

# UPPER CUMBERLAND AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

**Minutes From February 17, 2007**

**Next Meeting March 16, 2008**

Meeting Opened By Dale S.

Service Prayer Randy E.

12 Traditions Colleen M.

12 Concepts Fay G.

| <b><u>GROUP</u></b> | <b><u>PRESENT</u></b> | <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| CROSSVILLE NA       | YES                   |                      |
| DAILY REPRIEVE      | YES                   |                      |
| FREEDOM GROUP       | YES                   |                      |
| MIDDLE OF NOWHERE   | YES                   |                      |
| UNITY GROUP         | YES                   |                      |
| WHO ARE YOU         | YES                   |                      |
| GETTING STARTED     | YES                   |                      |

## TRUSTED SERVANTS

|                       |            |         |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|
| Chair                 |            | Vacant  |
| Vice-Chair            | Dale S.    | Present |
| Secretary             | Frank W.   | Vacant  |
| Secretary Vice-Chair  |            | Present |
| Treasurer             | Jerome G.  | Present |
| Treasurer Vice-Chair  |            | Vacant  |
| RCM                   |            | Vacant  |
| RCM Vice-Chair        |            | Vacant  |
| Help Line Chair       |            | Vacant  |
| Help Line Vice-Chair  | Keith H.   | Present |
| H & I Chair           |            | Vacant  |
| H & I Vice-Chair      | Anthony G. | Present |
| Literature Chair      | Mark H.    | Present |
| Literature Vice-Chair |            | Vacant  |
| Newsletter Chair      |            | Vacant  |
| Newsletter Vice-Chair | Randy E.   | Present |
| P & P Chair           |            | Vacant  |
| P & P Vice-Chair      | Dale S.    | Present |
| PI Chair              |            | Vacant  |
| PI Vice-Chair         | Amanda M.  | Present |

Meeting opened 2:35 with serenity prayer.

Roll call was taken, 7 out of 7 groups present.

## **GSR REPORTS**

### **CROSSVILLE NA GROUP:**

Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri At 6:30 P.M.

Fourth Dimension Club, 2229 West Ave. Crossville, TN.

Average Attendance 12

Current Month's Contribution To ASC: \$ 100.00

GSR: Anthony G.

Secretary: David L.

Treasurer: Mark H.

Literature:

New Officers:

Financial Obligations are Being Met.

Traditions Are Being Followed.

COMMENTS: *Steve S. with 23 & Mark H. with 4 Yrs with be celebrating March 28at a Speak and Eat...All Are Invited*

### **DAILY REPRIEVE:**

Saturday @ 5:00 PM CST

Fourth Dimension Club, 2229 West Ave. Crossville, TN.(temporary)

Average Attendance 4-6

Current Month's Contribution To ASC: \$ 21.00

GSR: Brent N.

Treasurer:

Literature:

New Officers:

Financial Obligations are Being Met.

Traditions Are Being Followed.

COMMENTS: *We have a steady attendance of 4-6 and could use a little support.*

### **FREEDOM GROUP:**

Monday @ 7 PM Closed Discussion.

Presbyterian Church 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. Allardt Tn.

Corner of Rt. 296 @ Hwy 52

Average Attendance 6-10

Current Month's Contribution To ASC: \$ 41.00

GSR: Kimberly G.

Treasurer:

Literature:

New Officers:

Financial Obligations are Being Met.

Traditions Are Being Followed.

COMMENTS:

## **MIDDLE OF NOWHERE:**

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM  
The First Christian Church  
208 South Cross St. Albany, Ky  
This Is A Non-Smoking - Closed Discussion Meeting  
Average Attendance 8 -10  
Current Month's Contributions To ASC: \$ 0.00  
GSR: Keith H.  
Treasurer: Dale S.  
Literature: Sales are good  
New Officers:  
Traditions Are Being Followed  
Financial Obligations Are Being Met.  
COMMENTS:

## **UNITY GROUP:**

Thursday's Tradition Study @ 7:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Club, 222 West Ave. Crossville, Tn  
Current Month's Contribution To ASC: \$ 12.00  
Average Attendance 7  
GSR: Randy E.  
Treasurer:  
Literature:  
New Officers:  
Traditions Are Being Followed.  
Financial Obligations are Being Met  
COMMENTS: *We need more support !!*

## **WHO ARE YOU:**

Who Are You Group Meets Friday 1:30 PM @ Bledsoe Prison  
Current Contribution To ASC: \$00.00 (Special circumstance regarding financial obligations, because members of this group are inmates)  
Average Attendance 20-30  
GSR: Dale S.  
Literature: Charlie S.  
New Officers:  
Traditions Are Being Followed.  
COMMENTS: *Any member wishing to support this meeting – see me to get information needed to get a State Volunteer Badge. Basic text study group, the members are getting real when our literature guiding us.*

## **GETTING STARTED:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 8:00 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Club, 222 West Ave. Crossville, Tn  
Current Month's Contribution To ASC: \$ 50.00  
Average Attendance 6-8  
GSR: Carl P.  
Treasurer: Mark H.  
Literature:  
New Officers:  
Traditions Are Being Followed.  
Financial Obligations are Being Met  
COMMENTS:

## **7 OUT 7 GROUPS REPORTING.....**

No new groups requesting to join the area

## **OPEN FORUM**

No discussion ensued

## **AREA TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Given by Jerome G. (*See enclosed report*)  
Report accepted

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Meeting opened in the usual manner with all groups present and reporting. ENCLOSED  
REPORTS-Treasurer's, RCM'S, and Regional ...

Reminder GSR's.....Return to the next ASC with group  
conscience on all CAR & REGIONALS MOTIONS

Given by Frank W.  
Report accepted

### **RCM REPORT:**

Given by Dale S. (*see enclosed report*)  
Report accepted

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS**

We held the monthly meeting prior to the area meeting. There were 6 in attendance with others coming afterwards. \$11.00 was collected for Area. We followed our regular subcommittee meeting agenda. Last month's minutes were read and approved. Our 3 H&I representatives gave their respective reports from the Cumberland Co. Justice Center and Fentress Co. jail, Southeast TN. Regional Correctional Facility. Amanda M. for the Women's Cumb. Co. Justice center. Frank W. for the Cumb. Co. Justice center men's center. Dale S. for the Fentress Co. jail and Anthony G. for the new meeting at the Southeast TN. Regional correction facility. Literature is needed for the Fentress Co. jail. In old business the 3 basic texts are to be sent directly to the Cumberland Co. Justice Center. In new business the first Regional H&I was earlier this month. There has been a nomination for chairperson and guidelines are being drawn up. The next subcommittee meeting will be March 16, 2008 1:30 CST.

Given by Anthony G.  
Report accepted

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

The UCANA PI subcommittee met on  
February 15, 2008.

Minutes were read and accepted. Steve S reported on his visit to the Twin lakes. He said there is a phone line but that there is a lot of confusion as to the accountability of its maintenance. That no one knows the number and that half the time it is turned off due to the bill not being paid on time. He stated that there are lots of new members wanting to be of service but lacking the guidance. He stated they are interested in combining schedule and phone line services. Steve S will continue to act as a liaison with the Twin Lakes. More will be revealed. The web facilitator gave his report. The "About Us" tab was removed. He is planning getting with Phil to discuss the web addresses. Randy prefers gmail due to higher on spam filters. 1952 total hits, 915 total visitors, 411 Unique IP visitors. The most popular pages viewed are index, schedule and newsletters. Zach A from the Chattanooga Area sent info on the flyer day that was held in Dunlap on February 16<sup>th</sup>. They also included UCANA's helpline and URL on the flyer. Due to the short notice I don't think anyone was able to attend. But the subcommittee does look forward to joint PI endeavors with the Chattanooga Area in the future especially in the Dayton, Pikeville and Dunlap area. The reprinting of schedules was postponed because I thought Daily Reprieve had a new facility. Bill M reported that they are still searching. The new meeting

schedules will be printed with "Insufficient data at time of printing" under the Daily Reprieve.

The letters of introduction were also postponed due to the delay in the meeting schedules.

A motion was made and approved to purchase two 8 pocket IP racks and 130 various IP's for total of \$63.30 (from NA.org) or \$67.30 from Show-Me.

A nomination was made for Amanda M for Regional PI Vice Chair. Amanda M stated her willingness. The nomination was seconded and approved. The motion will be taken to the VRSC PI Subcommittee meeting on April 5, 2008.

The next PI meeting will be March 14, 2008 after the speaker meeting.

Given by Amanda M.

Report Accepted

## PHONE-LINE

Subcommittee met here last Friday night at the Crossville facility with several in attendance. Changes were discussed about the answering service in Crossville & Wartburg. Wartburg on hold until new facility. Good to see our volunteers at the subcommittee meeting talking with other area's lack of participation from their volunteers at subcommittee.

Increase in bill .92 to 1.00 @ min. staying at .92 waiving any patched calls.

Business cards are available and will be given out.

Frontier Bill           \$ 37.55

Doctors Exchange   \$129.00

Next meeting 7:45 pm March 14, 2007 @ Crossville NA facility

Given by Keith H.

Report accepted.

## LITERATURE

Sales to groups           \$ 39.70

Subcommittee Order   \$ 00.00

Individual               \$ 11.00

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\$ 50.70

Purchases               \$ 94.82

Direct Shipment       \$ 34.64

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129.46

Given by Mark H.

