



## Minutes for the Space Coast Area May 05th, 2013

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:03 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read and the Definition of an ASC was read. Quorum was met with 11 out of 17 voting groups attending.

**ALL ASC Positions are closed for nominations except for what's open. :o)**

	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>GSR/ALT</b>
1.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tradition	PP	Bryan
2.	5 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	AA1	Cynthia
3.	Another Chance	Late/PP	Corianna
4.	Courage to Change	PP	Kate
5.	Freedom Group	PP	Adam
6.	Grow or Go	PP	Ashley
7.	Hope without Dope	PP	Lexi
8.	HOW	PP	Mark
9.	JFT	PP	Sherri
10.	Living with Purpose	PP	John
11.	Mainstream Recovery	AA1	Dawn
12.	OWL Group	PP	Brooke
13.	Principles	AA1	No GSR
14.	Principles Before Personalities	PP	Sheila
15.	Surrender To Win	AA1	Tracy
16.	We Do Recover South	AA1	Eddie
17.	Recovery From the Literature	AA2	Earl

	<b>ASC Officers</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Term Ends</b>
	Chair	PP	Duane	June 2013
	Vice Chair	PP	Dale	June 2013
	Secretary	PP	John CS	June 2013
	Alt. Secretary	-	Open	<b>Open!</b>
	Treasurer	PP	Daena C.	June 2013
	Alt. Treasurer	-	Open	<b>Open!</b>
	RCM I (Regional Committee Member)	PP	Jan	June 2013
	RCM II (Regional Committee Member)	-	Open	<b>Open!</b>
	Activities	AA1	Vice/Barry	June 2013
	Convention (SCACNA)	PP	Joan	June 2013
	Helpline Chair	PP	Vice/Daena	<b>Open!</b>
	Hospitals & Institutions	PP	Bill/Trish	June 2013

Literature	-	Open	<b>Open!</b>
Policy Chair	PP	Janice	June 2013
Public Relations Chair	PP	Vice/John	June 2013
Newsletter	-	Open	<b>Open!</b>
Webmaster (handled by PR now)	N/A	Michael F.	<b>N/A!</b>

Legend: P = Present, A = Absent, A1 = Absent 1 time, A2 = Absent 2 times

A0 = Absent and did not make it to 2 ASC's in a row to establish voting rights

Roll Call was taken and there were 11 groups present out of 17 and it was determined that a 2/3rds quorum was not met. Someone brought up that ASC Policy states that quorum is a simple majority which is 1 more than half. ASC Policy:

### **Article X Meetings**

**Section 4.** A majority of eligible voting participates shall constitute quorum.

So we did meet quorum per ASC Policy with 11 of 17 groups present on roll call.

### Open Forum

The Floor was opened to any member.

Jarvis: We continue to go through this confusion every year with the/this policy concerning May's ASC.

### **Article X Meetings**

**Section 1** The regular meeting of the Space Coast Area Service Committee shall be held on the second Sunday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the committee.

- a. The meeting will begin at 2:00pm
- b. The regular ASC meeting in the month of May shall be the first Sunday of the month at 2:00pm

We as an area might want to take a look at this policy and how this undermines our continuity and consistency and confuses us every year & think about realigning it back in line with every other month that ASC meets.

Owl Group - Brook asked if motion #1 April was out of order per policy.

Facts are no it is not. It is a valid motion even without referencing policy. The Policy Subcommittee Guidelines still have the requirement to attend at least 2 RSC's per the Policies Term. Also it was announced by the RCM previously how the funding works for reimbursement from this regional event which is the same every Symposium event which is every other year in March opposite the CAR Report. Policy Guidelines:

## **Article V Officers: Qualifications/Duties**

### **Section 1. Chairperson Duties:**

- f. Chairperson to attend minimum of two RSC meetings per term provided Area funds are available.

There was a motion to close open floor and seconded.

Open Floor was closed.

### **Secretary Report**

John CS read the Secretaries Report: John read old business & new business. John acknowledged that the minutes were **ON TIME** getting out this last month including the mailed minutes..!! :o) John has made a new email account to mail the minutes and other correspondence from, that new email is jcs67@cfl.rr.com. This e-mail is only used for sending out minutes and is not checked regularly. If anyone would like to be on the list to receive the minutes please send a request to that address. All other correspondence please send to jcs67\_spacecoast@yahoo.com.

There was \$74.78 spent of \$70.00 for the minutes & mailing labels this month. That is \$4.74 over budget. There was also a check #4069 wrote for the return of \$2.64 left over from the previous month. (April's budget)

5<sup>th</sup> Tradition has 1 absence. Mainstream Recovery has 1 absence. Principles has 1 absence, their GSR Angel was voted in as the new Lit Chair and as a result Principles has no representation on the floor of ASC and will be off of roll call in 1 ASC's without a Representative from that group. Recovery From the Literature has 2 absences and is off of roll call. Surrender To Win has 1 absence. We Do Recover South has 1 absence.

Convention Chair - Joan F: Correction, the Convention Chair position was not included in the open positions in last month's minutes. Correction noted.

Living with Purpose - John: Thanks the Secretary for a wonderful job with the minutes. Thanks noted and accepted humbly.

Changes were noted and the Secretaries report was accepted: May's quorum was met with 11 of 17 voting groups present.

## REGIONAL (RCM) REPORT

Space Coast Area  
RCM Report- May 5,2013

Good Afternoon, to all GSR's I'm a grateful addict named Jan. The "Fifth Florida Service Symposium PowerPoint" slides. Located in the group "Announcements"  
<http://naflorida.org//florida-service-symposium/>

The next FRSC is May 18& 19,2013 at the Orlando World Marriot Center

My report is short this month.....

In loving service, Jan B.

P.S. FRSC March 24th, 2013 New Business  
Predatory Behavior Workgroup Product  
Tabled to Groups for Review  
attached  
**See attached reports for full information.**

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**See attached reports for full information.**

There was no Helpline Report turned in this month.

## GSR REPORTS

**See attached reports for full information.**

There were no reports turned in for the following groups:

5<sup>th</sup> Tradition  
Recovery From the Literature  
Surrender To Win  
We Do Recover South

## OLD BUSINESS

**Motion #2-03-10-13p:** For the Space Coast Area to leave the Florida Region and join the South Florida Region.

**Intent:** For Space Coast to have a voice on Regional Floor, Also so that groups & addicts in the Space Coast have a say and are not being told about motions after they have been decided, Traditiona 2 & 9 violation.

**Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Tradition - Bryan

**Seconded By:** Courage To Change - Kate A.

**Motion is Tabled to Ad hoc**

**Motion #1 - 04-14-13:** To reimburse Janice K. (Policy Chair) for the amount of \$108.51 for her, John A. (Public Relations Vice-Chair), and Kate A. (Policy Vice-Chair) to stay two nights at the Tampa Service Symposium in March 2013.

**Intent:** To reimburse Janice K. for costs unreimbursed by the Florida Regional Service Committee (FRSC) due to attendance of the Service Symposium (learning day). The FRSC had made available their negotiated rate, but due to us not hearing about it in a timely manner we had no alternative other than to pay the going rate. Also we had to get an upgraded room so that we could have three people in the room as all the normal rooms were already sold out. We considered staying elsewhere, but due to not knowing the area we just stayed at the hotel the FRSC was at. See April 2013 Policy Report for details of trip.

**Made By:** \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Chair - Janice K.

**Seconded By:** \_\_\_\_\_ Living With Purpose - John

**Pass: 3 Fail: 6 Abstain: 2 Motion Fails**

**Motion #2 - 04-14-13:** \_ To submit the following proposal for inclusion in the CAR 2014 Report at Region in April.

Proposal: To place a moratorium of at least one full conference cycle, on funding and implementation of the Service System Project Proposal (SSP), as well as any efforts to put into effect, a transition plan for implementation. This moratorium would be used by the fellowship, through our current service structure, to learn about and explore alternate means of addressing the issues that led to the creation of the SSP by the 2008 World Service Conference participants, i.e., the apathy and indifference of our members in addition to finding ways to improve service delivery.

**Intent:** To provide the time and opportunity for our fellowship to study all implications, pros and cons, contained in the SSP and how its implementation would affect groups, areas and regions locally, as this is the only way in which groups would be able to view and understand the SSP. To allow for continued growth of the global fellowship using group conscience, a means by which the local groups, areas and regions gather the conscience of their members, as the primary method for service related decisions.

Rationale: A true group conscience is a fully informed group conscience. It has become apparent that many members of the fellowship, who have been involved in service efforts, have not been properly informed about the SSP. Many in our fellowship do not even know of the SSP's existence. For our fellowship to have such drastic changes decided and put in place at the next conference, would be a disservice. If groups, areas and regions determine they wish to implement portions of the SSP, there is nothing prohibiting them from doing so within our current service structure, therefore a moratorium would not hinder groups, areas or regions that are testing portions of the SSP. The Traditions are the ties that bind us together, to disregard them will and has caused disunity. Final authority and autonomy reside with the NA Groups. It does not serve our Fellowship to ignore or override our non negotiable Traditions. We will continue to learn, grow and evolve by respecting and following our Traditions. To do otherwise, would be to ignore or discount the hard won experience that gave birth to the Traditions and the spiritual principles upon which this program rests.

