

HASCONA

Houston Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting Minutes for 01/07/2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and readings of the 12 Traditions by Joe R., the 12 Concepts by Roy H., and the Service Prayer by Carolyn F.

I. ROLL CALL

GROUP	1/7/2024			12/3/2023			11/5/2023		
	Present	Absent	vote?	Present	Absent	vote?	Present	Absent	vote?
Facilitator	P			P			P		
Co-Facilitator	P			P			P		
Recorder	P			P			P		
Treasurer	P			P			P		
Co-Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
RCM 1	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	P			P		
RCM 2	P				A			A	
H&I	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
PR	P			P			P		
Phoneline		A			A		P		
Activities	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Outreach	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN		A	
Policy	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
HACNA		A		P			P		
1960 Group	P		X	P		X	P		X
Alive & Kicking	P			P				A	
Beauty of Recovery		A			A			A	
Chance for Freedom	P		X	P		X	P		X
Copperfield		A			A			A	
Everyday NA	P			P			P		
Familia Unida	P				A		P		
Hope Sweet Hope	P		X	P		X	P		X
Hugs not Drugs	P		X	P		X	P		X
Jekyll & Hyde		A	X	P		X		A	X
Juntos Podemos	P			P				A	
Just a Meeting		A			A			A	
Keep it Clean	P		X	P		X	P		X
Keep It Real	P		X	P		X	P		X
New Heights	P		X	P		X	P		X
New Pathfinders		A			A			A	
Old School Keep It Simple		A			A			A	
Our Common Bond	P		X	P		X	P		X
Outer Circle Group		A			A			A	
Phoenix Group	P			P				A	
Rainbow of Hope	P		X	P		X	P		X
The Journey Continues		A		P			P		
The Sooner the Better	P		X	P		X	P		X
Saturday Night Live	P		X	P		X		A	X
Sunday Starters	P		X	P		X	P		X
Third Coast		A		P				A	
Ties that Bind		A			A			A	X
Tomball New Attitudes	P				A		P		
We Understand		A			A			A	
With Grace & Gratitude		A		P				A	
You Are Worth It		A		P				A	

New Groups – N/A

New GSR/GSRAs – N/A

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Facilitator’s Report – There are blank GSR report forms (<https://hascona.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/blank-gsr-report.pdf>) on our website (www.HASCONA.com) for detailed group information that can be emailed to the Recorder at Recorder@hascona.com. The same goes for Subcommittee Chairs: please email your reports or even just your subcommittee minutes to Recorder@hascona.com at least one day prior to the ASC Meeting. This helps ensure that **ALL** of the information you want to be available to this Area is reflected in the ASC Minutes.

1. Go to <https://hascona.com/meeting-change/> for schedule changes, or email ScheduleChanges@hascona.com
 2. Go to <https://hascona.com/events/list/> to post an event flyer, or email Events@hascona.com

- a. **Co-Facilitator-** Attended H&I, everything is going well.
- b. **Treasurer’s Report** – provided written report, which reads as follows:

December 2023 ASC Treasurer’s Report

7th Tradition Income in December 2023			
Activities Committee	\$ -		\$ -
1960 Group	\$ -	New Heights	\$ -
Alive & Kicking	\$ -	New Pathfinders	\$ -
Beauty of Recovery	\$ -		\$ -
Chance for Freedom	\$ -		\$ -
Copperfield Group	\$ -	Our Common Bond	\$ -
Familia Unida	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -	Phoenix Group	\$ -
	\$ -	Rainbow of Hope	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -	Saturday Night Live	\$ -
HACNA	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Hope Sweet Hope	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -	Sunday Starters	\$ 10.00
Hugs Not Drugs	\$ 78.34		\$ -
Jekyll & Hyde	\$ -	The Sooner the Better	\$ 66.94
Juntos Podemos	\$ -	Third Coast	\$ -
Just a Meeting	\$ -	Ties That Bind	\$ 20.00
	\$ -	Tomball New Attitudes	\$ -
	\$ -	We Understand	\$ -
	\$ -	With Grace & Gratitude	\$ -
Keep it Clean	\$ -	You Are Worth It	\$ -
Keep It Real	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Year to Date Revenue:	\$ 8,202.97	Total Receipts	\$ 175.28

