

Alaska Region of Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 9 at 6:30 PM

Teleconference 1-866- 390-5250 / Access Code 7488087

Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and Reading of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service

Roll Call

Chair - Lou Ann (Present)
Vice-Chair - (Vacant)
Treasurer - Lou Ann (Acting, Present)
Secretary - Paul (Pro Tempore, Present)
Anchorage RCM - Susan (Not Present)
Anchorage Alt-RCM - (Vacant)
Golden Heart RCM - Shawn (Present)
Golden Heart Alt-RCM - (Vacant)
Kenai RCM - Tere (Present)
Kenia Alt-RCM - (Vacant)
RD - Frank (Present)
Alt-RD - Dave (Present)
H & I - Audrey (Not Present)
PI - Doug (Present)

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Approval of February 12, 2018 Minutes - Shawn says that the minutes or agenda haven't been online. Lou Ann explains that she Googled her name and found her last name on past Regional Service Committee documents. She revised them and Shannon should have them online soon. Tera has question: 300 for three years or 300 hundred per year for three years for the Zonal technology/facilitator motion. Lou Ann clarifies it is 300 per year for 3 years (900 total). Frank clarifies: 300 dollars for one year. Can be agreed for one year or for 3 years. Lou Ann points to Franks Report that says 300 per year for three years. Lou ann says we can postpone, Frank says we need vote for World Service Conference next month. Tera is ready to vote. Shawn motions to approve minutes and Tera seconds. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Chair – Lou Ann P.

ARSC Regional Chair Report – 04/09/2018

Thank you for allowing me to serve at the regional level for the past 9+ years and I thank all of you for your service to NA and the Alaskan Fellowship. It has encouraged me to look a little deeper and to focus on the spirit of the 12 Traditions of NA, especially Tradition One. Our personal recovery depends on NA unity and it is important for me to remember this while participating in NA service and all of my affairs.

The AT&T teleconference line will be cancelled in the next few days because we can use the Regional Zoom account for the regional meetings and other hosted events for a lot less money. There are other services available if the next regional chair and committee want to pursue them. The regional web servant will be instructed to remove the 800 # and participant information from the regional web site.

I have corrected most of the minutes that had last names in the treasurer reports and sent the updates to the web servant for posting. Hopefully, that is all of them. I will be checking to see if my name “pops” up on any searches and if so, we will continue the revisions.

ILS,
Lou Ann P.

2. Vice-Chair – Vacant

3. Secretary – Paul H. (Pro Tempore)

Hello Everyone,

I distributed the Draft Minutes on 2/26/18 for the 2/12/18 Alaska Regional Meeting. The Minutes were then edited and distributed by the Chairperson. They are not yet available online. Please email reports to heflingp@gmail.com. I will be distributing the Draft Minutes from this meeting with your reports included ASAP.

Thanks for the Opportunity to Serve,
Paul H

4. Treasurer – Lou Ann P. (Acting)

Categories	subtotals	2018 budget	category balance
Public Information	\$0.00	\$500	\$500.00
Help Line	(\$65.80)	\$1,250	\$1,184.20
web host	\$0.00	\$12	\$12.00
Translation	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$500	\$500.00
Entertainment	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
H&I	\$0.00	\$750	\$750.00
Administration	(\$443.74)	\$700	\$256.26
Donation to NAWS	(\$222.77)	\$750	\$527.23
Insurance	(\$250.00)	\$1,500	\$1,250.00
WSC	(\$1,905.61)	\$2,000	\$94.39
WSC Assembly or Workshops	(\$603.11)	\$1,500	\$896.89
WSZF	(\$543.90)	\$2,000	\$1,456.10
Total Budget	(\$4,034.93)	\$11,462	\$7,427.07

Income	
Convention	\$2,227.74
Area Donations	\$0.00
revenue total	\$2,227.74
	\$2,227.74

**Income from Anchorage convention only \$2227.74 / Kenai
***Donation to NAWS is 10% of the estimated net convention
*includes pre-Assembly CAR workshops in FAI, Kenai, and Juneau,

\$8,740.68

Lou Ann says bills have been paid. Balance is around 8400. Some phone bills need to be paid.

