

ALMOST HEAVEN AREA

5 March 2022 ASC

Virtual Meeting

Meeting was opened at 1:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions was read by Joseph H., The 12 Concepts was read by Sherry R. and The Purpose was read by Dave W.

Roll Call

Addicts Welcome:	P	P
End of the Road:	P	P
Foundations Group:	A	P
Hope & Gratitude:	P	P
It's a Brand New Day:	P	P
Keep it Simple:	P	P
Miracles do Happen:	A	P
Never Alone Never Again:	A	A
New Hope:	P	P
New Image:	A	A
Not High at Noon:	P	P
Start to Live:	P	P
Surrender to Win:	A	P
To Tell the Truth:	A	A
We Believe in Miracles:	A	A

Trusted Servants

Chair:	O	O
Vice-Chair:	P	P
Secretary:	P	P
Treasurer:	P	P
RCM:	O	O
RCM-Alt:	O	O
VRCC:	O	O
Convention:	O	O
Literature:	P	P
Policy:	O	O

Quorum was met with 10 GSR's present

Secretaries Report

Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Dave W. and seconded by Joseph H. **Pass 10-0-0**

ILS,

Secretary Area

Don V. nominated Chair Pro-Tem **Pass 9-0-0**

Motion by Sherry V. to change the order of the day, in order to make a motion. Seconded by Dave W.
Pass 9-0-0

Motion by Addicts Welcome— We move that the Almost Heaven Area (AHA) Area Service Committee (ASC) involuntarily remove the current Vice-Chair from the position, effective immediately. Seconded by Hope & Gratitude

Intent—To allow ASC business to be conducted in a more spiritual manner consistent with the Almost Heaven Area Guidelines, including the Purpose, Traditions, and Concepts.

(Allow for a second)

Discussion - We cite the following as justification of this motion:

A. Dereliction of duties as acting Chair

From Policy Chairperson Duties and Responsibilities

1) Section c. Maintains and conducts ASC meetings with a firm, yet understanding hand in compliance with the approved ASC guidelines taking precedence over Robert's Rules of Order as derived by the groups in compliance with the fulfillment of the Twelve Traditions of NA. – The Vice Chair has shut down discussion on multiple occasions, not allowing for a full understanding among all members. The Vice-Chair has attempted to put the tenets of Roberts Rules of Order over our ASC Guidelines repeatedly, mostly due to a misunderstanding of said Guidelines.

Example: December 2021 ASC regarding the questions that arose during the Treasurer's Report.

2) Section d. Is fair and impartial – There have been multiple instances of a lack of fairness and extreme partiality to her agenda, again at the expense of a full understanding of the motion or discussion among all members. Examples:

December 2021 ASC-A GSR asked a different question about the Treasurer's report but was told that question had been asked and answered already and we are moving on.

February 2022 ASC home group report: Vice Chair lashed out via email at the group for expressing an opinion about the good job the H&I and PR sub-committees had been doing as well as the Secretary for adding that to the minutes in bold print.

3) Section i. Is ultimately responsible to see that all duties and responsibilities of ASC officers are carried out to completion. In the absence of any officer or officer's action, the chair sees that the duties and responsibilities are carried out.

Examples:

-Failure to appoint a Regional Committee Member (RCM) pro-tem for the February

meeting of the RSC. Almost Heaven went unrepresented at this conference.
-Ask a member who accepted nomination for a position if they would serve protem.
-February 2022 ASC – Failure to hold a roll call to reaffirm quorum after break. Had to be cajoled to take a voice affirmation rather than counting Zoom boxes which may or may not have been attended due to the video not on.

From Policy Discussion/Motions

“2. The conference will strive for unanimity in understanding rather than the actual vote. Everyone will at least understand what is going on.” Discussion shut down on multiple occasions prior to an understanding of the item being discussed has been gained fully among the members.

Examples:

-February 2022 ASC - Discussion shut down as to nomination process to fulfill soon to be expired Secretary term. -December 2021 ASC: Treasurer’s report instances cited above.