Expense Report for December 2023			
Administrative Expenses	Amount	Check #	Description
Zoom Account Rental	\$ (17.05)	debit	
Treasurer Supplies/copies	\$ -		
Postage	\$ -		
RCM	\$ -		
Facilitator/Co-F. Expense	\$ -		
Recorder Supplies	\$ -		
Starter Kits	\$ -		
Storage Unit Rental	\$ (1.00)	debit	
P.O. Box Rental	\$ -		
Bank Fees	\$ -		
	\$ -		
TBRNA Regional donation	\$ (64.37)	Zelle	Conf# d0x7u4ky0
NAWS donation	\$ (30.69)	debit	
Administrative Total	\$ (113.11)		
Subcommittee Expenses			
H&I Expense Total	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
PR Expense Total	\$ -		
Web Hosting	\$ -	debit	
Phone Services (Freedom Voice)	\$ -	debit	
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
Policy	\$ -		
Outreach	\$ -		
Activities	\$ (950.00)		NYE Party
TBRNA Hospitality	\$ -		
Debit Total	\$ (1,063.11)	debit	Bank fees, phone, hostgator, storage

2023 BUDGET AND EXPENSES			
Category	Year to Date	Budget	Remaining
Facilitator/Co-Fac	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RCM	\$ (584.17)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 915.83
Treasurer/Co-Treas	\$ (71.34)	\$ 100.00	\$ 28.66
Room Rent for ASC	\$ (586.50)	\$ 600.00	\$ 13.50
Storage Unit	\$ (741.29)	\$ 759.29	\$ 18.00
Post Office mailbox	\$ (210.00)	\$ 226.00	\$ 16.00
Bank Fees	\$ (40.48)	\$ 80.00	\$ 39.52
Activities	\$ (3,996.09)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3.91
TBRNA Hospitality	\$ (363.37)	\$ 500.00	\$ 136.63
H&I	\$ (5,522.08)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,477.92
Outreach	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
PR	\$ (1,430.67)	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 2,319.33
Policy	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
TBRNA donations	\$ (881.80)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 118.20
NAWS donations	\$ (440.90)	\$ 500.00	\$ 59.10
Totals	\$ (14,868.69)	\$ 22,365.29	\$ 7,496.60

Checks Cleared This Month			
NAWS	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
Total Cleared Checks/Deposits	\$ -		

Region/World Donations for December		
Check Written to:	Amount	Check #
TBRNA	\$ 17.53	Zelle
NAWS	\$ 8.76	

Outstanding Checks			
Written To:	Amount	Check #	Check Date
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
Total Outstanding Checks	\$ -		

Bank Statement Nov 30, 2023	\$ 15,760.66
December Revenue	\$ 175.28
December Expenses	\$ (1,063.11)
Outstanding Checks	\$ -
Checks/Deposits Cleared	\$ -
Prudent Reserve	\$ (2,500.00)
Available Balance	\$ 12,372.83
Bank Statement (End of Month)	\$ 14,872.83

Your Business Advantage Fundamentals™ Banking

for December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

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Account summary

Beginning balance on December 1, 2023	\$15,760.66	# of deposits/credits: 4
Deposits and other credits	175.28	# of withdrawals/debits: 5
Withdrawals and other debits	-1,063.11	# of items-previous cycle ¹ : 0
Checks	-0.00	# of days in cycle: 31
Service fees	-0.00	Average ledger balance: \$15,539.45
Ending balance on December 31, 2023	\$14,872.83	¹ Includes checks paid, deposited items and other debits

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Deposits and other credits

Date	Description	Amount
12/05/23	Zelle payment from JOSEPH DEARMAS for 'sunday starters'; Conf# TORRV8Y2F	10.00
12/18/23	Zelle payment from ROBERTO LUNA for 'TSTB November Donation'; Conf# 0I00Z6S1B	66.94
12/28/23	BKOFAMERICA MOBILE 12/28 3836850944 DEPOSIT *MOBILE TX	78.34
12/28/23	Zelle payment from JOSEPH ROSEN for 'Ties That Bind'; Conf# 99a75ytvy	20.00
Total deposits and other credits		\$175.28

Withdrawals and other debits

Date	Description	Amount
12/04/23	Zelle payment to TBRNA for 'November Donation'; Conf# d0x7u4ky0	-64.37
12/26/23	Zelle payment to Cathryn Prestigomo for 'New Years Eve event'; Conf# wtjkevpv8	-950.00

