



THE BORDERLINE  
AREA

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Area Service Committee Meeting- November 2, 2013  
Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer @ 4:07 P.M.

**I. Roll Call:**

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**Present**

- \* Anonymity in Action
- \*Fifth Tradition
- \* Main Street Recovery
- \* No Strings
- \* Chair
- \* Co-Chair
- \* Treasurer
- \* Co-Treasurer
- \* H&I

**Absent**

- \* Addicts in the Attic
  - \* Desire to Stop Using (No longer a part of Area)
  - \* New Clarity
  - \* No Butts
  - \* Rainbow Group
  - \* Secretary
  - \* Co-Secretary
  - \* RCM
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**II. Meeting Goal(s):**

- A. Review Minutes from 10/5/13
  - B. Officers report
  - C. Old Business
  - D. Group Concerns
  - D. New Business
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### **III. Review of Minutes**

Minutes were not accepted due to late submission (after the group conscious of most HGs had already taken place,) incorrect date, and missing adhoc reports.

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Needs Revising!

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

##### **A. Chairperson:**

Dear ASC family,

it's a good day to be of service. I would like to encourage GSRs to announce our area has two open positions. We are in need of an alternate secretary - which is a one year clean time requirement. And we need an alternate RCM - which is a five years clean time requirement.

Next, the non for profit Adhoc committee has the ball rolling and moving forward. The steps involved take time to make sure we are in accordance with legal and tax laws. If this was simple it would have been done a couple years ago. The non for profit \ tax exempt will show in the adhoc report. These efforts are taking time insure we are legitimately able to have this status, what taxes need to be filed yearly and then have three members of the ASC bank account holders of the account. Prior to this term there were some items that were questionable and why we didn't have two signers on Area business and two-thre members on the account. It's our hope the transition will simplify the process each year so we don't go through this again. The past six months has been our area waving clean time to have co-treasurer and another couple months to get a treasurer. This is in part way its taking longer than a couple weeks to get it done. I assure this area we are making the process visible for all to see and open at any time to ask questions. Making motions for things in process will not speed up the process. Multiple trusted severnts are on the account and we still require multiple signatures at area to be sure we are prudent.

You will see that we currently have two separate policies to address accountability. The precautions requiring multiple signatures at area level and a separate precaution to insure multiple trusted members are able to access the bank account in the event of our treasurer being incapacitated to do his job and pay our bills. We would hate to have our account locked out due to some litigation factors.

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The Account at the bank will be directly tied to the Borderline Area and not to an individual as in the past two terms (sole proprietorship or non for profit) with the trusted members, treasurer, secretary and chair, as members who are able to access the account. This is completely separate from needing 2 signatures required on checks at the area level. I took my time to reviewed the past two years minutes to locate these policy changes as seen in the addition print screen from the active policy. Whereas the pervious years we only had one

person on the account and one signature required at area. The print screens below will show our efforts this term. It wasn't until we had our 1st policy drafted and homegroup approvals that the accounts needed more than more person on the account. Under the responsibilities of treasurer, chair and secretary state these person be signers on the account. That wasn't clear to others so I took that information and clearly stated it in the policy under the treasure. Chair and secretary responsibilities. Any group wanting to make changes or see where it can be improved please have a motion filled out PRIOR to area. More detail can be read in the policy also attached and posted on the BANA web site. GSR's please take time at your next group conscience to explain the differences between needing two signatures and having the account in multiple members names. It is ok to call any ASC member to ask questions rather than debate understanding on the area floor.

Our phone numbers are available to call and I am willing to come to your home group with policy in hand to explain. We are of service to the groups without opinions and GSR take note to better report business, ideas and concepts that may not be clear to everyone in a group conscience. Financials can be an emotional area. We are making our best effort to get it right and improve and make our efforts available to anyone. Anyone NA member can attend the ASC. Being a newer area improvements will continue in a positive direction so long as we keep our traditions and motives clear.

In conclusion

We will get the policy updated and emailed to each GSR and make it available via the BANA web site under the documentation section. We are here to server the groups the best we can. Many of us are not lawyers, auditors or financial experts. The more information we have the better decisions are made to better carry the message.

Make it a Great Day

In loving service

Wayne S

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**B. Co-Chairperson:**

Hello family,

I am pleased to report that the updated BANA and GCANA schedules have been uploaded to the BANA website. I had to reformat the old schedule because it was a pdf document and I do not have the necessary adobe software to edit the schedule. We now have a word document version of the schedule so editing will be a much quicker and smoother process. The GCANA website link

from the regional website doesn't work any longer so I had to use google to find the new link but they schedule they have uploaded was updated this fall so I believe it's the most current. Due to the recent changes to the schedule (Desire to stop using leaving the area and Whistle Stop joining the area.) Thank you for allowing me to serve!  
Chris M.

**C. Treasurer:**

(See attached document!)

The treasurer also received a letter from the church showing that they only received two rent payments between January and September. We do however have records of the payments made to the church.

**D. Co-Treasurer:**

(No report)

**E. Secretary :**

(No report)

**F. H&I:**

This month only one other person showed up to the subcommittee meeting. We simply talked about how this past month had gone. We did not conduct any new business. All in all things are going well. We are getting really good feedback from the facilities and the patients. I have managed to fill panel leader positions through December for the Monday night CRC meeting and through January for the Tuesday night First Step meeting. I still have yet to find anyone who is willing to take on our Friday night meeting at CRC for any month. So far I have been finding people to go into those meetings each week but I would really appreciate some help in this. I have talked with several members about the possibility of canceling that meeting and I would love to have some feedback on what people think about the idea.

