Roanoke Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes Date: July 9th, 2023 Meeting held in person at Rebos

The ASC meeting opened at 2:30pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer,
The 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts were read.

Voting GSRs Present: 7 Acceptance of Last Month's Minutes: Motion passed 7/0/0

Administrative and Subcommittee Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance	Report
Chair	Philip W	Present	No Report
Vice Chair	Marvin W	Absent	No report
Treasurer	Jacob M	Present	Attached
Vice Treasurer	Bailey H	Present	No Report
Secretary	Patrick T	Present	Attached
Vice Secretary	Kara C	Present	No Report
RCM	Greg H	Present	No report
Alt. RCM	Vacant	Absent	No Report
Policy	Vacant	Absent	No Report
VRCC Director	Fernando	Absent	No Report
Alt. VRCC Director	Theo D	Present	No Report
Literature	Sarah M	Present	No Report
Activities	Cristy W	Present	Attached
H&I Chair	Skeet C.	Present	Attached
PR Chair	Amanda E	Present	No Report

Home Groups Roll Call

Homegroup	Attendance
1,2,3 24/7	Stacey J
A.I.R.	А
Against all Odds	Taylor H
Another Step to Freedom	А
Breath of Life	А
Clean and Serene	Deborah
Do or Die	А
Grateful Heads	А
Hope in Her Story	Savannah F
Just for Today	А
Spiritual Principle a Day	Katie S.
Sicker than Most	Α

Start from the Beginning	Billie M
Time for Change	Α
Wecovery	Α
Weekends in Recovery	Α
Step into Recovery	Robbie Z

Administration and Subcommittee Reports

Chair - No report.

Vice Chair- No report.

Treasurer – See hyperlink on website.

Secretary -

Hey family,

Please send all reports to my email Rpt226@icloud.com.

ILS.

Patrick T

Vice Secretary- No report.

RCM – Hello Area.

I will start of by saying due to a lack of planning (I mixed up my days), I did not attend the last RSC. I apologize for this. Having said that, I did receive minutes from the Regional Secretary and am able to report what happened during the last RSC. It is as follows: For old business there was the one motion that was to provide access to a debit card for the Delegate team; it passed 9-0.

Old business there were two positions that were filled. RD was filled by Sherry V 8-0-1 and Vice Chair was filled by Roland C. 9-0.

In other news, it was reported that the New Dominion Area was awarded the bid for the AVCNA (regional convention) for 2025.

There was discussion about a motion being presented to the Regional floor to eliminate the RDA-2 position. This was tabled until motion maker brought it to the floor (it was brought by a GSR as a proxy).

The delegate team provided information about the World Service Conference (for more in depth information you can visit the delegate page at: https://car-na.org/service-info/regional-delegates/ In the meantime, here is a listing of the final tally for the 2023 Conference motions: -Motion #1 World Board Original Motion: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT). As amended by 1a1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the FIPT as reflected in Addendum B. Intent: To reflect the decision at WSC 2018 to make delegates from seated zones voting WSC participants and honor the six-month Fellowship review of this proposal that occurred from December 2020 through May 2021. Initial Straw Poll: RD: 99 yes -6 no -2 abstain -1 present, not voting 92% (ZD vote: 5-0-0-0) Final Vote: 111-3-1-1 94% Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0) Note: WSC policy states that when there is consensus in the initial straw poll, the conference can decide on a motion without entertaining any amendments if participants wish. Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #1: 91-22-1-2 77% Strong Support Motion #1al World Board Amend, CAR Motion 1 To add to the end of Motion 1 the following: . . . in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the FIPT as reflected in Addendum B. Motion 1 would read as amended: Motion 1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the FIPT as reflected in Addendum B. Initial Straw Poll: RD: 82-8-7-11 84% (ZD vote: 3-1-1-0) Final Vote: 107-6-3-1 91% Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

-Motion #2 World Board To approve the revisions to the FIPT Operational Rules contained in Addendum B. Intent: To revise the Operational Rules to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 about the Inspection of Trustee Activities and to reflect current practices, terms, and language. Initial Straw Poll: RD: 92-8-4-4 88% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0) Final Vote: 93-20-0-3 79% [82%] Strong Support (ZD vote 5-1-0-0) Note: WSC policy states that when there is consensus in the initial straw poll, the conference can decide on a motion without entertaining any amendments if participants wish. Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #2: 48-64-3-2 41% Lack of Strong Support Motion #3 World Board To approve the revisions to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 contained in Addendum D. Intent: To revise this bulletin so that it provides more direct and clear guidance, and so that it reflects current practices, terms, and language. Initial Straw Poll: RD: 97-6-4-1 90% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0) Final Vote: 104-12-2-2 86% [88%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 5-1-0-0)

