# GEORGIA REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MINUTES

# **December 2015**

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# Next RSC will be March 12th-13th, 2016

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#### **AGENDA**

There will be a time slot used to allow for feedback from our areas on the CAR and a presentation of the CAT. This will be done at the discretion of the facilitator. Please be prepared with all discussion topics for the GSR/RCM Issues time slot to allow for efficient facilitation of this time. Thank you!

Saturday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Meeting Room</b>
9:00 am	СРР	TBA
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Public Relations	Degas
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Hospitals & Institutions	Renoir
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	GRSC Admin Meeting	Monet
1:00 pm	GRC Inc.	DiVinci
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	CAT/CAR Workshop	Monet
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	GSR/RSM Issues	Monet
5:30	Recess/Announcements	
Sunday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>		
9:00am	RSC Meeting	Monet

## <u>Administrative Panel Meeting – Saturday Dec. 12, 2015</u>

#### Attendees:

Karen M.

Jeremy L.

Tate H.

Greg S.

AJ C.

Karen J.

Treasurer and Treasurer Alt are going to be working tightly together to prepare for the handover of the duties in June 2016.

There are plans for 3 CAT/CAR workshops within the region before the vote in March to get the info out. On Jan. 16<sup>th,</sup> in Statesboro, hosted by Coastal and Savannah Low Country there will be one. East End is having one at the end of their next area. The last will be at GRCNA the first week of February. The SEZF is going to be conducted there as well. The zone has voted a facilitator in, but they have not obtained a stable secretary. Karen will stand in as secretary for this forum. The conference is in April.

The Baby Blue was discussed as to whether it was an illegal sale of this literature. It was determined that this was never world approved literature and that it says "illegal" in the CAR.

Treasurer Alt is transforming comfortably to the Quick Books software. It is what she does for a living.

The treasurer checking account is registered and it needs to be checked to see if we are registered with world.

The CAR workshop scheduled later today will incorporate input from the floor with limited time as there are 15 motions to review and 2 hours to get it done. That averages 8:26 minutes per motion. The RD and RDA will keep time for each motion to facilitate this workshop in a timely manner covering all of the information to allow those who attend to get a clear picture of what is involved in the upcoming CAR.

# **GRSCNA RSC Meeting- Saturday Dec. 12, 2015**

Region convened at 3:30 with Serenity Prayer by Jeremy L.

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**RCM Reports (attached)** 

GRC CPP Chair Report - Robert L.

CPP Treasurer Report - Diana H.

GRC, Inc. Chair Report - Charles K.

**H&I Report – Jason W.** 

12/12/2015

Hello GA Region,

I attended the GA Regional H&I learning day on 10/24/2015 at the I-20 club in the Midtown Area. It was a great success. Lots of questions, answers, solutions and experience, strength and hope. 19 members volunteered for the GA Regional Bridge Program. Unfortunately the Midtown H&I chair couldn't make the RSC H&I subcommittee with receipts so I'll be presenting those in March.

I have received 2 emails this quarter. One from a shelter in North Atlanta Area wanting a meeting and one from an RSAT unit in the Piedmont Area wanting books. Both requests have been dealt with appropriately.

Today I started the meeting a little early, expressing my concerns about our outdated policy, our inability to effectively communicate with one another, our lack of organization at the RSC and our need to move forward with the bridge program. I tried to explain my frustrations and apologize for my shortcomings in relation to all these topics. I feel our committee will come together in purpose and function over the next 6 months and I'm hopeful that our progress will be noticeable to those outside of our direct influence.

Our admin will meet via conference call monthly or as necessary to hammer out all inconsistencies in our current policy and to nail down a calendar/agenda that can be followed and passed down in the future. We will bring our revised policy to the next RSC to go over with the Area H&I chairs.

We will be attaching all forms and procedures for the GA Regional Bridge Program to the RSC minutes and the H&I minutes. Please make sure all GSR's in your Area's get a packet/copy. If they don't understand the program contact please contact me for a presentation arrangement.

