



E.A.N.A. – English Area of Narcotics Anonymous

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EANA ASC Minutes
Sunday, October 18, 2009

The meeting started 10:08 am at with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of NA.

- Six voting members out of 17; quorum not attained.

ASC Chairperson	Jenn	Present	Awakenings	Eric A.	Present
ASC Vice-Chairperson	Naomi	Present	Back To Basics	Jeff F.	Present
RCM	Nixsy	Present	Circle Thursday	Duncan	Present
RCMA	Open		Conscious Contact	Open	
ASC Secretary	Alison	Present	Day By Day	Fab	Absent
ASC Secretary-Alternate	Open		Free On Friday	Thomas R.	Absent
ASC Treasurer	Jean	Present	Glad To Be Alive	Open	
Activities Chairperson	Haidee	Present	In Fokus	Peter R.	Present
Daily Inventory Chairperson	Ted	Present	Inside Job	Elisheva	Present
H&I Chairperson	Robertta	Absent	Lighthouse	?	
Literature Chairperson	Eric A.	Present	New Beginning	Eric O.	Absent
P.I.-Helpline Chairperson	Mike	Absent	Northern Nites	Andy S.	
Ad hoc	Keith	Absent	Out Of The Dark on Park	Eric A.	Present
			Serenity Sisters	Kristyna	Absent
Archivist	Eric O.	Absent	Show Me How To Live	Open	
			Step by Step	David	Present
			Take it or Leave it	Tammy	Present

Group Open Positions

Group	GSR		GSRA		Secretary	Treasurer	
Awakenings	Eric A.		Open (3 months)		Jeff F.	Open (1 year)	
Back To Basics	Open (6 months)		Jeff F.		Stephen Mc.	Open (1 year)	
Circle Thursday	Duncan		Open (6 months)		Ted S.	Stanley S.	
Conscious Contact	Open (6 months)		Open (3 months)		Jenn C.	Robertta	
Day By Day	Fab		Open (3 months)		Paul	Nixsy	
Free On Friday	Thomas R.		Open (6 months)		Josh C.	Sandra V.	
Glad To Be Alive	Open		Open		Audley	Jean	
In Fokus	Peter R.		Open		Open (1 year)	Jean	
Inside Job	Elisheva		?		?	?	
Lighthouse	?		?		?	?	
New Beginning	Eric O.		Karina		Open	Eric A.	
Northern Nites	Andy S.		Open		Gordie B.	Open (6 months)	
Out Of The Dark	Eric A.		Amy		Bee	Brian	
Serenity Sisters	Kristyna		?		Elisheva	?	
Show me how to live	Open (1 year)		Open (6 months)		Open (1 year)	Open (1 year)	
Step by Step	Open (6 months)		David		Enrico	Steven	
Take It Or Leave It	Open (1 year)		Tammy		Naomi	?	
Subcommittee	Chair/Vice		Secretary/Alt		Treasurer		
Admin	Ted S.	Peter R.	Alison C.	Open	Jean C.	RCM	Archivist
Activities	Haidee	Open	Sandra V.		Carine G.	Nixsy	Eric O.
Convention	Open	Open	Open		Open		
Daily Inventory	Ted S.	Duncan	Open				
H&I	Robertta W.	Jeffrey B.	Open				
Literature	Eric A.	Open	Open		Open		
P.I.	Mike W.	Keith M.	Josh C.			PI Webmaster: Dean R.	
Ad hoc	Keith M.	Open	Open			PI Helpline: Sandra V.	

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS	Coordinator	Alt-Coordinator
Addington	Alison C.	Stephen Mc.
Bordeaux CCR ♂	Jeff S.	Ed W.
Fosters	Open	Josh C.
Oka	Keith M.	Arthur W.

