

**Marietta Area Service Committee of NA
Meeting Minutes
August 26th, 2018**

Next Meeting September 30th, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Ridgeview Conference Center

P.R. Subcommittee meeting is held @ 1:00 PM

WSR Subcommittee meeting is held @ 1:00 PM

H & I subcommittee meeting is held @ 12:00 PM

Quorum calculated to be 14 groups - Quorum met @ 2:11 PM

The Purpose of the Area was read by Big John

The 12 Traditions were read by Tim T

The 12 Concepts were read by Chris E

Motion to accept July minutes: Chuck M

Motion Seconded: Chris E

Previous month's minutes were moved to acclimation: Big John

<u>Group</u>	<u>GSR</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Addicts in the Attic	Eugene	Present	
AMNA	Erin	Present	
Another Chance	Chuck	Present	
Architects of Adversity	Lyz	Present	
Back to the Basics	Jerry	Present	
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Tim	Present	
Easy Does It	Scott	Present	
End of the Road	Chris	Present	
Just for Sunday	Danielle	Present	
The Lie is Dead	Big John	Present	
Living the Program	Amanda	Present	
Mimosa	Bailey	Present	
NA at Noon	Reg	Present	
A New Way of Life	Sid	Present	
On the Right Track	Jocho	Present	
Rose Group	Brian	XX	Will be removed
Serenity on the Square	Erin	Present	
Sky's the Limit	John	Present	
Spiritual Awakenings	Rachel	Present	
Surrender on Sunday	Joe	Present	
Warriors in Recovery	Brian	Present	
We Group	Susan	Present	
We Recover Together	Christian	Present	
Whitlock Group	John	Present	
YANA	James	Present	

**Came in Late, does not count towards total. **First meeting back, does not count towards quorum.*

Homegroups Removed:

- Rose Group
- One is Too Many

Homegroups Added:

- The following groups will be counted towards Quorum with one more consecutive meeting:
 - None

MASC Admin & Subcommittee Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance	Report
Chair	Jody	Present	N/A
Vice Chair	Katey	Present	N/A
Treasurer	Vacant	N/A	Attached
Alt. Treasurer	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Secretary	Susan	Present	N/A
Alt. Secretary	Chris	Present	N/A
RCM	Jonathan	Present	Attached
RCMA	Stephen	Present	N/A
Policy Parliamentarian	Tony	Absent with Notice	N/A
Lit Distribution	Mary	Present	Written
Alt. Lit Distribution	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Activities Chair	Clint	Present	Written
H&I Chair	Geoff	Present	Written
PR Chair	Billie	Present	Written
WSR	Nicole	Present	Written
24hr Room Chair	Joe	Present	Written

- Open Forum: 2:15pm - 2:42pm

Jocho: An NA member came to my Home Group and mentioned that our Saturday meeting was labeled as “Cancelled” on the website. Is there any way somebody can check that?

Scott L: If that’s true, we can fix it.

Chris E: This is to do with Motion 7-3, which was adopting the Metro Atlanta meeting list, which I spoke on, but now it’s been back to groups so I can say what my group wanted to say. These are things that were brought up, suggestions, maybes, and I didn’t get with Amanda before Area and ask her to withdraw it. They wanted to know could it be done as Lit, where the groups can purchase it and pay for it that way? There were questions about the funding in general, what exactly would it cost? They also had questions as to who is putting that together, and I missed the ball on that, would it be Region, Area, the Metro Panel? I was unclear on that, so I couldn’t give them information. The other thing is that they don’t want to replace the printed Marietta Area schedule. They didn’t want it to be in lieu of. Other than that, they were all in favor of having it, or was there some other creative way of funding it?

