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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
July 28, 2007**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who cared to join in.

The Twelve Traditions were read by Chris
The Twelve Concepts were read by Eric
The 4th Concept was read by Lewis
The Dedication to Service was read by Linda

Roll Call of Officers

10 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

19 answered the roll call. A total number of 28 groups checked in during the meeting.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 11.

New GSRs

The following Group Service Representatives attended New GSR Orientation at 1:30 p.m., prior to the opening of business at the PASC meeting.

Chris S – New GSR for Men’s Fireside Step Study Group
Sarah H – New GSR for Rockwood Nooner
Lewis – New Alt. GSR for Rockwood Nooner
Mike D – New Alt. GSR for Doing Life
Lisa Hayes – New GSR for Stepping Up

Secretary’s Report

Linda made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Southeast Serenity.

Michele, PASC Secretary, asked for everyone’s help keeping her contact list up-to-date. She can be reached at mvowell503@msn.com.

Also, Michele is hoping that someone will be willing to step up and serve as the interim archivist (so they will not have to give up their GSR position). I am making too many mistakes trying to do both. I cannot take notes when I am busy cataloging the motions. So, the archives are getting sloppy; and I'm missing key parts of the discussions that should be in the minutes. I feel it is a disservice to the Area. Thanks

Treasurer’s Report

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Unfinished Business

Nominations for Archivist

Patricia C. was not in attendance. Vote tabled until next month.

Patricia C. volunteered to step up and fill the position at the June PASC. She was nominated by Larry, from U + Me = We, and seconded by Hour of Power. She has 20 years of clean time. She has many years experience serving at the group level.

Motion #21: Submitted by Step Working Guide and seconded by Learning to Live.

Motion: Change voting policy from majority rule to consensus. This would be a by-law change under section Five, Article 1 to be Labeled D. This would also change Article V of Section Five from two-thirds majority to consensus. And the same for article VI of Section Five.

Purpose of Motion: Better chance for God's will, create more unity by eliminating disgruntled minority and improve the ties that bind.

Motion continues to be Tabled while the Consensus-based decision making ad hoc committee (Sam, Michael, and Pete) study the possibilities for the next month.

Motion #22: Submitted by Step Working Guide and seconded by Yets.

Motion: Suspend Motion #18 because language doesn't match intent of motion..

Purpose of Motion: To have people vote on what they were voting on.

Motion passed: For – 6 Against-4 Abstain-9

Open Forum

Eric, Activities Chair, reported that last year's Annual Picnic was poorly supported. Without the support of the fellowship this year, this event could be lost.

Ron, PASC Treasurer, said as part of his duties he gets receipts from subcommittees wanting to buy ink cartridges for their printers. Also, one subcommittee is paying rent for its monthly meeting by buying pizza (\$50 - \$60). No other subcommittee pays that much for rent. Ron compared these expenditures to the part of the Guide to Local Service that talks about frivolous spending. He said he doesn't want to step out of his box. I get receipts and I pay them, he said. But this is an issue we should talk about today, and get people's opinions. Donations to area are hard to come by. He doesn't know how we keep the Portland Area afloat, financially, but for the Grace of God. Also, he will be making some motions so that the Portland Area will keep better track of its money.

Linda, Hotline Vice-Chair, said that the Hotline Subcommittee was having a hard time getting volunteers, and providing those volunteers with the up-to-date information. Having the Hotline Subcommittee meeting at Round Table Pizza has worked to increase participation and get all pertinent information out to shift workers. All Subcommittee Chairs do things differently. We don't have the right to threaten each other. As Subcommittees we make decisions and vote on them, bringing group conscience into it, she said. When I was Hotline Chair, I made up flyers and newsletters, so people got all the current information. "We are dealing with people's lives." However we get people to participate... I don't think one individual person should get to decide.

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When a subcommittee has a problem, they go to the vice-chair. It's not getting resolved. Linda said she was submitting a motion that will separate the Answer Net expenses from the Hotline expenses, so that the Hotline Subcommittee will have more than \$30 for rent and supplies for the month.

Chair Report- Paul J. -

Shirts for Books:

The screen printer who previously did the shirts has disappeared and he has the master screen. I will be investigating a new source and continue to try and locate the old source.