Made By: Owl Group - Brook

Seconded By: Courage to Change - Kate A.

Pass: 9      Fail: 0      Abstain: 2      Motion Passes

(See attached reports for original motions.)

Closed Old Business.

## Elections

Elections were opened for any nominations:

**Nomination:** Joan F. has been nominated for Convention Chair by the Convention Committee.

**Nomination:** Trish K. has been nominated for H&I Chair by the H&I Subcommittee.

During Trish's nomination, JFT - Sheri had brought to light information of monies that are owed to JFT by Trish per her term as the treasurer and some money came up missing. The ASC Chair would not accept Trish K's nomination per policy:

### **Article VI Election of ASC Officers**

**Section 10.** Anyone absconding funds or materials from their respective recovery related resources shall not hold any ASC position until after full restitution has been made.

**Nomination:** Jarvis J. has been nominated for Helpline Chair by ASC Treasurer & Helpline Vice Chair - Daena C.

**Nomination:** Janice K. has been nominated for Policy Chair, 2nd term by Courage to Change - Kate A.

**Nomination:** Jan B has been nominated for RCM1 by HOW Group.

**Nomination:** Daena has been nominated for the ASC Treasure by RCM 1 - Jan B.

**Nomination:** John CS has been nominated for ASC Secretary by ASC Chair - Duane.

John CS declines the ASC Secretaries position but is willing to serve as the ASC Alt Secretary and stated that his sponsor has taught him to take the Alt position the first year and then serve the titled position the second year.

John CS is running for the ASC Alt Secretaries position

**Nomination:** JT has been nominated for ASC Vice Chair by Principles Before Personalities - Shelia

**Nomination:** Dale A. has been nominated for ASC Chairperson by 3rd Tradition - Bryon B.

**(See attached for qualifications)**

**Elections:** Bob D. nominated for Activities Chair: Yes: 10    No: 0    Abstain: 1

**Congratulations To BoB D.**

**Elections:** John A. has withdrew his nomination for PR Chair ( John, Thank You for Your Service)

## **POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS:**

Positions Open Are:	Secretary	Alt Treasure
	RCM II	H&I Chair
	Public Relations Chair	
	Newsletter Chair	

There were no other nominations and **Elections were closed**

## NEW BUSINESS

**Motion #3 - 04-14-13p:** Per Article XV BUDGETS, section 2 All Subcommittees are required to submit updated budgets in March of each year. Our budget is not listed in section 1, but it has been \$7,100 for the past two years, and we will require an increase to match cost of living expenses. We propose increasing the budget to \$7,900 per year and furthermore that the budgeted funds shall come from the convention returns. We have added two new categories: ARTS & GRAPHICS from last year, and ADMINISTRATIVE. A&G will handle artwork as needed, with copies, etc. debited to corresponding subcommittees; and ADMINISTRATIVE will contain all miscellaneous and necessary expenses not specifically attributed to a specific sub-committee; such as/but not limited to: banking fees, postal services, flyers, and storage. Amount is based on the following expenses:

ADMINISTRATIVE \$1,300 (\$720 rent, \$444 Storage, \$86 PO Box and others)

**ARTS & GRAPHICS \$ 375**      **FUNDRAISING \$1,000**

HOTEL \$4,700 HOSPITALITY \$ 800

MERCHANDISING \$1,200 PROGRAMMING \$ 800

Total \$10,175 approximately 78% = \$7,900

**Intent:** To keep the budget at a fair amount to match increased expenses.

Made By: SCACNA Chair - Joan

**Seconded By:** Courage to Change - Kate A.

#### **Motion is Tabled to Groups for vote**

**Motion #1-05-05-13p:** To create a new Article XVI at the end of page 19 to be titled Misconduct.

See attached for details!

**Intent:** See attached for details!

Made By: Policy Chair - Janice K.

**Seconded By:** Courage to Change - Kate A.

## Motion is Tabled to Groups for Review

(See attached reports for original motions.)

#### **Closed New Business.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**May              Monthly ASC Treasurer Report**

<b>4/30/2013</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>1,755.95</b>
	O/S Checks	799.58

<b>Reconciled Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>956.37</u></b>
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**Income:**

3rd Tradition	10.00
5th Tradition	125.00
Courage to Change	65.00
Glad to Be Alive	30.00
Grow or Go	
Hope without Dope	
How	
Just For Today	
Freedom	10.00
Mainstream Recovery	
OWL	43.53
Principles Before Personalities	17.40
Surrender to Win	
The Ladies Room	20.00

**Expenses:**

Activities	365.00
H&I	-
Helpline	-
Literature	505.97
Secretary	70.00
Literature Budget	57.78
PI	
RCM	
RCM2	
Rent	20.00
Web	
Telephone	67.16
Meeting Lists	89.04

<b>Subtotal Donations</b>	<b><u>320.93</u></b>
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**Expenses**

**1,174.95**

**Other Income**

Activities	299.00
Literature	846.10
Secretary	2.64
Convention	1,775.43
Anonymous	0.50
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b><u>3,244.60</u></b>

**Other Expenses**

**Total Expenses**

**1,174.95**

**Summary:**

Income	3,244.60
Expenses	(1,174.95)
Subtotal	<u>2,069.65</u>
Bank Balance	<u>956.37</u>
Subtotal	<u>3,026.02</u>
Less: Prudent	(1,400.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,626.02</u></b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF NA

Please note: the new email for Minutes is [jcs67@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jcs67@cfl.rr.com) jcs67@cfl.rr.com. This e-mail is only used for sending out minutes and is not checked regularly. If anyone would like to be on the list for the minutes please send a request to that address (ask your home group members if they would like them in their email also). All other correspondence please send to [jcs67\\_spacecoast@yahoo.com](mailto:jcs67_spacecoast@yahoo.com) jcs67\_spacecoast@yahoo.com.

Please email any reports or motions that have been typed up on your computer to [jcs67\\_spacecoast@yahoo.com](mailto:jcs67_spacecoast@yahoo.com)

Thank You, Acting Secretary, John CS

**Next scheduled meeting will be June 09<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 2 PM in Rockledge.**

See attached reports for full flier information.

## Birthdays

**Principles before Personalities:** Last Sunday of month

**5<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** Last Saturday of month

**Hope w/o Dope:** Last Thursday of month

**Surrender to Win:** Rotates

**OWL:** Last Monday of month

**Glad to be Alive:** Last Saturday of month

**Living w/ Purpose:** Last Friday of month

**Mainstream Recovery:** Last Friday of month

**Ladies Room:** Last Monday of month

**Grow or Go:** Last Wednesday of Month

**We Do Recover:** Last Friday of month

**JFT:** Rotates

**H.O.W. :** Last Friday of Month

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition:** Last Friday of month

## Predatory Behavior

Predatory Behavior is a manner of behaving or acting that can become overbearing, greedy, and always has selfish motives.

Every individual is precious to the group, and the group is precious to the individual. We never experienced the kind of attention and personal care that we found in the program. We are accepted and loved for who we are, not in spite of who we are. No one can revoke our membership or make us do anything that we do not choose to do. If a predator interferes with our purpose, then addressing that becomes part of our primary purpose.

Some things to think about.

Obsessive behavior is a common denominator for addictive people. We have times when we try to fill ourselves up until we are satisfied, only to discover that there is no way to satisfy us. Part of our addictive pattern is that we can never get enough. Sometimes we forget, and we think that if we can just get enough food or enough sex, or enough money we'll be satisfied, and everything will be all right. Self-will still leads us to make decisions based on manipulation, ego, lust or false pride. We don't like to be wrong. Our egos tell us that we can do it on our own, but loneliness and paranoia quickly return. We find that we cannot really do it alone; when we try, things get worse. We need to be reminded of where we came from and that our disease will get progressively worse if we use. This is when we need the Fellowship.

How can we "enforce" or encourage a group to address a problem individual or encircle a vulnerable person?

Yes, the group's autonomy stops when their actions or lack thereof affect NA as a whole, but I've seen examples of groups that were resistant to an area's pleas/requests.

We're not here to protect or prosecute. If someone is placing someone else in danger, it may need to be addressed outside the group/NA, not as addicts, but as friends and sponsors.

Encourage Areas to encourage groups to regularly inventory themselves as to whether or not they are creating an atmosphere of recovery.

This stated in a different context - We don't represent or speak for NA, however this is something to think in addressing this issue. How do we confront the predator or the victim?

Either of them might not see the confronting person(s) as friends trying to help, but rather "The Group" or "The Fellowship" meddling in their life. This is something we as a group would have to think about to come up with a solution.

While autonomy gives us certain freedoms, it also implies responsibility for our actions and for the continued wellbeing of NA. As groups, we exercise our responsibility to the fellowship by taking inventory of our behavior and how we hold meetings. Our group exercises its autonomy in a responsible way when it takes care to consider the common welfare of the fellowship as a whole before it acts.

