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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
October 25, 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 Paula D.
The Twelve Concepts were read by Steve G.
The 10th Concept was read by Carol G., Doug E., Joey, and Clark
The Dedication to Service was read by Steve
The Decorum Statement was read by Wayne

Roll Call of Officers

13 were present

Roll Call of Groups

30 answered roll call

Quorum

Quorum is established at 14

Nominations Open

Nomination(s) for Alternate Parliamentarian

New GSR/Alt. GSR and new group recognition

Paula D. – Full Circle
Barbara – So What, Figure It Out
James – Diversity Group
Ronnie G. – You + Me = We
Warren – What’s Really Going On

Announcements

Jeff W. – Late Night Recovery needs an alternate secretary.

Lynda A. – Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters now has hoodies available for sale @ \$25.00.

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SE Serenity and Freedom in the Flats will have a Turkey Feed at 5:00 pm on November 9th. Speakers will be Harry W. and Karen J. L. at 5811 SE 92nd, (Lents Masonic Temple).

The Portland Area has been awarded the bid for PNWCNA XXXIII 2010.

Wayne C. – The PASC Chair received an e-mail from Herman at The Miracles Club offering support to the PASC for meeting space. Miracles would be happy to accommodate the PASC and wonder why the facility is no longer used.

Lawrence J. – Rise & Shine Newcomer Treatment Meeting #1 Contributor to Area

Changes the September 2008 PASC Minutes

Troy J. – There was no report for the Outreach sub-committee in September due to scheduling conflicts with the BOD meeting before the PASC that month. The apology I made to the PASC body was personal and not Outreach business; my apology needs to be removed from the Outreach heading and put elsewhere in an amended version of the September Minutes.

Motion to suspend the reading of the September 2008 PASC Minutes made by Linda R. Alt. Learning to Live, seconded by Melody J. Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters. Motion **Passed Unanimously**

Motion to accept the September 2008 Minutes as amended made by Freedom in the Flats, seconded by Melody J., Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters. Motion **Passed Unanimously**

Secretary's Report – Kathryn G.

Due to parental responsibilities and deadlines beyond my control, I didn't have time for anything other than the Minutes and e-mails this month. Therefore, the contact list has not been updated. I also made the mistake of not realizing how early Area was meeting; I thought I had another week that I didn't. As a result the Minutes were late and again I did not get copies to those groups without e-mail. There were a few groups that I was personally able to deliver copies to, however, not all of them due to time limitations. Thank you.

-Kathryn G.,
PASC Secretary

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Treasurer's Reports – Maggi G.

Please see (3) attachments.

Chair Report- Wayne C.

October 25th, 2008

Hello,

Thanks for your participation in our monthly Area Meeting. Welcome to all the new GSRs , and returning GSRs. We encourage you to take notes. There is NA Literature that we use here also; A Local Guide to Services, 12 Concepts of Service Booklet, and our PASC By-laws. The PASC Outreach Handbook is also helpful.

Thanks to all who attended the Area Inventory Workshop, and Potluck on the 11th... Thanks to Michelle for heading this sub-committee. I thought it went well. This committee asked for some extra time on the agenda today. Please be supportive.

Last month in our quarterly BOD meeting we reviewed the budget for the next year. Next month we will ratify the proposed budget, so please make sure to get this information back to the groups.

The most current copy of our By-laws is on our web site www.portlandna.com . We have a sub-committee reviewing our By-laws and I believe that we will end up with more useful set, and be able to manage them better. Thank you to the people involved with that. If you would like to participate please contact Michael M.

The next 2 months we will be meeting 1 week early (November 22nd & December 20th)

This month is the last month of the 4-part series titled "Area Service Committee." Over the last 3 months, I have included five pages from the chapter in A Local Guide to Services, page 45 through 65. My hope is that people will take a look at and study this chapter that talks about what we are doing here. If you haven't had a chance to read this chapter, please do as there is pertinent information for GSRs and the Groups.