Chair Report:

I am grateful for all those who attend the P.A.S.C. on a regular basis. I also like to point out the responsibilities of a GSR. I refer to the guide to local service and that all GSR's should become familiar with that section of our literature. Every GSR should also have a copy of the P.A.S.C. by laws and be as familiar with them as they can be.

Some one made off with my guide to local service. Please return it.

More will be revealed.

Rose City Metro Report – David P.

Meeting held Tuesday, July 10.

David T of GWV Area facilitated.

Portland Metro Representative did not make the meeting. Without a representative from all three areas the committee is unable to conduct business. It was decided to proceed with the meeting as a discussion forum only, with no decisions to be made.

TV Area Report – Doug C reported that the Area is doing good. Camp out this weekend.

The two Metro Nominations were voted on. Gilbert S. was approved for the Metro Secretary position. Alan M.'s nomination was not approved, however there were 11 abstentions due to lack of service resume. Doug will resubmit Alan's nomination at the next area with a resume if we receive it.

Positions have been approved in our guidelines for when Metro starts up committees and has \$500 set aside for an initial Metro contribution once the committee is set.

Portland Area Report – Absent

GW Area Report – David T reported that he has been selected as his Area's Metro Committee representative. The area has accepted Gilberts and Alan's nominations. Have not had discussions on financial contributions yet, will bring up next month. Other than that all is well.

Portland PI - Jim B is acting as Portland PI Chair for six months. Push to get PI into Metro as soon as possible.

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Regional meeting and GSR assembly July 22/23 in Coos Bay.

Jim suggested that the Metro committee publish a Newsletter to let people know what we are doing. Could include birthdays and activities for all three areas. Jim is ready to meet with the other areas and get started with Metro PI and would like to see all three areas working together in Unity like they have before.

GWV PI – Nothing to report.

There was no PI representative from the TV Area or Activities representative from any of the areas.

Lynda A , Portland Area Hotline Chair asked to speak. She came to the meeting because she is unclear what the situation with Metro is from her area. The hotline has had difficulties helping addicts find meetings because they do not have schedules for areas outside of Portland City limits and Portland has removed these meetings from their schedule. David T provided her with copies of the GWV meeting schedule since it lists meetings for all three areas. Lynda said she would distribute copies to the hotline committee members.

Portland Area Hotline committee meets the Sunday before Portland Area at the Round Table Pizza at Foster and Holgate at 5:45 PM.

All shifts are currently filled, but additional support is always welcome. Lynda does not believe that there are any current shift workers from outside of the Portland Area.

Jim suggested that Lynda be added to the GWV area mailing list for schedules.

Read and discussed the First Concept of Service. There was general agreement that this supports the whole concept behind the formation of the Metro area.

Jim spoke regarding the amount of change he's seen at Western Service days in the way Areas operate, such as moving to consensus based decision making, vs. the lack of change in how Portland Area operates. No one seems to understand what Metro is at Area, and there is no time to discuss Metro at Area. People don't know what is going on,

Dave suggested that a newsletter may be the best approach. It was suggested that ,aybe we should publish a newsletter and then have a workshop at URS club to discuss issues. It was brought up that workshops should not be limited to Portland Area, all three areas should be involved. Good discussion, however no action was able to be taken due to lack of quorum. Dave and Gilbert will be sure to get together to work on the previously approved information flyer / newsletter for presentation to the committee next month.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting to be held on August 14th.

Metro Workshop adhoc Report - Travis

The date that seems to work out the best is September 22, when the Director of the World Service Office can come to town, Travis said. He still needs to contact representatives from the Rose City Metro and people from the other areas.

“So if you are a member of NA, it will be extremely for your benefit to attend,” Travis said.

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Everyone will be welcome to attend, but, Travis said his primary responsibility is to the Portland Area. There are still many details to work out, including the location for the workshop. He said he will get all that worked out and have Flyers ready by the next PASC meeting.

