



**Minutes for the
Dulles Corridor Area Service Committee
February 22, 2009**

Next Area Service Committee Meeting: March 29, 2009

Service Positions Available:

None

Motions for GSR's to take back to groups for voting:

None

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Opening : Opened with Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions were read by Ashley M. ; ASC Purpose was read by Fezz ; The 12 Concepts for NA Service were read by Erika S. ; The Service Prayer was read by Mary F.

... to provide a forum where representatives from the Groups within our Area can come together, help solve one another's problems, and make available to all Groups with the Area services which might not be provided by individual Group efforts. These service include, but are not restricted to: providing a means for purchasing literature locally (Literature Subcommittee), providing information to the community about Narcotics Anonymous (Public Information Subcommittee), carrying the NA message to addicts who for specific reasons are unable to attend an NA meeting (Hospital and Institutions Subcommittee) and providing a way for the suffering addict to call for help (Phone Line Subcommittee).

We must always remember that we formed DCANA to help each other carry the message of NA more effectively. Our conduct at the ASC shall be one of love and respect for every member of the ASC. We are not in competition with each other and never should be. We can work separately as well as together in pursuit of our common goals. *Reprinted from Official Bylaws for DCANA, approved at 10/96 ASC*

Officer Reports:

Chair (Keith H.) – I apologize for my lateness. I had a family obligation. I have nothing new to report this month.

Vice Chair (John M.) – Make sure you are checking the box and getting your groups information. And if you have any fliers, special events, etc., you can give them to me or put 1 in each folder.

Secretary (Mark W.) – Thanks for letting me serve today as your secretary. Please send any contact updates to nasecretary@gmail.com

Treasurer (Susan F.) -- Opening balance is \$ 1,460.45 with \$ 206.08 available. Group donations were \$ 225.00, with a reserve of \$ 1,258.37. John R. was filling in for the Treasurer today.

Subcommittee Reports :

CPRC Rep (Kevin C.) – I am an named Kevin.

This month I attended the CPRC Board meeting on the 31st of January. I also attended one of the ad-hoc CPRCNA Procedural revision meetings on February 3rd; another was held on the 9th of Feb. which I was unable to attend.

The board has succeeded in making a comprehensive revision of the procedures for the Host committee. The changes made did not affect the process for the host committee. Rather they clarified several areas of confusion in the procedures. This revision has been long overdue. The changes were submitted at the Regional Service Committee yesterday. My understanding, which is prone to misinterpretation, is that the changes will be handed up the groups for approval... which means that we may be seeing this come our way as soon as today.

The host is doing well. there have been some oversights concerning mail-in registration... The mail-in cards were sent to groups too close to the deadline and the dead line was not printed on the cards. However, the online registration is working well.

The contracts for the merchandise at the convention were approved and signed this month. Because of our economic climate, the merchandise subcommittee pruned the number of choices for the clothing and whatnot available to buy at the convention. They've opted to stick to more "Basic" options. ie. "NA" themes. They are still going to be offering a variety of CPRCNA 23 specific themes.

The next two Board Meetings fall before the next DCANA ASC, Feb, 28th and then March 28th.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Kevin C.

H&I (John R.) – This Month: 2 Facilities / 20 meetings per month. Supported P&I Chair –meeting at Loudoun County Public Schools.

Concerns: New meeting at Reston Embry Rucker Shelter may end. Be better served as a regular NA meeting.

Literature (Angela T.) – New order forms printed. Please use new forms.

Newsletter (Jeffrey L.) – Newsletter chair resigned. Please see “New Business” for further information.

Outreach (Bill B.) – This Month: Put together GSR “Assembly” presentation.

Next Month: Hope to start GSR Assemblies.

Concerns: Need Subcommittee members.

Phoneline (Yolanda R.) – This Month: Was unable to attend Regional due to physical illness.

Next Month: Refrigerator magnets (with Freedom Voice 800 number included) for CPRCNA are in production.

Concerns: Unchanged

Policy (Kat D.) – Absent – reported by Michael R. We met the first Wednesday of February. Three members attended. Policy suggestions from last month have been passed on to GSRs for consideration as motions. Next meeting is the first Wednesday of March at 6:00 PM at Greenbriar Starbucks.

