# Georgia Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous December 2013

GRSCNA P.O. Box 420615 Atlanta, GA 30342-0615

**Regional web page** <u>http://www.grscna.com</u> **Convention web page** <u>http://www.grcna.org</u>

Next RSC will be Mar 14th-15th, 2015 Central

Georgia Convention Complex, 400 Holiday Circle – Forsyth, GA. 31029 Please call and make your reservations **1 month** in advance. Motel 6 1-478-994-5691 or Holiday Inn Express 1-478-994-9697

RCM and Topic Forms are included on the last page of your minutes. Please email all reports and flyers to <u>secretary@grscna.com</u>

## **AGENDA FOR RSC**

### Saturday, Dec 14th

## **Meeting Room**

9:00 AM	CPP	TBA
9:00 AM-12:00	Public Relations	Degas
9:00 AM-12:00	Hospitals & Institutions	Renoir
10:00 AM-12:00	GRSCNA Admin Meeting	DiVinci
1:00 PM	GRC Inc.	DiVinci
1:30 PM	<b>GSR/RCM</b> Issues	Monet
3:30 PM	RSC Meeting	Monet
5:30 PM	Recess/ Announcements	

## Sunday, Dec. 15th

9:00 AM -

**RSC** Meeting

Monet

#### **GRSC Admin Meeting Minutes**

The admin panel discussed the Open Forum format and put together a definition that would describe open forum as a time for any member of NA to be able to address the RSC body without rebuttal or redress. There would be a suggested time limit of 5 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes set aside for this portion of the RSC. To encourage this time to be set up differently than GSR/RCM Issues time by encouraging discussion among the RCMs of their concerns that they want feedback or to have discussion about. The following definition is what the administration provided to the body as a starting point for clarifying the definition and purpose of Open Forum:

#### **Open Forum:**

Not to exceed 30 minutes total, speakers are limited to 5 minutes each, where as any member of Narcotics anonymous may address the RSC body on any matter of concern without redress, rebuttal, or discussion.

The history book project task panel presented a handout that described the process involved in putting a book of this nature together and all that it would involve. It was agreed that the power point presentation that had been put together would be shown during the RSC. The admin panel discussed the fact that we needed to have a clear plan to present and some answers to what would be the next step in moving forward with this project if that is what the body decided they wanted to do.

The panel discussed the workshop at the WEANA convention and the lack of participation. It was suggested that we provide the body with the presentation this weekend that was prepared for the workshop. This would include the timeline handout that Tate had designed as well as the brief bio Karen created about the Georgia Region. There was a general consensus that the admin members feel we aren't performing to the best of our ability and we discussed what we could do to help the RCMs get their areas organized and more involved. We came up with a plan to have a Region inventory. We will present the idea to the body this weekend and attempt to schedule it for the next region in March.

#### **GSR/RCM Issues Meeting Minutes**

The definition for open forum that was provided by the admin committee was questioned as to its solidity. The facilitator explained that the body asked the admin to come up with a definition for the body to work from. He explained that is all the admin committee did. The work they did was not to dictate but to provide guidance and a starting point to build on. The RCMs decided they would be able to work with this definition and present a final product by the end of the weekend.

The revised resume form and area report form was agreed on by the body and it was agreed that a topic would be presented in new business to accept these forms.

The secretary contacted the GRC Inc CFO to clarify the rumor that he was resigning. He sent a copy of the email that he had sent to the GRC Inc chair and the secretary read it to the body.

The policy that was presented to the body to adopt as the final document does not have all of the changes in it that have been made over the course of the past year. There is a topic prepared that will address this issue requesting that all of the changes be added to the policy before the body reaches a consensus.

There was some discussion concerning the proposal from the Holiday Convention Center for the next year. The staff at Motel 6 (the new owners of the Ramada Inn next door to the convention center) states that they are looking at converting the restaurant and lounge area of their establishment to meeting space. There is not any concrete information about when this change will take place if it actually does and how much they will charge for rent of the space. The body suggested that GRC Inc. chair follow through with getting things cleared up with the convention center on space and pricing as well as WIFI capability. He stated he would and that he would get the info to the secretary by Monday.

WIFI access for the convention center is: Username: guest Password: cgcc475

The World Convention is during the June RSC, the RD and RDA are planning on attending. How does the body want to deal with this? It was decided that who was at the RSC was there and who isn't!

