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ASC

- GSR's should not read nominations that were taken back to groups. Nominee should step out of the room. Consensus by GSR's – Passed
- We are responsible for supplying trash bags and paper towels. Reminder by GSR
- Hardcopies of archives will be kept by current secretary dating back 2 years and the rest will be kept digitally on website.

Treasurer

- Paying the phone line bill, website maintenance and literature order via electronic payment so the bank will waive bank fee. Consensus by GSR's - Passed
- Webmaster will be a recurring payment and not require a budget proposal. Consensus by GSR's - Passed
- Cash will no longer be paid on the ASC floor, checks will be written to leave paper trail. Consensus by GSR's - Passed
- Facility (Fire Station) requested we put donation on the bottom of the check (memo field) instead of room rent to help their fund flow. Facility Request

Literature

- Area establish a stockpile of NA literature accessible to all groups each month at ASC – Failed motion
- To have Region help our Area support groups in our area that don't have and can't buy literature – Failed motion
Not enough support for this proposal to go forward to groups.
- Lit chair brought up the issue of how to pay for literature. At this time she has paid for it from her own account. She needed to know if area would help her set up an email address so she could set up an account with the regional literature service office. Webmaster is going to get an email set up for area to use and we are going to link it to the area checking account. Email set-up litchair@neaana.com to be used for all future orders. Consensus by GSR's - Passed
- H&I handbook & guide to PI printed by the ASC to be given to PI Chair and Vice Chair of each subcommittee – Passed by the groups

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Meeting Schedules

- Another issue that was discussed in length was the issue of new groups being formed just to sign court cards. These groups will not be added to the Area meeting schedule until it is determined by Outreach that they are adhering to the NA Way of operating a recovery meeting. In order for these new groups to remain on the meeting schedule, they must be active participants of the ASC by sending a Group Service Representative (GSR) to the Area Service meeting on a regular basis. To change policy so that new & inactive groups must attend 3 consecutive ASC meetings before being added to the Area Meeting Schedule to insure the accuracy of information we present to the public. Referred back to groups. **BLOCKED**

- Meeting Schedules change to new format on the principle of simplicity so that the meeting schedule coordinator can begin to update them themselves. GSR's voted to have new schedules read by days.
- Pay for folding of schedules or fold ourselves? Referred back to groups. Groups made decision that we will fold schedules ourselves.

- When a group comes to the ASC requesting to join the ASC and be on the meeting schedule, the Area Chair should explain what determines if they are in fact an NA Group according the six points on page two of The Group Booklet. The Area Chair should read the 2nd paragraph on page 56 of The Guide To Local Services, the six points on page 2 of The Group Booklet, the last paragraph on page 153 out of the How & Why and the 2nd paragraph on page 154 out of the How & Why. The Area chair will then ask a series of questions, we don't expect the GSR to be able to answer the questions so we allow the GSR to take the questions back to the group so the members can answer and decide for themselves. If the GSR can answer the questions he/she will be allowed to answer at that time. In the event there's any question as to whether a group meets the six points then it will be the responsibility of the Area Chair/V Chair, two GSR's/GSR-A and two Admin members to visit that group to help make the determination. The Area Chair/V Chair will give a report at the next ASC. If it's determined a group doesn't meet the six points the ASC will refer the group to the Outreach Sub-Committee in an effort to help the group meet the six points if the group so desires.
 - a. How many members does the group have? Are all members' drug addicts?
 - b. Does the group take outside contributions from outside entities, from the facility you meet in, from non-members?
 - c. What is the groups definitions of self-supporting?
 - d. What does the atmosphere of recovery mean to the group?
 - e. How does your group focus on carrying the message? What is that message? Does the group use outside literature, language or announce non NA related events?
 - f. What is the difference in cooperation and affiliation?

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- g. What is an outside issue? How does the group respond to outside issues?
 - h. What is the difference in attraction and promotion?
 - i. Why did you start an NA group?
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- HOW OFTEN TO PRINT REGIONAL SCHEDULES? MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY?
CONSENSUS TO PRINT 85 (5 EACH GROUP AND 5 FOR EACH H&I FACILITY) REGIONAL SCHEDULES QUARTERLY.
 - RCM TO SUBMIT RECEIPT FOR SCHEDULES TO REGION FOR REIMBURSEMENT? CONSENSUS

Webmaster

- We archive the ASC minutes on the new Area website. Consensus by GSR's Passed
- To remove GSR's phone numbers off of the ASC minutes since the minutes are posted on the website. Consensus by GSR's Passed
- Downloadable files for approved and unapproved lit may be put on website. There will need to be a disclaimer on the site that we cannot sell any of these files. Consensus by GSR's Passed

At one time or another, most area committees have asked themselves whether a particular meeting should be included on that list. The six points describing an NA group appearing at the beginning of the “NA Group” chapter in this guide have given most area committees the criteria they’ve needed in making such decisions.

In the spirit of autonomy, many groups hold meetings that appeal to members with similar needs. The freedom from judgment expressed in the Third Tradition is aimed at helping any addict, anywhere, feel comfortable in NA. No matter how a group structures its meetings, all NA groups are encouraged to keep the focus of their meetings on recovery from the disease of addiction. As long as a group observes the Twelve Traditions and espouses the Twelve Steps of NA in its meetings, it may consider them Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Since most groups are not directly connected with each other, we might think that whatever happens in our meetings has no effect on anyone else. When we consider who is affected by our group, we have to look at other groups, the addict yet to come, the newcomer, and the neighborhood in which we hold our meetings. We have an effect on other groups or NA as a whole if we’re not recognizable as an NA meeting. It helps to remember what we needed to hear when we were new: hope for recovery from drug addiction. Addicts first coming to NA often look closely for differences, hoping that somehow they won’t fit in. It’s not difficult to alienate an addict. It’s important to think about the message we send to newcomers in our meetings. Thoughtful consideration of our primary purpose may help ensure that meetings will be available for those addicts yet to come.

(page 56, Guide To Local Services)

(pages 153 and ¹⁵⁴~~153~~, It Works How & Why)