



**Green Mountain Area Narcotics Anonymous
Area Service Committee
Dec 18, 2016**



Chairperson opens ASC meeting at 1:15 with a Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and Basic Text version of 2nd Tradition were read.

Attendance

ASC Officers & Subcommittee Chairs

Chairperson	chair@gmana.org	Erika S	X
Vice Chairperson		Chris J	X
Secretary	secretary@gmana.org	Jacklyn M	X
Treasurer	Treasury@gmana.org	Brittany L	X
Vice Treasurer			
RCM	rcm@gmana.org		
RCM Alternate		Pierre	
Policy Chair	policy@gmana.org	Jacklyn M	X
Public Relations Chair	info@gmana.org	Will S	X
H&I Chair	Hospitals_institutions@gmana.org	Greg H.	X
Literature Chair	literature@gmana.org	Bill T	X
Activities Chair	activities@gmana.org		
Campout Chair	campout@gmana.org	Mary B	

Groups

A Gift Called Life	x	A New Start		All Will Be Well	x
Back to Basics		Break the Chains		Clean not Sober	
Elevator's Broken		Green Mountain Step Meeting		In From the Storm	x
It Works when you Work It		Just in Time		Last Connection	
Live Clean or Die		Living Clean		Living Free	
Monday Night NA		Out of the Fog		Road to Recovery	
Share the Light	x	Shot in the Dark	x	Step It Up	x
Steps to Serenity		That's Life		The Last Straw	
The Ones Who Survive	x	Together We Can	x	We Can	x

New GSRs: Jodi M. (*We Can*), Lacey (*A Gift Called Life*)

Quorum was met with 9 GSRs present, 7 were required for quorum. $\frac{9+12}{2} = 10.5$ $\frac{10.5}{2} + 1 = 6.25$

Jackie read Nov 2016 ASC minutes. Nov 2016 ASC minutes accepted (motion to approve by Addy)

Public Relations collected updated Meeting List Information and Mailing List Signups. Groups can submit updates via the website at any time.



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Nominations

Vice Treasurer	OPEN		
RCM	OPEN		
Activities	OPEN		

Elections

H&I	Greg H.	7-0-2	Approved
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Congratulations to all newly elected Trusted Servants! Good Luck!

Sub-Committee Reports

H&I

No major concerns. Just elected into position, will have more to report in January

RCM

No report

RCM not present

PR

Report Attached

Had a great phonline orientation, bunch of people showed up, brought food. Thanks to tex for presenting and sharing his wisdom. We didn't have a regular PR Subcommittee meeting this month. New meeting lists are out. Please provide updates on the list going around. We're hopeful the budget gets passed today.

Bill T. points out a Wednesday night meeting lists a Tuesday night potluck.

Also, there's a GMA PR facebook page. Most people attending have been invited. It's managed by Will personally, we'd like to discuss this in cares and concerns.

Treasury

Report Attached

Literature

Literature Report I'm not sure the amount of literature sales from November, as Ian hasn't sent me that information yet. I will email a report to the Secretary as soon as I have one. Currently, everything is a little disorganized due to being new to the position, but I promise to be on top of things going forward. Thank you.

Erika spoke to plans for a joint inventory including the Treasurer, Area Chair, and Literature Chair to start from a fresh base and determine a budget going forward. More will be revealed, likely January.

Policy

Nothing to report

Secretary

ASC Minutes have gone out rather quickly the last few months. This has allowed the ABCD RSC to have the benefit of these minutes during the RCM Alt's absence. If you're having trouble receiving the minutes, or would like to join the mailing list, please contact secretary@gmana.org.



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Group Reports

Reports for the following groups are attached at the end: A Gift Called Life, All Will Be Well, In From the Storm, Share the Light, Shot in the Dark, Step it Up, The Ones Who Survive, Together We Can, We Can

Share the Light

Our group is strong, we had an awesome speaker last week. I invited someone from Lebanon to share next month, but can't remember who. Does anyone know? Probably Tasha? This group is beginning to feel like a cohesive, cogent group instead of just a meeting, for which I'm grateful. We started incorporating an 11th step meditation after the meeting. You're all invited! We'd love to have you come share your personal meditation practice with us, we'd like to experience a variety of meditation practices from members with varied experiences and perspectives.