## **GRSCNA RSC Meeting Saturday - December 13, 2013**

Region convened at 3:41 PM by Frank S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by Ray L.

The 12 Concepts were read by Greg S.

The Region's purpose was read by Tate H.

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**RCM Reports –(Reports attached)** 

**CPP Chair – Gunn M. - (Not available)** 

**CPP Treasurer - Diana H. (Report attached)** 

□ GRC, Inc. – Chair- Charles K. (Report enclosed)

#### GRCNA INC REPORT

Hi everyone hope the past three months have been good for you.

There has been a lot going on with the board, first the CFO has resigned as of October. We will miss his service and attention to detail. Since we got the news we have met twice once in November and today. We are addressing the problem, this is the second CFO in two years we are looking inward to find where we can change to make this not happen again. One of the things we are investigating hiring bookkeeper or accountant to do our quarterly reporting, or find a new CFO reevaluate their duties as they relate to the region. More will be revealed, at present we are conducting business as usual we have secured contracts with jewelers we have the first banner showing 10 convention logos they came out great. I have talked with the convention center here and revived a bid but it is confusing, will talk with them on Monday and clear it up.

We have picked the location for the 2016 convention it will be at the Marriott Renaissance by the airport in Atlanta. We are asking you what dates you want 2-4or 3-14 the February date will fall when the zonal form happens and we have room for them at the site this is the date we feel is best.

We have secured a storage room for all of the grcna stuff and are asking the region to please switch the payment for storage in Macon to your account by the New Year. We feel that the board doesn't need to pay this and then get paid back. We will be paying a \$5000.00 payment to the hotel in January with the balance due at the close of convention. Let me say that I owe all of you an apology for what I said yesterday at our meeting in reference to the CFO resignation. I said that one of the reasons he quit was because he did not get support from the region. This is not completely true you have shown support for this board and to the CFO. I am sorry for shooting off at the mouth and giving a complete picture of what happened.

#### GRC Inc. – CFO (Report enclosed)

To the BOD:

As I sit here and type this, the only thought that goes through my mind is that I do not want this in my life. When I think about not doing it, I have an overwhelming sense of peace about the decision. I called another person that has served on the BOD/CPP and ran my thoughts by them and they asked me a simple guestion. When you make a pros and cons list for staying, what do you come up with? The cons are easy, but the part that troubles me is the pros for staying. I couldn't come up with any. I am sure there are, but they don't stack up against the cons for staying and the pros for leaving. I realize that leaving means that I probably can't hold a service position in the future with either GRCNA or the Region. After witnessing the Region meetings as well, I am ok with that. Luckily for me, the highest service I can perform in this program is to reach out and help another addict. I get that by being active in a home group. In my personal recovery, the 5th Tradition reminds me what my primary purpose is and the 9th reminds me of who I ultimately serve, the suffering addict.

Effective immediately, I am resigning from the position as CFO from GRC, Inc. As to not prevent the BOD from conducting business and damaging the upcoming convention, I am willing to serve in a

"Trustee" role through the next convention. I am willing to perform the following task up until that point:

- 1. Continue to monitor the financial condition of GRC Inc and perform basic monthly financial duties (bank reconciliation, transfers from CPP account)
- 2. Set up the QuickBooks online accounting software and records
- 3. File the 2013 taxes (Aug 2013-Sept 2014 fiscal year)
- 4. If approved by the BOD, I will assist Jim S. in implementing a plan to fully automate the GRC, Inc operations
- 5. Train the incoming CFO
- 6. Provide guidance during the convention, to help monitor the cash control process

If any of these items are not required or desired, then I completely understand. I will always be available to answer any questions or provide financial guidance if the BOD needs it.

Thank you,

Josh Blanchard

# H&I report – Paula F.- (Not available) PR report – Mary Ellen W. - (Report enclosed)

December 12, 2014

Dear PR Family,

I am reminded of the quote in the Preface of Narcotics Anonymous basic text, "The full fruit of a labor of love lives in the harvest, and that always comes in its right season..." Many of you have been of service in your local area with the NA display board and we are now seeing the "fruits of your labor of love." As a result of the display at GA School of Addiction Studies and the Spanish IP's we have included with the NA display, Savannah Low Country did a presentation with the Latino Community Group. Marietta area had the NA display at this year's Pride Day in October. Piedmont area was contacted by the Jones County Community Against Drug Abuse, and will be scheduling an NA presentation with them, after they picked up information at the NA display at a local community day event. South Atlanta recently had the NA display at a community health fair. East End, as a result of the NA display at Gwinette County Fair, did a Drug Court presentation. East End also teamed up with North Atlanta for a presentation at Viewpoint Treatment Center. I participated in a presentation, along with the H&I Bridge Program, with Lisa Haughley of the GA Department of Corrections. PR Area Chairs will be able to email their area meeting schedules to Lisa and she will forward them to Probation Offices. Thanks to everyone who showed up and

