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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
17200 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR  
January 31, 2009**

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 Jeff W.

The Twelve Concepts were read by Amy.

The 12th Concept was read by several willing volunteers as they read a paragraph and passed it on.

The Dedication to Service was read by Vicki B.

The Decorum Statement was read by Wayne C.

**Roll Call of Officers**

14 were present

**Roll Call of Groups**

43 answered roll call

**Quorum**

Quorum is established at 16

**Nominations Open**

Nomination(s) for Alternate Parliamentarian

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

Michael D. /ONVE

Jim B. /Unchained

Tina /Alt. GSR Unchained

Robin/the Nooner

Billi/Harold St. Blues

Kelly A. /Higher Empowered

Elaine H. / Rise and Shine

Kara / What It Is

Mark R. / Alt. GSR Late Nite Recovery

Sherman D. / Men of Spiritual Walkers

## **Announcements**

**Victoria C.** - The Hole in the Wall group of NA at Oregon State Penitentiary can use some support. If you have two years clean, six years since your last conviction and are willing to travel to Salem in a group, please contact Harrison D. or Victoria C., they will need your date of birth and FULL name (middle too!).

Harrison D. contact info: 503.348.3425 email: harrisondanley@yahoo.com.

Victoria C. contact info: 503.984.5543 email: [who.knows.do.you.man@gmail.com](mailto:who.knows.do.you.man@gmail.com).

**Shelley H.** – New Meeting, Free To Be Me.

Where: My Father's House Family Shelter, 5003 West Powell, Gresham 97030. Enter door on very north end of building 175<sup>th</sup> and Powell.

When: Wed Night: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Solution based topic meeting

Bus route #9

Contact Sare R. 503-935-2112 or Shelley H. 503-669-8330

Kid friendly meeting but no childcare at this time.

**Jim B.** – Pacific Cascade Region of NA, Regional H & I, PI Learning Day, Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Zion Lutheran Church, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Oakdale Medford, Oregon. For more information call SOANA Phone line at 541-858-0555.

**Vickie B.** – We are selling raffle tickets for the Fort Stevens Campout, we will be raffling off a campsite, and the raffle tickets are \$2 each. This campout is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July. The Adhoc committee meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm, at 8441 SE Bush. Please contact Nanette P. at 503-799-2041 or Eric P. 971-344-1249 for more information.

**Nanette P.** – Snow Tubing Trip is Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Gateway Transit Center. The cost is \$15 per person. Please contact Billi 503-774-1696 or Dave P. 692-4666 for more information.

**Maya N.** – Circle of Sisters Bid Committee Meeting for 2112 Convention is now meeting at Miracles, 4069 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 2 pm.

**JB, PNWCNA#33 Chair**, was granted the floor by the PASC Chair, and sought a point of clarification on Motion 31-08. The PASC Archivist read- "Entered by Michael McD 7/26/08

Motion: That PASC endorse the PNWCNA bid Ad Hoc and Convention if awarded to Portland. The PNW33 Committee will not be responsible to the PASC

Purpose of Motion: We should support the PNW33 convention if the bid is awarded to Portland. The PNW33 committee will not be a part of PASC

Motion passed unanimously 7/26/08"

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The PASC Bylaws-Article VI-General Guidelines; Section a.-Subcommittees "All Subcommittees of the PASC are not autonomous but fall under the jurisdiction of and shall be guided by the PASC" was read to the body.

A straw poll vote, without descent, was then taken of all then present to reaffirm Motion 31-08.

It was stated by JB that the Activities Chair, Gene L. who was not present had told JB that the PNWCNA33 Committee could not sell merchandise at any Portland Area Activities. There was some discussion by the body and the Chair stated after the straw poll that he would take care of it.

**Jerry, Manager of the URS Club** – He was allowed to address the body and he wanted to assure everyone that NA was welcome at the club and it is under new management and he encourages anyone and everyone to join the club and even become Board members. If anyone has any issues here at the club please don't hesitate to contact him and he promises that they will be addressed. He understands that there is an issue with the literature and he is working on ways to make sure they are resolved.

## **Secretary's Report – Linda R.**

Secretary Report

January 31, 2009

I'll be passing the contact list around today, please remember it is your responsibility to make sure I have your correct information so you receive the minutes. There are a couple of groups that I don't have any contact information for and those are highlighted in yellow.

At next month's ASC we will be holding nominations for Officer's and I will not be accepting a nomination for Secretary. I will be happy to train anyone who is willing to be of service. This is not a hard job; anyone who is organized and is good with a computer can do this job. I only spend about 8 hours a month on this service commitment. I will extend my willingness to be interim secretary to the May 2009 ASC, but absolutely no longer than that.

