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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
17200 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR  
September 27, 2008**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who cared to join in.

**Roll Call of Officers**

8 were present

**Roll Call of Groups**

27 answered roll call

**Quorum**

Quorum is established at 13

**Nominations Open**

Nomination(s) for Alternate Parliamentarian

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**New GSR/Alt. GSR and new group recognition**

Chuck – Taking Back Our Freedom,  
Vicki – Towanda,  
Larry – You + Me = We,  
Ronnie G. – You + Me = We,  
Brian – Off the Hook,  
James – Multiculture, and  
Ron – Rush Hour

**Announcements**

**Lynda A.** – The next meeting is Oct 19th @ Round Table starting at 4pm - 5pm. Hotline committee is in need of 12 Step callers –both men and women. There is a one year clean time requirement to go on 12 Step calls and 90 days clean time for shift workers.

*Please call the Hotline for up-to-date open shift information.*

**Angelique** – 1.) The NA meeting, Determined Dames, new location is at 8<sup>th</sup> and Burnside  
2.) The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Women’s Sponsorship Day is Sunday, October 5, 2008. It will be held between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm at the Miracles Club on NE MLK Jr. Blvd.

**Melody J.** – Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters has sweatshirts and t-shirts available in sizes up to 4x (sweatshirts - \$25.00, t-shirts - \$15.00) There is a BBQ September 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10.00/adults, kids/free.

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**Teresa**, – SE Serenity and Freedom in the Flats will be hosting their **4<sup>th</sup> Annual (free) Turkey Feed and Speaker Meeting** on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. It will be held at the Lents Masonic Hall on 92<sup>nd</sup>, one block north of Foster. The speakers will be Harry W. and Karen J. L. This is an event for anyone 15 years of age and older.

**Chuck**, – The new Estacada meeting, Taking Back Our Freedom, meets on Sundays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

**Kelly**, – A request has been made by the *A Daily Reprieve Recovery Center* for a NA meeting to be brought in to the facility. The location is at 16641 SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive, #102, Clackamas OR.

**Steve G.**, – There are a lot of announcements regarding new groups; please fill out a Group update Form that can be found at Area and online.

**Michele V.** – On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-5:00pm at the URS Club the PASC Area Inventory Ad-hoc committee will be having a potluck gathering as it addresses the 4<sup>th</sup> step (of the seven step process) – *Prioritizing*.

**Motion to suspend the reading of the August 2008 PASC Minutes** made by Lynda A., seconded by Melody J.

**Motion passed**

19 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

**Motion to accept the August 2008 Minutes as written** made by Lynda A. – What's Really going On, seconded by Michele V. – Yets.

**Motion passed**

18 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

## **Secretary's Report – Kathryn G.**

This month there were a few issues that arose which I hope the following requests will help to eliminate problems with in the coming months.

- 1.) I request that any sub-committees responsible for reporting to the PASC send me an electronic copy of their report no later than the Saturday following Area if they want to be assured that report will be included in the Minutes. This will allow me time to reformat, have a rough draft of the Minutes proof-read and to make any changes in time to get the Minutes sent out by the dead-line as per the current PASC By-laws.
- 2.) The contact update sheet going around this month is purposefully blank. I have reformatted it –two rows for each meeting (the first for the GSR, second for the Alternate GSR) if your group has more contacts or if you are a member of the fellowship wishing to receive a copy of the Minutes, please add your info on the last [blank] pages provided.

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Also, again, **please write clearly** so that I can read your contact information when I go to update my e-mail list. Lastly, please provide a working phone number and all necessary information (e.g. Zip code) –for those groups requesting US postal service. Thank you!

My apologies if either of the above requests seem condescending; I wish only to make clear my needs as my previous requests have gone unmet. I hope to avoid running into issues of waiting for reports that may or may not come in at the last minute, the formatting process multiple times, as well as finding out that well over 50% of the contact information provided is inaccurate. Thank you.

***I regret that I failed to provide the following information in my verbal report:***

*I addressed the issue of funds for supplies (e.g. postage) with both the Chair and the Treasurer and I now have access to the allotment for the Secretary position, as per the PASC By-laws. I am hoping this will resolve the remaining problem I have had in the past with regards to getting the physical copies of the Minutes to those groups without e-mail.*

In service and gratitude,

Kathryn G.,  
PASC Secretary

## **Treasurer's Reports – Maggi G.**

No e-report(s) received.

