



**Minutes for the
Dulles Corridor Area Service Committee
August 30, 2009**

Next Area Service Committee Meeting: September 27, 2009

Service Positions Available:

**No Nominations Received For:
CPRC Representative or Newsletter Chair**

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

Elections for Area Service Committee Positions

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 Dave C.; ASC Purpose was read by Phoebe; The 12 Concepts for NA Service were read by Ashley M.; The Service Prayer was read by Kat P.

... 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'm not sorry I missed last time. My vacation was great. I have nothing new to report. Thank You.

Vice Chair (John M.) – Thanks to those who have shown up and served the last year, especially those who listened. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

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

Treasurer (Susan F.) -- Opening balance is \$ 1,771.28 with \$ 828.91 available. Group donations were \$ 438.01 , with a reserve of \$ 947.37 . John R. filling in as Treasurer.

Subcommittee Reports :

CPRC Rep (Kevin C.) – The B.O.D. met yesterday...I was unable to attend. I did attend the Battlefield ASC last week to encourage them to send a representative. I will make the minutes available when I receive them. This will be my last month serving as the CPRC Rep.

H&I (John R.) – All H&I meetings at ANB are going well as usual.

We are still awaiting a new schedule for Embury Rucker Shelter in Reston to resume meetings there.

I will complete the 3 documents that I suggested to be submitted to the incoming H&I chair after my term is up next month - those will be: Guidelines for H&I service, Commitment to H&I Service and H&I Policy for DCANA.

I am meeting on Sept. 10th with PWADC (Prince William Adult Detention Center) to get an H&I meeting into the facility - I am technically meeting with them in the capacity of Regional H&I Chair but my hope is that trusted servants from the Dulles Corridor area will support the meetings once the commitments are in place.

Literature (Angela T.) – Went over the first two chapters of the new book, Living Clean, at the subcommittee meeting.

Newsletter (Chris D.) – Absent

Outreach (Bill B.) – Absent. Reported by Michael R. (report submitted electronically)

GSR Assembly schedule through Dec 09

- Aug – Jessica - PI
- SEPT – CAT – POLICY
- Oct – Angela – Literature
- NOV – SPECIAL EVENTS
- Dec – CAR

Also the Service workshop is tentatively set for Saturday October 17, 2009 at St. Matthew's in Sterling. The next Outreach meeting will be 9/19/2009 at 5:30 PM at Countryside Starbucks.

Phoneline (Vacant) –

Policy (Kat D.) – Absent. Reported by Michael R. (report submitted electronically)

At this month's policy subcommittee meeting, we went over several points that need the attention of the area. The first of those many points was in Article 5, Section 2, where the duties of the vice-chairperson are listed. Item F states that they should act as parliamentarian for ASC meetings. Should this job be given to the policy chair instead?

The next point discussed was in regards to clean time requirements or suggestions as listed in the policy for certain subcommittee chair positions. The only place where this is mentioned is in the "Qualifications of Policy Chairperson" in Section 12.

In Article 10, Section 2, Item C states that "When one GSR wants to take a new motion back to groups for voting, it should be seconded, and a vote is then held to determine if the motion will be taken back to groups." Is this something that the area has been doing during area service??

Also, Article 11, Section 1 states that, " any voting member may propose an amendment to these bylaws at a regular meeting of the ASC. The proposal must be seconded and submitted in writing at such regular ASC meetings for approval. A simple majority of the DCANA voting members is necessary to amend." Therefore, the motion that went back to groups this past month DID NOT need to go back to groups.

Furthermore, the phoneline section of the policy is still in need of revision/re-writing.

In Article 7, Section 6, Item 3, it has been suggested that the literature subcommittee chair should participate in all literature development.

Article 7, Section 7 was moved to Article 10 Section 6, regarding the process for annual nominations and voting in for subcommittee chairs and officer positions.

All of these items will be discussed at the September GSR assembly.

We had a very productive policy subcommittee meeting this month! Assuming that the motion that did not need to go back to groups did in fact pass, and if I am still policy chair when I get back from out of town, the subcommittee meeting will be the first Wednesday of the month at the Greenbriar Starbucks at 8:00pm.

ILS, Kat D.

Public Information (Jessica L.) – Subcommittee meeting 09/27 at 1 PM before ASC.

Contacted Loudoun County Public Schools to see where they are with plan for this school year.

Regional Committee Member (Norman M.) –

The Regional Service Committee met on August 8, 2009 in NORVANA. There are no regional motions for area or groups to vote on.