Tim T: My Home Group discussed similar things pertaining to not getting rid of our Area, and just adding on and making a packet on top of our Area. We are personally responsible for our Area in the first place, our PR and website are, so where they get their information for our Metro, they get it from the website anyway. So, we have somebody that updates it on a regular basis, so we don't see why we need to get rid of ours, which has been around for a long time, and just use the one. So, we are questioning that, and maybe if so, we can either change it or remove it and change the wording and then just add it on to PR's budget, but from what I understand we still don't even have a quote of any sort, yet. Anybody have any more information on the quote?

Amanda S: The information that was discussed with PR several months ago is what we are paying out for schedules, and then anywhere between 44 to 68 dollars for the legal size of Metro Schedules, and we are paying 23 dollars now for 500 legal copies.

Rachel T: Spiritual Awakenings had the same sentiment, we thought that we were in favor of the Atlanta Metro schedule being implemented, but not instead of the Marietta Area one. We are interested in having both.

Jody T: Since there seems to be a lot of concerns about this, it has gone back to groups and will be voted on, so if it gets voted down, we can discuss a lot of the points that were brought here today and try to come up with a different solution.

Jonathan B: To address your question on how does the schedule get generated, the whole Southeast Zonal Forum has a single server that they log in to to update their meeting information, so every area in Georgia, including ours, we log in to this thing and delete closed meetings, add new meetings, change times, and it propagates to all the websites. There is also an information you click to get a PDF with all the most up to date information.

Chuck M: On the other topic that went to groups about changing the term limit, I wasn't sure when it needed to be brought up, but I wanted to add an amendment to it that, our Home Group didn't think it was right for someone to already be in a service position and then be told that there was another year added to their service position. So, what we did is to make a motion that we will vote yes as long as it takes effect after the current term limits are over. But to tell someone in the middle of their term, "Hey, you have another year added," seems kind of wrong.

Clint G: So, what you're saying in, we would be voting to have that instated in a year?

Chuck M: Whenever the current term limit is up, yes.

Jan L: Is that even necessary? When you look at it, when I run for a position, I agree to the requirements that are in effect at that point, which does not bind me to any future changes that get made to that requirement. Last year, if you guys had decided that Lit would have to accept change and get change from the bank, I would have said no, because that's not what I agreed to. So, I don't know if that's even necessary.

Jocho: Since my Home Group was the maker of this motion to extend the RCM position and RCMA, it seems like, to me, since that motion already went to groups and that motion is on the table, we would need to make that vote now. If we choose to make a motion to either get the current RCM the option to accept those new terms or give him the option to rescind his position, but the vote on the table already went to groups. In my mind, that motion is supposed to be voted on, and then if you want to give the current RCM an option to opt-out, we can do that too.

Lyz F: I understand the motion is to extend the terms, but was it specified for this term of service? Is there a specification? If it wasn't specified, you can't just dope-fiend somebody in to what was just shared, you can't say, "By the way, you have to serve another term or you have to rescind." There has to be some stipulation on when the term will be extended as an Area that we can take back to groups. Technically, if the motion is stating that we are just going to extend it, well when? The current term that has already been voted on, or for next year?

Jody T: The motion states, "To extend the RCM/RCMA positions to 2-year terms each. This is a policy change."

Lyz F: But that does not specify. So we just took information back to our groups, and it could be in 2 or 3 years and people wouldn't have any idea what we are talking about.

Bailey: To go off what Lyz said, I think it's absolutely correct. We can't just be like, "Hey, policy is changing." As an Area we have to extend it to the people doing it, Jonathan and Stephen, and the problem easiest solve is to say, "Do you want to accept this motion, do you in this position want to commit to what is being said," and then if not, it's a simple matter of just letting them honor their commitment, and then we have a vote next year. But this is the new policy that is in place. Like Lyz said, we don't dope fiend them in to it. If they don't want to do it, nobody is going to think any less of you, but if you do want to do it, then you say, "Hey, I got this," and then there's no further reason to discuss it and the policy goes into effect, and then anyone else that runs for the position does so under the new policy.

Scott L: We already did that last month.

Jody T: He wasn't here last month.