*Please refer to the copies provided by the Treasurer at the September PASC meeting.*

## **Vice Chair Report – Travis B.**

No report.

## **Subcommittees and Regional Issues**

### **Activities – Gene L., Chair**

Activities sub-committee meeting minutes (highlights)

September 14, 2008

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Bowling begins Saturday, October 18, 2008 at a new location on 28<sup>th</sup> and Powel from 1-5:00pm.
- Spooky dance will be held Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5811 SE 92<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 6:00pm.
- Anyone who is willing to be of service, please contact Gene L.
- End of the Year Dance will be held at 5811 SE 92<sup>nd</sup>.
- The By-law Review Committee brought proposed changes to the Activities sub-committee, which were not approved at this time and will be reviewed in the near future.

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### **Treasurer's Report**

Our total bank balance is \$7,831.75. All our set-asides have been fulfilled and include the End of the Year Dance at \$1,000, Beverly Beach \$2,500 and Unity in the Streets at \$2,000. Line item events for Unity in the Streets and Beverly Beach have not been closed out yet, but have projected positive cash flow. As soon as our treasurer can rectify the figures, we will close this account and determine the split amount.

### **Past Events**

Government Island had about 25-30 addicts in attendance. With our pre-registration system, we were able to pull a profit this year for the first time ever of \$80.98, with \$40.49 coming back to the Area.

Fort Stevens Campout generated profits of \$514.21, with \$257.10 coming back to Area.

Fourth of July Picnic pulled in a profit of \$910.90, with \$455.45 coming back to Area.

In trusted service,

Gene L.,  
Activities Chair

### **Literature – Carolyn \_\_.**

\$ 2,158.26 Beginning Balance  
+ 1,839.05 Sales Revenue (profit)  
- 2,567.86 Literature and Supplies (expenses)  
\$ 1,429.45 Ending Balance

### **Outreach – Troy J.**

Good afternoon Area,

I am Troy, and I am an addict. For my recovery, I need to make amends for my behavior at last month's Area. I truly apologize for my actions and I am willing to accept whatever consequences this body feels should happen. Thank you.

In service,  
Troy J.,  
Outreach Chair

### **Hospitals & Institutions – Lawrence J.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: \$60  
Checks written: \$65  
Deposits: \$65  
Ending balance: \$60

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**Vice Chair Report:** 47 possible commitments  
2 missed  
1 cancelled  
**851** addicts seen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!1

**New Business:** Mike C. resigned as Vice Chair and Nara panel chair. Denise D. was appointed Vice Chair and Teri C. was appointed the new treasurer. Tana was appointed as new orientation person. These were all appointed by the chair and approved by the body at the general meeting. There was also a position of coffee maker that was put in place. We will now be serving Alpha House men's on Mondays at 7:00pm. A 1 year clean time requirement is needed to go into the facility. Dave C. is the panel chair for Alpha House. There were 2 correspondence emails. One was a question about a juvenile treatment center in the Redmond area needing or wanting H&I. I directed the question towards Bend area. We also received an email from Tena Spears, the volunteer coordinator for Multnomah County regarding a missed commitment at Inverness Women's jail. Clackamas County jail panel chairs are asking for more qualified people from the sub-committee to apply for clearance so that they can have a bigger inventory of people in order to fulfill commitments. Rise & Shine meeting donated \$50 for Hooper literature.

In Service,

Lawrence Johnson,  
H&I Chair.

### **Hotline – Lynda A., Hotline Chair**

No Report. (please see “Announcements” section for info.)

### **Public Relations – Steve G.**

We are trying to carry the message of recovery but we need more help. We have openings for Vice Chair, Media Coordinator and for people to give NA Panel Speaker Presentations. There is an excellent opportunity to have a NA Panel of speakers to Serenity Lane, which has several locations in this area. However, if we don't get some help we won't be able to fulfill this request. They would like us there every 10 weeks to help addicts going through treatment.