Card account # XXXX XXXX XXXX 4727

12/04/23	CHECKCARD 1201 MORNINGSTAR STORA HOUSTON TX 85140513336900010801371 CKCD 4214 XXXXXXXXXXXX4727 XXXX XXXX XXXX 4727	-1.00
12/04/23	CHECKCARD 1203 NA WORLD SERVICES 8187739999 CA 82711163337000015785841 RECURRING CKCD 8398 XXXXXXXXXXXX4727 XXXX XXXX XXXX 4727	-30.69
12/28/23	PURCHASE 1228 ZOOM.US 888-799-9 8887999666 CA	-17.05
Subtotal for card account # XXXX XXXX XXXX 4727		-\$48.74

Total withdrawals and other debits **-\$1,063.11**

Daily ledger balances

Date	Balance (\$)	Date	Balance(\$)	Date	Balance (\$)
12/01	15,760.66	12/05	15,674.60	12/26	14,791.54
12/04	15,664.60	12/18	15,741.54	12/28	14,872.83

GSRs, if preferred, you may send your group's 7th Tradition donation via Zelle to treasurer@hascona.com.

III.RCM Reports: Provided Written Report, which reads as follows: RCM REPORT— HASCONA Area**

****Date: January 7th, 2024****

Good morning HASCONA,

Two items that can be discussed in New Business & 1 Proposal being brought to this area for Region. **(Proposal at end of minutes)**

1. Hospitality from HASCONA at TBRCNA in Corpus Christi two Slots available Friday 3pm and Saturday Lunch 12:00pm
2. Region PR presenting workshop Hosted by Alive and Kicking on the 20th of January.

If any GSR or GSRA need help pertaining to their group, please get with me after the meeting.

In Loving Service,

RCM-2 Henry H. 361-208-3325

Sarah H. positions has now been fulfilled as of this Month, RCM1 Position Open For Nominations

IV. GROUP REPORTS

- **1960 Group-** Meeting on Tuesday and Saturday; Need Support Tuesday's @ 6:30pm
- **Alive & Kicking- Hosting Learning Day for Region March 16th 2-6pm Location Wyndham Hotel 8686 Kirby Dr. Room 150.** Home group meets at 4925 Griggs Rd. Suite A
- **Chance For Freedom:** Need Support; Meets M, TH, F @ 8pm
- **Familia Unida-** Jan 26th at 7pm Fish cook out
- **Hope Sweet Hope-** Will be deciding on Anniversary for next year- March 17th 1-4 pm; 800 Pitts Rd Richmond Tx.
- **Everyday NA-** Need's Support from people with recovery; M & W 10-11am 4410 Reed Rd #2126
- **Juntos Podemos-** Need support and people with clean time for Service Positions
- **Our Common Bond-** Anniversary on Jan. 20th 5-9:00 pm
- **Rainbow of Hope-** Meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm @ Resurrection MCC 2025 W. 11TH St. Need Support on Thursday's
- **The Journey Continues:** Needs Support- Tuesdays @ Noon 4203 Ave #11 Rosenberg, Tx 77471
- **New Heights:** March 24th 12-3pm Hosting a picnic; Looking for groups to support.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Clarification given on Texas Statewide website- Region already donated the \$400; nothing needed from the area.

ii. Need any schedule changes updated asap, plan to print more schedules in February.

GSR's Please Take Back to Your HOME GROUPS!

PR's next meeting will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm on Zoom ID 979 4364 4649.

b. HACNA-Absent (no report received)

- c. **ACTIVITIES** – Open

The ACTIVITIES FACILITATOR POSITION IS OPEN AND AVAILABLE FOR NOMINATIONS.

- d. **PHONELINE- ABSENT**

- e. **H&I-OPEN**

- i. **Written Report Provided- as follows:**

H&I Subcommittee Format

Opened at 2:31 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions – Ronnie H.

12 Concepts – Kevin R.

Service Prayer - ?

I. ROLL CALL

- a. Chair - **OPEN**
- b. Co-Chair - **OPEN**
- c. Literature Coordinator - present
- d. Recorder - **OPEN**
- e. Odyssey House - **OPEN**
- f. Cheyenne Center - present
- g. Santa Maria - absent
- h. Women's Home - present
- i. Westpark Springs - **OPEN**
- j. Taylor Recovery - absent

II. REPORTS

- a. Literature/Treasurer

Kevin R.

