# NORTHWEST AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS POLICY

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#### I. <u>General Meeting Structure</u>

- A. "Northwest Area of Narcotics Anonymous" was chosen to be the name of our new Area (08/08/90 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC). Intent: None Given
- B. The Northwest Area follow the "Guide to Local Services", except when Area policy supersedes it (01/04/06 187<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: To have written clear policy for our Area.
- C. Read 12 concepts at the beginning of ASC meeting (01/07/98 91<sup>st</sup> ASC). Intent: To focus on the spirituality of the service structure.
- D. To adopt the Freestate Region as our Area's region. (11/28/90: EM ASC) Intent: to establish a higher service structure.
- *E.* Read NA 12 Traditions at the beginning of the ASC meeting (10/05/16 316<sup>th</sup> ASC) *Intent: To remind us of the non-negotiable ties that bind us together.*

### II. <u>Meeting Time/Day</u>

- A. The Northwest ASC will meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. (01/13/93 31st ASC). *Intent: To establish consistency and availability for the ASC.*
- B. The ASC will meet from 7:30 9:30 p.m. There will be a 15 min grace period at both the beginning and end of the meeting, to be utilized at the Chair's discretion (02/07/07 200<sup>th</sup> ASC).

*Íntent: To allow some flexibility when it better serves the Area (i.e.: establishing quorum or finishing an urgent discussion.)* 

- C. The ASC facility door be opened by 7 p.m. by at least one executive committee member (09/07/05 183<sup>rd</sup> ASC). Intent: To make sure doors are opened for all members to prepare for ASC.
- D. The NWA will follow the Baltimore & Carroll County School system. If either Baltimore or Carroll should close early or be closed the day of our meeting, we will postpone until the following Wednesday. If either school system is closed or closing early on the following Wednesday, then NWA will be canceled for that month. (01/02/08 211th ASC) Intent: To establish an inclement weather policy.
- E. Every month when Area falls on any holiday it automatically gets pushed to the next week.  $(04/12/23 395^{\text{th}} \text{ ASC})$

Intent: To make it so more people can show up to area service.

#### III. Voting

TYPE OF VOTE	POLICY	DETAILS
All motions	Require a majority vote to pass (more pros than cons or abstentions)	See A
Policy	2/3 majority	See C
Positions	Must be voted on (no acclimation)	See B
Quorum	Only needs to be met at start of meeting	See D and F

A. That all motions at Area service require a majority vote of the eligible GSRs present to pass and if a majority of eligible GSRs present abstain, the motion is tabled or if it is a vote on a regional motion, that the area abstain from that regional vote (09/7/94 51<sup>st</sup> ASC). Intent: To have votes reflect a true majority of Area's groups and prevent passage of

motions that a majority of groups do not endorse.

 B. Vote in all vacant positions (rather than just accepting the person's willingness to serve). (08/05/98 98<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: None given

- C. That all motions that affect policy require a 2/3 majority to pass (09/07/05 183<sup>rd</sup> ASC). Intent: To more closely follow guidelines as laid out in the "Guide to Local Services" and to ensure policy represents the broad majority of our Area.
- D. If any home group is unrepresented at Area Service for 2 consecutive months, that group will no longer be able to vote or be counted as part of quorum. Home groups that lose this privilege must be present for 2 consecutive Area Services to restore their voting/quorum rights. All voting/quorum rights will be restored at the 2nd consecutive Area service attendance. This excludes new groups, who may vote the first time they are present at Area Service and are subject to this motion after that. (01/04/06 187<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To carry out business effectively by allowing for a quorum that accurately represents home groups who are willing to participate in Area Service, and to uphold the privilege and commitment involved with participating in the business of the Area.

E. Regular elections for all Area positions will take place at the August ASC. Any position vacated in the middle of their term will be filled as soon as possible, but the term will still be completed at the regularly scheduled time and considered vacant at the next regularly scheduled election. Those who began their commitment mid-term and wish to remain in their position will still have to be re-elected when the term is complete, regardless of the actual length of time served (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To make it easy to track commitment start/finish dates; to coincide with Regional elections, allowing trusted servants to be available to rotate between Area and Regional positions as desired; and to keep the flow of elections consistent and manageable.

