

# October 2019

**Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:**

Activities – Last Monday – 5:30 @ Dumpster  
 H & I – 1st Sunday – 3:00 @ Fairview Baptist  
 PR – 1st Sunday – 3:00 @ Fairview Baptist  
 RACC – 2 Tuesday – 6:30 @ Wegman's

Welcome new and returning ASC members! There are currently 16 Homegroups in the Area!

## I. Serenity Prayer/Motion to Record

## II. Readings

- A. Service Prayer (Read by Joe B.)
- B. Purpose of Area Service (Read by Crystal M.)
- C. 12 Concepts of NA Service (Read by Ron M.)
- D. 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous (Read by Joe S.)
- E. Decorum Statement (Read by Raissa K.)

## III. Roll Call

### A. Executive Committee Members and Subcommittee Chairs

POSTION	NAME	A	S	O	Report	Comment
Chair	Victoria L.	P	P	p	✓	
Vice Chair	<i>Raissa K</i>	-	-	P	-	
Secretary I	Robb B.	A	A	-	-	
Secretary II	Akim E.	P	P	P	✓	
Treasurer I	Richard M.	P	P	P	-	
Treasurer II	<i>OPEN</i>	-	-	-	-	
RCM I	<i>OPEN</i>	A	A	A	✗	Etta F. <i>Pro Tem</i>
RCM II	<i>OPEN</i>	-	-	-	-	
VRCC Dir.	<i>OPEN</i>	-	-	-	-	
Activities	Britany M.	A	P	P	✓	
H&I	Ron M.	P	P	P	✓	
PR	John L.	P	A	p	✓	
Literature	Stephanie C.	P	P	P	✗	

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RACC	Mark T.	A	P	P	✓	
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*There are **22 meetings** in the Rappahannock Area every week!*

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**B. Group Service Representative/Home Group Roll Call**

GROUP NAME	A	S	O	NAME	POSTION GSR/ALT/REP
Primary Purpose	P	A	P	Mindy P.	GSR
Welcome Home	P	*	P	Stephanie P.	GSR
Who Wants to Live	P	P	P	Mark M.	GSR
In It to Win It	P	P	A		
Spiritual Connection	P	P	P	Summer M.	GSR
Standing by Recovery	P	P	P	Joe B.	GSR
New Beginnings of King George	A	A	A		
Clean Works	A	P	A		
Start Living	P	P	P	Cat E.	GSR
Welcome to the NAborhood	P	P	P	Michele W.	GSR
Freedom from Bondage/SNL	P	p	P	Joe S.	GSR
Colonial Beach Survivors Group	P	P	A		
Back to Basics	P	P	P	Crystal M.	GSR
Experience, Strength, & Hope	P	P	A		
Alive & Free	A	P	A		
Men's Sharehouse	P	p	P	Richard G.	GSR

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## **VIII. Chairperson Report – Victoria L.**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was a busy one for the Rappahannock Area. Our area hosted several NA events, including a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic held by Activities and a kick off Speaker Jam fundraiser for RACNA 3. We also re-launched our PR subcommittee and welcomed new members of the executive body along with many new GSR's. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing willingness to serve our area.

During the month of September, we held our annual bylaw review meetings. These meetings were poorly attended, but as I cannot have an opinion in my chairperson report, I will save my commentary on this process for the ad hoc report.

Looking ahead, we will hold our budget meetings this month to create the 2020 budget. As a reminder, all subcommittee chairs are required to attend as outlined in our bylaws. This is part of being held directly responsible to those we serve. This is also your opportunity to advocate for your subcommittee's funding, so please make sure to mark your calendars. All members of RANA are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

As an ongoing reminder, please be mindful of the noise level and loitering before and after meetings. Our area has received complaints from multiple churches this year, and it directly impacts other groups and NA as a whole. We cannot control the actions of others, but we can make sure we are demonstrating personal responsibility and leading by example.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Victoria L.

## **IX. Vice Chairperson Report – Raissa K.**

### **X. Treasurer Report**

A. Treasurer I – Richard M.

**Good afternoon ASC**

**First off I would like to sincerely apologize for anyone that showed up to the first budget meeting yesterday that i was not in attendance for, it was a complete lapse on my part. With that being said our beginning balance as of today is \$4018.35. This includes a deposit of \$812.99. \$444.08 of that deposit was from literature, \$368.91 of the deposit was from homegroup donations. Checks written last month include ck#1036 to Britany M for Ranaween totalling \$400.00 and ck#1037 to Akim for reimbursement totalling \$25.00. We**

had a literature order of \$533.42. As of now i have not actually deposited last months money orders but they are accounted for in the checkbook and this report, I will do my best to get last month and this months deposits in the account before the next area, but im not guarenting anything. I am looking forward to actually showing up for the rest of the budget meetings and look forward to seeing all the committee chairs at least once over the next month.

