

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

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**EANA ASC Minutes
 Sunday, July 8, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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: 11 out of 19; quorum attained.

ASC Chairperson	Alison C.	Present	Awakenings	Steve.	Present
ASC Vice-chairperson	Adam Z	Present	Back To Basics		
RCM	Christiane	Present	Circle Thursday	Giuseppe	Present
RCMA	OPEN		Conscious Contact	Eric C	Present
ASC Secretary	Myriam	Present	Day By Day	Michael	Present
ASC Secretary-Alternate	OPEN		Free On Friday	Pascal	Present
ASC Treasurer	Eric.	Present	In Fokus	Crystal	Absent
Activities Chairperson	Samantha	Absent	Inside Job	Verna	Present
Convention Chairperson	OPEN		Lighthouse	Vinnie	Present
			Marefat	Shahram	Absent
Daily Inventory Chairperson	Tammy.	Present	New Beginning	Michael G	Present
H&I Chairperson	Don M	Present	Out Of The Dark on Park	Gabriel	Present
Literature Chairperson	Dean R.	Present	Saturday Night Clean	Greg W	Present
P.I.–Helpline Chairperson	Jenn C.	Present	Serenity Sisters	Jordan B.	Present
Ad hoc	Nixsy	Present	Show Me How To Live	OPEN	
Archivist	OPEN		Step by Step	Steven H.	Present
			Take it or Leave it	Adam W.	Present
			The Steps Work	Samantha	Absent
			Through Prayer and Meditation	Peter	Absent

Group Open Positions

Group	GSR/GSRA		Secretary/Treasurer	
Awakenings	Michael	Steven.P	Arthur	Katie
Back To Basics	Open (6 months)	Open (3 months)	Lorne B.	Alison C.
Circle Thursday	Giuseppe	Stewart	Stanley	Jeff
Conscious Contact	Open (6 months)	Open (3 months)	Haidee-Neil	Mike W.
Day By Day	Michael	Open (3 months)	Nixsy/Tammy (alt)	Jonathan
Free On Friday	Open	Pascal	Anne-Marie	Sandra
In Fokus	Crystal	Open	Danny	Open
Inside Job	Verna	Open	Craig	Michael C
Lighthouse	Jenn C.	Vinnie	Moishe	Daniel E.
Marefat	Shahram	Open	Hamed	Open
New Beginning	Michael G	Open	Jordan	Verna
Out Of The Dark	Open	Open (3 months)	Francois	Keith
Saturday Night Clean	Greg W	Eli sheva	Alain	Jenn P
Serenity Sisters	Jordan	Jen P.	Janice G.	Christiane
Show me how to live	Open	Open (6 months)	Open	Open (1 year)

Step by Step	Moishe		Open		Peter	Patrick		
Take It Or Leave It	Open		Ali		Michael G	Mary Ellen		
The Steps Work	Samantha		Open		Lucille	Open		
Through Prayer and Meditation	Dez		Denis		Myriam	Karine		
Subcommittee	Chair/Vice		Secretary/Alt		Treasurer	RCM		
Admin	Alison C	Adam	Myriam	Open	Eric A.	Christiane	Archivist	
Activities	Samantha	Open	Open					
Convention	Open	Open	Open		Open			
Daily Inventory	Tammy.	Open	Open					
H&I	Don M	Peter	Open					
Literature	Dean R	Open	Open		Open			
Public Relations	Jenn C	Mike W.	Haidee		Open (2 years)	PR Webmaster: Dean R.		
Ad Hoc	Nixsy	Open					PR Helpline alt: Keith M	

HOSPITALS AND INSTITIONS	Coordinator	Alternate Coordinator
Addington	Josh	Michael G
Bordeaux CCR ♂	Open (1 year clean)	Open (9 months)
Foster	Thomas W	Stephen
Onen'tó:kon	Open (9 months)	Don M.
Salvation Army	Open (9 months male)	Open (6 months male)

Orientation of new members: 2 new members at the meeting.