Report accepted

## **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is going well, but as always is in need of submissions. We had expenses of \$14.14 for the month of January.

Given by Randy E.  
Report accepted

## **POLICY & PROCEDURE**

No activity at this time

[BREAK FOR 15 MINUTES]  
Meeting reopened with moment of silence.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion Made:** Nomination:: Rudy R. for ASC Chair  
**Made By:** Kieth H.  
**Seconded By:** Anthony G.  
**Intent of Motion:** To fill the position

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion Made:** Nominate Frank W. for ASC secretary  
**Made By:** Amanda M.  
**Seconded By:** Anthony G.  
**Intent of Motion:** To fill the position

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

**Motion Made:** To purchase 130 IP's & IP 2 racks for \$67.30  
**Made By:** Dale S.  
**Seconded By:** Randy E.  
**Intent of Motion:** To carry the message

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

**Motion Made:** To purchase 10 IP's & 5 white books for Fentress Co. jail  
**Made By:** Dale S.  
**Seconded By:** Randy E.  
**Intent of Motion:** To carry the message

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

**END OF MEETING AGENDA**

Seventh tradition observed.

Motion to adjourn was

Next area meeting will be at Crossville NA facility on March 16, 2008

ENCLOSED / Regional Delagate, RCM, & Treasurer's, reports



Regional Delegate Report  
February 3, 2008

Greetings Family,

I hope everyone is doing well and you have all semi-recuperated from the holidays. I made the journey to Maine for the MRLF, the first weekend of Dec. It was a very informative trip and I was able to put the information to use during the first CAR workshop on January 26\*. Four areas and 45—50 addicts gathered to go over the information contained in the report and to discuss the motions. I tee! we had a very good session and we all walked away with a better understanding of the report.

We will be going to the east side of the state on February 10<sup>th</sup> to do a workshop with the Greater Smokey, Mountain, Upper Cumberland, and Chattanooga areas. I look forward to that. Next, we will travel to west TN to Memphis for the third and final workshop on February 17\*. I hope those who didn't get to attend the first workshop will be able to make plans to attend one of the next two. Especially any RCM's who weren't able to attend.

We will need to vote on the motions at the next Regional Meeting in April. Please take these motions to your areas and home groups. I will add just a reading of the motions at the end of my report. Hopefully this will help in recording your home group votes.

Also, I need help from each area regarding the regional report. I need to fill out. At each conference the delegate prepares a regional report that contains facts about the region ie: number of areas, number of home groups in each area, number of meetings each week in each area. What do you feel were some of the challenges we faced since the last conference cycle and successes we have experienced. My e-mail address is [lostdreamsawakings@yahoo.com](mailto:lostdreamsawakings@yahoo.com). Please feel free to e-mail me anytime with thoughts or concerns. I would love to hear from each member.

The CAT (conference approval tract) material is now available and can be viewed online by going to the na.org website, then go to the World Service Conference link. Once that link is pulled up there is a link to the CAT (the password is CAT, and the pass phrase is cat2008). It is easily accessed and anyone can read it. The IDT\* (issue discussion topic) input link can be accessed from here also.

We are still in need of an alternate delegate or someone who can travel with me to help me to cover the conference. There will be way too much information for one person to cover.

I was given an advance to go to the CAR workshop in Maine, I have my receipt totaling \$622.50 - \$580.00 = \$42.50 reimbursement ~

Belinda H. <L

## CAR MOTIONS

### WORLD MOTIONS:

#### **Motion 1: To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* with those contained in Addendum B.**

Intent: To create a Sixth Edition Basic Text with stories that are more current and that better represents our global fellowship.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred.

The only additional costs to NAWS that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs for the book, which would be minimal.

*Note that only if this motion is adopted, would the following motions related to creating a Sixth Edition Basic Text be offered.*

#### **Motion 2: To approve the remaining revisions to the Fifth Edition Basic Text,**

***Narcotics Anonymous*, as represented in Addendum B. This includes , the Preface to the Sixth Edition,**

**the titles "Our Program" and "Our Members Share," which would replace the titles "Book One" and "Book Two" respectively, » the Introduction to Our Members Share, - the abstracts, ? the reflections, and**

**? the titles and descriptions for the sections "Beginnings," "Coming**

**Home," "Regardless of...," and "Life on Life's Terms." Intent: To include the remainder of the material contained in Addendum B in the Sixth Edition Basic Text; this includes the removal of the titles "Book One" and "Book Two."**

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs to NAWS that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs for the book, which would be minimal.

#### **Motion 3: To allow the World Board to approve updates to the statistical**

**information (the numbers of meetings, countries, and so on) in the Preface to**

**the Sixth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* regularly with an "as of date in the footnote.**

Intent: To allow statistical representation of the fellowship in the Basic Text to be Keep

current Financial Impact: The statistical information in the Preface will be changed only when we are ready for a new printing of the Basic Text (and it may not be changed with every new printing, depending on how often these occur). These figures are already routinely updated for each *NAWS Annual Report*, so revising them is a simple matter that will cost us nothing extra except the labor to revise this paragraph. Policy Affected: None.

**Motion 4: To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.**

Intent: To not require a new edition of *Just for Today* each time existing literature is updated, changed, or replaced

Financial Impact: We are keeping our inventory of *Just for Today* low pending conference decision about the Sixth Edition Basic Text. The financial impact of any changes to the book would therefore be minimal.

**Motion 5: To approve the inclusion of an updated and revised index in the**

**Sixth Edition of the Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*.**

Intent: To create a more useable index for the text.

Financial Impact: By the time this motion is decided, our expense associated with

creating the proposed index for the Sixth Edition Basic Text will already have been incurred. The price for indexing, as well as creating the electronic file for use with future translated versions, is less than \$3,000.00.

Policy Affected<sup>1</sup> None.

**Motion 6: To approve two specific copyedits to the Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous*: First, to replace the name "N A" (with periods after the two capital letters) with "NA" (with no periods). Second, to remove the footnote in Tradition Eleven that mentions *A Guide to Public Information Newly Revised*. Intent: To make our Basic Text more consistent with other NA fellowship-approved recovery literature.**

**Motion 7: To replace the existing IP #13, *Youth and Recovery*, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and change the title of this IP to *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*,**

Intent To replace the existing informational pamphlet with a more current reflection of our experience.

Financial Impact- The cost of creating this material has already been incurred.

The only additional costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs, which would be minimal.

Policy Affected: This motion would replace the existing IP #13. (See Addendum D.)

**Motion 8: To approve the draft of *For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA* contained in Addendum E as IP#27. Intent- To have an informational pamphlet that helps explain Narcotics Anonymous to the parents and guardians of young recovering addicts. Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are initial production costs, which would be minimal.**

**Motion 9: To add English Roman Numeral Medallions In Bronze to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly.**

Intent: To add this item back to NAWS inventory in English only for those who prefer them over the standard Arabic numeral medallions and sell them as a specialty item.

Maker: Tri-State Region

Financial Impact: The direct cost to create another set of dies would be approximately \$13,000. We are not able to estimate other associated costs of keeping these items in our inventory at this time.

Policy Affected: None.

**Motion 10: To direct the World Board to add to NAWS inventory Roman numeral medallions in all current finishes and languages produced by NAWS. Whether these medallions are an addition to inventory or a replacement for the current Arabic numbered medallions is left to NAWS discretion.**

Intent: To reinstate Roman numeral medallions in NAWS inventory

Maker: Region of the Virginians

Financial Impact: The direct cost to create the dies for all languages would be approximately \$42,000. With the proposed changes to our medallion design and finishes pending, it is not possible to estimate the cost of turnover of our inventory or of keeping these items in inventory on an ongoing basis.

Policy Affected: None.

**Motion 11: To direct the World Board to provide financial support to the Northern New Jersey Region in the amount of \$36,000.**

Intent: To have MAWS assist with a portion of legal expenses incurred by the Northern New Jersey Region.

Maker: Northern New Jersey Region

Financial Impact: The immediate financial impact would be \$36,000, but it is impossible to estimate the potential costs over time as the case would potentially set a precedent for any future such lawsuits.

Policy Affected: None

**Motion 12: To require that all NA Service pamphlets intended for group and individual use be included in the Conference Agenda Report for approval.**

Intent: To give the approval of service related pamphlets intended for group and individual use to the World Service Conference. Maker: New Jersey Region

Financial Impact: We are not able to calculate the financial impact of this motion because there are too many variables. The direct cost would be the loss of whatever inventory we have on hand. To change the process of approval could affect the cost of future projects, but we cannot estimate that at this time. Policy Affected: The policy affected would amend the portion of the WB Guidelines that calls out service related information pamphlets as well as the new notation in the Approval Process for Service Material.

## **AREA REPORTS**

### **Central Tennessee Area:**

Hello family. My name is Tonya L. CTANA has just gone through nominations. We have all new Administrative positions. We still have three open positions Secretary, Alternate Treasurer and RCM 2. CTANA had a new Home group to join our Area. It is called the Broken Wing Group in Fayetteville, TN. the Literature Subcommittee is up and running. The Chairperson has prepared a Literature order to be presented today to the VRSC in the form of a motion. Our PI Subcommittee will be having a Phone line Orientation Day February 16, 2008 at 10:00 AM. at the Bradford Health Services in Manchester, TN. also the It Work Group in Shelbyville, TN has changed their meeting location. They are now meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Building at 300 Canon Blvd.

