

## **Anchorage Area Service Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes of March 5, 2007**

Chair, Christine B, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

The Twelve Traditions were read by Terry Sapp., the Twelve Concepts by Lou Ann, and the Service Prayer by Kevin.

Roll Call – 10 of 13 GSRs present.

There were no new groups.

Amendments to Agenda: none

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS ... *written reports are filed with original copy of minutes.***

**Chair:** Written report on file. Christine noted that ARSCNA has received a check from the Convention Committee for the balance from the 2006 Convention, though no final financial report has yet been turned in. The Chair will be adding a “Sharing Session” to the agenda, for sharing on group problems and Area committee issues. This is addressed fully in “A Guide to Local Services in NA” (and Christine’s report is attached).

**Vice-chair:** Written report on file. Terri met with PI subcommittee to discuss the Concept and Tradition Workshop held March 17. She reminded everyone that elections for subcommittee chairs and amendments to the Guidelines will be voted on next month. The Concept read was the 5<sup>th</sup> Concept: For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined. (See attachment for discussion questions)

**Secretary:** No written report. Nick again asked that anyone not on the contact list provide him with email or other contact information. Last month’s minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** Josh provided both a current balance sheet detailing the previous month, and a rolling report over the past year. Current balance: \$2228.38. (Both documents attached in email)

#### **GROUP REPORTS ... *written reports are filed with original copy of minutes.***

Clean & Serene: Averaging 45 addicts per meeting. Donated \$50 to Area.

Soul-2-Soul: Averaging 6-7 addicts per meeting. Monday’s they read from NA literature, Wednesdays are step study meetings. Donated \$25 to Area.

The Frozen Chozen: Lots of newcomers and treatment center clients attending meeting. Group discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Concept at business meeting. Group will sponsor the Spring Ball, with Caitlyn coordinating the event to be held at the Bayshore Community Center. Donated \$20 to Area.

To the Point: Regular attendance of about 25 addicts. Thanks to speakers who come to share at the meeting. Donated \$30 to Area.

The Gong Show: Absent

Saturday Night Live:

Out and About: At their Birthday Meeting the group celebrated 47 years, 2 months+ of clean time for February. Had a total of 161 addicts in February, with 11 newcomers. In Feb., collected \$87.25, paid \$42.95 in rent, spent \$15.99 on cake, and donated \$25 to Area. Left with a balance of \$132.03. Donated \$25 to Area for March.

Third Way: Averaging over 50 addicts lately. Discussed 4<sup>th</sup> Concept at business meeting. Donated \$100 to Area.

The Morning After: Group discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Concept at their business meeting; averaging 25 addicts per meeting. Donated \$57 to Area.

Dynamite Thursday Night: Just stocked up on coffee and literature and donating \$5 to Area.

Round About: Donating \$100 to Area. Group asked Area Treasurer to deposit donations (when checks) from groups sooner to allow more accurate finances...One of Round About's checks from previous month had not yet been deposited.

NA at the VA: Absent

Lady's Night Out: Absent (this is the third consecutive absence by Lady's Night Out, and the Chair has removed them as an active member of the AASC's voting body – this is noted in the 13 total groups in Roll Call above).

One Day Today: Held their business meeting March 1.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Information: Bob J. has resigned as PI Chair. Christine B., Terri H., and Joe C. are assuming most of the current responsibilities of the position.

Hospitals & Institutions: Eileen R. is the new presenter at Hiland Mtn., and Dave La. is the new Panel Leader at Cook Inlet. Dena Acoy is still on hold for confirmation. An H&I and PI Learning Days is scheduled fro March 31 from 10-3 at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cordova.

Entertainment: Mary turned in \$1,501.50 from the NA Birthday Party last month and thanked everyone as she has concluded her term.

Literature: Totals sales for February were \$1,070.11, and total return to Area of \$1,072.80.

Newsletter: Position remains vacant.

## **ARSC REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Regional Committee Member: Sean attended the online Regional Meeting on Jan 23. where he brought the AASC motion to set aside \$2500 for outreach, informed Region of the Anchorage Area Outreach Committee's formation and doings, and voted in the nominee for Regional Treasurer.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Position vacant

Regional Convention Committee Vice-Chair: Arlene reported the ARCNA subcommittee has had four meetings to date. The theme and logo for 2007 was chosen, with Bob J. producing the winner – "It's a Love Story". Upcoming fundraisers include a chili cook-off with Texas Hold'em on March 31, and a Talent Show/Ice Cream Social/Bake

Sale set for May 12. Please bring ideas for additional events to any Convention Committee member.