H & I subcommittee meeting Dec. 16, 2023

Literature on Hand 1793 units at \$2369.21

November Distribution 709 units at \$329.65

Hello Committee,

Please contact me by text / email / phone at (281)798-1953 / kevrax@gmail.com with any Literature requests. Please help me out by giving some feedback on what titles are popular at the facilities you serve. Also what IP's there may be an excess of at a facility-- if any.

This month I gave literature and Basic Texts to Cheyenne, Odyssey, and both Santa Maria campuses. I don't expect to need to order anything before the end of the year. Current stock should hold until February.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Kevin R.

- i.

Date: 12/16/2023

Name: Kevin R.

IP's	Westpark Springs	Women's Home	Cheyenne DSHS/TDC	Odyssey	Taylor St. Reco.	Santa Maria	TOTAL Dist.	Monthly Dollar Amount	Units On Hand	Price	Total \$ On Hand
Who What Why				10		20	30	\$7.50	40	\$0.25	\$10.00
Recovery and Relapse				20		40	60	\$15.00	101	\$0.25	\$25.25
Am I An Addict				10		20	30	\$7.50	100	\$0.25	\$25.00
Just For Today				20		40	60	\$15.00	110	\$0.25	\$27.50
Sponsorship				20		40	60	\$15.00	110	\$0.25	\$27.50
Triangle Of Self Obsession				20		40	60	\$15.00	138	\$0.25	\$34.50
By Young/For Young				10		20	30	\$9.90	120	\$0.33	\$39.60
For The Newcomer				20		40	60	\$15.00	110	\$0.25	\$27.50
For Those in Treatment				10		20	30	\$9.90	82	\$0.33	\$27.06
Self Acceptance				10		20	30	\$7.50	125	\$0.25	\$31.25
Welcome to NA				20		40	60	\$15.00	150	\$0.25	\$37.50
Mental Health in Recovery				10		20	30	\$9.90	125	\$0.33	\$41.25
Wallet Cards 1/bundle of 15				2		2	4	\$11.20	19	\$2.80	\$53.20
White Book				30		60	90	\$72.00	135	\$0.80	\$108.00
Intro Guide to NA				15		30	45	\$96.75	115	\$2.15	\$247.25
Staying Clean On The Outside				10		20	30	\$7.50	56	\$0.25	\$14.00
Living The Program								0	10	\$0.25	\$2.50
Another Look								0	0	\$0.25	
The Loner								0	0	\$0.25	
Intro To NA Meeting								0	0	\$0.25	
H I and NA member								0	100	\$0.25	\$25.00
In times of illness								0	7	\$3.40	\$23.80
Behind the Walls								0	17	\$1.00	\$17.00
H&I Basics								0	23	\$0.65	\$14.95
Basic Text				6	10		12	\$380.80	86	\$13.60	\$1,169.60
Basic Text Espanol							4	\$54.40	25	\$13.60	\$340.00
White Book Espanol							16	0	0	\$0.80	
Intro Guide to NA Espanol							6	0	0	\$2.15	
TOTAL	0	0	0	237		472	709	\$329.65	1793		\$2369.21

- ii.
- b. FACILITIES
 - i. **Odyssey House** –nothing to report
 - ii. **Cheyenne Center** – doing well – have a few people interested joining next week on Fridays, and still in need of help on Fridays, but no one is going in on Sundays.
 - iii. **Santa Maria** – everything still the same
 - iv. **Women’s Home** – doing well, we have at least one volunteer for every Saturday, and we have more women involved. Participation varies with the residents 15-17 attendance average. Lit supply is great.
 - v. **Westpark Springs** - only had one person going in on 1st Saturday, literature bag is missing. Still need volunteers \
 - vi. **Taylor Recovery** - Frank is now doing 1st Sunday of each month, literature bag is missing.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. This is last month for Michelle to do the H&I subC meeting.
- b. Please announce our need for support at your home group and other recovery meetings and get with individuals one-on-one to offer a seat on a panel.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Julie Z. was nominated for H&I Chair** – has been doing H&I for almost 5 years, (started in TriCounty); the most important thing with H&I is having a clear message and having the consistency to show up and bring in new people. H&I has grown to be a passion of mine. My only roadblock is that I can’t start the position until March 2024. (GSR & Activities chair at home group). Will there be training?
 - i. Michelle is always here to answer any questions, but Ronnie H. will chair the meeting for January and February 2024, and everyone else will also help you along.