I want to thank everyone who took part in the learning activity that H&I did during Unity day as I thought it went pretty well. It was the first time I had ever done anything like that and it was definitely a learning experience for me as well. I do want to formally apologize to anyone who had small children there that were offended that their kids were exposed to inappropriate dialogue that took place during the don'ts skit. With me being a person with a small child who has grown up in the rooms of narcotics anonymous, it simply did not even cross my mind that it would pose a problem. In addition many people were aware of what we were doing and nobody ever brought up that it could perhaps be an issue. I do feel really bad for anybody who felt that it was inappropriate and I apologize. Like I said I learned a lot that day as well.

I appreciate all the people that have been announcing that we need support at meetings, please continue to spread the word.

**WE NEED PANEL LEADERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Please if anybody is interested in filling a panel leader slot for the month of December or January please get in contact with me

Panel leader responsibilities and requirements are:

- One month commitment one night a week
- Chair's a specified meeting one night a week for a month
- Responsible for getting to meeting early and setting up
- Is responsible for getting speakers to fill panel spots for those meetings, usually 2 speakers per meeting
- Reports back to subcommittee about how meetings are going
- 1yr clean time requirement
- Must be oriented in this area

We also need speakers who are willing to go into these facilities and carry their experience strength and hope.

6months continuous clean time and a clear message of recovery is required to speak and 3 months continuous clean time is required to go into a facility and observe. If you know of anybody who is interested please contact me

We also need an H&I co-chair and an H&I secretary if anyone is interested you must have a year continuous clean time for both of these positions. If you are interested or no anybody who is please contact me

Currently we are taking meetings into 2 different facilities.

Crisis Recovery Center (CRC) which is 5-7 day detox facility

Monday nights @ 7:30

Friday nights @ 7:30

First Step - A 28 day inpatient treatment facility

Tuesday nights @ 7:30

**H&I Subcommittee meets on the first Saturday of every month @ 3:00**

Located at Weddington United Methodist Church on the corner of 84 and Providence in the Blue play room

We hold orientations at the end of every subcommittee meeting for those who want to be oriented

In loving service  
Heather H.

**H&I also apologized for anyone who may have been offended by the mock H&I event at BANAWREEN.**

**F. RCM Report:**  
(No report)

**G. Non for Profit Adhoc:**  
BANA Ad Hoc committee on Starting a Non-Profit  
November 2, 2013 Report

Wayne S. (Chair), Bruce M. (Treasurer), Jeanne G. (Co-treasurer) and Caroline W. held a conference call on Sunday Oct 27, 2013 at 4 pm. We discussed the advantages of a non-profit and Caroline told us that the only yearly requirement was to file an E-post card with the IRS. No annual reporting was required with NC. Caroline told us most banks offered non-profits free checking accounts.

Caroline offered to write up the articles of incorporation for BANA and submit to the Secretary of State to set the corporation. She needed the BANA Secretary to sign the papers and a money order made out the NC Secretary of State for \$60.00.

The Ad Hoc committee agreed to proceed with the process of filing for incorporation as a non-profit since it was under the \$100 authorized by BANA board.

Bruce agreed to purchase the money order and mail to Caroline, which he did earlier this past week.

The Ad Hoc committee has concluded its business and will disband.

Bruce M.

**G. Unity Day/BANAWREEN adhoc:**

Hello family,

*I am pleased to report that BANAWREEN went really well! We had a great turn out and I believe everyone had a wonderful time (even though only like 5 people danced!) The food was fantastic and we actually had some left over! I*

*would like to thank all of the committee members for working so hard and getting everything together for this event! We spent \$210.70 and brought in \$193.30 from the raffle, auction, and donations which means we spent \$17.40 for the entire event will food, music, and everything! We also have more NA memorabilia to for an auction or raffle for the next event! I look forward to the next unity day and I hope we can make this an annual event! Thank you for allowing me to serve!*

Chris M

#### **V. Old Business :**

(NONE)

#### **VI. Group Concerns :**

**Anonymity in Action-**The minutes were late and they couldn't conduct business properly. They need to be submitted on within 10 days of the ASC. It's in policy!

**H&I** - Needs support!

**Co-Treasurer** - Why are we giving money to region and not directly to world?

Response- We are following the fund flow outlined in the guide to local services. Also, we as an Area voted to do so.

**New Clarity** - Needs SUPPORT! Only 2 HG members and not a high attendance!  
Announce at meetings!

**Co-chair**-need a co-saecretary, 1 year clean time requirement.

It is encouraged that GSRs give reports via group concerns. Forms are available online.

#### **VII New Business:**

##### **A. Motions**

**Submitted by:** 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition

**Motion-** The current area bank account and any area bank account established in the future will have two individuals listed officially on the account(s) commonly known as joint account ownership. The second individual should be the Co-Chair to provide continuity.

**Intent-**

- 1)Prevent the situation where area funds are not accessible because of single person access and that person becomes incapacitated.
- 2)Supports existing area policy to have two signatures on area checks.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: No Second  
Motion fails.

**\*\*\*\*\*NEXT ASC MEETING 12/7/13 @ 4:00 PM  
Weddington Methodist Church-Fellowship  
Hall\*\*\*\*\***