

SheVANA ASC Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2022

Meeting opened by Michelle Mc @ 6:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Twelve Traditions were read by Stephen P; The 12 Concepts for NA Service were read by Luke T; The SheVANA Purpose was read by Norman C.

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Based on the current attendance, quorum was met with 15 groups present (3 inactive/16 active home groups).

Welcome to first time attendees from Michelle Mc

EXECUTIVE REPORTS –

• Chair: Michelle M. - present – report read – sent to Secretary

Hello Family,

Not much to report. I have to admit I did not make the deposit from last area and I read the treasurer report but neglected to send ot to Meredith for inclusion in the minutes. I would like to ask for an amendment to the august minutes you include the treasurer report. I received an email from a student liaison at laurel ridge community college asking if NA would set up at table at their mental health fair on Tuesday 10/10, I forwarded it to the outreach chair.

ILS,

Michelle M.

• Vice Chair: Vacant

- <u>Secretary:</u> Meredith S. absent notes taken by Barbara S and reports still sent to Meredith. Barbara collected announcements and updates to mailing list.
- <u>August Minutes:</u> Amendment offered by Heather that not all were in favor of moving on and not voting on removal of RCM-alt.

Motion made to approve August ASC minutes as amended.

MOTION PASSES - YES - 14 NO - 0 ABSTAIN - 1

<u>RCM</u>: Sarah M – present – read report; will send to Secretary. Report included motion to revise term of service for RD, RDA and RD-2. [Request to add motion(s) to body of minutes instead of as attachments.

Dear ASC,

I attended the last RSC where 14 of 17 areas were present. The RDA position was vacant and the RDA 2 was acclimated into this position. The RDA 2 position is now open, Sherry V nominated Cindy K who will be acclimated at the next RSC if no other nominees are brought forward.

The following positions are also open, vice-treasurer, H&I chair, policy chair, PR chair, speaker jam chair.

There will be a survey coming out soon from the RDs soliciting fellowship feedback on subject matter to prioritize. Will forward when received.

There was one motion under new business that needs to go back to groups.

SEE SEVEN ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINUTES FROM RCM AND RCM ALTERNATE.

<u>RCM Alt:</u> Robin M .- present – read report; will send to Secretary. Added that it would be good for area to revisit motion previously submitted by an individual area member to eliminate the RD-2 position.

Good evening! There are two flyers attached for events taking place in the Tidewater area.

The TACNA XX Convention will be held Feb 29-March 3, 2024 at 235 East Main St, Norfolk, VA 23510

Tidewater area is also hosting a Karaoke Night on September 16th, 8pm-midnight at Norview United Methodist Church at 1112 Norview Avenue Norfolk, VA 23513

In addition to the open positions listed in the RCM's report, Antoinette is currently operating as Chair pro temp and has expressed she will not see the region go without a chair but does not desire to continue forward as chair. This position may also be seen as open.

In loving service,

Robin M.

<u>VRCC Rep:</u> Stephen P. – present report read - off month, will attend VRCC meeting this month – nothing else to report at the present time.

VRCC Alt: OPEN

H & I Chair: Chris M. – present – read report; will send to Secretary

Hello

We had our monthly HNI meeting on September 4th outside because I forgot the key. We had 15 members in attendance. Minutes were approved with amendments. I would like to request \$25.00 for adams Nelson for rent. I would also like a check for \$29.60 to shevana literature for Spanish ip's for facilities. Our next meeting will be on October 2nd at 7:00pm with our handbook study at 6:00pm Thank you

In service Chris M

<u>Literature Chair:</u> Katie H. – present – read report; will send to Secretary

Katie H Literature chair 9-11-23

All orders were filled on time Ending balance 756.51

Attached are June July and August bank statements.

SEE THREE BANK STATEMENTS ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINUTES.

Newsletter: Quinton K. – absent; Secretary will send letter and copy the Chair.

Outreach Chair: Ian B. – absent/report received by the Secretary

Outreach report 9/11/23

We made it to 2 groups this month:

- -I made it to the New Freedom group in Winchester on 8/28. Group is in a new meeting facility and is better setup to handle larger meeting attendance. Attendance however has been down. This seems to be a trend around the area lately. Change in meeting location can hurt meeting attendance for a time but the new facility is more than sufficient for a good meeting environment. Group is still strongly run by homegroup members, very topic oriented, and is carrying a strong message of recovery. Group did not express any needs or concerns.

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- -I made it to the Welcome Home in Recovery group in Stephens City on 9/4. Meeting had good attendance an facility was great. Meeting had a strong recovery environment and carrying the message well. The Group expressed no needs or concerns at this time.