I would like to encourage respect and spirituality in here, and hope that we invite a Higher Power to guide us in our decision making processes.

In Service,

Wayne C.

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Participation is a critical factor in delivering services at any level. Lagging subcommittee participation and poor attendance at area committee meetings are problems all area committees must address from time to time, particularly during the annual inventory session. Sometimes the solutions to these problems are simple and quick; more often, they require deliberate, extended attention. An area that has few GSRs attending committee meetings or lacks support for the work of its subcommittees probably has one or more of the following problems:

- The area is new,
- The territory served by the ASC is sparsely populated,
- Committee meetings are run poorly,
- The committee, as it is run presently, is too large to allow for GSR participation,
- Groups and members in the area are not sufficiently informed concerning the role of the area committee and the kind of work being done by its subcommittees,
- The services provided by the ASC are not meeting the needs of area members or groups, or
- Members and groups are simply not interested in supporting area services.

Of these, the first two are generally the easiest to address. If a new area is lacking in members available for service, the passage of time alone may well provide a solution; the section later in this chapter, "Creating New Area Committees," discusses this further. And if an area committee serves a sparsely populated territory, there are ways in which it can structure its services to match its circumstances. More on this can be found later in this chapter under the heading, "Area Committees in Rural Communities." You can also write to the World Service Office and ask for any relevant materials they may have on hand. If one of the remaining problems is the case, an area committee can determine which one it is by sending current committee participants out to the groups, especially those groups who are not sending GSRs, and simply ask them what they think.

When a meeting is poorly run or has too many participants, it is difficult for any but the most outspoken to get a word in edgewise. Sometimes GSRs stop attending their area meeting because it seems like a waste of time. If any of these problems has pushed your area committee off track, there are a couple of options you can try to set your ASC back on course. If your ASC is trying to serve too many groups and committee meetings are so crowded they don't allow most GSRs an opportunity to participate, it may be time to consider dividing the area. The next chapter of this guide talks about the ASC division process from start to finish.

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Remember, though, that "too many groups" is a relative term. A poorly run

meeting, no matter how many people are taking part in it, always seems “too large.” An ASC serving many groups may need nothing more than a leadership tune-up to make its meetings run smoothly, allowing full participation by all committee members. Review of the materials in this guide—especially this chapter, the earlier chapter on the Twelve Concepts, and the short-form rules of order appearing toward the end of this guide—can sharpen an ASC chairperson’s focus on the content and process appropriate to area committee meetings, helping the chair lead a more effective meeting. A variety of other books about running meetings, available from many libraries and bookstores, can also be consulted.

If local NA members are unaware of the kind of work being done by the area committee, area officers can be asked to organize a service workshop. Such workshops, creatively conducted, can present groups and members with options for service of which they’d previously been unaware and spark their interest in becoming a part of those services.

If the area committee is not currently providing services that meet the real needs of local members or groups, such a workshop could serve as a combination open forum and brainstorming session. Drawing from the experience and insight of everyone who cares to be involved in the discussion, such a forum could pinpoint inadequacies in current services and develop directions for future services that better address the needs of the local NA community.

Some NA groups will not be interested in taking part in area services, no matter how effective and inviting they might be. These groups may feel that their experienced members have more than enough to do with just supporting their recovery meetings. It’s true that NA groups are responsible to support NA services, but they are responsible first to conduct NA meetings. Our tradition of group autonomy gives them the right to decide for themselves whether or not they are able or willing to extend their support to the area committee. No matter what they decide, the area committee has a responsibility to serve all the groups in its service territory, regardless of whether or not a particular group has chosen to participate in the work of the committee.