We are wanting to get the conference call for the Bridge Program reestablished to help breath life into this untapped resource.

Please ask your Area H&I chairperson to attend our committee meeting. We miss them when they don't show. If they can't make it, they can participate by emailing in an absentee report. The report is found in the report section of our Regional website.

We discussed and set our itinerary for the H&I workshop to be held at GRCNA 35.

The GA Region Bridge Program helped 4 inmates last quarter. We've now assisted 105 inmates since February of 2012. Please continue to ask members of your group, ASC and subcommittees to sign up to be a temporary contract on the GRSCNA website. We still need a forward thinking, proactive member to step up for the exciting opportunity to be the next GA Regional Bridge Program Coordinator. We are asking all Area Representatives to announce the need for a Coordinator. Anyone interested should be directed to <a href="mailto:handi@grscna.com">handi@grscna.com</a> or <a href="mailto:handi@grscna.

If you got clean as a result of H&I please write in to the Reaching Out workgroup. You will find instructions/guidelines for your submission in any Reaching Out publication at <a href="mailto:Handl@na.org">Handl@na.org</a>.

I'm submitting a request for mileage reimbursement.

In loving service,

Jason W.

#### Announcement to GSR's / Area's

#### **Georgia Region Bridge Program Announcement**

The Georgia Region fellowship has adopted a new state-wide project called "The Georgia Region Bridge Program". The purpose of the bridge program is to provide a "Bridge" between people reentering their communities from in-patient treatment or incarceration and their first meeting of Narcotics Anonymous. You can help be the bridge as a temporary contact to introduce the newly clean to N.A.!

#### 3 WAYS TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

- Complete Volunteer Form attached and mail to: Georgia Region Bridge Program, PO Box 49786, Athens GA 30604
- Email your contact information to: <a href="mailto:nabridgeprogram@gmail.com">nabridgeprogram@gmail.com</a>
- Sign up on website! Go to www.grscna.com/Subcommittees/Handi/Bridge (Please read all info do's & don'ts and then click signup.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

When you volunteer, you we ask you to provide your name, telephone number, your email address, the community in which you attend meetings, your clean date, your gender, and your age group. Most of this information is used to match you to the newcomer and to be able to contact you if we receive a request in your Area. It is only viewed by the Bridge committee members and is never released to any other NA member or outside organization.

When a request for a temporary contact is received, you will get a phone call to see if you are available to help out & meet them at a local Area NA Meeting. You can always decline and we will ask you again the next time. The newcomer's contact information will be given to the first available volunteer.

You will arrange to connect with the newcomer at a meeting as soon as possible. At the meeting you will introduce the newcomer to other members of the fellowship, explain about NA literature, provide a meeting list, and encourage the newcomer to join in fellowship after the meeting. You will make additional arrangements to meet at two or three meetings over the next couple of weeks.

This is not a temporary sponsor program. It is simply helping the newcomer feel welcome and connected to the fellowship. That is all there is to it. Help make this program a success and volunteer today.

Full details of the program are available. Simply email nabridgeprogram@gmail.com to request a full packet from a bridge committee member.

# NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Georgia Region Bridge Program

Volunteer Form Name:
Address:
City:
Zip Code:
Clean Date:
Clean Time in NA:
NA Home Group:
NA Area:
Phone Numbers:
Email:
Do you have an NA sponsor? Yes / No Work NA Steps? Yes / No
Briefly describe the NA Service Structure:
Email your completed form to nabridgeprogram@gmail.com or mail to: Georgia Region Bridge Progran PO Box 49786, Athens, GA 30604
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#### DO'S & DON'TS OF BRIDGE PROGRAM

DO respond to requests as soon as possible.

DO meet the member at an NA meeting within 48 hours of their release.

DO view your first meeting with the member as you would any other 12-Step call and take another member along.

DO accompany the member to a variety of meetings and review the many different meeting i.e. open vs. closed, book study, step study, question & answer, etc.