I'm sorry I was unable to attend the September ASC. I had important family matters to be present for. I also would like to inform the body that I will be moving out of the area this month. I intend to fulfill my commitment to Outreach until end of my term, but the move will impact my ability to attend groups. I will need volunteers and plan to gain solid commitments from some members that have already expressed interest. See y'all next month

Thanks, Ian

Parliamentarian: OPEN

<u>Public Relations:</u> Wendy D. – present – read report; Also noted changes needed to three meetings on current meeting list – Finding a New Way to Live, New Freedom and Recovery and Beyond. Will be included in report.

Hello family. PR met August 27 @ Daily Grind. We had 3 in attendance.

The PR Basic book study went well. The next PR Basics study is October 1 @ 2 pm; with PR subcommittee to follow @ 3. We will be meeting at Daily Grind in Front Royal. Please note we are not meeting the 4th Sunday this month due to scheduling issues.

PR had a productive meeting, we updated website & meetings as required. PR has been participating at PR/H&I Learning Day subcommittee, and will continue.

It was brought to my attention that it would be helpful to note the current errors on our printed meeting lists, so it would be easier for making corrections. These are noted below:

1. Finding a New Way to Live

St Paul's United Church of Christ

235 South

Main Street

Woodstock VA 22664

2. New Freedom

Winchester Bible Church -W. Fairfax 302 N. Braddock

ent.

302 14. Diage

Street

Winchester VA 22601

3. Recovery & Beyond

Meets Tuesday night same time/place

Please continue to send Luke T. or myself updates, flyers or celebrations and we will post them. Contact numbers below.

Luke T - 754-303-6805 Wendy D - 540-303-1675

ILS, Wendy D

Wendy Horton Darr 540-303-1675

Special Events: Bailey – present – read report – End of Summer Picnic coming soon!!

September 11th, 2023

Shevana Special Events ASC September Report

Hi everyone!

This past month we have met twice and have been planning our events through the end of the year.

The special events account started at \$700. We received a \$150 donation from a homegroup to go towards our next event. Which leaves the SE account at \$850. We paid for our meeting space through the end of the year, which leaves us with \$810.

Our next event is an End of Summer Picnic on September 23rd. We have also began planning the Chili Cook off for November 18th, flyers will be dispersed soon. We will be having a New Years party again this year and are beginning to plan this event as well. We are accepting book and memorabilia donations to raffle off at our events.

Our next meeting is 9.24 @ 3:15 pm in the meeting room at Edgehill.

-In loving service, Shevana Area Special Events Chair Bailey R.

SEE BANK STATEMENT ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES.

QUESTIONS ON REPORTS:

- Luke/P.R. mentioned that Laurel Ridge has reached out to ask NA if they wanted to have a table at an event they are having in October. Luke is trying to get in contact with someone at Laurel Ridge to get more information.
- Recommend masking account information for any bank statements included in reports maybe the whole statement would not need to be included just reference the balance

OPEN FORUM: Ninth Concept Read

- Picnic is 9/23 Noon to 5 or 6 at the Rotary Shelter. It is a Free Event Donations of \$\$ or Food welcome. Pie in Face Auction for fundraiser.
- P.R. Northwestern reached out to NA not to have an H & I meeting but to say they would love if someone would <u>start</u> an NA meeting in their facility. 'David Cash' is the POC there if anyone is interested. Someone suggested maybe a morning meeting.
 - o Further discussion to make sure that these places that reach out to NA that want a regular NA meeting started are aware that our Traditions prevent us from being affiliated with the place which is holding the meeting, that we would pay rent for the space and would ask that they not use our being their to promote their facility.
- Guidelines: August 2020 is the current edition and there is a link to it on the shevana.org web page. Wendy and
 Michelle will work on getting it updated. The only change is the motion that passed amending the duties of the
 Vice Chair with regard to filling in as Chair for subcommittees where no chair or alt to the chair was available.
- Question about what is meant by 2/3 vote it is 2/3 of groups in attendance would need to vote in affirmative for a motion to pass.
- Discussion about how the Removal issue was addressed last month. Motions will be presented this evening.

*******BREAK ******

Michelle called the meeting back to order and read the Serenity Prayer.

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Barbara S read the announcements.

• CELEBRATIONS OF RECOVERY

0	Sherry V.	37 Years	New Hope (Martinsburg)	Sept. 12 @ 7 pm
0	Danny McM	13 Years	New Chance	Sept. 14 @ 7 pm
0	Peyton C.	4 Years	Noanda	Sept. 17 @ 7 pm
0	Danny C.	23 Years	Recovery & Beyond	Sept. 26 @ 7 pm
0	Ruth L 2 Yrs	Bailey R 4 Yrs	s Solution Seekers	Oct. 2 @ 6 pm
0	Brandon R	2 Years	Regardless Of	Oct. 4 @ 6:15 pm

• ANNOUNCEMENTS listed on Announcement Sheet.