participated in the West End Convention PR workshop on Attraction or Promotion. During the past quarter, Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, the website had 14, 155 sessions, with 8,141 users. 53.3% were new visitors to the site, 46.7% were returning visitors. Visitors to the website are viewing 2.17 pages with an average duration of 2:07 minutes. A good assumption is that the visitors are viewing meeting schedules so please be sure to continue updating your area meeting schedules. If you need some help with this task, please just ask! During the same period, we had 152 calls to the Regional 888-Phone Line.

We have a completed package, including letterhead, for sending out our letters re: the PSA to television stations which we will review during the PR business meeting. Hopefully, we will also be scheduling a time to complete a radio PSA, in both English and Spanish.

Thank you all for your "selfless service in order that no addict, anywhere (here in the Georgia Region), need die from the horrors of addiction."

In Loving Service,

Mary Ellen W.

#### **Task Panel Report (History Book) – Greg S. – (Packet provided to RCMs at region)**

## **GRSCNA RSC Meeting Sunday - December 14, 2013**

Meeting was reconvened at 9:08AM Frank S. opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Ray L. The 12 Concepts were read by Greg S.

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September 2014 minutes approved by the body. Amendment made for December 2013 minutes old business to include:

Topic 2013-16 to change policy Article 6.D.2.b.ii. to read "researches and responds to questions concerning policy at RSC meeting and to make necessary changes to policy to keep our policy current" Assent-10 Assent w/reservation -2 Stand Aside -2 Block -0

#### **OPEN FORUM**

The storage unit being separated from GRC Inc and the RSC sharing a unit, to each having their own unit has financial ramifications. We need a 3 month notice from any entity making such changes in the future.

There is interest in Georgia Region hosting the East Coast Convention. Lisa S. and Jimmy G. are working on this and would like the support from the region. The support would be in the form of attending fundraisers and getting service helpers to plan everything. The profits from this convention go to purchasing Basic Texts and distributing them to various regions. The convention is usually held in June. East Coast keeps asking when Georgia Region is going to host this function and they state that currently they do not have a bid for 2016. There is going to be a presentation for prepared to share with this body at the March region weekend asking for the consent from the body to move forward with putting in a bid for the 2016 convention. If anyone has any comments, suggestions, or questions please get in touch with Lisa S. or jimmy G. or go to the East Coast Convention website at www.eccna.or

Looking forward to GRCNA 2016 it is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are 14-15 workshops scheduled and we have 15 areas. The thought is to have each area choose a topic and host a workshop and make this a GA region convention with all the areas participating.

Unapproved literature was received from a NA member with concern about the appropriateness of this. Can we include this info that this literature is unapproved and that the region does not support the distribution of it if that is the consensus of the body? The body has agreed that this is not appropriate for distribution and will have a topic during new business to have the RD/RDA draft a letter to be included in the minutes and forwarded to World that reflects this stand that the Georgia Region is taking on this matter. (A copy of the letter is included in these minutes that the RD prepared).

There appeared to be some implication by the GRC Inc., chair that the RSC had been part of the reason the GRC Inc. CFO resigned and this was not appreciated.

PR had a lot of participation about what we are doing today to meet our common purpose which is to carry the message. We want to make sure that we are available to help the struggling addict. This is the mark we should be shooting for.

### **GRSC ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### □ Facilitator – Frank S. – (Verbal report)

Things are well. We had a couple of conference calls since the last region to handle RSC business, which we have done.

#### □ Co-Facilitator – Tate H. – (Report enclosed) Co-facilitator report for December 2014 RSC

I attended a traditions workbook workshop with Greg S. in October at the west end area.

The approval draft is amazing and the workshop showed a great deal of energy and interest. It was a pleasure to have an opportunity to do some workshop service on a great piece of literature.