Public Information (Jessica L.) – Subcommittee Meetings:

2nd Sunday of every month at 4 pm at Jessica L’s house.

2335 Freetown Ct # 22C Reston. Park on Glade.

Positions Open:

Youth PI Coordinator

Adult PI Coordinator

Literature/Postings Northwest

Literature/Postings Southeast

Activities this month:

Tuesday, Feb 3rd, John R and I met with Allyne Zapalla and coworker in regards to NA’s ability to assist in Loudoun County Public Schools. I gave her some NA literature and meeting lists.

Discussed a 2 part plan in which the PI subcommittee can assist in creating an easier transition from school programs to NA program.

Part 1 is to provide a list of NA contacts (both males and female) for counselors to give out to students wanting information/rides about and to NA meetings.

I have contacted some people and am creating this list by invitation per their criteria.

Part 2 is to recruit some volunteers to take NA presentations into the school programs. This would require both training in the PI subcommittee as well as attending a Loudoun County orientation where they will meet the counselors. At that point, the NA members would be placed in a pool of contacts the counselors could draw from when they wanted to bring in an NA member to speak to the students.

Tuesday, Feb 10th, met with Scott, a counselor at Broad Run HS. He seemed confused as to exactly what 12 Step program I was in; he kept referencing AA and asking why we didn't have their meetings on our meeting list. However, I went through the meeting list, pointed out the local meetings I would recommend sending young people unfamiliar to NA to, and also gave him my phone number and some pertinent literature. I referenced my meeting with Loudoun County schools and that was cool, but he said he likes to do his own thing. I told him he was welcome to call me regarding any matter he felt I or NA could be of assistance with in the future.

Started updated all DCANA meeting on the NA web site, still in process. I have added all new meetings at Club 12 to the meeting list and NA.org web site.

Feb 13-15th attended MARCLNA convenfrence including PI workshop and various World Service Meetings. I found it very informative and would recommend more people from our area attend in the upcoming years.

Attending RSC on Feb 21st. reporting the number of Libraries in our area for what I presume will be a book drive to Regional PI Chair. I am reporting 8: 5 in Loudoun Co and 3 in Fairfax Co.

Distributing at area PI flyers and requesting home groups take them back to their groups and attempt to post in facility or find a public place close to their facility to post it with their meeting information.

Distributing at area NEW meeting lists with 3 meetings added; please make sure you replace the previous ones.

Regional Committee Member (Norman M.) – Absent – reported by Michael R. – *See Attached Report*

Special Events (Holly P.) - 80s Dance coming up!!! To contact special events: specialeventsdulescorridor@gmail.com Had Pot Luck and Game Night. We had about 50 people stop through. We are desperate for a person who has about 12 square feet of space for storing supplies.

Visitors from other Areas: None

Group Reports :

- Tell the Truth (Jack M.)* – **Attendance:** 25 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: Ellie N. – 7 years – March 22nd
Status: Strong attendance
- Keep It Real –
On Sunday (Gary B.)* **Attendance:** 2 - 11 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Still a needed meeting needing support – but attendance has been growing. Thanks for spreading the word. Being Sunday morning, members decided they are going to bring donuts and stuff to eat.
- WTSODMF (vacant) -* Absent
- 3rd Tradition (Jim R.)* – **Attendance:** 20-30 **Positions Open:** Coffee Maker / Alt. GSR
(reported by Chris) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Needs homegroup members. Looking for better focus to the new comers.
- Exact Nature (Ben M.)* – **Attendance:** 20-25 **Positions Open:** Coffee Maker
(reported by John M.) **Celebrations:** Bill B. – March 16 – 2 years
Jason S. – March 2 – 5 years
Status: Doing well, attendance increasing, step meeting.
- Conscious Contact (vacant)* – Absent
- Free to Live (Josh A.)* – **Attendance:** 30-40 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: We seem to be ok. We are reaching newcomers who need a sponsor.
- The Tribe (Addison) -* **Attendance:** 10-15 **Positions Open:** Greeters
Celebrations: None
Status: Need help.
- Bottom of the Mountain –
(Karen G.)* **Attendance:** 50 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: Brenda B. – February 24 – 24 years
Status: Large meeting with round-robin format. Small break off meeting for those who would like to share longer than the bell will allow.
- New Attitudes (Fezz)* – **Attendance:** 35-40 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Good attendance, strong NA message.
- Living In The Solution –
(Eric D.)* **Attendance:** 2-30 **Positions Open:** None
(reported by Zeke W.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Well attended, lots of young addicts. Also attended by people with more clean time. Good meeting. Various ages and amounts of clean time.
- Survivors (Natalie S..)* – **Attendance:** 10 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR
Celebrations: None
Status: Great recovery. Growing slowly
- New Hopefuls (Mary F.)* – **Attendance:** 12-14 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR / Greeter
Celebrations: None
Status: Strong literature meeting, growing in home group members.

