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Anchorage Area NA Newsletter October 20, 2012

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep Anchorage Area Narcotics Anonymous members informed of the events and happenings of our fellowship.

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ANCHORAGE AREA MEETING — OCTOBER 1, 2012

Secretary's Email: aascnasecretary@gmail.com

Anchorage Area Service Committee met in regular session on September 10. Seventeen of 22 groups were present. AASC welcomed back *Our Gratitude Speaks*, the Tuesday and Thursday morning 6:30 am.

Treasurer Report

The AASC bank balance reported at the October 1 meeting was \$2108.27, which is \$12 decrease from the September 10th bank balance.

Old Business:

- Election Results — the following members will assume duties in November:
 - Sean C, Chair
 - Cory C, Vice Chair
 - Secretary, Tami M
 - Alternate Secretary, Maike H,
 - Josh W, Treasurer
- Terry B withdrew her nomination for alternate treasurer.*
- The Activity Guideline Amendment passed

New Business (Action Items)

- Web servant Advisory Vote:** the committee decided to seek the advice of the groups on whether Web servant should be its own subcommittee or part of PI. See the next page for a discussion of this. Also see the Area minutes for draft alternative guidelines.
- Vote for Jeff W for PI Chair:** With ___ years, Jeff exceeds the 2-year PI Clean time requirement. Jeff also exceeds service requirements. Among many other Area service responsibilities Jeff has held, he has been AASC PI phone line coordinator for the last several years.

COME CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**28th Annual Alaska Regional
Convention of
Narcotics Anonymous**
October 26, 27, and 28
Millennium Hotel

Do not miss out on this recovery celebration!

The speaker and Narathon meetings and Hospitality are free!



Registration Options

- On line at AKNA.org/Convention
- Call Charlotte D 268-7730 (or any other Convention Committee member)
- At the door (will miss out on meals though)

Web servant Guideline News

Anchorage Area is seeking advice from the groups whether (1) the Web servant should be a standing subcommittee position, such as H&I, PI, or Activities, or (2) Web servant should be part of Public Information (PI) Subcommittee. Based upon the direction from the groups, the Web servant guideline amendment will be finalized and put out for final vote.

See the Area minutes to view both options of the Web servant guideline. For each version, the qualifications and duties of the Web servant are the same. Each requires two-years clean and an understanding of the Traditions and Concepts. Regarding duties, both versions have the web servant updating the Anchorage page on the Alaska Region website (AKNA.org)

The *Web servant-as-a-standing-subcommittee (WSC)* differs from *Web servant-as-part-of-PI (WPI)* in the following ways.

1. Organized within Anchorage Area Subcommittee:
 - WSC is a standing subcommittee member,
 - WPI is within a standing subcommittee namely PI.
2. How the position is filled:
 - WSC is voted in during the annual standing subcommittee election process, which includes the March nominations and April election.
 - WPI is filled by the PI subcommittee by group conscience, election, consensus, or appointment.

3. Reporting:

- WSC attends the monthly Area Service meeting. WSC submits a verbal and written report.
- WPI does not attend the Area Service meeting. WPI provides a report to the PI Chair who communicates information to the Area Service committee.

4. Coverage:

- WSC is responsible to find coverage when, for whatever reason, the WSC cannot perform duties of the web servant.
- PI subcommittee is responsible for coverage when, for whatever reason, the WPI cannot perform duties of the web servant.

Much of the debate regarding these two options centers on “accountability”. For some the Web servant is clearly more accountable as a standing subcommittee member. Each month the Web servant would come to the AASC meeting and the GSRs could directly interact with the Web servant and pose questions or direction. For others, the PI committee is a better fit to monitor Web servant performance than would the AASC as a whole, because none of the AASC members are tasked with Web servant oversight, while PI would pay closer attention since Web servant would be part of its committee.

In any case, discuss this at your home group and bring a vote. Either way should work, but it is a decision we need to make.

H&I News

H&I supports the following Institutional panels. Thanks to these panel leaders and the members who make this possible! H&I has over 40 oriented panel members at this time.

Contact any of the following panel leaders to get involved!

- Akeela House — Sasha
- Anchorage Jail East — Tony L.
- Cordova Ctr — Henry J
- Anchorage Jail West — Craig O
- Hiland Mountain — Susan S
- SARP– Need New Panel Leader
- Reflections — Judy
- Parkview — Jobear
- Clitheroe — Jack and Eric

H&I just picked up the Parkview and Clitheroe panels.