Chuck M: First of all, I don't think it's right to put someone on the spot in the middle of an ASC meeting and say, "Are you willing to accept this?" I think it's wrong to put somebody in the position like that. And the other thing, we can vote on this today, somebody from policy correct me, but I'm pretty sure that we can make an amendment, it doesn't have to go back to groups. We can vote on this today and have this completed and finished, if we have the amendment in there.

Susan O: I have policy up right now. Another Chance has prepared a friendly amendment that would take the current motion and add language that says to take effect at the end of the term. According to policy, that can happen when the motion is on the floor to be voted on, if the maker of the motion agrees to it, and the seconder of the motion agrees to it. So, if the maker of the motion is not agreeable to the friendly amendment, then it would get voted on as it stands and that can be voted on based on groups' feeling of the existing language.

John K: Since the motion is just to extend these terms, and we don't have a specified time period, we can just vote on the motion as-is, and then decide after we make the vote when we want to extend it.

Bailey: But if we vote on it as-is, it cannot apply to people retroactively. That's up to them if they choose to accept that service commitment.

Jonathan B: I'm OK either way. I will serve a two-year commitment, I think all RCM commitments ought to be two years. Whether it's retroactive, I don't care. It's fine.

Jody T: Stephen, what's your opinion?

Stephen R: Same. I am totally fine with this. I said it last Area when I was asked, I'm fine with the same thing, and I'm willing to do it.

Jonathan B: I'm about to make it more complicated. If it's going to a two-year commitment, it probably needs to be aligned with the CAR cycle, so that a single RCM goes from WSC to WSC, so that person then is in a position and is plugged-in to the larger fellowship, so that when the CAR comes around, they can facilitate CAR workshops.

Jody T: (Requests clarification for when that would start)

Jonathan B: The conference was in February/March, that's the end of the CAR cycle. So, an RCM should be elected that same year, that's how most other Areas do it. So, it would be two years from now. So, if we make it take effect next year, then we would be a year off. If we make it retroactive, then we are aligned.

Bailey: So, if for whatever reason, assuming that you aren't the replacement, Stephen, does that give us time to get the next person trained up, so that when we go in to CAR, we are set up for success.

Jonathan B: It would give someone a year/year-and-a-half before the CAR starts. If it's retroactive, then we are aligned with the CAR cycle. If it's not and it starts next year, then we are one year off.

Jody T: Does everyone understand that?

Chuck M: Somebody please let me know if I need to remove my motion to make it align.

Lyz F: It needs to be worded differently, anyway to clarify.

Jody T: There needs to be clarification (amendment) to the motion as-is. We can vote on it on the floor, and we can amend it if the motion-maker and the seconder accept it. If not, then we can have a motion to reconsider, or somebody can just make a motion afterwards. Chuck - You do need to change it, because the current wording causes it to be a year-off.

Chuck M: Jocho - Would you be OK with the amendment? If not, there's no point in us bringing it up.

Jocho: I'm trying to follow. So, what am I to be OK with or not?

Jody T: The amendment that will be brought up here, it will agree with what the motion states, so it would be after Stephen's term is up (in 2020), so everyone incoming will serve two year commitment and it will be aligned with the CAR cycle.

Jocho: So, it can start it now, so it would be retroactive, so CAR would be at the end of y'all's term? Or we can start it in two years, correct?

Jody T: This is my Home Group's conscience, so doing it this way (2020) aligns with my Home Group's conscience, and with the CAR cycle.

Bailey: As long as the people that are in position now, they make an uncoerced decision to do this, and do this retroactively, then I think that's the best way to do it.

Jody T: My Home Group came with an amendment, so that is going to be brought up, and we're just figuring out if the amendment will be accepted or not.

Lyz F: And if it is, we need to take it back to our groups?

Jody T: You can vote on the amended motion on the floor.

Tim T: As long as it's a friendly amendment, it can be done here. Question - so basically, all we have to do is see if Jocho and his home group and the maker will do an amendment what we've all been talking about, and then you don't have to do a motion.

