

Seattle Area Service Committee (SASC)

Date: 1/7/2024

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 December Minutes:

- *Open positions:*
 - *Vice Chair*
 - *Unity Day Chair*
 - *Conventions and Events Representative*
 - *RCM2*
 - *Fellowship Development Chair*
- *Nominations:*
 - *Kaitlin nominated herself for Fellowship Development chair*
 - *Elected unanimously*
- *There were 2 topics for open discussion:*
 - *Topic 1: Kaitlin and Nicole shared their experiences from WSLD.*

- *Topic 2: Dennis announced that his homegroup, Serenity Circle (Thursdays 7-830pm at St Pauls in Ballard, could use homegroup member support)*
- *Motions*
- *Motion 1: Brian S moves that the SASC amend the SINAC guidelines and set the minimum clean time requirement for workshop speakers at 2 years so it's easier to get speakers for workshops.*
 - *Motion passed: Y-16 N-0 A-0*

Opened with Serenity Prayer: Maia

SASC State of Purpose read by: Dennis

12 Traditions read by: Ben

12 Concepts read by:

Vision of NA Service read by:

Opening Statements and Announcements for SASC

- Next area will be ___
- 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>X</i>
<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Assistant Recording Secretary</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Literature</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>RCM(1)</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>RCM(2)</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>PR Chair</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Unity Day 2023 Chair</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Convention and Events</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Sinacc Liaison</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Fellowship Development</i>	<i>A</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>26</i>	<i>23</i>
Total Voting Group Service Member Voting (by show of hands)	<i>19</i>	<i>17</i>
Total Home Groups Absent	<i>49</i>	

SASC Service Member Reports

Chair

Vice-Chair

Recording Secretary

I believe that my term is up! It has been a pleasure serving alongside you all, and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn about area-level service.

Theoretically, Audrey will step into my position. That means that we would need a new assistant recording secretary. I have been announcing this at meetings and have spoken to people who may be interested. I would encourage anyone with at least 6 months clean to run for this position. It is a pretty simple position once you get into the swing of things, and a great way to try out service outside of the group!

*Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Andrew V
Recording Secretary*

Assistant Recording Secretary

Hi everyone,

Happy 2024! I am looking forward to working alongside Andrew to wrap up his term, and to step into the Recording Secretary role.

*Thanks,
Audrey*

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

RCM 1

Unfortunately I am unable to make it to area today. I will miss you all. This is my last day as RCM1, as my term of service is up. I wish I could be there to tell you all how grateful I am to have been of service 🥺💜💜💜 thank you for trusting me these past two years.

There will be a workshop before area next month. For those who would like to attend be here at 11am. We will be discussing predatory and disruptive behavior, and how to handle them when they arise.

I will be there for the workshop AND area as well. Though my position is up, I will still help oversee the workahop, AND attend area virtually next weekend. If the new RCM has any questions, they are super welcome to ask me 💜. For those who would also like to attend, you can find the link on the Wnirna.org website.

Again thank you sooooo so much for letting me be of service AND I look forward to seeing you all at the workshop next month before area at 11am.

RCM 2

Open position

PR Chair

Hi all,

The following is the PR report. Reach out if you have any questions or feedback.

- Newsletter is taking submissions at newsletter@seattlena.org.*
- Hospitals and Institutions received (some) literature. Attend H&I at Recovery Cafe on the last Sunday of the month at 1:15 pm to get oriented.*
- Helpline is looking for a new coordinator. Inquire if interested.*
- Public Information subcommittee meets last Sunday of the month on Zoom, immediately after the PR meeting.*
- Web is crushing it.*
- Schedules are ordered and will be available at the next Area meeting.*

*ILS,
Nicole K.*

Literature Chair

Hey Team,

*Deposit of Total Sales from DEC2023 Literature (1032.50)
Please see attached for Invoice of December 2023. (1096.41)
Difference of 60.91*

*H&I Order was anticipated to be \$859.00 however we didn't have all the pamphlets and could only provide \$391.50 worth of the order.
Difference of \$467.50 of the order will be paid in advanced and we will be ordering the necessary stock to fill the remainder. Pick up at February AREA.*