Green Mountain Step Meeting

This group currently has no GSR, but meets in Springfield on Thursday at 6:30pm and has an attendance from 3-6. This group, along with others, is sponsoring an event for New Years Eve. Fliers are available at ASC today. The event will be at the Rec Center in Springfield starting 6pm on Saturday Dec 31 and ending at Noon on Sunday.

Unfinished Business from Nov 2016 ASC

These motions are attached in full at the end

Treasury Motion re: sale of laptop.

Erika thought motion had been withdrawn, but if not she withdraws it now.

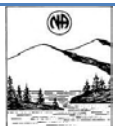
PR Budget

Brittany would like to consider the idea of raising PR budget to an even dollar amount. Could we raise it to an even \$2000 to make accounting easier and provide a buffer for unexpected expenses? Jackie suggests that reasonable unexpected expenses (under \$200) could be approved without returning to groups. Cecil clarifies that the budget was submitted for \$1720.08. Tex suggests budgets are not binding in the sense of restricting overages - going a little over or under ought to be expected. The budget is how much money gets held in the general fund for expected expenses, not a hard limit on spending. Budgets can be amended once passed.

Will S. would prefer not to amend budget at this time. He's anticipating future cost-savings regardless. Jackie points out that sometimes a budget is intended to be an approval for funding to be spent at the subcommittee's discretion, and at other times a budget is a subcommittee's best estimate of the cost of providing specific services requested by groups of the Green Mountain Area.

Will clarifies that he's been unable to provide accurate monthly accountings since he stepped into the role of PR Chair partway through the year. He's confident that starting a new term with a fresh budget will allow him to provide this information going forward.

Motion called to vote and passed 6-0-3



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New Business

There was no New Business this month

Regional Motions

One Regional Election Motion was voted on

To re-elect Matt A. as webservant

Passed 5-0-4

There are two (2) Regional Policy Motions and one (1) Regional Election Motion being voted on at the February RSC. Please review these with your group!

Motion Maker: Mary W. (Policy)

Second: Mohawk River Area

Motion: That all regional bank accounts, which include convention, shall require the regional treasurer to be a signor and in the absence of the treasurer, the regional chair and/or Vice Chair.

Intent: To maintain financial accountability and responsibility for regional monies.

90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Feb. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Michelle MHA

Second: Kristin ARA

Motion: E&A Subcommittee will be defined as a committee to coordinate with the 6 areas of the region. All area events & activities members will have input. E&A budget not to exceed \$500 per month.

Intent: To not duplicate services but to coordinate.

90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Feb. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: MRA-Robert

Second: ARA-Kristin

Motion: To elect Sandy M. as Regional Policy Chair

Intent: To fill open position.

Qualifications: Multiple group, area and regional positions, including Area Policy and RD where I had the opportunity to interact with many other regions and observe many different service structures. Willingness to serve. 24 years 11 months clean.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Feb. RSC Meeting



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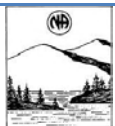


Cares and Concerns

Greg sought comments on non-addict visitors contributing to the basket. Particularly, he ran into this issue recently with an individual attending meetings to observe (“listen & learn”). Doesn't this violate the 7th tradition? Greg addressed this personally, one-on-one, but is interested in how others have addressed this situation. Tammy has had this experience. At the time, her group was using the format in the Group Booklet. This format explicitly says not to pass the basket to non-addict visitors. Cecil had an issue with a staff member from a treatment facility sharing, and a father putting money in the basket. They handled it through "personal confrontation". He suggests the home group members should be willing and able to uphold the traditions. Erika references the NA website where it's possible to donate money. Is there any control there? She wonders how and whether we know if someone's an addict? Should we be confronting people at all? NA website has a disclaimer on the donation page asking non-addicts not to contribute. Jackie had a non-addict visitor attend her group for several months. She suggests handling the situation much like any other newcomer, offering them information about what is and is not appropriate in NA. She noted the individual did not contribute to the basket, read Group Readings at the beginning, or share during the meeting, but the visitor nonetheless had noted he benefitted greatly from meeting attendance and became a welcome addition to the group during his short stay.

