



Core Issues

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Goals And Purposes

We believe there needs to be discussion among the members of NA with regard the purpose and direction of our fellowship. There are 'service' groups springing up throughout North America; their goals are as many and varied as our members. Our purpose at 'core' is to provide a venue to facilitate open and respectful discussion among the members of the fellowship. We discuss ideas about how to make the NA fellowship more responsive to the still suffering addict. We hold weekly meetings, publish a weekly newsletter, and plan events for the purpose of uniting our fellowship. These are not core meetings, core newsletters, nor core gatherings; they are our gift to the NA fellowship.

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and the Higher the
point of freedom.

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Yours in Loving Service,
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(A non-profit Newsletter of the Core Group)

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Summary of Core Group Project Discussions for the Month of June, 2014

Core Group Minutes



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June 3, 2014

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST

Tuesday Night CONFERENCE CALL

*Attendance with area codes: Bo 404 - John F 707 – Mitch 760 – David 318 - Lester 321
Bo on Minutes*

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☐ **DON'T USE, GO TO MEETINGS AND WORK YOUR STEPS -
Weekly Articles Sent in by Core Group Members**

Will send out new posts from core group during next few days.
General discussion

Travis wrote: "Hey Guys and Gals! We are having a Birthday Party for Bo S. on Saturday July 12th starting at 12:00pm at Clyde Central Methodist Church
410 Charles Street, Clyde NC. 28721

We are still looking for speakers so message if you would like to share with us.

This is Bo's 40th year so please come out and help us make this a very special anniversary for a man who has done so much for NA...

Please share this post with those members on your friends list
PM me more info. Travis Sinclair"

Discussion List:

Discussion:

Bo – Kansas City, MO Conference/convention idea “to carry the message”
John – hard day in NA here...



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Mitch – got a bit of hate mail:

“Mitch. Your view on our services and literature and how our message is carried on a goal level and based on opinion and half truths. If things were done the way the purist views NA would be a USA thing and addicts all over the world would still be in the dark. Russia 1995...Did you not hear anything at the world convention? Then when we get into our shit you cut and paste our conversations and send my emotional outburst to whoever. I am not demeaning you I am disagreeing with you and my true feeling is that those who feel that the baby blue is a good thing should all end up like Grateful Dave..They are killing NA. However I will be celebrating 26 with or without any purists there. I ain't picking up no matter what “Great then go fuck yourself ...this conversation is over...I hope all of you see one day that you are stealing from NA and killing addicts that don't have the same opportunities or freedoms that you have...I can't be friend with people who want to destroy the concept of NA>..”

Bo – It always amazes me that when we express concerns or ask questions it seems to trigger these violent responses.

Bo – John and I had a discussion about making an IP on Special Issues, to include: e-cig & marijuana in meetings, drug court surveillance, advocating antidepressants, advocating DRT, promoting relapse to gain insight, codependency in regard to newcomers, meetings going dark, flight of old timers, twenty minute meetings.

David – Problems with drug court locally.

Bo – Daddy in hospice. He has great care 24/7 but can't hear or see well. Very sad situation. My brother David and sister Jan are very devoted.

Mitch – We need to set a date, what would be good? October 17 to 19th this year.

John – Hotel or a building where an office is available we are talking about for a service office. Write something new, Crisis in NA?

Mitch – we need to get more people involved to do and office.

Bo – that's what we are bringing it up for, to discuss. But think creating an office is one way to get things off dead center.

John – No real addicts in meetings, no homeless people, etc.

Bo – Celebrating in July 40 years.



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Lester – we been talking

John – office space available in KC for \$399, first and last month's rent, no lease, no deposit, 2 secretaries, copier, snack room, etc. 2 miles from airport, expandable.

Mitch – could ship original BT, original IP's,

Lester – Would bring NAWs down on us in a heartbeat. Still good idea.

Bo – Thanks Lester for great newsletter. It is the twelfth issue, isn't it. We need to make a small book of the newsletter. Perhaps at the end of Volume II.

Lester – We will be accused of trying to start another Fellowship.

John – Write new literature!

Lester – Rob them of an adversarial position.

John – Just wipe the slate clean. NA is about togetherness and things that work for addicts in reality. They have run off addicts seeking recovery in many places. First they disadvantage members who care, then they call them apathetic. They are apathetic about believing world services is out to help them. They are out to help themselves to our money and our good name.

Bo - I think new literature would be a very positive move and we can do it, otherwise when we die, what we have learned will die with us. This SSP stuff is getting to be more like a blood feud with us under attack by the very system we created and have funded all these years. Where do they think they get their money and good name from?

John – No one here is about trying to get money or disadvantage members in any way. This is about as upright and proper as you can get! We have a lot to offer and great tools to work with. It feels good to be loving and kind. We already have money and feel great about ourselves.