-Motion #4 World Board To acknowledge that an NA meeting that meets regularly in person or virtually can choose to be an NA group if they meet the criteria described in The Group Booklet, including the six points for an NA group, and are consistent with NA philosophy as expressed in our Traditions. (Footnotes will be added to The Group Booklet and GLS, reflecting the decision of the WSC, if this motion passes, and referencing Virtual Meeting Basics as a possible resource.) Intent: To recognize NA groups that meet virtually, including online and by phone. Initial Straw Poll: 107-5-0-1 95% Final Vote: 114-9-1-0 91% [92%] Consensus Support -Motion #5 World Board To revise A Vision for NA Service, changing the phrase "his or her own language and culture" to the phrase "their own language and culture." (If this motion passes, A Vision for NA Service will be revised in future printings, including in Fellowship-approved recovery literature.) Intent: To revise the Vision Statement to be more inclusive. Initial Straw

Poll: RD: 93-12-1-2 87% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0) Final Vote: 101-13-0-1 88% [89%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 5-1-0-0)

- -Motion #6 World Board To approve a change to World Services Translation Policy in GWSNA to allow the possibility for up to six locally developed personal stories to be included in translated Sixth Edition Basic Texts, if the stories have first been published in the Little White Book of that language. These stories would be placed in their own section in Our Members Share with the following language preceding them: A Vision for NA Service looks forward to a day when addicts around the world have the opportunity to experience our message in their own language and culture. In pursuit of that vision, communities or language groups that have published local stories in the Little White Book may include up to six of those stories in the Basic Text if they choose. These [fill in the number] stories were originally published in the [fill in the language] Little White Book in [fill in the year]. Intent: To better reflect our Vision that "every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in [their] own language and culture..." in our primary text. Initial Straw Poll: RD: 107-0-0-1 100% (ZD vote: 5-0-0-0) Final Vote: 118-1-1-0 98% [98%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)
- -Motion #7 World Board To extend the six World Board members' terms currently expiring in 2024 through the end of the upcoming World Service Conference cycle. Intent: To accommodate the change to the WSC cycle that has already occurred and avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle. Initial Straw Poll: 102-6-2-3 92% Final Vote: 119-5-0-0 95% Consensus Support Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendments to Motion #7: 41-82-0-1 33% Lack of Strong Support
- -Motion #8 World Board As a result of the COVID pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants. Intent: Given the disruption in the rotation of WSC and WCNA that has already occurred, the increases in event costs, and the other changes brought about by the pandemic, to allow an evaluation by the World Board and approval by conference participants for what is possible and practical in the future. Initial Straw Poll: 89-15-3-6 83% Final Vote: 107-13-2-4 87% Consensus Support
- -Motion #9 World Board To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2023 through WSC 2029. Following 2029, the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made. Intent: To put into practice some of what we've learned during the pandemic so that we can shift more resources to work that more directly carries the message. This would bring the WSC resource allocation in line with other changes that have been made in World Services—cuts in staff levels and a 50% reduction in in-person board meetings. Initial Straw Poll: 90-15-3-5 83% Final Vote: 98-22-1-3 80% Consensus Support Decision: Do you want to decide on Motion #9 without entertaining any amendments: 81-41-0-2 66% Lack of Strong Support
- -Motion #10 World Board If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve an interim virtual WSC in the middle of the conference cycle for decisions that are legally necessary and those that conference participants choose to address. As was done in the 2020-2023 cycle, material would be posted on na.org under the same deadline policies as the CAT (ninety days prior) and all voting conference participants would be polled to choose the items they wish to address. Intent: To allow conference participants to address some WSC business between in-person conference meetings. Initial Straw Poll: 101-5-3-4 92% Final Vote: 114-7-2-2 92% Consensus Support Do you want to

discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #10: 54-69-1-1 43% Lack of Strong Support Summary of Decisions 6 June 2023 7 | P a g e Motion #11 World Board If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new CAR release day would be 180 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 150 days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The Conference Agenda Report will be posted on na.org at no cost to members. Intent: To release the CAR earlier to allow more time for its review. Initial Straw Poll: 109-1-0-3 99% Final Vote: 117-7-0-1 94% Consensus Support Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #11: 63-61-0-0 50% Lack of Strong Support -Motion #12 World Board To change the current policy of NA World Services automatically funding delegates from seated regions and zones to the WSC to funding available upon request. Intent: To encourage service bodies to fund their delegates, but ensure that regions and zones that need the funding are able to have it. Initial Straw Poll: 101-9-0-3 91% Final Vote: 110-12-0-3 90% Consensus Support