*We anticipate as of 12:40pm 1/7/24 about \$1445.95 in sales.
I will be attending Region Next Weekend and will provide notes and updates come next AREA.*

*No Update on the WooCommerce Platform. My bad i have not had a chance to schedule the zoom call yet.
But I sent a message this morning in regards to a good time to set this up with Chris this week.
Will have a better update next month. I promise you!*

Happy New Year Everyone. Hope you had a great holiday. :)

*Kindly,
Kenneth S.*

- Archives/Assistant Secretary

2 Years Minimum:

- Ambassador
- Convention Info Coordinator
- Security

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*Thank you all for your recovery and service
-Brian S*

Unity Day Chair

Conventions and Events Representative

Fellowship Development Chair

Hi All -

The Seattle International Narcotics Anonymous Convention (SINAC) committees are still busy securing vendors, finding speakers and workshop facilitators for the convention. Please share this information with your home groups and NA fellowships in other areas and regions.

The Sponsorship Dinner is taking place January 27th at Grace Lutheran in Des Moines from 4-8:30pm. Tickets are \$50 and available by contacting SINACfundraising@gmail.com

Flyers and more information are available on the Events page at SeattleNa.org or at the SINAC2024 website seattlenaconvention.org where you can also download a registration and book a hotel room for SINAC 2024!

Our next fundraising events are as follows:

1/27/24 - Sponsorship Dinner & Dance

Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

Flyers available

2/24/24 – Tacos and Talent

Salvation Army (Seattle)

4/27/24 – Speaker/Bingo

TBD

****Attention****

There are still a few open positions needed to be filled.

3 Years Minimum:

- Operations Vice Chair*
- Records &*
- Archives/Assistant Secretary*

2 Years Minimum:

- Ambassador*
- Convention Info Coordinator*
- Security*

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-Brian S*

New GSRs

- *Don- MGLA*
- *Ernesto- Recovery In Progress*
- *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):

Group name: More Attitude Less Gratitude	Meeting day/time: MWF 12P
GSR: Don D.	Phone #:
SASC Donation:	SECT: Amy
TREASURER: Amy	Rent paid: Per:
Group Report: We need support. This is an online meeting only. We have service opportunities open for secretary and birthday person.	

Group name: Grateful on Greenwood	Meeting day/time: Th. 6p
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GSR: Robyn A	Phone #:
SASC Donation: None	SECT: Lisa N.
TREASURER: Thor B.	Rent paid: Per:
Group Report: Great 1 hr. meeting	

Group name: DopeFree	Meeting day/time: 8p
GSR: Derek C	Phone #:
SASC Donation: \$50	SECT:
TREASURER:	Rent paid: Per:
Group Report: We lost our GSR Binder and would like to request another please. Thank you.	

Group name: RAW Group	Meeting day/time: Wed. 6P
GSR: Michael P.	Phone #:
SASC Donation:	SECT: Conor P.
TREASURER: Kaitlin	Rent paid: Per:
Group Report: We are continuing our study of "Another Look" IP. It is possible we may be looking at changing the location of our meeting in the near future."	

Group name: Basic NA	Meeting day/time: M-S, St. Pauls in Ballard 545p
GSR: Alex	Phone #:
SASC Donation:	SECT: 5 people
TREASURER: Alex	Rent paid: Per:
Group Report: We are in need of secretary's as it is a 7-day a week	

Group name: Serenity Circle	Meeting day/time: Th. 7p-830P
GSR: Dennis	Phone #:
SASC Donation:	SECT: Bob
TREASURER: Bob	Rent paid: Per:
Group Report: We are in need of new members, only 2 home group meetings.	

Group name: Hugs not Drugs	Meeting day/time: Th. 730-9p
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GSR: Chris R.	Phone #:
SASC Donation: \$230	SECT: Cheryl
TREASURER: Chris R.	Rent paid: \$60 Per: monthly
Group Report: In person and zoom, hybrid meeting. Average 12-20 for attendance.	