DO make sure they receive an updated meeting schedule and NA literature.

DO encourage them to introduce themselves and ask for phone numbers.

DO explain group membership and the value of having a home group.

DO explain sponsorship and refer to IP#11 - "Sponsorship." Introduce the member to potential sponsors.

DO carry a clear and consistent NA message.

DO help them find 2-3 meetings in their Area and remind them that this is a temporary arrangement.

DO discuss any questions or problems with the Bridge Program Coordinator and/or your sponsor.

DO keep to our basic principle when helping of men with the men, and women with the women.

DON'T sponsor the member, even temporarily. It is important that they meet and build relationships with as many other NA members as possible.

DON'T loan money, or provide housing, food, clothing, car, job, or any other welfare, social, or legal services.

DON'T provide domestic or vocational counseling; provide detoxification, medical or psychiatric services.

DON'T be involved in reports to the Justice System. Remember our 12th Tradition - Anonymity is vital! DON'T become emotionally or romantically involved.

DON'T be responsible for the member's actions or attitudes - in or out of the meetings.

DON'T accept money or gifts for your services, or any contributions from non-NA sources.

DON'T volunteer if you have been a victim of, or an accomplice to a crime that someone is currently incarcerated for.

DON'T engage in conversations about the incarcerated member's crime.

# Thank you for signing up as a Georgia Region NA Bridge Program Volunteer! We deeply appreciate your support & service!

This packet will help you understand your responsibilities as a volunteer: What is a "Bridge Program?

A Temporary Contact Program – Helping inmates / clients / addicts in correctional & treatment facilities to transition to outside Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Addicts nearing release from facilities and institutions can experience feelings of fear about reentering society. They may worry that they won't find the support to keep their recovery going. Narcotics Anonymous can help.

We "Bridge the Gap" so newly clean don't have to walk alone across that scary gap between the beginning of recovery they found through H & I meetings in facilities and the rest of recovery in NA. We will now also be able to reach the addicts that have not been able to hear our life saving message through H & I while in an institution by providing our "Information / Contact Request Form" to counselors, wardens, chaplains & RSAT contacts throughout the state of Georgia.

The programs outlined below will give the Narcotics Anonymous in the Georgia Region the opportunity to fill a void in the exit process that has been missing, helping addicts find our meetings: "Meetings keep us in touch with where we've been, but more importantly with where we could go in our recovery" **Basic Text Pg 54** 

#### **Volunteers:**

- 1. Georgia Region Bridge Program volunteers demonstrate an ability to carry a clear and consistent message of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous.
- 2. Georgia Region Bridge Program volunteers must have at least one year continuous clean time with a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Georgia Region Bridge Program volunteers must have a willingness to serve and the ability to answer requests in a timely manner
- 4. No personal or improper conduct of any kind, i.e. personal information, photographs, sexual content, religious materials, email addresses. Ask yourself before you interact, "Would I want everyone to know that I said or did this? Remember that you will be viewed as representing Narcotics Anonymous.
- 5. As it is always suggested when doing NA 12-Step work, do not go alone when meeting new members at NA Meetings, always take another member with you or have someone meet you there.
- 6. Keep the Project Coordinator up-to-date on your work in this area. Volunteers will need to send a completed "Volunteer Report Form" upon completion of the transitioning of new member to the outside NA meetings and NA community.

- No Sub-Committee Meetings
- Volunteers will only be called if a newly clean is transitioning to their NA Area / City. We will match the newly clean to a volunteer in their local NA community.
- Volunteers will communicate & report to Bridge Program Project Coordinator
- These guidelines / Do's & Don'ts need to be followed to guarantee successful temporary contact and to maintain integrity of our program.

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#### SUGGESTED READING FOR GEORGIA REGION BRIDGE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS PI & the NA Member

H&I and the NA Member PR Handbook H&I Handbook Behind the Walls
Reaching Out NA: A Resource in Your Community 12th Step in Basic Text & It Works, How & Why

Thank you for taking part in your own recovery by sharing and caring the NA way so that "No addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction."