- b. NASCONA will be holding an H&I workshop in January (location and date/time TBD); everyone is welcome to join in and attend and help out. Also, NASCONA is also willing to help HASCONA cover any panels positions needed.
- c. Going to buy a case of JFTs, Michelle will meet with Kevin to drop them off.
- d. A phone list document is circulating for HASCONA H&I – if you don't have it, please let Ana B. know and she will send it to you. If it needs any updates, please keep in mind that this is a living document and be careful you don't delete any necessary info that needs to remain. If you are wanting to participate in HASCONA H&I, you can put your name/number/email at the bottom of the section you wish to help with, and the document automatically saves, showing everyone your changes.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jAVKsuZZfePc0ads724OTed2AaxnahzeXT1c8r_jxuo/edit#gid=0

Closed with the Third Step Prayer at 3:09 pm.

In Grateful and Loving Service,



Sarah N.

The H&I FACILITATOR POSITION IS OPEN AND AVAILABLE FOR NOMINATIONS

f. OUTREACH- OPEN

The OUTREACH POSITION IS OPEN AND AVAILABLE FOR NOMINATIONS

I. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Alive & Kicking wants to Host a Learning Day for Disruptive & Violent Behavior for **Region**
 - i. Looking for other options for locations to host this event.
 - ii. Region willing to reimburse up to \$250 for location
 - iii. Voted on: Willing to push back to March and Host at Hotel- PASSES
 - iv. Max budget allowed- \$1,000 from Area- Passed
 - v. Date will be March 16th from 2-6pm; Wyndham Hotel 8686 Kirby Dr. Room 150- Flyer coming soon
- b. Texas Statewide Website for PR- No longer in question or needing donations.
- c. **New Heights looking for a group to coordinate with them for a Picnic on March 24th**
 - i. The Sooner the better willing to support, still looking for another group to participate in helping.
 - ii. Reach out to Julie for more information or to help: 832-923-0147
- d. **NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS**
 - i. **Co-Treasurer – OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**
 - ii. **H&I – Julie Z nominated for H&I-5 Years clean, qualified herself; Passionate about helping H&I**
 - iii. **RCM I- OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**
 - iv. **ACTIVITIES – OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**
 - v. **OUTREACH- OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**

- vi. **POLICY – OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS.**
- e. Survey on Reviving the H&I Handbook: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/handibasics>
 - i. Each individual, and each RCM, can complete this survey.
 - ii. Available until March 31st,2024

II. New Business

- 1. **H&I – Julie Z nominated for H&I-5 Years, Passionate about helping H&I**
- 2. Proposals from Region for TBRCNA Hospitality time frame.
 - i. Proposal One- Passes(Proposal at end of minutes)
GSR's Take back to your HOME GROUP!!

III. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Do we need to have NA Symbol on everything on website?
 - i. Flyers on website, do they need to all have the proper NA Symbol on each individual flyer
 - ii. [Fellowship Intellectual Property \(na.org\)](#) guidelines

VI. REVIEW OF BUSINESS

- a. **Julie Z- Nominated for H&I-Qualified herself, 5 years, never misappropriated NA Funds, passionate about H&I**
- b. **Check with home group about helping New Heights coordinate for Picnic on March 24th, 2024.**
 - i. **GSR's Take Back to Your Home Group!!**
- c. Please send any updates to your meeting schedule to schedulechanges@hascona.com to get the online meeting schedule updated.
- d. Please send your event Flyers to Events@hascona.com to get your flyers displayed on the webpage.
- e. **OPEN ASC POSITIONS: Co-Treasurer, H&I, Activities, Outreach, RCM I and Policy**

The next ASC will be held at 10:30 AM on 02/04/2024 at Zoom ID 979 4364 4649

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step Prayer.

In Grateful & Loving Service,



Sarah S.



Proposal to Amend the Tejas Bluebonnet Region Policy

February 3rd, 2024

This proposal to amend Region policy is co-sponsored by several Areas today. We request that the proposals be discussed so that they are well understood at the RSC today. The co-sponsoring Areas request that these proposals be taken back to their respective Areas for consideration. Then the RCM's can collect the Area conscience on the matter.