- -Motion #13 Argentina Region To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next World Service Conference (WSC), for the development of a new IP for daily personal inventory of gratitude. Intent: To create a new resource for the fellowship members, through a new IP for the daily personal inventory of gratitude. Initial Straw Poll: 76-29-5-3 69% Final Vote: 88-29-3-273% Strong Support
- -Motion #14 Sweden and Australia Regions Comakers: Northern California Region, Wisconsin Region, Ontario Region To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at the next WSC to investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender specific language to gender neutral and inclusive language. Intent: This motion will give the conference and the Fellowship the ability to meaningfully discuss changes to our literature to be more inclusive of all our members. Initial Straw Poll: 75-34-2-2 67% Final Vote: 92-31-1-1 74% Strong Support
- -Motion #21 Free State Region Original Motion: To direct NA World Services to remove the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook from the inventory. As amended by #21-a1: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references. Intent: To remove an outdated service manual from WSO inventory Initial Straw Poll: 24-82-2-5 22% Final Vote: 109-13-3-1 87% Consensus Support Motion #21-a1 South Florida Region Co-maker: New Jersey Region Amend, CAR Motion 21 To substitute the wording of Motion #21 with the following: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references. Initial Straw Poll: 71-24-3-15 72% Final Vote: 89-28-3-6 74% Strong Support
- -Motion #26 World Board To approve the project plan for New Recovery Informational Pamphlets. Initial Straw Poll: 108-5-3-10 93% Final Vote: 124-10-0-0 92% Consensus Support -Motion #27 World Board To approve the project plan for Revising Existing Recovery Informational Pamphlets. Initial Straw Poll: 112-3-3-8 94% Final Vote: 131-2-1-2 97% Consensus Support Initial Straw Poll: 111-3-6-6 92% Final Vote: 127-5-2-0 94% Consensus Support Motion #29 World Board To approve the project plan for New and Revised Service Tools. Initial Straw Poll: 113-1-4-8 95% Final Vote: 122-11-1-0 91% Consensus Support Motion #30 World Board To approve the project plan for Future of the WSC. Initial Straw Poll: 109-3-4-10 93% Final Vote: 130-4-1-0 96% consensus support Motion #31 World Board To approve the project plan for Invest in Our Vision. Initial Straw Poll: 108-2-6-10 93% Final Vote: 127-6-2-0

- 94% Consensus Support Motion #32 World Board To approve the 2023–2025 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Budget Initial Straw Poll: 109-3-7-7 91% Final Vote: 129-5-1-0 95% Consensus Support
- -Motion #28 World Board To approve the project plan for Issue Discussion Topics. Summary of Decisions 6 June 2023 10 | P a g e Motion #33 World Board To use the following terminology to describe straw poll and vote outcomes, for WSC 2023 only: Unanimous support Consensus support (meaning 80% or greater support) 80%–20%–0%–20% No support Intent: To simplify the terminology to describe voting and polling outcomes and make it less potentially confusing. Initial Straw Poll: 106-1-3-3 96% Final Vote: 119-1-2-1 97% Consensus Support
- -Motion #34 World Board For WSC 2023 only: If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator. Intent: To clearly define the process for a participant to appeal the chair, thus maintaining checks and balances. Initial Straw Poll: 94-10-5-4 86% Final Vote: 102-17-1-3 85% Consensus Support
- -Motion #36 World Board To adopt, for WSC 2023 only, the following approaches for New Idea Discussions [See page 6 of the CAT] Initial Straw Poll: 94-1-7-11 92% Final Vote: 106-3-10-5 89% Consensus Support
- -Motion #37 World Board To adopt the 2023–2025 Reimbursement Policy. Initial Straw Poll: 112-1-5-8 94% Final Vote: 132-1-2-0 97% Consensus Support Summary of Decisions 6 June 2023 11
- -Motion #38 World Board To approve the 2020 and 2022 World Service Conference minutes. Initial Straw Poll: 100-0-6-7 94% Final Vote: 116-1-1-5 98% Consensus Support Initial Straw Poll: 102-5-7-12 89% Final Vote: 116-12-4-3 87% Consensus Support
- -Motion #40 South Florida Region To seat Brazil Central region Initial Straw Poll: 76-18-12-20 71% Final Vote: 88-32-7-9 69% Strong Support Motion #41 South Florida Region To seat Nordeste Brazil Region Initial Straw Poll: 89-9-12-16 80% Final Vote: 112-13-3-9 87% Consensus Support
- -Motion #42 South Florida Region To seat Rio Grande do Sul Initial Straw Poll: 91-7-11-17 83% Final Vote: 111-13-3-10 87% Consensus Support
- -Motion #43 South Florida Region Co-maker: Asia Pacific Forum To seat Thailand Region Initial Straw Poll: 91-12-9-14 81% Final Vote: 119-14-1-3 88% Consensus Support
- -Motion #39 France Region Co-makers: South Florida Region, Israel Region, Netherlands Region To seat Iran Region #1 at the World Service Conference. Summary of Decisions 6 June 2023 12
- -Motion #44 World Board To use the following terminology to describe straw poll and vote outcomes: Unanimous support Consensus support (meaning 80% or greater support) 80%–20%–0%–20% No support Intent: To simplify the terminology to describe voting and polling outcomes and make it less potentially confusing. Final Vote: 131-1-0-0 99% Consensus Support
- -Motion #45 World Board If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator. Final Vote: 123-10-1-0 91% Consensus Support