F. Quorum shall be 51% (9/11/91 15<sup>th</sup> ASC)

#### IV. <u>Monetary Concerns</u>

#### Prudent Reserve

The Area prudent reserve is \$1,350, (a 3-month allocation for vital expenses) and consists of the following: ACS rent (\$75); subcommittee rent – PI, H&I, Special Events, and Lit. (\$180); PI (\$150); Literature (\$300); H&I (\$375); Bank fee (\$9) PO Box (\$70); Hotline (\$51); supplies for Secretary (\$30); checks for Area (\$60); and trusted servant reimbursement (\$135). (03/07/07 210st ASC)

Intent: To clearly outline Area prudent reserve, and to include only and every expense necessary to function as an Area in the event that we experience financial hardship. The Area prudent reserve is \$1,388.95, (a 3-month allocation for vital expenses) and consists of the following: ACS rent (\$75); subcommittee rent i.e.; PR, H&I, Special Events and Literature (\$120). PR literature (\$150), Literature (\$300), H&I literature (\$375). P.O. Box . Supplies for secretary (\$30). Checks for Area (as needed) (\$60). Trusted servant reimbursement (\$135) 11/3/2021 376<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To have the policy up to date with the treasurer's financials

- B. That no expenses be paid out that would put the Area below its prudent reserve unless the expense is specifically listed as a prudent reserve expense (11/05/03 161<sup>st</sup> ASC). Intent: To safeguard the Area financially in times of hardship.
- C. Web presents budget: The Area will fund the cost of the Domain Name and the Web Hosting on an annual basis or a maximum of \$150 for annual Wix payment and \$50 for multiple years of Domain renewal. (8/3/22 387<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To maintain our presence on the internet to provide information for all addicts about NA in the Northwest Area.

D. The prudent reserve expenses consist of a 3-month reserve to pay for rent, postage and copies, hotline commitment, new checks, and P.O. Box. (10/01/03 160<sup>th</sup> ASC) Intent: To clarify exactly what expenses will be covered in the prudent reserve.

Current Prudent Reserve Expenses	Per Month	3 Months	Reserve Amount
Area Rent + cleaning fee	50.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Subcommittee Rent	40.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Trusted Servant Reimbursement	20.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Area Lit. (for newly printed lit.)	100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
PI Literature	50.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
H&I Literature	100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Secretary Supplies	10.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	Annual	1 Year	Reserve Amount
Bank Checks - As Needed	Annual	\$54.00	\$54.00
PO Box - June	Annual	\$156.00	\$156.00
General Liability Insurance - Oct	Annual	\$470.00	\$470.00
Website hosting - Nov	Annual	\$192.00	\$192.00
Website address - Nov	Annual	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Prudent Reserve			2,232.00

- A. To donate \$25/mo to Mt. Zion church for ASC meeting (09/02/09 231<sup>st</sup> ASC). Intent: To remain fully self-supporting.
- B. To increase Area/Subcommittee rent \$25 per church request to cover cleaning. Rent will go up from \$65 to \$90 (3/2/2022 382<sup>nd</sup> ASC).

Intent: To comply with request from the church where we meet.

C. We will make monthly donations to the Free State Region. Donations will be whatever amount is left after all the current month's expenses have been subtracted from the treasury balance and taking into account the prudent reserve (04/04/07 202<sup>nd</sup> ASC). *Intent: To pass Area donations further down the service structure.* 

To make a bi-monthly donation of \$34 to the Regional Hotline (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC). — Intent: To support the Hotline (this specific amount based on Regional request). Struck from policy (11/3/2021 376<sup>th</sup> ASC)

D. That the Area purchase postage stamps for secretary to use and keep a reserve of 10 stamps and envelopes (10/05/05 184<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: To alleviate financial burden from the Secretary.

#### **Financial Audit**

A. Area executive body shall meet every February to complete an audit of Northwest Area's finances and produce a yearly summary of the previous year's transactions. (3/4/2020 357<sup>th</sup> ASC) Intent: To reconcile the books to bank statements and ensure all funds and findings are accounted for.

A. Area executive body, including both the outgoing and incoming trusted servants for those positions, shall meet between August and September to complete an audit of Northwest Area's

finances and produce a yearly summary of the previous year's transactions. (10/5/22 389<sup>th</sup> ASC) Intent: To reconcile the books to bank statements and ensure all funds and finding are accounted for, to perform the audit during the month that outgoing and incoming trusted servants overlap to the audit benefits from prior experience and those new to their positions can learn how to do an audit, and to complete the audit outside of "tax season" in case a financial professional is needed.