Lacey, GSR for A Gift Called Life, sought comments on her group recently seeing many newcomers from a nearby transitional living facility romanticizing use of drugs. Another more established addict engaged in crosstalk expressing their discomfort and chastising the newcomers. Some of the newcomers left with hurt feelings. Erika suggests prioritizing interests. Save the life, first. Then address the crosstalk. She suggested having a conversation more privately, rather than addressing these concerns with the whole group present. Cecil suggests making this a topic at a meeting, an “NA how-to”. Cecil's experience shows that this is a good way to enlighten newcomers. Bill has dealt with disruptive members over the years (and notes that there's a pamphlet on this). Making the Traditions part of the groups format can offer some backing when speaking to a disruptive member. Referring these members to our readings is also helpful. Erika recognizes the difficulty when an established member is overwhelmed with newcomers. She offers that inviting a bunch of “dinosaurs”, even for one meeting, can be of great benefit to the group.

Bobbi Jo revisits the GSR Learning Day idea from last month. She'd like to know how many members from groups would be interested in attending. Pete suggests that GSR packets be provided to new GSRs – his group felt this resource made an Orientation unnecessary. Tammy's group came to a similar opinion, and was additionally concerned that this learning day would not be overseen by a subcommittee, but rather run entirely by a few individuals. The group also points out that members should seek input from their sponsors when needed. Cecil suggests that at this point this should no longer be considered a care/concern, but a formal motion, fleshed out with intent, should be submitted to seek clearer conscience from groups. Greg suggests the motion might aim to create an ad-hoc committee, to explore and organize the event, which would also begin to address some of the concerns of Tammy's group. Will endorses Greg's idea and points out that this should, ideally, be a project of the Activities committee. The New Year's party coordinated by Green Mountain Step Meeting and other groups is another good example of this. Cecil raises a Point of Information: who are the voting members of the ASC? Isn't that the de facto ad-hoc committee? Jackie responds - No. ASC voting members are comprised of GSRs, their alts, and ASC Chair in the event of a tie. An ad-hoc committee is a separate entity created to explore this topic at a level of detail not appropriate during the ASC. Addy recalls the idea of the orientation being held





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during the campout. Jackie raises a concern over this idea. Is it a problem to link the orientation to an event that requires a registration fee? She's concerned that holding the orientation, which ought to be free to attend, at an event that's not free creates a conflict of interest and complications avoided by holding the orientation as a separate event. Brittany notes that H&I has a learning day at the campout and wonders if there would be a conflict having 2 learning days at the campout? Tammy attended the Area Service presentation at the 2016 B2B Campout and didn't hear anything addressing GSRs. She feels like this was a major oversight, considering that GSRs are such a large part of the area service body. Bill offers that there could be a theme for each year. Maybe last years' theme was Sub-committees, and this years' theme could be GSRs. Erika cautions that referring to this event as a learning day may imply that it's a requirement to serve as a GSR. She suggests it be referred to as an orientation? Brittany recommends that this topic should be discussed at a future campout subcommittee meeting, since much of the discussion has revolved around hosting it then.

2017 Agenda needs to be set – brought by Will S.; not discussed due to lack of time

Private group on Facebook for service related discussion – Will S. is seeking input from ASC; is this an acceptable way to communicate? He is aware there is service literature on this topic. Not discussed due to lack of time

Will S. Region is using our minutes in place of an RCM report. Are they also using the minutes to count as a vote? (*Secretary's clarification: upon closer inspection, they do not appear to be counting GMAs vote*) Is this appropriate?

