

Greetings:

Enclosed please find materials for the April, 2017 NYCASC General Assembly Meeting:

- April 16, 2017 Minutes – Recorded by Elizabeth B. (Women on the Journey); Compiled by Zeus W. (Glad In Recovery Group)
- Treasury Report (April 16, 2017); Bank Statement (March, 2017)
- Literature Distribution Report (March 2017)
- PI Subcommittee Report
- NYCASC Nominations: Meeting List Coordinator: (incumbent) Elizabeth B.; Literature Distribution Chair: (incumbent) Christine; Web Content Coordinator: Zeus W.; Web Site Technical Coordinator: Doyle; Vice Chair: Kenny C.
- Duties/Qualifications for Open Area Commitments
- Nomination Form
- GSR Workshop Flyer (June 17, 12-4)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**Nominations are Open for Area Commitments (except Treasurer)**

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, RCM, RCM Alt., E&A Chair, Literature Distribution Chairperson, HelpLine Coordinator, Meeting List Coordinator, Website Technical Coordinator, Website Content Coordinator, Policy. (Chairpersons for H&I and PI are nominated via their respective Subcommittees.)

- Nominees must be present NYCASC May 21, 2017...

Next NYCASC General Assembly Meeting will be held May 21, 2017 at 2PM

Chairperson/Vice Chair/Treasurer/Secretary, all Subcommittee Chairs, and Ad Hoc Committee Chairs, nominees and interested parties are asked to meet for Steering Committee at 12:30pm.

Note from the Chair: In keeping with our First Tradition, due to the holiday occurring on the day of our April meeting, all Commitments remain open for any interested nominees at the next Area Service meeting.

NYCASC Minutes of April 16, 2017

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NYCASC Area meeting was held at:

Greater New York Regional Service Office
 154 Christopher Street, Suite 1A (basement)

**Next NYCASC Meeting convenes:
 May 21, 2017**

Contact Chairperson: areachair@nycna.org

Contact Vice-Chair: shebalegend@gmail.com

***Cathryne D. opened Meeting at 2:05pm with the NA service prayer read in unison.
 The 12 Traditions were read. Eric A. read the 12 Concepts.***

Roll Call:

Cathryne D.	Chairperson	NYCASC
Sheba L. ABSENT	Vice Chair	NYCASC
Susana H.	Treasurer	NYCASC
<i>Vacant</i>	RCM	NYCASC
<i>Vacant</i>	Assistant RCM	NYCASC
<i>Vacant</i>	Assistant Treasurer	NYCASC
<i>Vacant</i>	Secretary	NYCASC
Cristine B.	Literature Dist. Chair	NYCASC
Anthony G.	H&I Chair	NYCASC
Jim B.	Helpline	NYCASC (GSR Freedom Group)
Elizabeth B.	Meeting List Coordinator	NYCASC (Act. GSR Women on Journey)
Lou L.	Website Technical Coordinator	NYCASC (GSR Alt. Recovery in the 80's)
Doyle R.	Website Content Coordinator	NYCASC (GSR Breaking the Chains)
Wilvena G. ABSENT	PI/PR Chair	NYCASC
Cedric H.	GSR	9AM Wake Up Group
Nam S.	GSR	ABCs To Recovery Group
Paul M.	GSR	ABC Steps To Recovery Group
Doyle R.	GSR	Breaking The Chains Group
Cory S.	GSR	CleanPoint Group
Jim B.	GSR	Freedom Group
Zeus W.	GSR	Glad In Recovery Group

Luz C.	GSR	Just For Today Group
Ruben A.	GSR	Meat & Potatoes Group
Lou L.	GSR (Acting)	Recovery In The 80's Group
Eric A.	GSR	Recovery In The Lower Group
Kenny C.	GSR	Recuperation for Today Group
Fred M.	GSR	Recurring Themes Group
Ronald S.	GSR	Serenity On Sunday Group
Pete L.	GSR	Solid Foundation Group
Edwin A.	GSR	Steps to Life Group
Daniel A.	GSR	You Get What You Need Group

New GSRs, Visitors, Attendees:

Roland W.	Chairperson	Birthday Bash Ad Hoc Committee
Arnaldo A.	GSR (Alt.)	Recuperacion For Today

Corrections to the Minutes of Last Month: Minutes approved.