The website has some new features that are very helpful. There are links to a recovery website that has discussion boards, online meetings, NA history, NA literature, newsletters, and much more. Check out the latest additions at [www.portlandna.com](http://www.portlandna.com). Just as a reminder from last month, The **Just for Today** daily meditation was added to the home page, as well as a link for the NA Way magazine. Thanks to our trusted servants we were able to renew the web hosting service

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and keep the website alive. It came up for renewal unexpectedly and has been renewed for 24 months. Thanks Maggi.

We are distributing fliers with tear off strips including the NA Hotline phone number and our website address on them. The NA meeting schedule is being modified to help reduce unnecessary calls to Linda R by placing it on the back page.

Our expenses for the month were \$27.96 and have a balance of \$97.04.

We discussed several options for moving to a different time and location. It was decided that we stay where we are because it is the best solution for us.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday October 19th, at 5:00 p.m., located at Round Table Pizza on the corner of Foster Rd. & Holgate Blvd. (6250 SE Foster Rd).

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Steve G.,  
PR Chairperson

## **Regional Committee Member – Michael McD.**

Greetings to you all,

I apologize again for not being able to attend this month's ASC. As I mentioned in my report two months ago this is the weekend of my daughter's wedding and I am in California until Sunday. Another slow month for the RCM, no communication from any of the ASC Officers even though I am told there was a lot of controversy at the last ASC meeting. Anything I know is third hand information and so I really can't comment about what happened last month. I do believe that unless we decide to treat each other with the same respect that we willingly give to each other in our recovery meetings we will not see an end to the animosity we experience at the Area meeting. Since we are supposedly in an inventory process, I think we might benefit as a group and as individuals, from a deep and searching individual service inventory. I feel as though I have not been of too much assistance because of my absences and I am glad this is the last meeting I will miss as far as I can see. We all know that stuff happens in our lives and that sometimes priorities shift but it is my intention to attend the balance of the ASC meetings until my commitment is up.

I did have contact with Michele V and gave her some input regarding the inventory process that I am hopeful will help her in carrying out her task. We will be meeting next week to discuss process for the upcoming workshop which unfortunately is scheduled on the Regional Service Committee meeting day in October.

Yours in Service,  
Michael McD.

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## **Alternate RCM – Steve R.**

No report.

## **Chair Report- Wayne C.**

Hello,

The most current copy of our By-laws is on our website [www.portlandna.com](http://www.portlandna.com), you can also go to [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) which is the NA World Services site and download other literature and more.

There are several things that happened at the last meeting that need to be addressed.

The first one that is on the list is the people that have been in this fellowship for years who have outbursts and negativity inside the meeting. I was really taken back by a few people's actions last month. It is imperative that the long term members set an example of how to act in our meeting. I think that that has been one of our big problems is the lack of experienced members that step up to participate in our meeting. It talks about that in A Guide to Local Services.

The second thing that needs to be addressed is violence in the meeting. I don't care what anyone says..it does not warrant ANYONE to try to cause physical harm to anyone in the meeting. There is NA literature we have that actually addresses this.

The last thing I would like to address is our priorities. I asked the GSRs to read the chapter (Area Service) in A Guide to Local Services. There are actually people who have not read this and are unfamiliar with what we are actually trying to accomplish here. Maybe we could give these pages to the new GSRs at the orientation.

I need to continue to be diplomatic, and not take things personal, even though they often are. I need to continue to do the right thing for the right reason, and above all practice patience, tolerance and unconditional love. I need to encourage others and try not to bring them down.

I would like to say that this is a learning process. Hopefully we can learn something from all this, correct mistakes, and not repeat them.

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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**Activities**

Dances, picnics, campouts, special speaker meetings—these events are put on by area activities subcommittees. Activities like these can provide a greater sense of community for the local NA Fellowship and produce additional area income. It should always be kept in mind, however, that these functions are designed to enhance NA's primary purpose, not to replace group contributions in funding area services.

A couple of remarks must be made regarding legalities relevant to NA activities. Most activities subcommittees distribute fliers announcing their next event to NA groups in the area. If your subcommittee's flier displays one of the NA logos shown below, a small circled letter "R" (it looks like this: ®) should appear to the right of the logo. This mark shows that the logo is a registered trademark of Narcotics Anonymous worldwide and helps protect the logo from misuse outside the fellowship. For more information, see the bulletin, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, available from your World Service office.