Jody T: My home group came with an amendment already, so we are just making sure if Jocho would accept the amendment. Another Chance came with this amendment already, he's just making sure his verbiage is correct, and wondering if Jocho accepts the amendment.

Tim T: If he doesn't agree to it for his home group, your motion doesn't mean anything.

Jody T: That's why we are trying to figure out if he agrees with it. Jocho - Do you have more questions?

Danielle S: Why is this happening in Open Forum? Shouldn't this be happening when we vote for the motion?

Jody T: The discussion is going to happen either way.

Jocho: What y'all are asking of me, I haven't been authorized one way or the other, but I was under the impression that, when I was told to do this, it would be as soon as possible. So, if I have to go one way or the other, and these two fine gentlemen are willing to do two years from when they started, that's the way I would go.

Jody T: The amendment is not accepted. This would still be aligned with the conference cycle?

Jonathan B: If it's retroactive.

Tim T: Will he a friendly amendment on the one he has already written up that would make it retroactive, so it's in our policy?

Jody T: So, that would have to be written that way.

Jonathan B: (To Jocho) Was the intent of your motion to have it start this year, so would you entertain an amendment to make that more clear?

Jocho: Yes.

Jody T: So, he is willing to accept a retroactive amendment, so if one of the GSR's is willing to write that and second that, we can do that and it would be helpful to do now, so it will be ready when it is time to vote. Thank you for the discussion everyone. We are going to move on and this amendment will be addressed when we vote during Old Business. Do we have a completely different topic to discuss in Open Forum?

Susan O: Question for PR - are we able to go back to posting the Area minutes on the Area website, so that GSRs can access them that, for whatever reason, didn't get the email?

Scott L: We are going to start doing that this month. And if I can get a current copy of the policy, I can put that up there too.

Susan O: If you need us to send you old minutes, let us know and we can send.

Chris B: All the one from 2017 are up, so add all the ones from 2018 as well. And policy needs to be updated.

Susan O: There are trusted servant email addresses that I don't think everyone has access to. How do we go about getting people their accounts?

Jonathan B: Our MariettaNA.org address is hosted by Region, so I can take care of all of it at Region in a few weeks and get everyone their usernames and passwords. Somebody in our PR subcommittee should have all that information, I just think we lost it.

- Subcommittee Reports: 2:42pm - 3:22pm
 - Treasurer's Report - Katey (Vice-Chair):
 - Report attached
 - Literature Report - Mary: marietta.literature@gmail.com
 - Took in \$1280.85
 - Spent/Ordered \$1267.93
 - RCM Report - Jonathan:
 - Report attached

- **Activities Report - Clint:**
 - Tubing went well. 13 in attendance, 4 newcomers were covered, so Activities will be returning \$60 to ASC.
 - Bowling will be September 8th at 9:00 p.m. at Stars and Strikes (2400 Hiram Acworth Hwy, Dallas, GA 30157).
 - Activities is asking for \$120 in newcomer funds.
 - Also for the yearly campout, the following is needed:
 - \$100 for site
 - \$200 for groceries
 - \$300 for t-shirts
 - Activities requesting a total of \$720
 - Next meeting will be September 5th @ Starbucks in Vinings (2495 Cumberland Pkwy SE, Atlanta, GA 30339)
 - Please spread the word about the campout, will be taking place October 5th-7th at Red Top Mountain (50 Lodge Rd. Cartersville, GA 30121)
 - Point of information: Activities has returned \$5 to Lit for group readings

- **H&I Report - Geoff:**
 - H&I meets every Sunday before Area at 12 P.M. in the Day Hospital.
 - We had 4 in attendance today and 1 new orientation.
 - Budget
 - We spent \$190.35 on literature this month, and received a \$50 donation from Just For Sunday for literature for jails, meaning we spent \$140.35 this month out of the budget.
 - Year to date, we've spent \$1170.29 out of a yearly budget of \$2755, leaving \$1584.71 for 2018.
 - Meetings are going well, but we need some support, especially from women and for the jail meeting.
 - Attached is a flyer of all H&I meetings. Please let your Home Group know.
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- **PR Report - Billie:** PR@mariettana.org
 - We are working on scheduling a meeting with the Superior Court Judge for Paulding County, Judge Bucci, who is in charge of Paulding County Drug Court in order to do a presentation. We have had requests from Home Groups in that area to be involved as they have had police officers in their parking lots.