Group name: Monday Night Recovery	Meeting day/time: Mon. 730-9p
GSR: John L.	Phone #:
SASC Donation:	SECT: Brian
TREASURER: Louie A	Rent paid: \$45 Per: meeting
Group Report: Great and well attended meeting. Treatment centers frequently attend. Please not Lynwood Alano Club is closing in March.	

Group name: Northwest Addicts	Meeting day/time: Friday 7:30-9P
GSR: John L.	Phone #:
SASC Donation:	SECT: Joe M.
TREASURER: Tami T.	Rent paid: \$80 Per: month
Group Report: A kid friendly meeting. Please bring your young ones. John L. celebrated 1 year last week.	

Group name: We are glad you're here	Meeting day/time: Friday at 730P
GSR: Sean D.	Phone #:
SASC Donation: \$69.00	SECT:
TREASURER: Smitty S.	Rent paid: \$75 Per: month
Group Report:	

Open Sharing Topics

- *Topic 1:*

Old Business

Motions for the month of December

Deborah made a motion to approve minutes from December, seconded by John L.

Y-17 N-0 A-0

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

New Business

Audrey: Nominated OR volunteered for Recording Secretary

- Votes in favor: 17
- Votes against: 0
- Votes nonresponsive: 0
- Votes abstaining: 0

Chris: Nominated OR volunteered for Assistant Recording Secretary

- Votes in favor: 16
- Votes against: 0
- Votes nonresponsive: 0
- Votes abstaining: 0

Kristen: Nominated OR volunteered for Unity Day Chair

- Votes in favor: 16
- Votes against: 0
- Votes nonresponsive: 0
- Votes abstaining: 0

Coner: Nominated OR volunteered for Vice Chair

- Votes in favor: 16
- Votes against: 0
- Votes nonresponsive:
- Votes abstaining:

Violet: Nominated OR volunteered for Chair

- Votes in favor: 16
- Votes against:
- Votes nonresponsive:
- Votes abstaining:

Name: Nominated OR volunteered for _____

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

Name: Nominated OR volunteered for _____

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

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

Grievances:

Submitted by: Dawn L

Date: 1/6/2024

Clearly state the problem:

The group Hope Fiends has changed the readings at the beginning of the meeting without prior approval from the world services office. The way it is written, is in step 11 it says, "we sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out.". The group has taken it upon itself to change it in the reading to, "we sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand God praying only for God's will for us and the power to carry that out.". Changing the readings without prior approval from the world services office goes against tradition number four in that it affects other groups or NA as a whole. It affects other groups simply because other groups could follow suit and it affects narcotics anonymous as a whole because the change has not been approved by the world service office to change the reading.

Proposed resolution:

I would like to see this particular group go back to the way it is written in the readings or be removed from the Seattle area narcotics anonymous schedule because they are not a true narcotics anonymous meeting because they have elected to change the readings without prior approval from world services.

Discussion:

Dawn: Excuse me for being nervous, I've never done anything like this before. I am very passionate about NA and everyone here has contributed to my recovery. WWhen I first experienced this issue I went to HF, at first I thought it was a slip. Then I went back and I saw on the screen that the reading was actually changed. I understand that trad. 4 says each group should be autonomous, they have the right to run their meeting the way they want. A group in my opinion doesn't have the right to change the readings because that is a World issue. When I heard this for the second time I was sitting at my desk and I said wait a minute this is not right. Before I came here today I did a lot of research. I talked to World and Region and my sponsor. Even though I got different words, the opinions were the same; an NA group does not have the right to change the readings on the cards. World said that if they did that they are not a true NA meeting. I like Hope Fiends, it has a lot of good recovery, but I can't consciously sit there and be okay with this issue because I believe in these traditions. NA has saved my life and I owe my life to NA. They say the steps are there to keep us from killing ourselves and the traditions are there to keep us from killing each other. Just like Andrew read, this could affect other groups because other groups could follow suit and NA as a whole because it is not approved. I understand why the change was made, we are trying to be more gender neutral, but we can't change the readings until it is approved by the WSC.