Some activities subcommittees have conducted raffles of one sort or another either as separate fundraising efforts or as parts of another activity. It should be noted that in many US states and in some other countries such raffles are considered gambling and, as such, are illegal. Activities subcommittees should also consider whether raffles, especially cash raffles or lotteries, appeal more to the spirit of self-interest than the spirit of voluntary support implicit in our Seventh Tradition.

**Outreach**

Outreach subcommittees serve as the outstretched hand of an established NA community to isolated groups and addicts, particularly in large rural areas. By phone, by mail, and by car they make sure that no group and no addict has to go through it alone if at all possible. The subcommittee helps keep geographically isolated groups and addicts in touch with the mainstream of the NA Fellowship.

**(p. 56) A Guide to Local Services in NA**

The outreach subcommittee is not the only subcommittee concerned with reaching out to isolated addicts. Sometimes addicts are isolated by factors other than geography: social, economic, and cultural factors, for instance. PI, H&I, and phoneline subcommittees can help an area committee focus additional attention on the needs of addicts in our own communities who, for one reason or another, have not found NA accessible. Area service committees and their subcommittees need to do whatever they can to ensure that recovery is available to any addict who seeks it, "regardless of age, race, sexual identity, creed, religion, or lack of religion." Area subcommittees engaging in community outreach activities may find help by contacting the World Service Office.

**Meeting lists**

Though production of meeting lists does not usually require the creation of a separate subcommittee, most area committees do have one or two people who are responsible for printing meeting schedules on a regular basis. In some areas, this job is handled by one of the committee's administrative officers; in others, by one of the regular

subcommittees. Meeting lists show days, times, locations, and other pertinent information for local NA meetings. Meeting schedules often show:

- whether the meeting is “open” or “closed,”
- meeting format (Basic Text study, discussion, etc.),
- location use restrictions (no smoking, etc.),
- additional needs services (wheelchair accessibility, availability of sign language interpreter, etc.), and
- if the meeting is conducted by a specialized group (for instance, a men’s, women’s, gay, or lesbian group).

At one time or another, most area committees have asked themselves whether a particular meeting should be included on the list. The six points describing an NA group appearing at the beginning of the “NA Group” chapter in this guide have given most area committees the criteria they’ve needed in making such decisions.

Meeting lists are often used in conjunction with an area’s public relations program. For this reason, we encourage individuals and subcommittees responsible for preparing their area directories to do an especially thorough job. Some of the points to be given extra attention are the accuracy of all listings, the attractiveness and usability of the directory’s format, and profanity in the names of meetings being listed.

Area committees are encouraged to send a copy of their meeting schedule to the World Service Office each time the list is updated. In addition, areas can update their meeting information online at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org). For more information, contact the Fellowship Services at the WSO. Accurate, current lists of meetings help the WSO maintain an up-to-date directory for use in answering questions from around the world.

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##### **Ad hoc committees**

Sometimes an area committee comes up with a question or special project that does not fit into any existing subcommittee’s job description. Perhaps a new piece of NA literature is being developed by world services, for instance, and the area has been asked to gather input on the piece from NA members. Perhaps local members have come up with an idea for a new piece of NA literature that they want to develop a bit before they turn it over to world services. Maybe area groups have begun having difficulty finding new places in which to hold recovery meetings and want the ASC to give extended attention to the matter. Or perhaps the committee feels it’s time to develop guidelines for itself. In such cases, the ASC may wish to create an *ad hoc committee* to address the issue.

Ad hoc committees are set up for specific purposes and have limited lives. When they have finished their jobs, they are disbanded. In creating an ad hoc committee, the ASC should clearly specify what the committee’s purpose will be, what authority and resources it will be given, and how long it should take to complete the job. Then the area chair may appoint either the entire ad hoc committee or just a chairperson who will

put the ad hoc committee together later. Once the ad hoc committee's work is completed, the committee is dissolved.

### **AREA COMMITTEE POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

One particular word comes to mind regarding area committee policy and guidelines: caution. Some area committees have found themselves so tangled in discussions of service policy and area guidelines—sometimes for months or even years at a time—that they have been sorely hampered in providing the services they were created to deliver in the first place. Here are a few points to consider when entering into policy discussions, points that may keep the confusion to a minimum and the committee squarely on track.