Quorum taken and satisfied.

Chair announcement: “no Secretary present, GSR’s please take notes for reporting back to your Groups. “

Administrative Reports:

Chairperson Report:

- Nominations are open, except for Treasurer – Resumes will be accepted today for all nominees that are present. Hopefully, elections can take place next month.
- A date has been set for the GSR Workshop – Reports on the Workshop and on the upcoming Birthday Bash will be given today.
- Flyers are available for RSO new store hours: Mon 10-6, Tues 10-4, 1st & 2nd Sats 11-4
- In the absence of an RCM/RCM Alternate, I am attending the Regional meetings held on the 2nd Saturday every odd month--next meeting scheduled for May 13. My March Report to the Region will be attached to our Minutes this month.

There is error with NYCASC Insurance payments. I will work with Treasurers to try to have this accounting reflected more accurately.

I will circulate copies of the Regional Projected Yearly Budget.

Here are some excerpts from March Regional Reports:

SHARING SESSION

Discussion of increasing the Regional Meetings from every other month to monthly.

RSC CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- There is a new team of Trusted Servants on the Regional Admin.
- Announced that a member of the RSC Steering and a BOD member will be visiting each Area to promote unity and communications. Brooklyn and Suffolk are scheduled. Requesting an invitation from each Area.
- Working closely with HelpLine while there is no Chairperson.

REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Needs support and accepting resumes for open commitments.

New Chairperson, Joe D.

Has raised so far: \$2811.40, and has Halloween T-Shirts for sale \$12.

Seeking venues for future fundraising (outside of Brooklyn or Manhattan).

Seeking a proper venue to accommodate the Convention in Manhattan.

H&I

Hosting Learning Day June 10.

Vice-Chair Report:

Greetings,

I asked a GSR to read this final report, because it is the GSR's for whom I serve. | I appreciate all of you for showing up today to be of service to the fellowship. | Welcome to any new GSR's. | I wanted to take this opportunity to push NYCA PI and NYCA H&I to the front and thank them for keeping our front line strong. I must stress the importance of this body to continue to support the actions as well as the growth of our two (of many) layers that are vital to the addict seeking recovering. I appreciate your enthusiasm, your commitment and, your efforts. I am proud to know that the GSR's are willing to educate themselves and take on more responsibility within the general assembly. I encourage you to question what is "traditionally" done within the context of the NYCASC body and question anyone or any sign of so-called authority outside of our policy. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve alongside you. Please continue to be fearless in your step work and in your journey of being of service in all you do. | Thank you for your tolerance and love. See you in the rooms. | Stay Amazing Sheba L.

RCM Report: Vacant.

Secretary's Report: Vacant. (Minutes recorded by Elizabeth B. (GSR: Women on the Journey Group);
Compiled by Zeus W. (Glad in Recovery Group)

Treasurer's Report: (April 16, 2017 Report attached; March 2017 Bank Statement attached)

Prudent Reserve \$2000

EA funds is \$2,005.81

We are going to pay off the insurance in full. We are wiping out our balance with RSO.