After submitting some suggested changes to the CBDM model that we used the region directed admin to set up a panel to explore CBDM and bring a more clarified recommendation. After some discussions on an approach to better equip trusted servants and outline fundamentals behind our service work. This has led me personally to take a step back and examine the policy in general and ask exactly what parts of it we are actually following currently. We came to some agreement that our issues are less about policy and procedure and more fundamental in nature. For example: it has been a trend to simply not have a GSR assembly which is a large part of the fundamental outlined in the function of the region as being a link in the flow of communication from the member to the worldwide fellowship. At this point there seems to be agreement from the body that we would benefit from scheduling a general discussion evaluating our efforts at region in general and ask if we might make some improvements.

Another Item that was brought to the floor was that I missed some changes in our policy that have already been voted in from the regions before. Here are the items I missed and I hope that we might get a vote here on the floor that these are valid updates. Sorry for the confusion.

Policy Changes omitted for approval draft in September for 2014-2015

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WSC."

That's all I have for now Thanks Tate H.

#### □ Secretary – Karen J. (Report enclosed)

- I have not been able to upload the minutes. In all actuality it is listed in the duties for the webmaster to upload the minutes. I have asked for help several times and I have not been offered any. I will attempt to get it straightened out, but I am not going to be hammered for this since it is not my responsibility and I can't get any help. Like I said, I will do my best to get the minutes uploaded that is the best I can do. (During the break Fred C. gave me some instructions and guided me through the process to upload the minutes. I was able to get the minutes for September 2014 uploaded. Thank you Fred!!)
- I have been given a lot of grief about Topic 2013-16 to change policy Article 6.D.2.b.ii. to read "researches and responds to questions concerning policy at RSC meeting and to make necessary changes to policy to keep our policy current" and the final consensus of

the body not being in the December 2013 minutes. I have asked for help to amend the minutes with no result. (After my report I was given some direction on the process of "amending" the minutes. I made the amendment in these minutes.)

- We need to get the extra key from the BOD since they are obtaining their own storage unit. Jimmy G. has agreed to get it to me once the BOD has moved out. We can save a few dollars monthly by getting a smaller unit. I will bring the sizes and their monthly fees at the next region for the body to review.
- There has been some discussion about the content of the minutes. I am willing to include as much or as little info as the body deems necessary. The reason I include the discussions during the GSR/RCM Issues, Open Forum, and the Administration meeting is for there to be a record of the different perceptions, ideas, and opinions of the body. There has been a lot of discussion in the past stating that we should have a record of this info so the body can focus on what has been discussed already and to incorporate other viewpoints that may not be apparent right away.
- I want to get some RCM orientation packets together. I do not see in the policy what these packets should contain. Any info anyone has would be greatly appreciated. (After the meeting I received a copy of the RCM orientation packet Bobby W. had received when he came to region. Thanks Bobby B.)

In loving service, Karen J.

#### □ Secretary (Alt) – Vacant □ Treasurer - AJ (Not available)

The room rate is considerably cheaper at Motel 6. As a suggestion please, administration panel, consider staying there. It will help keep our costs down.

- Dec. 14, 2014 RD Report
- 1. I was unable to attend Multi-Zonal Forum due to Chicago control tower fire. Thanks for your support RDA has report.
- 2. World Board has not finalized details for WCNA 36 but suggest those who plan to attend start working on visa's.
- 3. Attended West End Area Traditions workshop Nov. 1, 2014
- 4. Conducted CBDM workshop Midtown Area Nov. 2, 2014.
- 5. World Board encourages all member participation in current IDT's Welcoming all members, Planning, and Group support.
- 6. World Board ask the help of the fellowship in protecting our copyrights and property. Please take a stand against the illicit production and distribution of literature.
- 7. Tradition Project, The introduction and tradition one is up for final review. Traditions 2-12 are still open for input <u>www.na.org</u> traditions.

In Loving Service Ray L. 770 842-9088

#### □ RDA – Greg S. - (Report enclosed)

Fourth Quarter 2014 AD Report December RSC

#### Traditions Workbook Project

We held a workshop in November in Atlanta hosted by the West End ASC. There were approximate 30 people in the room. Most participants held service positions. Given the time frame we only discussed a portion of the first draft.

Overall the feedback was very good. Many people were moved by portions of the draft. We did a review and submitted 13 points back to the Traditions workgroup.