AREA BUDGETING

A budget helps an area committee be a better manager of the funds it receives. The basic process for developing an area committee budget is pretty simple; for your convenience, a budget worksheet has been included in the *Treasurer’s Handbook*, available from your World Service Office. On a quarterly or annual basis, administrative officers and subcommittee chairpersons present their plans for the next work period along with estimates of how much that work will cost. By comparing the projected work plans and expenses with income

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reports from the last work period, the area committee will have a pretty good idea of how feasible the budget proposal is and can vote to either adopt it or alter it. Narcotics Anonymous groups directly support area, regional, and world

services from money left over after covering their own expenses. Area committees, after setting money aside to cover budgeted expenses, are encouraged to do the same with their surplus funds, sending it on to the other levels of the service structure.

OTHER FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Area committees generally assign their treasurers the responsibility of managing all ASC funds. When officers or subcommittee chairpersons need money for a budgeted project, they ask the treasurer to write them a check to be countersigned by another ASC officer. The same general procedure can be applied by area committees that do not develop quarterly or annual budgets, except that specific spending proposals must be presented by officers and subcommittees to the full area committee before funds can be drawn from the treasury. The officer or subcommittee chair turns receipts for their expenses in to the treasurer along with whatever money may be left over from their advance. If the project produces income, that money is also returned to the treasurer for

GROUP

AREA

METRO

REGION

WORLD

SERVICES

FUND FLOW

- 1) Groups donate directly to each level except metro
- 2) Areas serve as funnels for all group contributions for metro services; MSCs return excess funds to areas
- 3) Areas may donate excess funds to region or world
- 4) Region may donate excess funds to world

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deposit back into the general fund. A single general fund helps ensure that the area committee is able to maintain final responsibility for the activities of its subcommittees. It also eliminates the need for each subcommittee to duplicate the treasurer's job.

Most areas periodically struggle with the question of fundraising versus group contributions for support of their work. Activities subcommittees usually plan to have their projects come out in the black (as opposed to coming out in the red) so that unexpected expenses can be covered. As a result, most activities do in fact generate some excess funds. The time and energy that goes into putting on activities is contributed by NA members in the spirit of our Seventh Tradition, so depositing the extra money generated by those activities in the area committee's

general fund is not inappropriate. But the primary purpose of an area activity is to promote unity within the NA community, not specifically to raise funds for the area committee.

Some area service committees come to depend too greatly on extra income from activities. These area committees then sometimes tend to ignore the expressed needs of the groups. An area committee that finds itself in such a situation must ask itself whether it has become more a fundraising agency than a group of trusted servants devoted to the delivery of Narcotics Anonymous services. Once the question has been asked and the committee has engaged in an honest evaluation of its activities, the area committee can correct its course and return to its work.

THE MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly area service committee meeting, open to any NA member, is the event at which the work of the subcommittees and the well-being of the groups all come into focus. Before the meeting starts, one of the administrative officers gives an orientation to new group service representatives. Then officers, subcommittee chairpersons, and GSRs report on what's happened since the committee met last. The sharing session gives all participants the opportunity to engage in wide-open discussion of group problems and area committee issues raised by the reports. After the sharing session the committee is ready to go straight to business, considering questions about the work of its officers and subcommittees. The sample agenda, which appears at the end of this chapter, can be used by most area committees as a tool for organizing the monthly meeting. And the short-form rules of order appearing toward the end of this guide can help the business of the committee be processed in an orderly, respectful fashion.

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THE SHARING SESSION

The sharing session has two types of agenda: group problems and area committee issues. Agenda items for the sharing session usually come up during reports from group service representatives, administrative officers, and subcommittee chairpersons. After each report is given, anyone on the area committee—including the person who gave the report—can ask the committee chairperson to place a particular subject on the sharing session agenda.

Group problems

Groups are encouraged to seek their own solutions to the challenges they face—and, most of the time, they find them. But sometimes a group faces a problem that is beyond any of its members' experience. When that occurs, groups can send their GSRs to the area committee sharing session with a request for help. That help usually comes in the form of the shared experience of other groups in dealing with the same kinds of questions. Since NA groups are entirely selfgoverning, only rarely can an area committee motion deal with a group problem in any appropriate way. However, the shared experience of other committee members with similar problems in their own groups may provide a GSR with just

the information or insight his or her group has been lacking.