All normal operating expenses: Rent, Storage, H&I, Saint Margarets for rental of space for GSR Workshop. Total expenses for the month is \$1155.39

Working Balance: \$1203.88

\$80 will come out of the \$1203.88

\$300 for Saint Anthony's of Padua for holding the space for the NA birthday bash for August 26 will come out of the EA fund

Group Reports:

- **9am Wake-Up:** 9am-10:30am, Monday - Friday, 41 East 11th St. (bwn B'way & University) **GSR — Cedric H., GROUP NEEDS SUPPORT.** There is a possibility that this may be my last meeting here as GSR, due to work schedule changing.
- **ABC Steps to Recovery:** Wednesday 8:30pm, 206 E. 11th St. **GSR — Paul M.** Group doing well. No donation this month.
- **ABC to Recovery:** Wednesday 6:30p-730p All Saints Ukrainian Church, 206 E. 11th St. (bwn 2 ave & 3 ave) NYC 10003 (Basement) **GSR — Nam S.** Group doing well. Chairperson's filled, so is Secretary. Treasurer is _____, Attendance always filled.
- **Breaking the Chains:** Wednesday at 7:15 pm, 130 E 25th St., **GSR — Doyle R.** All is well.
- **Cleanpoint:** Saturday 7p-8p, Church of the Ascension, 122 Java St. (bwn Franklin St & Manhattan Ave.) NY NY 11222. **GSR — Cory S.** Attendance is good. There is nothing new to report.
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- **Freedom Group:** Freedom Group meets Fridays 7-8:30 at 630 E 6th St **GSR — Jim B.** Our business meeting was postponed until the week, otherwise all is well.
- **Glad in Recovery,** Monday 7:00-8:30 pm, Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, 109 Remsen St, Brooklyn (lower level). **GSR - Zeus W.** NA's only LGBT group in Brooklyn. Attendance approx. 10 people wkl; **GROUP NEEDS SUPPORT...**Newcomers; Long-Timers; Visitors From Other Groups. Rent is current; **R/F Change:** 1st Wk: Step Mtg w/speaker; 2nd Wk: Just For Today; 3rd Wk: LGBTQ Topic w/speaker; 4th Wk: Just For Today or Anniversary Mtg.; 5th Wk: Just For Today. Business Mtg 2nd Wk. after reg. mtg. Forming Ad Hoc's re (1) Group Anniversary; (2) Activities to fundraise for anniversary i.e. considering LGBT movie night. All are welcomed. **April 24th Celebrants:** Vicky 6yrs; Rudy 6yrs; Miguel 23yrs.
- **Meat & Potatoes Group of NA:** Saturdays 6:30pm, 50 East 7rd St, **GSR - Ruben A.** Meeting is continuing to carry the message 15 months in. Group attendance could be better but we are keeping the doors open. We are midway through creating a new policy. All positions are filled except PI Rep. We have an H&I Rep but she is panel leader for H&I so she can't vote for the group. We are continuing to maintain a good relationship with facility they are happy to have us.
- **Recovery in the 80's:** Mondays 8pm; Holy Trinity, 82nd btw Bway & Amsterdam; **GSR - Lou L. (Alt.)** 30 Year Group Anniversary May 22, 2017. Food, Fun, Fellowship! 8p —11p; Celebrants: Tony R. 29 yrs May 8; Lou L. 31 yrs. May 8.
- **Recovery in the Lower:** Thursday 7:00 pm, 630 E 6th St., **GSR - Eric A.** April 27th Celebrants; Gary 3yrs; Joe 3yrs; Harry 9yrs. We are collecting for our group anniversary. **Donation: \$59.**

- **Recurring Themes:** Tuesday & Thursday 7pm, 15th St bet 1st & 2nd Ave, **GSR – Fred M.** The group on Thurs. April 13th had elections with all positions taken by new trusted servants. The format consists of topics selected by the trusted servant in which the speakers share on the topic. **Donation: \$96**
- **Recuperacion for Today:** Friday. 6:45-8:15pm, 206 E 11th St, **GSR – Kenny C.** All is well. Our first group anniversary Ad Hoc mtg is March 24, '17; 206 E 11th St. March Celebrants: Nancy 30yrs; Raquel 29yrs; Ozzie 13yrs.
- **Serenity On Sunday:** Sunday, 2:15 pm, Serenity On Sundays; Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, 208 W 13th St, (bwn 7th and Greenwich Aves.) **GSR - Ronald S.** The group on a small _____ with one person throwing a chair and putting a hole in the wall. | The group has to take care of the hole. We are waiting for The Center for the cost.
- **Solid Foundation:** Sunday 7:15 pm, 130 E 25th St., **GSR – Pete L.** All is Well. **Donation: \$90**
- **Steps to Life:** Monday 6:00 pm, 743 E. 9th St. (bet. Aves. C & D), **GSR – Edwin A.** Group is doing good.
- **Women On The Journey:** Saturday 5:00-6:15pm, 206 E. 4th St. (Aves A&B) **GSR – Elizabeth B.** No report.
- **You Get What You Need:** Fri. 7:30-9:00 pm, 404 E. 87th St. bet. 1st & York, **GSR-Daniel A.** We are continuing towards changing our format toward reading different NA book every Friday of the month. Celebrants: Earl 10yrs. Harry 32 yrs. **Donation: \$25**