NA's Twelve Concepts for Service can be of great value in untangling knotty policy questions; some consider the concepts tailor-made resources for such discussions. Time invested in studying the Twelve Concepts will repay itself many times over with the clarity they provide. In particular, the concepts speak to the subject of delegated authority. For instance, according to the concepts, when groups want the area committee to perform services on their behalf, they delegate to the committee sufficient authority for the work to get done. And when the area committee elects officers and subcommittee chairs, expecting them to perform particular tasks, the committee also delegates to them the authority to apply their best judgment to the fulfillment of those tasks. Our trusted servants do not govern, but they must be given the trust necessary to effectively serve. These kinds of simple, direct principles can be effectively applied to any number of service-related policy questions.

#### **(p. 58) A Guide to Local Services in NA**

Another tool that can help an area committee find its way out of "the policy maze" is, simply, a moment's reflection on NA's primary purpose. Unsophisticated as this may seem, it can be quite effective in solving some pretty complex problems. Area committees exist primarily to help make NA groups more effective in carrying the recovery message to the still-suffering addict. Area committee services either:

- attract addicts to meetings,
- provide materials for use in meetings,
- conduct activities designed to strengthen meetings, or
- perform the administrative functions necessary to do these things.

When caught in a conflict for which there seems to be no resolution, an area committee can stop, call for a moment of silence, and ask itself, "What does this discussion have to do with carrying the message?"

A regularly updated log of area policy actions can be of tremendous help. When confronted with a policy question, area committees can consult it to see what decisions have already been made regarding it. The policy log makes it unnecessary for area committees to rehash the same question over and over and over again.

Hopefully, enough tools already exist to provide adequate guidance for the work of most area committees: this chapter of *A Guide to Local Services*, the log of area policy actions, the short-form rules of order appearing toward the end of this guide, and the Twelve Concepts for NA Service. Some areas, though, will want to develop their own area guidelines, giving specific directions to their administrative officers and subcommittees. This will be the case particularly for area committees whose subcommittees have substantial responsibilities. It's suggested that area committees give themselves some time to see what kinds of needs for guidelines actually exist in their areas before beginning to draft their own. An area committee equipped with a year or two of entries in the log of policy actions will be in a better position to see what kind of guidelines ought to be developed than an area committee trying to write guidelines during the committee's formation. You can get sample guidelines by writing to the World Service Office. Areas who wish to prepare their own guidelines may wish to appoint an ad hoc committee to adapt those sample guidelines to local needs.

It should be remembered that guidelines, rules of order, logs of policy actions, and similar tools are designed to help keep things simple. If an area committee finds these tools, instead, making things more complicated, time should be scheduled during the sharing session to talk about it.

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**AREA INVENTORY**

Some area committees set aside one day each year for conducting an area service inventory. Why? For much the same reason as NA members do personal inventories: to stop, consider their actions and attitudes, and rededicate themselves to their ideals. The area inventory considers three general topics:

1. How well has the area committee done this year at serving the *groups*, and how can it better serve them in the coming year?
2. How well has the area committee served the larger *community*, and how can the committee better serve the community-at-large?
3. How well has the area committee done at supporting NA's *regional and world services*? How can the area provide better support for these services?

A substantial amount of preparation is required on everyone's part for an effective area inventory. GSRs, officers, and subcommittees must take a fearless, searching look at their work over the last year and come to the inventory session prepared to review their roles on the committee. GSRs should spend time with their groups considering what needs might be addressed by the area committee in the next year and come to the inventory session with ideas in hand. Officers and subcommittees should take the time to look at the make-up of the larger community in which they live, ask themselves how NA could be more effective in reaching out to that community, and be prepared to share their thoughts with the entire area committee. And perhaps most importantly, all area committee participants should make an extra effort to prepare themselves spiritually to make the most of the area inventory meeting. Materials available from your World Service Office may provide additional help, especially in developing an agenda for your inventory session.