## SHARING SESSION

1. Discussion was held on Third Way's motion to amend the guidelines to allow GSR's to also serve as a subcommittee chair.
2. Discussion was held on Dynamite Thursday Night's motion for the groups to discuss and help produce a schedule of yearly events to be carried out by the Entertainment Subcommittee.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None (!).

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Nominations for Area Positions:
  - a) RCM – Morning after **nominates Alan M.** (GSR multiple times, group secretary, coffee maker, ARCC chair, AASC entertainment chair and committee member, ARCC convention PI committee member, clean 16 years)
  - b) RCM Alternate – no nominees
  - c) PI Chair – Frozen Chosen nominates Susan S. (**SUSAN HAS SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN**)
  - d) H&I Chair – To the Point **nominates Kevin** (no written qualifications turned in)
  - e) Entertainment Chair – Morning After **nominates Kim L.** (no qualifications turned in and nominee not present)
  - f) Literature Chair – Roundabout **nominates Marie** (Coffee maker multiple times, served on ARCC, been H&I speaker many times, GSR for two different groups, treasure for several groups, Alternate GSR for several groups, clean 6+ years) – And Morning After **nominates Sean C.** (literature subcommittee member, GSR [two groups], current AASC RCM)
  - g) Newsletter Chair – no nominations
- 2) Motion to amend Guidelines for Removal of Officers brought by Clean and Serene, seconded by Dynamite Thursday Night (see attachments)
- 3) Motion to fix the ARSC Guidelines (this is in three separate attachments, as provided by Doug P., but is ONE SINGLE MOTION)
- 4) Motion to have the AASC do an Area Inventory as outlined in A Guide to Local Services (portion detailing an Area Inventory has already been emailed) brought by Third Way and seconded by Clean and Serene. (attached)
- 5) Motion to amend the AASC Guidelines to include an annual Area Inventory brought by Third Way and seconded by Morning After (attached)
- 6) Motion to develop and annual list of events to be conducted by the AASC Entertainment Subcommittee brought by Dynamite Thursday Night and seconded by Third Way.
- 7) Third Way introduced a motion, seconded by Frozen Chosen, to amend guidelines to allow a GSR to also hold a subcommittee chair position. The main intent was to allow their own GSR, who was nominated for PI chair, to do both. Since Susan has since withdrawn her nomination as PI chair, **this motion is being withdrawn.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**ALL SUBCOMMITTEE POSITIONS, RCM, AND RCM ALTERNATE WILL BE VOTED ON IN APRIL – Please come prepared to vote!**

## **Motion #1**

Clean and Serene moves to amend the AASC Guidelines, particularly “Article VII, Removal of Officers”. This would include:

- (i) Delete all of section 1.
- (ii) Replace with the Sections 1 and 2 below.

### Section 1

Any standing or executive committee member shall be removed in the case of loss of clean time. The Chair shall appoint a pro temp replacement until the position may be filled by nomination and election.

### Section 2

- A. Any standing or executive committee member may be removed for non-compliance, which includes the following:
  - (i) Failure to fulfill the duties of the position;
  - (ii) Two or more absences without responsible coverage;
  - (iii) Failure to uphold the traditions.
- B. Removal for noncompliance requires the following:
  - (i) A motion to remove the officer for non-compliance;
  - (ii) After discussion, the motion will be taken back to the groups for consideration and vote will be taken at the following meeting;
  - (iii) Removal requires 2/3 majority vote of Anchorage Area Service Committee Voting Members. (*refer to Section 1.1 Voting Members in the AASC Guidelines*)

**Intent:** This motion clarifies and slows the process to remove officers. For instance, the existing guidelines state that removal shall require a 2/3 majority but does not indicate whether this is of the membership present or of the full committee. Also, part B above raises the standard for officer removals to the same level it took to vote said officer in; this seems reasonable. Also, the revision, by requiring the vote to go back to the groups, slows the removal process, which allows a cooling off period. And slowing down the process may even move the officer to amend non-compliant behavior.

