

Seattle Area Service Committee (SASC)

Date: February 13, 2024

Location: In person ONLY at:

Seattle First Baptist Church

1111 Harvard Ave

Seattle, WA 98122

Start times:

Admin meetings happen quarterly prior to the SASC at 11:30am.

Audits are quarterly and occur during the admin meeting.

2024 SASC Dates

SASC meeting dates (monthly)	SASC audit meetings (quarterly)
January 7, 2024	Q1: January 7, 2024
February 4, 2024	
March 3, 2024	
April 7, 2024	Q2: April 7, 2024
May 5, 2024	
June 2, 2024	
July 7, 2024	Q3: July 7, 2024
August 4, 2024	
September 8, 2024	
October 6, 2024	Q4: October 6, 2024
November 3, 2024	
December 1, 2024	

Overview of January Minutes:

1. Open positions:

- RCM 1
- RCM 2
- Conventions and Events Representative
- PR Chair

2. Nominations:

- Audrey nominated for Secretary
- Chris nominated for Assistant Recording Secretary
- Kristen nominated for Unity Day Chair
- Violet nominated for Chair

- Conner nominated for Vice Chair
- 3. **Open sharing topic:** *we discussed a grievance submitted by Dawn L. regarding the group Hope Fiends and their changing of the NA Literature without approval to include more gender neutral language. A solution was discussed where the group was asked to not edit any copyrighted material, but can substitute with a small reading expressing their inclusivity. The group is required to implement this change, if not the situation will be escalated.*
- 4. *There were no motions.*

Opened with Serenity Prayer: Violet

SASC State of Purpose read by: Jake

12 Traditions read by: Alex

12 Concepts read by: Demetrius

Vision of NA Service read by: Don

Concept 2 for the second month read by various attendees

Opening Statements and Announcements for SASC

- Next area will be March 3rd.
- Please turn off or silence cell phones.
- Please submit all Open Sharing Topics and Grievances prior to the break.
- New motions *must* be submitted prior to New Business.
- GSRs: please fill out Group Reports and ensure that the Secretary has your email address for the minutes.
- GSR Report Forms, Motion Forms, and SASC Guidelines are available at www.seattle-na.org.
- Group Reports can be submitted online prior to the next SASC.
- Contributions can be mailed via check to:

Seattle Area Service Committee
P.O. Box 70404
Seattle, WA 98127-0404

Or via the Zelle app by searching for Treasurer@seattlena.org Tyler is the current treasurer and can be contacted via www.seattlena.org for a confirmation or receipt.

Or bring a check or cash to the SASC with a Group Contribution Receipt

Roll Call of Service Members and Groups (See appendix A- Service Member/Group Roll Call for full listing of attendance)

<i>Service Members: X = Present A =Absent O = Open Position</i>	<i>Admin Meeting 11:00 am (quarterly)</i>	<i>SASC Start 1:00 pm</i>
<i>Chair</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Vice Chair</i>		<i>A</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Assistant Recording Secretary</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Literature</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>RCM(1)</i>		<i>O</i>
<i>RCM(2)</i>		<i>O</i>
<i>PR Chair</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Unity Day 2023 Chair</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Convention and Events</i>		<i>O</i>
<i>Sinacc Liaison</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Fellowship Development</i>		<i>X</i>

Home Groups	First Half	Second Half
Total Number of Seattle Area Home Groups (per current NA meeting schedule)	<i>72</i>	<i>72</i>
Total Home Groups Represented	<i>27</i>	<i>27</i>
Total Voting Group Service Member Voting (by show of hands)	<i>21</i>	<i>21</i>
Total Home Groups Absent	<i>47</i>	

SASC Service Member Reports

Chair

I went to the mailbox and grabbed the mail for February. I've been in contact with Keith learning the ropes as chair! Thank you so much for trusting me to be of service :)
We had a predatory and disruptive behaviors seminar today that went great!!!

You can find the slideshow at
NA.org
Click "for our members" at the top
Click "information discussion" in the drop down
Then all the topics will be listed for you :)

To view the predatory and disruptive behaviors topic simply find it listed on the page and click.