Frank requested some reimbursement. Dave requested reimbursement. Dave mentions he requested rent for room for CAR Workshop in Fairbanks. Dave specifies some more costs. Lou Ann explains how she will resolve it. Frank asks Dave about balance. Lou Ann specifies that she wrote a single check for two things. There is an extra cost that will be in an updated budget document.

AREA REPORTS

Anchorage RCM – Susan S. (Not Present)

Lou Ann gives report: Susan attended CAR/CAT event. She went to area. Susan has had pneumonia. She is grateful to be of service. Anchorage had treasurer nomination, but it won't be submitted since she is not present. Susan can give Anchorage CAR/CAT stuff to Frank or groups can do it directly. Frank was unable to call into Anchorage area meeting even though he tried.

Anchorage Alternate RCM - Vacant

Golden Heart RCM - Shawn

There are ten groups active with two to three meetings per day seven days a week in Fairbanks, two meeting a week on North Pole, and three meetings a week in Barrow. There is a meeting in Nenana on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. There are between three and forty members attending each meeting. Some of our meetings have changed location and should be updated on the Area Meeting Schedule. GHANA (Golden Heart Area Narcotics Anonymous) has all Committee sub-committee positions but RCM alt filled. We are looking for that candidate now.

I continue to reach out to the groups and GSR's that Region needs help filling Regional Service Committee positions. Anyone interested can view the rights and responsibilities as well as clean time requirements at www.AKNA.org, Region, ARSCNA guidelines. I will continue to share at local groups the purpose of Region and how Region helps the Area carry the message of recovery to the State of Alaska. I informed GHANA that Regional positions are on their two-year rotation and that we need nominees for those positions.

Activities: meets on the second Wednesday of every month at First Presbyterian Church at 8:00pm and has hosted local events to help raise funds, build unity and communities among the Groups. Some of the events were Karaoke nights and bowling. We would like to list some of these events and dates to the Regional web page. But they are slow to post. We invite all Area's Activities committees to join on Zoom.

Public Relations: meets on the third Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church at 8:00pm. PR committee is working on updating all our institutions documents and continuing to reach members to go to the half way houses and jails for both male and female. They are working on the April health fair now and continue to reach out to support the new Nenana meeting. As well as participating in the Outreach committee to organize a meeting in Delta and get the line of communications open State Wide. We invite all Area's PR committees to join on Zoom.

CAR/Cat workshop event was held on March 31st at First Presbyterian Church on 7th and Cushman. The event was well received.

Women's Retreat will be held on June 8th thru 12th, 2018 at Twin Bears Camp on mile marker 30, Chena Hot Springs Rd.

Blowout will be held in Fairbanks on June 15th thru 17th 2018 at Chena Lakes Camp Ground, Josh S. is the chair

After the Western States Zonal Form an Outreach committee was created by member of Golden Heart Area with the support of other Zonal Form Regions to help carry the message to the Addicts that still suffer. This committee has met regularly to brain storm ideas serve NA as a hole and has a report for the other Areas. We invite all Area's and members Out Reach committees to join on Zoom.

The Golden Heart Area would like to Address concerned about the lack of Regional minutes and Agenda on the AKNA.org website and the slow updates of the Area minutes to the Fairbanks Agenda/Minutes.

We are ready to Vote on motions and have nominations to this Region.

Vote:

Tony L. for Regional Chair. Pass

Nominations:

Nomination: Paul H. for Regional Secretary. Resume Attached.

Nominate: Bob L. as Regional Treasurer with Resume.

Nominate: Yvonne A. as Co-Chair with the Resume Attached.

Motions:

Motion to waving the Clean time requirements and Service time requirements for Yvonne A..

Motion on WSZF to Fund Technology Facilitator. Pass

Thank you, for the opportunity to serve,

Shawn M. RCM (Regional Committee Member) Golden Heart Area Narcotics Anonymous.

Resumes

Bob L. Resume

Clean Date 7/7/96, 21 years in and only in NA,

Home group: Out to Lunch Bunch (Fairbanks)

Held Golden Heart Area Literature Chair, Held Golden Heart Treasurer

Been GSR on and off whenever needed.

