

# Georgia Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

## June 2015 Minutes

GRSCNA  
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### **Next RSC will be September 12th-13th, 2015**

Central Georgia Convention Complex,  
400 Holiday Circle – Forsyth, GA. 31029

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### **AGENDA FOR RSC**

#### **Saturday, June 13th**

		<b><u>Meeting Room</u></b>
9:00 AM	CPP	TBA
9:00 AM-12:00	Public Relations	Degas
9:00 AM-12:00	Hospitals & Institutions	Renoir
11:00 AM-12:00	GRSC Admin Meeting	DiVinci
1:00 PM	GRC Inc.	DiVinci
1:30 PM	GSR/RCM Issues	Monet
3:30 PM	RSC Meeting	Monet
5:30 PM	Recess/ Announcements	

#### **Sunday, June 14th**

9:00 AM –	RSC Meeting	Monet
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## **GRSCNA Administration Meeting Minutes**

Opened at 11:03 am by Frank S.

### **Attendance:**

Frank S. Ray L. Mel N. Karen J.  
David C. Hugh R. James M. Carl H.

Storage unit was paid for 3 months per Fred C. There was a receipt emailed to secretary for a total of \$317.00 – this included late fees, lien fees, & certified mail costs of \$110. The treasurer was unable to attend this meeting therefore the discussion was tabled until she was available. There was some discussion about down-sizing. It was suggested to table this until the September region as the Archivist position could possibly be filled by then.

There was some concern over the minutes not being completed for March. The team acknowledged that there were technical problems as well as some unresolved issues amongst the administration committee. These issues were discussed openly and all parties involved took responsibility for their part. This included the secretary admitting to allowing the actions of other trusted servants on the administration committee to rent space in her head. She has processed this and made a commitment to not let what others do affect her that way and to also not co-sign manipulative and self-serving behavior, including her own. The computers that the body had agreed for the region to provide to the secretary and the treasurer were purchased. The treasurer would give the secretary the computer ordered for her when she arrives.

There was a grievance letter presented based on the 10<sup>th</sup> Concept by a member who wanted to let their concerns be heard and who was seeking guidance from the administration committee. The letter stated that they believed they were blocked from being elected to the Program chair, which they believed could and should have been the proper succession of service as she had served the previous year as the Program Vice-chair. The member was then nominated for many of the other open positions that were needed on the CPP and she was and the CPP body did not vote her into any of them. It was after all that effort that the hospitality chair offered this member the position of vice-chair on her committee and she agreed. This created a committee consisting of the only African-American members on the CPP committee. The member believes she suffered unfair treatment as she had met the requirements for all of the positions she had been nominated for. The administration committee recommended that this grievance be presented to GRC Inc. as her first line of defense and if she was not happy with her outcome there to please bring it back before the regional body.

There was discussion of the potential risk possibilities for that creates spikes in our insurance. Would it be unreasonable to request GRCNA and other large functions in the region to provide for their own coverage? There are weekend/special event rates for around \$200 for \$1,000,000 coverage. Even with the extra coverage there is still the potential that the region could have partial responsibility for any claims made.

There was an email sent from Lisa S. stating that she wanted to withdraw her request to allow the election to go forward in her absence for her nomination to policy chair. It would be announced at GSR/RCM Issues that this position was still open and accepting nominations.

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

Why has the administration committee taken it upon themselves to tell the body what they are going to do? What happened to the concept that NA was built on - that the groups provide the direction that they want their areas and region to function?

Melissa N. was introduced to the body as a spectator to see if she wanted to take a service position. She is looking at Secretary Alternate. She was welcomed and began to informally assist with the secretarial duties.