Chair: This is my Area meeting as Chair. It has been a great experience and I really appreciate being able to serve. This month, I got the key sign-out sheet together. I also have the sign-off and sign-on sheets for the bank. There was some confusion regarding the closing report from the EANA convention. Because Jean wasn't here for the August Area, we glossed over the convention treasurer's report. The closing balance was accurate, but at the time, a few cheques had not gone through yet, and the convention chair was missing bank statements, and this gave the impression that the report was incomplete. The closing balance was accurate, minus bank fees, etc. The information was sent to Jean in August. It looks like it's \$22 under.

Vice Chair: I have nothing to report. I would like to apologize for being absent from Area for the past three months.

Treasurer: My position is up, but if no one really wants the position, I would be willing to take a second term.

Secretary: This is my first month as Secretary, so I'm just learning the ropes. I printed out the August and September Area minutes. Are there any corrections?

RCM: I attended the September Regional meeting. Here is the report:
Carole stepped down from the position of Alternate Regional Delegate. Reading of email.
Review of consensus decision-making. Discussion.

Elections: Internet Radio Alternate Coordinator. Martin nominated. ELECTED.

Public Relations: Jacques-Antoine nominated. ELECTED.

OPEN: Alternate Regional Delegate – to be elected at the next Regional meeting.

Presentation of CANA to present upcoming intentions of improving its image of NA in Canada by working closely with Public Relations; recognition of the Canadian government of Quebec also looked at, as well as the means of improving our ability to reach addicts inside institutions by creating a better reception.

Workshop on identifying key issues with a separation into groups to brainstorm on feasible solutions. The topic chosen: What actions can we take to improve our communication at the level of Area (CSL)?

Vision statement presented for suggestions and revisions. The vision statement is as follows:

The Quebec Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Vision Statement

Our vision:

That every addict in the Quebec Region, wherever they are and regardless of their situation, has access to our message of hope and recovery.

That Narcotics Anonymous is recognized in Quebec society as a primary resource in the treatment of addiction. To this end, we work tirelessly to carry our Fellowship's message that freedom from active addiction is possible in Narcotics Anonymous and we engage in close and enduring collaboration with NA Area Service Committees and Subcommittees as well as with those working within the varied social services.

We emphasize communication so that all members of Narcotics Anonymous in the Quebec Region are informed about NA's service structure, and of its importance, so they may benefit from it and have the opportunity to be of service to it. We strive for a friendly atmosphere, which reflects the maturity and unity of our Fellowship, constantly enlivened by the principles of honesty, open-mindedness and willingness.

The efforts of the Quebec Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous are the expression of our group conscience. They are a reflection of our highest aspirations and are inspired by a loving Higher Power.

Reports of present CSLs given: written copies available upon request.

Report of Regional Delegate: Iran is holding a convention. Due to political constraints on obtaining visas, the committee is asking for email submissions of shares to read during the convention.

Luc is not available to go with Pierrot to Calgary Nov. 9–14 to the Canadian Assembly and a call out to those interested and are able to go to contact Pierrot.

RINA: Reading of Internet Radio statistics.

QRCNA: Highest numbers in the past 10 years with pre-registrations. Everything is going okay. Discussion on the giving of 100 tickets free as an invitation to different health institutions and other PR opportunities (media) to give forth the message of NA's existence and information of the program. Issue brought up of free tickets to them and members having to pay.

An NA Worldwide Workshop will be held Nov. 20–22 in Boston. Best to register prior to November. Contact Nixsy if interested in going and providing a lift there and back!

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Bank balance is the same as last time. We are starting to take on less as a subcommittee because of personal matters. The service workshop was a success. The facility was great. There were four presenters. The main thing was that people wanted more service workshops. EANA's 22nd anniversary is on November 7th. The cost is \$15, but no one will be turned away. Micheline is the coordinator, and she is trying to find out about our history. She went to the CSL recently, and they have really helped us out. The cake off is taking off. About 8–10 people have signed up to make a cake. And of course, there will be a live band at the anniversary event. The activity coordinator for the New Year's event has resigned. Same location as last year (Take It or Leave It location). Potluck. Keith and Nixsy went to regional, and regional has reached out to us. They asked our committee if we could help them organize two events in December. They want us to organize the activities at the events. They will take care of the food, rent, etc. The location is Aylmer, which is in the east end, near Joliette metro station. I went to my committee, and we agreed that I would come to Area to discuss it. If we go ahead with the New Year's party with the CSL, our EANA event will be cancelled.

