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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
January 26, 2008**

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 Marcus
The Twelve Concepts were read by James
The 4th Concept was read by Doug
The Dedication to Service was read by Mary

Roll Call of Officers

13 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

26 answered roll call. A total number of 33 groups checked in during the meeting.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 12.

Secretary's Report – Michele V.

Linda from One Promise, Many Gifts, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes; seconded by Troy from Back to Basics. Michele, PASC Secretary, apologized for failing to include the final motion discussed in December, Motion 55. December's minutes will be amended to include this motion. The updated minutes will then be posted on the website. Michele also asked all the executive officers and subcommittees to submit reports for to be included in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

See attached.

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

The Vice Chair said he attended H&I and the GSR Social. He had various conversations with sub-committee chairs and communications with the chair. Contrary to popular belief, everything's cool. Subcommittees are working together. I will let them explain further during their reports. Denise and Tawnie, our Regional Delegates to World, came and helped with the GSR Social. We practiced using the Planning Tool. Along those same lines, we encourage all groups to use the group inventory packet. It's called "Building a Strong Home Group." This will help our Area in the overall picture. I also encourage GSRs to turn in their Area Inventory Sheets so we can continue our Area Inventory process. This is going to be an ongoing process that will take time and effort. Lastly, I would like to thank all those who help our subcommittees

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with their service work. Service is a big part of our program and I continue to encourage all members to get involved. The rewards are endless.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Wayne C.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Ron read 12 Traditions; Toni read the 1st concept; Josh read the Decorum Statement. First time visitors were Bill T., Tana W., David B., and Brenda. There were no second time visitors. 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 13 voting members attending. In unfinished business the event form review had lots of discussion and a total of 5 submissions the final vote will be next month. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair for Future, Ongoing, and Past Events.

In Future & Ongoing Events the Annual Picnic has a coordinator, Beverly Beach will be doing hats with logos for fundraising, Fort Stevens campout is looking at doing a shamrock dance, Government Island campout has a coordinator, Picnic in the Park will start in April. In Ongoing events Snow tubing is 2/2/08, Sweethearts dance is 2/9/08, and a possible Snowshoeing event in mid February. In past events End of Year Dance turned a profit and Areas ½ is \$1,272.95. In bowling there was 54 people in attendance. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

In new business a NA member made amends to Activities by replacing 2 chairs he had damaged with 2 new chairs. There was a motion submitted to amend the PAAS bylaws to reflect that the line item accounts have their seed money reserved before a split of the profits between Activities and Area. This motion was tabled until next month so that there could be a true group conscience.

Quorum was challenged and was not met.
The meeting closed at 4:36pm

Thank you
Your trusted Servant
Eric P

Literature - Carolyn

December Report:

Beginning Balance: \$2,623.81
Total Income (Sales): \$984.60
Total Expenses: 0
Ending Balance: \$3,608.41

January Report:

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Total Income (Sales): \$2,209
Total Expenses: \$125
Ending Balance: \$5,692.41

Carolyn said that some of the literature was damaged by flooding in the basement of the URS Club. Damage estimates are about \$16.50. The Subcommittee lost several IPs and 5 Step Working Guides. She hoped they would be able to dry out some of the literature and donate it to someone who needs it.

Outreach – Troy J.

We have got a copy of the GSR Guidebook and are in the process of updating it. We could use a little help with this. I should have it done by next area. I have a list of groups that need to be visited. See me if you are interested in doing so. We had 6 new GSRs this month. There has been a request by the Julia West House program to start a meeting on Monday at 6:30. the address is 1200 SW Alder. The contact person is Dustin D. who can be reached at 503-839-0780.

New GSRs:

Southeast Serenity – Trina A.
Determined Dames – Sara C.
Serenity Sisters – Debie M.
Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables – Sean P.
Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters – Melody J.

Thank you, in service, Troy J

Hospitals & Institutions – Misty M.