There was some concern surrounding the email received from Lisa S. stating that she wanted to withdraw her consent to move forward with the vote for her nomination as Policy Chair in her absence. The letter stated that she was concerned about how business had been handled by the region and that she wanted to make the body aware of her concerns, plans and expectations before she could be voted in and accept the position. The RCMs were informed that the position was still open for any other nominations. (Email attached)

Why are we holding onto a storage unit that only has three boxes in it? There was some concern expressed that the admin team making decisions without getting the input of the body. The body questioned why the decision to table the issue of the storage unit was made by the administration. The secretary presented the pictures that the body had asked her to obtain of the contents of the unit. There was discussion that there was a need to go through the contents of the storage unit to consolidate and organize the items in there and to inventory it. This task would help determine the amount of space that was actually needed. The secretary and the potential secretary alternate discussed doing this on the Friday before the region weekend in September.

## GRSCNA RSC Meeting Saturday – June 13, 2015

Region convened at 3:45 PM by Frank S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by David C.

The 12 Concepts were read by Ray L.

The Region's purpose was read by Frank S.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLL CALL			P: Present	A: Absent	L: Late	
Facilitator	Frank S.	P		Co-Facilitator	Tate H.	A
Treasurer	A.J. C.	P		Treasurer Alt.	VACANT	
Secretary	Karen J.	P		Secretary Alt.	VACANT	
RD	Ray L.	P		RDA	Greg S.	A
Insurance Liaison	David C.	P		Archivist	VACANT	
CPP-Chair	Robert L.	P		GRC, Inc. Vice Chair	George A.	P
PR Chair	Mary Ellen W.	P		CPP Treasurer	Diane H.	P
H&I Chair	Jason W.	P				

AREA ROLL CALL

CFRA RCM	VACANT		CFRA RCMA	Bobby B.	P
CSRA RCM	James M.	P	CSRA RCMA	VACANT	
Coastal RCM	Jim R.	P	Coastal RCMA	VACANT	
East End RCM	Fred C.	P	East End RCMA	VACANT	
Extreme North RCM	Jim L.	A	Extreme North RCMA	VACANT	
Marietta RCM	Brent C.	P	Marietta RCMA	Bob D.	P
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North Atlanta RCM	Hugh R	A	North Atlanta RCMA	Jason W.	A
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Piedmont RCM	Carl H.	P	Piedmont RCMA	VACANT	
Savannah Low Country RCM	Tim M.	A	Savannah Low Country RCMA	Vicki L.	A
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- **RCM Reports** – (Reports attached)
- **CPP Chair** – Robert L. –  
Convention is moving along. Thanked everyone for all their support. There are several positions that need to be filled:  
Program Vice-Chair, Arts & Graphics Chair/ Vice-Chair, Activities Chair/ Vice-Chair
- **CPP Treasurer** - Diana H. (Report attached)
- **GRC, Inc. – Chair** – Charles K. (Report attached)  
(The topic was read from the March 2015 region stating that the body wanted GRC Inc. to get a bid for this location as well as locations as far as Macon)
- **GRC Inc. –Financial Report** - Charles K. (Report attached)
- **H&I report** – Jason W. -

Hello GA Region,

06/13/2015

It has been a very quiet quarter. I have responded to two emails requesting H&I. The Salvation

Army is requesting our presents in the Midtown/West End Area. An NA member from Maryland asked for contact information in Midtown as well.

I attended the NEGANA convention in Cumming. I attended the H&I workshop and they did an excellent job. The room was packed.

Please make sure to give me at least a two week notice when requesting my attendance for your Area events as I've taken a new job and must put in a notice.

Our service committee continues to struggle with the 9am start time. Today we had 4 Areas on time; CSRA, ENA, NEGA, PIEDMONT. 4 more showed up 1 hour late; COASTAL, MIDTOWN, N.ATL, SLCA. We miss CFRA, EASTEND, MARIETTA, S.ATL, S.C.GA, S.GA and WESTEND. Please ask your Area H&I chairperson to send in absentee report as we don't know what is happening in your Area.

Our next Regional H&I learning day is being hosted by the Midtown Area with the tentative schedule for September or October of 2015.

