



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

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EANA ASC Minutes
Sunday, December 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of NA.

Quorum call: 10 out of 17; quorum attained.

ASC Chairperson	Keith M.	Present	Awakenings	Michael C.	Present
ASC Vice-chairperson	Haidee	Present	Back To Basics	Lorne B.	Present
RCM	Nixsy	Present	Circle Thursday	Duncan	Present
RCMA	Open		Conscious Contact	Mike W.	Present
ASC Secretary	Alison C.	Present	Day By Day	Paul	Present
ASC Secretary-Alternate	Roberta W.	Present	Free On Friday	Tammy	Present
ASC Treasurer	Eric A.	Present	Glad To Be Alive	unrepresented	
Activities Chairperson	Naomi B.	Present	In Fokus	Jacques	Present
Convention Chairperson	Alain G.	Present	Inside Job	Josh	Present
Daily Inventory Chairperson	Open		Lighthouse	Daniel	Present
H&I Chairperson	Roberta W.	Present	New Beginning	Leah L.	Present
Literature Chairperson	Jordan	Present	Out Of The Dark on Park	unrepresented	
P.I.–Helpline Chairperson	Mike W.	Present	Saturday Night Clean	Dean	Present
Ad hoc	Haidee	Present	Serenity Sisters	Jordan	Present
Archivist	Eric O.	Absent	Show Me How To Live	Alain G.	Present
			Step by Step	Naomi	Present
			Take it or Leave it	Peter C.	Present

Group Open Positions

Group	GSR/GSRA		Secretary/Treasurer	
Awakenings	Open (6 months)	Michael C.	Open (1 year)	Open (1 year)
Back To Basics	Lorne B.	Open (6 months)	Eric A.	Open (1 year)
Circle Thursday	Open (1 year)	Open (6 months)	Open (1 year)	Open (1 year)
Conscious Contact	Open (6 months)	Aaron Z.	Roberta W.	Mike W.
Day By Day	Paul H.	Open (3 months)	Nixsy	Open (1 year)
Free On Friday	Open (1 year)	Open	Sandra	Josh C.
Glad To Be Alive	Open	Open	Open	Jean C.
In Fokus	Jacques	Open	Daniel	Open
Inside Job	Josh	Open	Open	Open
Lighthouse	Daniel E.	Open	Steven H.	?
New Beginning	Leah L.	Open (6 months)	Ariel	Open (1 year)
Out Of The Dark	Open	Open	Peter C.	Open
Saturday Night Clean	Dean	Natasha	Jack G.	Dez
Serenity Sisters	Karen	Jordan	Natasha	Open
Show me how to live	Alain G.	Open (6 months)	Open	Open (1 year)
Step by Step	Open (9 months)	David	Enrico	Steven
Take It Or Leave It	Peter C.	Open	Steeve F.	Mary Ellen
Subcommittee	Chair/Vice		Secretary/Alt	Treasurer
Admin	Keith M.	Haidee	Alison C. Roberta	Eric A. RCM Archivist
Activities	Naomi B.	David S.	Open	Open Nixsy
Convention	Alain G.	Leah L.	Open	Peter R.
Daily Inventory	Open	Open	Open	
H&I	Roberta W.	Alison C.	Open	
Literature	Jordan	Elisheva	Open	Open
P.I.	Mike W.	Open	Open	PI Webmaster: Dean R.
Ad Hoc	Haidee			PI Helpline: Open

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS	Coordinator	Alternate Coordinator
Addington	Stephen Mc.	Open (6 months)
Bordeaux CCR ♂	David S.	Ed W.
Fosters	Josh C.	Open (6 months)
Onen'tó:kon (Oka)	Open (9 months)	Dez

Chair:

Thank you all for being here and participating in our recovery. Welcome to the EANA Area Service Committee meeting.