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Something happens when we practice the steps and learn to apply principles in our individual lives. We develop an awareness of our behavior and its effects on ourselves and others. In other words, we develop a conscience. This conscience is a reflection of our relationship with a Higher Power.

Membership is a personal decision reached by each individual. We can do a lot to allow addicts the freedom to make that decision and reaffirm their commitment to recovery. We can help them feel comfortable in our groups by greeting them at the door, sharing with other addicts before or after the meeting, and exchanging telephone numbers. We try to make sure that any addict who attends our meeting is not turned away. To the extent that it's possible, we choose the most accessible location for our meetings. We may choose a format that reflects an invitational tone. Most of all, we encourage every addict to keep coming back.

The group will also want to examine its identity as a group. When we were using, most of us looked out for ourselves and ourselves alone, not giving any thought for one another's welfare. An NA recovery group, on the other hand, is founded on its members' commitment to one another.

Does the Tenth Tradition tell us that, as individual recovering addicts, we must not talk in NA meetings about the challenges we face? No, it does not. While a particular problem may be an outside issue, its effect on our recovery is not; everything affecting a recovering addict's life is material for sharing. If a problem we are having impacts our ability to stay clean and grow spiritually, it's not an outside issue. Many things can put us off balance and challenge our recovery. We often discuss such challenges with one another at our meetings, seeking to ease our personal burdens by sharing them with our fellow NA members. We ask others to share how they have applied the principles of the program in similar circumstances, recovering their balance and strengthening their recovery. We need no one's permission to talk about such things in our meetings.

The conscience of a group takes shape and is revealed when its members take the time to talk with each other about their personal needs, the needs of that group, and the needs of NA as a whole. Each member draws upon his or her relationship with a Higher Power when sharing with the group. As members listen carefully to each other and consult their personal understanding of a loving God, something happens: Solutions to problems become apparent, solutions that take into consideration the needs of everyone concerned.

Our best talent in service is the ability to reach other addicts, offer identification and welcome, greet the addict walking in the door for the first time, and help ensure that newcomers return again and again. Anyone of us is capable of offering that service. With the guidance of a loving Higher Power, we become better able to help others and part of our responsibility as a group is to keep an atmosphere of recovery and part of the atmosphere is ensuring that all addicts have a safe place to go.

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- Some recommendations /Suggestions that may be helpful
- It is the responsibility of every home group member to be the eyes and ears of other members and look out for predatory behavior from anyone
- Have 2-3 home group members discuss with the offending member after the meeting
- Make a "no predatory behavior tolerated" statement as part of the meeting format
- Discuss that this type of behavior is not just sex; it is also money, clothing, rides, place to live. It could evolve into many different behaviors
- Confront your friends if they're guilty of predatory
- Home group members should take the lead in making everyone feel comfortable - walking the walk that everyone is welcome regardless ...
- Get out of your own comfort zone and reach out to groups isolated geographically, by common culture,
- Creating and maintaining atmosphere of recovery is up to every individual member by setting a personal example for others to follow we can prove that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction

This information has been gathered by addicts, for addicts about a behavior that has the potentiality to damage, destroy lives and create havoc in the fellowship. Collectively and individually addicts have been expressing concern about the health and welfare of our fellowship if this behavior does not abate. There are local and state officers, whether they are drug court or probation officers etc that will not send their probationers or offenders to Narcotics Anonymous. Many people who could be potential members are not able to hear the life changing message of Narcotics Anonymous. There is a reputation in some areas that people sent to NA are not safe and are preyed upon by other members. Our hope is that we can bring to light some information that will help recovering addicts identify where there has been concern and how to deal with the situation if and when it arises.

Most of all it will hopefully cause people who are engaging in predatory behavior to take a good long look at just how damaging this behavior can be to addicts in our fellowship and those who have yet to join us.

PREDATORY-of or living by plundering and robbing, preying on other animals.

PLUNDERING-to take by force of fraud.

BEHAVIOR-way of behaving, conduct or action. Something that can be observed and measured.

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The definitions for predatory or plundering behavior can conjure visual images of large birds of prey like hawks or eagles' etc hunting and preying on other smaller, slower animals, those less able to protect themselves. They do this as a means of survival; this is how they are able to eat. The predators we are discussing here are a different kind of predator; human predators. Human predators prey on people who they deem weaker than, not as important as, expendable, easy prey, lame, defective, or unable to protect themselves, etc. The term predator is used as a label for anyone who "preys" upon others. The predator may not even realize that this is how they view the people they are preying upon. They also may not see themselves as predators. Sometimes the person is unaware of what they are doing, other times the individual is very aware of the behavior and is making a conscious decision to participate or act out in the behavior.

When we think about predatory behavior in the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, I am sure we can all come up with scenarios or pull from our own experiences of being either predator, prey or witness to these scenarios. We come to the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous from varying walks of life for varied reasons and in various stages of addiction. Some of us will turn from prey into predator. Often times, people who are abused will become abusers. Many of us have been abused; some of us have been abusers. People come to the rooms for differing reasons. Not everyone who is in the rooms is here to "...stop using, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live". Some of us weren't parented, or didn't have adequate role models. Some of us were raised in decent loving homes and strayed from that path. Some come to the rooms through the criminal justice system. We all arrive in the rooms because something is wrong with the way we are living and we need to find a different way to live.

Many arrive at the doors of Narcotics Anonymous broken, battered or badly damaged by the disease of addiction and the lengths we had to go to so we could continue using. Many of us arrive with the scars of addiction and/or abuse evident on our physical person, others carry those wounds deep within. You may not be able to see them but the scars are there. People arrive in NA trying to get clean, stay clean or maybe they come because they want the pain to stop and they fall victim to other people who are using others to get their own selfish, self-seeking, self centered needs met. When we get in the way of newer people building a foundation in recovery we do them a huge disservice. We hinder their ability to build the necessary relationships that are vital if they are to stay clean.

When we think of predatory behavior we may only think about sexual predators but there are many kinds of predators in our midst. Examples of predatory behavior could be: borrowing money with no intention of paying it back, borrowing possessions, "bumming" cigarettes, etc from a person who you know is unable to say no. It could be someone selling or attempting to sell drugs in or around the meetings. It could be an attractive women currying favor from a man to get money, or things. It could be a person with time "scooping up" a newcomer and beginning a relationship with someone who is newly clean (Thirteenth Stepping). Many people will resort to getting involved in relationships after the drugs go. It is one of the most prevalent and natural decisions people make when getting clean. Using relationships is very common when people are getting clean. When the drugs go people look for something outside themselves to fill the void left by active addiction. Often times the newcomer is excited or thrilled that someone "with time"

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is interested in them and they don't know yet that they don't have to get involved in romantic/sexual/intimate relationships to stay clean.

There are several relationships that are imperative for early and on-going recovery: a relationship with a fellowship, a sponsor, a support group, the steps, a home group, a service position, consistent meeting attendance schedules etc. Adding a romantic or sexual relationship at an early stage of recovery can shift the focus off of the recovery process and onto the new relationship. This can happen subtly without the people involved even knowing.

When someone, female or male gets involved in a romantic/intimate/sexual relationship with someone who is new or returning to NA it is a problem for both parties. It may not be evident immediately but ultimately the damage will be noticeable. Often overheard when a person with time is confronted about getting into a relationship with a returning newcomer, "Well they aren't a new newcomer, they have been clean before." So, is it a good idea for this person who, for whatever reason didn't stay clean in previous attempts to get involved in any relationship that shifts the focus off their own recovery? No, it is not.

People come to the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous and many have issues with interpersonal relationships. Many were raised in abusive homes or have some sort of abuse history. Some grew up people-pleasing to get by; others used manipulation to get what they needed. Some believe they need to engage in sexual activity to be loved etc. Everyone has the right to feel safe to recover in the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous. We have a responsibility to ensure that the rooms are a safe place for people in any stage of recovery. When the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous are unsafe for any addict they are unsafe for every addict. When the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous are unsafe then addicts may not want to come to the rooms and they may die. We have a responsibility to make the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous as safe as possible. This may require that this behavior is confronted when it is seen.

Talking to people who are engaging in this behavior should be considered like doing a twelfth step calls, this should not be done alone. Some may believe that confronting someone with more than a one-on-one would be too intimidating. There is strength in numbers and we are more likely to act with spiritual principles if someone else is there to support us. Some believe that this is "an outside issue" and we don't have the right to confront people engaging in this sort of behavior. We need to ensure that we are coming from a place of love and compassion when talking with someone about this sort of behavior. It says in our literature that, "we are each other's eyes and ears" this implies that it is acceptable even advisable to approach someone who is engaging in predatory behavior and explaining why this behavior is dangerous.

Predatory behavior can be brought up as a topic in recovery meetings. Anything that can affect an addict's life is relevant and can be shared about with a sponsor, peers or a support group.

Space Coast Area of N.A.  
Subcommittee Report  
Activity Committee

Meeting Date: 5/1/13, 6:45pm, 3290 Dairy Rd  
Next meeting Date: 6/2/13, 1pm, 3290 Dairy Rd

Report of Last Committee Meeting:

Diego suggested the idea of an Area NA fundraiser, discussion ensued that, and the consensus was, the committee has willingness to do so, but area service committee would need to request it.