Some questions for potential Georgia Region Bridge Program Volunteers to think about and use as a tool to measure your commitment:

- Is your recovery based in Narcotics Anonymous? Explain.
- Do you have an NA sponsor?
- Do you work the steps of Narcotics Anonymous?
- Do you sponsor others in Narcotics Anonymous?
- Do you attend NA meetings regularly?
- Do you have at least one year continuous clean time?
- Do you have a clear working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions of NA?
- Do you have a relationship with any person that may be getting released to your area soon?
- Do you have a family member with any person that may be getting released to your area soon?
- Have you thought about whether this service work could be a problem or conflict for you, i.e. what if you find out the person you are helping served time for something you find morally wrong?
- Have you spoken with your NA sponsor about becoming involved with this type of service work?
- Have you ever done a 12th step call before?
- Do you want to take time to help new members learn about Narcotics Anonymous?
- Could this program have helped you or someone you know when getting released from a facility?
- Do you think this program can help new members find a home in NA? Explain

#### PR Report - Mary Ellen W.

#### Task Panel History Book - History Book - Mark B.

There has been a facebook page created for the project. Go to: *ThehistoryofNAinGeorgiabookproject*Page and answer the questions that are there. There are 2 interview forms that are designed to collect information pertinent to the project. Don't forget to like and share this page to members you know.

#### **GRSCNA RSC MEETING- SUNDAY Dec. 13, 2015**

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#### **GRSC ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Facilitator Report – Frank S. (no report)

Facilitator stated he had reviewed the CAR.

Co-Facilitator Report – Tate H.

December 2015

Co-Facilitator Report

I'm still continuing to get familiar with the job of regional facilitator by talking with Frank and participating as a member of the admin committee. Karen and I have been working on a policy in force document to keep things in order as things are adjusted in policy. I have also made myself available to generally be of service as much as I can to people that are doing things for the region. Aside from that there hasn't been much to do this quarter. That is a good thing for me because I am getting a crash course on taking care of baby as Steven is six months old today and getting more and more active each day.

Thanks for another good year of NA service

Tate H.

Secretary Report – Karen J.

Dear Family -

There is a copy of our registry being passed around, please make sure you look at it. If your info is correct, please put your initials beside your name. If there are errors in your info please make the necessary corrections. If anyone wants a copy of the minutes please add your name and email address on the back side of the paper. Make sure your email address is exactly as it needs to be transcribed.

The storage unit was paid for 3 months, from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. I will take a check by there on my way home today in the amount of \$207.00. This will keep our unit paid for the next 3 months which will run through March 30, 2016 – with a monthly charge of \$69.00.

I utilized Adobe Export PDF, which I had presented to the body at the last region session, with an expense of \$14.95; I have provided a receipt with my expense report. It is accessible on a monthly basis of \$14.95. I have provided the Secretary Alt with all the login information.

I have reviewed all of the past minutes of 2014 and 2015 pulling out all topics which addressed our policy. I have prepared a topic in force page which has been turned over to our co-facilitator. This information will be added into the policy in June 2016 when we are given an updated policy. At the

present time it provides the region with a current copy of all topics that have had consensus reached that have made changes to the policy as it stands. If anyone wants a copy please see me or the cofacilitator. It is handwritten in its present state.

During the administration committee meeting yesterday morning, the RD asked my availability to act as secretary for the SEZF meeting in February. It is on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 8 am. I told him that the GRSCNA policy dictates that we serve the SEZF in this manner and that I would fulfill those duties as policy states.

The computer that was purchased for the secretary is not operating properly. I have not been able to use it at all to perform my duties. I am still operating from my personal computer. The secretary alternate has attempted to operate it as well without any success. I asked AJ if she would supply the receipt for the purchase of the computer to me so that I may return it before the warranty expires and she stated she would. The computer was purchased after the March 2015 session; I did not receive it until the June 2015 session. It was at the September session that the secretary alt and I attempted to use it as I could not get it to operate properly when preparing the June minutes. At this time the soundest decision is to simply return it for an exchange as the warranty will expire in March 2016.