<i>Miracles Happen - (Rhapsody G.)</i>	Attendance: 15-20 Celebrations: None Status: Definitely growing. New Location – Club 12.	Positions Open: None
<i>Afternoon Delight - (Lauren T.) (reported by Karen G.)</i>	Attendance: 9-12 Celebrations: None Status: Small intimate meeting.	Positions Open: GSR
<i>Keyhole to Recovery – (James D.)</i>	Attendance: 10-30 Celebrations: None Status: Good.	Positions Open: Coffee Maker
<i>A New Beginning (Kat P.) –</i>	Attendance: 10-25 Celebrations: None Status: Good! Still a little bipolar. Lots of new newcomers. Still needs homegroup members.	Positions Open: Treasurer / Chips
<i>Friday Night Girlfriends – (Addie F.)</i>	Attendance: 10-15 Celebrations: None Status: Strong, regular attendance. We now have 3 homegroup members!	Positions Open: Alt. GSR
<i>Just for Today (Dave C.) –</i>	Attendance: 40-45 Celebrations: None Status: At least 10 homegroup members. Very strong.	Positions Open: Alt GSR
<i>Bedrock (Joey B.) –</i>	Attendance: 15-20 Celebrations: Suzie – February 27 – 2 years Status: Good meeting, lots of young addicts. Needs some support by addicts with time. Up and down attendance	Positions Open: None
<i>Gut Level (vacant.) –</i>	Absent	
<i>HOW (vacant.) – (reported by Natalie S.)</i>	Attendance: 6-12 Celebrations: None Status: Good meeting, slowly growing. Service positions open – great way to serve.	Positions Open: All except Chair / Coffee Maker & Chips
<i>Literally Speaking – (Erika S.)</i>	Attendance: 10-20 Celebrations: None Status: Strong, Basic Text study. Leaders share on the reading and then open it up for sharing.	Positions Open: Treasurer / Alt. GSR
<i>Saturday Night – Staying Alive (vacant)</i>	Absent	
<i>Saturday Night Live - (Ashley M.) (reported by Raj)</i>	Attendance: 30-40 Celebrations: None Status: On the right track.	Positions Open: None

BREAK

Quorum—Total groups in DCANA: **25**; Required for quorum: **7**; GSRs present: **16**.

Attendance on: 02/22 - 16
01/25 - 15
12/21 - 12

Old Business: None

Open Forum:

- 1) A discussion was held regarding the area’s newsletter. Topics discussed included why do we have a newsletter because the chair keeps resigning; the lack of submissions; turn newsletter into newspaper that features a meeting each month; the fact that the newsletter catches the newcomer’s eye; the newsletter does carry the message of recovery; keeps communications alive; the newsletter creates service positions; rather than asking for submissions, approach people directly for submissions; make it clear where to send submissions; and just keep the newsletter coming.

- 2) Erika S. reported that Basic Texts have been removed from the bin at the Saturday meeting and also that two adults must be in the child care room.

New Business:

Motion 1: **POLICY MOTION**

Motion Made By: New Attitudes Motion Seconded By: A New Beginning

Motion: Article and Section referenced below currently states the Area Chairperson shall: “Present *quarterly* reports at the ASC meeting. These reports shall be factual in nature, excluding personal opinion.” Motion is to change the word “*quarterly*” to “*monthly*.” This Policy change is recommended by the Policy subcommittee. Article 5, Section 1, N

Intention: Chairperson of the Area conducts the monthly ASC meeting. Policy should correspond to when the ASC meeting is actually held.