Area committee issues

The sharing session is also a time when the area committee can focus on issues rather than motions. Although the rules of common courtesy are in place, the rules of order are not. It's an informal time in which ideas can be freely shared, ideas that can help the committee be more effective in fulfilling its purpose. Many area committees, putting our fellowship's Sixth Concept to work, use the sharing session to better understand their collective conscience on area business before making decisions.

The Sixth Concept for Service talks about group conscience as "the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions," and carefully distinguishes the spiritual discipline of group conscience from the decision making mechanism. Perhaps nowhere is that distinction more evident than in the sharing session. In the sharing session, committee participants consult their individual consciences—and their Higher Power—on the broad issues at hand, share the insights resulting from that, and together develop a collective direction for the committee. In the business portion of the meeting, those same participants try to express that group conscience in the specific form of motions and votes. But committee motions cannot be an effective expression of the spiritual aims of our fellowship without the free exchange necessary for the development of a group conscience having first occurred. The sharing session is designed specifically to facilitate that occurrence.

Let's say the public information subcommittee's report suggested in general terms the need to be more energetic in reaching out to drug abuse treatment

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professionals in the area. During the sharing session, a variety of issues pertaining to PI's suggestion can be discussed: What's the difference between "energetic" PI work and outright promotion of NA? To what extent, if any, does cooperation with the professional community border on the endorsement of outside enterprises? And is this where the area wants to spend more money, or are there other projects more deserving of immediate attention? No motions, no calling of the question, no parliamentary inquiries—just a free exchange of ideas among NA trusted servants producing greater understanding of directions in which area services might head.

The sharing session is the appropriate time for members to exercise NA's Ninth and Tenth Concepts. These concepts remind us that our committees are responsible to listen to all participants' voices with respect and that all members have a right to be heard. Minority opinions on committee business can be expressed freely and clearly in the sharing session. And problems potentially calling for the redress of a personal grievance on the part of a committee member can be aired in an open, supportive atmosphere.

AREA COMMITTEES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

In many rural towns, even after many years of existence, only one or two NA groups may have formed. The distances between such towns and the relatively

few members available to serve may make it impractical for a rural area committee to conduct any common services for its groups. It's more usual in rural areas for the individual groups themselves to administer what direct services there are in each community. When the group has its business meeting, members discuss not only the group's recovery meeting but their collective efforts to facilitate Twelfth Step work in the community. The group may get a post office box to make it easier for people in the community to contact NA. The group might even open its own telephone line with an answering machine offering recorded information about the local NA meeting. One member might take responsibility for ordering the group's NA literature directly from the World Service Office. The whole group may decide to get together one Saturday and put NA fliers up around town. Regular group contacts with local magistrates, social workers, physicians or health clinics, school counselors, and clergy can help NA's friends guide newcomers to the group's meeting. In some rural districts, groups join forces to form cooperative councils, called "co-ops" for short. Representatives of groups within 50 kilometers (31 miles) of one another in one corner of the area, for instance, might gather each month to coordinate their H&I panels, community contact programs, social activities, and common phone line. If GSR travel to area committee meetings is burdensome—say, if the ASC meets more than 100 kilometers (62 miles) away—they might even select one of their members to represent the co-op each month on a rotating basis.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

By-Laws Ad –Hoc Committee Report

Ad Hoc By-Laws Report

10-25-08

Today we are presenting you a review draft of the by-laws. I apologize about the formatting. We used Google Docs to work on this and it didn't like transferring to print. I lost hours of formatting. Oh well!

I will reformat and send a good copy to go out in the minutes in two weeks.

There are several things to mention. The original work group was Michael McD, Maggi G, Jeff K, Mike R, David P, and Steve R. All members who expressed interest at the original meeting were contacted by the email address that they provided to us.

We met face to face one time. We agreed to work using Google Docs as our input area. We solicited the ASC several times and received no written input from anyone. We had only three members of the Ad Hoc actually provide any written input. The document you see is the result of that input and a lot reformatting.

