



**Minutes for the
Dulles Corridor Area Service Committee
July 26, 2009**

Next Area Service Committee Meeting: August 30, 2009

Service Positions Available:

**NOMINATIONS FOR ALL AREA SERVICE POSITIONS AT
AUGUST 30th ASC MEETING**

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

Policy Change: Nomination Process (see New Business)

Reminder: GSR Assembly
Workshop at 1:00 PM
Before Area Service

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Opening: Opened with Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions were read by Paul C.; ASC Purpose was read by Ben M.; The 12 Concepts for NA Service were read by Dave C.; The Service Prayer was read by Joni G.

... 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 services 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.) – Absent

Vice Chair (John M.) – Tradition 5 focuses the group's priority on carrying the message. Because carrying the message is so important many groups take inventory periodically to help ensure that our primary purpose is still in focus. The 12th tradition may be used as an outline for a group inventory. Some groups use a specific set of inventory questions such as: How well are we carrying the message of recovery? Are there addicts our group isn't reaching? How can we make our meetings more accessible? What can we do to make new members feel more at home? Has the atmosphere of recovery diminished? Would a change in our meeting format strengthen the atmosphere? IP No. 2 and p. 162 green/gold. Not a sermon, just a thought.

Secretary (Mark W.) – Absent. Acting Secretary Mary F. reports it's an honor to be filling in for our secretary. Please submit your reports to me by the end of Area Service for incorporation into the minutes this month.

Treasurer (Susan F.) -- Opening balance is \$ 1,339.68 with \$ 597.40 available. Group donations were \$ 397.00, with a reserve of \$ 742.28. Will be absent next month.

Subcommittee Reports :

CPRC Rep (Vacant) – reported by Kevin C. Report not submitted.h

H&I (John R.) –

- 2 Current Facilities under DCANA H&I Subcommittee
- 20 meetings per month – A New Beginning Detox Facility and Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston – recently we have been doing the 16 meetings at ANB as usual but are still awaiting a new day of week meeting time at Embry Rucker in the hopes of increasing attendance – the Saturday morning time slot was not conducive to attendance as almost all the residents leave the facility on Saturdays and Sundays.

- I am currently writing some literature for use by the DCANA H&I Subcommittee that includes: “Commitment to H&I”, “Suggested Guidelines for H&I Meetings” and H&I Subcommittee Policy for DCANA” – my hope is that this literature will assist the incoming chair after my commitment is complete and create a solid foundation for the subcommittee to grow and reach additional addicts.
- I spoke with the Substance Abuse Director at Embury Rucker Shelter about the lack of attendance from the facility and informed her that H&I members had been showing up weekly but no one was making the meeting from the facility itself – occasionally there was 1 or 2 participants attending but we felt as if we were not reaching the residents. I suggested possibly a weeknight meeting when the residents were more likely to be at the shelter than they were on Sat mornings and she agreed. She is checking with the shelter director to schedule a new time – it will likely be Tuesday evening or possibly Thursday evening – on Thursday they have a substance abuse group and we were considering having the meeting immediately after that group so the information is fresh in their minds and there would be far greater attendance. So I am awaiting a response from her and the hope is that we can find the balance between reaching as many suffering addicts as possible while meeting the needs of the facility and offering a commitment we can fulfill to them as an area.
- Next RSC Meeting is Aug 8th – No new regional issues for H&I
- Everything is going well at the detox meeting at ANB in Chantilly – dropped off literature and meeting lists at the facility (in the literature rack) and spoke with the facility coordinator who is pleased as always with the participation from our area and the feedback he gets from the clients.

Any questions, comments, concerns or anything else related to H&I please feel free to call me!! Thanks!!!

ILS,

John R. DCANA H&I Subcommittee Chair 703-618-3445

Literature (*Angela T.*) – Group Treasurer’s booklets are available.

Newsletter (*Chris D.*) – Newsletter delivered!

Outreach (*Bill B.*) – Planning Service Workshop. Dave R., Michael R., and Elise G. involved so far. Special Events has committed to sponsoring an event in conjunction to help attraction. PI and H&I have shown interest in involvement. Additional help appreciated.

Phoneline (*Vacant*) –

Policy (*Kat D.*) – Monthly meeting 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM Greenbriar Starbucks.