B. Violation of the Area Purpose

“We would like to continue our spiritual direction, asking that each member act with respect and love to every other member of the conference. From our inception, we have worked in the spirit of unanimity. This process allows all members to have their questions, answers and all input heard before votes are taken. This course of action takes time and allows a loving God to express himself through an informed group conscience.”

Example - Attempt to Alter Minutes

The Vice-Chair attempted to have the February minutes altered to include a written report that was not presented during the February ASC. The report given during ASC contained about 75-80 words. The report that she sent out after the fact contained 1775 words that raged about topics that were never presented on the floor but have been sent out via emails over the past two weeks. (See Email section below)

Example - Attempt to reschedule the March ASC

From policy OPERATIONS “3. The ASC as a whole shall be responsible for the ASC meeting time and place”

The Vice-Chair has attempted to reschedule the March ASC at a different online location without direction of the home groups and without inviting all trusted servants. She has also attempted to create small online groups without inviting all members of this body or notifying home groups.

Example - Attempt to involve the Region in AHA business

The Vice-Chair attempted to have actions be taken by the RSC toward this body without consulting or receiving direction from the home groups.

The Vice-Chair inundated the Regional Chair and Regional Delegate by email making false accusations using erroneous information prior to bringing these

grievances to the area floor for the groups to discuss.

C. Emails

The Vice-Chair has sent out over 80 emails to the ASC minutes group (not counting others sent to individuals that are too numerous to count.) Many of the emails have been sent to portions of the group, while different emails were being sent to other members of the group. There was no consistent thread. A subject line endeavored by one thread might become lashing out about a totally different grievance in the next iteration.

These emails have included many unfounded and totally false accusations thrown toward other Trusted Servants in the Area. The accusations include misappropriation of funds, personal attacks including name calling and threats, claims that Trusted Servants were trying to “swindle” the Almost Heaven Area.

There have also been demands made of other Trusted Servants to do things that are not in keeping with our Guidelines, Traditions or Concepts or directed by the home groups such as:

1. Perform audits (the audit is actually to be conducted by the chair, vice-chair and secretary)
2. Give up the passwords to our web site and the New Hope Zoom account used by the area for the past two years.
3. Asking persons to take positions not listed in Policy.

Conclusion

The sheer volume of this barrage constitutes harassment under the law in many states. These outbursts could also lead the Area or the ASC to being faulted and/or hurt the NA Fellowship as a whole in some way should these make their way into public discussion. By doing nothing we are condoning her actions. She was elected by the ASC, however her behaviors show that the Almost Heaven Area made a mistake in electing her which must be immediately rectified through her removal from the office of Vice-Chair.

Motion Passes 9-2-0

*Motion by Sherry V. to resume the order of the day. Seconded by Thaddeus M. **Pass 10-0-0***

Vice Chairs Report

Was none to give since the Vice Chair was removed.

Home Group Reports

Home Group: **Addicts Welcome**

GSR Representative: Shawn C.

Date and Time of Meeting: Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Average Number of attendees: 15

Number of Home Group members in attendance: 5
Total number of Newcomers: 0
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? Motion to be addressed today.
Upcoming Home Group Events: None
Are there any home group positions vacant? No
Group Donation: \$25.01

Home Group: **End of the Road**

GSR Representative: Cedric W.
Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesdays 7pm to 815pm, Sundays 3pm to 430pm
Average Number of attendees: 15-29
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 5
Total number of Newcomers: 5
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? Yes. Need support.
Upcoming Home Group Events: Last Sunday, the home group conscious voted that wearing a mask was optional.
Are there any home group positions vacant? GSR Alt, Vice Treasurer Alt
Group Donation: \$60

Home Group: **Foundations**

GSR Representative: Thaddeus M.
Date and Time of Meeting: Sundays 5:30pm- 6:45pm
Average Number of attendees: 12
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 7
Total number of Newcomers: 5
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? No.
Upcoming Home Group Events: Sean R. celebrates 12 years clean on 4/3/22
Are there any home group positions vacant? GSR
Group Donation: \$120

Home Group: **Hope & Gratitude**

GSR Representative: David W.
Date and Time of Meeting: Mondays and Fridays @ 7pm- 8:15pm literature meeting
Average Number of attendees: 40
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 8
Total number of Newcomers: 0
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? No
Upcoming Home Group Events: None
Are there any home group positions vacant? GSR Alt
Group Donation: \$10.93

Home Group: **It's a Brand New Day**

GSR Representative: Tho'mas G.