-Regional treasurer asks to have donation checks sent to her home address due to conflict with regional PO box (not having regular access to it), it is: 9815 Leavells Rd Fredericksburg, VA 22407.

With Love of the Fellowship,

Greg H. RCM

Alt RCM- Vacant position.

VRCC- No report.

Alt. VRCC- No report.

Policy- Vacant position, no report.

H&I-

Public Relations – Hi Family,

I will be discussing different meeting list options during "Open Forum." Otherwise, I have no report. Thanks for letting me serve! ILS,

Amanda E

Activities – Activities and H &I hosted a learning day on area positions July 8th. We had a pool party following learning day. 7th tradition totaled \$185. Receipts are attached along with inventory.

In loving service, Crusty W











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Home Group Reports

<u>1,2,3 24/7</u> – 1,2,3, 24/7 continues to open and close on time. The group is welcoming to all that attends. The group continues to carry the message of recovery and maintains steady attendance. On July 15th Marie M is celebrating 26 years and Will W is celebrating 23 years. Theres was no donation to area this month.

In loving service,

Stacey J

<u>Against All Odds</u> - •AAO continues to meet everyday of the week and carrying a strong message of recovery.

- •AAO continues starting and ending on time with regular attendance of 20-70 in our central location of Roanoke Ave baptist church and has noon meetings at wasena park on Monday and Tuesdays
- •This upcoming month:
- •We have 3 home group members celebrating...
- •Nikki H. 13 years on 07.21
- •Marie 2 years on 07.28
- •Caitlyn S. 10 years on 07.30
- •AAO is \$5.50 donating to area this month
- •In loving service,

Taylor N

A.I.R.- No report.

Another Step To Freedom- No report.

Breath Of Life- No report.

<u>Clean and Serene</u> Hello Family,

Clean and Serene is doing well and carrying the message to many addicts. We have anywhere from 15-40 addicts in attendance each week and we are opening and closing the meeting on time. Amanda E will be celebrating 5 years on August 19th and Ashley O will celebrate 3 years in August. Stay tuned! We are also in the planning stages of hosting a fundraiser. More will be revealed. We donated \$64.35 today.

ILS,

Debra

<u>Do Or Die-</u> No report

<u>Grateful Heads</u> – Regular meeting attendance is about 50 people. Meeting starts and ends on time. We follow the traditions. We are donating \$50 to ASC.

In loving service, Cristy W

<u>Hope in HER story-</u> The group continues to begin & end on time. We are continuing to welcome new women & see familiar faces both which continue to spread hope. We averaged about 15 women a meeting this past month and are continuing to carry a strong message of recovery to women seeking it. We are able to make a donation of 30.75 to area this month. In loving service,

Savannah F

Just for Today – No report.

Sicker Than Most- No report.