There is also an informative discussion topic about "gender neutral language" that may be of interest. You are welcome to read through ANY of the discussion topics on your own. If you have specific questions about one, you may email
RD@wnima.org

I also went to region last month, and will send in my report for Jan. At March area.

Thank you for letting me be of service :)

Violet D.
Seattle area chair

Vice-Chair

Recording Secretary

Hi Everyone,

Happy February! I am looking forward to stepping into the recording secretary position and working alongside Chris. FYI, the minutes from January have not been submitted yet but will be post-area this week.

Warmest,
Audrey W.

Assistant Recording Secretary

It is great to be able to be of service alongside Audrey, and am looking forward to learning.

Chris P.

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

RCM 1

RCM 2

PR Chair

Hi all,

This is my last report as PR chair. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. I hold the PR subcommittee very close to my heart and I look forward to helping train the next PR chair.

If you know someone who is interested in the PR chair position, please feel free to reach out to me.

The following is my report for the month of January.

- Schedules are now available at Area! Thank you all for your patience.
- H&I is now hybrid! You can attend H&I on Zoom or in person at Recovery Cafe on the last Sunday of the month. Consider serving as a panel leader or panel speaker!
- PI and Helpline have answered all open inquiries. Thank you, Deborah and Conor for your service.
- Web is webbing, thanks to Ben and Greg for quickly fulfilling all our requests.
- The Newsletter is in progress! Email your newsletter submissions or clean time birthdays to newsletter@seattlena.org.
- H&I received their literature for Q1. Thank you, Lennox and Kenny for coordinating with the subcommittees.

ILS,
Nicole K.

Literature Chair

SINAC Liaison

Unity Day Chair

Conventions and Events Representative

Fellowship Development Chair

New GSRs

- *Sam, Step Brothers*
- *Richard, Downtown tower*
- *Robert, Just for Today*

- *Zach, Miracles in Progress*
- *Beau, Sundays as Six*
- *Sean, We're Glad You're Here*

Group Reports (Detailed reports are only provided by the GSRs who filled out a report (physically or digitally):

<i>Group name: Raw Group</i>	<i>Meeting day/time: Wednesday 6pm</i>
<i>GSR: Michael P.</i>	<i>Phone #: n/a</i>
<i>SASC Donation: 0</i>	<i>SECT: Conor P.</i>
<i>TREASURER: Kaitlin O.</i>	<i>Rent paid: 50 Per: Monthly</i>
<i>Group Report:</i>	<i>We are well into our study of the "Another Look" IP. Come checkout a growing meeting where there is no such thing as cross talk!</i>

<i>Group name: MGLA</i>	<i>Meeting day/time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12pm</i>
<i>GSR: Don D.</i>	<i>Phone #: n/a</i>
<i>SASC Donation: 0</i>	<i>SECT: Jude</i>
<i>TREASURER: Amy</i>	<i>Rent paid: n/a Per: n/a</i>
<i>Group Report:</i>	<i>Our group needs support and new secretaries. Meeting to help people with disabilities get to meetings. Needs support.</i>

<i>Group name: Midnight Fremonsters</i>	<i>Meeting day/time: Saturday 11:59pm (Midnight)</i>
<i>GSR: Kelly F.</i>	<i>Phone #: n/a</i>
<i>SASC Donation: 0</i>	<i>SECT: Rebecca</i>
<i>TREASURER: Lois</i>	<i>Rent paid: 20 Per: Weekly</i>
<i>Group Report:</i>	<i>Solid 8 to 10 people. Always pizza, popcorn and ice cream. ALWAYS. March 16th Prime Rib and Salmon dinner.</i>