Bo and Lester – We have around 150 to 200 pages of new material in our core group writings already.

John - Much learned in the last five years.

Bo - We could write a book before October.

John – Some excellent material is in the discarded material of early drafts of It Works: How and Why, better than what's in the final. Commercialists can't see the value of spiritual material. What about the 17th to the 19th of October.

Bo – The month of revolutions.

Mitch – OK!



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Lester – OK! I need money to get there.

Mitch – We gotcha covered Lester.

John – You guys can stay at my house!

Lester – We need others...

Bo – We need more written material about the Eleventh and Twelfth Steps. More about how the Traditions serve and protect the Fellowship from business interests and outside forces like DC and DRT.

Lester – We have essays...

Closed at 10:10 – Lester led us in the 3rd Step Prayer.

Next meetings on 10th - 17th - 24th of June – check out articles in Addendum

Core Group Minutes

June 10, 2014

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST

Tuesday Night CONFERENCE CALL

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Bo on Minutes

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From Bangkok, Thailand

Humble Suggestions:



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- A). Proper legal entity, local, state and federal. Includes start-up legal requirements, licenses, tax numbers, payroll, bank accounts and ongoing proper reporting and paying of all fees, dues and taxes.
- B). Fellowship deciding how money is to be spent, and total transparency accounting. Have a Finance Committee for Planning and a Compensation Committee.
- C). Spiritual Advisors not involved in the addiction industry.
- D). Boards and Committees. Read this book;
Extraordinary Board Leadership: The Keys To High Impact Governing [Paperback]
- Doug Eadie, Author
- E). Focus on new venture and less focus on California.
- Gratefully,
Dale

General discussion

Discussion List:

Discussion:

Idea list for formation: P.O. box, address, checking account with national bank, savings account for startup accounting, Federal ID#, regular date for issuance of checks and discretionary funds for intermittent approved disbursements.

Talked about holding planning session in KC

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Ideas for BOD: John F, Bo S, Lester O, David B, Mitch G, Bill F, Hank S,
Mitch – expressed concern about splinter groups phenomenon.

Bo – We'll let HP handle that. So what? Maybe our action will encourage members to think through letting the NAWS ball roll downhill forever squashing everything along the way. Need to assimilate our findings over past three years. There will be lots of culture shock among the uninformed. We need to be polite and considerate.

Bo – Don't let opposition set our boundaries. There is a thoughtful quote from George Bernard Shaw: "Reasonable men look at the world as they see it and try to conform to what they see. Unreasonable men look at the world and see it as it could be and try to make it conform to their vision. Therefore, all progress comes from unreasonable men." That's close to the original quote.

Goals.

- Set up Kansas City Service Center planning session August 8th. OK



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- Write new IP's and check on poker chips for clean time.
- Put out 2nd Editions for starters. Will have to be edited by interested members
- Establish ourselves concentrating on members and groups. Areas and regions can support us if they believe in what we are doing.
- This Service Center is new and not seeking contact with existing service structure. It will be styled as part of original NA with 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

These ideas are not cut in stone but list what we talked about. Mitch suggested we put out some of the original IP's dropped. This got support from members on call.

John F – Inform the new person about what NA has to offer. Right now it is real rough on him, gets beat up in meetings.

Mitch – John, you can't be the only old timer treated this way.

Bo – I have been out there to see if this is actually happening and based on a meeting in Petaluma and another in Fairfield when John lived in California, it is not due to negative personality traits. Similar or same things happened in Missouri when his Mom passed and he set up the house there. He attends several meetings a day in different cities. It is a real phenomenon and if it hasn't happened to you, be grateful and check out what we are saying to verify or deny. Please do not judge the situation based on your experience if you have not been there. We will be checking out local NA when we go there for planning session. The site for the planned service center is in Kansas City, Missouri with Kansas City, KS across the river.

John – One member in group says, "whoever got up the earliest today has the most clean time today." This is said to shut me down.

Lester – WSO marks up BT 500% (\$2.14/\$11.55)

Mitch – the 2nd Edition is popular because it matches what the Fellowship approved at a time when the members were very informed on the authoritative changes in the what is called the 1st Edition which took our sentences in the 4th and 9th Traditions.

Bo – Lots has been learned since then.

Lester – More is being revealed.



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Lester – We should include putting out something about the Long Form of the 12 Traditions.

Bo – Differences between business approaches to service versus creative approached to service have generated conflicts over the years.

Lester – Lit put out by WSO shows lack of imagination – WSO seems think in terms of hiring to professional writers to meet the need for literature.

Bo – One thing John F mentioned is the meetings around Missouri seem to reflect what is happening in US GNP. This means, no jobs, no money, no security affects what happens in meetings.