Chair:

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

I attended the Admin meeting of June 26. It was a very full meeting, and a number of the points we discussed will be raised here today. We discussed a recommendation from the Area Treasurer with regard to our multiple bank accounts, and we formulated a proposal that will be made in New Business today. Also, we touched on the topic of insurance for Activities, which will be addressed in the Activities report. We also looked at the Daily Inventory, which I'm happy to say is here for distribution this morning.

We will not be having a presentation on group conscience and GSR reports today, as our Activities Chair will be late for the meeting, but we will have a number of items to deal with in the second half of the meeting. I ask for your patience and understanding as we cover the material at hand.

Have a great Area meeting, everyone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Alison C.

Vice Chair:

Thursday July 5th, I went to the Marefat meeting. Three members showed up, and we sat in the parking lot and waited for more members however none showed up. I asked if their group has a GSR, and they do, however he's been very busy. I found out that their business meeting happens on the last Thursday of each month. I asked if they were aware that they may have a representative at the Area meeting once a month, and they were aware, however they said the GSR has been busy and not able to make it to area. I also mentioned that they can have an alternate GSR position, they may

delegate a member to represent their group at area, or they may choose to function autonomously and not wish to vote at our Area meetings. One of the members (Hamed) said that he would attend area today, and I told him where and when it is.

After having received an email from Alison regarding Samantha's discussion with the insurance company, I was made aware that our insurer was not willing to cover the paintball activity, and the decision had been made to renounce the activity as an EANA or NA event. I responded that since we had already announced it as an EANA event, and flyers and tickets are in existence to prove such, if the event were to occur anyway, legally it would still be considered an EANA event, and in light of the 4th tradition, a lawsuit could affect other groups or NA as a whole so this situation should be considered. I then suggested that we should offer a refund to those who bought tickets, and for anyone who still wishes to participate we have waiver for them to sign. In a following email from Alison, I was asked to create the waiver for paintball. I consulted with a friend who is a lawyer about our insurance situation involving the paintball activity. He said that technically, since the activity would be happening at Arnold's Paintball, in the event of an accident, Arnold's would be held liable and not NA, however it is not uncommon for judges to favour one party over the other regardless of the law. Moreover, if an accident were to occur, liability is not the only path a claimant could take in suing NA. They could claim that NA was negligent in choosing an unsafe activity or not properly advising the participants of the risks involved. That being said, a waiver would definitely help protect NA. I created a waiver which I sent to the lawyer for refinement, and I received the revised version last night, and printed out 15 copies to bring to Area.

In loving service,

Adam.

Alison: the insurance issue has been a learning curve for her. Samantha confirmed with the insurance that it was not covered. Another member stated that it should be. This will be discussed further during the next admin meeting. The types of activities that are covered need to be ironed out. Hopefully she will have more information about the coverage and the types of activities covered. Alison thanks Adam for the awesome job on the waiver and for raising this important issue.

Dean: Christianne could check with the Region as they should know what insurance is meant to cover. What is the statute of limitations on liability. He got sick at a facility last year.

Secretary:

The Area minutes of June 2012 were approved.

The Secretary passed the EANA contact list in order to update the list and include those who wish to receive communication.

Binders: they were handed to the groups that requested them.

The Secretary also asked that the GSR's requesting a binder with monthly reports and files let her know as she will be preparing them for the groups that request one. The requested binders will be ready at the next meeting on August 2012.

Thank you for letting me serve

Myriam

Treasurer: Financial report June 10 2012- July 8 2012

Monthly recap	
Starting Balance-	\$3974,00
Deposits (includes donations)	575,00
Cheques/transfers/fees	746,22
Closing Balance	\$3802,78

5 cheques: H&I, YMCA rent, Hosting system (5 years), RCM, transfers to Literature account.
Up coming expenses: storage \$400,00

Eric

For any questions or comments to the Treasurer please email at: chamcham31@hotmail.com

RCM REPORT-

RCM Report to EANA of the May 26-27 Annual Assembly and Regional Meeting

This is part 2 of my report, regional subcommittee activity.

RINA (Internet Radio) Currently inactive. Regional admin is looking at other options for operating which costs approx. 2,400.00 per year or if they will simply pull the plug on the project.

Distribution & Publications (Litterature): With the exchange rate being very close, literature prices will be revised in July. We will be advised of any changes.

PR: Open positions: Alt. Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, responsible for Facebook, Special projects and convention events (3 different persons).

Helpline: The regional helpline chair will be stepping down after 25 years of service in Helpline at the July regional meeting.

Revision: A chair has been elected. He has asked that RCMs mention that bilingualism is not a requirement for participation in this sub-committee.

QCRNA 25: upcoming activity: outdoor activity on July 28th. Flyers were given to groups last month. The convention "Ensemble/Together" will be held Oct. 19, 20, 21, 2012.

IT: Sub-committee is going well. They are open to ideas and suggestions on how to improve the website, etc...

Next regional meeting: July 28-29, 2012 at 6120, LaFontaine, Montreal, Qc, H1N 2C1.

It would be appreciated if someone from E.A.N.A. represented us as well as to pick up all the pamphlets and flyers to bring back to the groups. I will be absent in July therefore unable to pick up information for E.A.N.A.

Thank you for your support.

Grateful to be recovering, Christiane
eanasister@gmail.com

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Samantha advised she would be late/absent.

Ad hoc:

Ad hoc is moving along. She is waiting for feedback regarding the use of this room for holding her meetings. She has to submit a motion for groups to discuss whether the Daily Inventory needs to be approved by Admin.

She asked all the subcommittee chairs to give her the most up to date guidelines. She is formulating all the motions pertaining to each subcommittee. She will be presenting them at the next Admin so she can give each motion to each sub committee to review whether or not it is still current, appropriate or pertains to the subcommittee today.

Nixsy

Convention: The Convention chair is open. Elections will be held

Daily Inventory:

At the last Admin meeting, the Daily Inventory was reviewed and a piece was questioned. It was withdrawn. There is an issue ready. She tried to get it printed yesterday and they could not print it out. She does not have it yet. She wanted to print it and bring it to the groups. She will keep trying to print it and bring it to the groups.

Tammy

Hospitals & Institutions:

Following the dismal attendance at our June 6 meeting, I sent an e-mail to all members of our subcommittee entitled "What is wrong with this picture?" I reminded coordinators that when we accept an H&I commitment, we agree to attend subcommittee meetings and to submit written reports on progress and problems so that the subcommittee can keep a handle on the H&I meetings for which we are collectively responsible. I had positive feedback, but attendance at our July meeting was not much better.

At Christine's request, I sent her a note describing how the Regional service committee might be of assistance to EANA H&I. I hope my comments were useful.

A few months ago, one or two members who had attended French H&I meetings at the Salvation Army treatment centre, l'Ancrage, had suggested to us that we try to open an English meeting there as well. In June, I wrote to the centre and was called back with an offer to hold a meeting there on Tuesday evenings. I requested a meeting with the administration to further discuss the matter and last Wednesday I met the director and his assistant along with Jenn from PR. The facility treats men only; the programme lasts 6 months and is conducted in French. However, a number of the residents are bilingual and at present one person is an Anglophone. They seemed pleased to hear that we can offer a speaker/discussion format since the other fellowships conduct speaker only meetings. They will be recommending to their administrative board that an EANA H&I meeting be officially approved for Tuesday evenings and should have a response within two weeks. On Tuesday evenings, there are no other meetings at the facility, but some residents are entitled to attend regular group meetings outside. The number of residents interested in an English NA meeting is difficult to gauge, but would likely be relatively small. The Salvation Army also has a separate transition house for homeless men, many of whom are alcoholics and addicts. It has a larger English-speaking population and it may be possible to have residents from both programmes invited to an H&I meeting.

At our July 3rd subcommittee meeting, it was decided in principle to open a meeting there unless the meeting with the director on July 4 raised issues that required further discussion by our subcommittee. I was mandated to announce today that elections for coordinator and alternate would be held at the August H&I subcommittee meeting.

EANA'S ad hoc subcommittee has requested that subcommittees provide them with an up-to-date version of their guidelines. H&I guidelines were apparently last updated in 2000; however, I have noticed that several changes made since then were never incorporated into the text. There also appear to be some discrepancies between the subcommittee's version and that appearing in the Area's guidelines for H&I. So, I plan to try to unravel this over the summer.

The coordinator of the H&I meeting at Foster has now resigned, so we are in need of some serious support if we are to keep up our existing commitments, not to mention taking on new ones. The following positions are presently open:

Secretary-treasurer (9 months clean with 3 months experience in H&I service);
Bordeaux coordinator (one year clean with 3 months experience in H&I service, male);
Bordeaux alternate coordinator (9 months clean with 3 months experience in H&I service, male);
Foster coordinator (9 months clean with 3 months experience in H&I service);
Onen'to:kon coordinator (9 months clean with 3 months experience in H&I service);
Salvation Army (l'Ancrage) coordinator (9 months clean with 3 months experience in H&I service);
Salvation Army (l'Ancrage) alternate coordinator (6 months clean with 3 months experience in H&I service).

The 3 months of H&I experience means attending a total of 3 H&I subcommittee meetings and/or participating at meetings at a treatment centre or prison.

The H&I subcommittee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Back to Basics location (on Ballantyne). The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 7. All members who are interested in carrying the message to addicts who do not have access to group meetings are welcome to attend.

Don

Alison: is the Salvation Army a weekly commitment or a bi weekly commitment?

Don: It is weekly

Literature:

I've got the back order of French pamphlets, so I should have everything filled this month. GSR's please remind your groups that while I don't mind meeting people occasionally to sell medallions, I don't walk around with them, so more than 12 hour notice is needed if you need to order medallions.

Dean R.

Public Relations:

As mentioned, Jenn C went to the meeting at the Salvation Army. They were already familiar with Narcotics Anonymous. Alison had pointed out in the pst that PR and H&I work together. This was the first step in being more united.

The meeting held on Friday June 6th 2012. It is a work in progress. In August there are a few dates set to move forward with projects. A booth at Vanier college will be set in the following months with a possible presentation

They have not talked about subcommittee guidelines and they are in need of updating the guidelines. They have changed things in the last year of how they function. It is more project based rather than position based. She will be getting the updated guidelines but most likely not before August 2012.

There has been some feedback from groups regarding the flyers. They are completely out in her group and hopefully next month she will be back with more flyers

Alternate Help line rep is an open position that needs to be filled. Clean time requirement is 1 years clean.

Next meeting is Friday August 3rd at the Conscious contact location.

Old Business:

Motion form received in April 2012

Policy effect to guideline

MOTION: To adopt at the EANA ASC table consensus based decision making as it is currently being used at the Quebec Regional meeting.

Intention: to address Abstentions.

Financial impact: a workshop was held in June 2012

Jordon: Serenity sisters group discussed this and agrees that this further group conscience and further implies the application of our spiritual principles and traditions.

This motion will change policy and this motion will be voted on next month to place their votes. It is important that the GSR bring this back to the groups, vote on it and bring back their vote to the Area next month.

The motion was written on the board.

The secretary will be distributing the motions specifically to the mailing list so that groups can vote on them and bring back the group conscience at the Area.

Don: will any of this be updated. We say that these motions will change policy but the motions are not being updated. Ad hoc is in the process of unravelling this. Are we just re creating the same problem? We have a document called guidelines, but the document is not up to date. We should change the text in our guidelines.

Adam: that is what Ad hoc committee is trying to do. There is an old version that was never updated. The idea is to re create our Guidelines to reflect what the motions have implied.

Eric: As soon as the guidelines are created, once AdHoc has completed that task, we need to establish a procedure to keep these up to date. We have policies and guidelines and when votes and motions are decided upon, we would reflect this in our guidelines.

Please find the following link which contains even more information of this topic in addition to the presentation from June 2012.

www.na.org

Click on: SERVICES TO MEMBERS

Click on: LOCALLY DEVELOPPED RESOURCES

Click on: FORMS, GUIDES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Then: CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING CARDS

Special Business: None

Elections:

RCMA: Open. Please announce at group level. Clean time is 2 years and preferably bilingual.

Alternate Secretary: Open. Please announce at group level. Clean time is 1 years

Convention Treasurer: position is open. Clean time 5 years.

Convention chair: Open. Please announce at group level. Clean time 3 years.

New Business:

Proposal Motion #1, July 8, 2012

From Admin

Motion: to collapse the Activities and Convention bank accounts into the main EANA bank account, eliminating all fees except those of the main EANA bank account. The treasurer positions report to the EANA treasurer, who becomes responsible for all transactions/ cheques/ deposits/ budgets for all subcommittees. A rotating officer/trusted servant from the Admin group who has no access to the bank account do an audit on the account on a set schedule. (i.e. once every six months or year).

Intent: to consolidate the accounts for accounting purposes and improve accountability, reduce fees and risk of financial mismanagement of NA funds

Financial impact: reduction of bank fees.

Suggestions from Ron state that the intent is to consolidate the accounts for accounting and accountability purposes. Alison agrees this is a good suggestion.

Michael suggests deciding the frequency of audits.

Alison: based on the above suggestions, this motion will be brought back to Admin for further definition for frequency and wording.

Eric: Literature would fall into the main EANA account.

This motion will be brought back to Admin. The motion has been tabled to next month.

Proposal Motion #2 July 8 2012

From: Conscious Contact

Adam Z

Motion: The annual convention must be an annual group conscious from the EANA area table. Upon election of a convention chair, the convention can be held no earlier than 9 months after the chair's nomination.

Intent: to better create an ongoing current group conscience that informs and inspires the EANA convention. We believe an annual group conscience from the EANA area table could promote accountability, ensure a healthy profitable event that focuses on our 12th tradition and create a convention that reflects our love for the fellowship.

Financial impact: None.

Motion is just to ensure that the chair that is chosen there is a group conscience and that the groups are okay with it. There could be dialogue about. When the chair is elected it is to give time to plan the convention. There are elements such as participation, deadlines and to open the dialogue.

Myriam; would this not change how the subcommittee is voted on because when we elect a Chair- does this not represent group conscience?

Eric: the actual motion from Conscious contact is to change the structure of the subcommittee; it is to address how the Convention is decided on and held. That part of the motion was not seconded and is not part of the motion presented here but this is what Conscious Contact wants to address.

Adam V: to make the Convention subcommittee and Ad hoc committee is implying there is no recurrence. As of now the Convention is yearly. Ad hoc subcommittees are there for a certain task and period of time. The convention committee is not the same thing.

Jenn C: I agree that there is a lack of interest from certain members; however this is not the case for all members. Perhaps looking at the structure of the subcommittee is worth doing

Alison: Ad hoc subcommittee is not recurring and Activities is a permanent committee

This motion is to be tabled because this motion without the other part of the motion is not working.

Alison would like to take a look at the guidelines and attend the Conscious Contact meeting to further look at the intent.

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: Attendance: 107. Newcomer: 0. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0.

Back to Basics: Attendance: . Newcomers: . Area Donation: \$30,00 Literature order: \$36,50.

No stats available.

The group is well attended. The group needs trusted servants.

The positions of GSR (6 months) GSRA (3 months) are open. Treasurer position will be open in July.

Circle Thursday: Attendance: 61. Newcomer: 0. Donations: \$0 Literature: \$0

Alternate Secretary is open. Discussed consensus based decision making. They are for it

Conscious Contact: Attendance: 54. Newcomers: 1. Literature order: \$0. Area donation: \$120. GSR and GSRA positions are open. The last Friday of the month is now an open meeting. They will hold their celebrations at that time. A different member each month will represent Area until a GSR is elected. Distributed 9 flyers and posted in consenting businesses, club, depanneur, laundry mat and grocery store.

Consensus based decision making- how the process works is not clear. Should elections remain on a voting basis? How we can best insure our perseverance? They support it and apply it in their group.

Day by Day: Attendance: . Newcomers: 0. No Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0.

No stats available

The group needs support. Jonathan is Treasurer and Tammy is alternate secretary. Need a GSRA 6 months.

Free on Friday: Attendance: 131. Newcomers: 4. Area Donation:\$0. Literature order:\$0.

There was no business meeting.

In Fokus: Attendance: . Newcomers:. Area donation: Literature order: No stats available

GSRA 6 months clean.

Inside Job: Attendance: 87. Newcomers: 1 . Area Donation: \$0. Literature order: \$33,00.

GSRA and alternate secretary are open.

Lighthouse: Attendance:60 . Newcomers: 2. Literature order: \$0. Donations: \$0

Vinnie elected as GSRA. A new format change includes a burning desire as part of the discussion.

Marefat: Attendance: . Newcomers: . Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0

No stats available

New Beginning: Attendance: 86. Newcomer: 4. Literature Order: \$37, 00. Donations: \$0

Open position: GSRA 6 months clean.

Out of the Dark: Attendance: 40 approximately. Newcomer: 5. Literature Order: \$68,00. Donations: \$0.

Meeting needs support. Positions open: GSR and GSRA.

Saturday Night Clean: Attendance: 85 . Newcomer: 4 . Literature Order: \$0. Donations: \$0.

Alain is new Secretary is open. Consensus based was discussed and there is friction over it. Will be voted on next month.

Serenity Sisters: Attendance: 59. Newcomer: 1. Area donation: \$40. Literature order: \$0

No large dogs are allowed at the meeting. Secretary and GSR open as of September 1st 2012.

Group is doing well. Consensus based decision making was discussed and they are for it. There is a positive response.

Show Me How to Live: Attendance: . Newcomers: . Literature order: \$. Area donation: \$ stats not available

Step by Step: Attendance: 90. Newcomers: 3. Literature order: \$71, 00 Area donation: \$100.

GSRA and alternate secretary open. New GSR is Moishe. Consensus based decision making is supported but there are a lot of questions over it.

Take it or Leave it: Attendance: . Newcomers: . Area donations: \$0. Literature orders: \$0. Stats not available. Support Consensus based decision making.

The Steps Work: Attendance: . Newcomers: 0. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0. Stats not available

Through Prayer and Meditation: Attendance: . Newcomers: . Literature order: \$0. Donations: \$0. Stats not available

On average 70/30 percentage of English and French. A proposition put out that they may go the French area however with a split like this, they will stay with EANA. Encourage English members to attend the group. This is a bilingual meeting.

CELEBRATIONS!!

Myriam- 1 year- July 13th- Free on Friday

Ted- 15 years- July 19th- Circle Thursday

Eric A- 5 years- July 27th- Conscious Contact (last Friday of July)

Keith Meagher- 6 years- August 3- Free on Friday

Steven H- 6 years- August 13- Step by Step.

David C- 17 years- August 20 Step by Step

Questions and comments:

Alison: Thank you, great meeting and discussion. I apologize to those I told to feed the metre. It was awesome to get so much information in a concise manner.

Adam Z: We want to get a vote please see the Secretary, Myriam or myself to get the presentation.

Eric: Thank you

Tammy: I would like to thank everyone here and thank out going servants.

Don:

Giusseppe: Thank for being here and be of service

Jenn: there are many of us that would like to see a convention function perhaps change the frequency. It is not all or nothing. Group conscience could maybe do it in a more financially deasible way for EANA. She would like to be at the business meeting.

Gabriel: glad to be here for the first time

Verna:

Ron:

Steven: see you in November

Adam:

Dean

Greg W

Ali: thank you nice to attend first Area meeting

Michael G: can we get the presentation?

Michael D: grateful to be here

Jordan:

Christiane: Don thank you for the message it is really interesting. Still concerned about Marefat absence at the table. DO they have a starter kit and have they paid for it. Adam did attend their meeting

Myriam:

Alison: thank you for your participation

Admin meeting will be at 6:30pm on July 31th at Back to Basics.

The next Area meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12th, 2012, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown room 508.

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm with a circle and a prayer.