Since our last session I had planned on finalizing the March 2015 minutes and have them here today to distribute. When I went to get my notes I could not find them anywhere. I was at a total loss as to what I had done with them. Yesterday while performing my duties I saw a file lying on the seat next to mine under the report of one of our trusted servants. Actually, it was the trusted servant who had been sitting next to me at the September session. The file under his report was my notes from that March session. It appears that he must have accidently picked them up. I have them in my possession now and I will get them finalized before our March 2016 meeting.

Please make sure that I have a copy of any flyers you have to distribute so I can include them in the minutes. Also, make sure that any activities that are going on in your area are included on your reports. I go through every area's written report and pull all activities listed and put them on the calendar of activities list in the minutes. Provide as much info as possible, especially if you don't have a flyer available. Please include this compiled list of activities in your reports to your areas.

If anyone wants to take copies home of the topics that are brought to floor today please see me after we close.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Karen J.

Treasurer Report – AJ (reports attached)

Georgia Regional Service Committee Treasurer's Report – December 13th, 2015 Prepared by Arnezia C. Treasurer

Dear Fellowship,

Since the last region we have received three bank statements for Sept 2015, October 2015, and November 2015. The reconciliation reports, bank statements, cleared checks and deposit slips for each

of these months was audited on 12/12/15 by Mindy B (RCM Midtown) and Hugh R (RCM) North Atlanta Area . All statements were found to be accurate and in order.

Total cleared deposits for Sept 2015, Oct 2015 and Nov 2015 was \$4,372.00

Check numbers 2083 - 2098 cleared, totaling \$5275.67, the following 3 Checks had not cleared by the November closing statement, check # 2077 for GRC INC \$1290.00, check # 2082 for Jason (H & I) \$185.00, and check # 2094 to PR for Dalton Print Shop did not clear. These checks will clear by March RSC.

This December RSC, 7th Tradition deposit will be \$3399.86 this is down from December 2014 which was \$6168.14. This is down by \$ 2768.28 or over 50%.

Our storage unit is being handled by Karen J our RSC Secretary. We hope to assure that the invoice will continue to be paid in a timely manner as to maintain the storage unit. We'd like to thank Karen for taking on that responsibility. It simplifies things when only one person is communicating with a company.

I'd like to thank the Region for their patience during this transitional period of the new lab tops and updating software. I realize for the past few Regions the proper reports were unavailable. We are still working out and running across minor kinks, but as a whole we are up and running. I'd like to really thank our new Alt. Treasurer for her expertise in this matter, she has made this transition considerable smooth with limited setbacks. She has accomplished task that needed to be done that with my limited knowledge I was unable to do. We only have a few more Regional Meetings and my commitment will be complete. The next two Regions I will be assisting Karen as she prepare to take over the Treasurer Position.

Due to my absence for September RSC, a recommendation was made to send N.A.W.S a donation for September in the amount of \$6000.00, a check was printed and it will be mailed. Also we prepaid our Storage unit up too March 2016 which is when RSC meets again.

Included in reports will be;

Treasurers Report Reconciliation Reports for the RSC checking account July 1st 2015, through December 2015

Check Register entries from July 1st, 2015 through December 2015
Deposit Detail report from July 1st, 2015 through December 2015
7 th Tradition Contribution Analysis Report July 1st, 2015 through December 2015

Thank you for allowing me to serve. GRATEFUL TRUSTED SERVANT, Arnezia C. (AJ).