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Throughout the document you will see text in black and red. The black is original text and might be moved. The red text is either new, rewritten, or moved from another place in the original document. We attempted to put related items in the same section and to create necessary sections to hold items that did not fit in their original location.

We again will look for input (written only email preferred.) We ask that you take your time in reviewing this document so we can amend as needed and approve at next month's ASC.

Thanks you for allowing us to be of service,

The By-Laws Ad-Hoc

Area Inventory Ad-hoc

Presentation given by B.A. For Michele V., Ad-Hoc Chair.

Area Inventory Ad Hoc

October 25, 2008

The Area Inventory Ad Hoc committee held a workshop and potluck on October 11, with about 20 people in attendance. At the workshop, people active in Area service broke into four groups to brainstorm ideas to solve some of the Areas main issues:

- Improving communication in & out of NA
- Creating an atmosphere of respect, unity and cooperation
- Training and Retaining GSRs
- Improving participation.

The workshop was a success. Everyone in attendance was actively involved in discussions to find solutions to the Portland Area's shortcomings. These ideas were brought to Area on October 25, where everyone in attendance was invited to prioritize these suggestions. This information was then passed to the Board of Directors, which is tasked with coming up with a plan to implement these suggestions. B.A. suggested that all members of the PASC follow up with the BOD to make sure they continue to move forward with the Area Inventory process.

Vice Chair Report – Travis B.

I have a new personal phone number, however, my old number still works; I just don't check those messages very often. The best way to reach me is by e-mail via the Vice-Chair link on the NA website.

Vice Chair Report

Hello Portland Area NA members. I would like to thank you for your participation in service at the Area level. Welcome to new GSR's and to GSR's representing groups that are engaging in participation after an absence.

I feel the need to start my report by briefly explaining why I was not present at last month's ASC meeting and where I stand in regards to my commitment to the ASC and the groups we serve.

I have been concerned about the way the PASC functions as a whole for a number of years now, which is the reason I became involved in service at the Area level to begin with. There have been long-standing issues with the ASC that are as of yet not remedied. The atmosphere of recovery and spiritual principles that is necessary for resolution of disagreements between members and groups at the ASC meeting is temporal at best. I have stated many times that to change the way we operate as a whole we must change the way we operate as individuals. The simplicity of things like the serenity prayer become elusive when the need to be right or the desire of the ego to attack as a defense gain control. I found myself becoming attached to bitterness as I witnessed the words and actions of some individuals. I found that in the moment I was unable to rely on the foundation of my own personal recovery and view the situation with compassion and understanding. I became unwilling to work through my reaction to the situation and so I retreated to the safety of judgment and blame. I was considering the possibility that I could no longer continue to serve the ASC as Vice Chair. I was able to come to terms with the situation with insight from my sponsor and talking with some friends about possible solutions. I came to the conclusion that I can and will continue to serve the Portland Area as the Vice Chair as I committed to when I accepted the nomination. I do not believe that everything is fine and we have no need for change. I still believe that the Portland Area of NA has some major obstacles to overcome and I believe that the way we as individuals conduct ourselves at our meeting is key to creating an atmosphere of recovery that I doubt anyone could honestly say does not need to improve. I will be present at the ASC meetings regardless of how I feel and I will do my best to conduct myself in a spiritually grounded manner. I have made myself and will continue to make myself available to members of the BOD and sub-committee chairs as well as NA members in general. I will not be attending every sub-committee meeting each month as it is not necessary. I have spoken with the chairs of the sub-committees and they have the ability to contact me if there is a need. I would like to state again that I will help in any way that I can if I am called upon to do so. I would also like say that there is the potential within the PASC for growth and change is inevitable. It is up to us whether or not we participate in affecting positive change. I am grateful for the program of Narcotics Anonymous and for the opportunity to be of service.

Travis B.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities – Nanette P., Vice-Chair/by proxy for Gene L.