In April the outgoing ad hoc Chair made a motion that was table regarding printing of guidelines:

April 11, 2010

Motion made by Ad Hoc, seconded by Naomi. Effect to guidelines: none. Motion: That 30 copies of EANA ASC Log of Motions and EANA ASC Guidelines be printed, with plastic ring binding, following presentation by the committee of the final draft of these at the May Area meeting. Intent: To distribute these as widely as possible, 17 groups, 5 Admin members, 5 subcommittees (3 extra copies). Financial impact: Uncertain; depends on printing costs. If anyone has a good price at a print shop please let me know. Motion to table made by Keith.

Motion to table passed.

Unfortunately the motion was never taken up at the following area or since. This issue will come up in old business today.

A member approached me this month regarding having an area inventory. An area inventory involves asking ourselves as an area where we are at and how we could do a better job of serving the still suffering addict. The member has experience doing an area inventory and was interested in heading up the effort.

Concern was expressed that with NYE coming and no report from the Activities Chair as to what was going on with our mandated New Year's Eve Dance.

I would like to thank all members who organized and participated in our Area convention this past month. I am looking forward to hearing the committees report.

I would encourage us all to help figure out the meeting closures over the holidays. If you are representing a group, please indicate "open" "closed" or "I don't know" regarding this issue. We will have a go around following break to try to get a comprehensive list and figure out which groups we need to contact to find out if they are open. Note: Please do not report on this issue unless you attended the most recent group business meeting or were asked to let us know by a trusted servant of the group.

I would like encourage all of us to try to create a welcoming and supportive environment here at the area table. Admin members have agreed that orientation of new members is an important part of creating an effective and vibrant Area Service Committee. Mentoring is a vital part of effective service efforts. I would like to encourage new members to sit beside experienced members. If you do not know them, use this as an opportunity to break the ice. I would also like to encourage our more experienced members to be welcoming and use this as an opportunity to keep what you have by giving it away.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Vice Chair:**Actions for October carried to November**

To complete my tasks and better serve the groups I would like to create a contact list that includes the names and numbers of the trusted servants, along with the days and times when business meetings are held for each group and subcommittee.

Admin Meeting

Based on my perception of the October AREA meeting, I identified two concerns brought forward by the GSRs and also brought forward one of my own:

That subcommittees hold business meetings as written on the meeting list□. Action: The PI business meeting changed from the first Sunday of the month to the first Friday of the month @ Conscious Contact. This change has not been updated on the meeting lists, so I went to TIOLI last Sunday to advise anybody who showed up for the meeting about the change. Nobody showed up that evening for the PI business meeting.

That positions remain open for indefinite periods of time (e.g. DI, Alternate Coordinator for Addington, group secretary, treasurer & representative).□Action: To be discussed further.

[My concern] That confusion is created when a member shares information about a group that is not

represented at AREA. Does the group know the member is reporting on their behalf? Does the member advise the group they were not represented? How does this affect EANA's group conscience when voting? □ Possible action: Organize AREA such that voters sit at the "voting table" as practiced by an AREA in British Columbia.

Recommendations to GSRs generated at the Admin Meeting

To request Activities, Convention, and Literature subcommittees submit financial reports for their bank accounts. Note the AREA treasurer would do this for Literature.

Serve as a resource

Outreach to Literature Committee. Clarified the committee consists of three trusted servants: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. □ Action: I strongly urge any and all subcommittee trusted servants to read the EANA Guidelines and to make best effort to execute them. The Guidelines help us carry our primary purpose and are easy to follow thanks to our elders hard earned experience that went into writing and approving them.

Encouraged a trusted servant of a subcommittee to attend AREA even though there is nothing to report because they are missing information or someone in their committee did not follow through on a commitment.

Discussed protocol with trusted servants of a group to ensure the group secretary had been approached in a clear loving fashion. In the last three months, the secretary regularly did not open or attend the meeting, as well as missed at least two business meetings. Although the trusted servants made it clear they wanted the secretary to continue, they also explained that the needs of the group and its primary purpose were so important that if the secretary missed the next business meeting it would be understood that the position was now open.