Total Commitments – 57
Missed – 9
Cancelled – 3
Number of addicts seen – 745

Hotline – Lynda, Hotline Chair

The Hotline meeting opened at 4 p.m. on January 20. No minutes were read as the secretary was absent. Welcome back BA and new shift worker Christina. There were 20 people who attended the business meeting. Jim discussed bringing the three committees together – P.R., Outreach and Hotline – hopefully by May. That is our goal. We will be discussing that shift workers that are on a shift change their voicemail to “You have reached the NA Hotline.” It is understandable that we cannot always answer the phone. We will hopefully have our bylaws updated by next month. We will be discussing where all three committees will be meeting next month. In Service, Lynda A.

Public Information – Steve G.

We opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Jim B. The Concepts were read by Steve V. Then Lynda A. read the PR Goals 1-4

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(pg 4 of Public relations handbook.) After introductions we had a verbal report from Jim B. of the minutes from last month as well as the Chairperson report. Steve G. had no report for the Vice Chairperson report. Scott C. gave us the details of the treasurer information. We had no expenses last month. He stated we spend about \$400 annually from mailings and supplies.

The RCM report came from Jim B. He was concerned about having two schedules, and how we can move towards a Public Relations committee. This would be an umbrella structure that would include PI, Hotline and Outreach. Also, the CAR report mentioned a small change affecting us. Motion #6 would change the working of the PI section of our bylaws. He is working on the revised bylaws for us to review and vote on by February. There is a Learning day in Salem, OR on July 17 that will be good for all GSRs and addicts to attend.

Hotline was present and Lynda A. gave a report on the good turn out at their meeting. All shifts are covered. Voicemail messages were discussed and will be improved by making it more functional and professional if the shift worker is unable to answer the phone.

The Schedule coordinator Vickie D gave a report. She has decided to step down as the scheduler coordinator and would help with the transition to the new person in this position. We thanked her for her 10 years of services to Portland PI. We celebrated with pizza, soda, and a nice card that was paid for by donations from our group.

We have had the good fortune of having Jim B. as our interim chairperson for 6 months. Now as Vice Chairperson, I have stepped up into the chairperson position and was voted in as such. Jim B. will help out and fill in as Vice chairperson until we fill that position. We voted in Linda R. as the new schedule coordinator. The group voted Steve V. as the new secretary. Andrea C. was voted in as the official Web host. Mike D left as the mailing coordinator. Jim B. said he would get the mailings out until we have someone else to do this job. We would like to have a new treasurer as Scott C. has been doing it for several years. There are several open positions, however we had a great turn out and are moving forward.

We closed the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Service in Action, Steve G.

Report from the Public Information committee Web Team – Andrea C.

December 2007

Improvements continue to be made to the web site, as well as maintenance of regularly changed information (meeting schedules, area and Metro minutes, birthdays, etc.) New on the PASC page are links to a PASC Motion Form and Sample Rules of Order. The Subcommittee pages still need a lot of work to make them more concise and informative. Subcommittee Chairs are encouraged to look at their page and offer ideas. We will be working on this during the winter. The Meetings by Day and Meetings by Area have been updated to include meetings from all three areas. There are now links to the TVA and GWVA schedules. The new larger Portland Area schedule will be available to print out from the website, as well as the Rose City Metro schedule. It is still unclear whether both will continue to be published as they represent duplication of labor or whether they have been approved by the fellowship. We have been double-checking all the hotline numbers listed on the Hotlines and Links page and adding information to the Rose City Metro group to clarify that towns belong to each group. We

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continue to post Rose City Metro information as it is sent to us, including a recent flier, which states “Effective subcommittee teams are not split up. . . . The expenses involved in administering separate H&I, PI, phone line and office services in each of the city’s areas are consolidated, eliminating duplicate costs for the same administrative function.” This would seem to contradict the recent motion passed at PASC to stop involvement with Metro until each area has its separate subcommittees up and running. We will continue to keep all lines of communication open and strive to meet the needs of the fellowship in the coming months.