#### **Trusted Servant Reimbursement**

- A. To reimburse trusted servants for all expenses incurred based on position requirements. Included copies, tolls, and mileage (mileage x current US postage stamp rate). (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: So trusted servants do not incur out-of-pocket expenses.
- B. All requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the Treasurer AT THE START of Area Service with the appropriate receipts and payee's full name. Checks will be distributed by the end of each night when the Treasurer has finished updating that ASC's financial records (06/06/07 204th ASC).

Intent: To allow for efficient flow of business at Area Service.

#### **Checking Account**

The Area's bank is PNC Bank (09/03/03 159<sup>th</sup> ASC). — Intent: Bank changed name. Needs to be corrected in policy.

To change Area bank account from PNC to Truist (10/06/21 375<sup>th</sup> ASC). — Intent: To make bank closer for Area night deposit.

- *A.* To use PNC Bank as the NWArea checking account bank. (3/2/2022 382<sup>nd</sup> ASC) Intent: To reverse motion that directed NW Area to change our bank to BBT/Truist. Treasurer was told by Truist we are unable to open an account there.
- B. The Area maintains a 2-signature checking account. Signers on the account are those who currently hold the following positions: Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Chair, and Vice Chair. Outgoing and/or ascending trusted servants are responsible for coordinating the addition of the incoming trusted servants' signatures to the Area checking account. Outgoing people will

be removed immediately, and incoming names will be added prior to the ASC following election (05/02/07 203<sup>rd</sup> ASC).

Intent: To maintain accountability and accuracy of the manner in which the Area treasury is handled.

C. There must be two signers on any subcommittee bank account. If a subcommittee is unable to provide both signers, any vacancies will be filled as needed by the Area Chair, Treasurer, and or Vice Treasurer. (11/07/07 209<sup>th</sup> ASC) Intent: None given

#### **Insurance**

- A. The Northwest Area has Commercial Liability Coverage with Selective Insurance Company of the Southeast through Wilson Oliver Agency, Inc.
- *B.* If a home group or Special Event needs coverage, they will need to notify the Executive Committee at Area Service. An Executive member will call the agent and have the meeting/event and location added to the policy. A copy will be provided to the person as requested. (2/05/2020 356<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To provide clarity and direction to our groups in our Area.

#### V. <u>Position Requirements</u>

#### **Trusted Servants**

A. If any trusted servant in any Area position misses two consecutive ASC meetings, they will be automatically removed from their position, unless they communicate the reason for their absence to the ASC and the body accepts it. In that event, the position would have to be filled by means of a middle-of term election (even if the same person wants to be reinstated). (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To hold people accountable and responsible for the commitment they agree to uphold, and to allow a position to remain filled by a person who is able to carry out the required duties.

B. Clean time requirements and length of commitment (03/04/98 93<sup>rd</sup> ASC) (08/02/06 194<sup>th</sup> ASC) (10/03/07 208<sup>th</sup> ASC) (10/06/21 375<sup>th</sup> ASC) (03/01/23 394 ASC)

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3 yrs clean	1 yr + 1 month commitment
2 yrs clean	1  yr + 1  month commitment
3 yrs clean	1  yr + 1  month commitment
2 yrs clean	1  yr + 1  month commitment
6 mos clean	1  yr + 1  month commitment
2 yrs clean	1  yr + 1  month commitment
2 yrs clean	1  yr + 1  month commitment
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C. Executive body members can have 3 excused absences before losing their position. (1/5/2021 380<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To hold executive body accountable.

D. All executive body position terms are 1 year and 1 month, so that the outgoing trusted servant will attend the ASC after elections to assist the incoming servant during Area Service and provide mentorship and guidance for the position. (10/5/22 389<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To ensure a smooth transition between the previous and incoming trusted servants, to assist the incoming trusted servant during Area Service and provide mentorship and guidance, and to ensure that service experience is passed on to others in the Northwest Area.