Actions for November

Notify any group of their lack of representation @ ASC;

Contact all GSRs and Subcommittee Chairs to request they submit to the ASC Secretary their monthly written report within 5 days **before** or 2 days **after** AREA.

Place literature order for two copies each of 12 Concepts & Guide to Local Services totaling \$25; note this order will be released once the 2010–2011 budget has been approved.

THANK YOU GSR FOR MAKING REPORTS @ GROUPS W/O GSRs PRESENT OR ELECTED

Secretary: Area minutes of November 2010 were distributed and reviewed. A few amendments were made (in the Group Open Positions table on page 1). Eric made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendments. Roberta seconded. Passed.

Treasurer:

For monthly treasurer report, please see appendix (too large to include in these minutes).

I looked into storage costs. There is a place near Papineau for \$21 per month. Less than the \$400 we're paying at the Maison de l'Amitie. Action: find out where we're paid up to with the storage space.

Alain: we've been there a while. There have always problems getting in and out of the building. Banners will be damaged over time. Duluth is not easy to get to. It's hard to park and hard to get to without a car.

Keith: we'll find out where we're up to with our payments.

Eric: cheque is on a yearly basis. Last cheque was written in January.

Keith: we'll bring this up in old business next month.

Haidee: who signed it?

Keith: it's a renewable agreement.

A vote was held on whether or not to accept the annual budget distributed by Eric last month. Vote results: 12 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Passed.

RCM:

Date of Area: December 12, 2010

Donation given to region: \$60 (insurance)

Date of last Region: November 28th & 29th, 2010

Regional local: 6120 rue de Lafontaine Montreal #150

Open Positions: Regional Vice Chair | Secretary | Alternate Secretary | Treasurer | Alternate Treasurer | PR Chair and alt
Revision Translation Chair and alt | Helpline Chair and alt | RINA Alt Chair |

Elections: Regional Chair – Pierrot -- Elected
Regional Delegate – Luc – Elected
Regional Delegate Alt – Vincent -- Elected
Literature Treasurer – Suzanne -- Elected

Regional Treasurer: Report available. Lynne will stay on in the meantime.

Executive Committee Report:

- **naquebec.org:** Guy is revamping the site. Check out: www.cslrsna.org/forums . He needs assistance.
- **Literature:** Guy will ask World to look into the 12% increase in literature prices. At the CCNA meeting, WSO was told the increase was too high. Prior to any changes being made to the price list we will wait to hear back.
- **Treasurer Annual report:** 2009 – 2010 closed with a loss of \$9594.14 due to less than expected Area contributions as well as expenses being higher than anticipated. Current bank balance: \$ 11 094.21

Service System Workshop: Please visit www.na.org/servicesystem. Oral report given. Feedback to be given to world prior to December 31st, though this is not the last for discussions on the topic.

Subcommittee Reports (original report available at request):

CJNA: March 4th, 5th, and 6th 2011 –a ‘green’ convention! Bring your reusable mug for free coffee. Pre-registration pamphlets available.

- *Halloween fundraiser to take place the 30th of October at 6120 de Lafontaine.*

CRQNA23: Great success. Over 1000 addicts in attendance.

CRQNA24:

Help Line: SUPPORT NEEDED. Open posts: Chair and Vice Chair, System information admin alternate, alternate helpline trainer, 12 step and alternate, Volunteer programmer and alternate as well as phone volunteers. Next meeting: 3rd Friday of the month at locale.

Training taking place on December 19th at 2pm.

Literature:

Public Relations: SUPPORT NEEDED. All posts open. December 18th, National will be giving a PR training. If you wish to participate sign up at www.naquebec.org or na@astjean.com or call 514 527 0735. An agreement was reached in announcing NA services in the waiting rooms of clinics. NA posters have been printed and will be given freely to Areas that ask for them. There was a suggestion from an observer to hire someone professionally for PR to ensure the image of NA looks responsible.