John – Also noticed synchronicity among meetings in different parts of Missouri. Same patterns prevail. Attends 12 different meeting halls in 5 cities in trouble all the time. Attended four meetings yesterday, two the day before, for instance.

Lester – economy down in Florida. The Mid-West seems to be doing best.

John – Corn! Crops coming in. Also noticed studies of bird flock patterns and studies on schools of fish to show if there is a lead bird or fish or if they move by general trends. Which fish leads? There is no follow the leader discernible.

Bo – From what John is telling me, events went like this. As more people – not necessarily addicts – came in from Drug Court (DC) it became harder to maintain an atmosphere of recovery because NA member no longer dominated the room. New members were confused by this and no longer looked to established NA members for leadership. Eventually and not all at once, the established member left that meeting. The situation developed to where you have thirty forced attendance from DC and four or five new comers left who only knew parts of what NA is about. They began to make up what NA is and were overwhelmed by forced attendance.

Mitch commented this is happening elsewhere.

Lester – Where did the old timers go?

John – Some come in occasionally to pick up clean time key tags for 27 years of more but not in regular attendance. My experience is there is some kind of spiritual presence in NA meetings that helps him stay clean regardless of the quality of the meeting.



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Lester – Observed that old timers who leave were already on their way out. Sees lots of old-timers who do not emulate recovery. When the heat is on, they leave. Don't let anyone ever run you out of an N.A. meeting is what I was taught! People who left, their recovery is based on different standards than mine, there has to be a degree of complacency.

John – agrees.

Lester – When shit hits the fan, they leave.

John – For every drug court attendee who sticks runs off one old-timer.

Lester – Noticed a change at about two months among those who took suggestions.

Bo – those who get disease concept and some idea about the spiritual stay clean.

Bo – after meeting talking with another member I finally recalled something from the late 1980's when drug court was considered by the Board of Trustees. To allow or not allow attendance from Drug Court was discussed. It was ok'd on the basis of contact with recovering addicts showed the addicts from DC sometimes got clean and stayed clean. What do not recall being mentioned or discussed was signing slips or attendance forms, members being subpoenaed in court to verify attendance, or the effect of so many DC in attendance that it shut down the meeting. It was strictly discussed by the BOT that drug court could send them. It was on this basis alone that the problem began with unexpected or condoned side effects.

Bo led closing prayer, "God help guide and direct us as we attempt to find solutions that benefit the NA Fellowship."

Closed at 10:10

Next meetings on 17th - 24th of June – check out articles in Addendum

"That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship."

Core Group Minutes:

June 17, 2014

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST



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Conference call opened at 8:30 pm EST

James Mc - if you say that the "vehicle is not the problem" then why did the SSP start in the first place? I am sure that there are many who will answer this and the answers will all be similar! YES, I also believe that there is "No Off Button" for the SSP or anything else that they really want to put in place! Just look at the only time that a motion made its way into the CAR and passed! And Yes, we are the problem however the reason that we are the problem is very important and if understood might help! It is so complex and did not just happen over night! We all know that there was an explosion of growth in Narcotics Anonymous in the late 80's and early 90's, prior to the concepts or the resolutions in the CAR in 1996. I believe that with this huge growth came a problem in service that has been conveniently labeled as apathy by those who are proponents of the SSP when in actuality I say that it was merely ignorance and the inability to completely handle such a large influx of members in our fellowship! At that time there was a huge focus on helping newcomers stay clean! Ignorance meaning a lack of knowledge or understanding which I believe is directly related to the huge explosion of growth. Instead of patiently taking the time to catch up to our growth and teach those who have since shown up as members the importance of service, those who know what's best for the rest of us have slowly manipulated exactly what they wanted in order to gain control. Instead of paying attention to our own warnings about "Money, Property, and Prestige" the emphasis was on growing N.A. to become the biggest and baddest Worldwide Fellowship ever! I understand the passion that comes



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from our empathy and how that magnifies our desire to help addicts worldwide AND our checks and balances are out of sync! It is a shame to believe that there is "No Off Button" and that the best that we can do is to go with the SSP and try to modify it to something that might be remotely acceptable! I am appalled at how much time, money, and energy has been put into shoving this SSP down the proverbial throat of the fellowship! Narcotics Anonymous was born on the inclusive concept that all are welcome and all are important, that spiritually we were better off with more input rather than less, yet now the number of seats are limited and they want to minimize them even more... all in the name of expedience! I SAY BULLSHIT!!!! It is really all in the name of control!