- E. Area Chair to follow the ASC prologue order of business (see Addendum A) to facilitate the meeting. (02/1/23 393th ASC)
  Intent: To create a structured script for the chair/vice chair to follow to keep continuity.
- F. The Area Chair is responsible for keeping an updated master list of all accounts (online bank and email, etc) and their login/signer/etc. info plus renewal dates and cost. (02/1/23 393<sup>rd</sup> ASC)

Intent: To ensure that there is an up-to-date record of all ASC account information that creates a system of checks and balances. This way, no ASC information is held by any single person: if a position is vacated or trusted servant is unable to fulfill their role for any reason, the information is accessible to the Executive Body.

- G. The Area Chair will verify a week after ASC on the online account that the ASC deposit has been made, and if the deposit had not been made, will follow up with the Treasure and/or Vice Treasurer who was responsible to make the deposit. All should be documented, if there's an issue, immediately contact the Vice Chair or other executive committee members. (02/01/23 393<sup>rd</sup> ASC) Intent: To add a system of checks and balances for timely ASC deposits
- H. The Area to create a new position at ASC called Slip signer. Clean time requirement 30 days. Slips can be picked up at the close of meeting. (03/01/2023 394<sup>th</sup> ASC) Intent: To ensure newcomers to participate in Area Service as a service member or attendance.

## Subcommittees and RCM

- That Area subcommittees and RCM be required to bring copies of their reports for the GSRs to receive at Area Service. *Intent: To alleviate cost and time for our secretary* (10/05/05 184<sup>th</sup> ASC).
- J. All Area subcommittees be required to submit a copy of their policies annually to the Area for review. (04/02/08 214<sup>th</sup> ASC) *Intent: To make subcommittees accountable to the Area.*
- K. There must be two signers on any subcommittee bank account. If a subcommittee is unable to provide both signers any vacancies will be filled as needed by the Area Chair, Treasurer, and /or Vice-Treasurer. (11/7/07 209<sup>th</sup> ASC) *Intent: None given*

#### VI. <u>Literature</u>

A. The Literature Committee's budget for monthly literature orders is determined from cost of the literature sold last month plus \$100. New literature (world-approved) may be purchased in addition to the regular budget, as long as the additional cost does not put Area below prudent reserve. The Literature Chair should check with the ASC and Treasurer before purchasing new literature (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: To allow the Literature Committee to maintain a supply that is consistent with Area demand, and to allow for the ability to include new works of literature as they become available.

B. To allow literature committee to charge 10% on all literature purchased by groups to defray cost (08/04/93 38<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To keep the area from eating the costs incurred (since we "the area" has to pay tax and shipping/handling).

C. That literature orders only be picked up by the trusted servants designated to do so (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To avoid confusion regarding literature-related responsibilities.

- D. The Literature Committee is responsible for submitting Literature receipts to The Treasurer at the ASC following purchase. The Treasurer is then responsible for paying the bill within 30 days from the date submitted (03/07/07 201<sup>st</sup> ASC). Intent: To identify a single point of accountability.
- E. To allow GSRs to order and pay for literature as normal, but not take possession until new business and votes are taken (01/02/02 139<sup>th</sup> ASC).
  Intent: So we have a quorum to vote on new business and keep the process moving.
- F. Starter kits for new groups: 1 Basic Text; 1 set of readings; 10 white books; 10 Phone books; 20 Area schedules; 10 Regional schedules (07/02/97 85<sup>th</sup> ASC). *Intent: For new groups to get off the ground. The reason being they cannot be fully supported until the group gets underway.*
- G. Provide each group present at area service five newsletters free of charge. (6/4/08 216<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To provide to all groups regardless of their means a newsletter that carries the message of NA.

H. The Area will pay for Area schedules and provide them to home groups at no charge. The responsibility for ordering and maintaining the Area schedule is delegated to the Literature Chair. Schedules will be ordered 1,000 at a time unless otherwise directed by ASC (10/05/16 316<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To provide accurate meeting information to groups in our Area.

#### VII. <u>Public Relations</u>

A. PR has a monthly budget of \$50 (07/11/07 205<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: To allow PR to provide literature as needed and to be fully self-supporting.

#### VIII. Special Events

A. A member of the Special Events committee will present a written treasury report at each ASC, detailing all financial activity to date. Someone from the committee must be present (and informed enough) to answer questions about the treasury activity, balance and statement information (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To be able to hold the Special Events committee accountable to the ASC.