It was also discussed and voted on unanimously to change activity committee meeting days to alternating wednesdays and sundays, every other month, the wednesday or sunday before area service.

Bob will be away 5/29/13-6/30/13.

The Drive Inn scheduled for June was changed from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> because the church is not available for the 15<sup>th</sup>, the change passed by unanimous vote.

The Speaker Jam was then discussed, Eddie and Tracey are planning this event, The schedule of speakers is almost complete, and the committee has decided by a vote that passed 11/1 to distribute a flyer of the schedule of speakers for the event, and to also make a poster for outside the door, with a schedule on it the day of the event.

John & Stephanie volunteered to make a donation box for the speaker Jam.

Current Activities of Committee:

May 18th- 12n-4pm- Softball Picnic Wickham Park

June 1st- 10am-10pm- Speaker Jam, 2010 S Babcock St

June 8th- 6pm-10pm- Drive Inn, 638 S. Patrick Dr.

Financial Expenditures/Budget:

We are returning \$299.00 To area from April 2013 Budget

And we are requesting our entire budget of \$365.00. For the month of May.

Submitted by BARRY G

Date 5-6-13

**SCACNA-VISION OF HOPE 5**

**"STRENGTH IN NUMBERS"**

scconv@gmail helpline 321-631-4357

SCACNA, PO Box 100181, Palm Bay, FL 32910-0181

Convention Committee Report – May 5, 2013

Thanks to everyone for a successful Convention. The Committee worked really hard, especially Jarvis our Hotel Liaison, who had to fill in for Merchandising and Fundraising also, Mike who gave his best efforts after being abandoned by his alternate and the original Chair, Kris who filled the Secretary seat so efficiently. As well Sarah, Gail, Elliott, Suzie and Jessica with their helpers who did wonderful service; and JoAnne and Janice, who filled the spot in the Merchandise area. We are a great team. It was a tough year with all of the changes in service people, and so many new, inexperienced trusted servants on this committee and no Merchandise Chair. I know several members want to continue next year, and those elections will be at the first SCACNA6 meeting June 30. I especially applaud all the inexperienced, new to the Convention Committee members who followed through on their commitments for the entire season, and those who helped who are not on the Committee.

We registered nearly 350 members, and 23 people for 2014 (4 scavenger hunt winners, and 19 paid members).

There is a separate Treasury report, and the books will be ready to turn over to the Board at the end of the fiscal year, June, for the annual report. I will make an appointment with Barbara if she needs me; as per our guidelines. There are still a couple of items pending on the account for this year that are not included on the Treasurer report.

All Space Coast NA members will be welcome and may vote at the first convention meeting of SCACNA 6 on June 30 at the GLAD TO BE ALIVE space 2010 Babcock St, Melbourne at 2pm. All positions, except the chair, will be open at that time. Secretary 1 year, Treasurer 2 years-Alternate 1 year; Chairs of subcommittees must have two years clean and Alternates 1 year. All must have fulfilled a commitment on the Space Coast Area in some capacity. Each sub-committee needs other addicts to help with no specified clean time required. For other information, see the Convention Guide in the ASC Policy.

We are still working on guideline changes and will submit the whole reworked guideline at one time in June, as per Policy committee request.

We used \$7.80 of the \$40 literature we borrowed, so we are returning \$32.20.

The Convention Committee has endorsed my nomination for Convention Chair for SCACNA 6, and I am submitting my nomination today.

Next committee meetings: May 26 noon and June 30 at 2pm. Ad hoc committee for guideline working May 19 at noon.

In loving service, Joan F, SCACNA 5 Convention Chair

**SCACNA-VISION OF HOPE 5**

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SCACNA, PO Box 100181, Palm Bay, FL 32910-0181  
Treasurer Report – April 28, 2013**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

Previous Balance	\$2,920.23
Checks	-1,937.81
Returned check	- 25.00
Deposits	+8,313.25
Available Balance 4/28	\$9,270.67
Available Balance	\$9,270.67
See (1) below	+ 25.00 (1)
Repayment for shirt, Joan	- 35.00 (3)
Rent and storage, pending	- 195.24
SCACNA 6 pre-registration	- 190.00
SCACNA 6 budget	- 7,100.00
Check to ASC	\$1,775.43

**PENDING ITEMS****DEBITS**

Storage Unit, April & May	75.24
Monthly Rent, April & May	120.00
Shirt repayment, Joan	35.00
Post Office Box, June	\$ 85.00

**CREDITS**

(1) Returned check	\$25.00
39-SCACNA 5, 8-SCACNA 4 shirts	

(1) An addict submitted a check for \$25 which did not clear at the bank. She will submit cash payment on Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

(2) Two checks were somehow lost in transit, and those members were not actually registered although they did attend. They checked out their bank accounts and tracked a money order, and found that the checks had not been cashed, and sent us \$104 and \$55 after the convention. I sent thank you notes.

(3) An addict had ordered two shirts via email, and I paid for them at the convention. This person sent a money order on 4/28 to SCACNA for \$35 (\$30 plus shipping). I will need to get a check to cover this payment of \$35.

**CHECK REGISTER RECORD**

avail bal		\$ 2,920.23			
3/24/2013	Gail signage	PRO	964	\$ (30.00)	x
3/24/2013	Sara S, Hosp room	HOS	965	\$ (800.00)	x
avail bal		\$ 2,090.23			
3/24/2013	FCCM	ADM	966	\$ (60.00)	x rent
3/24/2013	Jessica, beach bash	FUN	967	\$ (50.00)	x prizes
3/24/2013	Uncle Bob	ADM	968	\$ (37.62)	x storage
avail bal		\$ 1,942.61			

4/7/2013	Suzie Bal Play prop	FUN	969	\$ (29.08)	x
4/8/2013	Deposit, as follows:			\$ 660.33	x
	<i>Regis \$565</i>	REG			
	<i>shirt sales \$30</i>	MER			
	<i>A&amp;G return \$8.70</i>	FUN			
	<i>OWL group donation</i>				
	<i>\$56.63</i>	REG			
<b>avail bal</b>				<b>\$ 2,573.86</b>	
	VOID		970		
4/9/2013	Registrations			\$ 120.00	x
	4 Banks for				
4/10/2013	convention	ADM	971	\$ (240.00)	x
4/12/2013	Registrations			\$ 120.00	x
4/13/2013	Jerome Austin, DJ	FUN	972	\$ (300.00)	x
	Intl Palms, final				
4/14/2013	Invoice	HOT	973	\$ (185.65)	x
4/15/2013	cash deposit			\$ 6,534.00	x
	<i>addl cash deposit</i>				
	<i>check deposit, as</i>				
4/15/2013	follows			\$ 141.00	x
	<i>4 banks \$240.</i>	ADM			
	<i>vender jewelry \$60</i>				
	<i>vender phoenix \$106</i>				
	<i>vender no matter what \$35</i>				
	<i>vender taping \$80</i>				
	<i>Bay to Bay conv \$10</i>				
	<i>registration \$4409</i>				
	<i>hospitality \$587</i>				
	<i>merchandise \$790</i>				
	<i>raffles \$428</i>				
	<i>hospitality return</i>				
	<i>\$178</i>	HOS			
	<i>program return \$9</i>	PRO			
<b>avail bal</b>				<b>\$ 9,025.21</b>	
	Good Impress.				
4/15/2013	Printing		974	\$ (170.24)	x
	<i>admin \$91.16</i>	ADM			
	<i>playbills \$28.20</i>	FUN			
	<i>name labels \$7.42</i>	HOS			
	<i>spkr thanks \$2.76</i>	PRO			
	<i>programs \$47.70</i>	REG			

	Joan F, reg forms, hotel	ADM	975	\$ (8.73)	x
4/15/2013	Joan F, banq bracelets	ADM	976	\$ (26.49)	x
	avail bal			\$ 8,819.75	
4/18/2013	Deposit, as follows: <i>refund secy binder</i>			\$ 16.92	x
	<i>\$9.01 ADM</i>				return to budget
	<i>return funds \$7.91 FUN</i>				return to budget
4/18/2013	bad check	REG		\$ (25.00)	x
	<i>deposit</i>			\$ 265.00	x
4/22/2013	<i>NarAnon donation</i>	\$250	ADM		
	<i>T-shirt sale \$15</i>	MER			
	avail bal			\$ 9,076.67	39 left

Note: Amounts deposited after this register: \$55, \$104 and \$35. Total additional deposits, \$194. See STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT above. JF

### BANK STATEMENT

04/22/2013	Credit		COUNTER DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$265.00	\$9,076.67
04/19/2013	Check	973	CHECK #973 <a href="#">View</a>	\$185.65		\$8,811.67
04/18/2013	Debit		RETURN DEPOSIT ITEM	\$25.00		\$8,997.32
04/18/2013	Credit		COUNTER DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$16.92	
04/16/2013	Check	974	CHECK #974 <a href="#">View</a>	\$170.24		\$9,005.40
04/15/2013	Check	976	CHECK #976 <a href="#">View</a>	\$26.49		\$9,175.64
04/15/2013	Check	975	CHECK #975 <a href="#">View</a>	\$8.73		
04/15/2013	Check	972	CHECK #972 <a href="#">View</a>	\$300.00		
04/15/2013	Check	969	CHECK #969 <a href="#">View</a>	\$29.08		
04/15/2013	Credit		COUNTER DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$6,534.00	
04/15/2013	Credit		COUNTER DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$262.00	
04/15/2013	Credit		DEPOSIT CORRECTION		\$141.00	