General discussion

Discussion List:

Discussion:

Bo – List of titles from proposed IP's: Dealing with DRT, Group Supplies, Step Ten, Step Eleven, Step Twelve, Total Abstinence, Why we Stand Together, To Forced Attendance, Clean Time, Relationship, Sex, NA Today, WE are One, Spiritual Warfare, Recomposing our Lives, Meditation, Spiritual Awakening Mitch also sending in seven from Original IP list.

Bo – Is it ok to give over The Book written primarily by three core group members to the KCSC to develop for a Fellowship piece of literature?

Jmu – Fine by me.

Bo – will ask Mary Ellen W.

Lester – getting his CPAP soon to help with sleep apnea. Got donation for KCSC today and putting in savings account for safe keeping until we can open a corporate account.

Lester - asked Jmu what about the IP from Longwood, "What about Psych Meds?" Jmu said he and Brian have not gotten to work on it yet.

Bo – mentioned Jeffery P. and Jim B. may be good candidates for new service boards. Expect to get expert help from existing service offices.

Jmu – hard to avoid personalities.



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Bo – went on a bit about initial trouble with WSO under Jimmy K where the Office got the Handbook for NA Literature Committees approved then did not put out even one copy, so they effectively killed the booklet for publication. The only thing that saved the situation was that we had made a thousand copies so had plenty for a while. The Lincoln Conference was in the fall and Memphis Conference came in February, so we were too busy to notice the huge impropriety of killing our Handbook. This adversarial move preceded the other disregard of Lit Workers later by the Bob Stone WSO. Competition between office staff and volunteers in the Fellowship.

Lester – I believe that Jimmy K was misled by a few people on a lot of things. Line from BT: “Our information came from uninformed people.” Jimmy psyched by certain people. Made some bad decisions based on poor or inaccurate information.

Bo – Ed C is helping with software, hardware and financial planning.

Bill F is working on bylaws and plans to initiate KCSC (Kansas City Service Center).

Bo – checking our poker chips and key tags sources.

Lester – suggested changing colors of the clean time on chips or tags. This would preclude anyone comparing us with NAWs.

Bo – Always liked the rainbow, prismatic colors White, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue

Jmu – likes since he heard the story

Lester – thinks there would be less confusion.

Bo - What about poker chips as opposed to key tags?

Lester - Offer both at KCSC

9:30 Mitch came on call and Bo read through minute notes so far.

Lester – suggested several people sign on checks. Waiting for Fed ID before making checking account in the KCSC name.

Bo – suggests paying routine bills on certain day like the 25th of month. Emergency account for things that come up.



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Lester – receive requests for payment from KCSC, writes and signs checks, sends to KCSC, John signs and mails. We also talked about electronic options. Lester will check with Wells Fargo about what they recommend.

Mitch led closing prayer, “Divine precepts...”

Closed at 10:00

Next meetings on 24th of June – check out articles in Addendum

“That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship.”

Core Group Minutes

June 24, 2014 - 8:30 pm

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST

Tuesday Night CONFERENCE CALL

Attendance: Bo - John – Jmu – Lester

Bo on Minutes

From core group member in Bangkok,

Dear Bo, Core Group and NA,

I trust you and God. Thanks for weighing my input to date. After reading your letter (below) I offer my full support, prayers and love. I have only one suggestion, that you've probably already considered. Develop, train and maintain a significant volunteer staff. I would like to share some of the reasons why, although they are quite obvious in the world today, and throughout history.

During the long process of NA World Services evolution, the practice of excluding those not loyal to the "corporate way" point to failures of leadership. It occurred and evolved to the critical mass that we are experiencing in real time. The failure of current leadership, including blatant mismanagement of World Services, the subject of volunteerism is not often discussed, as far as I know. It should be of the highest priority. Many non-profit charities rely heavenly on volunteers. Here in Southeast Asia charities are called NGO's. I've personally encountered many NGO volunteers since I've been here. Experiences I can share with you at some future time. For now, the point is that I share from personal, in-depth, experience of volunteers



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doing selfless service. Other than in the present NA that is, as NA has fallen far short in this vital area. Some volunteers for other charities even, with the laws, pay to serve as volunteers in various ways.

One example, of the thousands of global charities, operating primarily with volunteers, is the Sea Shepard (as seen on the Whale Wars TV Series). Sea Shepard functions by volunteers paying their own travel to and from Australia, and the volunteers pay for their own toiletries, clothes, etc. Most are not wealthy, and give up paying jobs to serve humanity. Thereby allowing the donations given to Sea Shepard, from merchandise sales, and charity events to be utilized effectively toward the Sea Shepard's mission and primary purpose. That purpose is to save an endangered species critical to earth's future. Last year only 77 persons, mostly self-supporting volunteers, saved over 900 whales in the Antarctica region. They even risked their lives at a much greater level than other charity volunteers. So yes, a small service center for original NA, located in the mid-west, can be tremendously successful and beneficial to NA's primary purpose and mission.