We will have to approve the minutes for both November 2008 and December 2009. Due to there being no quorum at last month's ASC.

Motion was made by Troy J. and seconded by Melody of Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters to suspend the reading of both the November and December 2008 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Troy J. and seconded by Robert T. from Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables to accept both the November and December 2008 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

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## **Treasurer's Reports – Maggi G.**

Please see (2) attachments.

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

### **Portland Area Chair Report**

January 31, 2009

Happy New Year,

We have a lot to do today due to not being able to conduct business last month because of the snow storm and lack of a quorum. I encourage everyone today to be respectful to each other and try to remember the Golden Rule—treat others like you'd like to be treated. Let's also try to remember that we don't want to take ourselves too seriously. We should be able to conduct business and also have a good time serving our fellowship.

Just a couple of items I'd like to talk about. We will be ratifying the By-Laws, Budget, and calendar today. There is one motion on the table that we should have voted on last month, and there are several new motions that were submitted last month.

There are nominations for Executive positions in February. Please be sure that your candidates are here. They must be present.

In regards to our Area Inventory process, we have consolidated all information received thus far and will be finishing up with a workshop at the ASC next month after the nominations.

Hopefully in the future we will be able to have a GSR workshop on the same day of the quarterly Board of Director's meeting at the ASC, or at least on a semi-regular basis at the ASC.

We are going to try something new for Open Forum. When you sign up for Open Forum, please include your topic. We will straw poll the topics and then open up discussion for anyone who wants to participate. This should alleviate some problems we've had in the past. I would also like to move Open Forum to after announcements and may even have someone else facilitate it for up to half an hour.

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.

## **Vice Chair Report – Travis B.**

Vice Chair Report January 2009

I would like to welcome any GSR's that are new to area service and thank you for your participation. Thanks to all of the GSR's who have continued to participate and be the conduit between the groups and the Area Service Committee. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous in the Portland area.

One of the duties I have been charged with as the area Vice Chair is the printing of the meeting schedule. Recently we have changed from a two month cycle to a one month cycle. In the past I would order 1500 the first month and estimate how many to have printed for the following month based on how many were taken the first month. This allowed me to utilize any that were left over from the previous month. With a one month cycle I am unable to do this. The participation varies each month and so does the amount of schedules taken by the GSR's. H&I is pretty consistent in how many they need each month and PR utilizes a fixed amount every other month for their mailings. Due to the inclement weather last month I was left with several hundred schedules that are now considered to be outdated. This translates to about \$40.00. It may take a few months for a working number to be found and I ask that the GSR's help me with this by keeping in mind that the schedules are now changing each month. Please take only what your group needs for the month between ASC meetings.

I have been contacted by a member of Narcotics Anonymous who used to live in the Portland area and would like some speaker cd's of some of the local members. If you have any recordings of speakers that are from the Portland area I would appreciate it if you contact me so that I can make arrangements to forward them.

I can be contacted via the Portland NA website or by telephone and I will do whatever I can to be of service if asked to do so.

In service,

Travis B.

## **Subcommittees and Regional Issues**

### **Activities – Gene L.**

#### **PORTLAND AREA ACTIVITIES REPORT 01/30/09**

Bank Balance after set aside \$1,225.52 as of 12/31/08. This does not include any money coming in or going out after the end of Dec.

Please limit that amount of flyers you take so that there are enough for others to have for their group too.

Elections are coming up, currently we have an RCM position open.

We have a new calendar coordinator, Tana, please be respectful when dealing with her.

End of the Year Dance turned in all monies. We will have a final report next month. This event was successful in helping lots of addicts stay clean.

Bowling is doing really good, so come check it out. We are having fun at 29<sup>th</sup> & Powell the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 1-5pm.

We had discussion on having the NA Annual Picnic possibly made into a tri-Area event. This event has lost money the last 3 years, but we do not want to lose this site for this upcoming year. We wanted to bring back to Area for your input. We have put the deposit down for this year, so the event will happen.

Unity in the Streets Adhoc needs support on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of every month at 3134 SE Powell at 6:30pm.

Beverly Beach Campout Adhoc needs support on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of every month at Holgate Library, 79<sup>th</sup> & Holgate from 4-5pm.

Fort Stevens Campout is having a raffle for a campsite, which also helps support a newcomer site. Tickets are \$2.00.

GSR's please take back flyers and At-A-Glance to your meeting, there are a lot of meetings not getting their flyers. Also if you could please announce upcoming events in your meeting, it would help to get the message out so that addicts have something to do to stay clean.

Snow Tubing Trip is on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, next Sat. from 9-2pm, meeting at Gateway Transit Center. Cost is \$15.

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Thank you for letting me being of service.....Nanette P.