Pros: 1. Make policy reflect the actual practice done by ASC Officer
Cons: None

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Voted on at ASC meeting:	14	1	0

Motion 2: **POLICY MOTION**

Motion Made By: New Attitudes Motion Seconded By: A New Beginning

Motion: Article and Section referenced below currently states that the Area Vice-Chairperson will: “Serve as liaison between all standing subcommittees to assure coordinated functioning of said committees per ASC guidelines and reports actions to the ASC *bi-monthly*.” Motion is to delete the word “*bi-monthly*” and add the word “*monthly*.” This Policy change is recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Article 5, Section 2, D

Intention: Vice-Chairperson will report actions to the ASC as they occur.

Pros: 1. Align policy to current practices of ASC Officers
Cons: None

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Voted on at ASC Meeting:	14	2	0

Motion 3: **POLICY MOTION**

Motion Made By: New Attitudes **Motion Seconded By:** A New Beginning

Motion: Change any references in the Policy to the “Area Service Representative” or “ASR” to read “Regional Committee Member” or “RCM.” This Policy change is recommended by the Policy Subcommittee.

Intention: Policy will have the correct title of the person in this Regional Position.

Pros: 1. Bring titles in policy to fit current Regional Titles
Cons: None

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Voted on at ASC Meeting:	15	0	0

Motion 4: **Motion Made By:** New Hopefuls **Motion Seconded By:** A New Beginning

Motion: To amend policy to add “all attendees” @ ASC are recognized as voting members on matters regarding the ASC meeting schedule and agenda. Attendees would include any NA member present.

Motion ruled Out-Of-Order due to violation of Article 4, Section 2, p. 5 and Article 10, Section 1, p. 17 of the Policy.

Motion 5: **Motion Made By:** New Attitudes **Motion Seconded By:** Survivors

Motion: Request Area to provide funding to extend the rented space here at St. Timothy’s to accommodate the GSR Assembly.

Motion was Tabled.

Motion 6: **Motion Made By:** Survivors **Motion Seconded By:** New Attitudes

Motion: Nominate Chris D. for Newsletter Chair

Intention: To bring more light to our Area and to peak interest for the newcomer.

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Voted on at ASC Meeting:	14	0	0

Closing Financial Report: Closing balance is \$ 1,263.42 , with \$ 238.31 available. Group donations were \$ 218.00 , with a reserve of \$ 955.12 .

Next Meeting: **March 29, 2009, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Timothy’s in Herndon.**

Dulles Corridor Area RCM Report

It has been a busy month, as we have had the Autonomy Zonal Forum, a Regional Committee Meeting, and the MARLCNA Conference since our last Area Service Committee Meeting. First I will cover what was discussed at the Zonal Forum, then MARLCNA, and then move on to the RSC.

The discussion at the Zonal Forum was largely around the anticipated agenda for MARLCNA and the Issue Discussion Topics. There was also some discussion about what our neighbor regions have been working on. Several regions have been trying new RSC Meeting formats as well as different approaches to Regional GSR Assemblies. As always, we also discussed Regional Phone Lines.

The NAWS update and Q&A session at MARLCNA was largely about the austerity measures that NAWS has taken in order to be more prudent with our financial resources in this challenging economy. Their focus has been on bringing their charges in line with their costs and also cutting down on discretionary spending such as NAWS travel. They have not cut any services such as free or discounted literature to needy NA communities. The World Chair made a point to mention several times that they have cut in the areas they believe the Fellowship would like them to cut, but if we as a Fellowship feel differently we should let them know.

The changes in NAWS literature charges should not affect Dulles Corridor at all. There is now a small walk in service fee when one buys literature directly from the WSC. Also the shipping rates on smaller orders from NAWS (under \$500) have gone up somewhat. The charge for orders over \$500 has not changed, so this should not affect the Free State Regional Service Center and by extension should not affect Dulles Corridor. Also they have changed the pricing of the European editions of the NA literature, which again will not affect Dulles Corridor.