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer. Summer read the 12 Traditions; Soma read the 7th Concept; Dave read the Decorum Statement. First time visitors were Ernie, Ellen, Diana D., and Stoddard. Second time visitor was Summer. The Chair reported to the committee then called for reports from the Treasurer, RCM, Calendar Coordinator, Flyer Coordinator, Reminder Coordinator, Gratitude Coordinator, Storage Coordinator, Newcomer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and Archivist. Quorum was met; we had 15 voting members attending. The the meeting was turned over to the Vice-Chair for future, Ongoing and Past Events.

The event coordinators gave the reports. The events happening in August are Beverly Beach campout, Unity in the Streets, and the Annual Picnic. In past events, the 4th of July picnic made a profit of \$603.47; half of this will be going to area. The Multnomah Falls hike had good attendance. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

In New Business, ideas were suggested on how to utilize the new PR handbook in activities events. The meeting closed at 4:37 p.m.

Thank you, Your trusted Servant
Eric P

Literature

No report

Outreach – Syd, Outreach Chair

The Outreach Subcommittee now meets at 1 p.m., on the last Saturday of the month before Area, followed at 1:30 by new GSR Orientation. There is no clean time requirement. Outreach needs support. Outreach is the go to Subcommittee between the groups and Area. Anything we can do to help with your meeting; or any questions we can answer, let us know. Please fill out Group Report Forms so we know how your group is doing. If you don't tell us what is going on, we can't help.

Hospitals & Institutions

No report

Hotline

Great job to all Hotline Shift workers. We have two new shift workers: Jennifer O., and Robin B. All shifts are current. We had 13 people at July's business meeting. We are now meeting the Sunday before Area and will keep that day at 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Hotline is still in need of 12-step callers. The list is getting small. Men and women needed. Please have the contact Lynda A. or

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Linda R. and we will be able to add them to our lists. The next Hotline meeting will be on August 19 at 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

In Service, Lynda A., Hotline Chair

Public Information – Jim B. Interim Chair

RCM REPORT - Steve

July 23, 200

Motion to accept minutes as amended.(passed)

PI (Jim B)

- Rusty voted in as vice chair
- Phone cards will be brought to area.

H&I (Shannon)

PCRCNA14 (Medford)

- \$9,000 check to region
- phone links for Saturday night meeting to (Coffee Creek + OSP)

PCRCNA15 (Bend)

- register early

AREA REPORTS:

Coos Bay: (Jimmy)

- meetings every day of the week (2 meetings on Saturdays + Sundays).

CENTRAL OR:

- Labor Day event – details on the web-site.

EUGENE: (Jerry)

- 17 meetings /week

GREATER WILLAMETTE VALLY:

- 15 meetings / week

LINN-BENTON: (Patty)

- alternate RCM didn't show up.

MID WILLAMETTE VALLY: (Lisa)

- 15 home groups
- 17 meetings / week
- raft trip (2nd weekend in August)

NORTH COAST:

- not present, report read by chair

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OR – CAL: name changed to Klamath Basin

- campout, Sept. 1,2,3rd

Southern – OR: name changed to ROGUE – Redwood: (Lucy)

- 12 meetings / week

TUALATIN VALLY: (Dave P)

- successful campout (in July)
- 20 meetings/week

UMPQUA:

LUNCH BREAK

A letter was read by the chair, written by a group of concerned people regarding an old-timer (author of The Vicious Cycle) was overlooked as a speaker at the PCRCNA14 (Medford)

ELECTIONS:

Rob (P+P chair) read the job descriptions for open positions.

Cathy K.: (chair) – **elected chair**

- ex Eugene area chair
- ex Regional Delegate

Mike R.: (chair)

- ex Eugene area chair
- numerous other service positions.

Kevin K.: (vice chair)- **elected vice chair**

- ex Eugene activities chair
- ex Eugene H&I chair
- ex Regional secretary for H&I

JoAnn K.: (Treasurer) – **elected treasurer**

- current bookkeeper for husband's successful business.
- Currently learning Quick Books

Wally N.: (regional activities chair) – **elected regional activities chair**

- Numerous service positions
- Currently busy with Greater Willamette Valley area.

Money Motion #1: earmark \$2,600 for one person from H&I and one person from PI to go to WSLD – 2008 (Hawaii) – passed.

GOOD OF THE FELLOWSHIP:

Lucy: a group in her area has rent paid, \$100 set aside, and wants to charge money for IPs.