Keith: Have you gone to any member of the meeting and asked them about it?

Dawn: I have been to the business meeting and they voted to change the group conscience. To give you an example, there have been other changes as well.

Audrey: Please keep the conversation respectful and productive.

Keith: We do have a member from HF that would like to speak on this.

Kristen: I am a member of HF. We took a GC to make the readings more gender neutral. This was after weeks of talking about how to support all gender identities. Using the symbol, the outer circle denotes this.

In one of your preamble reading, what is NA program, it states anyone can join us no matter the background. (Basic Text). The “him” denotes an exclusivity notion of the reading, we voted to change men and him, to less gendered language using person. We felt abided by tradition 4 to respect autonomy. This means that autonomy of our groups is necessary for our survival. Autonomy means having the right or power of self government. This is why we decided to make changes to our meetings.

Robin: I really appreciate the weight of this topic, as an old school NA girl, I do not like it that they are changed either, that is my personal opinion. For NA as a whole, this has not been changed on a world level. For any single home group to make changes for the entire group, we have been slow to respond but there is no group that should have the power to change literature for NA as a whole.

Conor: RAW has addressed gender inclusive language without changing it. We have a reading in our format that says if you want to change the way you read our cards, you are allowed to do that. We can't change the readings, and claim that it is NA literature with the NA trademark. If it doesn't have a trademark that is different. And this is better than using non-approved literature. This seems like it's something that is up to the group to decide how they want to do this without violating the traditions.

Audrey: Have you found that particular reading at the beginning of the meeting to be helpful in addressing this issue?

Conor: Yes absolutely.

Cara: In our group we have talked about how whether or not we agree with the gendered literature, it is not our literature to change however we cannot stop people from reading it the way that they want to read it. We do not alter literature in the way it has been put forward by the copyrighted text.

Keith: When the readings go up, are you actually changing the reading when it is loaded on the screen?

Dennis: That is correct.

Dawn: If the person is sitting in the meeting, and they are asked to read who is an addict, the reading itself should not be changed.

Michael: The primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict. So I would like to explore the effect that removing this meeting would have on the addict. It sounds like we are in consensus because if a group can rewrite this literature, then what is to say that the group could change whatever reading they want.

Kristen: I did not realize the reading was changed and am open to adding a pre-meeting pre-amble.

Keith: What is the solution?

Kristen: I really like connors idea about making a separate announcement instead of changing the readings. I think that's a great idea.

Violet: Are the representation? We need a representation in order to vote and bring a solution back to the meeting.

Dawn: As I stated, I'd like to see this changed to the way they are supposed to be or removed from the schedule.

Keith: Would we give them an opportunity to change what they are doing before we remove them? We can't just wipe them from the schedule. We should let them correct it first. Is this satisfactory?

Dawn: When I went to the business meeting, this was voted on and not changed.

Keith: That was then, but now that we are asking as a service body that this is our position, can it be brought back?

Kristen: By the next area, we will have the business meeting and propose the solution.

Keith: Yes, that is the next step. We are NA and we want to carry the message and with that, we can have discussion

Ben: I would just like some clarification on the solution. If the words remain the same that are being said but if they change the readings back to original, that's okay?

Sean: What we are talking about is Kristen going back to the group and telling them they will need to discuss the solution. Is that what I am hearing?

Keith: We did vote on changing the literature, and it is in world's hands, so we may be premature.

Violet: They have changed some pieces of literature to be more gender inclusive.

Dawn: What Ben had to say, I don;t care how you say it but just leave the readings how they are supposed to be on the card.

RESOLUTION: The group representative will tell the group: SASC has determined that the readings must be changed back to their original form. Individual members are allowed to change the readings as they read them.

Ad-Hoc Committee: None

Motions for New Business month of January: None

Close of meeting at 3:35pm

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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Made by:

Seconded by:

Home Group:

Date submitted:

I move that:

Intent:

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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