B. That Special Events maintain their checking account at the same bank the ASC has their bank account. (2/11/09 224<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: to make it easier to maintain the appropriate signers on all checking accounts

Special Events funds in excess of \$2,000 will be used to fund a free area event or towards the next event. Special Events will audit account bi-annually in March and September. (10/05/16 316<sup>th</sup> ASC)

*Intent: To keep Special Events monies raised from events held in the Northwest Area available for use by and for the Northwest area.* 

- C. Special Events should maintain a prudent reserve of \$1,500.
  - Any funds exceeding prudent reserve will be designated for a free event, to be held each year. (2/2/2022 381<sup>st</sup> ASC)
     *Intent: Consistency in area policy and special events policy*
- D. The Special events bank statement will be reviewed on a monthly basis by the executive committee. (7/11//07 205<sup>th</sup> ASC)
  Intent: To sure Special Events remains accountable to the Northwest Area.

#### IX. <u>Hospitals & Institutions</u>

- A. To adjust H&I literature budget allocation to \$125/mo (from \$100/mo) (08/02/17 326<sup>th</sup> ASC) Intent: To better fulfill our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.
- B. H&I give the literature committee the H&I literature order for the following month at Area Service each month. (10/05/16 316<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To combine the literature orders and save shipping costs and potentially qualifying area for the discount rate. This will also avoid H&I going over their literature budget.

#### X. <u>Treasury</u>

- A. The PO Box (#304) needs to be paid annually in July at US Postal Service, 3000 Gamber Road, Finksburg, MD 21048 (09/03/03 159<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: The last 2 yrs this has been paid late. To make sure the PO Box is paid on time.
- B. The Treasurer will provide a report outlining all transactions made that month including the beginning and ending balance. The report will be given verbally and submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes (03/07/07 201<sup>st</sup> ASC) Intent: To provide accurate record keeping and accountability.
- C. All Area bank deposits will be made immediately following Area Service using the bank's night drop box. Two NA members must be present to drop off the money, and at least one must be a signature-holder on the account (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To ensure a timely deposit, to keep Area funds in the care of people already voted into positions of financial accountability, and to create a system of checks and balances.

- D. That the treasurer creates and maintains an accurate representation of prudent reserve itemizing all expenses. This will be included in Area policy. (01/04/06 187<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: To allow us to see how and why our prudent reserve is composed and to make it easier and less confusing to make changes as they arise
- E. After our annual elections and before the next ASC meeting, the newly elected/or continuing current treasurer to change the passwords to the bank accounts and any other accounts that are handled/paid online by treasurer (such as but not limited to General liability Insurance, ZOOM, etc) and share new elected/continuing current chair , vice chair & vice treasurer (2/2/2022 381<sup>st</sup> ACS)

Intent: To maintain the integrity of sensitive information while remaining transparent to the Area as a whole and implement financial accountability for trusted servants.

#### XI. **Policy Chair**

A. Must be familiar with policy, traditions, and concepts. This person will be available to answer questions regarding policy, help the secretary with updating the policy, and review motions as they come up in business and advise ASC members. (08/02/06 194<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To create a position devoted to helping the ASC make decisions that accurately reflect policy.

- B. Every draft/updated copy of Area policy will include the revision date (06/06/07 204<sup>th</sup> ASC). Intent: So, everyone involved can easily determine how current the information is.
- C. To have the Vice-Chair assume the duties of the Policy Chair in the absence of a Policy Chairperson. (09/03/08 219th ASC) Intent: To have the Vice-chair learn and know policy in preparation for becoming Chair
- D. The Policy Chair will maintain an updated list of events dictated by Policy, in month order (e.g. elections, financial audit, annual expenses due, changing signers on bank accounts, include position descriptions in minutes 1-2 months prior to elections, updating subcommittee policies, etc) and inform the ASC of upcoming Policy-dictated events via the Policy Chair's report. (06/07/23 397th ASC)

Intent: To track and monitor the timing of events dictated by Policy so that the ASC is able to carry them out in a timely and efficient manner, to aid the Chair in tracking things that require Chair/ASC decisions, to provide effective communication about events in Policy to all ASC members.

E. The incoming and outgoing Policy Chair will work together to review/audit the Policy, comparing the prior year's version to the current version to ensure that all passed motions have been captured accurately and nothing was accidentally removed. (06/07/23 397 th ASC)Intent: To acclimate the incoming Trusted Servant to the position and help them become familiar with Policy, to create a regular review system that checks for errors and mistakes, to increase accountability to the ASC for maintaining the policy.