Subcommittee Reports:

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION - Christine B.

- Temporary order forms available
- Ordering new carbonless forms, will have next week
- Added Traditions book to list of books available for sale on the order form
- \$114.05 worth of books and pamphlets sold at Area March 19, 2017

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS - Anthony G.

- Spent \$249.54 on literature
- H & I Sub- Committee meets first Saturday of month at 154 Christopher St, NYC NY – 32 Commitments; 17 Presentations; 21 filled commitments; 11 Open commitments.
- Donating \$375 from sale of tee-shirts on Learning Day
- Orlando elected Vice Chair.
- Given \$399 for purchase of tee-shirts;
- Returned the \$399 and provided an additional \$260
- Projection is \$810

HELPLINE - Jim B.

- HelpLine meeting First Monday of Month, via “Go To Meeting” 7pm

- Maureen is new secretary to manage monthly meetings
- Byron is new scheduler for One Box
- We are continuing to review our policies
- Next HelpLine monthly meeting Monday, May 1, 2017 7pm via “Go To Meeting”
- Jim was asked for total calls. Numbers he provided: January 409; February 335; March 372; April 391; May 434; June 485; July 463; August 388; September 392; October 381; November 370; December 373;
- Total HelpLine calls for 2016: **4699**

PUBLIC INFORMATION - Wilvena G.

- Please find attached to email that delivered these minutes the most recent (April 2017) Public Information report.

- In absence of PI Chair, Report was read by Lou L. (Web Technical Coordinator).
 After PI Report questions were raised about why PI is meeting downtown on Fulton street and not here at the Regional offices. The question is tabled for next month when PI Chair is present.

STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES:

WEBSITE TECHNICAL COORDINATOR: Lou L.

No Report submitted.

WEB CONTENT COORDINATOR: Doyle R.

No Report submitted.

MEETING LIST COORDINATOR - Elizabeth B.

- New meeting list printed - cost \$190.53
- Attempting to work with Manhattan area to print our lists together as we could save \$60 per printing.
- Meeting list are sold for \$7 for 50; \$3.50 for 25.
- Please email all meeting address changes to <meetinglist@nyca.org>

GSR WORKSHOP AD HOC COMMITTEE

- **Date: Saturday, June 17, 2017 Time: 12 - 4 pm**
- **Where: Saint Margaret’s House, 49 Fulton Street, NY NY 10038**
- Flyers available. (Attached)
- Financial motion to pay for the location submitted today \$80
- GSR Day ad hoc committee will be put in a motion for \$150 at May 21, 2017 NYCA mtg to cover food and drink for the event.
- Still looking for volunteers to facilitate some of the groups
- 4 Topics: 1) What is a GSR 2) Note taking at Area 3) What is a group conscience 4) ASC voting procedures. How to vote when we come to area.
- Next Ad Hoc meeting Thurs. April 20th 2017, 6:30p; 154 Christopher St NYC NY (basement)
- **Contacts: Kenny C. (347) 398-6720; Catherine B. (718) 510-3454**

Zeus brings up securing add'l number of chairs beyond anticipated 50 as NA Learning Days are extremely popular these days; Kenny answers that we can expand the room if needed and will then have to pay more...