Having conducted an area inventory, many committees will come to the conclusion that certain aspects of their work need to be altered. It should be remembered that there is no one model for area service committees that will be completely appropriate to all areas. A number of factors will affect the kinds of services an area committee offers and the ways in which it offers them: community size, number of meetings, availability of experienced NA members, geography, local laws and customs, and other such considerations. What works in a major metropolitan setting probably won't work at all in a rural community. What will work in any setting is an effort to maintain sensitivity to the needs of the groups and the community. Each area committee will, to a great degree, have to find its own way of effectively providing services to those groups and the larger community of which those groups are a part.

Versatility is called for. Area committees in small or mid-sized communities may see fit to combine the work of some subcommittees, while well-established metropolitan committees might find themselves with a large number of highly specialized subcommittees, each with its own specific focus. Given reasonable consideration, an area committee should not be afraid to configure its services in whatever way it sees fit so that it may help carry the NA message in the most effective way possible.

## **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

### **Area Inventory Ad-hoc**

The Area Inventory ad-hoc committee met on Friday, Sept 12, at Mocha Express.

In attendance were Michele V, Doug B and Steve G.

We reviewed the history of the Portland Area Inventory project and cross-referenced our work against the "Area Planning Tool". We are trying to stick to the seven step plan as outlined in this piece of NA literature as best we can. We reviewed the data collected during the first phase of the project. We agreed that the following issues (Step 2) accurately reflect issues that the Area fellowship wants addressed (based on the data collected.)

These are the areas that need improvement:

- Major lack of communication (inside and outside the fellowship)
- Lack of respect, unity and cooperation (a failure to practice Principles before Personalities)
- Creating an atmosphere of hostility
- GSR Training and Retention
- Lack of Participation

From this list, we created a broad list of goals, Step 3 of the inventory process.

## **Area Goals**

### **1. Improve communication in & out of NA.**

- A. Identify avenues of two-way communication and improve them.
- B. Better communication between the following:
  - Area Body & GSRs,
  - ASC board members & GSRs,
  - Sub-committees & ASC board members,
  - GSRs & Sub-committees, and
  - Area body and other Area bodies.
  - NA members and non-NA members
  - Professionals and Service committees.

### **2. Create an atmosphere of respect, unity and cooperation.**

- Not using foul language.
- Using manners, (Please & thank you).
- Treating each other with respect.

### **3. Create an atmosphere of safety**

- Not abusing people.
- Safe environment.

### **4. Train and Retain GSRs**

#### **Train GSRs**

- Train through orientation.
- Regularly scheduled Learning Days.
- Attending GSR Assemblies.

#### **Retain GSR**

- Improve communication at all levels.
- Increase participation in sub-committees and other service positions.
- Time management

### **5. Improve participation**

- Create fun environment to participate in.
- Promote by attraction.
- Potluck, small group workshops.

Today, I hope to get everyone's input about how to prioritize this list of goals. During the breaks, everyone is invited to come look at this list of goals and vote for the three goals they feel are most important to pursue. In this way I hope to keep this process open to all members of the Portland Area. This is Step 4.

Looking ahead. We would like to keep this process moving forward. We want to throw an inventory workshop to invite all interested addicts to come give their input on **HOW** the

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Portland Area should meet these goals. This is Step 5. We will be holding an Area Inventory Workshop and potluck at the URS Club on Saturday, October 11, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is a very important part of this process. This is where we all get to decide how the Portland Area should grow and change to meet these goals. I hope to see all GSRs, PASC Board members and Subcommittee Chairs at the workshop; plus all interested addicts in the Portland area. Everyone is invited.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Michele V.,  
Chair of Area Inventory Ad-hoc Committee

### **By-Laws Ad –Hoc Committee Report**

September 27, 2008

Greetings PASC,

Last month was the deadline for input for the By-laws revision. We have not received one piece of input from any PASC Members with the exception of Ad-Hoc members. The changes submitted so far are mostly housekeeping and we will work to incorporate them and as well as some other changes into the By-Laws and return a draft to you at the October PASC meeting. We will most likely have one more face to face meeting to finalize the draft before the next ASC.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Michael McD.,  
Chair of By-Laws Ad –Hoc Committee

### **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.<sup>00</sup> 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 #32-08** Goes back to groups for vote

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## **New Business**

### **Motions**

*Please note that due to the absence of the PASC Archivist the following motions have been given temporary numbers for identification purposes only.*

**Motion #09-27-A**, 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 #09-27-A**, Goes back to groups for vote

**Motion #09-27-B**, submitted by Jeff W., seconded by Marcus B. – Here and Now

**Motion:** To establish a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition can for childcare for the purpose of compensation; to establish a room within the URS Club, during PASC, within the guidelines set forth by the URS Club, for the purpose of establishing a supportive environment for children during PASC; and to establish a volunteer coordinator for this service position in order to facilitate the allocation of volunteers.