### **Chattanooga Area:**

Hello Family! The Chattanooga Area is doing well. We are bringing a couple of Regional Nominations this month. I have submitted those to the appropriate person. I'm really just excited to be involved in the Volunteer Region now.

In truly loving service,

Summer G.

RCM- Chattanooga Area

We also fryers for Surrender Under The Stars. Please take some back to your Areas.

### **Greater Nashville Area:**

Activities Committee going well. Still looking for other locations to hold functions that are less expensive. Newsletter needs articles from any NA member- can e-mail articles to [Lisa.Hendon@comcastnet](mailto:Lisa.Hendon@comcastnet). Outreach Subcommittee has attended and offered suggestions to SNAG Re: Meeting Space & 12 Traditions. They are meeting in an AA House. Kiss Kamp out has most positions filled & will be held May 2, 3, & 4. Chili Cook off to be held April 5<sup>th</sup>, chili to be there by 5:00 @ Crieviewood. The One Message Adhoc Committee discussed & found purpose for Committee to seek solutions to improve communications between MTA & GNA of NA Lisa H. voted in as Newsletter Chair, Todd M. voted in as Outreach Chair. A lot of Home groups could not read Regional Nomination and some motions- scanned items from Regional Secretary are very blurry. RCNO Wednesday Meeting is a closed meeting- steps, traditions, and concepts. GNA has 2 nominations for Regional Service, positions to be present today. GNA & MTA will be having a combined Area Learning Day on June 7. Location to be determined. CAR Workshop was held last weekend & was very informative & productive-thanks to Ricardo & Belinda for bringing it to us!

## **Greater Smoky Mountain Area:**

ASC Meeting was held 1-27-08 @ Square Dance Center @ 2:30 p.m. Quorum was established. Activities Subcommittee reported they were in need of support. H&I Subcommittee held an orientation; also they have received a request from Mt. View Correctional Facility to bring a meeting there, there is also a new panel leader for an existing meeting, submitted their budget for '08, new Chairperson. Literature also has new Chair. She has inventoried the Area's Lit. Stockpile. Website Chair is vacant, the intention is for the Website to become part of PI/PR. Currently the GSMANA is below our prudent reserve and therefore we are unable to make a Regional donation at this time. There are several reasons for this, most notably a drop in Group contributions.

## **Middle Tennessee Area:**

Dear Family,

All Subcommittees are up and running with the exception of our Policy and Procedure Subcommittee. As an Area, we have seen the problem and members have stepped up to get this Subcommittee functional again.

Financially we are currently having some difficulty maintaining our prudent reserve. We have a Budget Adhoc subcommittee, which is looking at this problem before the problem inhibits our ability to carry an effective message. This committee is analyzing by way of the home groups, our financial priorities as well as questions for home group discussion on finances as they pertain to N.A and our primary purpose. Even with the difficulty of meeting our prudent reserve, all N.A. services are being funded. The outgoing RCM reported at the last Regional Meeting that the Unity Convention finished in

the red. I'm happy to report that process is being made in getting the outstanding bill retired. It should be stated that the relationship with the Music City Sheraton Hotel has not been damaged and that the Vice-chair of Unity has kept a positive line of communication with the Hotel Management in retiring this debt.

On January 26, 2008 we were in attendance for the CAR Workshop. The Regional Delegate and Vice-Chair for the Volunteer Region are to be commended for their excellent presentation of the Conference Agenda Report. The information presented will definitely help our Area in voting intelligently on the motions contained in the CAR

Our Area's upcoming events are as follows:

February 9, 2008 -Valentine's Dance

April 2008—sometime during the month the Chairs of the MTA and Greater Nashville Area are proposing a Unity Learning Day.

In loving service,

Julius H.

## Midwest Tennessee Area:

William E. came down from Region and helped us conduct a Group Booklet Workshop. We all got there around 11:00 am. We all got there around 11:00 a.m. and fellowshiped for a while. We had chili, hot dogs, and drinks before we got down to business. I think everyone enjoyed the chance to get to know William even though several of us had the pleasure of meeting him before.

After having a good meal and fellowship, we got down to the work at hand. William guided us through the Group Booklet and answered our many questions in a loving N.A. way. We discussed how to deal with that come to our meetings and identify themselves as addicts and alcoholics and talk about being clean and sober. He told us how his group handled the situation and went to the Literature to show us what it said.

We covered what an open meeting is, what a closed meeting is and how we might handle those non-addicts that come to either. Again we were led through the Literature in answering how to best deal with the issue. We talked about how we did not want to run anyone out but if we did run someone out because their feelings got hurt, the dope will run them right back in.

We discussed how doing the same thing for a long time didn't necessarily mean that we were always doing it the best way.

We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having meetings at our home groups five or six times a week opposed to having fewer meetings and visiting other groups more often, especially when they might be struggling. We looked at how some groups have speakers from other Fellowships and how that is not the N.A. way. We discussed how the answer to any of our problems could be found in our Literature. Again this was groups in general and William stressed many times that he was not there to point fingers and try to force an outside will on us, but give us suggestions on different ways of handling problems.

We had some serious discussions during the Workshop but we also had lots of goodhearted fun. William is always welcome at our Area.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the literature provided to us by the members of the Volunteer Region, which has enabled to establish a Literature Subcommittee. We have brought an invoice to show the items that have been ordered and received from which our member groups have already begun to purchase literature. This addition will strengthen our young Area. Because we believe that each N.A. member should have an informed voice in upcoming changes to our Literature and the structure of our Fellowship, we have ordered 9 Conference Agenda Reports in preparation for the Workshop. This will ensure that every group in our Area has the opportunity to become informed and be part of the up-coming decisions.

We sold all of the surplus Convention material allotted to us and have a \$227.00 check. We are having Service Elections in April of this year.

The MWTANA discussed the prudent reserve/ operating cost issue and understood and agreed the Treasurer should keep on hand the funds to meet obligations. The overall thought behind this decision was Financial Responsibility. My Area has asked that I make a motion to bring the prudent reserve in line with 1 months operating expense. This has been estimated at \$3,000.

2/09/2008 Lexington Survivors Group—Jennifer B. 2 years, Spanky V. 3 years, Derek M. 4 years, Sammy S. 5 years. Eat at 6 p.m.—meeting at 7 p.m. 2/14/2008 Clean A.I.R. Group of

Jackson—Glen F. 1 year—at 830 p.m. 2/23/2008 Lexington Survivors Group—Marty B. 1 year  
Mardi Gras Dance 8 p.m.- 12 a.m,—Lexington National Guard Armory- link on Area website to flyer.  
2/28/2008 Never Alone of Jackson—Frank w. 1 year, Brent C. 4 years. Eat at 6 p.m.—meeting at 7 p.m.  
Jessie J.  
RCM

### **Mountain Area:**

At our last ASC meeting we had 3 open ASC positions filled. Area Secretary, Activities Chair, and H&I Chair. Also NA members are stepping up and becoming panel members on the H&I Subcommittee. On the flip side our PI Chair position is now open, due to the PI Chair term ended. The MANA had asked me to at our December ASC Meeting to request the Region to facilitate a 12 Traditions Workshop. At yesterdays Regional Outreach meeting I brought that request to the committee. A tentative date has been set for March 15, 2008. I will be taking this information back to our ASC and flyers will be coming out soon. Concerning the CAR Workshop in Knoxville on February 10<sup>th</sup>, flyers for that event were distributed at our last ASC Meeting. We are hoping for a lot of participation. The MANA has nominated Lynn S. for the position of Regional Delegate Alternate. I have a copy of his service resume. The MANA made a \$336.15 donation to the Region today.

Thanks for letting me serve,  
Reggie G.  
Mountain Area RCM

### **Southern Middle Area:**

Happy New Year from SMTANA. Our Area had a New Year's Eve Dance. We want to thank Ron B. from Nashville for being our Guest Speaker. We brought in the New Year with good food and fellowship. We hope and pray that the Website and 1-800 number will bring in new members to our Fellowship.  
Starting this month Alice E. will be our new Chairperson for the SMTANA. We all wish her well in her new service. The year is young and more shall be revealed. Thanks to the Region for the Literature donation.

**Tony E.**

Twin Lakes Area: ABSENT.



## **Upper Cumberland Area:**

Greetings family from the UCANA,

We are holding our own up here on the mountain. Our PI Committee is putting together letters of introduction for Information Packets to the Judicial System here.

We're very happy about the activity on our Website. The number of hits from 12/16/07 to 1/14/08 was 2,211. Average number of hits per day was 73. Average number of visitors per day was 37. Most popular pages were meeting schedules and our newsletter. We are also getting quite a few hits on our Area and Subcommittee Policies and Guidelines.

We have initiated a new H&I Meeting at the Annex at Southeastern Correctional Facility in Bledsoe County. It is being very well attended so far.

We are looking forward to attending the CAR Workshop in Knoxville next Sunday.  
ILS, UCANA

## **West Tennessee Area:**

Things are going well in West Tennessee. The newly reformed Outreach committee continues to support a struggling "meeting of the month" each month and has taken the responsibility of printing male/female phone cards. The H&I committee wants to expand the facilities we hold meetings and is asking for support. The PI subcommittee meeting attendance has dwindled. Basic things are getting done like the phone line, website and meeting schedules but not much else. Their request for some direction at the last area is paying off because I heard that a flyer drive has been scheduled and is being announced in meetings. NA in May held a speaker meeting, Italian dinner and bingo in January, and in December held a very fun and entertaining recovery play. The next fundraiser will be a chili cook-off on March. The actual event is scheduled for the first weekend in May so mark your calendars now! Registration forms are online at [www.nainmay.org](http://www.nainmay.org). We have a newly formed archives adhoc committee. For many years there have been problems with the area archives and hopefully we can come to an agreement in the near future.