Have held and currently hold Treasurer of a couple different non-profits (501c3, c4's) Much experience in IRS/State tax reporting requirements 990s and such.

Held a Trustee position managing a trust fund for non-profit for last 10 years.

NA Service Resume

Name: Paul H.

Clean Date: April 19, 2013

Homegroup: The Aboveground - 4pm Sunday Fairbanks, Alaska

Desire: I would be honored to serve as Alaska Regional Secretary to help carry the NA message throughout Alaska while learning more about service work in our fellowship.

Availability: I am able to be present for all upcoming service meetings this year.

Experience: I have a sponsor and have worked the 12 Steps out of the NA. I am currently working through the steps again and I am on step 6. I am also a sponsor.

Pro-Tempored Regional Secretary (February 2018 - Present)

Alaska Outreach Committee Chairperson (February 2018 - Present)

Western States Zonal Forum Co-Facilitator (January 25-28 2018)

Fairbanks Blowout Committee Member (Summer 2017)

GSR for the Aboveground Meeting (January 2017 - March 2017)

Alaska Regional Convention Merchandising Committee Chair (March 2016 - October 2016)

Fairbanks Area Chairperson (April 2015 - December 2016)

Fairbanks Area Vice Chairperson (Jan 2015 - March 2015)

Secretary for the Aboveground Meeting (April 2014 - September 2016)

Treasurer for the Aboveground meeting (April 2014 - Aug 2015)

Organized Unity Day 2015 call in to World Convention in Fairbanks, AK (2015)

Fairbanks Blowout Committee Member (Summer 2015)

GSR for the Aboveground Meeting (April 2014 - December 2014)

PRIMARY PURPOSE AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

SERVICE RESUME

Name: Yvonne Adkison Date: April 18, 2018
Address: 14 blanche Avenue Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907)299-5123 Area: Golden Heart

Clean Date: December 5, 2014 (Years 3 Months 4)

Service Position Sought Regional Vice Chair

1.) Please list all NA Service Positions you've held that you consider relevant to the position to which you are nominated.

I am a dedicated home group member at Late Night in Fairbanks, AK. I have served as GSR, secretary, and am currently the treasurer at my home group. I am currently on the Area activities committee for 2018. As well as the 2018 area level secretary. I served as the secretary for the 2018 Convention held in Fairbanks. I have served in many other areas of my recovery. I chair and open two meetings a week and am always open to serving when needed at my home group. I have served on several sub committees for our area including the blow out committee and area activities.

2.) What personal resources do you believe you can bring to this position.

I am a seasoned Alaskan girl from Homer. I have grown a lot in my recovery and am looking for new growth opportunities. I am very dedicated to my recovery and follow through on all commitments. I am open minded to learn new things and gain knowledge from my predecessors. I follow directions and am a fast learner.

3.) Please Check appropriate box if you have -

- N.A. Sponsor
- N.A. Home Group
- Attend weekly N.A. Meetings
- Working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of N.A.
- An understanding of the 12 Concepts of N.A. Service
- Knowledge of the N.A. Guide to Local Service
- Accounting & computer skills

Golden Heart Alternate RCM - Vacant

Kenai RCM – Tera

Our Area meetings are held the first Saturday of every month and our area has been struggling to fill positions. We are dealing with a lot of the same people being the only ones to step up and support the area. Aside from that everyone wants to participate in activities. Our Women's Retreat was held March 23-25 2-2018 and was a success. There was a great turn out. We just had a fundraiser for the regional convention on March 17. Upcoming events in our area are Spring Fling set for April 21 from 8-10pm at the Peninsula Sports Center. Our area Men's retreat is being held May 18-20 2018 at Solid Rock. We are also holding a game night on the 2nd Saturday of each month following our regularly scheduled meeting.

We currently have 8 active groups in our area. Ninilchick group has attended 2 consecutive area meeting and will be an active group as of May, their third consecutive area meeting, per our area guidelines.

As RCM of the area I tried to get as much participation as possible for CAR. I want to thank Frank for taking the time to go over the information. The not as much participation as I had hoped for. I will get the results out as soon as the last ones are collected. Hopefully I will get the others this week.