January 2008

Much time was spent this month trying to coordinate communication between the various people creating meeting schedules in the Metro Area: Vickie (hard copy PDX schedule), myself (web schedule Portland Area website), David T. (Metro hard copy schedule), Dennis (GWWNA web schedule), and Nathan (TVANA web schedule). The Portland website is now set up so that when changes arrive by email they will be copied to all schedulers immediately. Because of the amount of time spent making sure all schedules are the same and the expense of paying to have two separate Metro-wide schedules printed up, we hope Portland Area will make a decision to use the Rose City Metro schedule only as soon as possible in the future. TVANA has already voted to use the Metro schedule rather than printing a separate one for their area. Not sure about GWWNA.

Many changes and updates need to be made to the subcommittee pages still. Literature Sales Committee will be meeting this month to discuss updating their site, as there is no Literature Subcommittee as such in Portland Area and the Literature Sales Committee only sells literature once a month at Area. They have not been checking their email box but will appoint someone to do so in the future. Other committees and individuals who have not been getting their web mail are H&I and the Area Chairperson. Their mailboxes are very full. They should contact webhost@portlandna.com to arrange how to do this.

Yours in service, Andrea C.

Regional Committee Member – Steve

We started at 9:20 a.m. Denise did introduction on World Service structure, groups, area, region, world service. She talked about (Zonal form), region. Tawnie, the alternate delegate, talked about training and collecting information. We did role call. We read page 129 in the CAR report, (Restored to Dignity.” We made groups for zonal form. My region, firsttimers, of Plano tx/Portland. All are areas came up with a name for are zone (P.N.W.) Denise said that world is moving to consensus made decision making. We read page 170 “Growing Up in NA.” After that, we then read motions. What we vote on goes to world. World votes in April-May.

Alternate Regional Committee Member – Eric

No report.

Open Forum

Travis, from Learning to Live, said I don’t really understand what we’re doing about the anger and the back and forth, Travis said, especially regarding Metro. Maybe we should do an inventory first, before we move forward. I needed to vocalize that, to get it off my chest. We

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should use the literature and suggestions of Narcotics Anonymous to find a solution. I wish the Portland Area didn't operate the way it does. If Portland Area finds that it needs a Metro, as the result of the inventory, maybe that's what we should do. I need to express frustration that Portland has motions in effect that contradict each other. I'm here to participate, and grateful to be of service.

Eric, Activities Chair, said Activities has major events planned for this summer, but needs participation from members. There will be five campouts, and it will take a lot of work. We can't do it by ourselves.

Melody, from Freedom Fighters, said that she is selling T-shirts for the Rising from the Flames Women's Retreat, set for May 30 to June 1. She has all sizes, small to 4x, all for \$10.

Lynda A., Hotline Chair, said that the meeting on Tuesday night at 145th and Powell could use some support. She also asked for a copy of the AnswerNet Bill.

Lynda, said that **Unchained** will meet on Wednesday instead of Monday just for the week of Christmas.

Jim B., said that he finds that there has been an underlying obstinants at PASC that reads like contempt. He has been serving as the Portland Area Interim PI Chair for many months; in addition he is the regional PI Chair. In regards to the plan for Metro, he said he has been doing some research. He found that Metros that work do not have a separate governing body. Jim said it seems like the struggle over the Metro seems to affect the PI Subcommittee the most. We can't seem to function, he said. The public doesn't care about Portland Area's politics. In creating the Metro, Jim said we formed another committee that really isn't held responsible. We are duplicating services. We don't need to set up another committee. We have three Areas that we provide services for. Jim believes that the business of the Metro could be done in 15 minutes, with representatives of the Areas coming together to share the cost.