04/12/2013	Credit		COUNTER DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$120.00	\$2,602.94
04/10/2013	Check	<a href="#">971</a>	CHECK #971 <a href="#">View</a>	\$240.00		\$2,482.94
04/09/2013	Credit		COUNTER DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$120.00	\$2,722.94
04/08/2013	Deposit		DEPOSIT <a href="#">View</a>		\$660.33	\$2,602.94
04/05/2013	Check	<a href="#">967</a>	CHECK #967 <a href="#">View</a>	\$50.00		\$1,942.61
04/05/2013	Check	<a href="#">966</a>	CHECK #966 <a href="#">View</a>	\$60.00		
04/02/2013	Check	<a href="#">968</a>	CHECK #968 <a href="#">View</a>	\$37.62		\$2,052.61
04/01/2013	Check	<a href="#">959</a>	CHECK #959 <a href="#">View</a>	\$157.39		\$2,090.23
03/27/2013	Check	<a href="#">964</a>	CHECK #964 <a href="#">View</a>	\$30.00		\$2,247.62
03/26/2013	Check	<a href="#">965</a>	TELLER CASHED CHECK #965 <a href="#">View</a>	\$800.00		\$2,277.62

## **Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee Report**

### **May 5th, 2013**

H&I meets @ 106 n. Riverside Drive on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon of every month

We take meetings into Wuestoff of Rockledge & CoC's Twin Rivers in Melbourne

Paula, Jan B., Scott and Tiffany were all voted into a panel position

**The next HIPPA Orientation for CoC's Twin Rivers is on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**

**\*\*\* In order to attend any H&I mtgs @ Circles of Care you must complete orientation \*\*\***

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR IF IT HAS BEEN AWHILE SINCE YOUR LAST ORIENTATION  
PLEASE CONTACT JAN B. (407) 497-7194 -- TO SEE IF YOU STILL QUALIFY**

**Final draft review of H&I Guidelines will be held on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00pm @ 106 n. Riverside Drive, Indialantic --- Everyone is welcome**

Our vice Chair Trish K. and P.R. vice Chair John A. met with the directors from Steps in Cocoa several times during the month of April, to try and resolve an issue that had arisen regarding inappropriate behavior and noncompliance of facility rules and regulations by an addict from the Space Coast Area. Do to the fact that H&I does not bring meetings into this facility, we felt that it would be in our best interest to write a letter to the Board of Directors of Steps Inc. and denounce any affiliation with this member along with anyone else said member has brought into the Steps facility with them.

P.R. vice Chair John A. met with Deputy Melek and was informed to get the name, address and phone number of every addict interested in being on a panel for the jail.

John and Trish will get this information to Deputy Melek and she will mail out the application and contact each person personally.

***It does not matter if you have been cleared before – if you're interested let us know***

The Space Coast Area H&I Subcommittee would like to nominate Trish K. for H&I Chair – her qualifications are attached

**Our next H&I business meeting will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
and we will meet @ 6:00pm do to Elections of Trusted Servants**

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**Bill C.**

H&I Chair

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**Trish K.**

H&I Vice-chair

April 25, 2013

Space Coast Area NA  
Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee  
P.O. Box 560515  
Rockledge, FL 32956

Board of Directors  
Steps Inc.  
803 N. Fiske Blvd  
Rockledge, FL 32955

Dear Sirs or Madams

This letter is to inform you that the Space Coast Area Narcotics Anonymous Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee has been advised of the inappropriate behavior demonstrated by one Fred C. in regards to the facility rules and your clients. We would like for it to be known that the SCA H&I Subcommittee is not affiliated with nor do we support Fred C. (or anyone he has brought into your facility with him) as to his interests surrounding Steps of Cocoa.

We would like to apologize for any disruption your clients may have experienced regarding their recovery during this issue and hope that this has not changed your discussion to have "Qualified Members" of the SCA H&I Subcommittee come and share their experience, strength and hope.

If you find yourselves with any questions, concerns or would like further information, please feel free to contact the Space Coast Area Helpline 321-631-4357 and ask to speak with any one of the following individuals :

Duane N. -- Space Coast Area Chair  
Dale A. -- Space Coast Area Vice-Chair  
John CS -- Space Coast Area Secretary  
Daena -- Helpline Vice-Chair  
Janice K. -- Space Coast Area Policy Chair

Respectfully,

Bill C. -- Space Coast Area H&I Chair -- 262.749.6667

Trish K. -- Space Coast Area H&I vice Chair

### Subcommittee Report

Date: 5/15/13  
Subcommittee Name: Literature Chair

Chair. Name	<u>Angela R</u>	Address:	
City, St., Zip		Tel.:	
Vice Chair.:		Address:	
City, St., Zip		Tel.:	

Mail Minutes: Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Address:

Committee Report:

Sold 846.10 in Literature 5/15/13  
Groups should order medallions  
1 to 2 month in advance

Current activities of Committee:

Report of communication with Regional subcommittee Chairs:

Financial Expenditures/Budget where A.S.C. reimbursement is required:

## Subcommittee Report

**Date: 5-5-13**

**Subcommittee Name: Policy**

Chair Name	<b>Janice K.</b>	Address:	<b>See area list</b>
City, St., Zip	<b>Palm Bay, Fl</b>	Tel. #	<b>See area list</b>
Vice Chair	<b>Kate A.</b>	Address:	<b>See area list</b>
City, St., Zip	<b>Cocoa, Fl</b>	Tel. #	<b>See area list</b>

**Mail Minutes:** Chair: Email Vice-Chair: Email

### **Meeting Address:**

Courage to Change on Merritt Island on Saturday before SCASC at approximately 3:30 PM immediately after the PR meeting.

**Current Members:** Janice K. Chair, Kate A. Vice-Chair, John A., and Fred P.

### **Committee Report:**

We are close to finishing the Policy Guideline Addendum (PGA) and are presenting what we have already finished up till January 2013. This should be finished later this week and the Website Trusted Servant will put it up on the area website in the Service documents page.

We discussed problems with broken links on the website as it creates problems addressed in the PGA. Public Relations (PR) will see what can be done to fix this so we can finish up on the PGA. PR will give me access to the website if they can't fix the problems, otherwise we hope someone has hard copies of the missing SCASC minutes.

The new Website Guidelines (dated March 10, 2013) were given to PR yesterday and will be on the website soon.

We are almost finished with helping the Hospitals & Institution's in their guideline review. Thanks to all those who made this happen!

We're falling behind in getting guideline reviews done so we could use some help from the fellowship as this is a time consuming labor of love. Next up is Activities and Convention.

We also discussed issues of NA members creating problems for the NA fellowship and what we might be able to do to provide a spiritual path to deal with these issues on an ongoing basis as there is nothing in our guidelines to deal with this. Therefore, we are presenting today for group approval a guideline amendment that deals with the subject of

"Misconduct" and how we can have a set policy to deal with it that is fair, spiritual, and easy to follow.

### **Current activities of committee:**

As I mentioned last month my intent was to go to the next RSC which will be this month (Policy guidelines require I attend at least 2 per year and this one is somewhat local). I have three (3) reasons for going. 1<sup>st</sup> is to help our RCM with some issues she discussed with me last month. The 2<sup>nd</sup> to make myself more knowledgeable about the Service System Project (SSP) being pushed by NAWS. This is so I can better assist with the SCASC Ad-hoc we created to look into these issues. 3<sup>rd</sup> is because Policy guidelines dictate I attend two (2) RSC meetings per year and this one is somewhat local and will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> one attended in time to wrap the year up.

We will have Policy, PR, and Hospital & Institution's represented there on Saturday and Sunday. We will all be riding over together early Saturday morning and spending Saturday night there.

### **Report of communication w/Regional subcommittee chairs:**

None, but more to be revealed.

### **Financial Expenditures/Budget where A.S.C. reimbursement is required:**

We would like to request that we be reimbursed for one night's hotel room stay for our trip to the RSC this month. A receipt will be given at the June meeting of the SCASC and payment as per SCASC protocol, hopefully in June. ;-)

### **Grateful to be of service,**

**Janice K. Policy Chair**

## P R/PI for April 2013

meeting lists. For May are printed and ready for distribution, libraries were filled with meeting lists.

update on the progress of joint effort of P R and H&I. Out of 10 Mailout packages their were 2 responses, crosswinds and steps. I spoke with the vice chair of H and I, At which time we made appointments with these facilities to bring presentations to them. H and I and P R met jointly with these facilities. The contact persons at these facilities seemed very eager for narcotics Anonymous to be in their facilities and have regular narcotics Anonymous meetings for their clients. H and I vice chair asked both facilities what their requirements would be for narcotics Anonymous members to come into their facilities. We recently learned our contact person with crosswinds has left the facility H and I will be making contact to find a new contact person.