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- Any suggestions?

Lisa: (Salem) their area has abolished their H&I subcommittee, because of too much controversy.

- Any suggestions?

JB: (regional secretary) Regional Service Conferences need to be sponsored by areas.

Jim B.: (PI chair) for Western Service Learning Days in Ogden, UT

- Wants input to H&I and PI (Kippur/Jim B.)

Alt. RCM-Eric – No report

New Business

(The PASC requests groups to discuss the following motions (in red) and be ready to vote on these matters at next month's PASC.)

Motion #24: Submitted by Hotline and seconded by Victory group.

Motion: Old section nine: Financial responsibilities.

A.2. Except the hotline Subcommittee with is allowed \$165 per month for expenses.

New A.2. The hotline will receive up to \$125 per month for expenses, separate from the Answernet expense paid by the PASC.

Purpose of Motion: To separate subcommittee expenses from the PASC expenses.

Discussion: Linda R said that all other standing subcommittees get \$125 for their expenses. The Answernet (the service that runs the Hotline) bill goes directly to the Portland Area. The bill has been running between \$120 to \$125 dollars. The way the bylaws are written, we only have another \$30 per month for expenses. That's not enough money for anything. When I was Hotline Chair, I spent a lot of money on communicating up-to-date information to all the workers. The way Lynda, the new Hotline Chair, does it, she gets all the workers to the meeting.

Linda, Hotline Chair, said she calls the restaurant a week in advance so Hotline has its own private room for an hour. The pizza place is actually losing out on money, she said. This month Hotline attracted 14 people to its business meeting; last month 12 people attended; before that, it was hard to get people to come to the subcommittee meeting.

Ron C., PASC Treasurer, said that he knows the Hotline does not need \$125 per month for expenses. He quoted from the 11th Concept of Service, which, in part reads: *“Service funds aren't easy to come by. To fulfill our primary purpose, we need all of the financial resources at our fellowship's disposal. Our groups, service boards and committees must make prudent use of the money we give them, refusing to spend money frivolously or self-indulgently. With NA's primary purpose in mind, our services will avoid wasting money, using the funds they've been given to carry our message as effectively.”*

Harry W, of Victory group, said that NA World Services used to fly him around the country. This is not a big amount of money.

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Michele, PASC Secretary, asked how this fit into the PASC Budget that was approved earlier this year. The previous Hotline Chair had agreed to reduce costs to help the area meet its financial needs.

Dan, from Rush Hour, said he is confused about the issue. But he is constantly hearing the struggle that Hotline has in finding people to fill the shifts.

Marcus, from Here and Now, was asking about the motive... Was it to show gratitude to the pizza place?

Motion #24 will go back to the groups for a vote.

For Your Information:

Motion #25: Submitted by Ron C., ruled out of order by the chair, as motion did not specify the letter that would be added to the bylaws.

Motion: Add to Section Nine: Financial Responsibilities a line that reads: That the PASC shall maintain a working capital of \$1000.

Purpose of Motion: To maintain a reserve of money that can be used for the purpose of supporting the sub-committees (i.e. lending of seed money, purchasing needed items, etc.

Ron C said he would resubmit the motion.

Motion #26: Submitted by Ron C and seconded by Minute by Minute.

Motion: Change: Section Nine: financial Responsibility, Line E.

Remove "The PASC shall donate a minimum of \$75 to region every quarter.

Replace with: "The PASC shall approve a quarterly donation to the PCRNA from the available funds after all motions, set asides, reserves and current financial obligations have been paid. The donation shall be a minimum of \$75.

Purpose of Motion: To More responsibly move funds to the PCRNA.

Discussion: Ron C., PASC Treasurer, said the way the bylaws are written, Area doesn't have any operating capitol. We send it all to Region. We dip into our prudent reserve to do anything but pay our bills. And we should never have to do that.

Travis, from Learning to Live, said he thinks it is a great idea, but his home group sends \$75 to region every quarter and it doesn't have nearly as much money as the PASC.

Jane, from Serenity Sisters, spoke in favor of the motion, explaining that it removes the restriction that we donate "all remaining funds."

Motion #26 will go back to the groups for a vote.

Wayne, Vice Chair, made a motion to close the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.