Ron, PASC Treasurer, said the Metro has been a big deal for us for a long time. Ron said he went back in the PASC archives this month to take a look at what's been going on. As the Chair of the Portland Area Service Office for three years, Ron said he knows that there is nothing worth tearing apart the unity in our Area. This month Ron went to visit the Tualatin Valley Area. We can be quite proud of that Area, and how it works. It uses a consensus-based decision making process. Ron said he also went to the Metro Committee. It was disheartening, Ron said. We have very poor representation at Metro. Ron said he started reading the Local Guide to Service that talks about the splitting up of an area. He started looking at the suggested process and found that we are going about this the wrong way. Ron said he went back and looked at the past four years of the PASC minutes. That disturbed him even more. He found a lot of emotion and manipulation. Ron said what her really thinks this committee needs to do is to stop and appoint an ad-hoc committee to go back and look at how all these things stand up to our Traditions and Concepts of Service..

Steve said he hasn't been around for most of this Metro thing; and thought he would explain to the rest of the PASC how the debate looks to someone from the outside. He didn't understand why it was making him feel so bad. All the sudden we were sending full subcommittees to

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Metro. Now we are dictating what other Areas are doing. What happens if these Areas do what we have asked them to do? Let's pull our heads out

Steve S., RCM, said the Portland Area Service Office seemed to be pushed through by uninformed GSRs. It folded and it didn't look good for the rest of NA. I think whether or not this body votes on a motion; I think this body should be able to revisit a motion. Steve said he didn't think he could be a RCM because he doesn't have a credit card or a ride. It has all worked out.

Wayne C, PASC Vice Chair, said that the PASC didn't break away from those groups. Those groups broke away from us. The reason he participated in Metro is because of the PASC. Wayne said he is just burned out on this stuff. Quit living in the past.

Chair Report- Paul J.

Shirts for Books:

I have sold all the shirts and have returned the seed money of \$500.00 to the treasurer. I have raised \$448.00 for books for the H&I sub committee. I was also elected Chairperson of an ad hoc for H&I to research how to be financially responsible with these funds and find out what way would be the best way to distribute books and to which facilities.

Chair Report:

The BOD will be having an emergency meeting in February to discuss the next steps with the Area Planning tool and Area Inventory.

We have set a meeting date and time for the CAR workshop which will be at 2pm on 2/16. The details of the location will be set the first week of February. I will send a flyer to the secretary once this decision is made so she can distribute via email.

For those of you who are actually reading this I wanted to let you know that I did not and do not have any agenda. My primary function as chair is to run the PASC meeting. My home group resides in the Tualatin Valley area of NA. Personally I could give a rip if the Portland area groups can't get along with each other and choose to continue the dysfunction of the area. I am disappointed in the few and proud of many of you who do come to the PASC.

More will be revealed, Paul J.

GSR Social – Mary E

Mary said she apologized for the information on the flyer. "I did it to the best of my ability," she said. At the social, we passed out information about the inventory. I am hoping that we can do this again. The PASC spent about \$150 on the event, and collected about \$50 for participants. Therefore, the GSR Social cost the Area about \$100. Mary said she hoped that we can do this again.

Area Inventory

Paul said he would appoint an ad hoc committee to spearhead the Area Inventory. Paul said he would like to see the inventories back to the PASC by March, before the end of his term as chair. Paul asked if anyone has knowledge about the Area Planning Tool/Inventory process.

Michael said he has experience with the Planning Tool. Ideally, the Area should have 1 to 2 hour sessions at several intervals, he said. He also said that people may have different opinions about how it should be conducted. Michael said he would be willing to help the PASC through the process of the Planning Tool.

Paul said that the Portland Area Board of Directors will meet in an emergency session at 11 a.m., prior to the February PASC, to discuss the Area Planning Tool.

Elections of Officers

The PASC will accept nominations for PASC Executive Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Archivist, Regional Committee Member, Alternate RCM) during the February PASC. Paul asked that anyone who thinks they will be nominated for a position to prepare a service resume. (See attached).