H and I and PR met with steps and talked to the counselor who on our first meeting informed us that a person had been coming into the facility for a while at which point we were told the the staff and clients were dissatisfied and we were asked if narcotics Anonymous could bring a meeting or meetings into their facility. At this time I turned it over to H&I, who explained what narcotics Anonymous does through H and I. It was explained and that we were a fellowship and did not act on our own. That this would need to go back to the subcommittee responsible for bringing meetings to facilities. Upon further contact with the facility through the counselors and director that they were dissatisfied with the behavior of the person that had

been going in there and that he was asked to leave. We were then called for another meeting at which time the director informed us that some one had made contact with the board of directors and that the person that had been going in there is must be let in their facility. It was stated that the message of narcotics Anonymous was somehow distorted by the conversations of narcotics Anonymous reps' and that of a single member. It was stated it was their concerns for their clients and they did not understand the conflicting stories, at that point we apologized handed them a letter and told them we would still be available if they would desire our services in the future. As with the county jail where Trish and I spent months working on getting narcotics Anonymous into the jail. P R met with the liaison's for the jail and were given clarification as to the application needed from H and I members who wished to carry a message into the jail. The application required by them is very long and needed to be filled out with no blank spaces. They are also interested in narcotics Anonymous literature for their facilities. Upon bringing this information to the subcommittee and informing them that members wishing to go into the jail would need to give the jail their name, address and phone number, no applications will be accepted other than those mailed by the jail. When this information was presented to H and I only three names were on the list. This will be my last month serving the area on the P R Committee. My term will be up in June and I am respectfully declining my nomination for chair. I will distribute meeting lists and check the literature rack at steps and ask them if they still want our literature and meeting lists. Thank you for

PR report south sector May, 2012

No changes and some of the facilities have not been serviced this month. Regrets,

In loving service, Joan F

List of facilities in the South sector:

CHURCHES: Crossroads Community and St James Baptist. A meeting list on bulletin board at First Christian Church

COMMUNITY CENTERS: Grant St, Lipscomb, and Palm Bay/Malabar

LIBRARIES: Dr. Martin Luther King, Eau Gallie, Franklin deGroot, Melbourne Beach, Melbourne-Fee Ave, Micco, No Indian River County-Sebastian, Palm Bay-Malabar, Satellite Beach, Suntree/Viera and West Melbourne-Wingate

METHODONE CENTER: Harris Ave Palm Bay

OTHER: BOAT Alternate Treatment, Club 62, Community Relations Police Outreach at Melb. Mall, Daily Bread, Prevent-Pineapple, Prevent-Babcock and the Salvation Army Women's Shelter. Also a card holder only at Amazing Seafood

4/29/2013

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**Space Coast Ad Hoc. Committee Report**  
**To Research the viability of leaving the Fl Region of NA.**

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The Space Coast Area Ad-hoc Committee met on April 23, 2013 to discuss the areas' options regarding leaving the Florida Region. The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

Jim C. provided a power point presentation regarding the historical service structure of NA.

The Committee has offered five possible options to the Space Coast Area:

1. Stay with the Florida Region
2. Join the South Florida Region
3. Join the USSC (United States Service Conference)
4. Become an independent Area and not participate in the existing service structure.
5. ~~Form a new Region. Become a metro Area to Central Fl area~~

The Space Coast Area Ad-hoc Committee is researching and calculating the cost difference to the Space Coast Area to send an RCM to the South Florida Region versus the Florida Region. Other Members of the Ad-hoc Committee are researching and reporting on the structural impact to the area comparing the Florida Region to the South Florida Region. More Will Be Revealed!

In Loving Service,

The Space Coast Area Ad-hoc Committee

# **Space Coast Area Ad-hoc Committee Meeting**

**To research the viability of leaving the Florida Region**



**When: Wednesday May 15, 2013**

**6:30pm- 8:00pm**

**Where: Courage to Change  
76 E Merritt Island Causeway  
Merritt Island, FL  
(Rm 204 upstairs behind Tijuana Flats)**

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: 3rd Tradition

Address: 1255 Knox Mc Rae Dr.

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: 8:00 PM

Tue: 12:00 PM Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	<u>1</u>	_____	—	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<u>2</u>	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	—	—
	_____	_____	—	—	—
	_____	_____	—	—	—

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

We need support!!! Meeting attendance is low. We continue to see newcomers showing up. A clear and concise N.A. message continues to be carried. We have a few out of town speakers lined up over the next month.

In loving Service Bryon

Donation to A.S.C. \$10.00

Submitted By: Bryon B Date: 5/5/13

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Another Chance  
Address: 1903 Croton Road Melbourne FL 32935

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: none

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
_____	_____	<u>ADS stained</u>	—	—	/
_____	_____	<u>on ABC</u>	—	—	/
_____	_____	_____	—	—	/
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Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

Discontinued Tues & Thurs 7am meeting  
for lack of attendance

lyn group anniversary well attended  
approx 50 people - 2 speakers & Pizza

Donation to A.S.C. \$

Submitted By: Coviauna Date: 5-5-13

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Courage To Change

Address: 76 E. Merritt Isl. Causeway, Merritt Isl., Room 204

Meeting Days/Time/Format: 5301 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, Spellman Room

Mon: 12-1 Meditation 8-9 Open Fri: 12-1 Meditation 8-9 Candlelite Meditation

Tue: 12-1 " 8-9 Text study Sat: 12-1:30-WDLF 8-9 Newcomer

Wed: 12-1 " 8-9 Beach -Open-Speaking Sun: 11-12-JFT 8-9 Step

Thur: 12-1 " 8-9 Living Clean Bus. Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Birthdays: Arch S. 5-5-98, Danny S. 5-5-98 & Jimmy K. 5-10-93(20)

Motions: # Summary (15) (15) Y N A

1	reimburse \$108.51 to Policy chair	X	-	-
2	proposal	X	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

All of our daytime meeting are JFT Meditation. Monday and Wednesday are candlelite meditation after reading the JFT.

All of our meeting are very well attended and several have been standing room only. At this time we open the doors to the recovery room (203) and continue the meeting in both rooms

Donation to A.S.C. 65.00

Submitted By: Kate Adams Date: May 5, 2013

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Freedom

Address: 1835 Bunche Street St James Mission Baptist Church

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: 7:00 - 8:00 PM Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: 2nd Tuesday

Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	<u>1</u>	<u>Reimbursable Janice V.</u>	<u>✓</u>	—	—
	<u>2</u>	<u>submit proposal for Cares Report.</u>	<u>✓</u>	—	—
		_____	—	—	—
		_____	—	—	—

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

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Donation to A.S.C. \$10.00

Submitted By: Adam R. Date: 3/5/15

Space Coast Area of NA

GSR Report

Group: GLAD TO BE ALIVE

Address: 2010 Babcock St, FCCM, upstairs on the southeast side, Melbourne, FL

Meeting day and time: Mon to Sat Noon to 1pm

Format: JFT Reading and discussion, except Wednesday-Lit/SP and Friday-Rotating

BZ Meeting: First Saturday Clean time Celebration: Last Saturday

Motions summary:

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|---|---|------|
| 1 | Reimburse Policy Chair for \$108.51 for Symposium hotel | Fail |
| 2 | Submit proposal to Region for insertion in CAR 2014     | Fail |
| 3 | tabled, Increase Convention budget                      | Pass |

I apologize; we did not go over the elections. But I'm certain the group would have voted for both candidates.

We did much better this month financially. We had a couple of new members at the business meeting this month, Greg and Marty. Greg will be taking over the Thursday Chairperson spot.

Our prudent reserve is in the black again.

Josh will be celebrating his first year next Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. He is moving to a new job location and we wish him well.

Donation to ASC: \$30.00 Lit. Order: \$103 Rent \$60.

Submitted by Joan F on behalf of the group

Date May 5, 2013

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: GROW OR GO

Address: 106 N. Riverside DR. Indialantic Eastminster  
Presbyterian

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: 8-9 Living Clean Study Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: 8-9 Speaker Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: First Wed. of Month

Birthdays: Last Wed. of Month

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	<u>1</u>	<u>reimburse Janice</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>proposal CAR 2014</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>
		<u>Activities - Bob D.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

Lindsey P - 2 years

Per J - 4 years ?

2 new members joined home group

Steady attendance - home group

positions open, we need support!

Donation to A.S.C. \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: Ashley G. Date: 5-5-13

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Hope w/out Dope  
Address: 2436 LK Washington Rd.