BIRTHDAY BASH AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Meeting Date: April 8, 2017; 11 members in attendance
- Elections Held: Roland W. - Chair; Stefan L. - Sec'y; Lou L. - Treasurer
- Tentative Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017; Backup Date: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017
- Tickets: \$15 Advance; \$20 At the Door
- Location: St. Anthony's of Padua (Houston & Sullivan St.) Big room, lots of chairs, plenty of space
- Next meeting May 6, 2017, 3pm; 154 Christopher St, NY NY 10038 (basement)
- Elizabeth to help Roland et al with ticket order and we will get this party started. They have not chosen speakers, topics, food etc.

Sharing Session

- Ruben (Meat and Potatoes Group) clarifies that he was discussing his Group's Policy Review process for the meeting. They are reaching the point in the process where they are reviewing service position commitments and would like input from more experienced members. Zeus suggests that Ruben's group maybe get different groups' policies and looks at those to help fill in the need for more experienced members. The Policy Review group meets the 4th Saturday at each month right after the meeting
- Ron (Serenity on Sunday Group) discusses how an addict at his meeting got really angry during the burning desire and this addict damaged the facility by throwing a chair during their share. The police were nearly called. The group is now responsible to repair the wall. Individual members of the group feel it may be prudent to ban the individual. Roland shared that we don't really kick people out of meetings but that the facility can in fact ban an individual. Another GSR mentioned he can help with the repairs if the group cannot afford or find someone to do it.

OLD BUSINESS

NYCASC Nominations

- Meeting list coordinator (incumbent) Elizabeth B.
- Literature chair (incumbent) Christine B.
- Website content coordinator: Zeus W.
- Web site technical coordinator: Doyle R.
- Vice Chair: Kenny C.

Above Resumes are attached.

Submitted Nominations were read and nominees were questioned re: their respective qualifications.

Chairperson announced that nominations would remain open due to April's Area Meeting falling on a holiday for many members. One member voiced disagreement. Another member asked that the Chairperson be respected.

Lou makes a suggestion to sponsee's especially people with more time to see if they can fill and/or want to do service at Area.

(Requirements and duties of open Commitments are attached, and can also be obtained from the NYCASC website: nyena.org)

Cathryne read the *Decorum Statement*:

“Meetings will be conducted according to these rules of order, adapted from Robert’s Rules of Order. This time-honored system for conducting business is the clearest way yet devised for getting a maximum amount of business done in a minimum of time, regardless of disagreement among the participants.

These rules are meant to be used as tools to help us make orderly collective decisions in a cooperative, respectful way in the spirit of our Twelve Concepts; please do not use them as weapons against one another. We encourage all participants to become familiar with these rules of order and conduct themselves accordingly.

Once the meeting is under way, only one matter will be before the committee at any one time and no other discussion is in order. Please respect the chairperson’s right to be in control of the process of this meeting so that you can have maximum benefit of its content.”

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting reached quorum of 17 voting members

FUNDS COLLECTED:	Group Donations	\$280.97
	H&I Return	\$375.00
	Meeting Lists	\$ 38.50
	Lit. Sales	<u>\$ 89.28</u>
	TOTAL	\$783.75

Motions:

Motion #1: To donate \$200 to NA World Service	Intent: To further NA’s ability to carry the message of recovery worldwide.
Mover: Paul M. GSR	Second: Lou L. Web Technical Coordinator

Voting: For: 3, Against: 12 Abstain: 2. **Motion fails.**

Motion #2: To donate \$200 to GNYRSC	Intent: To help the GNYRSC to further carry the message of recovery to addicts in the region of New York.
Mover: Paul M. GSR	Second: Elizabeth B. Meeting List Coordinator

Voting: For: 15, Against: 0, Abstain: 2. **Motion carries.**

Motion to close: 4:20PM

Closed with Serenity Prayer

NYCASC convenes next meeting
Sunday, May 21, 2017, RSO, 2pm