- We are asking that the GSR's please have their groups fill out the PR questionnaire concerning Flyer Drive. I will have the PR Secretary put it back in the minutes. Please bring questionnaire back to next Area.
 - 6 members in attendance
- **WSR Report - Nicole:**
 - August 26, 2018 - 4 Members in Attendance
 - Postal Facilitator Report:
 - Total Letters Received: 16
 - Total Workbooks Ordered: 8
 - August Expenses:
 - Supplies: \$1.49
 - Postage: \$20.00
 - Workbooks: \$29.50
 - Total August Expenses: \$50.99
 - Year to Date Expense Total: \$639.92 out of \$1380.00.
 - Budget Remaining through December 2018: \$740.08
 - Assistant Coordinating Secretary position is still vacant.
 - Discussed and reconciled our budget.
 - Last month, WSR discussed reaching out to the North Atlanta AREA to ask if their AREA could partner with our subcommittee by taking back to their groups a request for volunteers to be a step guide for the Marietta AREA WSR Subcommittee. A member of one of our AREA Home Groups attended our subcommittee meeting today and provided us with the name of the North Atlanta AREA PR point of contact and suggested we could reach out to this individual to begin this process.
 - We are still in need of support and need step guides willing to write to individuals unable to go to meetings.
 - For awareness only: Subcommittee received a letter from an inmate asking if we could correspond using the jail email system. This jail will not accept snail mail (only postcards). The subcommittee will need to obtain additional details about the email system and will continue to discuss whether this method of correspondence could be used/adopted.
 - Our WSR Subcommittee will schedule an hour meeting to modify and update our WSR policy October 28th 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

- **24 Hour Room Report - Joe:**
 - Discussed final preparations for our 3rd fundraiser, Recovery Jam, which will be held Saturday, September 15th at Covenant Presbyterian Church (2881 Canton Rd. Marietta, GA).
 - Advance ticket sales available
 - T-shirts for sale - \$20 for Small - X-Large, 2XL/3XL will be \$25
 - 12 members in attendance
 - Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 12th, the Wednesday before Recovery Jam.

- **Old Business:**
 - **MOTION 7-1** - To extend the RCM/RCMA positions to 2-year terms each. This is a policy change.
 - **Friendly Amendment:** Upon agreement from current Trusted Servants holding the RCM/RCMA positions, the policy change will be enacted retroactively, so that tenure in these positions will follow the CAR cycle. The election dates for the current RCM/RCMA will thus be considered the start date for those service positions.
 - Maker: Bailey, GSR Mimosa
 - Second: Lyz F, GSR Architects of Adversity
 - **22/0/0**
 - **MOTION 7-3** - Adopt Metro Atlanta meeting list
 - **4/12/6**

- **Elections:**
 - **MOTION** - Suspend the rules of the day
 - Maker: Bailey
 - Second: Chris E
 - Move to acclimation - Chuck M

 - **Elections:**
 - **Treasurer:** Dez J **Elected**
 - **Treasurer Alternate:** Zach G **Elected**

 - **MOTION** - Return to the rules of the day
 - Maker: Chuck M
 - Second: Lyz F
 - Move to acclimation - Chris E

- New Business:

- **MOTION 8-1** - To take Motion 7-2 off the table due to new information
 - Maker: Chuck M, GSR Another Chance
 - Second: Big John, GSR The Lie is Dead
 - 17/0/4
- **MOTION 7-2** - Instruct the PR Committee to move to regionally hosted phone line
 - Maker: Amanda - GSR Living the Program
 - Second: Reggie - GSR NA at Noon
 - Intent: More effectively manage NA funds and more effectively carry the message
 - **Pros:**
 - **Chris E:** Saves us money
 - **Joe B:** It would be more accessible to more people
 - **Cons:**
 - **Christian:** I talked to Jay at Region about this specific topic, and one thing he said was that he mentioned a lot about the inverted pyramid, and us giving power to Region. He was from Region and I asked him his personal opinion on this, and he said the more power you give to Region, the less power you have at the Area. The con is that we are giving up our power or responsibility, and relying on Region instead of our own Area.
 - **Susan F:** Point of information - Remember that we have elected those people at Region, and we trust them. So, I'd like to take the word power out of it, keeping in mind that whatever happens at Region and World, we have put these people in that position with trust. I'm not scolding anyone for their information.
 - **Christian:** He also did say that if they failed to pay their bill, then the entire thing is out, and they have a wiring thing they are working on to transfer funds wirelessly, and that may not happen, but if that does happen, then everyone who is on it is out.

- Trusted Servants Nominations:

- No Nominations

- **Group Announcements and Celebrations:**

- **Another Chance** - Robin G. - 4 years on 9/4, Susan O - 4 years and Karen H - 23 years on 9/18, Courtney M - 7 years on 9/29
- **Architects of Adversity** - Rodney W. - 6 yrs on 9/25
- **Back to the Basics** - Effective 08/30/18 homegroup location is moving to: Trinity United Methodist Church (814 West Ave. Cartersville, GA 30120)
- **Easy Does It** - Just a reminder that we have a Basic Text Book Study on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We can use some support.
- **End of the Road** - Starting in September all celebrants of End of the Road will celebrate anniversaries together for each month on the last Friday of the month due to some months being made up almost entirely of celebrations; Chris K. - 13 yrs and Carrie A. - 19 yrs on 9/28, End of the Road homegroup - 13th Anniversary Celebration on 9/14
- **The Lie is Dead** - As always, we could use some support!; Robin Z. - 15 yrs on 9/8, Tony - 1 yr on 9/8
- **Mimosa** - Lee H. - 21 yrs on 9/30
- **NA @ Noon** - NA @ Noon is bringing back its annual August picnic in 2019, stay tuned for further information; Dennis - 10 yrs on 9/20
- **Serenity on the Square** - Brian L. - 3 yrs on 9/5, Byron H. - 8 yrs on 9/12, Erin C. - 15 yrs on 10/17, Kathy C. - 28 yrs on 10/17, Tracy H. - 10 yrs on 10/24
- **Sky's The Limit** - John K. - 2 yrs on 10/12
- **Spiritual Awakenings** - Curt H. - 29 yrs on 9/24
- **Warriors in Recovery** - Needs support please
- **We Recover Together** - Michelle J. - 1 yr on 9/22, Richard L. - 24 yrs on 9/8
- **You Are Never Alone YANA Group** - Rebecca - 1 yr on 8/27, Patrick - 1 yr on 9/21, James B. - 25 yrs on 9/24, David - 6 yrs on 9/28

Motion to Close: Tim T

Seconded by: Bailey

Closed at 3:57pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Sunday, September 30th, 2018 at 2:00PM

BACK TO GROUPS

Items to be voted on in the September ASC Meeting:

- **MOTION 7-2**

- *Instruct the PR Committee to move to regionally hosted phone line*
 - *Pros & Cons on Page 12 of Minutes*
 - *See Phone Line FAQ attached to Minutes for more info*

- **PR Subcommittee**

- **Flyer Drive Questionnaire**
 - *Please read and reply by September Area*

Available Area Trusted Servant Positions:

- **No Nominations for Following Positions:**

- **Literature Distribution Alternate**
- Refer to MASCNA Policy for cleantime/service requirements and duties for each position. Policy can be found at MariettaNA.org