Thank you
Tera M

Kenai Alternate RCM - Vacant

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Delegate – Frank P.

To: Alaska Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
From: Frank P. Regional Delegate
Re: RD April 9th report
Date: 4/9/18



Trusted Servants:

The World Service Conference is approaching and it is important to get back the ballots from the groups. The conference begins on April 27th and will go through May 6th 2018. I participated in Region 51 Zoom CAR/CAT workshop. It was very good/informative and I enjoyed the discussion and interactions. It helped to have a World Board member on the conference. There was around 7 people in the workshop. The AD did a presentation with Tony L. at the IBEW hall on March 10th 2018 at 4:00pm in Anchorage. Tony prepared carne asada for tacos and there were around 12 in attendance. We would like to thank Tony for all his support and help and especially for making the delicious meal. The AD also met with the groups in the Valley on March 9th 2018 to discuss conference material and offer support to the groups. The AD also went to Kenai March 11th and met with the RCM and some GSRS to go over conference material and offer support to the groups with ballots, to establish relationship and answer questions about material. In addition, 6 of us met in Anchorage (the RCM was present), for a round table discussion about the conference agenda/material i.e. CAT/ CAR/voting procedures ect. on Saturday March 24th 2018 from 9-11am.

We had a CAR/CAT workshop in Golden Heart Area March 30th from 3-6pm that was well attended and used Zoom technology with aim to offer a workshop/discussion to cover all of Alaska through both teleconference and video. We partnered with activities and had a BRINNER meal. There were 25 in attendance. We had participants both via video and phone with Ketchikan participating and other on ankles monitor who could not be there. In the future we would like to record the presentation and post it for viewing on the AKNA website so people can watch it at their leisure.

Though Juneau has been meeting as an Area, it has been difficult to connect. I have been in contact with Kent and wanted the AD to go there and discuss conference material and build relationship but communication has been a struggle. I will continue to reach out and see if they could get an RCM to Region but I think this will take some time. On a more positive note, I think all of you would be pleased to know that Juneau had an NA campout March 30th through April 1st. This was one of the reasons Kent and other interested members from Juneau could not make the Zoom CAR/CAT meeting.

And why it is important to get them involved at Region so we could help plan, support and participate in their events.

Dave and I have been attempting to make contact with other outlying groups i.e. Kodiak, Seward, Cordova, Sitka, Valdez and Wrangle. If anyone has good contact info on these groups please let me know.

Other issues to discuss during new business

- ❖ How does the RCM's want our Region (your RD - me) to vote on modifications to motions and new business/items?
- ❖ Please have ballots in by 4/27/18 at the latest. Email to frank_379@yahoo.com
- ❖ If any groups need help with motion clarification/confusion, back ground information, where to find information to educate your self or group in the material or have any questions in general please call. I am available to phone into your group business meeting or one-on-one if you by calling 907855-9308 or 773-981-0620.

WSZF 2019 will be in San Diego. Any information please contact Don L. or Dave T. they are the delegate team for San Diego Imperial Region and are the hosts.

I am submitting airfare for travel to Fairbank for CAR/CAI for 324.91 The receipts for reimbursement are along with this report.

Spring time is here. Please remember to let GSR's or the Web servant know so to post upcoming events.

Some of the upcoming events are listed below.

Dates to remember

- ❖ **May 18th Men's Retreat Soldotna**
- ❖ **June 15th Blow Out Fairbanks**

In Fellowship,

Frank P

4/9/2018

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Alaska Alaska 55 Boeing 737-700	Anchorage (ANC) Sun, Apr 1 7:20 am	Barrow (BRW) Sun, Apr 1 10:36 am	V (Coach)	Frank Ponziano	16C

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Summary of airfare charges

Frank Ponziano	
Mileage Plan MVP Gold Member # *****1800	
Ticket 0272165765398	
Base Fare and Surcharges	\$230.00
Taxes and Other Fees	\$44.91
Per person total	\$274.91
Total charges for air travel	USD \$324.91

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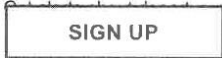
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Dialogue: Lou Ann asks about money left over from zonal forum to cover Frank's expenses. Frank responds that he may donate that money to outreach committee. Lou Ann asks how much? Maybe 300 left over? There was a surplus of 954 (Franks says). Frank will submit everything he has. Frank will discuss what happens with the money, money could go to Golden Heart. Lou Ann requests Frank update his report to specify what will happen with the money. Frank will update when he is sure what is going on.