Doctors Without Borders is another example. Volunteers placing themselves in harm's way, in such places as active combat zones, to help others, and to help our planet. Contrarily, NA has huge payroll for staff, and travel and perks expenditures for a few "loyal" volunteers (World Board members) who serve to facilitate corporate control, rather than serving the NA members and addicts still suffering. All the while vital services are not being accomplished. Such as the Literature Translation backlog, spiritual literature development, etc. NA could have utilized volunteers rather than hiring new staff, and later firing them without replacements, (as seen in the recent past at World Services). Our so called "leaders" are manipulatively citing "not enough revenue" to promote getting more donations from NA members, to hire more staff and incur more international travel bills. This is also gross mismanagement. Why not staff with dedicated volunteers as do other charities? Probably volunteers number in the millions of people globally.

It seems obvious with the growth of NA, and the growing epidemic of addiction, there are NA members, and friends and families of members, and concerned humans, that would gratefully volunteer to serve NA.

Anything other than that is again, I submit, blatant mismanagement by NA World Services and the World Board. Heck, even the NRA (National Rifle Association) doesn't shoot themselves in the foot by overlooking volunteer resources.

Attached is a photograph of myself with the director of Siam-Care.org and other volunteers. I personally know the volunteers for Siam-Care, that I met during my first year in Thailand (2010), because I believed in their mission, their efficient management, and their prudent utilization of resources. I looked into how much of the donors' money actually goes to the mission and primary purpose. In the case of Siam-Care less than 10% is spent on administrative costs, such as salaries for the directors, executive staff and general staff. I researched them on a charity watchdog group, such as CharityNavigator.org, to find out this critical management style information before I made donations, and especially before I encouraged friends and family to donate money and volunteer time. Siam-Care, with primarily volunteers and dedicated, humble low paid staff, has helped HIV orphans in Thailand, and HIV prisoners, for over twenty years. They help the orphans whose young parents died of AIDS. They help with food, education, clothing and to get the children's Thai families to raise the HIV kids with love and compassion. The Thai Red Cross does similar good



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work, again with volunteers being important, but Siam-Care helps the poorest of the poor who otherwise would be forgotten. A couple of the Siam-Care family photographs are attached. I gratefully personally helped them from compassion. I saw the damage that occurred to women and children when I served as a combat medic during TET of 1968 during the Vietnam War. I wanted to return to do some small things for the poor here in present times. We all felt that way about NA when the literature and Basic Text was written by volunteer addict members of NA.

My first significant volunteer work was when Hurricane Dora wiped out my home town on my 16th birthday. Some classmates and I first helped sand bag the seawall until it caved in under massive waves and strong winds. Then we helped the National Guard evacuate the Jacksonville Beaches to our school auditorium. We payed close attention to the elderly and children, and helped save lives. These same young boys a couple of years later voluntarily enlisted in the Army, Navy and Marines to fight for our countries values and freedom. Many died, and a heavy toll was placed on families for decades.

Point is, that when there is a cause so deeply devastating as war, natural disasters and addiction, people will serve voluntarily with love, and the spirit that brought us the NA Basic Text and our original program of complete abstinence. Other programs can serve addicts in other ways, and many do, but there also is real a need for the program of original NA and our complete abstinence from drugs message and way of life.

Good luck and best wishes. As this moves forward, on Gods timetable, I'll be happy to to help draft some volunteer goals, ideas and resource planning scenarios. To be truthfully blunt, I think NA World Services, as it exists today, has gone to far down the exclusionary corporate rabbit hole to ever hope that it will serve NA with volunteers, or to be (voluntarily) financially transparent through a helpful group like Charity Navigator, as mentioned herein.

In grateful service,

Dale A.

(Beautiful photos on request - Bo)

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Conference call opened at 8:30 pm EST

Bo - asked if announcement was ok?

John - yes, liked it.

Bo - Great time at ECCNA in Williamsburg, Virginia. Bonnie drove my car all the way up and back. Spoke with 20 or more about core group and Kansas City Service Center. Went by Travis I's home on way back to Marietta. We had such a great conversation, I took notes: Create Virtual Office "anywhere" with help from freedomvoicesystems.com (find with google). 12 mailboxes, etc. Assignable for different members to respond, etc. Another idea: buy old Basic Text's from eBay and make available at cost plus 10% to help members. Also, makes library for momento's to visitors. Phrase: We are building on the ruins of the original NA program. Web address with archival lit. New service junkies... One of the men at ECCNA had been molested by family member: said, "You don't negotiate with the molester." This was in relation to those who violate 12 Traditions repeatedly. We have angel's in NA today, they are just 'sleeping angels.' We could also offer flash drive with free downloads to help defray costs of service center, low price. Same downloads on website. Idea to announce now that we will ask for a \$50 donation to help kick start the Service Center. We will wait until our planning goes a little further. Being careful yet still proceeding forward. We have to set up 501 C3, get PO box, website, simple office location...