RINA:

Translation Project: Vacant.

Other Areas

Holiday plans for other Areas around Quebec are being held. Please speak to Nixsy if curious about attending an event outside of Montreal.

Next region: January 29th (10am) and 30th (9am)

Service works!

Questions and comments on RCM report:

Special business for next month: an introduction to the service structure.

Roberta: when did we find out about the service structure information?

Title: Service System Project Structural Proposals August 2010.

Timeline: December 31.

Recommendation for workshop next Sunday. Possibly Sunday December 19: 10 to 11:30 am?

This is our opportunity to give feedback to World.

Haidee: \$9,594 loss for Region? What are they doing?

Nixsy: They have a prudent reserve of \$20,000. They’re using that prudent reserve right now.

Lorne: Regional website?

Nixsy: not been worked on for a long time.

The offer was to participate in the development of the website. That was the way it was presented initially.

Mike: relying on another party is not in EANA’s interest.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: EANA anniversary party: raised \$63.65 for the convention.

Our new project: double event for New Year's. Potluck from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Conscious Contact. Skating at Beaver Lake on January 2.

We're having a hard time holding regular meetings. Vice Chair and myself. Impaired our ability to do business sufficiently. There will be an emergency business meeting on Sunday, December 19, at 6:00 pm at the Take It or Leave It location. Activities secretary with 9 months clean needed.

Peter C.: there will be a lot of groups at Take It or Leave It on Sunday at 6:00 pm (convention, men's step group, women's step group).

Haidee: I'm not comfortable releasing flyer without having spoken to Joanne from Sun Youth regarding the event.

Action: send an email regarding whether or not the event will take place.

Ad-hoc: For the second month in a row, there was no business meeting due to scheduling conflicts and competing responsibilities. Due to my inability to advance in the work required of this committee, I respectfully resign from this position. Thank you for your understanding.

Keith: Please announce this position as open this month.

Convention: Convention went well. Thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who showed up.

Convention treasurer's report (Peter R.). It hasn't been reconciled with the bank statements I received this morning, but it's pretty close. Final report to come. Full count of cash done over weekend. Everything accounted for.

September 21, 2010 – Opening balance – Funds from previous convention – credit \$1,421.86

September 21, 2010 – Deposit (cash) – Corn roast fundraiser – credit \$400

September 21, 2010 – Cheque – Deposit for Espresso Hotel – debit \$500

September 21, 2010 – Cheque – Refund Alain G. for pot & burner for corn roast – debit \$36.57

September 21, 2010 – Direct debit – Order for 100 cheques – debit \$37.90

(No date provided) – Cheque – Refund Michèle P. for printing – debit \$313.79

(No date provided) – Cash trans. combined w/ registration – Refund Mike for banner materials – credit \$35 and debit \$35

December 13, 2010 – Deposit (cash) – Earnings from convention – credit \$3,272.56*

*cash envelopes received - \$1,320/\$1,170/\$525/\$200/\$57.56 (\$63.65 from EANA anniversary incl.)

December 13, 2010 – Deposit (cheques & money orders) – Earnings from convention – credit \$198

(No date provided) – Cheque – Refund Alain G. for t-shirts and bags – debit \$1,153

(No date provided) – Cheque – Refund Michèle P. for post office box – debit \$87

(No date provided) – Cheque – Refund Roberta W. for recording materials – debit \$90.28

(No date provided) – Cheque – Payment for Espresso Hotel (including coffee and brunch) – debit ???

TOTAL CREDITS: \$5,327.42

TOTAL DEBITS: \$2,242.54

BALANCE: \$3,084.88

Peter: I won't be in town for next Area, but I can send in the final report.

Haidee: are there any t-shirts and bags left?