#### **Current Deadlines**

Deadlines for front-end input will be as follows:

31 March 2015 Traditions Eight through Twelve

The input on the draft materials will be collected during three periods of Fellowship review and<br/>input:Intro and Tradition OneOctober 2014-January 2015Traditions Two through SevenFebruary April 2015

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#### **Recent Events**

One group submitted their feedback through me to the workgroup on the day of the deadline. Several other groups and individuals have been submitting directly to the NAWS site. I also participated on a conference call with other A.D.'s, R.D.'s. and Workgroup members on the project. It lasted an hour and a half. We discussed the Introduction and the First Tradition.

#### **Issue Discussion Topics**

This quarter the conference published the Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle. Those were

- 1. Planning
- 2. Group Support
- 3. Welcoming all Members

#### St Louis Multi Zonal Forum

I attended the Zonal forum in September. There were attendees from all Zones in the US. There were also several Skype calls where members from Germany and Denmark made presentations. Several of the topics that I attended were.

- 1. Accounting/Book Keeping
- 2. Service System Project
- 3. Consensus Based Decision Making
- 4. Planning

The thing that didn't come up was Zonal Representation as a voting member at the WSC. I also took the time to sit with several board members and discussed the History Book Project.

#### World Convention

WCNA 36 in Rio de Janeiro 11–14 June 2015 www.na.org/wcna

We thought that the hotel and event details would be completed by now but are still being worked out.

#### Calendar Conflicts

The next RSC is the same weekend of the Florida service symposium. This is a Zonal Event.

The RD and RDA are both planning to be at the world convention this year which is scheduled the same time as the June RSC.

#### □ Archivist – Vacant

#### □ Insurance Liaison - David C. (Report enclosed) >

There have been zero claims filed.

- > Two home groups and/or areas obtained Certificates of Insurance.
- Since our last region meeting, I completed the first draft of a policy and procedure manual for the insurance liaison position. This draft was meticulously reviewed and critiqued by Paula our H&I chair. I am very grateful for Paula for taking the time to help with this project. She had great suggestions and ideas.
- Plans for next region meeting:
  - During the next recess of region business, I plan to incorporate the latest revisions to the policy. At that time, the finale draft will be read by another member of the editing team for its simplicity, understanding and ease of use.
  - It is my goal to have the insurance liaison policy manual completed and available at the March 2015 regional meeting.

#### **QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF AREA EVENTS**

**GRSCNA** - GRCNA 34 February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 1st, 2015 (see flyers attached)

**CFRA** – Planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> area anniversary

**CSRA-** Peace in Recovery June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Augusta "The Battle is Over-Surrender is the Key" Speaker Jam, Dinner & Dance Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 2194 Columbia Hwy Aikin, SC 29801 1pm-12am **Coastal** –

East End-

Extreme Northern –

Marietta Area –

Midtown Area - 12-traditions book forum in February 2015 Gearing up for MAACNA XXIV in 2015 North Atlanta Area

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N. E. Georgia Area -

**Piedmont Area-**

Savannah Low Country - Valentines Dance and Dinner on Feb.7, 2015 at The liberty Center in Liberty City

South Atlanta Area –

South Central Georgia-

South Georgia Area –

West End Area –

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Topic # 2014-10**

**Consensus reached** 

Source: Co-facilitator – Tate H.

#### Assent - 12 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside - 1 Block - 0

**Topic:** To accept the 2014-2015 policy revision amended to include the following updates:

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- 4. Topic #2014-4 Article thirteen A.7. : "travel and lodging expenses shall be paid by the RSC for the RD and RDA to attend the bi-annual conference and quarterly meeting of the

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**Intent:** Approve policy

Policy Affected: All topics in force

**Financial Impact:** 

#### **NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS**

GRCNA 35 Vice-Chair – George A - 11 No – 0 Abstain - 2 Yes

GRCNA 35 Chair – Robert L. **Yes** – 13 **No** - 0 **Abstain** - 0

GRC Inc. Pool – Teresa H. Yes - 13 No - 0 Abstain – 0

#### VACANCIES

SecretaryAlt. Archivist

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic # 2014- 16** 

Source: South GA RCM

Assent - Assent w/Res - Stand Aside - Block -

Topic: That the GRSCNA create and adopt the position of policy chair

**Intent:** To have a single point of accountability and responsibility whose sole purpose is to maintain an accurate and current policy for GRSCNA.