#### XII. RCM

- A. If the Regional motion pertains to existing Regional Policy (e.g.: reimbursement, operational cost), the RCM will vote at Regional Service based on understanding of the group conscience
- B. If the Regional motion pertains to new Regional decisions about CAR, CAT, NAWS or finances/use of funds, the RCM must request for the motion to be tabled for Area input. In the event that the RSC does not table the motion and it is called to a vote, the RCM will abstain.
- C. If the Regional motion is tabled, the RCM must bring the motion back to NW Area service in order to obtain conscience/direction on how to vote.
- D. For any Regional motion brought back to the Area the RCM must vote according to the conscience/direction provided by the NW Area. If the Area has not provided its conscience/direction, the RCM will abstain.
- E. If Area decides to provide its conscience/direction to the RCM outside of Area Service (e.g., phone, email), the RCM will record the input received from each group member and vote on the motion based on that input. The concept of quorum does not apply outside of an Area service meeting. (5/06/19 347th ASC)

Intent: To include voting guidance on the RCM position description.

F. The RCM to provide the Area's results for the CAR. (04/12/23 395<sup>th</sup> ASC)

Intent: To provide NA members with the results of the CAR for Area.

#### XIII. <u>Secretary</u>

- A. That the Secretary distributes the minutes from Area Service to the GSRs and executive committee members within 2 weeks from Area Services. (10/05/05 184<sup>th</sup> ASC)
- B. Distributed minutes should include:
  - Secretary's notes
  - · Summarized subcommittee reports
  - Old and new business
  - Passed AND tabled motions (word-for-word, including intent)
  - Treasurer's report
  - Roll call
  - Names and numbers of that month's attendees
  - NOTE archived minutes include all motions, including failed motions. (06/06/07 204th

ASC).

Intent: To save money, time, energy, and still keep business flowing smoothly.

C. To save the minutes for all groups that are absent at a meeting so that they can pick them up at the next meeting. (04/07/93 34<sup>th</sup> ASC).

Intent: To keep all groups informed about what is going on meeting to meeting

#### XIV. <u>Webmaster</u>

Establish a Website committee that will meet monthly (06/07/23 397th ASC)

Maintain the NW Area website

Weekly:

- Answer all emails
- Post meeting closures

Monthly:

- Verify all links on all pages
- Load ASC minutes onto online drive
- Verify that all emails sent to the service positions' dedicated email addresses have been received and addressed
- Upload all ASC & Subcommittee policies as they are updated (Please remind Area that all updated policy changes need to be emailed to the Webmaster once they are approved)
- Update the bulletin board
- Verify email forwarding information
- Update meeting schedule as needed

Annually:

• After elections in August, update the dedicated service position email accounts to forward to the personal emails of the corresponding trusted servants (can also be forwarded via text message, if they prefer)

• Test that all email forwarding works

Manualize how to edit the website so that a newly elected Web Master will be able to perform maintenance and updates as needed.

#### Attend Area Service and provide a written report each month.

# Develop and use a Template for Area Service to assist the Web Master in recording pertinent information for updating the website each month.

To include space to record:

- Policy updates
- Anniversaries, meeting announcements and events
- Upcoming and/or current service position openings
- Status of trusted servant emails from previous month (verify that they have been received and addressed)
- Verify service position email forwarding options each month (02/14/18 332nd ASC) Intent: To have a functional website faster.

#### XV. <u>Vice Webmaster</u>

A. One-year clean time requirement that is a one-year commitment. (02/14/18 332nd ASC) Intent: To create a position that would provide assistance to the area Webmaster. This position would also fill in for the Webmaster in their absence.

#### XVI. Online Meeting Coordinator

A. Create a new Area position called Online Meeting Coordinator- this person would run/coordinate the hybrid Area Service meeting each month (10/6/2021 375<sup>th</sup> ASC)

#### B. Requirements: Have a laptop, 6 months clean time.

*Intent: To have coordination between in person and online Area Service meetings, since some people still need to be on ZOOM.* 

Remove the hybrid option for the ASC, eliminate the online coordinator position and cancel the Area Zoom account. (11/2/11 390<sup>th</sup> ASC)

*Intent*: To stop paying for a tool that is no longer being utilized and eliminate the position created to handle it.