I'm hoping we have a good turn out for the CAR Workshop. The church charges \$75 and I got a check for \$50 at the last ASC, which is \$25 short of the fee we'll owe. Does the Area or Region pay the rent? If region can pay the other \$25 that would be great, if not I'll try and get it at the next area. I also forgot to ask for money for refreshments, so decided to ask individuals to bring things, and maybe that will get them there! So I have 10 signed up so far © It's scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, First Congregational Church, 1000 S Cooper. I brought a few flyers if anyone wants one. I have a \$716 donation from the area to region, \$31 from the Primary Purpose group, and \$199 for VRC 25 merchandise sold. I've brought back what hasn't sold.

## **Regional Delegate Report:**

Adhoc Committee Chair to go forward with this process. It will only be successful if we have complete participation from everyone from Knoxville to Memphis and all points in between.

Yours in loving service, Ricardo J.

**KNOWLEDGE + ACTION = WISDOM**

## **Subcommittee and Adhoc Reports:**

### **H&I Subcommittee Report:**

Greetings Family,

We had a great H&I Meeting yesterday with 14 members in attendance, representing 6 Areas. Everyone gave a report and here is a summary for the minutes. It was a good meeting with a lot of information shared. I'm excited about this committee. There is a nomination coming for a Regional H&I Chair. There is nothing but blue skies ahead.

Yours in loving service,  
Ricardo Jones

### **Regional H&I Sub-Committee Meeting**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

*The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the reading of the traditions and concepts @ 11:05. There were 14 members in attendance.*

#### **H&I Chair reports**

##### **Jackson Area**

- o Just starting and going into treatment centers and looking to broaden their base and do great things in their area.

##### **Chattanooga Area**

- o They are still conducting H&I meetings in Hamilton Co. Jail, Walker St. Prison in Rock Springs GA, Cadas, Scholze, and Valley.
- o They still need support from you and your home group members at Valley (6:30 Sundays), Scholze (7:00 Thursdays<sup>1</sup>!

- o They as a sub-committee talked about submitting an "experience" to the "from the Outside" portion of the quarterly pamphlet as they tell us there is a need.
- o Chris B. and Lee K. will call and arrange a meeting with the Volunteer program Coordinator at the Hamilton Co. Jail to ask what we can do to able to carry a message to the inmates on a consistent basis.
- o They have instituted an "Ask it Basket" at the Scholze center in order to get the adolescents more involved....It's working!
- o At Walker State Prison they will be putting 8 *Basic Texts* into our meeting room on the A unit. In that unit there are *Big Books*, The AA Preamble and a couple of other postings from the AA H&I that stopped coming many years ago. They are going to work together with the "Second Chances Group" to push the *Big Books* to the background and the new *Basic Texts* to the foreground. They will also print off some NA slogans, symbols, and prayers to post in place of the other postings.
- o The H&I sub-committee guideline ad-hoc group submitted guidelines to the sub-committee, with a few minor changes, approved this to be presented to the area's groups for a vote. They passed out copies to all GSRs that were present at the ASC and several others. If you need a copy or have any questions call Jason S. @ 423-667-9180.
- o They spent 169.44 as a sub-committee in January.

### **Upper Cumberland Area**

- o They currently have the following meetings in the following facilities:
  - Cumberland County Justice Center
    - Men's - every Wednesday
    - Women's - every other Wednesday
  - Fentress County Jail meeting
    - Every Monday afternoon
  - Southeast Tenn. Regional Correction Facility
    - Every Wednesday

### **Central TN Area**

- o They serve 7 counties
- o Currently they have 3 women and 4 men on the sub-committee.

- o They have only been able to get into the Franklin County Jail once a month (3<sup>1U</sup> Monday) o They are having a hard time getting members for their sub-committee. o Getting ready to have an H&I learning day (more will be revealed). They have a 100.00 literature expense for 3 months

### **Southern Middle Area**

- o They are in the Marshall County Jail carry ing the message in every Tuesday.
- o They would like for the region to by literature for the area to better carry the message to the inmates.
- o They continue to encourage women to participate in the women's Marshall County jail meeting.

### **Mid West Area**

- o They are placing IPs in facilities such as Jacoa and Aspell. o
- They are looking into doing something with Youthtown.

### **Old Business**

Chattanooga will nominate Jason S. for Regional H&I Chair. He stated his willingness and will turn in a service resume.

Lynn I. stated his willingness to come up with some regional H&I guidelines. He got 6 members that stated their willingness to help and he was appointed the ad-hoc committee chair.

Ricardo J. (acting chair) asked that the H&I chairs come up with a literature cost for their area so that the Regional H&I sub-committee can come up with a budget to submit to the regional body. The numbers were as follows:

- o Mid West-200.00 a month and may be doubling because they are looking to go into more facilities.
- o Southern M iddle - 150.00 a month, asking amount because they are looking for support to get into 6 more facilities
- o Upper Cumberland - 30.00 to 50.00 a month
- o Central TN - 150.00 every 3 months
- o Metro - 650.00 a month
- o Chattanooga - 165.00 a month

Several members suggested that we come up with a budget first so that we as a sub-committee can help the smaller areas furnish literature for their H&I sub-committees.

Jason S. looks forward to having learning days and workshops and wants that to be part of the budget. Show Me region, Texas and Ohio are sending H&I guidelines for this committee to look at to get some diversity.

These are the priorities that this body came up with

- 1) Guidelines
- 2) Budget
- 3) Learning days

Motion was made a second to close at 12:05 with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

### **PI Subcommittee Report:**

## **VRSC Public Information Subcommittee Report February 2, 2008**

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer @ 12:30 The

12 Traditions were read as well as the 12 Concepts

### **Roll Call**

|                   | Present | Absent |
|-------------------|---------|--------|
| P.I. Chair        | X       |        |
| P.I. Vice Chair   |         | Vacant |
| Secretary         | X       |        |
| Central Tennessee |         | X      |
| Greater Nashville |         | X      |
| Chattanooga       | X       |        |
| Greater Smokey    |         | X      |
| Middle Tennessee  |         | X      |
| Mountain          | X       |        |
| West Tennessee    |         | X      |
| Upper Cumberland  |         | X      |
| Southern Middle   | X       |        |
| Twin Lakes        |         | X      |
| Mid West          | X       |        |

### **PI Chair Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **Southern Middle**

They have contacted 9 radio stations to put our PSAs on the air

Mike R. is the new webmaster

- o Literature Racks were placed in jails, hospitals, doctors offices, and probation offices. They will contain only meeting schedules.

### **Chattanooga**

- o They are changing the format on their meeting schedules to be put in place next month.
- o The face has changed on their web page to get more information on the page. They are asking you to look at it and send your comments to web coordinator@chattanooga.com
- o They asked outreach to do an update to the map.
- o Their phone line is working but it is a voice mail and they just implemented a phone log, but they want it to be more successful. So they got a task force to work on that and asked GSRs for their input.
- o They printed 700 copies of their meeting schedule this month and got a 15.00 discount with a coupon that our meeting schedule coordinator obtained. The "No Matter What Group" has been added and it meets on Monday nights @ 7:00pm. There is an error on the current schedule, the "Easy Does It Group" meets @ 8:00am and it reads 7:00am.
- o Chattanooga State mixed fellowship flyer has been resolved. In addition the counseling center are interested in referring their clients to us. They would like us to provide them with information and make a presentation to them.
- o Over the next month they will be putting together a mock presentation and practicing it at their next sub-committee meeting.
- o They removed all information concerning NA from Chattanooga Times Free Press because our name was attached to Focus Healthcare's name and telephone number. In the course of this the contact person asked for our information so we will have a PSA in the Chattanooga Times Free Press.
- o They are working on a flyer for the "So Now What Group" in Dunlap is still in the making (more will be revealed)
- o They have also put together a priority list for the coming year. It is as follows:
  - 1) Contingency Plan: educating all the members in our area about how to deal with outside media requests.
  - 2) Phone line
  - 3) Learning days

### **Mountain Area**

- o Their chair person is gone and Lynn will continue to be Vice-Chair.

- o They meet at the ASC to get more participation.
- o Looking to do some presentations (more will be revealed)
- o Having some controversy with court cards (some meetings sign them and some don't).
- o They will not be using the PR handbook and will use the old PI handbook.
- o When doing presentations they will tell the people where to go but they won't sign their court cards.

### **Mid West Area**

- o Have made several PSAs and distributed them to radio stations.
- o Have been asked to do presentations for area churches
- o Jackson State College has invited them to their Drug Awareness day.
- o They are asking for power point presentations to help them.
- o They have been asked by the Lexington City Police to go into area schools
- o They are working on the web site and the phone line

### **New Business**

A conversation about using the PR Book as opposed to the PI Book (which is no longer in print). The Chair said it was okay to use both and we will get more clarification on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ region. Todd talked to Steve Rush @ the world and was told to adapt to the new literature. He was also told to use the one at your discretion. As a region we need to come together and tell the world what we need to be put in the PR Book from the PI Book and give the information to the RD (Belinda H) to carry our vote. Ricardo J stated that in the NAWS News it stated that addendums are coming down. Belinda H suggested that as a sub-committee we let the world know what we need as a body. We as the PI sub-committee voted to use both books.