Alt. Regional Delegate – Dave S.

To: Alaska Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

4/9/18

From: Dave S. – Alternate Regional Delegate

ARD Report

CAR workshops were held in Wasilla, Anchorage, Kenai and Fairbanks in the March.

3/9/18 – A workshop was held in Wasilla following the 7pm Friday meeting at the alano club. There were 4 in attendance and the material was covered briefly. Participants were given copies of the CAR tally sheets, literature survey forms and IDT survey forms. They were given directions for getting more detailed info from NA.org as well as contact information for the delegate team. I asked them to review the material, contact the delegate team with any questions, and send their group's conscience to the Anchorage ASC or to the delegate team.

3/10/18 – A workshop was held in Anchorage at the IBEW hall Saturday afternoon. There were 7-10 in attendance which included the Anchorage Area RCM. Participants were given copies of the CAR tally sheets, literature survey forms and IDT survey forms. The CAR material, as well as some of the background information regarding the future of the WSC was reviewed. Unfortunately there wasn't a way available to take advantage of the accompanying media to aid in the presentation. Again, participants were asked to review and discuss this in their home groups as well as contacting the delegate team, Tony L, and their RCM with questions and their group's conscience.

3/11/18 – A workshop was held in Kenai at Kaladi Brothers Coffee. There were 5 in attendance including the Kenai RCM. Again the above material was reviewed with the same resources and direction being given.

3/31/18 – A workshop was held in Fairbanks at the 1st Presbyterian Church. This time the delegate team was able to access the media presentation tools provided by World Services as well as using Zoom teleconferencing to engage participants who were not local or otherwise able to attend. There were approximately 25 members in attendance in person and online. The above material was presented with the accompanying tally sheets.

Looking to the future of our Region's participation at the World Service Conference, it is clear that an increasing use of internet tech and familiarity with this tech will help greatly in getting a broader involvement from the fellowship in Alaska. Unfortunately there was very little preparation time allocated for the first three workshops. This probably resulted in lower participation as well as a less sophisticated presentation.

The use of tech also gives us an opportunity to more efficiently manage our resources so that we may "do more with less."

In Loving Service,

Dave S. - ARD

Convention Chair – Audrey B. (Kenai)

None

Hospitals and Institutions – Audrey B.

None. She has now missed two meetings, if she misses one more, that's it.

Public Information – Doug P.

Public Relations Report 4-9-18

We are supporting a meeting start up in Bethel. It started on April 5. A literature package was sent out (\$60 value). See attached Flyer. Support work to follow up.

We provided additional Nome meeting support. A radio PSA was submitted to KNOM as follows: "Do you have a problem with drugs? Narcotics Anonymous has a solution. We can and do lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Narcotics Anonymous has a recovery meeting on Friday nights at the Katirvik Cultural Center at 7 pm. "

Nivi said they are "putting it out there regularly". We also have the Friday night meeting in the Nome Nugget calendar.

Kodiak has requested some help. We have a lead on a meeting anchor. More to be revealed.

Reached out to Golden Heart. Given the service enthusiasm, I asked the Golden Heart PR Chair if Golden Heart wanted a workshop including "PR Basics", "Presentations to the Public", and "Phone line basics". He brought it to the area meeting and I have not heard back yet.

We added a link to the main page of the AKNA.org web page called "for professionals". I met with Alex and Shannon regarding web page improvements. Alex added the link. There are a lot of things that could be done to the web page. It would be nice if Areas would actually take ownership of their web space under "areas". Shannon is very responsive, but it would be less work if he just had to take care of the main pages.