The Savannah Low Country Area returned the receipts from our January Regional H&I learning day. They were absent at our last Regional meeting.

We nominated and elected Gregory B. as our Vice Chairperson to fill the vacant position. He is from Savannah.

The GA Region Bridge Program helped 5 inmates last quarter. We've now assisted 98 inmates since February of 2012. Through our contact at the GDC we now have the ability to get our inmate "request" forms to all facilities. Please continue to ask members of your group, ASC and subcommittees to sign up to be a temporary contract. Currently we have 115 members in our list. Unfortunately they aren't spread across the state as we'd hoped. We need sign ups from WestEnd, South GA, South Central GA, Piedmont, Marietta and Central Savannah River Areas. Some of the Areas listed have 0.

We are piping in World Unity Day broadcast to inmates at Hayes State Prison in Summerville GA.

We are working with the GDC, GRCNA committee and some PR members from NAWS and FRSCNA to live stream the main speaker from GRCNA to GDC inmates.

Our GDC contact suggests utilizing them to contact new state facilities to get clearance, find contacts and get certifications. They suggest our current practices have little to no chance of success. FYI, We already new that.

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 [HandI@na.org](mailto:HandI@na.org).

I'm submitting a request for hotel and mileage reimbursement. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service to you and the addict that still suffers.

In loving service,

Jason W.

- **PR report** – Mary Ellen –

June 13, 2015

Dear PR Family:

Thanks to all of you who attended and participated in the PR workshops and NA booths throughout our area communities during the past three months.

During the months of March and April, we participated in three recovery symposiums sponsored by GA Council on Substance Abuse and the GA Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities. We also participated in two community days and resource night at the Teen Intervention program. Savannah Low Country and East End area held PR Learning Days and other areas participated in Service workshops.

For the fourth year, PR/SLC will again have an NA booth at the GA School of Addiction Studies during the last week of August. East End will have the NA booth at Gwinette County Fair, for the third year, for 11 days in September. These areas need members to sign up and help man the booths. You do not have to be a PR subcommittee member to be of service. Please see these area PR chairs for additional information or to sign up.

Please be aware of any activities going on your areas in September for recovery month. PR has already been asked to participate in activities being held in Savannah and Warner Robins. We will be putting in a literature order today so literature will be available. Please advise if you would also like Spanish literature

We have a beginning draft for PR Policy, thank you Hannah H. We are hoping to get all PR chairs involved. The conference phone line will be available so that we can meet together and discuss the policy draft. A copy of the policy draft will be emailed to all of you, although some hard copies are available today. The conference phone number and access code will also be included in the email. We hope to have our first conference call before the end of July.

After March's PR business meeting we began recording for a radio PSA, thank you Jim "2". We will continue to work on the radio PSA's. A Spanish speaking member has been contacted to do a Spanish radio PSA. We will also continue to follow-up on the television PSA's.

Website information: # of sessions- 18,073, duration-2:07 minutes, 52.4% new visitors to website with 9,471 new visitors to website. We received 108 calls to the regional 800 number.

In Loving Service,  
Mary Ellen

## GRSCNA RSC Meeting Sunday - June 14, 2015

Meeting was reconvened at 9:05AM

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\* no report received

## GRSC ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- **Facilitator** – Frank S. – (Report attached)
- **Co-Facilitator** – Tate H. – (No report received)
- **Secretary** – Karen J. – (Report attached)
- **Secretary Alt** – Vacant
- **Treasurer** – A.J. - (No reports received – proposed budget 2015-2016 enclosed)
- **RD** - Ray L. - (Report attached)
- **RDA** – Greg S. – (Report attached)
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## **OPEN FORUM**

Is there any interest in doing a workshop on the expungement process? The body shows some interest.

How are we going to address newcomers that attend the convention versus clients that attend through a treatment center? There were over 200 newcomer packets available on (and handed out) at the last GRCNA. The convention committee defines a newcomer as 90 days or less. Treatments are handled in a completely different manner. They are taken care of by the facility they are coming with. The convention has never turned an addict away.