- o 9/23 Picnic Jim Barnett Park Rotary Shelter Noon to 6
- o 9/25 H&I/PR Learning Day Planning Ad Hoc 6 pm at Throx Market
- o 9/28 Out of the Cage Potluck 6pm-7pm before meeting

• OLD BUSINESS NONE

• REGIONAL OPEN POSITIONS & MOTIONS

Sarah M presented the Regional Motion which was set forth to mirror the WSC World Conference Schedule. Since the presumption is that the RD-2 and then the RDA positions are learning roles and create a pathway to be the RD, the term and the commitment for RDA and RD-2 would be extended. Terms from 2 to 3 years and the RDA Commitment from 4 to 6 years and RD-2 from 6 to 9 years. Concerns voiced about this length of commitment being a possible deterrent to getting trusted servants.

CARNA Motion Form

Motion Number: 222-1	Date: August 19, 2023	
Mover: Carnadelegateteam	Area: N/A	
econd: Greg H. Area: Roanoke Valley Area		
Description/Background (Optional): At the 2023 World Service Conference it was voted conference cycles for a total of six years. This motion the delegate team to experience a complete conference.	on would reflect this change allowing all members of	
Intent: To update guidelines to reflect the conferer cycle for the Regional Delegate (RD), Region Delgate Alternate 2 (RDA2)	nce approve change to the WSC conference nal Delegate Alternate (RDA) and the Regional	
Motion: To change 6B Regional Delegate Qualifications#4. from To: 4. One conference cycle term	n: 4. 2 year Term	
To change 7B Regional Delegate-Alternate Qualification To: 4. One conference cycle term, Two conference cycle		
To change 8B Regional Delegate-Alternate Qualification To: 4. One conference cycle term, Three conference cycle		
Amendment Amendment Mover	Second	
Pro: Continuity -Olena		
Pro: Efficiency David H.		
Con: Trouble getting persons to Nominations- Greg H.		
Con:Spirit of Rotation-Sarah M.		
Vote Talley		
Total For:	Groups:	
Total Against:	Groups:	
Total Abstention:	Groups:	
Tabled: To Police	y: To Home Groups:	

TAKE THIS MOTION BACK TO HOME GROUPS

NEW BUSINESS

Three Area Motions were presented by Luke T, all seconded by Heather R., read during ASC and will be sent to Secretary to include along with the intent for each motion.

<u>From the Notetaker</u>: the discussion was very passionate and hard to keep up with. Some people (like your notetaker) had comments important to them that could not be categorized into Question/Pro/Con. I did my best to capture any Questions, Pros and Cons for each motion.

There was a lot of discussion about August ASC and references to past ASCs where there were feelings of disparate treatment with some being held to One Year clean time and others not. At one point it was requested that if we needed to have discussion on past ASCs that it be done without continuing to reference people by name which felt hurtful and not spiritual. Also, the motions were offered in the spirit of allowing us to learn from and move forward from past rather than continue to belabor it

FIRST MOTION

o Date: 9/11/2023

o Motion Maker: Luke T. Second By: Heather R.

- O Article: 5 Section: 3 Item: 2 Motion: I motion to alter the guidelines to change "suggested" to "required" under WHO in the Nominations section of the guidelines. The edited version would read "It is required that a continuous clean time of one year be a guideline when considering nominees."
- o Intent: The primary purpose of this motion is to uphold the 4th Concept for NA Service which states that "Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants." It is observable that this section of the guidelines is frequently presented as a requirement. So, the change of language would ensure all members of NA are treated equally in keeping with our spiritual principles. Additionally, this motion will ensure the Area Service body remains impartial in selecting trusted servants; seeing as "the final responsibility and authority lies with the NA groups." The 7th and 9th Concept for NA Service 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," and that "All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes," so this motion would not restrict any member from participating at the Area Service Committee.
- Summary Motion to Change word "Suggested" as it appears in clean time requirement for Area Subcommittee Chairs to "Required"

QUESTION: Who would motion pertain to? A. Not GSRs, just those serving in Area role. QUESTION: Will motion change all occurrences of word 'suggested'? A. only one occurrence of word suggested found.

PRO: Consistency of language throughout guidelines.

PRO: Could do a disservice to the addict to put them in an area role too soon

CON: This motion feels exclusive and not inclusive, quantity of time is not the only or best determiner of ability to serve.

CON: Does not allow for any flexibility.

SECOND MOTION

o Date: 9/11/2023

o Motion Maker: Luke T. Second By: Heather R.