- B. Treasurer II – OPEN

## **XI. RCM Report**

- A. RCM I – OPEN

- B. RCM II – OPEN

## **XII. VRCC Report – OPEN**

## **XIII. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Activities – Britany M

Activities is getting things ready for ranaween. We are meeting tomorrow after the men's and woman's meeting to go over more details. We will then meet again on October 29th. Ranaween will be held Nov 1st at 7-11pm. \$5 dollars all you can eat (kids under 5 are free)we will have a costume contest, piñata, raffle basket and face painting. As well we voted in a new vice chair Stephanie H.

- B. Thank you Britany M.

- C. Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) – Ron M.

Hello everyone,

Today the subcommittee met 10 in attendance. We filed October's calendar. We moved around some panel leaders to different commitments due to changes in individual schedules. We also talked about a possible H&I workshop coming soon.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Ron M.

Side note: We are having problems with A.A showing up at Boxwood 1<sup>st</sup> Sat 8pm; 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 2pm these have been our scheduled commitments for some time now.

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D. Literature – Stephanie C.  
(No Report)

E. Public Relations (PR) – John L.

Good afternoon, Rana

PR met at our regularly scheduled day and time with 2 members in attendance.

We have voted to change the monthly PR subcommittee meeting day to the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm upstairs at Wegman's. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience of having to change the printed dates on the 4th quarter meeting lists being distributed today.

In other news, we are looking forward to participating in the annual budget meetings this month. We have some momentum moving into 2020 and will be requesting a \$500 annual budgetary increase to cover our proposed projects for the upcoming year.

Joe B. and I met with the administrators of this Fairview Baptist Church on Wed Oct 2nd to discuss the ongoing negotiations with using this facility. We were welcomed by both Pastors as well as two members of the board. We did our best to educate them about our service structure and why a single person is unable to sign for the entire fellowship. We explained that we hope there will be some sort of alternative agreement contingent on the fact that our groups voted to purchase a blanket liability insurance policy. The pastors were both sympathetic to our mission and the new pastor went as far as to say he knew going into this indemnity agreement that there would be complications with the anonymous groups that meet here. He also said he never wanted the new agreement to prevent any groups from being able to use the facility.

The following questions were asked of them...

1. Do their parishioners have to sign the release? The answer is "No" because they have a policy that covers them.
2. Do they have an outreach insurance policy to cover groups who meet at the church? The answer is "yes".
3. What would happen if one of our members happened to be a parishioner? Interestingly enough, the whole group would be covered.
4. Can we continue meeting here while these talks are ongoing?
5. Does the indemnity clause release them from liability in cases of their own negligence? The answer is "no" and there is a line stating that in the clause. In addition, no indemnity clause can prevent a single member from filing a civil suit to seek damages in a court of law.

I, of course, asked the pastor "What's really the point of all of this, then?". He agreed that he thought this was all a little ridiculous but it was the board that was pushing forward with it. More on this later...

The following questions were asked of us...

1. If no one can sign for the entire fellowship, how can someone sign for the insurance policy?
2. How long will it take for the insurance policy to be purchased and take effect?

The other board members in attendance were Mike and Sheila, who happen to also be residents in this neighborhood. They cited the ongoing difficulties they have had with our organization and the meetings in the church...

1. Saturday Night Live consistently met until 3:30 or 4:00 am. As a founding member of this homegroup, I can say that the "bottomless meeting" format was never intended to be taken to that extreme. This has been addressed by that homegroup's new meeting time cut off at Midnight.

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2. They routinely hang out in the parking lot making noise and dropping cigarette butts on the ground. Even now, with the new end time of midnight, members were still observed on video hanging out in the parking lot for a full 90 minutes after the meeting closed.

I will say that it's kind of tough for PR to go into a meeting to tell the church admin how we are good stewards of the facility and considerate neighbors and then be blindsided by these issues. To be honest, it was a little embarrassing. I will also say that Sheila, one of the board members who were present, happens to be the former resident of the property on the corner which, all who are familiar with our history at this facility will know, means that it was her and her husband who lodged many complaints with the church about our groups. She told Joe and I that our continued disturbances played a big role in her decision to sell her house. To be clear... what I'm saying is a significant factor in the decision of a resident in this neighborhood to sell her home and move away was our activities in this neighborhood.

We are scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, November 6th at 10 am to discuss any further progress on this topic. I highly suggest that the body put take action on the insurance policy today so that I can bring something to the table at the next sit down.