Comment: My concern is that EANA has a policy of not turning away people for lack of funds, and this may not be the policy of all Areas.

Response: The events are free of charge.

Question: Do we have to put money on this project?

Answer: No, just manpower.

Comment: Last year's New Year's event was a great success, and it would be a shame if it didn't happen again this year.

Ad hoc: Not in attendance.

Convention: Position is open.

Daily Inventory: Submissions are slowly finding their way to DI, but many more are needed. If all that said they would submit did, we would be putting out a double issue but we are on the way to putting out a single issue, probably by next month. You may have noticed that I have said "WE" as opposed to the "I" that I have been using in months past. This is because at last's week's DI meeting, a vice chair was elected. Drum roll please... Duncan has stepped up to the plate and I look forward to sharing the responsibilities with the D man. A copy of the DI as it looks so far should be making its way around the room now. The look may change from the way it looks now due to the input of many more brain cells. The working title of the forthcoming issue is "the autumn issue" but it just may end up being the "year-end issue." Thank you for letting us serve.

Hospitals & Institutions: Not in attendance. Open positions: Chair (2 years clean), secretary/treasurer (1 year clean), and Fosters coordinator (1 year clean).

Literature:

Continue to use the current price list until there is a group conscience from Area, as there is no group conscience (one-person committee).

Keep in mind that the cheapest literature prices are from World.

I have September meeting lists. If you want to buy regional meeting lists, they are \$0.30 each.

E.A.N.A. Literature Sub-Committee Account

Acct. # 101-090-9

Period

Sept 9/09 to Oct 8/09

Date	Description	Cheques & Debit	Deposits & Credits	Balance
9-Sep-09	Opening Balance			\$819.10
1-Oct-09	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$815.35
14-Sep-09	Chq #37 WSO order #0817901	\$417.40		\$397.95
	Closing Balance			\$397.95

Outstanding cheque: number 38: \$149.43 (WSO order: 0923901) **DEBIT**

Outstanding deposits (from Treasurer): \$558.75 **CREDIT**

Public Information: Not in attendance.

Admin: 15 minutes allotted to giving of donations, submitting motions, etc.

Recess, reconvene and Quorum: 5 minutes.

- 9 voting members; quorum not attained; simple majority attained.

Old business: None.

Elections: Duncan nominated Ted for the position of Chair. Jeff S. seconded the nomination. Ted accepted.

Passed.

Ted nominated Peter as vice-chair. Peter accepted. Passed.

Jean re-elected as treasurer.

Nixsy nominated Jeff S. as convention chair. Jeff S. respectfully declined.

Open positions: Alternate Secretary, Convention (all positions), H&I chair.

New Business:

Motion #1): Made by Nixsy, seconded by Haidee. Motion: For Area to supply each group with a copy of the Twelve Concepts of Service book. Intent: To familiarize and make accessible the twelve concepts of service. For GSRs to bring back and present to group the availability of the guide and to keep as a group tool. Financial impact: about \$34 (about 17 groups @ \$2.00 each). Vote results: 8 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Passed.

Motion #2): Made by Duncan, seconded by Ted S. Motion: Circle Thursday believes that books should be sold to addicts at lowest cost possible, preferably at true cost. We propose that EANA goes to the Region and asks them to lower their prices. We in Montreal should not be paying more for books than addicts in Ontario or British Columbia, for example. Intent: To provide addicts with books at the lowest possible price. Financial impact: \$0. Questions: Do we have power over what goes on at the region? Is it just wishful thinking to think that we can change their price list? Comment: It is a question to region. Voting results: 8 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Passed.

Motion #3): Made by Haidee, seconded by Eric A. (literature chair). Motion: To determine if EANA's group conscience leads to the following:

- 1) Cancel EANA's New Year's celebration
- 2) Organize activities with the Montreal CSL to take place for longer than 12 hours and no less than one hour on either

- a) December 25 and December 31;
- b) December 25; or
- c) December 31.