**Policy Affected:** 

Financial Impact: Projected budget of \$800 annually

**Topic # 2014- 14** 

Source: North Atlanta RCM

Assent - 13 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside - 0 Block - 0

Topic: To approve the new Georgia Regional Resume Profile form

**Intent:** To streamline the resume profile form

Policy Affected: Article 18 A. Forms, #4

Financial Impact: none

**Topic # 2014- 15** 

Source: North Atlanta RCM

Assent - 13 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside – 0 Block - 0

Topic: To approve the new Georgia Region Area RCM Report Form

Intent: To streamline the RCM report form

Policy Affected: Article 18 A. Forms, #1

Financial Impact: none

**Consensus Reached** 

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Back To Groups

#### **Topic # 2014- 16**

#### Source: Midtown RCM

#### Assent - Assent w/Res - Stand Aside – Block -

**Topic:** Insert the following definition into the policy to define open forum: "Rules of common courtesy are in place, the rules of order are not. It's an informal rime in which ideas can be freely shared, ideas that can help the committee be more effective in fulfilling its purpose." p 64 of the guide to local service Time limit of the discussion to be determined by the facilitator.

Intent: To provide clear directions to RCMs about what open forum is and should be.

Policy Affected: Article II, Section B, Line 8

#### Financial Impact: none

#### **Topic # 2014- 17**

Topic declined by straw poll of RCMs as the "pulse" of the body was not for moving forward with this proposal. The body stood in agreement that this request had been satisfied by the financial report provided by the GRC Inc. CFO in June 2014. There was little agreement to set any deadlines or to have any contracts produced as this is not common practice. The GRC Inc. Chair did agree to provide whatever information any trusted servant wanted that was in his possession.

Source: Midtown RCM

Assent - Assent w/Res - Stand Aside - Block -

**Topic:** For the CPP and BOD to provide the audit requested by this body. I request a March 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. If this audit (including bank statements, CFO reports, and all relevant contracts) is not provided by deadline I request the dissolution of the current board.

**Intent:** To hold the BOD accountable for all funds spent and received. To request an amended report that shows movement w/the attorney in receiving the bank statements from GRCNA last year along with contracts from last year as well.

**Policy Affected:** 

**Financial Impact:** 

**Topic # 2014- 18** 

**Consensus Reached** 

Source: Midtown RCM

#### Assent - 12 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside – 0 Block - 0

**Topic:** For the RD and RDA to draft a letter based upon the RCM's desire for groups to not participate in the distribution of old literature or unapproved lit. We as the RCMs give a vote of confidence on the writing and mailing of said letter to the WSC.

Intent: To provide guidance to groups to express a clear message of NA.

Policy Affected: None

Financial Impact: paper & postage

#### Copy of letter to follow:

#### Illegal and Illicit literature production and distribution

The Georgia region will honor the request of the World Board to honor our copy-Rights. The following letter was written by George A. and eloquently states our position. "It seems quite clear that the NA fellowship has expressed its conscience on the matter of its recovery literature. Any efforts by individuals or groups to reprint altered NA literature does not reflect the conscience of the NA fellowship. The NA groups as owners of the NA copyrights and NA World Services as trustees in the fellowship Intellectual Property Trust are partners in the efforts to protect NA's copyright. We are asking that you embrace this partnership and remember that NA groups and members have the right and responsibility to demand that those who would reprint or modify NA literature refrain from doing so. Personal recovery depends on NA unity. We must together to safeguard the integrity of our life saving literature. Those uninformed and hopefully well intentioned members should review the traditions and concepts. The region ask that only approved literature be used in our meetings and only one message be carried according to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> traditions.

> In Loving Service, Ray L RD

#### **Topic # 2014- 19**

#### Source: Midtown RCM

#### Assent - 12 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside – 0 Block - 0

**Topic:** Reimburse over the amount budgeted for room expense to zonal forum. (Multi-zonal forum)

**Intent:** History: Ray L. could not attend the function even though he was scheduled. I did not have time to find another room mate to split the cost. I also covered my own airfare so I saved that amount. It would have been \$350.00

#### **Policy Affected:**

Financial Impact: \$101.50

#### **General Discussion**

The attendance of the Alternate Treasurer was discussed as he has had 2 consecutive absences since being voted into the position. It was one excused absence and one unexcused absence. The consensus of the body is that his maintaining the position will be dependent on his attendance status at the RSC in March 2015.

Straw poll was taken for interest of the body to host a region inventory. Tate H. has prepared a document that can be used to get feedback from the GRSCNA trusted servants about the progress of the region and if we are fulfilling our purpose. This information is going back to the areas and there will be some direction for the administration at the next region in March 2015.