Jobear (Parkview) and Eric and Jack (Clitheroe), panel leaders, were elected at the September H&I meeting.

Debbie is at the negotiating stage of starting a new panel at McLaughlin Youth Center. This long term effort looks to finally yield some fruit.

There are some moves afoot to get into Providence and API. Sasha is doing some footwork.

H&I meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Wing & Things at 36th and Arctic — come on down and get your orientation.

Anchorage Jail Request for Help: H&I needs to bolster the pool of panelists helping to support Anchorage Jail East and West. Please contact Henry at 720-3468 for an Anchorage Jail Clearance Application.

Alaska Region Convention of Narcotics Anonymous October 26-28 2012

October 25@6 - FREE Kick Off Party Alano Club - 2 Speakers Onsite Registration

***Purchase on site CD's for all workshops/main speakers * \$7 per CD**

Time Slot	Event	Event II
October 26-Friday Agenda		
3:00pm-7:30pm	Merchandise	Registration
NEXT 48 Hours	Hospitality Rooms	Narathon Meeting
6:00pm-7:30pm	Friday Mexican Buffet	
7:30pm-8:45pm	Speaker George J from PA	
9:00pm-10:00pm	Merchandise	Registration
9:00pm-10:30pm	Comedy Show	
October 27-Saturday Agenda		
8am-9am	Yoga	
9am-12pm	Merchandise	Registration
9am-10am	Parenting in Recovery	Forgiveness
10:15am-11:15am	Sponsorship	Popularity vs. Recovery
11:30am-12:30pm	Accountability	Nothing Changes? Clean Date Will!
12:45pm-2:15pm	Lunch Break	Regional Committee Meeting
2:30pm-6:00pm	Merchandise	Registration
2:30pm-3:30pm	Women's Meeting: Marty M from PA	Men's Meeting: Ben L from OH
3:45pm-4:45pm	Relationships	Importance of Step Work
5pm to 6pm	NA World Services	
6:00pm-7:30pm	Saturday Banquet Dinner	
7:30pm-8:45pm	Speaker Bob Mc from PA	
8:45pm-9:00pm	Clean Time Count Down	
9:15pm-10:15pm	Live Auction	
10:30pm-12:30am	Live Band/Dance	
October 28-Sunday Agenda		
7:30 am-8:15am	Guided Meditation	
9:00am-10:00am	Merchandise	Registration
9:00am-10:00am	Breakfast	
10:00am-11:30am	Speaker Cynthia W from NC	
	Closing	



MARK YOUR CALENDER — EVENTS



Thursday Night Convention Kickoff

- Italian Dinner (Free)
 - Starts at 5:30.
- Double Speaker Meeting.

Come on out and meet and welcome the Convention Speakers! Let us kick it off!



NA OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Thanks for showing us that it works!

- Arvid 25 yrs -- 10/4/87
- Toby 13 yrs -- 10/9/99
- Sasha 5 yrs -- 10/11/07
- Jeff B 15 yrs
- Mark H 10 yrs — 10/10/10
- Tandy 1 yr—10/16/11
- Ash 2 yr—10/20/10
- Josh S 18 mo 10/16



Another Day

*Writing and sharing the love, God is putting
In my heart, Provides a special feeling,
We will never fall apart.
It overcomes those present thoughts,
That things are not always right,
To have these feelings, during the day
Just carry into night.
When I am mixed with feelings,
God's spirit shows the way,
Before I have really known it,
Here comes another day.*

By Beaver (Emelio)

Want to post a Clean Time Birthday — email Anchoragenanewsletter@yahoo.com or contact Mandy — 764-0569. Never Alone posts 1-year or more.

We Have Arrived

(Sun 5:30 pm, Women's Mtg)
Is hosting an Out-of-state speaker meeting on October 28th.



Trunk or Treat

October 31— Alano Club

6:30 PM—8 PM

For more info—call Melissa 744-5286

Thanksgiving & Christmas Narathon's

A safe and fun place for addicts to go during the holidays.

More To Be Revealed!

October 27th

**Convention Dance is a
Costume Party
Win a trophy for
Best Costume!**