E. RACC (Convention) – Mark T.

Good afternoon,

*The RACC met September 10th, 6:30 pm at Wegman's .There were six people in attendance. We discussed our upcoming fundraisers and approved the changes to our bylaws.*

*RACNA III is "Change I Must, or Die I Will" and will be held at the Hospitality House on September 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> ,2020. I signed the contract and our treasurer paid the deposit.*

*The RACNA III Kickoff Fundraiser was a success.The programming committee gratefully received \$229 and our registration chair collected 6 preregistrations and some t-shirt sales for a total of \$339 to the good.*

*The next RACNA III Fundraiser , "Their Hard Won Experience: A Tribute to the Predecessor" , is at the United Methodist Church on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-6:00.*

*The next convention committee meeting is this Tuesday,October 8<sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm upstairs at Wegmans. Be there.*

*I.L.S. --- Mark T.*

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F. Ad-Hoc Committees

Hello RANA Family,

The Bylaw Review Ad Hoc met on 9/4 with Joe B. and myself in attendance, on 9/9 with Richard M., Mark T., and myself in attendance, on 9/21 with Akim E., and Raissa K. in attendance, and on 9/29 with Trea H., John L., and myself in attendance. The disjointed attendance of these meetings made continuity impossible and progress difficult.

That being said, we are submitting 16 motions today with suggested changes to the bylaws. There are several suggested updates to the RACC chairperson duties, along with changes to provide more consistency across different sections of the bylaws.

Each of these changes will need to be voted on by the homegroups, so please make time for this process in your business meetings this month. We will have time during new business to discuss each motion in detail to ensure understanding.

Because the bylaw review meetings have historically been poorly-attended in RANA, a suggestion was brought forward at our final review meeting to re-examine the process for reviewing our area bylaws. One proposed alternative to our current process would be to reestablish a policy subcommittee. Another idea discussed was to hold one bylaw review meeting each quarter, during which ideas could be discussed and put into motion format, and clerical updates could be made. Both of these are viable options, but it is ultimately up to the GSR's to decide if change is needed or if our current way of doing things is sufficient.

In loving service,  
Victoria L.

**XIV. Group Service Representative Reports / Q&A**

Home Group	GSR/ALT/REP	Meeting Day & Time	Homegroup Members	Avg. Weekly Attendance / Newcomers	Group Donation to Area	Literature Order
<b>Welcome Home</b>	Stephanie P. /GSR	Sun. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	8	45/1-2	-	22.55
<b>Who Wants to Live</b>	Mark M./GSR	Mon. – Fri. 12 – 1:15 PM	13	150/70	127.18	133.22

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Who wants to live group will be celebrating 20yr anniversary of the home group on 10/27 <sup>th</sup> 2019 12-6pm Free Food, fun, fellowship, Loriela Park Pavillion						
<b>In It to Win It</b>	ABSENT	Mon. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	-	-	-	-
<b>Spiritual Connection</b>	Summer M./GSR	Tue. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	4	8/1	-	3.75
Brandi N. 1yr 10/22						
<b>Standing by Recovery</b>	Joe B./GSR	Tue. 7:30 – 8:30 PM	2	3/1	-	-
<b>Clean Works</b>	ABSENT	Wed. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	-	-	-	-
Brandon H. 9yrs 11/6						
<b>Start Living Group</b>	Cat E./GSR	Thu. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	6	18-20/1-2	-	-
<b>Freedom from Bondage / SNL</b>	Joe S./GSR	Thu. 9–10 PM Sat.10:00PM-12am	7	18/6	-	-
SNL is currently running from 10pm-12am and is looking at possibly moving, meetings continue to grow.						
<b>Welcome to the NAborhood</b>	Michele W. /GSR	Thu. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	3	15/2	-	-
<b>Back to Basics</b>	Crystal M. /GSR	Fri. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	5	40/3	-	-
Thanksgiving Meetings 1pm-6pm Dumpster location 308 Hanover St Food and Marathon Meetings						
<b>Primary Purpose</b>	Mindy P./GSR	Sat. & Sun. 12–1:30 PM	8	30/8	-	46.01
Tressie B. 16 yrs 10/26						
<b>Experience, Strength, &amp; Hope</b>	ABSENT	Sat. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	-	-	-	-
Bud C. 1yr 11/02						
<b>Colonial Beach Survivors</b>	ABSENT	Fri. 7:00 – 8:00PM	-	-	-	-
<b>New Beginnings of King George</b>	ABSENT	Tue. 7:00 – 8:00 PM	-	-	-	-
<b>Alive &amp; Free</b>	ABSENT	Wed. 8:00 PM & Fri.7:00 PM	-	-	-	-
Bob B. 1yr 10/23						
<b>Men’s Sharehouse</b>	Richard G./GSR	Tue. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	6	10/1	-	-