Erika inquires about the best way to address Pierre's absence. Addy mentions that she did share at her group that the ASC is seeking an RCM. Tex points out that Region has its own policy to follow; they're not bound by our policy. They have their own rules regarding when and how they accept votes, reports, etc. He has no problem with our minutes being used as our area's report to region. Will adds that it's possible to attend RSC via phone conference. Bill clarifies that Pierre has called him personally, and been quite forthcoming and responsible in disclosing his absence. Bill says "Stop being concerned about what's going on with Pierre, and step up to the plate (read: volunteer for RCM) if there's a concern about the current situation". Greg suggests investigating whether our minutes are being taken as a vote. Erika recalls that this is the most contact we've had with any region in her 9+ years of serving with GMA. She reminds us that more contact with region is a GOOD thing! She further advises that ABCD is still learning about our small rural area and how it differs from other areas they service. Erika will reach out to RSC for clarification.

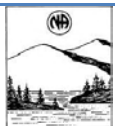
Celebration Announcements

Addy A.	2 years	Jan 4 th @ All Will Be Well
Michael M.	6 years	Jan 29 th @ That's Life
Ken S.	6 years	Jan 29 th @ That's Life

Upcoming ASC Schedule

Jan 29, 2017

Feb 26, 2017



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OFFICER REPORT

Name: Will S. Position/Subcommittee: Public Relations

Contact Info: info@gmana.org

Time & Location of Meeting: 12:15 pm before Area

Report/Announcements: We had a fantastic Phoneline Learning Day today. Thanks to Tex for presenting, and thanks to all the members for signing up for that type of service.

We are right on track with all our agenda items, and have circulated the meeting list for the next quarter.

I have created a Facebook group for members of PR subcommittee, but it is managed by my personal account. I have no problem with this, but want to check-in with you all about if this is appropriate.

I was reimbursed \$4.76 for printing costs of meeting list holders

ASC Treasury Officer Report December 2016

Treasurer- Brittany L.

Vice-Treasurer- Open.

Last month we took in \$730.95 Literature sales were \$527.92 and Group donations were \$203.03. Greg was able to make contact with World Services and they were willing to accept the canadian money. I did send out the yearly donations, after figuring out the sub committees budgets and a reserve for literature and/or other expenses. It left me with a total of \$3,900.00 to be donated. \$2,925.00 was donated to the ABCD region and \$975.00 (and the \$25.00 canadian money) was donated to World Services. The current balance of our account is \$3,645.79.

Date	Starting Balance	Literature	Donations	Ending Balance
2/29/16		589.10	224.00	
3/20/16	4454.43	274.06	257.22	\$4985.71
4/24/16	4691.06	663.15	513.40	\$5897.61
5/29/16	2264.61	532.80	369.47	\$3166.88
6/26/16	3166.88	277.77	170.60	\$3522.25
7/31/16	3522.25	\$462.16	343.00	\$3,606.85
8/28/16	3397.05	\$163.26	\$248.17	\$3,703.69
9/25/16	3703.69	\$259.19	\$216.46	\$5915.94
10/30/16	\$5915.94	\$441.07	\$432.13	\$6,161.56
11/27/16	\$6,112.56	\$527.92	\$203.03	\$6,843.51
12/17/16	\$3,645.79			

Motion

No motions to be discussed this month.

Donations

\$2,925.00 to ABCD Region (Check 508)

\$975.00 to World Services (Check 507){\$25.00 Canadian Money}

In Loving Service,

Brittany L

Name/Position: Lacey S. Group: A Gift Called Life
CSR
Time & Location of Meeting(s): Tues. 7:30pm Methodist Church
18 School St. Lebanon
Time & Location of Group Conscience: Immediately following the
meeting on the last Tuesday of the month
Donation: \$20 Report/Announcements:

This is a rotating format like Step 1, 2013
from the Step Working Guide, the JFT
reading or recovery relating topic
We have regular, steady attendance;
Approx 20+ people.