Literature – Vacant

Shawn asks about overlap of committees at region and refers to several PI jobs. Mentions we pool our money and resources. Shawn read in Guide to Local Services about service structure. Service, not servant. Lou Ann interjects and asks what he is getting at. Shawn asks how we have all these subcommittees at region when the reports should go to area. Lou Ann mentions her 10 years experience at region and then explains how RCMs report back and forth from region to area and back and forth. The subcommittee chairs work with people who are not served in area. Shawn mentions that RCMs are the only voting members at region. Budget for

subcommittees discussed. Lou Ann says groups voted on the budgets. Lou Ann doesn't understand what Shawn is getting at. Specifies some budget examples. Shawn mentions committee control. Shawn says the groups are in control, not region. Shawn mentions contacting other RCMs and streamlining. Mentions not doubling up on work. Lou Ann agrees and mentions Guide to Local Services is a "guide" and that we have region guidelines. Anyone can come to region, people haven't been jumping up and down to participate. There are processes in place to make changes at region and area. Franks asks if Shawn is trying to get at something specific. Shawn mentions outreach committee that started earlier this year and that we wanted to become part of the region. Shawn wants to make a motion that we make outreach committee part of region so we can all work together. Lou Ann interjects and says we already have a PI committee. She says there is component of region PI that is outreach. Frank says that Shawn said that Doug didn't want outreach to be part of region PI. Shawn is saying that the new outreach committee can be part of region and can make a motion. Shawn asks if our region outreach chair will be chair of outreach committee. Lou Ann says no. Doug is chair, our service structure is not set up that way. She says guidelines would have to be changed. Doug says it would take a motion that would be drafted. Shawn asks who is our regional outreach committee chair. Lou Ann says Doug is chair. Frank says there are normally subcommittees. We have a Fairbanks motion to put outreach as a subcommittee at region. Lou Ann says there is no outreach that stands alone. She says a written motion must be submitted to region. Frank doesn't agree. Frank says it needs to go back to each group in Alaska and it just a motion, not a guidelines change. Shawn is confused, says area chair is over region chair. How is region more important? Lou Ann says there is no outreach chair defined in the guidelines. Shawn says dissemination is created. Servant becomes more important than service. Upside down triangle. Region is only supposed to help area PR chairs. Bob mentions point of order that Shawn has the floor when Lou Ann tries to make point of order. Lou Ann says we are talking about this issue at the wrong time. Lou Ann says bring this up at new business with a guidelines change. Shawn says region PR chair has more power. Frank says it's not clear in the region guidelines which does not match what Word Service has said. More talking... Lou Ann says she is going to say something and we will move on. Says outreach can be under something or guidelines can be changed. Bob mentions there hasn't been outreach. And Lou Ann moves things along. Shawn says chair should make us move on.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Vote for Tony L. Regional Chair

Fairbanks - yes

Kenai - yes

2. Vote on Motion to Fund \$300 per year for three (3) years for WSZF technology and facilitator

Fairbanks - yes

Kenai - yes

3. Nominations

a) Vice Chair: Golden Heart - Yvonne A with clean time requirements waived, 3 years clean, severed at area level 2 and a half years. Vice chair 7 year clean time requirement. One year region service requirement. Golden heart waived clean time requirements. Shawn makes the motion. Tera asks some questions and seconds motion. Her resume is coming. Lou ann says Shawn needs to get the motion to Paul in writing.

b) Secretary: Golden Heart nominates Paul H for regional secretary. Tera seconds it. Paul's resume will be in Shawn's report.

c) Treasurer: Bob L nominated by Golden Heart. Resume coming.

d) Literature

NEW BUSINESS

Frank asks for guidance on how to vote at upcoming World Service Conference. Frank explains how it works. He asks if he should abstain or vote on changes that occur during the conference. Lou Ann mentions it could be on ballot. Tera says sometimes decisions must be made immediately and that Frank should be able to speak on our behalf to carry the message. Shawn agrees. RCMs agree to give frank the ability to vote using his best judgement when things come down the pike that are quick changes. Frank will report how he voted and if he is unsure, he will abstain on the behalf of Alaska Region. Frank mentions that Susan felt similar to Tera and Shawn. Please call Frank with questions or if the RCM opinion changes. Frank needs ballots.

