

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (4/05/2020)

This is our March 2020 meeting that was rescheduled for April 5, 2020

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

OPEN POSITIONS w/ CLEAN TIME & REQUIREMENTS

1. **Area Chair:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment. Upon election resign from any AREA/GSR commitment.
2. **Vice Chair:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment. Upon election resign from any AREA/GSR commitment.
3. **Alternate Treasurer:** 2 year clean time w/ suggested bookkeeping/accounting experience & previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
4. **Outreach:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
5. **Literature:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
6. **Activities:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
7. **Newsletter:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.

Be sure to read the duties for each position which can be found on the www.na-wt.org page under Members that has links to the Area Guidelines and Subcommittee Guidelines for each above position.

There are no AREA level motions to vote on.

Please check RCM Report about turning in CAR/CAT voting tallies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair- Open position (Drew R. acting as) No Report

Vice Chair- Open position (Sara S. acting as) No Report

Secretary- No Report. ILS, Sarah O.

Alt secretary- If there are any GSR changes or email updates be sure to include that in your report to email to the secretaries. ILS, Tayler O.

RCM- First, the World Service Conference will be happening in some way, probably remotely spread out over 2 weekends. So, your CAR and CAT voting tallies are still needed.

Most of you have probably not thought about this in the midst of all the changes because of COVID-19. There are several ways you can still participate.

- 1) Your groups can meet remotely and discuss and vote on the motions.

- 2) Each group member can fill out a tally sheet and you can count the votes for your group and just like if you were in a real meeting, if there were 5 yeses and 4 nos, your group would vote yes.
- 3) You can ask your GSR to vote how he or she thinks your group will vote and the GSR can turn in the votes.

All the information you need like links for the CAR/CAT and more can be found at www.natennessee.org/car-cat-tallies.

This is the link to turn in your tallies online using a google form:

<https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerCARCAT2020>.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about the process or any motion. 901-497-0691.

As far as I know only one group from our area has turned in their votes. I've seen numerous tallies turned in remotely from other areas. We still get a voice and a vote. So let's do it!

The NEXT Regional H&I MEETING is Apr 26 at 5 PM Central Time

<https://zoom.us/j/211988853>. This might be a great time to get together with other H&I chairs and members around the region to find out how we can assist our facilities during this time when we can't physically go in.

** Discuss with your groups about sending a regular donation to the Southern Zonal Forum. We will later be asked to vote on this. The zone provides important functions to its member regions which in turn trickles up to the groups. The zone assists the regions with any problems they might be having, similar to how the area assists the groups. The zone provides training opportunities like how to facilitate workshop on various things – like the CAR/CAT workshops, Issue Discussion Topic workshops. It is great for networking amongst the delegates. Attending the World Service Conference can be a daunting experience especially going there and seeing a couple hundred people from around the world and you don't know anyone. Through the zonal forum, the delegates know those delegates and alternates from the 10 regions in the central part of the united states. It's important that our region do its part to support the zone financially on a regular basis. This won't require any more money from the groups. It just means that some of the Region's funds will go to the Zone and some to NAWS.

We received from an outside entity information about a lawesuit against NAWS regarding the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust. I'm not sure at this time what has been released to the delegates but copies of the lawsuit and NAWS response was floating around the internet. I'm sure more will be revealed after the World Service Conference.

The motion to raise the seed money for VRC to 20,000 has been tabled.

The motion passed that we voted on to change the election months for RD and AD

Outcome of previous motions we voted on

VRSC Motion # 02-02-2020-01

Motion by: Eric P from: H&I Second: Julius H. from: MTA

To approve a monthly H&I budget totaling \$550.00

Breakdown:

\$300.00- Travel (mileage/hotel)

\$200.00- Office (copies, mail, etc.)

\$50.00- Literature

Intent: To establish a monthly operating budget for the Regional H&I Committee

Vote: 8-0-0-0, passed on the floor. In favor of approving the budget

VRSC Motion # 02-02-2020-02

Motion by: Craig G from: PR Chair Second: Julius H. from: MTA

Motion reads:

To donate the Regions presentation board and materials to the Mountain Area.

Intent:

To be able to increase public awareness in the NA program in the Mountain Area and make use of the Regional presentation board that is not being used anymore since almost all areas have a presentation board themselves.