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday @ 7:30pm-8:30pm
Average Number of attendees: 13
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 9
Total number of Newcomers: 3
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? No
Upcoming Home Group Events: Sean C. celebrates 1 year on 3/9/22 and Corbin L. celebrates 1 year on 3/16/22
Are there any home group positions vacant? No
Group Donation: \$10

Home Group: **Keep it Simple**

GSR Representative: Anthony K.
Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesdays @ 7:30pm-8:30pm
Average Number of attendees: 27
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 7
Total number of Newcomers: 11
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? No
Upcoming Home Group Events: Monique W. celebrates 3 years on 3/30/22 and Larue N. celebrates 16 years on 4/13/22
Are there any home group positions vacant? No
Group Donation: \$0

Home Group: **New hope**

GSR Representative: Dora R.
Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesdays @ 7pm (hybrid meeting)
Average Number of attendees: 4-6 (virtually) 4 (face to face)
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 5
Total number of Newcomers: 0
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? No.
Upcoming Home Group Events: None
Are there any home group positions vacant? No
Group Donation: \$10

Home group: **Not High at Noon**

No report sent.

Home group: **Start to Live**

GSR Representative: Kurtz
Date and Time of Meeting: Fridays 8:15-9:15 (Currently a hybrid)
Average Number of attendees: 7-8
Number of Home Group members in attendance: 7
Total number of Newcomers: 0
Does your home group have any needs or concerns or problems at this time? No.
Upcoming Home Group Events: None
Are there any home group positions vacant? No
Group Donation: \$10

Home group: **Start to Live**

No report sent

Meetings Not In Attendance for Previous 2 Months:

New Image (still meeting), Never Alone Never Again (still meeting), To Tell the Truth (still meeting) and We Believe in Miracles (still meeting)

Literature Report

For March 5th, 2022:

Beginning Balance	\$ 870.63
Literature Deposit	\$ 145.83
Balance	\$ 1016.46
Literature Ordered	\$ 289.69
Current Balance	\$ 726.77

In Loving Service

Ronnie W.

LSU Report

No LSU report was given or sent. However the PR Report was given:

**Agenda/Report from February 21, 2022
PR Task group & Special Events
March 2022 ASC**

Update of Tasks:

We met on February 21, 2022 and will continue to meet in person on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. Please visit our website @ <https://almostheavenareana.org>: there are many

resources there and a link to the PR Task Group zoom. Please also send meeting updates to ahana-pr@outlook.com.

We had no events to attend in the community this past month but received emails on possible outreach opportunities and will look into those.

The Website site is up to date and several people have access to enter information. The BMLT is also up to date with information. We have received some new information on meetings and may get more at ASC this Saturday, but will inform members that they need to send those changes to the ahana-pr@outlook.com so we have a tracking mechanism.

There was a NASW dumps.

We are seeing that some of the covid mandates are dropping, but still see events being cancelled like the Maryland Theatre Wellness Summit. One member has contact with two possible events in April that will draw close to 3,000 all together. We are still seeking members to inform us of opportunities to do outreach. Again, if you know of events, health fairs or other civil events that we may be able to attend, please let us know. Potential members can't find us if they don't know we exist or where we are.

Our next meeting will be March 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
549 West Queen Street, Back of Church, 2nd Parking lot in the basement
Please help carry our message into the community so that no addict seeking recovery need die!