### **Literature – Carolyn G-E.**

Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted.

The Literature room was broken into and some change was stolen as well as some literature. Also, there was some water damage because of the way that the person broke a pipe broke and damaged some literature. There really is no way for the committee to come up with any figures on the total loss dollar amount because no inventory of literature is kept. This is the third break in since being at the club.

### **Outreach – Troy J.**

Outreach Report by Troy J.

Good Afternoon Area. At Outreach we discussed that the PASC Secretary needs to get a copy of the group report forms. I will make copies and give them to the secretary. No groups were visited last month. There was no old business. Many positions are open in the Outreach Subcommittee. We especially need a new GSR Orientation person. We also talked about creating addendum pages to slide into the back of the GSR Handbook as motions are passed and bylaws are changed during the year. We will update the GSR Handbook annually.

Outreach is available for any groups that have problems interacting with landlords or other internal group issues. If you have a question, please let us know. If outside organizations have questions about NA, please contact Public Relations.

Outreach would like all new GSRs and Alternate GSRs to attend new GSR Orientation. Outreach meets for its business meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room just prior to Area. Orientation begins at 1:15 p.m.

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

**H&I Chair Report**

**1/31/2009**

80 possible commitments

9 missed

5 cancelled

1121 addicts were seen last month

2 openings (vacancies) panel chair which were filled last night.

Letty Owings: Lynda A.

New Directions: Shelley B.

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Renee Harper gave her verbal commitment last night due to missed H&I meeting because of the weather.

Baseball Bat Bob would like to know if he can bring his service dog with him. If not, he can't go.

We had a great showing last night with most of the panel chairs in attendance, 100 attending the general meeting, 13 new people, and 8 second-timers giving their verbal commitment. February promises to be a good month.

James M was appointed RCM and was in attendance with Lawrence J. at the Regional Service Conference in Eugene Oregon this month.

In Service,

Lawrence Johnson/H&I Chair

### **Regional H& I Report January 18<sup>th</sup> 2009**

In Attendance:

- Portland Area—Lawrence & James
- Southern Oregon—Jennifer
- Mid Willamette Valley Salem—Kedrick, Chris
- North Coast—Walt
- Greater Willamette—Kat
- Coos Bay—Mike
- Linn-Benton—Jeff
- Central Oregon High Desert—Jeremy
- Lane County—Heather
- Upper Umpqua Valley—Julie

Announcements:

- Regional H&I PI Learning Day Saturday April 18, 2009 in Medford. This is the day before Regional Service Committee. Regional H&I voted on three topics for this event. Sponsorship behind the Wall round table, Mock up H&I panel, and Website panel.
- Vice Chair Patrick announced that H&I and Public Information are combining in other areas probably need a regional inventory to see about the two being one sub-committee as to not duplicate services.

Major Discussions:

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- We talked a lot about sponsorship and members incarcerated. H&I members can't sponsor inmates. Patrick reported that some areas are teeming inmates up with sponsors who are not on H&I panel. Other discussion about having a sponsor waiting at the gate. This took up a lot of time and the chair tabled the discussion.
- Upper Umpqua Valley reported they are having newcomer workshops at facilities offering an introductory presentation of what to expect when you go to a meeting on the outside. Julie reported that this is done especially at a facility that hosts dual diagnosis clients.
- There was discussion about some facilities canceling H&I due to funding cuts (they were not able to spare a CO to monitor or move inmates or volunteers). In fact Lane County reported that there is a freeze on any new passes for volunteers. Someone suggested that we write our government about the need for 12 step meetings in jails and prison. The chair advised to make sure and not do this as a representative of NA or H&I as to not break our traditions.
- Mid Willamette Valley reported that they have new commitments at JDS and OSCI. They have not had H&I for a while but have a new chair and bylaws and are up and running.
- Greater Willamette reported they are trained and ready but don't have any commitments yet.

Thank you for letting me be of service  
James M.

## **Hotline – David G., Vice Chair**

### **Hotline Report January 31, 2009**

The hotline currently has one shift open, Saturday, 7 am – 12 pm. The clean time requirement for phone line workers is currently 90 days, so please let me know if you are interested in this shift.

The hotline meeting was held last Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 4 pm at Round Table Pizza. We had several first time members and were able to fill numerous open shifts and positions that will become available soon. We thank everyone for their service to the hotline.

The next hotline meeting will be held Sunday, February 23, 2008 at 4:00 pm at Round Table Pizza, 6250 SE Foster Rd.