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: 7:30 - 9pm Bus. Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

Birthdays: Jimmy K. 20 years

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
Election		<u>Bob for activities</u>	X		
Election		<u>John A PR Chair</u>		Withdrawn	
	1	<u>Reimburse Policy \$108.51</u>	X	X	
	2	<u>Include Proposal</u>	X		

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

Meeting attendance is steady. Had a few new members. Jimmy K. Celebrates 20 years on last thursday! :)

Donation to A.S.C. No

Submitted By: Lexie Date: 5/5/13

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: H.O.W

Address: Trinity Prespiterian Sat Brth

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: 7:00 pm - 8:pm

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: Tom 58 years

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	<u>1</u>	_____	—	✓	—
	<u>2</u>	_____	✓	—	—
	<u>3</u>	_____	✓	—	—
		_____	—	—	—

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

We really need support for our group.  
Attendance has been low - possibly spread  
the word

Donation to A.S.C. \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: Sydney Ma Date: 5-5-13

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Living With Purpose  
 Address: 6050 Beach St. Palm Bay, FL 32909  
 Meeting Days/Time/Format: A 11:6-7:00  
 Mon: Speaker-1st 90 Days Fri: Speaker 6-7:15  
 Tue: Women's Group Sat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wed: Steps 1, 2, 3 Sun: Open 6-7  
 Thur: Storytime w/AI Bus. Meeting: Wed. Before Area

Birthdays:

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
		<u>Bob D.</u>	✓	✗	-
		<u>John [redacted] A.</u>	-	✓	-
		<u>Car Proposal</u>	-	-	✓
		<u>Reimburse Jonice K.</u>	-	✓	-

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

Very much seeking support from  
the area!!!

Donation to A.S.C. \$10  
 Submitted By: John M. Jr. Date: 5/5/2013

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Mainstream Recovery

Address: Roseland Road Sebastian FL

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: 7:30 - 8:30 pm Fri: 7-8pm

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: 7-8pm Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: Debbie 7 years, Joe 9 years

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	<u>1</u>	<u>To Reimburse Janice K</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>car report</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

ACT Chair Bob D- 7 For 0 Against 0 abs.  
PR Chair John A 6 For 0 Against 1 abs.

Donation to A.S.C. 0

Submitted By: Dawn E. Date: 5/5/13

Space Coast Area of NA

Group Report

Group: MIRACLES HAPPEN

Address: 805 Fee Ave, Melbourne

Meeting Day/time/format: Thursday/8:30am/Living clean

BZ Meeting: First Thursday BD: last Thursday

Motions: Summary--- Abstain from voting listed in minutes because we vote elsewhere.

Group Business: We donated \$5 for rent. We voted to change the meeting to a reading and discussion of LIVING CLEAN. That is working out very well. We read, and then discuss, one paragraph at a time. We have purchased two books this month, and so we do not have a donation.

No donation to ASC this month.

Submitted by: Joan F, Group Treasurer May 5, 2013

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: OWL

Address: 4797 Curtis Blvd. Port St. John

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: 7:30-9 Speaker leadin Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: 1st Beginner/Sbgan Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: 2nd Step Tradition Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Thur: 4 BD Bus. Meeting: 1st Mon. af 9<sup>15</sup> pm

Birthdays: Christa 18 mos.

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	1	<u>Outforder Art &amp; Sec. 2 b</u>		X	—
	2	<u>proposal for CAR</u>	✓	—	—
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Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

nominations Bob Activities pass  
John PR pass

Attendance has slightly declined since meeting is now 1½ hrs, but more members and homogroup members have the opportunity to share. New format has kept meeting very recovery-topic oriented

Donation to A.S.C. Yes

Submitted By: Brooke H Date: 5/5/13

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Principles

Address: 2000 South St. Titusville, FL

Meeting Days/Time/Format:

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: 7pm 12/12 Study

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
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Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

Group avg 3-5 members  
Group could use support from members  
who have a working knowledge of 12/12

Donation to A.S.C.

Submitted By: Angel R Date: 5/5/2013

Space Coast Area of N.A.

G.S.R. Report

Group: Principles Before Personalities

Address: 2100 Port Malabar Blvd, Palm Bay

Meeting Days/Time/Format: 8:00-9:15 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, candle & JFT

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 'Ask it basket'

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: 7:00-8:15 Speaker meeting

Thur: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Meeting: Friday before area meeting

Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motions:	#	Summary	Y	N	A
	1	<u>Reimburse Janis K.</u>	—	✓	—
	2	<u>Proposal for Moratorium</u>	✓	—	—
	3	<u>Activating Chair Bob</u>	✓	—	—
			—	—	—

Other Group Business:(i.e. experiences that would benefit others, group conscience, problems, resolutions or concerns; including ones to be brought to A.S.C. for experience, strength, and hope. Results of matters voted on at the group level.)

Diane 1 year

Erica B 3 years

Lilly 1 year

Charles 10 years

Donation to A.S.C. \$1740

Submitted By: Silvia B. Date: 5-3-13

Joan F

Nominee for SCACNA6 Chairperson

Got clean in NY on November 10, 1985 and have remained clean continuously since then.

Served in many capacities in NY before moving to Melbourne in 1996.

In Melbourne and the Space Coast Area, I have served as GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, and Coffee person at various groups; and I am currently treasurer of GLAD TO BE ALIVE and MIRACLES HAPPEN. I also chair one meeting a week.

Served as Space Coast Area Secretary, and PR chair. I filled in for Literature Chair as needed.

Served on the Convention Committee as a member of the Hospitality Subcommittee, as Secretary, as Registration chair and filled in for Treasurers when they had to step down for personal reasons. I am currently the Convention Chair and acting treasurer.

I have the time and ability, as well as the strength, hope and experience to continue chairing the committee and also to do whatever it takes to make a successful convention.

I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, have not absconded with NA funds, and have a living knowledge of the principles contained in the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

## Hospitals & Institutions

### Chair Position Nominee's Qualifications

Hey Y'all,

My name is Patricia Koehler, but you all know me as Trish K.

I make a conscience choice each day not to use and that began on Labor Day of 2007

I became a member of NA in 1993 and served in the Southern California Eastern Sierra Area as Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Area Secretary, H&I Chair, P.I. Chair and RCM Alt.

I became a home group member of the Just for Today Group in Sept of 2009 upon transplanting myself here to the Space Coast Area.

I currently hold the Vice-Chair position for Hospitals & Institutions and have been attending H&I business meetings since 2010.

I have an NA sponsor who has an NA sponsor and I have no desire to attend any other Fellowships at this time.

I have both a working knowledge and have written on the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of the Narcotics Anonymous Program.

I have read and understand the Qualifications and Duties of the H&I Chair and I have no problem with public speaking or working with others for the benefit of any addict anywhere seeking recovery.

Thank you for your consideration

In Loving Service,

Trish K. (321) 298-0880

I am willing to serve as Helpline Chair  
of the SCANA. I have been serving our Area  
since 2004 at the Area level, AIT Secretary, Secretary  
Policy subcommittee member, GSR, group treasurer,  
Speaker Coordinator, Convention Chair, Hotel liaison, merchandise  
program chair. I have working knowledge of 12 Steps &  
12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. I have a sponsor  
MY CLEAN DATE 3-12-03

Javis J

PS Phone line Volunteer 2010 - 2013

Jan B running for RCM 1

Updated qualifications 2013

Clean Date:07-04-09

\*I have an NA sponsor that has an NA sponsor

\*I live and work the NA 12 Steps & 12 Traditions

\*I have been in service with H&I since I've had 6months clean(2009 to date)-

Panel member 2009 to date

Panel Leader 2009 to date

Panel Coordinator Adult Unit Circles of Care 2012 to date

H&I Literature Chair 2012-2013

\*I have a Home group, I've held:

Room opener

Coffee person

Speaker Coord.

Alt Secretary

Secretary

\* I've served as Space Coast RCMI 2012 to date

I have a willingness to continue learning and being of service to the Space Coast Area of Narcotics Anonymous

2013 -05-05 John CS Qualifications for Alt Secretary are as follows:

My Clean Date is November 14th, 2002

My Sponsor is Marty E.

Home Group Service: Greeting, Opening & Setting up, Treasure, Secretary, Alt GSR, & GSR

ASC Service: I have been an active member of every subcommittee at one time or another including Activities, Helpline.

H&I: active voting member for 9 yrs out of 10 1/2 yrs. I have been a panel member, panel leader, panel coordinator, H&I policy ad hoc chair 4 times in 8 yrs. and also a active member of the H&I policy ad hoc this year from Jan 2013 until present.

PI: voting member for approximately 3 yrs, I participated in doing 10 or so PI presentations over the years. Chaired the PI Subcommittee during my term as Vice Chair until I became the acting ASC Chair during my Vice Chair position.

Policy: active voting member for 8 yrs out of 10 1/2 yrs. Secretary, Policy Chair 1 yr.

Convention Committee: Registration Chair 2 yrs.

I have completed the area positions of RCM for 2 yrs and ASC Vice Chair for 1 yr.

RSC Service: Attended RSC from Nov 2003 through June of 2007. Representing our area and members of H&I, Helpline, PI, Policy, Outreach Ad Hoc which later turned into Fellowship Development.