We recently had an issue where
several newcomers were romanticizing
using and a lot of cross talk occurring
amongst newcomers others.

At our There was a nomination made
group conscience for myself for the open CSR
position. The nomination was accepted,
went to vote and I am now the
CSR for our group.

Anniversaries/Events:



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GROUP REPORT



Name/Position: TAMMY R. Group: All Will Be Well

Contact Info: [REDACTED]

Time & Location of Meeting(s): Baptist Church Lebanon 7³⁰ 8³⁰

Time & Location of Group Conscience: Last Wed. of The Month

Donation: _____ Report/Announcements: candlelight meeting
steady attendance, Rotating format, JFT,
Ask it Basket, Steps 1, 2, 3.

Group conscience. Canadian \$ - send to
World.

GSR - NO learning Day ~~is~~ Necessary.

Suggestions - When ASC asks for
new GSR'S we should automatically
hand them the GSR Packet from
ASC + World.

In Loving Service. TAMMY R.

Anniversaries/Events: ADDIE 2 years JAN 4th



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Group Report

Name: Cecil M.

Group: In From the Storm

Time and location of Meeting: 12 Arch St. Keene, NH 7:30 PM Tuesday

Time and location of Group Conscience: Same Location The Tuesday before area at 8:45

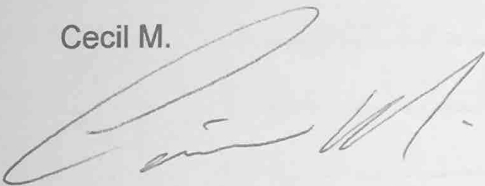
Donation: 0.00

Report:

Our meetings are going fine, due to the holidays the attendance has been a tad lower but still robust. In fact we gave out ten white key tags last meeting and ran completely out. Next Tuesday home group Member Ci Ci V. Will be speaking and celebrating 1 year clean. Come Join us in helping her celebrate her recovery. Our doors open at 6:30pm for fellowship, our meeting starts at 7:30 and goes to 8:45, with no break. We have fun.

Thank you for my recovery,

Cecil M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cecil M.', written in dark ink on a light-colored background.



GROUP REPORT



Name/Position: Will S. Group: Share the Light
Time & Location of Meeting(s): 7 pm Tuesdays, Bellows Falls Hospital
Time & Location of Group Conscience: 3rd Week
Donation: X Report/Announcements: Tabha will be Jan Speaker

Group is going strong, with solid member attendance and several returning newcomers.

We have added an 11th step meditation immediately following the regular weekly meeting, and invite any members willing to share their practice of 11th step meditation.

Anniversaries/Events:





GROUP REPORT



Name/Position: Bobbie Jo GSR Group: Shot In The Dark

Contact Info: _____

Time & Location of Meeting(s): 7pm Brattleboro Retreat Cafeteria

Time & Location of Group Conscience: 8:25pm 3rd Sunday of Month
same location

Donation: _____ Report/Announcements: _____

Hi family. Shot in the Dark has a rotation format. Each week we do something different. Week 1 Step of the month, week 2 NA literature, week 3 Spatter, week 4 Topic Discussion. We have an attendance of 15-20 addicts. Please come join us for some recovery, fellowship before and after the meeting and coffee.

ILS
Bobbie Jo

Anniversaries/Events: _____

GROUP REPORT

Name/Position: Addy A. GSR
Group: Step it Up (Women's)
Time & Location of Meeting(s): 7pm Headrest Sunday 14 Church St
Lebanon, NH
Time & Location of Group Conscience: 8:10pm @ Headrest Sunday 03766
before area.