- O Article: 7 Motion: In order to clarify the intent under Article 7 of the area guidelines, I motion to add an additional section to address a loss of abstinence in regards to trusted servants. The section would read as follows: 7.4 Loss of Abstinence "In the case of a loss of abstinence the affected ASC position shall be declared vacant."
- o Intent: Article 7 states that "Except in the case of loss of abstinence, a two thirds (2/3) vote is required for their removal." This statement begs the question of what "except in the case of loss of abstinence" refers to since it is not clarified in the article. Again, this motion would uphold our 4th Concept for NA Service "Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants." Loss of abstinence means that one of the qualifications trusted servants were elected based off of is no longer the case, this undermines the group conscience which is the basis for all decisions of our fellowship. Even though the action of removing a trusted servant is difficult in the case of a loss of abstinence removal is not solely disciplinary, but an act of love so that our members can focus on their recovery. Like in the previous motion, this does not restrict members from having a voice in the Area Service Committee. We have countless, crucial subcommittees that require dedicated members and are lacking in participation.
- Summary original motion added 'upon loss of abstinence the Trusted Servant would be required to relinquish their role. This was later amended/revised to read 'upon loss of abstinence the position would immediately become vacant.

QUESTION: If approved, when would this take effect? A. Moving Forward for any future elections.

CONCERN: Concern voiced over the use of term required prompted motion-maker to reword the motion.

PRO: This motion would resolve the inconsistency in how/when a person would not be able to be elected or would have to leave their role.

PRO: Follow up to above – the inconsistency in how guidelines are implemented could be a deterrent to people wanting to serve

CON: Dealing with this situation in such an absolute way in all cases could make someone reluctant to admit to their loss of abstinence.

CON: Follow up to above – not all situations are the same; flexibility does not always equal favoritism.

TAKE BACK TO HOME GROUPS.

THIRD MOTION

o Date: 9/11/2023

o Motion Maker: Luke T. Second By: Heather R.

o Motion: To remove our Regional Committee Member Alternate.

o Intent: The RCM Alternate has expressed the desire to remain in their position and some members of the Area Service Committee have supported them in remaining in their position,

however at this time does not possess the suggested clean time. Due to the large discrepancy between the RCM Alternate's current clean time and the suggested clean time of 1 year the NA groups must be the deciding factor in this instance. Additionally, the guidelines state "Except in the case of loss of abstinence, a two thirds (2/3) vote is required for their removal." The guidelines fail to elaborate on what "Except in the case of loss of abstinence" refers to, so, it needs to be the groups who decide how to interpret this statement in this instance. The Area Service Committee can choose to go against the guidelines at any time but cannot do so without first consulting the groups who are "The final authority for NA service" as stated in 2nd Concept for NA Service. Any decision made in the Area Service Committee which goes against the guidelines, which the groups approved by way of a group conscience, indicates that the service body is in violation of our 2nd tradition which states "our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." The RCM Alternate's removal would not restrict them from shadowing the Regional Committee Member and attending the CARNA Regional Service Committee meetings. Lastly, this past year when elections were held multiple members with less than a year clean were told they could not run for positions until they had the suggested clean time. Our fellowship was founded on the principle that we are all equal and that no member is above any other. What example are we setting for newcomers if we are lenient with our traditions, concepts, and guidelines?

o Summary - motion for removal of RCM-Alt.

CON: Harm to the addict by having this discussion at group consciences throughout the area CON: Nothing positive served by this motion. The previous two were intended as positives steps to the future. This one does not feel spiritual or solution-oriented.

There was discussion as to whether or not this motion was Procedural and could therefore be voted on this evening and resolved or if it was Structural. Due to time it was about to be Tabled, but since a request had been made to send it back, the decision was to send it back to Home Groups for vote.

TAKE BACK TO HOME GROUPS.

- AREA OPEN POSITIONS & NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS
 - Vice Chair NO NOMINATIONS/TAKE BACK TO HOME GROUPS
 VRCC Alt NO NOMINATIONS/TAKE BACK TO HOME GROUPS
- BUDGET REQUESTS standing budget requests only none discussed.
- TREASURERS REPORT Liz, present, report read; will send to Secretary

Hi!

Beginning balance: \$757.20

Check written:

1895 - Adam's Nelson - \$25.00

1896 - Canvas Community Church - \$50.00

1897 - shevana literature - H&I - \$29.60

Debits from account:

Extra Space storage - \$111.00 Service Charge - \$2.00

Donations: \$ 111.00

Ending balance: \$650.60

SEE BANK STATEMENT ATTACHEMENT TO THE MINUTES.

• NEXT ASC MEETING: The next Area Service Meeting will be held on Monday, October 9th at 6:30 pm. at Canvas Church 2333 Roosevelt Blvd. Winchester VA 22601.

MOTION TO CLOSE - Made be Norman C. and seconded by Danny C.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.



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