Alain: yes, there are. There are a bunch of t-shirts. We sold them for cheap and then ran out at one point, got a bunch made on a same-day basis. We'll store them in boxes to be used at the next convention. Mike M. took some t-shirts to Ontario to be sold and reimbursed to EANA.

Include Leah's email in next month's minutes for groups to discuss. A number of very good points emerged from the interactive workshop.

Daily Inventory: Position is open. Please announce this at all meeting. DI chair: 2 years clean.

Hospitals & Institutions:

OPEN POSITIONS: Roberta's position is as Chair is up. Steeve F.'s term as Fosters alternate coordinator is up.

The following positions are open at H&I:

- H&I Chair (2 years clean, 1 year experience in H&I service)
- Addington alternate coordinator (6 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Oka coordinator (9 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Fosters alternate coordinator (6 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)

ELECTIONS: Stephen was voted in as Addington coordinator.

The H&I subcommittee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Back to Basics location (on Ballantyne). All are welcome.

Literature:

Opening balance: \$1,635.06

Monthly fee: -\$3.75

Closing balance: \$1,642.36

Outstanding cheques:

Cheque #51: \$81.04

Deposit of \$315.50

Cheque #48 \$304.45 went through

Situation with meeting lists: new locations for Lighthouse and Saturday Night Clean. I made the changes and saved it numerous times. When I opened the same file at an Internet café, the file had not saved.

I got the updated meeting lists to H&I.

Peter: Out of the Dark would be a great place to hold a subcommittee meeting.

Keith: payment by Visa: Jordan gives order to Eric, Eric orders online, Haidee & Keith sign cheque to reimburse Eric. (This is for transparency; no conflict of interest).

Public Information: As of end of January, PI Chair is open. Although I'm stepping down after two terms, I am going to continue to be available to PI.

State of PI after my two years as chair: GSRs: PI has been placed in high consideration. The money willed to us by a member was left to PI for helpline. It's our primary purpose, and I believe it's very important. I was unable to attract the people necessary to carry out this task. My intention is to help PI with continuity. I want to be a helpline trainer. We should reconsider where we put our energy.

PI will be meeting on Friday, January 7, at 6:30 pm at Sun Youth. Webmaster position is filled until beginning of February; other than that, all positions are open.

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

Recess, reconvene and quorum: 10 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at ??? (time not recorded). Serenity prayer.

Quorum call: 13 out of 17; quorum attained.

Old Business:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Uncertain; depends on printing costs. If anyone has a good price at a print shop please let me know. Motion to table made by Keith. Motion to table passed.

Motion was again tabled due to time constraints. Motion to table #2 made by Keith, seconded by Nixsy. Passed.

Motion of November 21, 2010: Made by Nixsy, seconded by Mike W. MOTION: To approach the Regional Administrative Committee with the recommendation of examining and applying the 8th Tradition with respect

to the helpline. To examine the existing system of the helpline and verify what defines a special worker and request that CSRQNA explore the possibility of having paid special workers at Quebec regional helpline.

INTENT: To give equal consideration to all the traditions and to look at the facts of our existing support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: To be discussed if motion is discussed and approved.

Motion was again tabled due to time constraints. Motion to table #2 made by Keith. Seconded by Paul.

1 opposed. Passed.

Special Business: Area inventory presentation given by Leah L.

Dear Area,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to talk about an Area Inventory. The first time I heard of an area inventory was about four years ago, in my last area. We had our Regional Delegate come to our area to facilitate, since he had been participating in these kinds of interactive workshops at World for some time. We held the inventory on a Saturday, and announced it for at least two months before it actually happened. We had pizza as a way to encourage attendance, and because the process took about four hours, so we needed lunch! We had about twelve or fifteen people in attendance, ranging from people with double digit years clean to newcomers with under 6 months.