Jmu - not in favor of the Kansas City Service Center. Worried it may be ahead of it's time.

Bo - one member quit core group, maybe one more. Still have 130 plus. Loved Dale A's suggestions in last week's minutes and lead article in this weeks.

Bo - Should we start referring to the old service structure as the NAWS service structure? I think that is pretty clear and unambiguous.

John - I don't know.

Lester - On NAWS website, there is a piece by a WB member to the effect need to apologize to US Fellowship - all other countries have a national service body of some sort or service office. Like, Asian Pacific, European, etc.

Jmu - WSO has been fighting RSO's from the beginning.

9:00

Bo - Bill F working on bylaws, Ed C working on financial planning. Want solid set up to avoid having to change accounting systems, etc.

Lester - got letter from his physician - has severe degenerative disc disease, MRI scheduled.

Jmu - ASIS conference went well sending report. Highlights are new officers and name being worked on. Doing good writing, providing affordable lit like Baby Blue, 2nd Edition, Grey Book. Report in Addendum after minutes in this document.

Lester - In Portland they had a ASO with a ten thousand dollar line of credit. This allowed them to have lit on hand. Filled approximatly \$8K per month. Paid bills on time.

Bo - what feedback about KCSC have you all heard?



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John - Plans monthly reports on \$ for website. Some people skeptical. Asking good questions. Wants to be a watchdog to spot problems before they damage our efforts. Doesn't touch any money (has his own business!). Hire tax atty.

Bo - what about the 'good' meeting you went to at Alano Club?

John - AA meeting in good shape, surprising. Will check on again.

Bo - need to begin writing on topic list from last week's minutes.

John - We need about \$4,000, doesn't want our effort to subside into a discussion gallery.

Lester - Need to incorp, CPA, atty, bank account, bylaws,

Lester - Got phone call from a new halfway house system setting up near his area, has about 85 people. Needs NA meeting near their facility, etc. Will refer to ASC H&I which is very small in Melbourne. May have problems having meeting for them on regular basis, weekly or monthly. Will let us know how it goes...

Lester - People will be hesitant until corp formed, virtual office, website,

Jmu - don't know...

John - We can always ask for a \$50 per month office out from Kansas City.

Bo - Dale found some KC offices at \$72/month. Is one of them near to Regis building? Need: Util, phone, web access, mailbox, desk, bath, \$50 cell phone, Need to agree on how we will fund this office.

Lester - Need website, virtual office (service center), What we are doing can be announced and ask for donations then. Also, facebook page for KCSC.

John - Spoke with Camille, she had good questions.

Lester thinks Mitch could help with FB.

Jmu - Are we meeting face to face?

Bo - Yes, at John's house in Missouri August 8th for planning session.

Lester - announcement! He will celebrate 28 years clean on July 2nd, home group on 9th. He has white knuckles with a Florida tan... Will do the PO box tomorrow.

John - led closing prayer at 9:50 - "HP grant us knowledge of your will and strength to carry it out. Need help with the KCSC."

Next meeting on 1st of July.

"That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship. "

ANONYMI

A world-wide NA Home Group designed to provide our trusted servants (whose service has sometimes isolated them from their local groups) with the love and understanding they need to survive.



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Addendums:

Addendum A:

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6 FL. REG. CONV. JULY 3-6	7	8	9	10 BO 40 YRS CLEAN	11	12 BO & BONNIE IN NC
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Addendum B:

Provisional Titles and Drafts for new IP's

KANSAS CITY SERVICE CENTER



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“Original NA”

“Information Pamphlets to serve today’s fellowship”

PROVISIONAL DRAFT - PLEASE REACT WITH IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS

Dealing with DRT

In the last half of the 1980's the NA World Service Board of Trustees discussed a then new development that would send persons convicted of crimes to attend NA meetings for a specified time. We were given to understand that the recovery rate among such persons was the same as the recovery rate among general population. Everyone on the Board of Trustees agreed if it helped even a few addicts, it would justify our open-mindedness. It has been nearly three decades from then till now in 2014 and we appear to have an unforeseen situation on our hands. In many places Drug Court has sent persons to attend NA who are quiet, serious and show evidence of at least respecting our members and meetings. We don't know for sure if they buy literature or get sponsors and surely a few get clean. Other problems were not foreseen.

When the ratio between Drug Court forced attendance rises above ten percent, it affects the atmosphere of recovery. Interest in and knowledge of our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions does not dominate the room.

