3) that st	ate the UPS store will send ma	il to Secretary to(Treasurer.)
Intent:	To ensure that the financial	obligation on the RSC is addressed
the way we are doing it now is inc	efficient. The only time sensitiv	e mail that ARSCNA currently
receives has been to the treasure	r.	
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Guideline Change / Referred to G	Groups: Y/N	
Main Motion:	PRO	CON
Extend Debate:	PRO	CON
Referred to Committee:		Committee:
Referred to Groups:	YEAs	NEAS
Tabled Until:	YEAs	NEAS
Motion Withdrawn by Maker:		
Objection to Consideration:		
	FINAL DISPOSITION:	
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Hosting -Arkansas Regional Committee

When: Saturday May 1, 2021

Where: Straight Forward Group

514 N. 11th St

Fort Smith, AR

Time: 10 Am

Special travel arrangements for lodging made with Courtyard Marriott, Fort Smith. Price 49.00 a night plus tax.

For additional information: please contact Patricia M 479-226-2926



Oct 29, 2021 at 4 PM CDT - Oct 31, 2021 at 11 AM CDT

Best Western Inn of the Ozarks

207 W Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Do you have at least 5 years clean time? We are looking for speakers for event.

Please call Patricia M 479-226-2926 or Jacob G 479-223-7600