8-0-0-0 Passed

Motion by: Craig G from: PR Chair Second: Stephen Z. from: KANA

Motion reads:

To donate \$400.00 to the Southern Zonal Forum

Intent:

In the spirit of selflessness and participation, we want to contribute to this service body that is providing us services and a body that we participate in.

7-0-1-0 Passed, donate \$400 to Zone

The VRSC meeting is scheduled to be held:

05/03/2020 @ 09:30am.

403 Hickerson Dr. (Jaycees building)

Murfreesboro, TN

Ending Treasurer's Report:

Starting Available: \$26,991.32

Wrote checks for: \$4,045.11

Prudent Reserve: \$5,000

PR Bud: \$5,959.01

H&I Budget: \$6,600

VRC Fund: \$4,000

Balance: \$11,987.20

Recommendation from treasurer: Send remaining balance (\$1,387.20) to World.

Motion to accept treasurer's recommendation: 5-2-0-0, PASSED

Alt RCM- No report

Treasurer- No report since we are meeting on a digital platform via Zoom. We have plenty of money in the bank and bills are getting paid. ILS, Leigh Ann F.

Alt Treasurer- Open position

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Open position

Archives – The boxes look great! ILS, Terry B.

H & I – Hello family, H&I is in need of some assistance from the fellowship. Very few are actually utilizing the resources provided and 3 panels out of 8 are still open and have been for a while, even way before covid-19. Hopefully things will improve. Thanks for letting me serve, Sam T.

Literature – Open position (Bronson R. acting as/ not present)

NA in May – Hi family, Are you ready for some face to face time and some hugs coming soon to NA in May? Well, you will be disappointed like we are. Due to COVID-19, we the NA in May subcommittee felt it was best to postpone NA in May. Shelby Forest is closed off until April 13 and most likely again until April 30. It was a general consensus that we don't see this mess clearing up in time among many other reasons. If the park became open again April 30, that would not be enough to make it all work. It is also not worth the risk in case closings and social distancing gets pushed back even further. So, NA in May will be held Sept. 17-19. We asked for guidance from the policy chair to ensure we can move without any approval and it was confirmed we could move it. We sought for weekends in October but was completely full. We did not want to get too close to Halloween or be close to Thanksgiving and VRC. August would be too hot. September only had two openings, Labor Day weekend and the weekend of the 25th. So, things are on hold until then. You can still buy pre-event t-shirts. Since we are holding a May event in September, we hope to have some fun with the actual event tshirts since we have never had to postpone or cancel NA in May in all the years. Further news to come as time goes on. ILS, Jonathan M.

Newsletter – Open position

Outreach – Open position

Policy and Procedure – After the worsening situation with COVID-19, I initiated contingency planning with the Offices of WTASC for our March Area. I determined that guidelines need to be developed.

NA IN MAY Sub Committee reached out to Policy and asked if there was anything limiting their moving the event to another date. There was nothing there that precluded this. ILS, Glen H

Public Relations – Glen H. has sent me an updated treatment center list. I plan to call them or contact those places about NA's current policy & situation. I also will get in touch with local half-way houses about our Zoom meetings. Regional PR subcommittee's statement regarding the virus, zoom and closed meetings has been sent to 2 members of the Area Executive Committee. ILS, Bill S.

VRC 2021 Ad Hoc- No report

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity – No report

Clean Air- Not present

Clean Steam- Not present/ temporarily closed

Cordova Hope- No Report

Desire – Hello family, Desire is currently not meeting per covid-19 state and county regulations. If things change by April 29, Sherry W. will be celebrating 27 years. Also, Christine J. will celebrate 33 years on May 6. ILS, Lauren M.

Doin this Thing- Not present

Get Honest or Die – All is well at GHOD. We held one face to face meeting a few weeks when all this mess started coming much worse but then soon closed the doors like most others. And like others, we hold Zoom meetings where we have had 12-15 in each meeting. The zoom meeting code is 885297 if you would like to join us. We have postponed James R yr bday and Neil M 33 yr bday until we are able to meet face to face. No lit order at this time as well as no donation to the area. We are holding off until further notice when we figure out the rent situation and reimburse for Zoom. ILS, Jonathan M.

GIFT – Not present

Good Orderly Direction – Not present

Harmony- Not present

High On Life – Greetings from HOL. As you know we have temporarily closed and when we get the all clear we will probably be moving more will be revealed. We had nine people come through the door before we closed. We have no donation. ILS, David T.