Yours in Service,  
David G.  
Vice Chair Hotline

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## **Public Relations – Steve G.**

Portland Area Public Relations Report  
1/31/2009

We did not have a meeting in December due to weather conditions. I was out of town during the holidays and due to some unexpected events in my family, I have decided move back to San Diego, CA. Therefore, I will resign from my position in March 2009. I regret not being able to fulfill my 2 year term as Chairperson for this sub-committee. We need help to find a suitable replacement ASAP. Several copies of a PR flyer have been made for distribution to spread the word.

The website is being kept up to date and has a new feature called the Interactive Calendar. Any NA member can add an event online and the webhost will get an email to approve it. Then she will post the event to the calendar immediately. This includes Groups, Area, and Regional events. We are waiting on the previous motion to implement a new spam filter for our trusted servants who get email from the website.

Some things that are not finished are the issue with the Solutions Motorcycle Club regarding flyers and/or announcements which conflict with our 12 traditions. I have talked with a SMC member about attending their business meeting and have not followed up on this item.

Another topic is the issue with some women from Letty Owens treatment facility that have children which are causing disturbances at Learning To Live meeting on Sunday morning at Providence hospital. The administrator was contacted and we are working on providing a panel meeting or newcomer workshop to help educate the addicts attending NA meetings.

Our expenses for this month were \$46.99 and we have a balance of \$78.01.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday February 22nd, 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.**

RCM Report to the PASC  
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Greetings to you all, I want to thank you for attending today's meeting. It was a bit empty here last month.

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This month I attended the regional assembly and RSC meeting in Eugene on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The GSR Assembly was not attended by many, or any, Portland GSR's. The Regional Delegate facilitated two workshops on the Issue Discussion Topics for the 2009- 2010 World Service Conference cycle. She explained what the process of issue discussion is and a bit of how it works. The issues for discussion this cycle are; Building Communication, Our Freedom Our Responsibility, and Leadership. The discussion papers may be downloaded on the NAWS website at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org).

There is also a Service Survey on the NAWS site. They are looking for input on what is working and not working in the service structure.

There is also a new Literature project called living Clean that is taking input. You may find information at the NAWS website. This is a 4 year project for a book length piece about ongoing recovery. All members are able to provide input.

On the second day we held the RSC meeting. After reports from officers, Subcommittees, and RCM's we got down to business. The most important two things we discussed are the 2009 RSC budget and a regional inventory. That will be very familiar. I am including a copy of the current regional budget and the proposed 2009 budget we will need to approve it at our March meeting.

Today I am presenting a motion to host the 2010 regional assembly and RSC either in January or February. There is a potential to make a profit to split with the RSC.

I will report further on the RSC meeting when the regional minutes are posted. They will be out before our March meeting.

I am hopeful that we will approve the revised By- Laws and Guidelines today.

You may reach me at [rcm@portlandna.com](mailto:rcm@portlandna.com) or [mtmcd@comcast.net](mailto:mtmcd@comcast.net) as well as by phone at 360-772-2692

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Michael

## **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.)*

### **Motion #42-08, Submitted By Steve G. Seconded by Melody from Freedom Fighters**

**Motion:** To purchase a premium spam filter service through Bluehost.com for our troubled email accounts. This is for members that request this service up to a maximum of 14 accounts. The maximum financial impact is \$1 per mailbox = \$14 per month = \$336 for 24 months.

**Purpose of Motion:** To reduce junk email & spam sent to the trusted servants from our website.

Vote:            15    In Favor        9    Against            5    Abstentions

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**Motion Failed.** It needed to passed by 2/3 majority to pass.

**Motion #43-08, Submitted By Outreach Subcommittee Seconded By Freedom Fighters**

**Motion:** To ratify the Outreach Subcommittee By-laws.

**Intent of Motion:** To be in accordance with the PASC By-laws.

(Please see attachment for copy of By-laws).

**Sent back to the groups for a vote.**

**Motion #44-08, Submitted by PASC BOD, Seconded by Vicki B., Towanda**

**Motion:** To ratify the proposed budget for 2009.

**Purpose of Motion:** To approve budget in accordance with the PASC By-laws.

Vote: 18 In Favor 0 Against 10 Abstentions

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion 45-08, Submitted By Jeff K., and Seconded By Vera K., Learning To Live**

**Motion:** To eliminate the positions of Parliamentarian and Alternate Parliamentarian and to remove all references to those positions from the By-laws of the PASC.

**Purpose of Motion:** These positions are unnecessary.

Vote: 22 In Favor 5 Against 1 Abstentions

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion 1-09, Submitted By RCM, and Seconded By Vera K., Learning To Live**

**Motion:** To approve the revised By-laws dated 12/21/2008.

**Intent of Motion:** To approve the By-laws as revised.

Vote: 20 In Favor 2 Against 1 Abstentions

**Motion Passed.**

Motion to close made and seconded at 5:20pm.