**Purpose of Motion:** To establish a plan of action for children to be properly supervised, while PASC is in session, so that the parents can appropriately attend to their duties as GSR, Chair, etc., with minimal disruption.

**Motion #09-27-B**, Ruled out of order –with suggestions made that the maker of the motion first gather more information before re-presenting motion.

**Motion #09-27-C**, submitted by Area Inventory Ad-hoc, seconded by Melody J. – Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters

**Motion:** To pay the URS Club \$36.00 for the rent of the basement room, for three hours, on Saturday, October 11.

**Purpose of Motion:** To pay for meeting space to gather as an Area to discuss approaches to meet our goals.

**Motion #09-27-C**, Passes

For: **13**, Against: **2**, Abstain: **0**

Wayne C., Area Chair – At today's BOD meeting before Area we went over the budget for area.

## **Open Forum**

**Vera K.,**  
Portland Area Service

I feel the need to address the Area in regards to the events that happen at the previous Area Service Meeting. As a member of Narcotics Anonymous and also as a trusted servant of my home group Learning to Live I have grave concerns about how this body will address these events. I feel that we can't afford to brush things off and act as if nothing happen. As a member of N.A. for a number of years I have not once ever experience this kind of behavior at a service meeting. I found myself questioning whether to attend Area in the future. For me the decision to stay has been a difficult one but I feel that being accountable and dependable is vital for my recovery. I have committed myself in continuing to serve as my home groups GSR. At the previous Area meeting I spoke out in utter disbelief of the ruling of the chair. When I spoke out, I allowed my anger to spill over. I will **not** apologize to this body for my outburst. However; what I can safely say is that in the future I will use the proper procedures. As you can see even with clean time it is difficult to avoid being verbal with anger. I know at times my patience can be challenged to what feels like a "Breaking Point" but in recovery I have learned how to control my anger and not lash out in violence. The behavior demonstrated at the previous Area was disappointing to say the least. As a N.A. member I feel that I should not have to experience fear at a service meeting. I need to feel secure that things will not escalate to the point of violence. I believe that our primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery to addicts who still suffer I believe that we cannot achieve this with manipulation, resentments, and acts of violence. It Works How and Why of N.A. Tradition Twelve states: *"Our common welfare depends upon our unity. The only hope we have of maintaining that unity amidst the tremendous diversity we find in Narcotics Anonymous is by the application of certain common principles: those found in the Twelve Traditions. So long as we place the practice of those common principles before the exercise of our individual personalities, all will be well."* Principle before Personalities is difficult for sure to adhere to I have discovered for me that I can only do my part in being a part of the solution. My hope is that we can all learn from this experience and work together as members of N.A. and put aside our negative opinions and our anger for the greater good of our Area and our primary purpose

In Loving Service

Vera K.  
Learning to Live

**Kelly D.,** – I didn't see any Area t-shirts walking around Unity in the Streets; if anyone is interested in doing that please contact me. I know someone who can make them up.

**Ron C.,** - H&I had some t-shirts made up, but those were specifically for H&I; all were sold.

*This record has not yet been amended or accepted by a vote of the PASC fellowship*

**Melody J.,** - It feels as though this body is being talked down to, or lectured, and spoken as if we are less than. At least that is what I perceive certain by certain members of the board.

**Linda R.,** - Thank you Troy for your apology. Clean time doesn't need to be in the double digits to set an example. It wasn't just Troy who acted out. In NA we learn to look at our own behavior –take a personal inventory and make amends; I don't see anything like amends mentioned in the Chair's report.

**Lawrence J.,** - GSRs have the ultimate authority at area –higher authority than the Chair...

**Nanette P.,** - Thank you everybody for making activities a great summer. Get fliers back to groups.

**Motion to close** made by Lynda A., seconded by Melody J.  
The meeting closed.