Meeting Adjourned with addict circle -





"The newcomer is the most important person at any meeting because we can only keep what we have by giving it away." - Basic Text pg. 9

At GRCNA 33 we are giving newcomers an opportunity to attend the upcoming Convention at no cost (Newcomer packages cover only the cost of registration) and giving individuals and groups a chance to "sponsor" someone in need and provide them the chance to hear the Message of Recovery.

#### GRCNA 33:

March 27-30, 2014

#### Atlanta Hilton NE, Norcross, GA

We at GRCNA are asking groups and individuals all over Georgia to consider "sponsoring" newcomers for our 33rd annual Convention. The cost of each registration is \$20.

"Sponsorship for newcomers is also the responsibility of the groupIt is the heart of the NA way of recovery from addiction-o	ne
addict helping another." - Basic Text pg. 55	

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Phone:E-mail Address:
To receive a Newcomer Registration, all participants will be required to attend a short "Newcomer Workshop."
For More Info Contact:
Convention Chair: Naomi B. @ (770) 891-8280 or naomi.benator@grcna.org
Convention Vice Chair:
Registration Chair: Susan F. @ (770) 617-4693 or susan.farrell@grcna.org
Registration Vice Chair: Lita F. @ (770) 238-6389 or Lita.F@grcna.org or any other GRCNA 33 CPP member
"By sharing the experience of our recovery with newcomers, we help ourselves to stay clean" -Basic Text, pg. 95

# Looking for Auction Items



# **GRCNA 33 Convention Planning Panel**

# is accepting donations for the

# annual AUCTION!

# Donate your gently-used NA Memorabilia

(Jewelry, T-shirts, Mugs, Books, etc.)

Contact: Hospitality Chair: Robert L. Robert.luecke@grcna.org or (404) 312-7824

or any other GRCNA 33 CPP member

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### JOIN THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA AREA OF NA

### TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF RECOVERY ON

## **JANUARY 31, 2015**

Featuring:



-Speakers -Homegroup chili cookoff\*\* -Area service and information booths -NA area and regional history exhibit -NA show and tell -Raffle Items When and Where: Chicopee Woods Agricultural Community Center

1855 Calvary Church Rd Gainesville, GA 30507 11 AM- 5 PM

\* Chili lunch provided for \$5 a plate \*\* Awards will be given for top three home groups chili

For more information please contact Amanda G .770-895-5984, Kim R. 706-424-7256, Joe T. 678-265-0471, or email spiritualityisthekey@gmail.com

# IT'S TIME FOR MACNA XXIV THEME CONTEST

Please Create A THEME For The MACNA XXIV Convention

> SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO MACNA P.O. BOX 17914 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30316



Contact Information Jennifer S. MACNA XXIV Chair (404) 207-9386 <u>stonejennifer21@gmail.com</u>

Hilda J. MACNA XXIV Vice Chair (678) 755-1518 essenceofhope@bellsouth.net

THE DEADLINE FOR THE THEME CONTEST IS DECEMBER 31, 2014

The winner will receive a MACNA XXIV registration

(PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)

# **Topic Form**

Topic #\_\_\_\_ (leave blank)

Check One	Check one
	Old Business
Nomination	New Business

# Topic

Source:	Position:	Area:	

Topic:	

Intent:	

Policy Affected	

Financial Impact		

	Georgia Region Service Committee Area RCM Report	
	-	
DATE:	Area Name:	
	How many groups in Area?	
	How many meetings in the Area?	
	How many groups attended ASC meeting?	
RCM:	Phone #:email:	
RCMA:	Phone #:email:	
	Upcoming activities:	
	ll, any special accomplishments or are problems that need to be discus	
	t can the GRSC do to help your area carry the message?	
Is your area makin	ng a donation?Amount:	
Trus	ted Servant:	
"Our service structure deper	nds on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications" Twelve	Concepts

of NA Services, Concept 8

# **GEORGIA REGIONAL RESUME PROFILE**

Name		Position(s) Des	ired	
Address			City	
State	_Area Code		Phone	
E-Mail				
Clean Date	Your	Area		

## NA Fellowship Service Experience

Dates (Latest First)	Length of Service	Position	Group/Area/ Region/World

**Work Experience** 

What do you feel are your strengths?

What do you feel are your weaknesses?

What accomplishment(s) in your job, in service, and/or throughout your life are you most proud of?

What do you believe you can bring to Regional Service?

Why do you want to serve?

**Additional Comments** 

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