**XV. 10 MINUTE RECESS**

**XVI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quorum Call**

HOME GROUP NAME	P/A	NAME	POSTION
1. Welcome Home	P	Stephanie P.	
2. Who Wants to Live	P	Mark M.	
3. In It to Win It	A		
4. Spiritual Connection	P	Summer M.	
5. Standing By Recovery	P	Joe B.	
6. Clean Works	A		
7. Start Living Group	P	Cat E.	
8. Freedom from Bondage/SNL	P	Joe B.	
9. Welcome to the NAborhood	P	Michele W.	
10. Back to Basics	P	Crystal M.	
11. Primary Purpose	P	Mindy P.	
12. Experience, Strength & Hope	A		
13. Colonial Beach Survivors	A		

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14. New Beginnings of King George	A		
15. Alive & Free	A		
16. Men's Sharehouse	P	Richard G.	

2 <sup>nd</sup> QUORUM CALL Must 8 per Bylaw s	
Group Represented	10
Procedural Votes	10
Quorum Met?	YES

**XVII. Old Business**

**Motion #9/8-8:** To be reimbursed 108.82 for printing.

**Intent:** For printing area supplies/7<sup>th</sup> tradition

Maker: Akim E.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For: 10**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion: PASSED**

**XVIII. Open Sharing Session**

- **Topic- Budget Meeting Dates**

Dates were rearranged for the weekly budget meetings

**Thursday 10/10 6pm @Wegmans**

**Wednesday 10/23 @ Wegmans**

**Sunday 10/27 2pm @Loriella Park**

- **Topic- Area Meeting Space**

The committee discussed the meeting PR has set with the facility about the insurance and contract they wanted sign. The Insurance Ad Hoc was directed to meet before the next ASC meeting to gather more information for the purpose of moving forward with securing an insurance policy for the area.



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**Motion #10/6-6:** Add to Art 5 Section 3 Line G to include Emailing all GSRs, sub committee chairs and exec body members

**Intent:** To clarify duties of Sec I

Maker: Richard M.

2nd by: Richard G.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-7:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6 (RACC), Line C.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-8:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC), Line E.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-9:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC), Line H.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-10:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC), Line I.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: **BACK TO GROUPS****

**Motion #10/6-11:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC), Line J.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: **BACK TO GROUPS****

**Motion #10/6-12:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC), Line N.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: **BACK TO GROUPS****

**Motion #10/6-13:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC), Line O.

**Intent:** To eliminate unnecessary verbiage in the RACC chairperson duties.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: **BACK TO GROUPS****

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**Motion #10/6-14:** To remove Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 6, (RACC) a new line reading “Attend weekly budget meetings in October of each year.

**Intent:** To provide consistency across the bylaws.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-15:** To add Article 6 (Subcommittees) a third bullet reading “Each subcommittee shall create and maintain a set of bylaws to guide their actions. These bylaws shall be consistent with the principles found in the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, and with the Area Bylaws.”

**Intent:** To provide spiritual guidance for the service efforts of each subcommittee.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-16:** To change Article 6 (Subcommittees), Section 4 (Outreach), Line E to read “Appoint a subcommittee member as a liaison to visit groups that have not been represented at ASC for 3 months.”

**Intent:** To provide clarity by simplifying the language of this duty.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-17:** To remove Article 5 (Administrative Committee), Section 1 (Chairperson), Line W

**Intent:** To remove redundancy.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

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**Motion #10/6-18:** To add a new line to Article 5 (Administrative Committee), Section 1 (Chairperson) reading “Prevent important questions from being decided prematurely in order to foster understanding by the entire committee prior to action.”

**Intent:** To foster understanding properly.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-19:** To add a new line to Article 5 (Administrative Committee), Section 1 (Chairperson) reading “Prevent important questions from being decided prematurely in order to foster understanding by the entire committee prior to action.”

**Intent:** To foster understanding an unity.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-20:** To change Article 13 (Assistance and Removal of Struggling/Delinquent Meetings), Line B to read “The liaison will report their findings at the following ASC meeting.”

**Intent:** To provide consistency across the bylaws.

Maker: Bylaw Review Ad Hoc

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**

**Motion #10/6-21:** To change Article 13 (Assistance and Removal of Struggling/Delinquent Meetings), Line A to read “A liaison will be sent to check on the welfare of the meeting. This may be a member of Outread, PR, or another trusted servant.”

**Intent:** To provide consistency across the bylaws.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: BACK TO GROUPS**



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Submitted to RANA ASC for approval by:  
Secretary I Akim E.

*The next ASC meeting begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, at  
Fairview Baptist Church, 900 Charlotte St. Fredericksburg.*