Bea N. has agreed to serve out the remainder of this term as Treasurer, Angelique S. was voted in as Secretary.

Upcoming Events:

- Fort Stevens Campout has several fund-raisers
- End of the Year Dance will be a black light dance held on December 6th at 5811 SE 92nd.

Unities in the Streets, Beverly Beach, and the Annual Picnic have closed their books and the splits are to be given to Area at this time.

1. Unity in the Streets – \$956.75
2. Beverly Beach – \$129.56
3. Annual Picnic – \$24.49

Activities account balance after set aside money is \$56.90

Sorry for such a short report due to tonight's event...the SPOOKY DANCE at 5811 SE 92nd at 6:30pm; Speaker meeting, dance, and entertainment to follow.

In trusted service,

Gene L.,
Activities Chair

Literature – Carolyn G-E.

Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted.

Outreach – Troy J.

Outreach Report by Troy Jones
October 25, 2008

The Outreach Subcommittee met today at 12:30 p.m. Outreach really needs your support. If you want to be of service to the groups in the Portland Area, I encourage you to show up for Outreach next month, in the upstairs meeting room, on the day of Area. No clean time requirement.

Old Business

Outreach is preparing a format to assist groups in running a business meeting. If you have any input, let us know.

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Outreach is inviting logo submissions. We would like to design some shirts to encourage support for the subcommittee.

We were wondering about the status of our motion to ratify our bylaws. We are waiting on a motion from Area to move forward.

New Business

We discussed ideas to improve the New GSR Orientation. Ideas included having more follow up with new GSRs, updating the group report form to include feedback from GSRS and having several orientation meetings. Anyone with any ideas on how to improve the training, please come to Outreach.

Please see the attachment Outreach By-Laws for group review

Hospitals & Institutions – Lawrence J.

H&I CHAIR REPORT/ OCTOBER 2008

Treasurer's report: (Terri C.) Beginning balance: \$60.00
Checks Written: \$74.90
Deposits: \$65.00
Ending balance: \$50.10

Panel Chair report: 55 possible commitments
2 missed
2 cancelled
932 addicts seen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

New Business:

- 1.) Vice chair reminds all panel chairs to make reminder calls.
- 2.) MMP for David B. to give his verbal commitment tonight since he missed last month.
- 3.) MMP for Robert Clark to be put on Adhoc.
- 4.) MMP to close H&I's bank account.
- 5.) Pass the hat for coffee donations.
- 6.) Non-clearance panel chair elections were all held except; New Directions, and DePaul. (6 month term)
- 7.) Next month elections for clearance facilities.
- 8.) We still need an RCM.
- 9.) The new orientation team is going strong!!

Motion to close 7:45pm

In Service,

Lawrence Johnson
H&I Chair

Hotline – Lynda A., Hotline Chair

Nothing to report.

Public Relations – Steve G.

I was unable to attend this month's PR meeting and am very grateful to those who carried on without me and provided information for this report. Seven people attended the business meeting and discussed the following issues:

Jim B. talked about the Western Service Learning Days.

Lynda A. talked about Hotline challenges.

- Possible name change for Hotline, training day for shift workers, and one open shift needs to be filled.

Andrea C. discussed Website changes.

- An updated literature sheet was posted on www.portlandna.com.
- A PR interest form was introduced on the PR webpage and similar versions can be made for other sub-committees if requested.
- A flyer for participation in PR has been created for GSR's to distribute.
- Premium Spam filter service is \$1 per mailbox x 15 units = \$180 yr.

Two people have been nominated for open positions.

- Andrea C. for Vice Chairperson
- Kimme M for ROTS (reach out and touch someone)

Our mailings have been sent out and updated.

Training for booth sitting events and presentations are needed.

Our expenses for the month were \$19.99 and have a balance of \$105.01.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Steve G.,
PR Chairperson

PAPR Regional RCM Report – Jim B.

Verbal Report Given No Report Submitted.

Regional Committee Member – Michael McD.