### **Old Business**

None

Motion was made and second to close @ 1:45 with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

## Outreach Report:

Hello Family,

I'd like to take this moment to thank everyone in our Region for allowing to me be of service, it is truly a joy to be able to give back to our beautiful Fellowship what has been so freely given to me. The Outreach Subcommittee was very excited to be asked to facilitate two Learning Days/ Workshops for two Areas last month.

The first Learning Day held in Jackson for the Mid-West Area was on the Group Booklet I was able to leave the night before and check into a Motel room. Two addicts came by and picked me up, we went to a meeting. Afterwards we had supper and I went back to the motel. An addict came by early the next morning and took me to the place reserved for the workshop.

We arrived twenty minutes before the workshop was to begin. In the next thirty minutes, addicts began to arrive, and bought chili, hot dogs and all the fixings. What a beautiful way to start the day. There were 18 in attendance. We started an hour later than what was scheduled. Nobody seemed to mind because we were having such a wonderful time.

The Outreach Subcommittee would like to thank the whole Volunteer Region for approving the budget for last year. Because of this we were able to provide the Literature needed for these Learning Day/ Workshops. To better make this information available to every addict, because it is only through understanding and application it works.

The Workshop started with every addict present receiving a Group Booklet. A Resource In Your Community, the 12 Concepts Booklet, and there were 5 Guide to Local Services passed out to GSRs and Alt.-GSRs.

We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts and Service Prayer were read. The main focus of the day was N.A as a whole, and that we would practice Honesty, Open-Mindedness, and Willingness. We were not here to point fingers or chastise anyone. We were here to look at our assets and liabilities as they were. The Group Booklet was held up and everyone there was asked if they had ever read it all the way through. Only one raised their hand. We began with "What is an NA group?". Concentrating on the six points which describes an NA Group and they relate to our Traditions. The first point was read. Those in attendance were asked to connect every point and what Tradition that went with it. They did an outstanding job connecting the points with Traditions.

We went over the entire Group Booklet from cover to cover, taking breaks on the hour. There were a lot of questions that were asked throughout the day. A few of those were: The atmosphere and where it begins, our Message and how to preserve it, Chairpersons responsibilities? / How to chair a Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, as well as clean time requirements for the Chairperson and how to remove a Group that doesn't meet the six points of what makes an NA Group.

We went over the autonomy of the Group, and how that autonomy ends with the Group format. There was a lot of discussion on differing formats especially for that of an Open Meeting. How to structure a meeting format to protect our atmosphere, as well as our sacred message of hope, and that is the Group's responsibility



All and all it was a beautiful day. There was so much information covered, it would be difficult to report every detail. The Outreach Committee would like to thank the Mid-West Area for allowing us to come down and participate in their recovery. To be surrounded by fellow addicts who are seeking a better way of life. It was truly a joy.

Next the Outreach Subcommittee went to the Greater Smokey Mountain Area on January 26, 2008, and was asked to facilitate an Outreach Learning Day/ Workshop. Dale S., Lynn S., and William E. were the facilitators of this Workshop. This would be the first Outreach Learning Day in the Volunteer Region. The Committee would like to thank the Greater Smokey Area for allowing us to come down and facilitate this workshop. It was truly a joy.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the 12 Traditions were read. Because of the budget we were able to provide literature for this workshop. There were 17 in attendance. All those in attendance received an Outreach Resource Information book, A Resource in Your Community, and the 12 Concepts Booklet, and Regional Outreach Subcommittees Guidelines, as well as all Bulletins concerning Outreach

We went over: What is Outreach, Service Bulletin #1, What Outreach is and is not, The Dos and Don'ts of Outreach, and how vital Outreach is, as are all of our Subcommittees to our Region. Outreach works between the "Ps", reaching those groups who are isolated from the rest of our Fellowship. It was stated a few times throughout the day how outreach has a bad reputation for policing groups or being Tradition thumpers. How and where that stigma has become attached to Outreach is anybody's guess. We are supposed to be free of judgments. This was a concern of the Greater Smokey Mountain Area. It was greatly discussed at great length.

Outreach does not dictate to other Groups at any time, nor are they order givers. Outreach comes directly out of the Literature allowing groups and individuals members to come to their own understanding on what our Literature is asking us to do and nothing more. We covered a lot of ground utilizing the Service Bulletins that the World Board has out. All questions that were asked were answered from our Literature.

We broke for lunch. Most of us went to one place to eat. What a ball we had! We got back, had a moment of silence to reflect on why we were there. The second portion of the Workshop was conducted out of the Outreach Resource Information handbook. We covered Chapter 3- Helping Struggling Groups and Areas, Chapter 4- Workshops and Learning Days, the Resource Section, Chapter 7 we thoroughly discussed the Group Visitation Report Form. Covered, was how important our accountability to the Fellowship is, as well as how important communication between Subcommittees is. All in all it was a very beautiful day. The Regional Outreach Subcommittee was very excited to see this Subcommittee taking shape. Thanks again for us to be of service.

In Loving Service, William E.

## **VRSC Outreach Subcommittee Minutes February 3, 2008**

The Subcommittee Meeting began at 2:10 P.M. The 12 Concepts, 12 Traditions, and the Service\* Prayer were read.

Midwest Tennessee read their report surrounding the Group Booklet Workshop. This report is in the minutes under their Area Report.

GNANA outreach Subcommittee reports were read for the last two months of their activities. The Outreach Learning Day for the city of Nashville was scheduled for April 12, 2008.

The Chattanooga Area requested a Group Booklet Learning Day for March 29, 2008.^

The Mountain Area requested a Traditions Workshop for March 15, 2008.

The Chattanooga Area requested an Outreach Learning Day; they will come back in April to schedule a date.

The Midwest Tennessee Area requested a Concepts Learning Day; they will come back in April to schedule a date.

The Chattanooga Area and Midwest Tennessee Area will have first pick on the dates at the April VRSC Outreach Meeting.

There were members who announced that they would be willing to help with Outreach, to help with facilitate Learning Days and Workshops, from various parts of the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

### **GNANA Outreach Report**

On December 16, 2007 we completed our Outreach Budget for six months at \$200.00 a month. We will run on this budget for six months and then reevaluate it at the end of the six months.

In the month of November, Outreach attended the S.N.A.G Group in Smyrna. Our findings were that an N.A group was meeting in an AA Meeting Clubhouse. The atmosphere of the meeting was compromised due to an implied affiliation with AA. What we mean by this is.

there was AA Literature for sell, members identifying themselves as addicts and alcoholics, and just simply as alcoholics, and AA big books on the table mixed in with NA Literature.

Outreach spoke with a Home group member about the Area's concerns surrounding the S.N.A.G. Meeting. Outreach suggested that the Meeting move to a different room where AA is not so visible. If they were unable to get support from GNANA members, the meeting will want to move, to a location where there will be no implied affiliation with any other Fellowship. The Outreach Subcommittee talked with this member about the six points that define an NA Group and the 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition. We were well received and were thankful and looking forward to us returning.

Outreach attempted to attend the New Beginnings Group in Springfield. When we arrived no one was there. We received the contact number from the Church's Billboard and left a message with the Church explaining the nature of the call. As a result of this message, two members of the Group contacted Outreach. The members told us that the addict who started the meeting is no longer around. The Church did not feel comfortable giving the key to an addict who did have any clean time. One of the members of the Church, who is also a member of AA, was given the key and is opening the Meeting. This AA member and another member of that Fellowship have been opening the meeting. The reason the meeting was not open was that these two members are Trusted Servants in AA and needed to attend the AA Assembly in Nashville that Friday night. Outreach told these members that we do not close our doors without prior notification.

Our concerns were clearly expressed. Our biggest concern was would we as Outreach be using NA basket money to an AA meeting, calling itself NA. We as a Committee have decided to attend the meeting while in progress to see if NA Traditions and the Six Points that define an NA Group are upheld.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> of 2007, your Outreach Committee attended Brentwood Basics group. We went to the group to help them in any way we could. We found a warm reception and a group with a couple of Home group members. The members of the group told us that primarily they could use our help with formulating a business-meeting format. On January 21<sup>st</sup> we will return to the Brentwood Basics group to attend their business meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m., and we will attend their meeting.

On January 11<sup>th</sup> we went to Springfield to attend the New Beginnings group. We arrived at the meeting at 6:30 p.m., where we found no one there. At about 6:50 p.m. there were addicts showing up for the meeting. These addicts told us that the meeting was open the previous Friday, but that the meeting is not consistently open. The contact number that we had from the previous trip to Springfield was called that night at 7:30 p.m. We have never received a call back from this group as of yet. We are requesting the direction of this Area on this matter. This is the second time we have gone to attend this meeting and the doors are closed. This is a meeting that is being opened by members of another Fellowship who did not want to see the meeting close down, however we cannot post a meeting on our schedule that addicts will show up to only to find a locked door.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> we went to the Brentwood Basics group and attended their Business Meeting. We did not cover a lot in the way of having a business meeting. This is a group with two trusted servants who are doing the very best they can to ensure that the NA Literature is

upheld and they are doing a mighty fine job. They will have a literature shipment in by the next business meeting date. We will attend their next Business Meeting on February 18\* at 6:30p.m.