Group Supply's

To lower costs and expand availability we now offer free downloads and pdf documents relating to NA recovery and service. These touch on many subjects about the disease concept in general and recovery by using the 12 Step process of NA.

Along with reading material, we also have some new poker chips with the NA logo on one side.

Information on setting up a meeting and communicating with other groups worldwide is also available. The Global Narcotics Anonymous Booklet explains how we keep NA simple and straightforward, yet effectively give every member and group a say in NA. The Central Database is available to anyone interested in NA history, origins, growth and what we foresee for the future.



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Step Ten	Forced Attendance	We are One
Step Eleven	Clean Time	Spiritual Warfare
Step Twelve	Relationships	Recomposing our Life
Total Abstinence	Sex	Meditation
Why we Stand Together	NA Today	Spiritual Awakening

When you are painting a house, you chip away and remove old paint. Once it is all removed, the bare wood stands before you. You prime to seal and coat with several layers of color and viola, you have a new looking home! When you work your 12 Steps, remove disbelief, step through the doorway to a new life in the care of a HP you trust and understand to some extent, it takes away the dirt of your past. This is accomplished in Steps 4 to 9. After that it is all new ground. Ongoing inventory removes new dirt, prayer and meditation open your mind and being to what you have been missing. The result is the same as having a fairly new head on your shoulders and a new heart in your chest!

Obsession denotes losing control of your mind and thoughts. Confusion rules and clear thinking is not possible. When your mind clears through surrender and a new understanding of what is really important to you, it is like the sun coming up. It may be frightening and certainly different but you come to understand you see reality for the first time in a long while. Compulsion has to do with losing control of your actions. You may actually rush around yet get nothing worthwhile accomplished. Random movement by fits and starts results in lost jobs and broken relationships. It is not your fault either way, it is just the disease of addiction. Staying clean, taking time with what you have to do, going to meetings, getting to know clean addicts, reading the literature all work together to calm your mind and clear your physical body. Some progress faster than others but all are better off right from the beginning. And better keeps coming. Our addictive disease will play tricks on us and make us think we are not getting any better but that is just a lie. This is why we emphasize 'one day at a time.' By focusing on each day, each five minutes, we make the adjustment to living clean and free. Some things come back to us right away, others must be learned and practiced until we become accustomed to new skills and abilities. Getting clean is the most radical thing in our lives.

One day we wake up and realize almost everything in our lives has changed for the better. We are able to live within our means, say what we mean and keep our word. It may not dawn on us right away just how much a blessing this is to us. It means people are going to be able to take us seriously. We can set and achieve goals. When it comes to old habits, we discover we have a choice unavailable to us before we began the process. If we progress too quickly or expose ourselves to situations beyond our present ability or capacity, we can make ourselves fail. But we are doing it. Our choice redefine the way we live. Our awakened spirits are now in control. We have come to know and trust our newfound condition and the best part is that this is only the beginning. The Recovery road goes on - one day at a time - for as long as we work the NA program.



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Fan Page – “coreIssues”

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/NA-Core-Issues/203887439636097>

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Projects:

NA Views - video conferencing center in Waynesville is still going forward with Travis bringing in his new developer to set the system up in his new home. They have the software, hardware and access now in new home. Bo and Ed to visit.

In the Know – ‘back burner’ for now. Idea of providing a platform for experienced members to share what they have learned to participants is sound. Lucy O. – Memphis, Allen J MD and a regional person from Louisiana showed interest. Brian - Was to be non-confrontational and open to free sharing of experience. Phone tree to get word out. Myriad topics. Speakers on panel have one dial-up, participants listen on mute, email questions during week to be mentioned at next call. Bruce – could record speakers on good subjects for playback. Brian – keep recordings for future needs. Bruce – wonderful idea to hear from experienced members.

Fellowship Gathering – talked about possibly doing it in Memphis. Bo will call Gene and Lucy about it. Maybe they have a good idea. NA History might be good. Also good site for NA Literature History. Maybe Jim Nichols might be interested in hosting in Lincoln. People who helped write the Basic Text would all show up with their friends.