Hope Dealers – Hello family all is going as well as can be with Hope Dealers.

We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Arlington to carry the message to the still suffering addict. At this point by still keeping our meeting doors open. Due to the covid 19 pandemic the church has asked that we follow strict precautions. * Wiping down all surfaces with pledge or a bleach /water solution on every surface including chairs before we open. *Keeping our numbers under 10. If 10 or more people happen to show up- we must shut the meeting down immediately and that's without negotiation. *Keeping the doors ajar with stoppers with the exception of the bathrooms which we ask people to wash their hands before and after they use. *Not serving coffee or snacks whatsoever. *The chairperson is the only allowed to touch (and if necessary read) the readings unless someone else volunteers to read one on their phone. *There will be absolutely no hugging or touching whatsoever, we circle up and close while remaining in our seats which are 6 feet apart. We still collect donations- but only by the chairperson with the basket person to person. Our meetings have been great! It's been an adjustment for us but the message has been strong. We had 7 members last Monday March 30th and 5 the week before. Our very own Laura S will be celebrating her 3rd year clean on May 4th (providing we are still clear by then) We have no literature order or donation at this time. In loving service, Marcus.

Keep it Green- No report

Lunch Bunch– Lunch bunch is no longer meeting until further notice due to Coronavirus, we have no money for area at this time. ILS, Doug M.

No Matter What- All is well at no matter what. We are doing well with our Zoom meetings and social distancing. We have an average 12-15 per meeting. We have one birthday Jon B celebrating 10 years April 1. In loving service Scott J.

One is Too Many – No report

Plan B- Not Present

Primary Purpose – All is well with Primary Purpose. Amidst our current crisis, we still continue maintain Zoom meeting for all willing to attend. We are meeting via Zoom (<http://zoom.us/j/414800146>). Upcoming birthdays are: 4/12/20 Jerry B. 28 yrs and Thomas R. 5 yrs. 4/26/20 Jeff L, 7 yrs. 5/24/20 Cortez J, 24 yrs.

Saturday Night Alive – SNA is temporarily suspended from physical meetings as of this past week. I upgraded my Zoom account and I am planning to start a Zoom meeting but have to get a group conscience. Trinity Church was very supportive to the groups there and even let the SITK and SNA continue to meet beyond when the church quit having gatherings there. Keep this in mind when trying to find a place for new meetings or moves as they are accommodating as possible. No birthdays or special events until we start back to Zoom meetings. ILS, Glen H.

Simplicity is the Key – Not present

Something Different – At Something Different we have been getting 20 to 20 people on our zoom meetings. All seems to be going well. We have two birthdays this month which: Trinity P w/ 16 years and Rebecca T w/ 4 years clean. Their birthdays are TBD, if they celebrate via zoom I will post in Clean, Friends & Family. ILS, Destin B.

Spiritual Awakenings- Hello Friends & Family, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Spiritual Awakenings is no longer meeting in person. We are having a Zoom meeting at our normal meeting time on Fridays at 8pm. On 4/24/20, Sarah M. will have 4 years clean. Her meeting celebrating her clean time is TBD. We hope to see your face on Zoom on Friday nights. ILS, Kate G.

Step Write In- No report

Thursday Nighters – Hello family always will it Thursday nighters we have suspended in-person meetings however we will continue to host a zoom meeting every Thursday. Shannon T will celebrate 16 years & Tony C will celebrate 1 year this coming Thursday via zoom. We hope everybody is able to make it.

ILS, Tony C.

Unity – No report

We are Entirely Ready – No report

Welcome Home- No report

You+me=we- All is different You + Me = We. Attendance for the last month was a 194 including 9 newcomers. As of today we are no longer meeting. We are currently working to possibly use Zoom as an alternative. In loving service, Karen W.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Desire: Sherry W- 27 years 4/29/20 & Christine J - 33 years 5/6/20

Hope Dealers: Laura S- 3 years 5/3/2020 tentatively

No Matter What: Jon B- 10 years, 4/1/20

Primary Purpose: Jerry B- 28 years 4/12/20, Thomas R- 5 years 4/26/20, Jeff L- 7 years 5/24/20 &