Intent: To build unity in our fellowship and to carry the message of recovery beyond EANA's present scope. Financial impact: \$0. However, a positive decision acknowledges that the activities subcommittee is not responsible for events, EANA is. This means a commitment to organize, participate, and follow through by individual EANA members. Voting results: Combined Christmas celebration: 0 in favour. 6 opposed. 3 abstentions. Failed. Combined New Year's celebration: 0 in favour. 5 opposed. 4 abstentions. Failed.

Treasurer's report: Opening balance = \$1,849.09, group donations = \$40, expenses = \$55.86, closing balance = \$1,833.23.

Group Statistics

Donations: \$

Attendees:

Newcomers:

Literature Orders: \$

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: We are looking for a treasurer with 1 year clean and a GSRA with 3 months.

Back to Basics: Monthly attendance was 75. We are looking for a GSR with 6 months clean and a treasurer with 1 year clean. Back to Basics will be celebrating its 24th anniversary on November 10. Although Back to Basics is a closed meeting, the meeting will be open to everyone that night. There will be a potluck from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, the meeting will be from 8:00 to 9:30 pm, then cake from 9:30 to 9:45 pm. Come one come all. The group is making an Area donation of \$40.

Circle Thursday: Monthly attendance was 48. There was 1 newcomer. We are looking for a GSRA with 3 months clean. We are making an Area donation of \$57. The meeting is going well.

Conscious Contact: GSR and GSRA positions are open.

Day by Day: Monthly attendance was 70. There was 1 newcomer. We are looking for a GSRA with 3 months clean. Everything is going well.

Free on Friday: Not in attendance.

Glad to be Alive: No written report.

In Fokus: Monthly attendance was approximately 45. There were 2 newcomers. We are looking for a secretary with 1 year clean, an alternate secretary and a GSRA. We will now need a GSR as well, as Peter is now Vice Chair of Area and can no longer serve as GSR. The meeting seems to be growing in attendance, which is very encouraging, considering the small numbers over the summer.

Inside Job: Monthly attendance was 45. We are looking for an alternate secretary with 1 year clean. The group is doing okay.

Lighthouse: Not in attendance.

New Beginnings: Not in attendance.

Northern Nites: Not in attendance.

Out of the Dark: Monthly attendance was 80. There were 3 newcomers. No Area donation. The GSR position is coming up in 2 months. Vote on motions: the group abstained from a decision regarding the price list.

Serenity Sisters: Monthly attendance was 30. We are looking for an alternate treasurer with 1 year clean. The group is doing really well; there is regular attendance.

Show Me How To Live: Monthly attendance was 30. There were no newcomers. We are looking for a secretary with 1 year clean, a GSR with 1 year clean, a GSRA with 6 months and a treasurer with 1 year. We are making an Area donation of \$27.

Step by Step: Monthly attendance was 98. There were 4 newcomers. We are looking for a GSR with six months clean.

Take it or Leave it: We have two upcoming celebrations: Naomi will be taking 6 years on November 8, and Thomas will be taking 1 year on December 6. The group is looking for a GSR with 1 year clean.

CELEBRATIONS!!

Naomi: 6 years, Take It or Leave It, November 8

Stephen: 2 years, Back to Basics, December 1

Thomas: 1 year, Take It or Leave It, December 6

Questions and comments:

- I am glad that the CSL de Montreal and EANA will be having separate New Year's events, because as the CSL de Montreal's event will be 12 hours long, people will have the opportunity to go to both events if they want.
- I had a number of problems with this year's regional convention (e.g., spending \$12,000 on a singer)
- Thank you to Jenn and Naomi for your service!

The next Area meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown.

The meeting ended at 12:44 pm with a circle and the gratitude slogan.

Administration Meeting Minutes

No formal Admin meeting was held. Jenn and Ted organized their switchover (key sign-out sheet, sign-off and sign-on sheets for the bank, etc.)