It is our hope that the Region will then decide whether or not to adopt this proposal at a subsequent Regional Service Committee meeting.

The wording below is suggested only and can be modified or edited per the group conscience of the Region.

The proposed change to Region Policy is co-sponsored by the following Areas:

HASCONA, NASCONA, Freedom Area, the Texas Tri-County Area.

2024/02/03 Proposal #1

Remove the “Exception” under Section 3, PROPOSALS.

The pertinent section of the Region Policy is included below.

3. PROPOSALS

Any Regional Trusted Servant (RCMs, Committee Chairs, RD, RDA or Administrative Committee members) may submit a proposal. All proposals and their results brought before the body are recorded in the minutes. If at least 20% of the Regional Committee Members (RCM’s) request that a proposal go back to the areas for discussion, it will. Voting and proposals are made by any RSC participant. Decisions will be made by CBDM.

EXCEPTION: Any proposals intended to be presented in the CAR as a motion at a WSC will go back to areas for discussion.

Rationale and Intent

The Region shall not tell the Areas or their RCM’s what they “will” do. The Areas elect their RCM’s. The RCM’s serve the Areas at the Region, but they do not serve the Region. The Areas determine what they want their RCM’s to do, and how they want their RCM’s to serve. If any RCM’s do not believe that they can provide the group conscience of their Area on any matter then they can say that they want the matter to go back to the Areas. If 20% or more of the RCM’s want a matter to go back to the Areas for consideration, then it does. This allows the RCM’s to discuss the matter at the Area level and collect the Area’s group conscience.

SECOND CONCEPT

Nonetheless, the exercise of final authority for NA services, a vital part of the system of service established by our fellowship, is both the right and the responsibility of the groups.

The Region does NOT govern or dictate what Areas will do, nor what RCM’s will do. This exception in the Region policy tells RCM’s how to do their service positions, and is therefore unspiritual and unacceptable.

Each Area develops their own policy as they see fit. The Areas will decide how the RCM’s will best serve that Area. The Region does not have the authority to tell RCM’s how to do their service, and it steps across the line into governing if it tries to do so.

THIRD CONCEPT

*The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it. The NA groups maintain final responsibility and authority for the service structure they have created. **Yet if they must involve themselves directly in making decisions for all of our service boards and committees, the groups will have little time or energy left to carry the recovery message in their meetings. For this reason, the groups entrust the service structure with the authority to make necessary decisions in carrying out the tasks assigned to it.** The delegation of authority can do much to free up both our groups and our services.*

The groups delegate authority to the GSR's. The GSR's meet at ASC's and develop the Area's group conscience. They delegate authority to the Areas. The RCM's, working on behalf of the Areas, work together at Region. Any attempt by the Region to tell the RCM's what they "will" do is governing, not serving.

The groups delegate authority, and then trust their trusted servants.

If an Area has a problem with what their RCM's do, or don't do, then the Area can address that issue.

FIFTH CONCEPT

For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.

The Areas assign the responsibility and accountability to their RCM's, the Region does not.

The Areas decide what responsibilities the RCM's will have, the Region does not.

The Areas decide how the RCM's shall serve and what RCM's will do, the Region does not.

TRADITION 4

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.

This exception to the Region Policy is not suggesting best practices, or anything of the kind. It is requiring the RCM's from each Area do something the way that the Region Policy dictates. How can any Area claim to be autonomous if Region policy dictates what the RCM's will do?

TRADITION 9

NA as such ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

This exception included in Region policy makes the RCM's from the Areas obey the Region Service Committee by requiring them to comply with the Region Policy.

The RCM's are directly responsible to the Areas that elected them, not to the Region.

It is one thing to suggest what RCM's may do, or may want to do, but it is an entirely different matter to tell RCM's what they "will" do.

If any Area wants to incorporate the idea of requiring their RCM's to bring any Conference Agenda Report related motions to the Area then they may certainly do so by modifying their Area Policy.

Saturday, January 20th

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Elk's Lodge

1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

Please join us to celebrate **OCB's 10th year**; we will have 2 Workshop Speakers and 1 Main Speaker.

We will have Bingo!!

Will have a NA merchandise auction, donated items can be delivered to OCB prior to event if time permits, if not donated items will be accepted at the event.