Public Information (*Jessica L.*) – Subcommittee meeting 08/16/09 - 4:00 PM

- Working on poster drive
- Want to work with Outreach on service workshop.
- Going to try again with newspapers.

Regional Committee Member (*Norman M.*) – Collecting results today on Regional Elections. No meeting last month.

Alternate RCM Michael R. submitted the following report on the Autonomy Zonal Forum:

I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum hosted by the Eastern PA Region on Saturday, July 25, 2009. The main topics of discussion at the Forum were an issue brought by the Mountaineer Region and two expected CAR motions from Free State.

The Mountaineer Region asked the body for input about how to handle a situation where the Regional PI Subcommittee has a piece of equipment that one area would like to use when another area objects to that use. The consensus in the room was that group conscience should prevail and that the Regional PI Subcommittee meeting would be an appropriate place to have that group conscience.

The other big topic of discussion was two possible CAR motions from the Free State Region. They are likely to put in a motion to limit the number of outstanding literature pieces that we may have in development at one time so that each piece is able to get appropriate attention from the fellowship. The other motion is to double the minimum amount of time for review and input on IPs/pamphlets and book length pieces. This would apply to fellowship approved material, not board approved service material. The rationale for both of these motions is that even if a region has a fully functioning and motivated literature subcommittee, it is very difficult bordering on impossible to do an inclusive review and input on literature given the current volume and timelines. Free State wanted to bring these motions to the attention of the body so that we can discuss them within our region and not be surprised when they possibly appear in the CAR. This is hypothetical as the motions have not been approved by the groups within Free State yet, but they expect it to pass at their next regional meeting in early August.

I plan to attend the next C&P Regional Committee Meeting on Saturday, July 8, 2009 and I hope to see our subcommittee chairs at the morning subcommittee meetings.

ILS,
Michael R.

Special Events (Holly P.) -

- Annual Picnic on 08/22/09. We need support
- Next meeting is 08/04/09 at 7:00 PM at Countryside Starbucks
- Would like to hold service workshop
- Support is needed for a place for committee supplies.
- Chili cook-off in September.

Visitors from other Areas: Andrew D. from Montgomery Area. He is the new liaison for Montgomery Area and is getting familiar with job.

Group Reports :

Tell the Truth (Jack M.) – **Attendance:** 20-25 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Strong meeting. Breakfast bash after meeting August 9th.

Keep It Real – Absent
On Sunday (Gary B.)

WTSODMF (Margaret M.) - **Attendance:** 12 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Good

3rd Tradition (Jim R.) – **Attendance:** 15-20 **Positions Open:** Hug squad/Alt. GSR/Take-down
Celebrations: Sam H. – 2 years – Aug 2nd
Chris D. – 1Year – Aug. 16th
Status: Great open meeting; lots of newcomers; seeking homegroup members

The Exact Nature Men's – Attendance: 20-30 **Positions Open:** GSR
Meeting (Ben M.) Celebrations: None
Status: Good meeting. Homegroup members bringing input for group inventory on 07/27 for group inventory to take place the following weeks as needed.

Conscious Contact (John G.)- Attendance: 10-14 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR / Coffee Maker
Celebrations: John G. – 19 years – August 24th
Status: Meeting regularly / literature reading then open discussion

Free to Live (Paul C.) – Attendance: 30+ **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR / Greeter
Celebrations: Holly P. – September 28th
Status: Free To Live is the only meeting in the Dulles Corridor Area listed as “Beginners Meeting” (and one of four with childcare available). We get a lot of newcomers; folks coming in on their own as well as those “court ordered.” All NA members are invited to attend Free To Live and to help carry the message.

The Tribe (Cheryl A.) - Absent

Bottom of the Mountain – Absent
(Karen G.)

New Attitudes (Fezz) – Attendance: 20-30 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Great meeting with a powerful NA message.

Living In The Solution – Absent
(Eric D.)

Survivors (Natalie S..) – Attendance: 8-12 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Strong recovery and attendance.

New Hopefuls (Mary F.) – Attendance: 20+ **Positions Open:** Greeter
Celebrations: None
Status: Strong Step Meeting – focus on twelve steps. Lots of newcomers. Yay!

Miracles Happen - Absent
(Brenda D.)

Afternoon Delight - Absent
(vacant)

Keyhole to Recovery – Attendance: 15-25 **Positions Open:** None
(James D.) Celebrations: None
Status: Good step/tradition meeting..