<u>Step into Recovery-</u> Step into recovery is doing good opening and closing on time. We are having 20 to 30 addicts per meeting following the 12 traditions of NA. Donation to area is \$29.40.

In loving service,

Robert Z

<u>Start From the Beginning</u> – Start from the Beginning continues to open and close on time. We continue to carry a strong message of recovery. Our attendance continues to be between 35-60 attendees. Start from the Beginning continues to need group members as our group conscience meeting continues to be small at around 4 members. We do have one anniversary this month. Eryka will be celebrating her second anniversary. Start from the Beginning will contribute \$20 to Area this month.

In loving service, Billie Spiritual Principle a Day- The Spiritual Principal A Day group is continuing to carry a clear NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS message. SPAD is consistent in following the 12 traditions of NA. We are still meeting at St. Elizabeth's Church on Mondays at 8pm (2339 Grandin Rd., SW). Our meeting attendance is between 15 & 50 addicts consistently. We are donating \$0 to area this month.

In loving service, Katie S

Time For Change- No report.

WeCovery- No report.

Weekends in Recovery- No report.

Open Forum

- PR discussed new options for meeting list formats. She presented an idea of printing of a QR code that directs the member to our area's website, with the most updated meeting list.
- A member presented the problem of members not having phones to use the QR code option. She also presented having both options of the QR card and having paper copies of the meeting list.
- Another member asked PR chair on if she knows how to craft an accurate QR code.
- Chairperson suggested PR to research more on crafting the QR code and bring it back to area.
- A member asked if this idea was under \$50, if PR chair could go along with following through with the QR code.
- Chairperson referred to the policy about this, and a budget change would have to go back to the homegroups and not something the ASC body could vote on without going back to homegroups.
- Another member referred back to policy and said that this may not be a change to policy because this could fall back onto PR subcommittee's policy regarding meeting lists as needed.
- An addict looked up how much it costs to maintain a QR code, and it says \$5-\$10 a month.
- PR chair stated she spent \$100 recently on printing meeting lists.
- A member suggested reimbursing PR for ink purchases and printing the lists out from

home.

• PR chair stated she has an ink subscription and does not mind donating the leftover of her subscription to the body for meeting lists.

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Old Business

No old business

New Business

- The body is taking nominations for area positions.
- Vice chair will be acclimated and take the chair position.
- Jacob M, Skeet C, Cristy W, and Kevin R who all respectfully declined vice chair nomination. Vice chair is remaining open for nomination at this time.
- Kara C. will take over the Secretary position as it is another acclimated position.
- Vice secretary description has been read. Stacey J and Amanda E. was nominated for this position and they both declined. Vice secretary is remaining vacant at this time.
- Stacey was nominated for treasurer by Jacob M and Bailey, she accepted the nomination. Chair person read Treasurer requirements. Stacey J qualified herself for the body. Pros and cons were addressed by body. Vote will go back to homegroups.
- Sabrina and Patrick T were nominated for Vice treasurer and they both declined. Vice treasurer job description was read. Savannah F. was nominated and presented with an issue of not having 2 years until November.
- Motion to waive clean time requirement for Savannah passes 5/1/0. Savannah qualified herself for the body. Pros and cons were addressed by body. The vote for this nomination will go back to homegroups.
- Activities chair nominations were Philip, Skeet, Kevin and Sabrina. Sabrina
 accepted the nomination, the others declined. Duties for Activities chair were
 read. Pros and cons were addressed by body. Her nomination will go back to
 homegroups.
- Kevin R accepted nomination for H&I chair. Duties for H&I chair were read. Pros and cons were addressed by body. His nomination will go back to homegroups.
- Alt. RCM position is vacant and requirements were read. Skeet C. was nominated and he accepted. Pros and cons were addressed by body. Nomination will go back to homegroups to vote.
- Amanda E was nominated for PR chair and she accepted. Pros and cons were

- addressed by body. Nomination will go back to homegroups to vote on.
- Patrick T was nominated for policy chair and he accepted the nomination. Pros and cons were addressed by body. Nomination will go back to homegroups for vote.
- Alt. VRCC stated he was stepping down from his position.
- Jacob M was nominated for literature chair and he accepted. Pros and cons were addressed by body. Nomination will go back to homegroups for vote.
- Open nominations are Vice chair, Vice secretary, VRCC, and Alt. VRCC.
- Treasurer's report was read.

Motion to close at 4:29 PM

Minutes submitted by Secretary Patrick T. and Vice Secretary Kara C.