RCM Report to the PASC

10/25/08

Greetings to you all,

I am very happy to be back at the ASC this month. I have missed being here with you all. As I mentioned in my last report I plan on attending every ASC from now until my term expires.

This month has been a little busier for me in my position.

I attended the RSC meeting in Rogue River on October 11th. A very productive meeting this quarter and it actually ended early at 3 PM instead of 5 PM. We had a \$11,490.84 balance on 9-31-08, this quarter the region sent \$4280.14 to NAWS and had an operating balance on 10-11-08 of \$7294.70.

A motion was made and approved to endorse the PNW#33 Ad Hoc Bid and JB was also elected Interim Chair. The bid was presented to the PNW Convention Committee and accepted, so it is official now. Portland will be the site of the 2010 PNW Convention and JB has been elected to be the chair of this regional Subcommittee. Anyone who wants to be involved should contact him.

Motion # 3 was made and approved 9-0-2 to raise the travel allotment for officers of the PCRSC from \$25 to \$45.

We have open positions still at the Region; we do finally have an interim Secretary and an interim Archivist. Both members are excited to be taking on these Interim commitments. I believe we still need an Activities Chair.

We need venues and bids for hosting the upcoming Regional Meetings. All Areas are asked to identify facilities that can host a one or two day regional Service conference. There are criteria for the facilities but simply they must be accessible for all of our members, they need to have at least one room large enough to seat 50 at tables and have room for additional seating for observers and interested members. They also require break-out rooms for 6 subcommittee meetings to be held concurrently.

I would like to propose that the PASC in conjunction with TVNA host the January 2010 two day regional Service Conference. I discussed this with the RCM from TVNA and he was going to present the idea to his ASC. This is our regional assembly weekend and I hope that we can support our region and area by hosting the event. There is seed money to get the ball rolling once we present a bid that is accepted.

Several areas discussed insurance policies and I will gather information from them as a resource for us.

I have some flyers for events upcoming around the Pacific Cascade Region.

I will provide more accurate information when the Regional Minutes are posted.

I attended the Inventory Ad-Hoc meeting Wednesday October 8th, and participated with the group in planning the workshop and hopefully, the future direction of the project. I supplied tools and some supplies for the workshop. I have been told by some members that they felt this was a very helpful workshop. I do want to take exception to the short notice for the actual workshop. I do not believe that we can ever have good attendance

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when we do not have sufficient time to publicize this type of event. It also would help to not schedule meetings like this without regard for other service events that may be scheduled. It is all about planning and that is also the focus of the inventory so eventually we should be planning how we do service in the PASC. Coordinated planning will help us be more successful in our efforts. I assume that the group has not met again since I was not notified of a meeting.

I, as well as several other Area Officer, received a very disturbing letter from a member from Utah, who was concerned and very upset about the experience his wife had while attending a downtown group in Portland. This letter brought several things to light for me. We have no organized response system for official communication from the PASC. This is a problem since as usual when there is no plan no one knows what is being done. It also points out that the communication network for the PASC is not being used by the officers consistently. When I received this email (I have all RCM mail forwarded to my personal email account) I sent an email to the other officers copied on the email from the concerned member. I said that I felt that an official response should come from the PASC Chair or myself and that this was a very serious situation. I received one response 6 days later from the secretary. I finally wrote a response to the original email and copied all of the original recipients. I received one reply on that email. Later the same day the PASC chair wrote another response to the original email. I hope this is something we can actually create a plan for responding. All turned out well since somehow women in the fellowship were made aware of this situation and reached out as only addicts can and gave this member the love and support she needed.

I also had phone conversations with Wayne and Travis this week regarding issues from the last two months ASC meetings. I am always available for questions and concerns from any member of NA. My phone number is 360-772-2692 I prefer evenings and weekends but I answer the phone or return calls between 6 AM and 11 PM daily. I welcome email also my address is mtmcd@comcast.net or rcm@portlandna.com

Yours in Service,

Michael McD

Alternate RCM – Steve R.