A New Beginning (Kat P.) – No report submitted. – Needs support.

Friday Night Girlfriends – Attendance: 8-15 **Positions Open:** None, but just rotated
(Dani L.) Celebrations: None
(reported by Sarah B.) **Status:** Good meeting, just rotated positions/ changed format to Step & Tradition out of Green and Gold.

Just for Today (Dave C.) – Attendance: 45-50 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: All is well.

Bedrock (Joey B.) – (reported by Andy B.) **Attendance:** 10-25 **Positions Open:** Alternate GSR
Celebrations: None
Status: Good meeting. Strong homegroup attendance. Fluctuates, but steady good mix between newcomers and experienced members.

Gut Level (vacant.) – (reported by Walter) Needs a new Chair – Support desperately needed.

HOW (vacant.) – (reported by Natalie S.) **Attendance:** 10-15 **Positions Open:** GSR / Alt. GSR / Coffee maker / Keytags
Celebrations: None
Status: Strong recovery and attendance.

Literally Speaking – (Kim D.) **Attendance:** 7-10 **Positions Open:** Alt GSR
Celebrations: None
Status: Always welcome support

Saturday Night – Staying Alive (vacant) Absent

Saturday Night Live - (Scott B.) **Attendance:** 20-50 **Positions Open:** Not sure
Celebrations: Vanessa – 4 years – August 1st
Brian – 10 years – August 8th
Status: In a sweet spot. In need of homegroup members.

BREAK

Quorum—Total groups in DCANA: **25**; Required for quorum: **6**; GSRs present: **15**.
Attendance on: 07/26 - 15
 06/28 – 8
 05/31 - 13

Old Business:

Regional Position Nominations Taken Back To Groups:

Regional Elections

Vacant position nominations &/or Affirmations:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Vote Results</u>
		<u>Pro-Con-Abstain</u>
Chair	Jim M.	<u>10-0-4</u>
Vice Chair	Norman M.	<u>9-0-3</u>
Secretary	Debi R.	<u>10-0-3</u>
Treasurer	Lew K.	<u>11-0-3</u>
CPRCNA XXIV Host 1st Vice Chair	Steve M.	<u>6-0-2 (to affirm)</u>
CPRC Inc., BOD At-Large Rep 1 ProTem	Paul H.	<u>11-0-4</u>
CPRC Inc., BOD At-Large Rep 1	Paul M.	<u>11-0-4</u>

CPRC Inc., BOD At-Large Rep 2
H&I Chair
Literature Chair
Policy Chair
Public Information Chair
Public Information Vice Chair
FSRSO Rep 1
FSRSO Rep 2

Eric P.	<u>11-0-2</u>
John R.	<u>11-0-4</u>
William F.	<u>11-0-3</u>
Shertina M.	<u>11-0-4</u>
Noel S.	<u>11-0-4</u>
Jessica L.	<u>11-0-2</u>
Scott P.	<u>11-0-4</u>
Tony L.	<u>11-0-4</u>

Open Forum:

- Consider storage shed for Special Events materials/supplies. Safety is an issue with items at home. The Area will have access to storage facility. Literature could share the space as well as other subcommittee chairs.
- Paul C. – H&I learning day in Rock Creek. Details next month.
- Michael R. – Angela needs support in with literature.
- Jessica L. – New meeting in Leesburg.

New Business:

Motion 1: **Motion Made By:** To Tel The Truth **Motion Seconded By:** Literally Speaking
Motion: To amend Regional Policy to send nominations back for group vote with brief profiles of said nominees.
Intent: To make vote more meaningful.

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Voted on at ASC meeting:	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

Motion 2: **Motion Made By:** Saturday Night Live **Motion Seconded By:** New Attitudes
Motion: To allow a person to be nominated for an Area position without being present as long as they have someone to stand in for them to accept the nomination. Effective for the Year 2009 elections.
Intent: To allow positions to be filled.
Policy Amendment: Article 10 – Section 6.

MOTION SENT TO GROUPS FOR VOTING

Closing Financial Report: Closing balance is \$ 1,771.28 , with \$ 947.37 available.
Group donations were \$ 438.01 , with a reserve of \$ 823.91 .

Next Meeting: **August 30, 2009 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Timothy’s in Herndon.**