### XVII. <u>Revision History</u>

- 1. October 2007 Major revisions to policy. Rewording, combining and elimination of large portions of policy. Overall review of all policies.
- 2. May 2008- Revised per additional motions that were passed.
- 3. July 2010- Revised per additional motions that were passed.
- 4. January 2014- All archives reviewed for policy motions. Policy logbook updated with all policy motions. Policy reviewed and updated with missing and additional motions.
- May 2016 All archives reviewed for policy motions. Policy logbook updated with all policy motions and minutes. Policy reviewed and updated with missing and additional motions. Digital copies of minutes and motions updated.
- 6. December 2016 Revised per additional motions that were passed.
- 7. September 2017 Revised per additional motions that were passed.
- 8. March 2018 Revised per additional motions that were passed.

- 9. October 2021 Revised per new motions that were passed and New Policy Chair revisions.
- 10. November 2021 Revised per new motions that were passed.
- 11. January 2021 Revised per new motions that were passed.
- 12. September 2022 Revised with updated motions passed at 8/3/22 ASC
- 13. October 2022 Revised with updated 2 motions at 10/5/22 ASC
- January 2023 Motion to remove Zoom account and fund Domain name passed 11/22/22 ASC and update Prudent Reserve passed 1/4/23
- 15. April 2023 Revised passed motions from 2/1/23, 3/1/23 & 4/12/23 ASCs
- 16. July 2023 Revised passed 4 motions from 6/7/23 ASC

### Addendum A

# #\_\_\_\_\_ Northwest Area Service Committee Meeting ASC Prologue/Order of Business Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Opened at: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ st/nd/rd/th Northwest Area Service Committee Meeting! Can we please open the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer?

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Can someone read the twelve traditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Can someone read the twelve concepts? \_\_\_\_\_\_

We are now going to pass the attendance sheet and the anniversary sheet for the next month.

At this time, roll call will be conducted by \_\_\_\_\_\_ (if delegated by Chair). Please listen for your group or committee to be called.

Tallies: \_\_\_\_\_\_ # of Groups Present: \_\_\_\_\_\_ # of Groups that cannot vote:

\*Establish whether quorum is met (51% of eligible voting groups) \* Yes No

Is there anyone who is new to Narcotics Anonymous or to Area Service that would like to be recognized?

Welcome! If at any point you have any questions or confusion, please do not hesitate to raise your hand!

Are there any new groups that are present this evening? (Circle one) YES NO If yes:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Time:

Special Categories (women's meeting, men's meeting, open, closed, etc.)?

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As a reminder, there are motion forms on the table. If you would like to submit a motion, please be sure to include the actual motion, the intent, and the financial impact. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

*ACCEPT MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH*	Yes	No	1 <sup>st</sup> :
<b>2</b> <sup>nd</sup> :			

<u>Execu</u>	itive Body Reports	If absent,	circle	one:			Report?
٠	Chair	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	Vice Chair	EXCUSED	UNEXC	USED	VACAN	IT	
•	Policy	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	Secretary	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	RCM	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	RCM Alternative	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	Webmaster	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	Vice Webmaster	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	
•	Treasurer	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	<u>(Will be read</u>
•	<u>after Open Positions)</u> Vice Treasurer <u>after Open Positions)</u>	EXC	USED	UNEXC	USED	VACANT	<u>(Will be read</u>

# **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

Purpose of Ad-Hoc:

Notes:

Subcommittee Reports: Report?	lf absent,	, circle one:	
Hospitals & Institutions	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT
•Public Relations	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT
Special Events	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT
•Hotline	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT
Literature	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT

**<u>Group Concerns/Open Discussion</u>** (New discussion, or time to continue discussion from previous month):

**Old Business:** (Tabled motions only; only GSR's participate at this time):

**New Business:** (New motions only; only GSR's participate at this time):

Dpen Positions:				
reasury Reports:	lf absent, circle	one:		Report?
•Treasurer	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT	
• Vice Treasurer	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	VACANT	
Newsletter Anniver	— sary Sheet read	l by		_·
Close Meeting with	Serenity Praye	<b>r</b> (motion to	o close is	s NOT req
NOTES				