After some investigation, it was determined that the election of regional officers did not require a vote by groups within the areas, which meant that efforts to get votes from groups turned out to be pointless. It also rendered the motion that our area sent to region moot, since areas would not need a biography of the candidates for regional office.

A regional budget was passed for the coming fiscal year, which begins in two days. Financially, the region is in good health.

Included in the regional minutes is a proposal from the Free State Region to slow down the process of literature review to allow for more comment from members. These are in the form of motions to the upcoming Conference Agenda Report (CAR). I recommend that everyone who is interested in a more participatory process for literature review should read this proposal, which can be found in the appendix of the Regional Minutes, which I have forwarded to the area secretary.

In October, I will be officially assuming the position of Regional Vice Chair, so this is the last report that I will be giving to Area Service. It has been my pleasure to serve the Dulles Corridor Area, and I look forward to remaining active here. As your RCM Alternate will explain, there are grave concerns that we share about the direction that some participants at the regional level are attempting to move. There are some who exaggerate the lack of full participation of NA members as an excuse to consolidate the decision-making process into fewer hands. This is also fueled by claims that the policy and function of the region are in some way “broken.” While there may be important modifications to the policy necessary, the regional system is by no means dysfunctional.

We need to remain eternally vigilant in holding the region accountable to the areas it serves, and to the primary purpose of Narcotics Anonymous. I am pleased that our area is active in the region, and we need to remain so in order to ensure a functional region.

In Service,

Norman M

Special Events (Holly P.) - Absent. Report sent electronically.

Special Events Subcommittee Report

The Dulles Annual Picnic Was a Hit! The next planned event is Oct. 17th for a learning day. I am submitting the financial report to our treasurer. We have ended up in the negative a little each event but we still have some money left. Storage Spaces that are 5X5 were priced from about \$63 - \$85 and 5X10 \$125- \$141. I am happy to pass the torch.

ILS

Thanks

Holly P

Visitors from other Areas: Lauren who is the Policy Chair from Rock Creek Area. Allen J. who is the Regional Delegate Alternate.

Group Reports :

- Tell the Truth (Jack M.)* – **Attendance:** 20+ **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Strong meeting.
- WTSODMF (Margaret M.)* - **Absent**
- 3rd Tradition (Jim R.)* – **Attendance:** 15-20 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR/Greeter/Coffee Maker
Celebrations:
Status: Not a football fan? Come visit us on Sunday night.
- The Exact Nature Men's Meeting (Ben M.)* – **Attendance:** 25-30 **Positions Open:** GSR
Celebrations: None
Status: Good meeting. Group inventory went well.
- Conscious Contact (John G.)*- **Attendance:** 10-15 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR / Coffee Maker
Celebrations: None
Status: Good recovery, nice mix of people.
- Free to Live (Paul C.)* – **Attendance:** 25 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR / Greeter
Celebrations: Janice B. – 3 years – September 7th
Holly P. – 18 years – September 28th
Status: Meeting is regularly attended by newcomers and first time NA meeting attendees. Support of experienced members in helping carry a clear NA message warmly welcomed.
- The Tribe (Cheryl A.)* - **Absent**
- Bottom of the Mountain (Karen G.)* – **Attendance:** 40-50 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: Kevin C. – 8 years – September 22nd
(Report by Joey B-Alt GSR) **Status:** Great meeting with a powerful NA message.
- New Attitudes (Kat P.)* – **Attendance:** 20-30 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR
Celebrations: Andre – 1 year – September 15th
Status: Good. Strong. Bad Ass!
- Living In The Solution (Eric D.)* – **Absent**
- Survivors (Natalie S.)* – **Attendance:** 10-15 **Positions Open:** Set-Up
Celebrations: None
Status: Maintaining a message of recovery and will be holding next meeting outside due to facility being closed for maintenance.
- New Hopefuls (Mary F.)* – **Attendance:** 15-20 **Positions Open:** Alt GSR
Celebrations: None
Status: Step Meeting is going well. Many newcomers are receiving a strong message.
- Miracles Happen (Brenda D.)* - **Absent**
- Afternoon Delight (Dave XII)* - **Attendance:** Averages 12 **Positions Open:** Coffee Maker
Celebrations: None
Status: This is a small but stable, steadily attended group; more support is certainly welcome.