Though not a requirement, it is desirable to hear from the alleged non-compliant officer.

This way the committee can get an idea of the exact nature of the problem.

From the 10<sup>th</sup> concept, "...Narcotics Anonymous is a spiritual society, with high ideals for how we treat each other. Our Members, however are only human, and we sometimes mistreat one another." The 10<sup>th</sup> Concept is a provision for redress in the event that someone is harmed by a service body. This above provision tempers the removal process to avoid hurting anyone.

## **Motion #2**

Motion by Clean and Serene to amend the Regional Guidelines.

The attached document shows proposed changes to the ARSC guidelines.

The intent of the motion includes the following:

1. cleans up ambiguity of the language and commentary which had been included in the original. For instance, under Regional Service Committee part 6, the RSD clean time spoken of in the context of waiving clean time requirements, conflicts with the clean time requirement stipulated in Regional Delegate section, etc..
2. In “Public Information” section, itemizes additional responsibilities of the ARSC PI position, including web maintenance, outreach, and phonelines, which are currently the PI responsibility.
3. In the Convention sub-committee section, the amendment sets out in writing what is the currently the standard practice. Additionally, the amendment makes a provision that Convention subcommittee close out the books and turn over funds to the Regional treasurer after 45 days.

If the motion is approved by Area, it will be forwarded to the other Areas.

**Motion #3**

MOTION FORM  
Anchorage Area Service Committee

*Date:* 3-5-2007

*Group Making Motion:* Third Way

*Seconded By* \_\_\_\_\_

*MOTION:* That the AASC conduct an inventory of how it is conducting business, and how to best serve the Anchorage groups, before the election of new officers in October. We suggest that the guideline in the NA text A Guide to Local Services be used. Copies of this portion of this Guide are being made available.

*INTENT:* To find out if the groups are satisfied with how the AASC is conducting business and what suggestions, if any might be incorporated for the committee to better do that business.

**Motion #4**

MOTION FORM

Anchorage Area Service Committee

*Date:* 3-5-2007

*Group Making Motion:* Third Way

*Seconded By* \_\_\_\_\_

*MOTION:* That the AASC Guidelines be amended to include a yearly inventory by and of the AASC. This would go in as Article XII.

*INTENT:* To regularly evaluate the AASC.

## **Motion #5**

**Title of Motion:**

Motion to Adopt Yearly Calendar of Entertainment Activities

**Intent:**

To have the groups decide what activities they'd like the Anchorage Area to host. To be able to provide the Entertainment Subcommittee with a list of events that the groups would like to see happen on a yearly basis, and, presumably, with which the groups would be willing to assist.

**Brought by:**

Dynamite Thursday Night Group of Narcotics Anonymous

**Seconded by:**

**Motion:**

Motion to Adopt Yearly Calendar of Entertainment Activities. We would like to see the groups approve a list of Area Activities. To that end, below is a list of SUGGESTED activities. We would like for each group to return a list of activities which they would like to see put on, on a yearly basis. When the groups lists come back, we would like there to be a tally of activities. We would then like that list to be compared to the Entertainment Subcommittee's budget for feasibility – that is of the most requested events, how many can the Area afford to fund. The final list would then be provided to the Entertainment Subcommittee and the groups.

Suggested list of activities (in chronological order):

New Year's Narathon

NA Birthday Celebration

Memorial Day Picnic

Eklutna Campout (or other solstice activity)

Fish Fry (or other Labor Day activity)

Halloween activity

Thanksgiving Narathon

Christmas Narathon

# **This Motion Was Withdrawn**

## **Motion #6**

### MOTION FORM

Anchorage Area Service Committee

*Date:* 3-5-2007

*Group Making Motion:* Third Way

*Seconded By* \_\_\_\_\_

*MOTION:* That the AASC Guidelines be amended to allow Group Service Representatives to also serve as Subcommittee Chairs *when there is no other qualified nominee for the particular Subcommittee position.* (I couldn't find the particular section of the Guidelines where it states GSRs cannot also be Subcommittee Chairs, but if it is in the Guidelines, this motion's passing would eliminate it).

*INTENT:* To allow willing and able NA members fill open spots in the service structure, as needed. This also allows groups with only a few homegroup members serve the AASC and still maintain a GSR.

# **This Motion Was Withdrawn**