ILS
Almost Heaven Area
Public Relations Task Group
Narcotics Anonymous

Policy Report

Policy Report for February 5 – March 5

The policy subcommittee did not meet last month because there were no tasks to complete. We will meet next month if something is presented at Area.

ILS - Kurtz

Old Business

Area:

1. Motion Maker: New Hope Group Seconded by: Kurtz

Motion: Clarify Existing Policy. That the Chair or Vice Chair acting as chair cannot make motions.

Intent: To clarify existing policy for Vice Chair under QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SERVICE POSITIONS:

d. Is fair and impartial.

e. Refrains from discussing or expressing a personal opinion of a motion when presiding. **Failed 5-1-0**

2. Motion Maker: Traci G. Seconded by: Cedric W.

Motion: Cancel Almost Heaven Area Inmotion account.

Intent: The area is currently paying \$299.76 for duplicate services. Both Inmotion and Godaddy offer the same services. It is redundant to pay for both accounts. The Inmotion account may have been necessary when the area initially created the website, but all we need is hosting now. I would recommend we cancel Inmotion and request a refund.

Chair pro-tem ruled this motion to be Out of Order since the acting chair is not allowed to have an opinion therefore not allowed to make motions.

Dora R. appealed the chair pro-tem and the motion was upheld.

Motion failed 1-6-0

Region

Still needs to be voted on

CARNA Motion Form Motion Number: 111-2

Date: December 18th 2021

Mover: RD Team Area: NP Amendment

Second Beach RCM

Motion: To change 6A Regional Delegate Duties #4. from: 4. Attends biennial World Service Conference (WSC) Meeting, Ca usually end of April; attends annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of NA (MARLCNA) Lancaster, PA, on conference Attends Zonal Forum Meetings (twice per year), locations vary from throughout the Autonomy Zone geographic ran organizes and chairs Zonal Forum when it is hosted by Central Atlantic Region); organize, schedule, coordinates and WSC Conference Agenda Report (CAR) Workshops throughout CARNA geographical area. (119th) To allow the delegate to attend in non-conference year the nearest World-Wide Workshop. (142nd) Change to: 4. •Attends biennial World Service Conference (WSC) Meeting, usually in California, usually the end of April. •Attends service event in the eastern US area focused on the CAR/CAT on conference year. •Attends Autonomy Zonal Forum Meetings (twice per year) locations vary from throughout the affiliated Zone's geographic range •Organizes and chairs Zonal Forum when it is hosted by Central Atlantic Region. •Organizes, schedule, coordinates and facilitates Conference Agenda Report (CAR)/ Conference Approval Track (CAT Workshops throughout the four quadrants in the Central Atlantic Region's geographical area. •Attends one service event in the non-conference year. Ex. MZSS, FSS etc.

(119th) To allow the delegate team to attend in non-conference year the nearest Service Event TBD. (142nd) •Delegate can determine whether the whole team attends same Service events or splits the events between them for the con year and non-conference year.

Amendment Area &RCM: _____ Description/Background
(Optional): Since the guidelines were updated there are more car/cat events that are being held other than MARLCNA. This change would allow the delegate team to determine which car/cat service events would give the most information and if this could not be determined to allow the delegate team to split up and attend other service events each. Also there are no world wide workshop being held by NA World Service. Intent: To update guidelines to reflect correct events and allow the delegate team the flexibility to determine which service events would best provide information and/or train our delegate team to best serve our region.

Back to groups for a vote

CARNA Motion Form

Motion Number: 111-3 Date: December 18th 2021

Mover: RD Team Area Second: Tidewater RCM

Motion: Description/Background (Optional):

Conference participants came to a consensus to postpone the next World Service Conference until 2023 in the hopes that we will be able to meet in person at that time. The WSC will convene for a partial, interim, virtual meeting in 2022 to make decisions that are required by law and policy, as well as to decide on the Spiritual Principle a Day book, but the conference cycle this time will be three years, ending when the 2023 meeting closes. Experience has shown that continuity of trusted servants in a conference cycle helps to make the WSC more effective so we are encouraging regions and zones to consider making similar decisions related to the terms of their delegates and alternates- **See Attached Letter in its entirety.**

Intent:

To Continue with the same delegate team to preserve continuity and help the World Service Conference (WSC) be more effective.