GRSCNA 2014-2015 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT December 12, 2015 for September 2015 Prepared by Arnezia C

Reports to be included are;

Reconciliation Reports for July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Copy of Bank Statements for July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Entire Check Register for fiscal year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 7 th Tradition Contribution Analysis Fiscal year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Due to the malfunction of the old computer and transferring of files to the new Lab Top all the above reports can be viewed manually (folders) or by the RSC Treasures Lab Top. I truly apologize for the inconvenience but the parameters stopped working a while ago, which I have no knowledge of setting up. Hopefully with the expertise experience of our Alt. Treasurer Karen M. they will be set up so that the current Fiscal Year will be accurate.

During the 2014 - 2015 fiscal year the GRSCNA received 7th tradition donations totaling \$24,355.03. Last fiscal year 2013 - 2014 we received \$32,892.10. This is down by \$8,537.07.

Total deposits for fiscal year 2014- 2015 was \$24,355 .03. We ended this Fiscal Year with an account balance of \$35,655.28. (check #'s 2069 & 2079 had not yet cleared).

The GRSCNA made 2 donations to NAWS this fiscal year, in June 2015 for \$222.32 check # 2069 & \$11,297.48 Check # 2079. As per this body due too purchase of new lab tops for the Treasurer and Secretary Positions and update of Quick books plus other large expense amounts due, it was decided to hold our next donation. These checks did not clear until July 2015. The next donation was supposed to be in September 2015 which due to my absence was not made. A reminder we changed our donation months to March and September. These are the months when our finances are generally higher. Recommendations will be made at the end of RSC December 13, 2015 for over Prudent Reserve amount and possible donation will be made at that time.

In conclusion, GRSCNA is operating on a more accurate account of our finances. We must continue to trim the budget were applicable and practice prudence with our spending. We are maintaining our prudent reserve.

Our Region finances are not as strong as they were one fiscal year ago. We absolutely have more work to do to assure that our donations are on the upward trend again. As a Region we must continue making adjustments where needed and remaining aware and responsible over the funds entrusted to us. I'd like to thank everyone for their continued efforts.

Thank You for allowing me to serve Grateful Trusted Servant Arnezia C

Policy/Archivist Report - Vacant

Insurance Liaison Report – David C.

# **Insurance Business since September 2015, Region Meeting**

- Zero claims filed.
- One home group(s) and/or area(s) obtained Certificates of Insurance.

- We have a new point of contact at our insurance company: Russell Shepley (Agent) Ga Region of Narcotics Anonymous
- Some trusted servants have inquired about the insurance liaison position and it duties.
- Our insurance policy was renewed as of September, 27, 2015. The policy is identical to the previous two policies with no changes in coverage.

# **Plans for Next Region Meeting**

During the next recess of regional business:

- > I plan to continue my search for someone to nominate and train as our next Insurance Liaison.
- ➤ Contact World Services and review its website regarding types of policies other regions are maintaining and the overall popularity of liability insurance coverage in narcotics anonymous.

David Ching (December, 2015)
Insurance Liaison

RD Report – Greg S.

#### Fourth Quarter 2015 RD Report December RSC

The CAR came out November 24th. I have passed out the copies to all RCM's that attended the Saturday CAR meeting as well as all admin members who did not already have a copy of the motions.

Jeremy and I attended the Zonal CAR workshop in Charlotte.

- 1. Prior to going, we spoke to all of the RCM's and got a vote of confidence on the guidelines.
- 2. The meeting was a good learning process.

We spent 7 hours discussing the material. That night the zonal forum met. Here are some of the important points.

- 1. We cast our vote to approve the Zonal Guidelines.
- 2. The Florida Service Symposium is in Tampa in 2017
- 3. Florida, South Florida and Alabama NW Florida is working on a shared services project so all state professionals in Florida will have a way to contact the fellowship.
- 4. Florida has electronic voting for their members for the CAR.
- 5. We are talking about working on a mobile app for the regional website.
- 6. We need ideas for content and improvement of the website.
- 7. The Multi Service Symposium is in Milwaukee in Milwaukee in September in 2016
- 8. We made a motion/recommendation to split motion 2 into three parts.
- 9. The Zone is asking that we take on the Adobe Connect license from Florida. Our part will be around \$125.