There is a need for transparency among the trusted servants, it is considered spiritual in nature. At the last region there was a voiced concern directed at the administration committee about their lack of transparency, that they are operating from a behind the scenes position. There is some validity to that concern. There is a lack of communication; there are some conversations that are being conducted by a select few of the committee concerning the body as a whole. The “us” and “them” are a result of this lack of transparency. This is not what Narcotics Anonymous is – this is a “we” program. There are position duties clearly outlined in our policy and we need to stick to what the groups have directed us to do. Trusted servants need to fulfill their duties and not attempt to do other people’s duties. We need to stay within the boundaries of our positions and lend a hand when we are asked. There needs to be better communication. Anonymity requires me to remember that every member is equal to me, that they are as valid as I am, and that they are as important as I tend to think I am. If a trusted servant, or any member for that matter, has a concern it is important that I allow them to be heard. On the hand, I need to be able to share my concerns without them being minimized through denial or rationalization.

What is the purpose of the zones? The logical solution appears to be to restructure it to allow it to function as a learning tool. If we go to zonal structure it has to be effective.

Break at 11:15 – to reconvene at 11:30.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Topic # 2015-7**

**Source:** Hugh R.

**Assent - 8    Assent w/Res - 1    Stand Aside – 1    Block – 0**

**Consensus Reached**

**Topic:** To combine the positions of policy chair and archivist eliminating the Archivist position and add the archivist duties to the policy duties.

**Intent:** To combine two positions in order to be more financially responsible.

**Policy Affected:** Article 6.D.,10.

**Financial Impact:** Potential savings of up to \$800 a year



## **NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS**

**RD – Greg S.**

**Yes - 8    No – 2**

**RDA – Jeremy L**

**Yes – 9    No – 1**

**Secretary Alternate – Melissa N.**

**Yes - 9    No - 1**

**Treasurer Alternate – Karen G.**

**Yes – 10    No - 0**

## **VACANCIES**

**Policy/Archivist**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic # 2015 - 8**

**Consensus Reached**

**Source: South Atlanta – Lynda B.**

**Assent - 10    Assent w/Res - 0    Stand Aside – 0    Block - 0**

**Topic:** Create/establish an ADHOC committee to plan “NA History in Georgia” book project – developed by region

**Suggested solution and/or specific action (if any):**

**Modifications:** Remove ADHOC from the topic so that it reads to “Create/establish a committee to plan “NA History in Georgia” book project – developed by region

**Policy Affected:**

**Financial Impact:**

## **QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF AREA EVENTS**

**Region-** GRCNA 35 February 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (see flyers attached)  
Serenity in The Woods September 4th-7th McIntosh Reserve Park Whitehurst, GA

**CFRA-** Learning Day Consensus Based Decision Making (more to be revealed)

**CSRA-**

**Coastal –** Fundraiser Aug. 15th Hazelhurst, GA games, food, speakers

Area Camp-in October 31st Douglas, GA

KCB Welcome Home Party August 1st 5pm-9m 1101 Gloucester St. Brunswick, GA

**East End-**

**Extreme Northern –**

**Marietta Area –** Boyz to Men - Braves Baseball June 20<sup>th</sup>

Beach Bash July 18<sup>th</sup>

Dodgeball Event Fundraiser 24 Hour Room July 25<sup>th</sup> Life Hope Baptist

**Midtown Area-**

**North Atlanta Area**

**N. E. Georgia Area –** Getting Off Group Unity Event July 18<sup>th</sup> Athens, GA

**Piedmont Area-** Anniversary July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Anderson Convention Center

**Savannah Low Country-**

**South Central Georgia-**

**South Georgia Area –**

**West End Area –** Unity Day August 11<sup>th</sup>

WEANA Anniversary November 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Airport Renaissance Hotel