We have tentatively scheduled an Outreach Learning Day for April 12<sup>th</sup>. The VRSC Outreach Subcommittee will facilitate this Learning Day. Our friends and fellow addicts of the Middle Tennessee Area Outreach Subcommittee have been notified and the date seems to work for them. This date has been coordinated with Activities and both Outreach Committees are looking forward to working with the Activities Committee to provide this function. This Outreach Subcommittee will attend the Regional Outreach Subcommittee Meeting next Saturday in this very room to formally request this Learning Day.

We would like to let the groups of this Area know that we are available to help with Traditions, Concepts, the Group Booklet, the Guide to Local Service, and other Service Manual that NA has to offer. After the Outreach Learning Day we are looking forward to working in conjunction with MTA Outreach to possibly host Subcommittee Learning Days as well

The start up of this Committee has been slow, but after the Outreach Learning Day we will be prepared to bring to the Nashville area the full range of services NA Outreach has to offer.

As a result of our findings on the Springfield New Beginnings Group, the GNANA voted to remove this meeting from our meeting schedule. On our Spring 2008 Meeting Schedule it will reflect this change. After some discussion on the Area floor about the S.N.A.G Group in Smyrna, our Area Secretary has agreed to accompany us back to the meeting to see if there is anything we can do.

We would like to formally request an Outreach Learning Day, from this subcommittee, on behalf of GNANA and MTA. We wish to have a Mufti-Area Outreach Learning Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> of this year. This date has been coordinated with both Outreach Subcommittees as well as our Activities Committee, who has graciously decided to help us in any way they can to provide this much needed Learning Day.

Loving Service, GNANA Outreach Subcommittee

## **Ad-hoc Tax Committee:**

December 6, 2007

Meeting with the State of Tennessee's  
Department of Revenue's  
Audit Division

Two of your VRSC Trusted Servants, whom were appointed to the Adhoc Committee to find facts on the Tennessee Tax Law, met today with Stacy Gibson, Director of the Audit Division and Stan Dunlap, Associate Director of the Audit Division. We started the meeting out with a Public Information Presentation, so this agency could come to understand, for them, just what Narcotics Anonymous is and what it is that we seek. After the presentation we were able to

ask questions about our present-day situation surrounding our Literature Committees here in the Volunteer Region.

We began the meeting at 10:00 AM. with the four of us present. The presentation started with the creation of our Fellowship and how we were gifted the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to adapt to our needs as addicts. As a result of this, in 1953, Jimmy K. and fellow addicts in California created what is now known around the world as Narcotics Anonymous. We explained how our primary purpose was different and how we are a separate and distinct fellowship, not to be confused with any other Anonymous program or outside agency that might deal with the disease of addiction. When this Fellowship was formed, it began with 9 Information Pamphlets and the White Booklet, and grew to all the Literature you see on the table. On the table we had the 1) Basic Text, 2) It Works: How and Why, 3) Just for Today, 4) The NA Step Working Guide, 5) A Guide to Public Information, 6) Guide to Local Service, 7) H&I Handbook, 8) Group Treasurer's Workbook, 9) Anniversary Basic Text, 10) Basic Text Tapes, 11) It Works: How and Why Tapes, 12) all the current Informational Pamphlets, 13) the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Bulletins, 14) A Resource In Your Community, 15) copies of the original copyrights of NA, 16) VRSC Inc. Corporate Charter, 17) VRSC 501 (3)(c) Tax Exemption Form, 18) VRSC Profit and Loss Statement of the last two meetings, 19) Upper Cumberland Area's Treasurer Report, 20) Key tags, 21) Medallions, 22) literature order forms from the World Service Office, Show-Me Region, Florida Region, the Lone Star Region, and the Upper Cumberland Area, 23) VRSC Public Information Project Map, which lists everywhere NA is in the state of Tennessee.

With the aforementioned presentation items we were able to show this agency just what and who Na is and aspires to be. The Basic Text Project began in 1978 and in 1982 it was made available to the Fellowship. From this all the Literature on the table was created up to the present. We explained using the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust and Related Bulletins how the Literature we purchase from the World Service Office belongs to the members of Narcotics Anonymous. We showed them how this legal and binding document makes the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous the Trustor and the World Service Office of Narcotics Anonymous the Trustees. We able to show that we of ourselves owned this Literature and we were doing were redistributing what we already own. The infrastructure of NA was then discussed. We showed how the WSO is licensed in California as a Non-Profit Organization and so are our Regions, Areas, and Home groups because we fall under the same umbrella. Our Groups, Areas, and Regions are registered with the WSO as a Narcotics Anonymous entity

We explained how we ordered our Literature from one of the previous mentioned entities of NA (RSO or WSO) and then brought the Literature here to Tennessee for distribution. We explained how we distributed this for cost, where there is *NO* profit made and the bulk majority of it was given away through our various Service Committees. At this point, the members of the State Tax Office asked us where the funding came from. We then shifted to the 7 Tradition and talked about our donation system using the basket. We told them how our members contributed money to the basket to fund our service endeavors and that no outside contributions would be taken at any time. We were asked, "So your organization will not accept an outside donation?" our response was "Our traditions will not permit it, we would be forced to Tetum it". What this cleared up was that everything we do is centered on our members contributing donations. At this time Ms. Gibson told us that we should not use *sell* and *required donation*, these are terms used in the tax world that imply profit is being made.

We were asked if donations from the basket were our only source of revenue. We answered the question and began to explain how our annual convention operated. We told her that when the Hotel was reserved we submitted our Tax Exempt Form, that the vendors there were licensed from the WSO to use our logos on their merchandise. These vendors were sub-contracted and responsible for their own sales tax. Under the agreement with the WSO, these vendors pay \$500 for the use of our logos and then donate anywhere from 25% - 35% of their earnings back to the Fellowship. We showed the agency from the 2006 WSO Report where the Volunteer Region had donated money to the World. We did go into great depth how our funds were used. We discussed that our Home groups used the donations to pay their rent and purchase literature. The excess funds were then passed on to the Area, Region, and/or World Services. At the Area level the donations were used to fund our Service Committees such as P.I., H&I, Phone line, Outreach, Literature, Newsletter, and other various Committees. At the Regional level the donations were used much in the same way, but to support the various Areas the Region serves and in some cases the Groups in the Region when their respected Areas cannot. The donations were then passed onto the WSO to fund their endeavors and the WSO did use these donations to recreate our Literature. The Fund-Flow Chart in a Guide to Local Services and the VRSC P.I. Project map were highly instrumental in helping with presentation of our fund flow and the infrastructure of NA services.

Family, what we did know at this point, from now on we *MUST* use the word *DONATION* and refrain from sell, sold, profit, and required donation!!! We were told that at first glance it did not seem we were in any violation of Tennessee Tax Law, but to be sure, Ms. Gibson is going to discuss our situation with all the Department Directors to make sure there are no problems. She told that since we were purchasing from a Non-profit Organization and then simply redistributing the goods we already own to another Non-profit entity of the original distributor at cost then there is no profit being made, we should be all right. We instructed Ms. Gibson of the Fellowships' fears surrounding an audit. Ms. Gibson's response was " You have taken a proactive approach to obtain a solution. My office is undertaking an already incredible workload; I do not see why we would attempt such a task when there is not an alarm for one. We do not just go after people, especially when they approach us. My main concern is to get NA within the bounds of the Tennessee Tax Laws, to help you do so if need be without changing your purpose". Ms. Gibson instructed us that we would receive a verbal response by phone in around 10 days and that sometime after the first of 2008 we would get something in

writing that will state her findings. Ms. Gibson did take a copy of the VRSC PI Project Map, a Guide to Local Service, the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust and Related Bulletins, the VRSC Inc. Corporate Charter and Bylaws, the Tax Exemption Form for the VRSC, the Literature Order Forms, the VRSC Profit and Loss Statements, an Upper Cumberland Area Meeting Schedule, the Upper Cumberland Profit and Loss Statement from the last two ASC Meetings, and theNAWS and VRSC Website addresses.

What our findings may mean is that the Areas who mark up the cost of their Literature to cover Shipping Costs, may need to cease with that markup. The markup is a profit. We may find ourselves having to eat the Shipping Costs and redistribute the Literature at the price we had to give depending on the WSO or RSO we order from.

We did state that why we were here is because we had heard of another Anonymous Fellowship being approached by a Government Revenue Department and that we did not want to be guilty of any wrong doing. We were told that the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue Audit Division would check into their case as well, to see if our situation is anywhere comparable to theirs. The agency was aware of all of our fears and concerns. This agency received us warmly.

They did not know who we were or where we are as a Fellowship. We did supply them with all the information they would need to help us in our quest for the truth. There will be ongoing correspondence with Ms. Gibson and Mr. Dunlap until all questions are answered and we can receive a copy of the Tennessee Tax Laws for Non-profit Organizations operating in Tennessee. The meeting was ended at 11:30 AM.  
In Loving Service, Dale S.

Todd M. contacted Mrs. Gibson Friday, February 1, 2008, she stated that her and Mr. Dunlap had not had the time to get with all the Department heads to go over our situation. She stated that at the present time everything looks great and we seem to be just fine. She wanted to reassure us that there would be no audit issued no matter what the findings and her Department will work with us to find a solution. We will be to present a written report from this Organization at the April RSC Meeting.  
In Loving Service, ToddM. & DaleS.