#### Calendar

CAR in Statesboro Jan 16th 1:30-6:00 Savannah L.C. / Coastal and Piedmont Car in Atlanta Jan 23rd Marietta/South Atlanta/West End/Midtown GRCNA CAR February 5 th 8:45-10:45 PM GRCNA CAT February 6 th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Zonal Meeting February 7 th 8AM – 10AM

#### **Zonal Meeting**

The Georgia Policy needs updating. It states we provide a Facilitator and Secretary. The Zone has elected a facilitator and the new guidelines make a provision for a secretary. In the last Zonal we picked a RCM out of the attendees to do the minutes. I was going to suggest the same but Karen stated she was already planning to be at GRCNA so she volunteered.

RDA Report - Jeremy L.

**RDA Report** 

Hello Family,

Since our last region Greg and I attended the CAR workshop/ SEZF in Charlotte on Dec 4th6th. It was both informative and interesting, It is always beneficial to my recovery to garner experience from other members of our fellowship.

Greg and I are currently working on the planning of various CAR/CAT workshops. We of course had a CAR workshop here at the region yesterday, It was our intention to get you as much of the information as we could during that 2 hour time slot, and I for one believe we accomplished that. There will be a smaller CAR immediately following the next East End Area on Jan 2nd, which anyone that can make it is invited to. There will also be one in Statesboro on Jan 16th for the the Savannah Low Country Coastal Areas but your also welcome if you can make. We will also have a CAR workshop on Friday Feb 5th @ GRCNA during the 8:4510:45 time slot allotted to us. We also intend to visit as many areas as possible with the hopes of educating our member areas and members as to the content of the CAR. So if your area wants us to come please let us know how we can serve you.

I was also tasked with coordinating the SEZF member attendance and hotel arrangements for the CAT workshop which will be held on Sat Feb 6th at GRCNA. That task is 90% complete at this time.

We are also going to ask the body to allow us to use the GSR/RCM Issues at the March Region to hold CAT workshop, you will already have your areas conscious on the CAR motions at that time but we will welcome any feedback from your areas about the CAR, but the brunt that workshop will be dedicated to gathering your feedback and areas conscious on the information contained in the CAT.

It is an honor to serve you,

Jeremy Leggett

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Hugh's last region as RCM and would appreciate feedback from the region as how he can serve next.

Carl's last region due to medical reasons- will not be doing service for the next year. It will be a lengthy recovery.

Representatives from SLCANA open to hearing feedback about the Recovery in Action convention in their area and how best to address their concerns that it is not a part of the area. Many perspectives were offered on the floor and discussion continued for some time. A general discussion on unity with multiple examples was used. Some members questioned whether these splits over the years are really just personal conflicts and resentments. Article 1, Purpose of the Region, was read.

CFRA RCMA expressed his heartfelt frustration at the lack of support for his home group, a newcomer meeting, with 15 newcomers a week.

A member of the CPP mentioned that area conventions are growing, but the regional convention is not. He spoke about prudent use of funds and unity.

One member referred to the expungement workshop saying it did fulfill a real need and that a full group of people were present at region today. This is one way that the region is serving our areas. Participation is important.

One member stated that the resentments and broken hearts need to be healed. Further talk about building and strengthening this fellowship ensued. Protection of Narcotics Anonymous was mentioned. What are we saying to the newcomer?

Members of SLCANA expressed their concerns about how to move forward with NA funds being stolen from their treasury. There was mention of upwards of \$6000 that had been taken from their account by the treasurer that had been in the position until recently. A large discussion occurred with suggestions of e, s, and h from several members who have been witness to this in their areas. There were some questions as to why an area had that much money in their account to begin with. There was also discussion around the process of placing people in various positions within our areas and groups.

The importance of continuity of service was brought up. Questions were posed about how many members will be present at region over the next year... there are only 4 Region meetings in a year. It was suggested that we ask ourselves, "How might we serve the needs of Region?"