Before I tell you exactly what we did, let me tell you what the results were, because I recognize it may sound like quite a commitment: Above all, the sense of unity in our Area was tripled. Just the effort of having worked together toward a common goal, and having taken everyone's opinion into account made us feel more committed to our Area and to one another. Now, as for action results: after our very first inventory, we formed a PI committee, which our Area had lacked for a number of years. We saw from the inventory that our relationship to the public who deals with addicts, such as mental health and law enforcement agencies, was really lacking, so we developed the PI committee, then had a PI learning day to train PI panel members in conjunction with an Area function. We also developed a PI PowerPoint presentation to give at those agencies who responded to the NA information mailing we sent out to social service and mental health agencies.

The next year, in our inventory, our newer members voiced their concern about a lack of training for service positions and that service didn't seem particularly attractive, while our older members noted a lack of participation in service on the part of newer members. The inventory allowed us pin down where this problem lay and provided a forum for newer members to let older members know what is was they needed. In response, our Area developed a series of training workshops: a GSR workshop, Chairperson workshop and Newcomer workshop. Then we also created a Workshop workshop, to train interested members to provide the prior three workshops, thereby spreading the work around, so it didn't just fall on two or three members to give these workshops, and give newer members the opportunity to lead.

These are just two examples of how our Area benefited from the Inventory. Other results have been office visits, where we go in person to mental health, social service and law-enforcement to hand out NA Information Pamphlets and meeting lists, and can respond in person to any questions those offices may have and establish personal relationships when possible.

Now let me tell you a bit more about the process. We first distributed the area inventory provided by World in its Area Planning Tool. Each member filled it out individually, then we added up all of the scores and saw which areas received the lowest scores. We then discussed those issues, and selected two or three we wanted to make our priorities, and made goals for those areas. Some may be short term and others long term. We then brainstormed approaches we could take to meet those goals, and then selected those that fit our resources and addressed the issues most adequately. And then we developed an action plan for carrying out those approaches, in which we addressed real specifics: who would do it, how long would it take, what resources would we need, what time line we wanted to keep, what criteria we would have to judge if we were meeting our goals, and checking points along the way to see how well on track we were.

Below is information taken directly from the Area Planning Tool, which may be downloaded for free from here:

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/APT_Final_23Oct06.pdf

Purpose and benefits of planning through an Area Inventory

Why plan? The one-sentence answer to that question is that planning helps us better carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Planning helps any service committee come together to determine where services are most needed and decide how best to move toward agreed upon goals.

The aim of an area service committee (ASC) is to coordinate services on behalf of the groups served by that area. In essence, an area is the way in which all groups join together in an effort to further NA's primary purpose—to make our message of recovery available and accessible to everyone in their community.

When there is no planning, it's easy for areas to function in a vacuum. Often a service body will move forward in a status quo fashion—"this is the way we have always done it" may be the theme song. And with this theme song, areas may find that their committees do not work together with each other, with the group service representatives (GSRs), and with the administrative body.

Benefits of planning

To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

First Concept

As addicts, we know how it feels when others make decisions for us. Many of us lived our lives by default in active addiction. Just as recovery allows us to become “acceptable, responsible, and productive” individuals, it also allows us to incorporate these qualities in our service efforts. Through planning, each member of the area service committee is better able to participate in responsible choice-making, and members’ contributions are valued. Planning helps us focus and coordinate service activities on behalf of the groups. We join together with the knowledge that our service efforts will help ensure that no addict seeking recovery need die from the horrors of addiction.

Planning Process

Step 1: We ask ourselves the following questions to address both how the area is functioning internally and how the area is interacting with the larger community (*This is the Area Inventory itself, the rest of this process is what we do with this information*):

- How well has the area done this year in serving the groups, and how can it better serve them in the coming year?
- How well has the area committee served the larger community, and how can it improve?
- How well has the area functioned in the past year? Do area subcommittees and trusted servants understand the work assigned to them?
- How well has the ASC supported and collaborated with NA’s regional and world services? How can the area provide better support for these services?