## **VRXXXVI:**

Greetings,

We have got a strong committee started. I would like to invite anyone that would like to help us serve to join us. We meet the second Saturday of every month at the Chattanooga Choo Choo at 2:00 P.M. However, this month will be on Saturday 2/9 at 4:30 P.M. due to conflict with the CAR Workshop.

We have some open positions.

Alternate Secretary Hospitality Vice Chair  
Merchandise Chair and Vice Chair Arts and  
Graphics Chair and Vice Chair-Registration Vice  
Chair-Convention Information Chair and Vice  
Chair Fundraising Chair and Vice Chair

As you can see we still have some openings but some have expressed interest just have not shown up yet

We have Pre-Convention Flyers here and are doing the first mailing this month. Please get these to your groups and please announce that there is a very limited number of smoking rooms and first come first serve. If the smoking rooms are gone folks may ask for Bldg # 300 as there are balconies that you can go out on and smoke they are limited also.

We have confirmed space meeting space and room rates for the August Regional Meeting it will be at the Choo Choo.

We have been talking about the Saturday Banquet will be in a different room than the Main Speaker so we would like some guidance on how it should be handled. We feel that by just putting it on the Registration form should be sufficient. Would the Region like to see it handled ant differently?

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Love & Respect  
Pete F.

## **VRCGRC REPORT:**

### **VRCGRC Ad-Hoc Committee Report February 3, 2008**

Hi Family,

I am grateful to be clean today and grateful to be here with you all.

My report starts out with when this subcommittee was formed when I was appointed by the then VRSC Chairperson in October 2006. The first meeting was held at the VRC Convention in Nashville. The revised guidelines being used were then 4 years old and had many problems in them that were voiced by the last four convention committees. There were Traditions violations in the document and hardly any accountability or responsibility. The guidelines were the best we had came up with at that time and were approved by our fellowship as a whole. They were typical with all of our regional services and showed the lack of knowledge of our guiding documents especially the Traditions. The first meeting was a packed house since it was at the convention itself. All kinds of ideas and suggestions were shared and the consensus was to hit some parts here and there and create changes. That was not feasible as there were a lot of problems beginning with the first page. I wrote down many concerns and made a list of items for discussion in future meetings. It was prudent to begin with the first page and since the last procedure worked well (Line by Line) we thought that was the way to begin again. First off we kept the definition of what the VRC is and list who we were responsible to and then came the guiding documents to tell us why we are responsible and how we are held responsible and accountable for all the things we do to put on a VRC Convention. A web page was started up and a lot of people joined the site and I thought it was going to be great with all these interested people. I began looking for other Regional Convention Guidelines, which maybe could help up along with some new ideas. I posted them on the web and started sending out parts of the guidelines for feedback. Nothing came back but for a few meetings held at the Region on Saturday people were still interested in helping. Then the meetings started slowing down until only a few showed up. An interested member who had significant experience at the Region and



on VRC Committees said he was willing to build a guide that we could use anywhere in the region if you were interested in having the VRC in your area. It was called the Hotel Bid Negotiation Workbook and we thought that was a great idea since it seems we try and invent the wheel every time the VRC moves to another city and new people were involved. I have held a meeting at every scheduled Regional weekend. I only missed one meeting but had Kenny Me to facilitate that one. I attended VRC 25 and asked people on the committees for any problems they were having with the guidelines. The VRC 25 Chair gave me a list of items that were all discussed within this sub-committee. I also received suggestions from sub-committee chairs as they were doing their work at VRC 25. Then the last meeting I had at the Convention and no one showed up. This seems to be a trend: There's a problem; We need to get someone to take care of this; We create a committee and then just lose interest; We wait until the finished product is presented after people have put much time and effort into it and then we sit back and throw rocks at them and wonder who do they think they are. That happened the last time these guidelines were revised and has all ready happened just following VRC 25 by one of their sub-committee Chairs. I wasn't willing to spend 3 years on the guidelines this time and end up with the same result. It's only been 15 months working on these guidelines but I feel these are more spiritually based that includes Responsibility and Accountability through the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

Over the years I've watched how the Convention started with the idea of a celebration of recovery for our region and turned into what city could outdo the other cities and accrue the greatest funds to be sent to WSO for the prestige of being one of the top ten providers of money. All during this time, this region had no basic services provided to *help* the suffering addict. It had even crept into our guidelines, which tied our hands so no services could be provided. Money, property and prestige seemed to be the common welfare of each individual city and not the Volunteer Regional Convention being the common welfare for unity in this whole region.

We faced the VRC Guidelines with the purpose of regaining the celebration of recovery principle and not being the monster it has been in even denying Areas and Groups their choice to provide services in their Areas. That is not the example this region needs to be sending to the areas or groups. The VRC also has become its own entity with committees doing whatever they want to and spending funds anyway they want with specialty items for a few privileged members to having rental cars to buying 20 extra meals so they wouldn't have to put themselves out trying to come up with a count with no accountability and hardly any responsibility to the ones they serve. I actually saw a VRC Chair selling unnumbered, unprinted banquet tickets and who knows where the money went

In all the guidelines we looked at, they all had incorporated a system of Accountability to be implemented with their conventions. They all had a Board of Directors (BOD) who was to give direction to the Conventions and to be responsible and accountable with their funds and the operation of the convention. This Region is incorporated for those who don't know and we have a set of by-laws, which this region operates under as a non-profit organization. In these revised guidelines we have included our own BOD. In these guidelines the BOD consists of the: VRSC Chairperson, VRSC Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer, and Alternate Treasurer. They should be the deciding point of accountability for all Convention Services performed on behalf of the VRSC, Inc.

Another large item which we have tried to take care of immediately through a motion to remove any direct recruiting of home groups from the VRC Committee. That is a direct violation of Tradition Five as they have only one primary purpose and it's not to make money or provide items to the VRC Committee. This should also not be assumed or recruited from the Areas either. This Committee cannot dictate to any area what they do with their funds from events. The areas should use their funds for whatever they decide they need to provide services. Even though this item is completely removed from the new guidelines, we knew Chattanooga would be operating under the old Guidelines until the new ones could be approved.

We have incorporated into these guidelines a self supporting process from convention to convention which we feel will alleviate any problems or concerns or fears within the Convention Committee itself. Many times I have been on a VRC committee and we were sweating whether ROR or Surrender Under the Stars or Kiss Kamp out or Memphis in May would come through with the needed funds to carry us into the Hotel and have a successful convention. This process will help in those regards. We suggest keeping a balance of \$15,000.00 from one convention to another convention. The BOD can decide to lower this amount or raise this amount accordingly. What would happen if these guidelines were approved, Chattanooga would receive from VRSC, INC. the remainder of funds to bring their balance up to \$15,000.00 and everything else in these guidelines would be grandfathered into the remaining time of that Convention. This would free up the so called obligation everyone feels they have to provide to the convention and would let the Areas use their funds wherever it is needed, such as providing Services to help the suffering addict who doesn't know we exist.

The checking account will need to be changed in name only to "Doing Business As (DBA) Volunteer Regional Convention, or VRC. No VRC numbers need to be added to the account. (Example: VRC XXVI). Only DBA VRC and then at the end of the convention the treasurer will write a check for everything over the \$15,000.00 continuing balance and make the check to VRSC, Inc. Then the checkbook can be carried to the next Treasurer. Also at this time the signature card can be changed to the new committee. The checking account is to be established with a bank that has branches in all of the major metropolitan areas that host the convention (Page #16 Funding).

Another item that has been a concern with the Convention is the Banquets or meals. Some feel that it is not fair for the ones of us who cannot afford such things. We felt it was an important part of our recovery in that maybe we need to try and work on our self-esteem by dressing up once in a while for something positive and not just dressing up to go to a funeral. I know I needed all the self-esteem builders I could get when I got clean and still do. We felt we offered good food provided in the Hospitality suite, not just peanut butter and jelly sandwiches either, so no one would go hungry. I know when I got clean I couldn't afford the banquets and didn't have any clothes to wear anyway. I went to Hospitality and felt just as much a part of and never left hungry. My first service position on VRC was in the Hospitality Suite. I DEGRESS!!!!!!!!!! Many VRC Committees have suffered over coming up with a count of meals. Others just buy 20 extra meals not knowing whether they would sell or not. That is not very prudent with our funds, just to make it convenient for the Committee. Others have tried to somehow con and manipulate to try and make money on meal tickets. Others say they should be done away with completely. None of these ideas have ever been successful We feel the way to alleviate all these ideas is to

Revise the VRC Flyer itself. We should use the Pre-Registration process with only one flyer. Instead of a pre-convention flyer and then printing another that was fancier; why not just use one flyer. On the flyer would be the artwork chosen for the event, Pre-Registration, Registration, All Meals, speaker tapes, newcomer donation and all ticketed items and all would be listed in a time line (Page #24). Cutoff dates would be published for all items (Page #8). The flyer would be on - our website ([www.natennessee.org](http://www.natennessee.org)) in a PDF Format; removing the need for each committee to setup their own site (another waste of NA funds, Concept 11). The cutoff date for meals would give the committee the number of meal tickets to give to the Hotel After the cutoff dates there would be no meal tickets sold. As far as the meals go, that is an important item used in the negotiation of the Hotel Bid Process where the Hotel can make money and we can use as a tool for getting a better room rate. There would be other items such as comedy show that could be sold up to the event itself because most comedians have a base charge, not a per seat charge.