Did You Know:

1. World services considers themselves exempt from the NA 12 Traditions?
2. Homeland Security states that NA receives no direct support from them.
3. NA ought never be organized.
4. What are the three elements of self-determination?
5. Do you think spiritual growth is important?
6. How do you describe spiritual growth?
7. What’s the difference between individual opinion and efficiency?
8. Do you believe the spiritual dominates the mental and physical realms?
9. What about body drugs in recovery?
10. Did you know that many members attend big conventions with funds paid by a treatment center?
11. Did you know the



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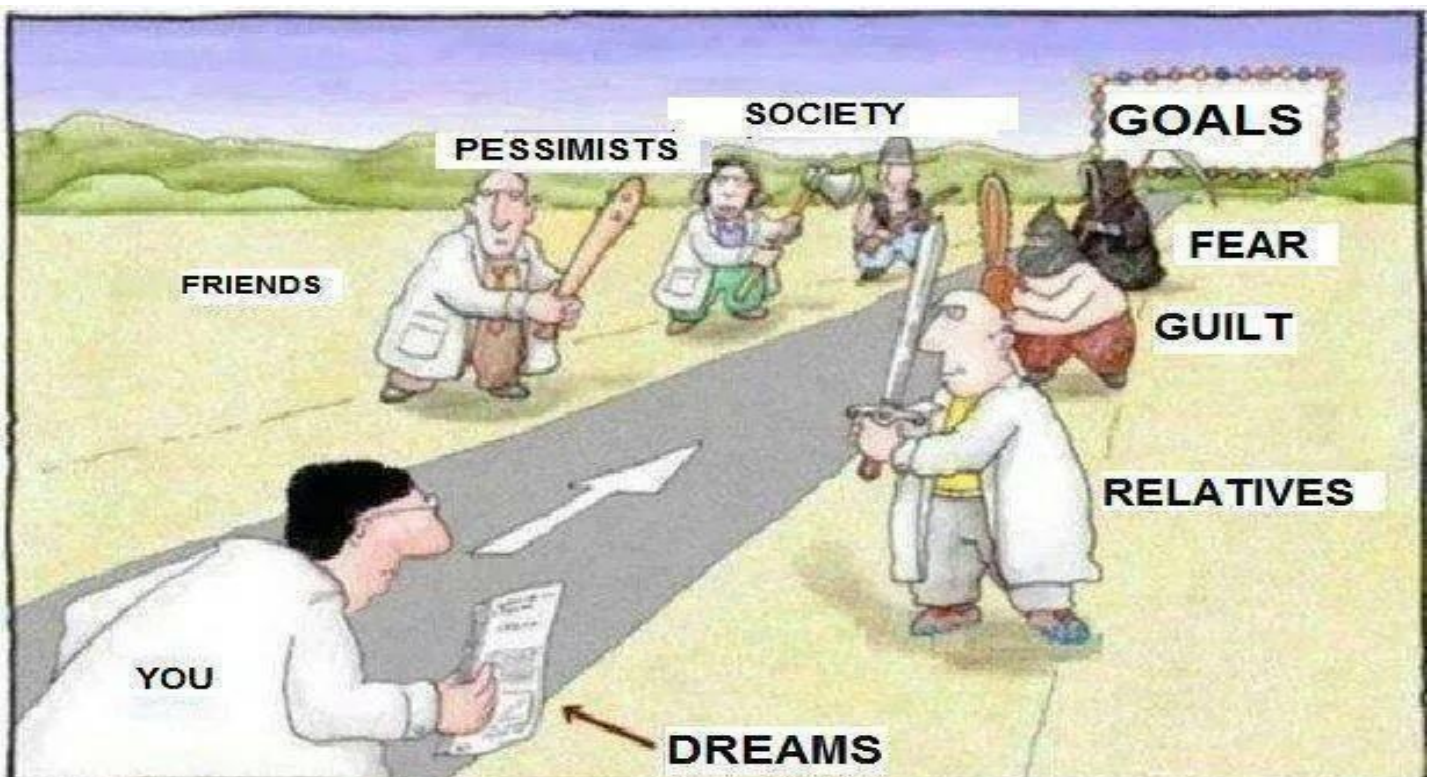
12. 12 Steps and Traditions are spiritual principles whereas the 12 Concepts are corporate principles?
13. (fill in the blank_

nacoregroup.org – Made link to youtube.com to make it easier to get to our video clips.

Recorded Calls:

May 22 call downloaded, 26 Mb. We will save calls for archives. **May 29** call – no recording due to light attendance. **June 5** call - downloaded, 26 Mb. **June 19** call - No recording. **June 26** call downloaded 54 Mb
July 3 call – downloaded call **July 10** call – downloaded call **July 17** call – downloaded call 39.8 Mb **July 24** call – downloaded call **July 31** call – downloaded call August 7 call – **August 14** call - **August 21** call - downloaded call **August 28** call – **September 4** call - downloaded call **September 11** call - downloaded call **September 18** call – downloaded call **September 25, 2012** – downloaded call **October 2, 2012** – downloaded call **October 9, 2012** – downloaded call **October 16, 2012** – downloaded call **October 23, 2012** – downloaded call **October 30, 2012**

You can still dial in for recording of last Tuesday night call by using access code. The downloaded calls I can send you if you need them. – Bo





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