This process can take place in a number of ways. We can distribute the inventory sheets to each group and ask them to bring the information back, and from there perform the planning session, or we can simply hold the planning session and do the inventory at the very beginning.

- Step two: Listing the issues
 - discuss information gathered in the Area Inventory
 - develop categorized, prioritized list of issues
- Step three: Developing goals
 - define what makes a good goal (including the fact that goals can take more than a year to reach); provide examples
 - create goals for each key area (service and/or operational)
- Step four: Prioritizing goals
 - discuss importance of prioritizing – area’s human and financial support
 - decide method for prioritizing goals
 - set priorities
- Step five: Creating approaches
 - define what makes a good approach; provide examples
 - integrate current area services and activities with new ideas
 - develop approaches for each goal (begin with priority goals)
- Step six: Prioritizing approaches
 - discuss importance of approaches and need to prioritize these
 - set priorities
- Step seven: Developing an action plan
 - explain the need for these plans
 - reach agreement as to who develops
 - develop an action plan

Questions and comments:

Thank you Leah!

Keith: could you make a proposal for a workshop?

Elections: Eric nominated Leah as DI Chair. Nixsy seconded the nomination. Leah declined because she will probably be moving in May 2011.

Roberta nominated Alison as H&I Chair. Peter seconded the nomination. Alison accepted. Discussion re. whether there is a conflict of interest with regard to Alison being both ASC Secretary and H&I Chair. As it stands, only groups have a vote at the Area table. Subcommittee chairs are not non-voting members and not voting members. Question: can subcommittee chairs hold other positions? Clearly, an Admin member is a non-

voting member. Alison cannot represent a group. Whether she can hold a subcommittee chair position is less clear.

It's not clear in our guidelines. We have no guideline regarding the role of subcommittee chairs. We need to flesh that out. Can a subcommittee chair hold a GSR position? Can a subcommittee chair be secretary?

Alison was nominated and elected as H&I Chair. However, it was found that there is a conflict with Guideline 8.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION (3): Will hold no other ASC positions. Alison will attend H&I as vice chair this month. This issue will be discussed at the next Area meeting.

New Business:

Motion #1): Made by Leah, seconded by Lorne B. Effect to guidelines: none. Motion: To hold a workshop on December 19 at 10:30 am to review and compile responses to the World's Structural Revision Program. Members will be sent by email a link to the Program so they may review and come prepared to comment. Intent: To insure EANA's voice is heard in matters affecting our Area. Financial impact: Monies to photocopy the document. Members are encouraged to bring and print their own. Vote results: 8 in favour, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Passed.

Group Statistics

Donations: \$213.75

Attendees: 654

Newcomers: 36

Literature Orders: \$132

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: The meeting is doing well. Attendance down this week. Monthly attendance approximately 80. We need a secretary with 1 year clean, an assistant secretary, a treasurer with 1 year clean, and a GSR with 6 months clean. Ed will be celebrating 17 years clean on December 16.

Back to Basics: Monthly attendance was 87. There were 2 newcomers. No Area donation. No literature order. Lorne B. was elected as GSR. The group needs a treasurer with 1 year clean and a GSRA with 6 months clean. The meeting will be open during the holidays. The meeting is doing well but needs support in terms of trusted servants. The group would like a group inventory form. The group will make sure that chairs are provided in vestibule to remove boots.

Circle Thursday: Monthly attendance was 70. There were 3 newcomers. No Area donation. No literature order. Danny will be celebrating 3 years on December 16 and Jason will be celebrating 1 year on December 23. Circle Thursday is open through the holidays. All is well at the group. All positions are open: secretary with 1 year clean, treasurer with 1 year clean, GSR with 1 year clean, and GSRA with 6 months clean. If you want to do service at Circle Thursday, please attend the business meeting at the end of the month.