Cortez J- 24 years 5/24/20

Something Different: Trinity P- 16 years TBD, Rebecca T- 4 years TBD

Spiritual Awakenings: Sarah M. 4 years 4/24/20

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

- Marcus M. brought up a non H&I panel that is just affiliated with NA. Greg asked Marus if someone could share their story. It was brought to the area and they can still carry the message even though it's not H&I related. However with the CO-VID 19 people do not want to attend since they are freaked out. If you want to share your story contact Marcus M. He can be contacted via email at marcusmcdonald43@gmail.com.
- Sara S. brought up H&I Subcommittee meeting issues. Right now if she enforced the guidelines none of the panel leaders would have their panels. No one is sending in their reports and so there is no accountability. Tayler O. pointed out that the H&I subcommittee guidelines and panel member list was updated and expressed to let all Panel Leaders and members understand their duties/requirements.
- Terry B. encouraged members to reach out with any questions about setting up meetings via digital platform Zoom.
- Lucy O. brought up concerns about PR Statement via Greg the current letter states no more than 10 people meet; wants it to be changed to no people meeting at all. She brought up the concern & just wanted to let us know.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Spiritual Awakenings

Seconded by: Saturday Night Alive

Motion: To elect Leigh Ann F. as treasurer. Intent: is to fulfill vacant position. Moving from alternate treasurer to treasurer.

Willingness Statement: I am expressing willingness for Treasurer of the West TN Area of Narcotics Anonymous. I have held several service positions. Alt RCM, Activities Treasurer, NA in May Treasurer, Alt Treasurer for VRC, 7IH H&I and GSR and most recently as Alt Treasurer of the Area. I was nominated as Treasurer for the past VRC but ended up taking the Chair position when it was vacated. I did not fulfill a GSR position when I left a meeting 2 months before it folded. I have never misappropriated NA funds. I have an Accounting Degree and do yearly budgeting and monthly forecasting as the Director for the company where I work. ILS, Leigh Ann F.

YES: 11 NO: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion made by Lucy, RCM.

Seconded by: Chris R. Clean Steam

Motion: To elect Scot B. as VRC 39 chair to be held in Memphis in 2021. Clean Time requirements listed in RCM Report.

Willingness Statement: Statement is in service resume which is also under RCM report. Intent is to elect a VRC chair.

YES: 11 NO: 0 Abstain: 0

NEW BUSINESS

No new business besides all the OPEN POSITIONS that are listed at the top of the minutes. Be sure to email your motion to the secretary if someone is willing to be nominated. Be sure to include the willingness statement in the email as well.

Title/Sub/Group	Name	1/26/2019	2/23/2020	4/5/2020
Administrative				
Chairperson	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
	Drew R. Acting As			X
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
	Sara S. Acting As			X
Secretary	Sarah M.	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Taylor O	X	X	X
Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Treasurer	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	Lucy O.	O	X	X
Alternate Regional Committee Member	Bill S.	OPEN	X	X
Subcommittees				
Activities	Destin B	X	X	X
Archives	Terry B.	O	O	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Sam T.	X	X	X
Literature	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
	Bronson R. Acting as			O
NA in May	Jonathan M	X	X	X
Newsletter	OPEN	X	O	OPEN
Outreach	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Policy and Procedures	Glen H.	X	X	X
Public Relations	Bill S.	X	X	X
Voting Groups				
Clean Steam	Chris R.	X	X	CLOSED
Cordova Hope	Robyn W.	X	O	X
Desire	Lauren M.	X	X	X
G.I.F.T.	Dawn L.	X	O	O
GHOD	Jonathan M	X	X	X
Good Orderly Direction		X	X	O
High On Life	David T.	X	X	O
Lunch Bunch	Willie T.	X	X	X
Keep It green	Jerry	X	X	O
No Matter What	Scott J.	X	X	X
One is too many	Susan V.	X	X	O
Primary Purpose	Janice M.	X	O	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	X	O
Something Different	Destin B.	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Kate G.	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Tony C.	X	X	X
Unity Group	Lamar G.	X	X	O
We Are Entirely Ready	Mancill W.	X	X	O
Welcome Home	Amie B.	X	X	O
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	O	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Clean A.I.R.		O	O	O
Clarity (was Farfromusen)		O	O	X
Plan B		O	O	O
Doin' This Thing		O	O	O
Harmony	David A.	O	O	O
Hope Dealers	Laura S.	O	O	X
Step Write In	Vince H.	O	O	O

Next WTASC meeting is April 26, 2020