There was also discussion about the new na.org web site. NAWS has been working on a project to re-vamp the world web site, as our current web site is somewhat difficult to navigate and does not present NA in the best possible light to visitors from inside our Fellowship as well as society at large. The new web site should be live some time in March, however the beta version of the new site is currently available at <http://web.na.org>. As a result of the web site change, deep links to specific pages on na.org will no longer work and will need to be updated to reflect the new URL of the referenced page. This does not effect links to the main na.org web site, but rather to specific pages on the web site which will have a new web address once the new web site is put in place. Members are encouraged to use the beta web site and report any problems, concerns, or other input back to the na.org web servant. (*note: at the time of this writing the new web site has launched*)

The Saturday session at MARLCNA consisted of workshopping the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) for this conference cycle, as well as discussing the current literature projects. The IDTs for this conference cycle are Building Communication; Our Freedom, Our Responsibility; and Leadership. There are discussion forums and other resources on the NA web site for the IDTs at <http://www.na.org/?ID=IDT-IDT>. Our Region will probably workshop these items at some point in the next year.

The several literature projects include a new book length piece with the working title "Living Clean" as well as replacement IPs for the current "Self Support Principles and Practice" and "Hey! What's the Basket For?" titles and a rewrite of "In Times of Illness". The new IP 7th Tradition titles are "Giving It Away" and "Keeping It". Review drafts of these IPs are available online at <http://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index> under the Projects section.

The C&P Region will be workshopping the literature projects in early May. The tentative date is May 2nd but we are working on securing a facility. (*note: as of this writing, it looks more likely that it will be Saturday, May 9, but we are still in the process of securing a facility so that is not confirmed yet*)

This sums up the major topics of discussion at MARLCNA. All of these were again brought up at the Regional Committee Meeting. The other main topic of discussion at the Regional Committee Meeting was the Regional Convention. We are on track to have one this year, and Montgomery Area has won the bid for the convention next year. Jimi S has been elected Host Committee Chair, although Dulles Corridor abstained on the vote to confirm his nomination. The reason for my abstention was because of discussion that came up about whether Jimi would be able to fulfill the three year commitment of moving from Host Committee Chair to CPRCNA Inc BOD Vice President and then to CPRCNA BOD President. Jimi is pursuing a nomination to the NAWA World Board next May and there was some discussion about whether he would be able to fulfill both commitments. I asked if it would be a problem for him to simply resign the CPRCNA BOD position if he were confirmed to the World Board and have the Host Committee Vice-Chair take the BOD position, but I was informed that this would not be a good outcome. Because I didn't have enough information I felt our Area should abstain, however everyone else voted in the affirmative and he was confirmed as Host Committee Chair.

Two other service positions were filled at the Region. The current Treasurer resigned and Lew K from Norvana was elected to fill the position. We also have a new Regional Public Information Vice Chair, our very own Jessica L. from Dulles Corridor. There are still a number of outstanding Regional positions available, including Regional Vice Chair so if anyone is interested in serving at this level I encourage them to attend the next RSC meeting in April in Frederick, MD.

The Regional Policy and Literature committee chairs both expressed a desire to have the Area chairs attend their Regional Subcommittee meetings, so I am passing that request along. The C&P Regional Chair expressed concern at the RSC that our current policy is more a collection of motions rather than a policy. Some discussion followed about what our policy should look like. It was brought up that the legal codes in use in the United States are also written as collections of motions. The Regional Administrative Committee felt that a policy that served as a handbook would be more appropriate. The Policy subcommittee may begin a process of review or workshopping the policy although nothing concrete has been communicated at this time.

I know this has been a long report, but I hope you will take the time to provide this information to your Groups. As was mentioned, one of our IDTs this conference cycle is Communication within our service structure. Your Groups will not be informed about issues taking place in Narcotics Anonymous unless the GSRs provide them with that information. Next month's report should be much shorter since we will not have the "service triumvirate" of a Zonal Forum, MARLCNA, and RSC Meeting all in one month!

ILS,

Michael R.