Conscious Contact: Good attendance. Monthly attendance was approximately 40 to 45. The meeting is doing well. I'm very pleased with the group. We need a GSR who can show up at Area.

Day by Day: The meeting will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Monthly attendance was 18. There was 1 newcomer. The meeting needs support. The group needs a treasurer with 1 year clean and a GSRA with 3 months clean.

Free on Friday: No numbers available on monthly attendance and newcomers. Literature order of \$44. Open positions at the group are GSR and GSRA. There will be a holiday party on Friday, December 17. The meeting

will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The group voted against last month's motion regarding funding special workers.

Glad to be Alive: Unrepresented.

In Fokus: Monthly attendance was 30. There were about 1 to 2 newcomers per meeting. No Area donation. GSR is Jacques. Open positions are secretary and treasurer. I will have a report for you at the next meeting. After our next business meeting.

Inside Job: Monthly attendance was 26 (3 weeks). There were 2 newcomers. No Area donation. The group needs a secretary, a GSRA and a treasurer. Ron will be celebrating 7 years on December 18. Masud will be celebrating 17 years on December 18. There will be a holiday party on Saturday, December 18. Motion on special workers re. funding: NO.

Lighthouse: Monthly attendance was about 30 to 40. There were about 8 to 11 newcomers. Area donation of \$5. We're moving along with Project Pride. The new address is 4615 Côte Sainte-Catherine. Our first meeting at the new location will be on Wednesday, December 15. We look forward to a steady increase in our attendees after a possible short-term confusion eventuality. Bless you. Happy holiday season!

New Beginning: Monthly attendance: average of 6 people per week. There was 1 newcomer. The group is looking for a treasurer with 1 year clean and a GSR with 6 months clean.
Dear Area: We have a new chair, François, who is doing a great job! And we just counted our money and we have \$104.60. So we are making a \$20 donation to Area, which leaves us with a balance of \$84.60! Our meeting is a great place to keep warm this winter. In loving service, Leah.

Out of the Dark: Peter C. stepped up as secretary, guaranteeing that the meeting will be open. All other positions are open. The meeting is struggling. Rent was paid last week through donations from various members at Back to Basics. I was the only person there last week. It's very important to have this meeting open. Motion for pamphlet donation.

Saturday Night Clean: The group is doing pretty good, with average attendance of 15 people per meeting. The meeting will be relocating to 4615 Côte Sainte Catherine this week.

Serenity Sisters: Monthly attendance was 50. There were about 10 newcomers. Our group is strong and growing. We will be open on Thursday before the holidays. Got locks on our box. Coffee situation seems to be eliminated. Secretary position is no longer open and has been filled by Natasha. Treasurer position is open.

Show Me How To Live: GSR had left the Area meeting.

Step by Step: Monthly attendance not available. There were 2 newcomers. Area donation of \$160. Literature order of \$88. Step by Step is looking for a GSR with 9 months clean and an alternate secretary with 9 months clean. The group abstained on vote.

Take it or Leave it: Monthly attendance was approximately 120. There were 3 newcomers. Area donation of \$28.75. No literature order. Take It or Leave It is choosing to order literature online from World. Any savings would be forwarded to Area as group donations. Vote on motions: Yes to approve budget. Yes to consider payment for special worker as helpline administrator. Andrée will be celebrating 27 years in December at some point. Catherine will be celebrating 2 years on December 19.

CELEBRATIONS!!

December 16 – Ed W. – 17 years – Awakenings
December 16 – Danny – 3 years – Circle Thursday
December 18 – Ron – 7 years – Inside Job
December 18 – Masud – 17 years – Inside Job
December 19 – Catherine – 2 years – Take It or Leave It
December 23 – Jason – 1 year – Circle Thursday

Questions and comments:

- None.

The next Area meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown.

The meeting closed at 2:00 pm with a circle and a prayer.

Note: Due to the length of this Area meeting and other factors, no Admin meeting was held this month.