<i>Group name: Sunday Starters</i>	<i>Meeting day/time: Sunday 9:30-11am</i>
<i>GSR: Greg/Andy V.</i>	<i>Phone #: n/a</i>
<i>SASC Donation: \$195.00</i>	<i>SECT: Allan O.</i>
<i>TREASURER: Kelle Sue</i>	<i>Rent paid: 0 Per: Monthly</i>
<i>Group Report:</i>	<i>We meet as a Hybrid meeting. Our in-person meeting is held at Shay's Restaurant 15744 Aurora Ave N. Shoreline, WA 98133 Lots of time. Solution oriented and loving.</i>

Open Sharing Topics

Topic 1: Oasis group. Potentially making an announcement at the beginning of the meeting regarding the 6th tradition. Announcements about non-NA related topics, using non-NA related language. Naming specific drugs. We thought 6th tradition would help mitigate non-NA related announcements to be spoken of.

Violet: What have your groups done in the past to enforce the 6th tradition, non-NA language, and non-NA announcements?

Nick: From personal experience hearing preambles in group meetings; reading the clarity statement to reduce discrimination. Could even write your own literature to clarify the topic. From personal experience, homegroup members have interrupted those sharing announcements for other events, or fellowships, etc., alongside using drug specific language to mention we do not do this so to not muddy the message.

Ben: My home group removing the mask dealt with a similar issue, with chairs who were using drug specific language so during our business meeting we elected to come up with a statement to clarify with the chairperson that we do not use drug specific language, or announce other fellowships, and send that prior to the share

Jake: In this meeting right here, we've had people bringing it up and not talking about this in the room. We've had this happen twice in the area with people not bringing up anything drug specific in meetings but we haven't done anything about this. Each group is autonomous in what they choose to say.

Michael: Every group is autonomous. When it comes to NA related announcements, gently remind me of this only. My opinion is to not police drug specific language during people shares, especially for the newcomers. I believe we lead by example and people pick up on this.

Robin: I want to offer up to anyone, if anyone is wanting to use a clarity statement please read bulletin 13 from world. It is very powerful.

Joe: As far as the announcements go it doesn't hurt to just tell someone with the announcements to only include NA related announcements. As far as policing goes, I've been to NA convention hearing speakers talk about this topic. It's a faux pas as far as using drug specific language. We don't want to be kicking people out of meetings for using the word 'sober'. After people come around for a little bit they start to adopt proper language. It shouldn't be a big deal as far as policing because people are just there for recovery.

Brian: At our group, we share "are there any members announcements for the good of NA?" In that way, it allows a member to speak up without putting it on a specific NA Group or on NA as a whole.

Kelly: If the chairperson or secretary is savvy, they'll say 'thank you for that non-NA related announcement' (sarcastically.)

conversation concluded

Old Business

No **Motions** from last month.

Grievance:

Keith read the email from Dawn L. that was sent after the grievance was discussed last area with the subject: Hope Fiends. She mentioned in the email that the readings have returned to their original format.

Kristin, as a representative from Hope Fiends, communicated that the issue was rectified 2 weeks ago. An emergency meeting was held, and the problem was solved.

Open service positions:

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**See SASC Guidelines at seattle.org for further details on any position*

New Business

Name: Violet nominated Keith as RCM 1, the nomination was 2nd.

- Votes in favor: 21
- Votes against: 0
- Votes nonresponsive: 0
- Votes abstaining: 0

Keith has been nominated as RCM 1

**For full listing of service member details check the guidelines 8.4.11*

Grievances: None

Ad-Hoc Committee:

Motions for New Business month of February: None

Close of meeting at 3:08P.

Motion Forms and Intent

MOTION NO. (MONTH, YEAR, DAY, #MOTION):

Made by:

Seconded by:

Home Group:

Date submitted:

I move that:

Intent:

For Chair / Vice Chair use only:

Major Motion _____

(on going, affects operation of Area or Sub-Committee)

Affects sub-Committee / Officer: _____

Motion requires: Simple Majority: _____ 2/3 Majority: _____ Other: _____ Motion must go back to groups: Yes _____ No _____

Motion: Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

Non-Major _____

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Motion: Passed _____ Failed _____

In Favor _____ Against _____ Abstaining _____

Non-Major _____

*For full motion with more detailed intent and explanation please see the Motions portion of the minutes