Donation: none Report/Announcements:

Step it up is now an open meeting again, due to our location at a transitional housing facility. In order to focus on our primary purpose, we chose to begin the meeting with the clarity statement. We settled what our rent will be to the facility, which will be a book each month, this month will be a "Living Clean". We are also incorporating "It works how & why" into our rotating format to add structure and exposure to the steps & traditions. Attendance is consistent at 5-10 women in attendance. We continue to announce our existence at other meetings in order to grow & increase awareness of our group. Lacey is now our secretary.

In loving service,
Addy A.

Anniversaries/Events:

~~Addy A. is celebrating 2 years on Jan 4th.
Note that she will be celebrating at Weds
at 7pm so all genders can attend.~~



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GROUP REPORT



Name/Position: GSR Bill T. Group: ONES WHO SUT LIVE

Contact Info: _____

Time & Location of Meeting(s): 730pm.

Time & Location of Group Conscience: _____

Donation: _____ Report/Announcements: Hi family, want
thank everyone who came, 40 or more
who show unity and love that
we find in rooms of NA.

Anniversaries/Events: _____



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GROUP REPORT



Name/Position: Pete G.S.R. Group: Together We Can

Contact Info: _____

Time & Location of Meeting(s): Thursday 7:00-8:00 p.m. Headrest Church St. Lebanon, NH

Time & Location of Group Conscience: 8:15 p.m. Last Thur. B4 Area

Donation: _____ Report/Announcements: Together We Can is an

Open Meeting of N.A. Our current format is to read
two pages of the Basic text a paragraph at a time
in a round robin style and then the meeting is

open for discussion. Lacey S. has stepped up to
fill the Chair position beginning in January.

Thank you for your service

We continue to receive a core group of regular
attendees as well as a steady population
of addicts residing in this transitional housing
and recovery center. We are receiving on
average 10 to 15 attendees a meeting this
past month.

IN LOVING SERVICE Pete L.

Anniversaries/Events: _____





GROUP REPORT



Name/Position: *Jodi / GSR* Group: *We Can Group*

Time & Location of Meeting(s): *7:30 - 8:30 every Thursday*
Time & Location of Group Conscience: *Community house 160 main st. Marlborough, N. H.*

Donation: Report/Announcements:

There is always a random number of people that show up. Last week was only 3 people. I will have more info next area meeting.

Anniversaries/Events:



Motion for Treasury of GMANA

Background

Treasury currently maintains a laptop owned by GMANA that is no longer relevant to this office of service. The treasurer has made several cares and concerns in 2015 and 2016 regarding the laptop and asked if anyone in the area level of service has use for it. This motion serves to resolve the laptop issue and remove the laptop from the Treasurer's responsibility.

Problem

Treasury guidelines require the treasurer to hold the laptop, perform updates and check in with ASC chair to assure the property remains within ASC. This has not been done in several years as ASC has not had a need for the laptop. The current treasurer has the property in possession. Unless this laptop is used and updated it is worthless/useless to NA fellowship and will eventually be invaluable.

Motion

This motion serves to allow the treasurer to sell the following Laptop computer:

Acer Aspire 5532 15.6" LCD

In any way they see fit that benefits the fellowship to the best of their ability. The money made from the sale of the laptop will be deposited into the general GMANA account and receipt of transaction will be submitted to ASC for proof of transaction.

The ASC treasurer plans to consult multiple computer Savvy technicians before making a decision on the value, price or transaction of selling the laptop to ensure NA money is used as efficient as possible.

The treasurer will make attempts to sell the laptop for 3 consecutive months. If, by the end of the third month the laptop remains unsold, the treasurer will bring this knowledge back to ASC for a different course of action.

This plan will continue through elections to the next treasurer.

GMANA Public Relations Budget Request 2017

Description	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
Phoneline	49	588
Meeting Lists (groups)	35	420
Meeting Lists (circulation)	40	480
Literature (circulate & panels)	5	60
Website	5	60
Newsletter App	1	12
Learning Days (2 @ \$50 ea)	8.34	100.08
	143.34	1720.08
		PR Approved: 11.17.16
		ASC Approved: