

AREA MINUTES

Date: 8/21/2016
Held at Bridge to Freedom



1. **Called to Order:** 3:10 pm
2. **12 Traditions:** Louis W.
3. **12 Concepts:** Eric G.
4. **Purpose:** Jason T.

5. Roll Call.

Administrative Committee:

Chair: present (Jason T.)
Vice-Chair: present (Derek Y.)
Treasurer: present (Cheryl S.)
Alt Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Alt Secretary: Vacant
RCM: vacant (Derek Y.)
RCM 2nd: Vacant

Subcommittee Chairs:

Activities: present (Joel A.)
Policy: Vacant
ECPRS: present (Veta J.)

GSRs:

Bridge to Freedom: present (Eric G.)
New Attitudes: present (David D.)

High on Life: present (Mary C.)
Second Chance: absent

6. Reports.

GSRs: See Attached

Administrative Committee:

Chair: Report (attached)
Vice-Chair: Report (attached)
Treasurer: Report (attached)
Secretary: Report (verbal/read)

Subcommittees:

Activities: Report (attached)
Policy: No report
ECPRS: below

PR: Flyer Day was held on 7/24 and was a success. Thanks to all who showed and helped.

RCM: Attached. Please take special note of the attached sample letter from NAWS referencing illicit literature.

Donations:

Bridge to Freedom: \$0	Second Chance: \$0
New Attitudes: \$200.00	Beach NA: \$0
High on Life: \$0	

Total Donations: \$200.00

7. Continuing Business and Any Tabled Motions

A) Nominations & Elections: Joel A. has been nominated by High on Life (seconded by Bridge to Freedom) for RCM. Please vote at your home groups prior to the next ASC.

B) Date & time of next ASC: The next ASC will be held on 9/25/16 at Bridge to Freedom.

C) Basket passed for 7th Tradition: \$6.25 was collected for Bridge to Freedom and was turned over to Cheryl S.

8. Recess: A brief recess was taken.

9. Open Forum.

- Meeting reopened with Serenity Prayer.
- During reports it was brought up by Jason T. that the policy says Activities should hold quarterly fundraisers. Cheryl S. pointed out at this time that the policy should read “events”, not fundraisers.
- Veta J. pointed out that there are several mistakes in the policy that need to be addressed.
- Joel A. stated that he (Activities Chair) was comfortable with the wording in the policy regarding his duties and responsibilities. He went on to say that he possesses a link to the full text of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (see RCM report / attachments) if any member wishes to view the FIPT. Joel also stated that any NA group has the right to print literature necessary for group use.
- Jason T. reiterated that the letter (see RCM report / attachments) pertains only to illicit literature and has no effect on individual groups using literature in the manner Joel referenced.
- Patrick D. brought up the literature needs of H & I subcommittee, which were not properly addressed during reports.
- David D. (GSR - New Attitudes) made a verbal motion to return to reports to address this (seconded by Eric G., GSRA – Bridge to Freedom).
- Patrick D. placed a request for \$100.00 to purchase literature for H & I; approved per policy.

10. Old Business: The vote pertaining to construction of the new area website was tabled until next month to allow Derek Y. a chance to attempt to get information from the former webmaster of the RSC.

11. New Business: No new business.

12. Second Open Form:

- Derek Y. implored the GSRs to speak to their home groups about the ASC vacancies and H & I needs. It is becoming increasingly difficult for him to take on any more service commitments due to time constraints. If the GSRs / groups no longer wish to have an ASC then they need to make that decision; otherwise, help is needed. There is also the continuing discussion about the possibility of switching ASC meetings to bi-monthly instead of monthly, however care must be taken that the timing works out so that the ASC would meet the month before and the month after Region (RSC). Please take this into consideration when discussing this possibility with your home groups.
- Patrick D. also expressed concerns about time constraints and the need for trusted servants to step up.
- Joel A. called for us to all to unite and carry the message to the still sick and suffering addict. Joel noted that we have healed a lot of the disunity of the past couple of years but that we still have to fulfill our primary purpose.
- Eric G. brought up the requirements, both clean time and legal status, for H & I service work.

- Clarification for this was given by Patrick D.: we currently have no Detox service commitments and Emerald Coast (Bay Behavioral) only requires photo ID. Patrick also encouraged Eric to try anyway, as standards are sometimes waived by facilities in order to get meetings in.
- Cheryl S. asked Veta J. the status of Detox facility meetings. Veta has called the facility repeatedly, but has yet to receive a call-back from our point of contact. There is little more we can do.
- Patrick D. suggested sending a certified letter to Detox so we know we are making contact. There was general agreement with this approach, using the letters from the H & I handbook.
- Mary C. brought up the apparent lack of an H & I schedule, to which there was general agreement that a schedule for those going into the facilities would be very valuable.
- Patrick D. agreed to provide such a schedule to the acting secretary via email; it will be forwarded out once received.

13. Treasurer Report (attached; completed by Brenda, Area Chair)

Starting Balance:	\$756.35
Prudent Reserve	690.00
Total Donations:	243.00
Total Payouts:	140.00
Ending Balance:	\$169.35 (Above Prudent Reserve)*

14. Birthdays and Announcements.

BTF: Andrea W. 18 months (Aug), Erin D. 2 yrs(Aug), Brenda G. 18 months(Aug), Anna H. 1 yr.(Aug)

HOL: Chantaign 1 yr. (Sep), Derek Y. 3 yrs (Sep)

NA: Chris 2 yrs (Aug), Randy 18 months (Aug)

Beach NA: More will be revealed.

Second Chance: More will be revealed.

****The PR Committee will no longer meet on the same day as the ASC, effective immediately. PR / H&I will now be held on the first Saturday of every month at 3:00 pm at Bridge to Freedom.****

15. Meeting closed with serenity prayer at 4:50 pm.

Chair Report

Hey Family,

I would like to apologize for the events last month. They were completely out of my hands and i did what i thought was the right thing to do by my family and the area. i attended the regional web meeting on the 7th. There were several points of conversation. the first was that the region is going to separate the pr umbrella into three separate committees. One for H@I one for pr and one for pi. it was the general conscience that it would be better to serve the region in this capacity. The second was a letter that was sent out from world dealing with illicit literature. World is asking for input on this letter. I have a copy of the letter that i will read. the region has asked the area to come together and give them some input quickly. It will be discussed at the next web meeting on the 4th of next month. If you are interested in attending the meeting please get with me. I picked up the secretary stuff from Anna. We need to start announcing that we need a new secretary. I hope that more people from our area can start attending this meeting. As always i look forward to serving with everyone and helping our area carry the message to the still sick and suffering.

In loving service

Jason T.

Vice-Chair Report, 8/21/16

I have updated the meeting list with the information I had. I will pass it around today for any additional changes. I'm requesting \$40 to print updated meeting schedules. I also have some of the previous schedules left if any group wants or needs some, though you will have to change some of the info yourself.

As I'm sure you are now aware, we lost our Area secretary. For those of you keeping score, that's two empty slots on the ASC, not to mention our H & I struggles. I would suggest that the GSRs impress upon their home-groups the importance of filling these positions if the groups wish to have an Area service structure that is capable of fulfilling its assigned duties. If not, then by all means let ASC know that as well so we can plan accordingly.

In loving service,

Derek Y.

RCM report, 8/21/16

Region was held in Mobile, AL last month. I have yet to receive minutes, but there are a couple of noteworthy items.

First, region is considering splitting PR into two subcommittees (PI and H&I). This would necessitate a policy change and the formation of two ad hoc committees until such time as the policy changes could be voted designed and voted on.

Second, our area needs to vote on Brad V. as FITS39 treasurer. He was the alt-treasurer for FITS38 and is currently the pro temp treasurer (acting treasurer) for FITS39. I have more on elections in a moment.

Third, CAR/CAT results are attached and will be read.

Fourth, I have a draft Intellectual Property Trust statement attached. We are being asked ONLY for a comment. I have already told the RSC that it is our opinion the letter should not be sent until more time is given for discussion at the area level, but if ASC wishes that to change, we can let the RSC know via Adobe Connect on 8/28/16. This letter is in response to the widespread use of the Baby Blue Basic Text (unapproved 3rd Edition).

Finally, a word about elections; currently at the RSC we have four open positions (Secretary, Alt-Secretary, PR Coordinator, and Webmaster). I have some personal thoughts on the RSC's handling of elections (and business in general) that I would be happy to share AFTER AREA. I am simply relaying the facts of what happened in this report.

Kelley is no longer the Webmaster. He has been elected as the new AD. (This may have an effect on our website situation). John R. is now the Chair, Ron C. is the Vice-chair, David (the former alt-treasurer) is now the treasurer. Michelle H. is the policy chair and Cecil M. is the Vice-chair of FITS39.

An objection was made in regards to how the "elections" were conducted, but was unable to defeat consensus. We were informed that the RCMs had been previously instructed that the voting would be done at the Mobile RSC, and that if the RCMs / areas wish to change the policy in regards to the election process that we are free to follow the process to do so. I was not in possession of an RSC policy at that time; I have since acquired one but have yet to have time to go through it to see what the process is.

The next RSC will be held October 15 & 16 in Pensacola, FL. See me for details if you want to attend. In January (28 & 29) in Dothan there will also be an RSC (details not provided yet).

I'm returning \$43 to ASC along with my receipts.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Derek Y.

Draft Statement for delegate review by 1 September 2016**A statement from the WSC 2016 regarding NA intellectual property and the integrity of the NA message**

One of the most important topics we discussed at World Service Conference 2016 was the reproduction and use of NA literature as it relates to group registrations and local NA websites. Present were 215 Conference participants, including 16 World Board members, and Regional Delegates and Alternate Delegates from 112 regions, representing 40 countries and speaking 26 languages.

As a Conference we were able to find consensus when it comes to protecting our intellectual property and the availability of a low cost Basic Text.

- 95% of delegates believe the Fellowship still affirms the rules contained in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)*.
- 86% of regional delegates did not support the CAR motion that asked for a low cost Basic Text (This is the tenth time the WSC has been asked and did not support this idea).
- 83% of Conference participants see earlier approved versions of our Basic Text as meaningfully different than hybrid versions that have never been Fellowship-approved.

With strong support, we agreed on the following:

- 74% of delegates believe that NA World Services should not register groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA Fellowship-approved in their meetings.
- 71% of delegates believe that NA World Services should take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC websites, even if it means shutting down the site.

And while there was support, this issue would benefit from more discussion:

- 63% of Conference participants want to say that NA groups use current editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature.

The *FIPT* is clear: NA literature belongs to the Fellowship as a whole, the groups are given voice through their delegates at the WSC in any decisions regarding NA literature. NA recovery literature is copyright-protected and not available for editing. NA literature is not available for printing locally or for posting on local NA websites.

The Group Booklet is also clear that NA groups use only NA approved literature in their meetings. As a Conference, we agree that groups who choose to use unapproved NA literature (most commonly, the gray form or the baby blue) in their meetings are in conflict with the guidance in the booklet and the conscience of the Fellowship.

The NA program is one of honesty and integrity. At some point we must stand together as concerned members and insist that those who initiate and support these activities simply stop. As participants of WSC 2016, we agree that now is that time. There will likely never be

unanimity on these issues, but it is our role to reflect the conscience of the Fellowship expressed at WSC 2016. We also believe this is echoed by the ongoing commitment of the NA Fellowship to the guidance offered in the FIPT.

As the service body of NA to which is delegated the responsibility of reflecting the collective voice of the NA groups, we make the following requests:

- NA groups who are using literature in NA meetings that is not NA approved, please stop.
- Individuals who are printing, posting, and distributing NA literature (both approved and non-approved), please stop.
- Service committees who are posting NA recovery literature, please stop.

We ask this in the spirit of unity, and in support of our collective mission to carry the NA message to the addict who still suffers.

Old Business

I expect that you would want to know how all of the motions from the CAR turned out. So, here's a basic listings of that along with how our Region voted.

#1:	To approve new Traditions Book. (The amendment to change that one part in the introduction failed)	Passed 110-1-1-0	Yes
#2a:	Reduce World Board from 18 to 15 members.	Passed 104-8-0-0	Yes
#2b:	Remove staggered terms for World Board.	Passed 106-6-0-0	Yes
#2c:	Two lifetime terms for World Board.	Passed 112-0-0-0	Yes
#3:	Project plan to develop IP about Mental Illness & Recovery.	Passed 93-17-1-0	Yes
#4:	Post World Board minutes online. (Substitute to have a sign-up list for auto emailing of minutes failed)	Failed 29-79-0-2	No

#5:	More detailed financial reporting for WCNA.	Failed 34-76-1-0	Yes
#6:	World Board meetings be open.	Failed 51-58-0-2	Yes
#7:	Make WSC Participants Discussion Board open for viewing. (Amended to be a one-cycle experiment).	Failed 59-50-1-1	Yes
#8:	Produce a low-cost version of Basic Text.	Failed 14-95-1-1	No
#9:	Post all English and translated Basic Texts online.	Failed for lack of a second.	
#10:	Hold every other WSC outside the United States	Failed for lack of a second.	
#11:	Allow delegate from any zonal forum to be non-voting participant. Amended to be any "current" zonal forum and only for WSC 2018.	Passed 72-29-2-4	Yes
#12:	Adopt the "What is NA Service" reading card.	Failed 30-79-1-0	No
#13:	One collective vote for World Board in business.	Failed 47-58-3-2	Yes
#14:	World Board no longer allowed to make motions.	Failed 16-91-0-1	Yes