Another item to be considered in the Hotel Bid Process is the provision of coffee by the VRC Committee. We feel this issue could be handled completely by the Hotel and be a great negotiation tool for us to acquire maybe a better room rate. The funds we use to provide coffee could be used for a greater or primary purpose. In the last six (6) years of the VRC we could only find numbers from five (5) of the conventions and total spent was \$6106.90 or an average of \$1221.38. That is a lot of literature that never will reach the hands of a suffering addict. Also, in those conventions, you can walk around the hotel and see a lot of coffee we paid for was just wasted, full cups of coffee that people had not even used. That average equals out to roughly 122 Basic Texts, or if IP's were \$.23/each that equals 5310 IP's, now tell me what will keep you or especially the newcomer clean.

Some other things need revision for these guidelines to work. The VRSC Guidelines are in a very poor condition, outdated, and restrictive to the spiritual aim this region desperately needs. We suggest to the Regional Body that someone be appointed by the Chairperson to revise the VRSC Guidelines. Also these guidelines will require some studying by the Administrative Committee of the VRSC and of the VRC Convention Committees to come. We feel this will work and bring back the convention to a celebration of recovery as it was started out to be. I will be turning in a motion to approve these guidelines and the Hotel Bid Negotiation Workbook for approval as a whole. If there is anything anyone needs help with feel free to contact me at [naiou2@embarqmail.com](mailto:naiou2@embarqmail.com) or phone 423-639-3035.

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LYNN S.

## **AREA CONCERNS:**

Greater Nashville Area—The Homegroup Progress Not Perfection concerned that all motions from last RSC were micromanaging and do not understand why VRC motions came now instead of with the entire Guideline Revision Motion to come.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion 1: to fund the Area Subcommittee Chairs to attend the RSC.

Motion passed. 10 Areas voted yes.

Motion 2: for the VRC to stop soliciting Home groups for fundraising.

Motion passed. 9 Area voted yes. 1 Area abstained.

Motion 3: for the VRC to stop soliciting Home groups for fundraising. This removed another section of the Guidelines.

Motion passed. 9 Areas voted yes. 1 Area abstained.

Motion 4: to stop having the RSC Meeting at the VRC.

Motion passed. 10 Areas voted yes.

Motion 7: to bring back A Guided to Public Information to the Fellowship.

Motion passed. 10 Areas voted yes.

Motion 8: to change the Basic Text review process.

Motion passed. 8 Areas voted yes. 2 Areas voted no.

Motion 9: the nomination for William E. as Outreach Chair.

Motion passes. 8 Areas voted yes. 2 Areas voted no.

## **Nominations and Elections:**

The Nominations and Service Resumes are typed below, excluding personal private information, due to complaints about the Service Resumes being blurry.

Nomination 1 was made by the Chattanooga Area and seconded by the Central Tennessee Area.

The Nomination was for Jason S. as Regional H&I Chair. The intent was to fill this position with a Trusted Servant who is familiar with the Guiding Documents pertaining to the position. Service positions held in the last five years as follows:

Meeting Opener, GSR and Secretary of Home Group, Panel Member, Panel Leader, H&I Chair for the GSMANA and the Chattanooga Area, and the PI Chair of the GSMANA for 6 months.

All of these were for 1-year terms aside from Meeting Opener and Panel Member. The PI position was for 6 months because this member moved from GSMANA to Chattanooga Area. There was a Chair in place and prior notification given to Area before member left the position. Resources listed for the position are as follows:

My job, to be done effectively, is to communicate, stay organized and serve many people's different needs.

Other information relevant:

I am willing and have experience in the beginnings or re-establishment of Subcommittees by way of our Guiding Documents.

Nomination 2 was made by the Chattanooga Area and seconded by the Central Tennessee Area.

The Nomination was for Sherree F. as Regional PI Chair. The intent was to fill the position with a Trusted Servant who is aware of the responsibilities of the position and who is able to carry them out.

Service positions held in the last five years are as follows:

Area Chair for Chattanooga Area (2006), Activities Chair for Chattanooga (2007), VRC Registration Chair (2004), Registration Chair twice and Chair for Surrender Under the Stars, VRSC PI Vice-Chair (2006), PI Chair (2007).

Never removed or failed to fulfill a Service commitment.

Resources listed for the position are as follows:

My experience doing Service Work and ability and willingness to complete each term.

Other information relevant:

With in the year serving as PI Chair and attending Workshops relating to PI, this has been a educational year.

Nomination 3 was made by Mountain Area and seconded by Southern Middle Tennessee. The Nomination was for Lynn S. as Alternate Regional Delegate. The intent was to fill a vital position in our Service Structure.

Service positions held in the last five years are as follows:

Group: NTF: GSR 2004-2006, Treasurer 2007, MANA: Outreach Chair 2005, PI Web-coordinator 2006-2007, PI Vice-Chair 2007, Policy & Procedure Chair 2007: VRSC or Regional: VRC Guideline Revision Ad-hoc Chair- February, 2001 to June 2004: VRC XXI Registration Chair- August 2002 to February 2004; Volunteer Regional Service Committee Chair- November 2004 to June 2006: VRC Guideline

Never removed from or failed to fulfill a Service Commitment.

Resources listed for the position are as follows:

I have helped facilitate Regional Outreach Workshops (Traditions, Concepts, Guide to Local Service, Phone-Line) for Groups and Areas including Area Inventories.

Other information relevant:

I have only one disease, one program, one sponsor in NA who has an NA Sponsor, one ultimate authority and build my life around one set of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts for Service for Narcotic Anonymous.

Nomination 4 was made by GNANA and seconded by West Tennessee Area. The Nomination was for Craig G. as Alternate Regional Secretary. Service positions held in the last five years are as follows:

November 2005 to January, 2006- Temp. GSR- A New Beginnings Group, January, 2006 to current- Aft. GSR and GSR- Rutherford County Night Owls, January, 2007 to current- Activities Chair- GNANA, Panel Leader H&I 2 years, panel member 1 year prior to Panel Leader, Homegroup Chairperson for more than 3 years (different meetings). Stepped out of the way as Temporary GSR for A New Beginnings Group. I helped start the group and was trying to do all the service myself, which could have caused problems for my personal recovery as well as the group (Basic Text p.61 "Those of us who... at no time do any of us govern."

Resources listed for the position are as follows:

I am very committed to NA, I read all the NA Literature I can, I type fairly well, I have a computer, scanner, and copier. I take great notes.

Nomination 5 was made by GNANA and seconded by the West Tennessee Area. The Nomination was for Martin L. as Alternate Regional Treasurer.

Service positions held in the last five years are as follows:

Secretary of Homegroup 1-04 to 6-05; GNANA Treasurer 1-06 to present, term ending in June;

Homegroup Treasurer 6-07 until present; member of Policy and Procedures Subcommittee for GNANA 11-06 until present; member of Activities Subcommittee for GNANA 12-07 until present. H&I Project Coordinator 11-06 to present; H&I Project Leader 5-06 to present Member H&I Subcommittee GNANA from 5-06 to present.

Never removed from or fail to fulfill a Service Commitment.

Resources listed for the position are as follows:

Masters Degree in Business Administration

Other Information Relevant:

I have a sponsor that has a sponsor. I continue to work the 12 Steps and keep the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts to the best of my ability. Sometimes I fall short but progress not perfection is what my sponsor tells me.

A motion was made to close the previous nominations was made by GNANA and was seconded by the UCANA Revision Ad-hoc Chair 2007.

**New Business:**

Motion 1 was made by the VRSC Vice-Chair and was seconded by the Central Tennessee Area. THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: that the Volunteer Region of Narcotics Anonymous host a Regional Inventory.

INTENT: to come together as a Region in a timely manner and look at our strengths and weaknesses and find ways to correct them and effectively carry our message through the state.

Motion 2 was made by Central Tennessee Area and seconded by Chattanooga Area. THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: CT ANA requests \$498.32 to be used to create a Literature reserve pool from which the CTANA Literature Subcommittee can work ,, INTENT: this reserve will allow the support of our primary purpose by creating the ability to provide Literature to our member groups in a timely manner.

This motion was voted on at the Regional floor. Motion passed unanimously with 10 RCMs voting yes.

Motion 3 was made by Mid West Tennessee Area and seconded by Middle Tennessee Area. THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: establish an annual Regional Assembly to be held in March of each year,

INTENT: A Guide to Local Service (p.83) "Regional Assemblies are a key ingredient in the maintenance of the NA Groups." Final responsibility and authority for our Fellowship's services spoken in our Second Concept

Motion 4 was WITHDRAWN.

Motion 5 was made by VRCGRC and seconded by UCANA, THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: to approve the Hotel Bid Negotiation Workbook as a whole.

INTENT: to provide a Guide where anyone could host a Convention and have a proper Guide to help.

The motion was ruled OUT OF ORDER.

Motion 6 was made by VRCGRC and seconded by UCANA  
MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: approve VRC Guidelines as whole.

INTENT: to create a Convention Guide that helps VRC to be more spiritual in nature and that follows our 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts to create a celebration of recovery and unity within this Region.

Phis Motion was TABLED until the April VRSC.



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