Keyhole to Recovery – **Attendance:** 15-25 **Positions Open:** Chair/Coffee Maker/Greeter
(James D.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Good step/tradition meeting. Lots of newcomers. Could use a little more support from old-timers.

A New Beginning (Fezz) – **Attendance:** 5-10 **Positions Open:** Alt GSR/Treasurer/Greeter
Celebrations: None
Status: Beginner meeting in need of support.

Friday Night Girlfriends – **Attendance:** 8-12 **Positions Open:** Could use more trusted servants.
(Sarah B.) **Celebrations:** Sarah B. – 4 years – September 4th
Status: Good step and tradition meeting.

Just for Today (Dave C.) – **Attendance:** 40-45 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: None
Status: Very strong recovery. Good number of homegroup members.

Bedrock (Ashley M.) – **Attendance:** 15-25 **Positions Open:** Alternate GSR
Celebrations: None
Status: Everything is good

Gut Level (vacant.) – **Absent**

Ultimate Weapon (vacant) - **Absent**

HOW (vacant) – **Attendance:** 6-10 **Positions Open:** GSR / Alt. GSR / Set-up
(reported by Natalie S.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Strong recovery but needs support.

Literally Speaking – **Attendance:** 8-11 **Positions Open:** None
(Kim D.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Basic Text – Strong Meeting - Welcomes support

Saturday Night – **Absent**
Staying Alive (vacant)

Saturday Night Live - **Attendance:** 35-50 **Positions Open:** None
(Scott B.) **Celebrations:** Joanna – 2 years – September 12th
Status: Doing well, feeling fine, and making a difference.

BREAK

Quorum—Total groups in DCANA: **25**; Required for quorum: **6**; GSRs present: **17**.
Attendance on: 08/30 - 17
 07/26 - 15
 06/28 – 8

Old Business:

Motion: **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.
POLICY CHANGE
Intent: To allow positions to be filled.
Policy Amendment: Article 10 – Section 6.

Vote: Pro
10 Con
2 Abstain
5

Open Forum:

- Member asked for copy of Subcommittee budgets. Vice-Chair stated budgets are included in the Area's policy.
- Discussion of the Area sponsoring marathon meetings on holidays. Club 12 is willing to host these meetings and the fee is believed to be \$100. Ben M. was appointed to chair an ad-hoc committee to organize marathon meetings for the Thanksgiving holiday. After the Thanksgiving holiday, marathon meetings will be handled by the Special Events subcommittee.
- The upcoming Service Workshop is being organized by both the Special Events and Outreach subcommittees.
- GSR Assembly continuing at 1:00 PM before Area Service.
- A new group, *Ultimate Weapon*, will hold meetings at Club 12, Fridays at 10:30 PM.

New Business:

Area Service Committee Nominations

Back To Groups For Voting

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
Chair	John M.	Previously served as Area Chair 2000-2001 Currently serving as Vice-Chair of Area
Vice -Chair	Jack M.	10 Years clean / Willing to serve / Area Secretary for 3 years
Secretary	Mary F.	11 months clean / works steps and has a sponsor Served as Secretary for 1 year / willing to serve
Treasurer	Susan F.	Willing to serve / has served as Treasurer
CPRC Rep.	NONE	
H & I Chair	Dave R.	Willing to serve / participating in NA service for a long time
Literature Chair	Janice B.	3 years clean / has a sponsor / Group Treasurer / Wants to be of service / work experience with inventory
	<u>OR</u>	
	Angela T.	1 year as Literature Chair / 1 year as Literature helper / willing

Area Service Committee Nominations – Continued

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
Newsletter Chair	NONE	
Outreach Chair	Bill B.	Outreach Chair for last year / Willing to serve
Phoneline Chair	Cort G.	Willing to serve
Policy Chair	Kat D.	Policy chair for last year / willing to serve
P&I Chair	Jessica L.	P&I Chair for last year / willing to serve
Special Events Chair-	Paul C.	Clean for awhile / willing to serve
Regional Committee Member (RCM)	Michael R.	2 + years clean / Alternate RCM this year / GSR for 1 year/ P&I Chair 1 year / served on subcommittees / Active with Regional Policy Committee
Alternate RCM	Fezz	NA is cool / willing to serve

Closing Financial Report: Closing balance is \$ 1,506.48 , with \$ 785.22 available.
Group donations were \$ 156.00 , with a reserve of \$ 721.26 .

Next Meeting: **September 27, 2009 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Timothy’s in Herndon.**