CAR/CAT Results

Activities Report

8/21/16

Dear Family,

Upon talking to many members the consensus is that a summer activity should include swimming and a cookout. Until we get the insurance situation sorted out it seems our best bet is to "just show up" as the literature reads. I am proposing a gathering at St. Andrews State Park near the kiddie pool on a date that will be determined. I am proposing that we keep it simple with sandwiches and drinks being available with a suggestion during announcements that any member can bring any other food or drinks they might want for themselves, their families or to share with fellow addicts.

There is a fee to get into St. Andrews State park and to ease the costs to the individual addict we should promote and encourage unity. Those who can share a ride into the park should and we can find a place for addicts to park somewhere down the road and ride in with other addicts.

We MAY have a meeting at the activity depending on the situation. If there are too many outsiders to allow an atmosphere of recovery, we may not be able to. We will request donations for drinks, food and in an attempt to raise funds for the Halloween Activity coming up.

I hope this sounds like fun to the ASC and the addicts in the area, I hope that at our meeting following the ASC we can more fully plan this out and if anything changes I will submit an after meeting report to the acting secretary.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Joel A



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group High on Life Date 8/21/16
 # Of Meetings per Week 2 Regular H&I
 # Of Members 4 Average Attendance 18
 # Of Newcomers 1-2

Topics for this Month Discussion Rit. Study / Open

TRUSTED SERVANTS

GSR Name Mary C.
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Secretary Name Katrina O.
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GSRA Name Mary A.
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Treasurer Name Doreen Y.
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? fine, totally fine

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? NO

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? Support us always

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?
 Name & # Years Clean Chantaigne 2 yr Name & # Years Clean _____
Doreen Y 3 yrs _____

Donation to ASC None
 Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA Mary C.



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group Bridge to Freedom Date 8-21-16
 # Of Meetings per Week 15 Regular H&I
 # Of Members 20-30 Average Attendance 2-30
 # Of Newcomers 16

Topics for this Month Discussion Book Study: monday
Closed Wed Open Tues Thurs Sat

TRUSTED SERVENTS

GSR Name Vacant
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Secretary Name Andrea W
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GSRA Name Erik G
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Treasurer Name Cheryl S
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? Good

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? No

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? Come To Meetings To Support

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?

Name & # Years Clean		Name & # Years Clean
<u>Andrea W</u>	<u>18 m</u>	<u>Anna H</u>
<u>Erik G</u>	<u>2 yr</u>	
<u>Brenda G</u>	<u>18 m</u>	

Donation to ASC _____
 Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA [Signature]



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group New Attitudes
 # Of Meetings per Week 2
 # Of Members 10-15
 # Of Newcomers 5

Date 8-21
 Regular H&I
 Average Attendance 40-50

Topics for this Month Discussion Open & Trust for today

TRUSTED SERVANTS

GSR Name David D
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GSRA Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

Secretary Name Wendy
 Address _____
 Phone _____

Treasurer Name Carietins
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? good, good attendance

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? Not at this moment

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? Setc. up & show up

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?

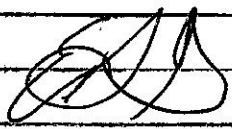

Name & # Years Clean	Name & # Years Clean
<u>Chas 2 yrs</u>	_____
<u>Randy 18 months</u>	_____

Donation to ASC \$200
 Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA DD

Fight on life ~~and~~
nominates Joel A
to be ~~VSA~~ RCM

BTF Seconds

Motion # 16-05

Joel A. for RCM

ECA AREA TREASURER REPORT

DATE 8/21/16

STARTING BANK BALANCE 756.35

Donations:

Beach N/A _____

^{2 MID}
~~Last Chance~~ _____

Bridge To Freedom _____

Last Chance _____

High On Life _____

New Attitiudes 200.00

~~12 Steps To Freedom~~ _____

RETURNED \$43.10 FROM MINGY TO REG #43.00

Paidouts:

~~DEBORAH~~ 4.10.00 CASH _____

~~PATRICIA DUNCAN~~ 100.00 #K1030 _____

Starting Balance 756.35

46.35

~~Prudent Reserve~~ 690.00

~~690.35~~

~~999.35~~

Total Donations 200.00

~~309.35~~

Total Paidouts 140.00

Ending Balance 169.35