Paul gave outreach report. Lou ann asks about Zoom line and says we can send her a list of people to her so we can get host access.

Alaska Outreach Committee Report 4/9/18

We formed an Alaska Outreach Committee with the mission statement:

To develop, coordinate, and supply NA resources to remote regions of Alaska including a conference phone-line, literature, web meetings, social media and similar.

Our Rationale:

An organized service committee capable of efficiently providing these resources to remote locations would help NA become established and grow in otherwise isolated communities.

Current era communications technology can now enable existing NA groups/members to support addicts who previously would have never had access to recovery. Collaborative technologies such as Google Drive and Zoom utilized within the service committee can increase the efficiency of our service efforts to help spread the message more effectively and reduce confusion.

The inability of historical efforts to affect lasting development in these important areas of service necessitates a new strategy. As the NA fellowship in our region grows, diversifies, and new members with unique expertise desire to spread the message of recovery, the possibilities for regional service surpass the imagination of the past. This is an exciting frontier enabled by fresh perspectives and the growth of NA!

Next, we assembled an email/phone list as we continue reaching out and growing to satisfy the needs of NA in Alaska. Our committee currently has a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer with a nomination for a Literature Chairperson.

We have had 3 video/teleconference meetings on the Alaska Region Zoom Line with as many as 9 participants (in a single meeting) all over the state. We have Agendas and Minutes available for each meeting that could be posted online for everyone to read.

Our primary focuses so far have been developing a business proposal for funding from outside regions and making a shared database/spreadsheet to coordinate our efforts across Alaska. As members continue adding ideas and requests to our spreadsheet, we have been able to assemble the information into our business proposal to efficiently request funds without wasting time and money. Our business proposal has been completed and is currently being sent out.

We discovered that the Tuesday phone meeting previously run by Alaska Region PI was sometimes un-chaired with no members participating. A member of our committee who is often working in remote areas graciously offered to chair the meeting on a regular basis and has been doing so for the last couple weeks.

We are beginning to work on PSAs, business cards, and plans for outreach on the internet/Facebook/YouTube. Some of our committee members had the opportunity to participate in a Barrow-based radio show to let listeners know that NA exists while sharing their experience.

The Arizona Region of NA has already agreed to send us 75 into guides and 100 IP 29 (into to NA meetings).

During the Fairbanks CAR/CAT workshop we were able to provide a video/phone conference using multiple cameras so that members in other parts of the state and those with ankle monitor could follow along and participate.

We are asking other regions for funding for our own Zoom Line, but it would save money and possibly be more convenient to obtain the login information for the Regional Zoom Line already in use. Without this information, our capabilities are hampered.

Our next meeting will be on April 16 at 8:30 pm on the Alaska Region Zoom Line. Anyone interested in joining the committee, reading meeting minutes or agendas or for any other questions please contact us.

In Loving Service,

Paul H

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Schedule next meeting – GH Blowout June 15-17. June 16th (TBD) will be next region meeting. We have some nominations and a motion to waive clean time. Vote for vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.

Shawn mentions he needs to look into some service stuff in the guide to local area service. Shawn thanks Doug and Lou Ann for their years of service. Shawn mentions new people coming in and few people doing service. Lou Ann is 1000% in favor of what Shawn is saying. Lou Ann says she served for 9 plus years with many people, but she isn't speaking for Doug. She says change happens all the time and that she is for change. You are welcome to change things. Shawn says Lou Ann has longevity of knowledge. We are to use that according to Shawn, so we don't recreate the wheel. He appreciates Doug and Lou Ann for that. Shawn says we haven't had many people willing to help in the past and now we have willingness. We don't want to duplicate the work. Lou Ann thanks Shawn, Lou Ann attempts to close the meeting and Frank interjects. How can we unify outreach and PI through region with the guidelines without creating all kinds of ruckus, with Doug overseeing things so outreach can join. Doug has been observing and is thrilled. He says he needs to show up. He appreciates Frank's words, Shawn's words, and Paul's report. Doug will show up. People are pleased that now we will be working together. Doug will be at the next outreach meeting.

Motion to Adjourn.

Closed with third step prayer.