No report.

PNWCNA – JB., Chair

Well its official! PNW#33 is coming to Portland, October 1st-3rd at the Red Lion-Jantzen Beach in 2010. The Sub-committee positions that have been filled on an interim basis since we started meeting in February of this last year are going to be opened for nomination and election in December.

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There is an opportunity to get involved with the various Sub-committees and their meeting times and locations are available in the Portland Area Activities at a glance.

There is also an opportunity for those that are artistically inclined to win a complete Registration package for submitting the winning logo design to go along with our theme "No Matter What!"

We are looking for fellow N.A. members that want to help us put on the best Pacific Northwest Convention ever. Contact us at: pnw33@pcrna.org

In service and gratitude, JB

Unfinished 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.)

No PASC Elections were held this month

Alternate Parliamentarian: Position remains open for nominations.

Motions

Motion #32-08, submitted by Activities, seconded by Dan – New Journey

Motion: To establish a line item account of \$1,000.⁰⁰ to fund the Fort Stevens Campout.

Purpose of Motion: To fulfill the requirements of the PASC bylaws and have a seed money account to fund the Fort Stevens Campout.

Motion Passed: 14 For 5 Against 1 Abstention

Motion #35-08, submitted by H&I, seconded by Kelly D. – One Promise, Many Gifts

Motion: To increase the literature fund from \$250.00 to \$325.00. This is due to an increase in the facilities we serve and due to the 25% increase in the cost for IPs; they have gone from .20¢ to .25¢ per IP.

Purpose of Motion: To better serve and bring the message to the still suffering addict.

Motion #35-08 Motion Passed. 19 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions

New Business

Motion #33-08, submitted by Outreach.

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Motion: To ratify our by-laws. (See attachment for current Outreach By-Laws).

Purpose of Motion: To be in compliance with Area By-Laws.

Motion # 33-08 – Goes back to the groups for a vote.

Motion #34-08, submitted by Vera K, from Learning to Live, seconded by Amy from Time for a Change.

Motion: To remove the current PASC Secretary.

Purpose of Motion: To enable the PASC to fill the position with a qualified person.

Motion Passed. 11 For 7 Against 3 Abstentions

Ron C. challenged the chair's ruling that the motion passed on the grounds that the vote needed to pass by a 2/3 majority per Roberts Rules of Order. This could not be confirmed as our Parliamentarian was absent. The challenge failed and the ruling stood. Motion #34-08 did indeed pass.

The Chair appointed Linda R. as Interim PASC Secretary.

Motion #38-08, submitted by Michele Vowell, seconded by Vicki B. from Towanda.

Motion: To reimburse Michele Vowell \$5.76 for supplies for the Area Inventory Workshop.

Purpose of Motion: To be fully self-supporting.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Open Forum

Linda R. – Activities Subcommittee which meets the second Sunday of every month, the next one which will be held Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Clackamas Service Center at 8800 SE 80th & Cornwell is looking for someone to do the Activities at a Glance. I have been doing this commitment for about 3 years and it's time to turn it over to someone else. Most service commitments have time limits on them for a reason so, individual members don't get "burned out" and new members with new ideas can be found.

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Ron C. – It is important to always follow the proper procedures for all PASC business. I believe that Roberts Rules of Order should have been followed and the motion to remove the PASC Secretary should not have passed because it did not pass by a 2/3 majority. But only pass by a simple majority.

Jeff W. - I disagree with the secretary being removed since there is no Alt. Secretary elected and no failsafe in place, (that I am personally aware of) as pertaining to the minutes and to the GSR'S receiving information, and the happenings at PASC, as a result there was a sizeable probability of "conflicting information being pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle".

Normally, I use the minutes in conjunction with my own notes in order to give a picture of what happened at PASC, and my underlining concern was that now that's not going to be possible.

A motion was made at 5:00 pm to extend the meeting to 5:15 pm.

Motion to close made at 5:15 pm.
The meeting closed.