In Loving Service, John CS

JT G Qualifications

I have 1 yr Clean my Clean date is 4/29/12  
I do not have any desire to attend any other fellowships

I served on H+I for the past 9 months  
Have a working knowledge of the 12 + 12  
Understand the duties and expectations of the positions and have a willingness to serve

DATE A

PH # 321-4321348

CLEAN DATE - 12/4/04

HAVE AN NA SPONSOR

WORK STEPS

PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS -

AUT GSR

→ ~~AUT~~ GSR

H&I PANEL member

H&I PANEL LEADER

H&I SECRETARY

CURRENTLY AREA VICE CHAIR

**Space Coast Area of N.A. Motion Form**  
(Do not write on shaded areas.)

Date: April 14, 2013

Motion # 3

**State the Motion:** Per Article XV BUDGETS, section 2 All Subcommittees are required to submit updated budgets in March of each year. Our budget is not listed in section 1, but it has been \$7,100 for the past two years, and we will require an increase to match cost of living expenses. We propose increasing the budget to \$7,900 per year and furthermore that the budgeted funds shall come from the convention returns. We have added two new categories: ARTS & GRAPHICS from last year, and ADMINISTRATIVE. A&G will handle artwork as needed, with copies, etc. debited to corresponding subcommittees; and ADMINISTRATIVE will contain all miscellaneous and necessary expenses not specifically attributed to a specific sub-committee; such as/but not limited to: banking fees, postal services, flyers, and storage. Amount is based on the following expenses:

ADMINISTRATIVE \$1,300 (\$720 rent, \$444 Storage, \$86 PO Box and others)

ARTS & GRAPHICS	\$ 375	FUNDRAISING	\$ 1,000
HOTEL	\$4,700	HOSPITALITY	\$ 800
MERCHANDISING	\$1,200	PROGRAMMING	\$ 800

Total \$10,175 approximately 78% = \$7,900

**Amendment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Intent:** To keep the budget at a fair amount to match increased expenses.

**Made by:** SCACNA, Joan F, Chair **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Group or Admin. position) (Name of Group)

**Motion To**

**Amend:** =====

**Made by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amt. vote:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ammt. result:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion To Refer To:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Made by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Admin.'s (or other S-C) recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion To Table:** TO GROUPS **Intent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Made by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Table Vote:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Table Result:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Vote:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Result:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Space Coast Area of N.A. Motion Form**

(Do not write on shaded areas.)

Date: May 5, 2013

Motion # 1

**State the Motion:** To create a new Article XVI at the end of page 19 to be titled Misconduct.  
See attached for details!

**Amendment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Intent:** See attached!

Made by: Janice K., Policy Chair  
(Name of Group or Admin. position)

Seconded by: Courage To Change  
(Name of Group)  
Kate A.

**Motion To  
Amend:** =====

Made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ammt. vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Ammt. result: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion To Refer To:** \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
Made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Admin.'s (or other S-C) recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Motion To Table:** To Groups Intent: \_\_\_\_\_  
For Review

Made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Table Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Table Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCASC "Misconduct" Guideline Proposal

### **Intent:**

So why do we need something like a "Misconduct" addition to our area guidelines might be one of the things most people might wonder. I can tell you that I had the same feeling in 1995 when we were having some problems in another area. Unfortunately, the problems continued till I decided to do some research on this subject and found a set of guidelines about this topic that came from an area out in the Western USA that I think I found while perusing the World Services website. So if you want to know where I got them originally I don't remember, but this is the third time I have written them for a NA service body.

So let's go through the various sections of this proposal as it takes some examples to understand the nuances of it. In **Section 1** a lot of people wonder about why we would be concerned about various government laws as it appears to be an outside issue at first look. So let's take the case of a fictional NA member who robbed a bank because this is definitely an outside issue, right? However, this fictional NA member also happened to wear a t-shirt with a big NA logo on the back while he was robbing the bank. Thus we have a situation where NA is harmed by association of a bank robbery and NA in general. In this instance a NA service body member could be said to have been guilty of misconduct (the association of NA and a felony by the public) and we would focus only on the issue of the misconduct and not the crime.

Another example was when I attended the last H&I meeting where a trusted servant of H&I had been doing some things that brought problems to NA locally and throughout other parts of the Florida Region even though what had been done was something of an outside issue. The H&I Committee would have liked to been able to do something, but after a thorough review of their guidelines there was nothing in it that involved removing NA members for misconduct.

So moving on to **Section 2** the reason there is four (4) disinterested parties that would make an initial decision, is to take any politics out of the equation. It also requires a 2/3 majority decision which in this case requires 3 members out of the four voting. It's not likely for politics to get past this part of the process, but to make sure it doesn't the Chair is required to come to the next SCASC meeting and report what happened, any decisions they made, and the NA members involved. Then the SCASC has a lot of choices of what can be done.

In **Section 2 subsection 3** this is to make all parties of the alleged misconduct equally responsible. It's unfortunate, but often in NA there are other parties that participate in this kind of misconduct by either indirect participation or by trying to hide the problem so no one finds out. These are not the kind of NA members we would like to be involved in our service structure as it doesn't seem very spiritual.

In Section 2 subsection 4 we make sure that anyone has the right to petition a service body for redress of a personal grievance as embodied in our 10<sup>th</sup> Concept of NA Service.

In Section 3 subsection 1 a some might think it controversial to be meting out punishment. However, giving a NA member a vacation from service is not meant to be punitive. It is in essence the realization that something isn't right in their recovery program and we wish to take away the stress of service (and we all know it's stressful) so they have the chance to work on their recovery program and hopefully learn to do something different next time their involved in service. I once saw a woman that was given 5 years away from area service and returned at 2-3 years asking for an exception to return to service. After listening to her and other NA members the area decided to allow her to return to area service because she had obviously changed by working the steps. So as I'm fond of saying "nothing in NA is written in stone." Also take notice that it says "at the discretion of the SCASC, on a case by case basis" so whether the vacation from service or not can go either way depending on the circumstances.

To draw this to a conclusion this is the kind of guideline amendment that hopefully will be rarely used and from my service experience it usually is rare. However, these guidelines will allow our area to deal with any problems that come up without going through an area shockwave that many areas go through in trying to deal with issues without similar guidelines.

Grateful to be of Service,

Janice K., Policy Chair

To create Article XVI in the SCASC Guidelines:

## Misconduct

### Section 1. Misconduct:

Misconduct is defined as any action contrary to the Twelve Traditions of NA, the Twelve Concepts of NA Service, the guidelines of the SCASC, the guidelines of a SCASC Subcommittee or Ad hoc (if applicable), or violation of Florida, County of Brevard, State, or US federal law to the extent that such misconduct is detrimental to the NA Fellowship. This includes conduct that creates a benefit to a member or outside enterprise to the detriment of the NA Fellowship.

### Section 2. Interim Action and Suspension:

Should any SCASC Committee member, Subcommittee member, or any non-elected NA member be suspected to have been involved in misconduct, the SCASC Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary will vote, in person, email, or by phone, to immediately "suspend" the member(s) involved from further area service. Suspension in this instance is not disciplinary action; it is a pause in active service to allow time for investigation of an incident.

1. A suspended officer or member may no longer represent themselves to the fellowship or service Boards/Committees as an officer or member of the SCASC, its Subcommittees, and its Ad-hoc's. Additionally, a member, upon notification of being suspended, by phone, email, or letter from the Chairperson, may not be reimbursed for any service-related expenses incurred during the course of their suspension.
2. Upon suspension of any member(s), the SCASC Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary must make a full and timely investigation of the matter and report the findings at the next SCASC meeting.
3. Any member who participates in or who has knowledge of the suspected misconduct shall be subject to the same actions taken against the suspected member(s) and are required to be present at the SCASC.
4. The presiding officer of the next SCASC, immediately upon calling the SCASC to order, must report all interim actions/decisions made by the duly elected officers involved in the interim investigation, fully disclosing the alleged misconduct and the individual(s) involved. Any member suspected of misconduct may exercise the Tenth Concept of NA Service to redress the issue at that time.

### **Section 3. SCASC Action, Removal, and Reinstatement:**

Once the SCASC duly elected officers investigate and report to the SCASC its findings of the suspected violation of this section, the SCASC must immediately vote on a motion to remove the individual(s) from office or the committee "with cause," to reinstate, to extend the investigation, or to table it to groups. Corresponding to other provisions of the SCASC it requires a 2/3 majority to pass these types of motions. The Chair will notify said member by phone, email, or certified mail of the action taken if not present.

1. Should the SCASC remove an officer(s) or member(s) with cause, the said individual's participation within the SCASC is immediately terminated.
  - a. Any member removed from office and/or committee by the SCASC for misconduct may no longer represent themselves to the fellowship or Service Boards/Committees as an officer or member of the SCASC, its Subcommittees, and its Ad hoc's for a period of one (1) to five (5) years, at the discretion of SCASC, on a case-by-case basis. (This period of time will be voted on and determined at the time of removal from office and/or committee.)
  - b. The Florida Regional Service Committee (FRSC) will also be notified by email or certified mail so that other Areas of NA aren't subjected to this abuse.
  - c. If a trusted servant resigns from office or a committee prior to the SCASC having taken the aforementioned action and reaching a final resolution, the SCASC shall proceed to suspend the trusted servant. The SCASC shall investigate the matter and follow the aforementioned process to its conclusion.
2. Upon reinstatement, by a required two-thirds vote by the SCASC, said member's suspension will be lifted and the member will resume their role as a full participant of the SCASC, its Subcommittee, or Ad hoc's, as applicable.