Motion:

To suspend policy to extend the term of the Regional delegate only by four months to maintain continuity of trusted servants for the 2023 World Service Conference

Back to groups for a vote

Pro: We are extremely bless and confident in our Regional Delegate Teams Ability to review the slate of workshops available at this conference and making the best decisions on which will give us the best bang for our bucks.

No Cons on either motion

Motion Number: 111-1

Maker Treasurer Second: RCM Don V AHA

To approve the proposed Budget for 2022

Motion passed; 1-4-0

New Business

1. Melody G. brought up the fact that the website password is wrong for Miracles Do Happen. Was directed by the groups to contact the PR Task Group email in order to have it changed.
2. The PR Task Group is asking for direction on what to do about the We Believe in Miracles meeting situation. It is listed on Naws as a hybrid with Traci G.'s personal home address and no one has opened the meeting for 2 weeks. The direction from the groups is to unpublish the meeting until further clarity on it's status.
3. The AHA Treasurer reported receiving threatening emails from the former AHA Vice Chair about reporting her to the IRS for violating U.S. Tax law on not having AHA listed as a Non-profit. Expressed feelings of uncertainty or fear of retaliation.
4. Motion by New Hope to return to ASC meeting in person. Seconded by Hope & Gratitude.

Pass 7-1-1

Trusted Servant Elections and Nominations

Area:

Chair: Open

Secretary: Open for nominations

RCM: Open (Sherron C. nominated and appointed pro-tem)

RCM Alt: Open

Policy Chair: Open (Cedric W. nominated)

VRCC: Open

Convention Chair: Open (Thaddeus M. appointed pro-tem)

Qualifications for Cedric W.:

I have sixteen years clean and I have a sponsor who have a sponsor. I have a homegroup and I work the steps. I am the gsr of my homegroup and I rotate the position of chair in my homegroup. Also, I had been the chair of the AHACNA Entertainment Subcommittee twice. I had chaired AVCNA Entertainment Subcommittee and represented the Area as VRCC to the VRCC Committee.

Region:

Vice Chair: Open

Treasurer: Open (Brain C. Pro-Tem)
Vice Treasurer: Open (open since 173rd)
Speaker Jam: Open
H&I Chair: Open
Policy Chair: Open

Announcements

- ★ 3/9: Shawn C. celebrates 1 year @ It's A Brand New Day
- ★ 3/16: Corbin L. celebrates 1 year @ It's A Brand New Day
- ★ 3/21: AHA Public Relations Task Group meets @ 6:00 pm (in person)
Otterbein Methodist Church, back of the Church, 2nd parking lot in the basement
- ★ 3/21: AHA Convention Committee meets after AHA Public Relations Task Group (in person)
Otterbein Methodist Church, back of the Church, 2nd parking lot in the basement
- ★ 3/28: AHA LSU Subcommittee meets @ 6pm
Zoom ID: 849 2497 8455
- ★ 3/30: Monique W. celebrates 3 years @ Keep it Simple
- ★ 4/3: Sean R. celebrates 12 years @ Foundations
- ★ 5/4: Mike B. celebrates 19 years @ Keep it Simple
- ★ 4/13: Larue N. celebrates 16 years @ Keep it Simple
- ★ 4/20: Melody G. celebrates 3 years @ Miracles do Happen
- ★ 5/9: Sherron C. celebrates 23 years @ Surrender to Win

Treasury Report

Included in email

Plans for Next ASC

Next Area Service will be held on March 5th, 2022 @ 1:30pm at Immanuel's House 713 Buxton St.
Martinsburg, WV 25401

Attendance

Melody B. missmag-pie@hotmail.com	
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Sherron C. sherron11chat@aol.com	GSR- Surrender to Win
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