From the PASC Bylaws:

SECTION EIGHT: Elections.

Article I - Election Cycle:

A. Nominations for P.A.S.C. Board Members and Officers and the questioning of candidates shall take place during the February P.A.S.C. meeting each year. The election shall take place during the March P.A.S.C. meeting. Newly elected officers shall begin their term immediately after the close of the March P.A.S.C. meeting, completing their term of office at the close of the March PASC meeting of the following year.

B. Ratification of Subcommittee Chairs shall take place during the March P.A.S.C. meeting. Subcommittees shall present their Chair-elects for ratification at that time.

C. No P.A.S.C. office shall be held by the person for more than two consecutive full elected terms.

Article II - Rules of Nomination:

A. All eligible nominees must be present during nominations to be nominated for a P.A.S.C. office.

B. Only GSR's may nominate or second a nomination of a candidate.

C. Immediately following the close of the nomination process, anyone present shall be given the opportunity to question nominees.

D. GSR's may take a list of nominees to their home groups between the February and March PASC meetings to allow their group members the opportunity to have input or vote on the election process (as appropriate to each group's individual policies).

E. If there are no nominees for a P.A.S.C. office or Board position, nominations for that office will be held again each subsequent month until a successor is duly elected and/or appointed By the Chair on an interim basis. The person in that office will continue until a successor is duly elected.

Article III - Rules of Election:

A. All candidates must be present during the elections to be voted into P.A.S.C. office or Board position.

B. All election votes must be on written ballots.

C. The ballots shall be tallied by the Secretary and the Treasurer.

D. The candidate with the most votes is elected to the position.

E. In the event of a tie with more than two candidates running for the same office, the area shall immediately conduct a runoff vote.

F. Any Administrative Officer and/or Subcommittee Chair who does not complete their term of office shall be ineligible to hold an elected P.A.S.C. position for a period of six months.

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Unfinished Business

Motion #45, submitted by Mary E, and seconded by Marcus.

Motion: Add to PASC bylaws, Section Seven, Article II, Additional Officers – Listed first before “Ad hoc subcommittee chairs.” To create and define new positions to serve the PASC to be know as “Metro Service Representatives, positions I and II. To carry one vote at the metro level. Suggested clean time, three years. Suggested length of commitment for each position – one year, not to exceed two consecutive years.

Purpose of Motion: To create a permanent and defined position to represent the PASC at the Metro Committee meeting. To act as a liaison to conduct information between the MSC and the PASC. To demonstrate the Portland Area’s commitment to unity by supporting the MSC.

Motion #45 Fails as a bylaw change requires a 2/3 vote:

9 Against 5 Abstentions 9 In Favor

Motion #50, submitted by Paul J, and seconded by Back to Basics

Motion: To ratify the 2008 PASC Budget (see attached)

Purpose of Motion: To be in accordance with PASC Bylaws.

Motion #50 Passes: 2 Against 6 Abstentions 13 In Favor

Motion #51, submitted by Paul J, and seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: To ratify changes made to the PASC Bylaws in 2007 (see attached)

Purpose of Motion: To be in accordance with PASC Bylaws.

Motion #51 Passes: 2 Against 6 Abstentions 11 In Favor

Motion #52, submitted by Late Night Recovery, seconded by Southeast Serenity

Motion: To rescind Motion #42 because of frivolity.

Purpose of Motion: The Portland Area is autonomous in their decision to participate in the Metro or not. We cannot dictate to other groups what they should and shouldn’t do.

Motion #52 Fails to get the needed 2/3 vote: 9 Against 3 Abstentions 11 In Favor

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 #1-08, submitted by What it is and seconded by Harold Street Blues

Motion: To earmark up to \$295 for a subcommittee workshop to be presented by Portland Area that is open to individuals from all Areas.

Purpose of Motion: To help promote unity by encouraging the formation of subcommittees in surrounding areas.

The chair ruled the motion out of order, as it needs to go to all the subcommittees for discussion.