One member shared his experience of the region meeting being conducted in different locations within the region each quarter and wondered if that would help unity. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of that occurring from members with experience in that process. It was concluded that it would be the greater of the two evils to contemplate that type of move right now.

A couple members believed that as members of the Georgia Region, each of us should be more accessible, that there is a perception of region "as those people up there". A member said we need to personalize... it begins and ends with us. One RCM has made an effort to go to every meeting in their area- she asked if this body might consider meeting at different places for Region?

David addressed the body asking for support from the region in his goal to get elected to the World Board. He has been in this lengthy process 2 other times and has been interviewed before. He stated he is very involved in growing NA in Africa and has been working closely with NAWS and board members for some time now. The body agreed to allow the RD to vote for him to be accepted onto the board. The body wished him much success and thanked him for his service.

Question about Open Forum—what is the definition? It was read from the March 2015 minutes were the topic had reached consensus of an accepted meaning for this body.

It was brought to the floor that the responsibility of the RCM is to bridge the gap between the region and the areas. It was pointed out that when a RCM goes back to their area from region and they provide information from a personal level that they are tainting what is being done.

Mary Ellen stated that anyone who wanted to receive a copy of the expungement workshop needed to supply their email address to her and she would make sure they received it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

CPP Chair:

George A. Yes - 14 No – 0 Passed

CPP Vice-chair:

Tony O. Yes - 14 No – 0 Passed

### **NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Nomination - Lynda Black for Policy/Archivist position Passed

Yes - 14 No - 0

**VACANCIES** 

All positions filled

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Topic #2015-15 Consensus Reached

Source: Greg S. - RD

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

**Topic:** To approve zonal guidelines

Policy Affected: Financial Impact: Suggested Solution:

Topic #2015-16 Consensus Reached

Source: Greg S. - RD

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

**Topic:** To approve a yearly budget item for the GA region to pay their portion for the Adobe Connect

license

**Policy Affected:** 

Financial Impact: up to \$125 annually

**Suggested Solution:** 

Topic #2015-17 Consensus Reached

Source: Tate H.

Assent - 13 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside - 1 Block - 0

**Topic:** To consider David W. resume and supporting him seeking a World Board position as a region.

Policy Affected: Financial Impact: Suggested Solution: Topic #2015-18 Consensus Reached

**Source:** Tate H.

Assent - 13 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside - 1 Block - 0

**Topic:** To donate \$6000 to NAWS

Policy Affected: 13.A.5.A

**Financial Impact:** -\$3000 as we are \$9000 over prudent reserve. Amount suggested is lower than

amount derived in policy Suggested Solution:

Topic #2015-18 Consensus Reached

Source: Lynda B.

Assent - 14 Assent w/Res - 0 Stand Aside - 1 Block - 0

Topic: To change the times of GSR/RCM issues from 1:30 – 3:30 to 4:30 – 5:30. Change in agenda for

March 2016. (CAT/CAR workshop will be presented at 1:30 by RD and RDA.)

Policy Affected: Financial Impact: Suggested Solution:

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

**Region -** GRCNA 35 February 4th – 7th, 2016 (flyer attached)

CFRA -

CSRA -

**Coastal –** CACNA 33 "Weaving Dreams into Reality" April 15th-17th, 2016 Holiday Inn Express 299 Main St., St. Simons Island 31522 Contact: Jill M. 912-399-7641

East End -

Extreme Northern -

Marietta Area -

Midtown Area -

North Atlanta Area -

N. E. Georgia Area – Spirituality is the Key 16 Commerce Civic Center April 8- 10, 2016

Piedmont Area -

**Savannah Low Country** – SLCANA "Serenity in the South" Oct 28th-30th, 2016 Ramada Inn Hotel 301 Governor Treutlen Dr., Pooler 31322 SLACNA looking for speakers – send recordings in by June 15, 2016

South Central Georgia – South Georgia Area – West End Area –