Motion #2-08, submitted by Ron C. and seconded by Learning to Live

Motion: Bylaw Change: That Section Seven: Administrative Officers, Article II, “Parliamentarian” be removed and reinserted into Section Seven, Article I – Executive Committee. Also that the language under Parliamentarian be changed to read: The Parliamentarian shall oversee the administration of the policies and procedures as outline

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in the PASC bylaws – Section Three: Governing Principles and Procedural References. The Parliamentarian will insure that all motions are in accordance to the PASC bylaws. The Parliamentarian will also advise the chairperson to questions of parliamentary procedure.

Purpose of Motion: To insure that all motions presented and procedures at the PASC are in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of NA, the Twelve Concepts of NA Service, the PASC Bylaws, A Local Guide to Services, and Roberts Rules of Order.

Discussion:

Ron, PASC Treasurer, said there's been a lot of times when the PASC winds up in situations where we argue over motions and parliamentary procedure. Ron suggests that the PASC have an elected parliamentarian, one person that understands our bylaws, traditions, concepts and Roberts Rules of Order. This is the same thing that's done at Region. This is so we can bring our motions to the floor in an orderly fashion.

Steve, RCM, said he is against having a parliamentarian. No matter how much someone knows, they can make mistakes.

Travis, from Learning to Live, said he is in favor of this motion. Yes, we are all human, we make mistakes. But these things are in printed format. It's not widely open to interpretation. A parliamentarian takes away some of the issues. A lot of it can be cleared up by someone in this position.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, asked if we could table this until after the elections when the new chair can decide.

David, from New Journey, said he is against this. I don't want another person on this floor who will use parliamentary procedure to put forward an agenda. For instance, David said that the PASC used a rule today that it hasn't used in three years, but it used it today because it had an agenda.

Michael said the position of parliamentarian is a very standard position on a committee to review motions – to work with the makers of the motions – to get the wording correct. It would allow the chair to focus on his duties. Michael added that we can hope that there is someone here without an agenda.

Michelle E, from The Nooner, said she believes that it should be a committee, not just an individual, to review motions.

Kathryn, from Yets, asked if she could make a friendly amendment, to have a group of three review the motions.

Ron, the maker of the motion said he didn't think it's necessary. The PASC has a Board of Directors. The parliamentarian is an advisor. A committee would have ultimate authority over the Board.

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Paul, PASC Chair, said there is just too much information for him to know.

Steve S., RCM, said that the PASC did have a parliamentarian at one time. They did have a big head and they did make decisions.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, said that the PASC already has a parliamentarian in the bylaws.

Maggie said that this motion moves the position from an appointed position to an elected position.

Motion #2-08 will go back to the groups for a vote. As it is a bylaw change it requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

Troy J made a motion to extend Area until the business of the day is done. It was seconded by Doug from Clean Freaks.

Motion #3-08, submitted by Michael McD and seconded by Learning to Live.

Motion: That all ASC officers, as listed in the PASC Bylaws, provide a written report to the ASC at each monthly ASC meeting.

Purpose of Motion: To provide written reports as well as eliminate the reading of subcommittee minutes as reports.

Discussion:

Michael McD suggested that ASC officers and Subcommittee chairs provide written reports for all the GSRs . He said this would be an improvement over hearing who read the Traditions at their last subcommittee meeting. If we can spend \$5 a piece to bring GSRs together for a social, then we can spend a little money to improve communication.

Paul ruled **Motion #3-08** out of order for clarification.

Motion #4-08, submitted by RCM Steve, failed for lack of a second.

Motion: To include a section, like open forum, at the end of the meeting.

Purpose of Motion: This is done @ region and I find it very valuable (it speeds up business during the meeting because people can ask questions after hearing business during the meeting which might change their minds and their vote.

Motion #5-08, withdrawn by the maker of the motion.

The meeting closed at 5:15 p.m.