

# September 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 Summer M.)
- B. Purpose of Area Service (Read by Raissa K.)
- C. 12 Concepts of NA Service (Read by Joe B.)
- D. 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous (Read by Joe S.)
- E. Decorum Statement (Read by Mark M.)

## III. Roll Call

### A. Executive Committee Members and Subcommittee Chairs

POSTION	NAME	J	A	S	Report	Comment
Chair	Victoria L.	P	P	P	-	
Vice Chair	<i>OPEN</i>	-	-	-	-	
Secretary I	Robb B.	P	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.	P	A	P	✓	
H&I	Ron M.	P	P	P	✓	
PR	John L.	P	P	A	✓	Joe B. Rep
Literature	Stephanie C.	*	P	P	✘	

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RACC	Mark T.	*	A	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	J	A	S	NAME	POSTION GSR/ALT/REP
Primary Purpose	A	P	A		
Welcome Home	P	P	*	Jenn R.	GSR
Who Wants to Live	P	P	P	Mark M.	GSR
In It to Win It	*	P	P	Raissa K.	REP
Spiritual Connection	*	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	A	P	Mark T.	REP
Start Living	P	P	P	Cat E.	GSR
Welcome to the NAborhood	P	P	P	Michelle W.	GSR
Freedom from Bondage/SNL	P	P	p	Joe S.	GSR
Colonial Beach Survivors Group	P	P	P	Chris S.	GSR
Back to Basics	A	P	P	Crystal M.	GSR
Experience, Strength, & Hope	P	P	P	Justin M.	ALT
Alive & Free	A	A	P	Charlie B.	GSR
Men's Sharehouse	P	P	p	Jaren F.	REP

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**IV. 1<sup>st</sup> Quorum Call**

1 <sup>st</sup> QUORUM CALL Must 8 per Bylaws	
Group Represented	11
Procedural Votes	11

Quorum Met?	YES
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## V. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion #09/08-02:** To adopt August's Agenda as proposed.

Maker: Summer M.

2<sup>nd</sup> By: Michelle W.

**VOTE:** For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Motion:** PASSED

## VI. Adoption of Last Month's Minutes

**Motion #09/08-03:** To approve July's minutes.

Maker: Mark M.

2<sup>nd</sup> By: Cat E.

**VOTE:** For: 10

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

**Motion:** PASSED

## VII. Secretary Report

A. ABSENT-Secretary I – Robb B.  
(No report)

B. Secretary II – Akim E.  
(No report)

## VIII. Chairperson Report – Victoria L.

A. (Next Report Due in October)

## IX. Vice Chairperson Report – OPEN POSITION (Raissa K. Pro Tem)

### Vice Chairperson– Qualifications and Duties A.

Two (2) years clean time

B. One (1) year ASC experience

C. Two (2) year term

D. Serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

E. Be an automatic nominee for Chairperson.

F. Serve as liaison between all standing subcommittees to ensure coordinated function. Monitor said committees per ASC guidelines and report actions to the ASC bi-monthly. G. Be a non-voting member of all subcommittees.

H. Act as the point of contact for the ASC to the public for ASC business; specifically for providing meeting times and space required for Area business.

I. Maintain a record of RANA amended bylaws. Properly record any amendments to the RANA bylaws and have the record at every ASC meeting

J. Serve as one of the "2 of 3" co-signers of the ASC's bank account.

K. Attend weekly budget review meetings in October of each year.

## **X. Treasurer Report**

### **A. Treasurer I – Richard M.**

At the start of today we have a total of \$4193.75. This includes a deposit of \$237.69 from group donations, as well as a transfer from the RACC bank account of \$1983.00. This transfer from the RACC account is considered an overage above the RACC budget, with budget meetings coming up in October i would prefer not to make any large donations until after the 2019 budget is decided on. Checks written last month include, ck# 1035 to the central atlantic region per our bi-laws, this check has not cleared as of the start of today. Checks still not accounted for are the same as the last 3 months totaling \$49.66. There was no literature order made in august.

We do need to consider 4th quarter meeting list today, please look over the meetings lists and make sure your meetings are correct.

Budget meetings are as follows. Oct 5th 6pm at wegmans, Oct 10th 6pm at wegmans, Oct 27th 2pm at the noon mtg picnic, lastly Oct 30th 6pm at wegmans.

In loving Service

Richard M

### **B. Treasurer II – OPEN**

## **XI. RCM Report**

### **A. RCM I – OPEN (Etta F. Pro Tem)**

### **B. RCM II – OPEN**

## **XII. VRCC Report – OPEN**

## **XIII. Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Activities – Brittany M.**

Good evening everyone

Activities met after the Tuesday meeting this week due to everyone's schedule clashing. We will also meet Tuesday September 17 after the meeting at the route 17 location. We are also returning the \$100

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deposit from Fourth of July picnic today. At this time we have started planning for Ranaween which will be held at Falmouth Baptist Church November 1st from 7-11pm. \$5 dollars all you can eat children under 5 are free. We will have a costume contest and working on getting someone for face paint. We have our lovely member John L returning as our Dj as well. If you would like to help plan this event please show up Tuesday September 17th after the men's and women's meeting.

Thank you  
Britany

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

Hello everyone

Today we held H&I subcommittee meeting, 11 people in attendance, all facilities are being filled, all panel leaders are attending H&I subcommittee meetings. Today I'm turning in a Literature order of 56.50 for the 3 facilities.

Also I was informed about a new facility wanted H&I meeting. The facility is Rappahannock Juvenile Center in Stafford, I will be getting ahold of the contact person this week to find out what days and requirements they desire, if anyone is interested please let me know

C. Literature – Stephanie H.  
(No report)

D. Public Relations (PR) – John L. (Joe B. Representing)

Good Afternoon, RANA

Let me first apologize for my absence today. This is an extremely busy time of year for me professionally and it was simply unavoidable. I trust Joe B to deliver this report and answer any questions you may have about what it contains. Please bear with me because today's report will cover a lot of important topics...

The PR subcommittee met on Wed August 28th and there were 5 members in attendance. We discussed new targets for our ongoing canvassing project and made progress towards finalizing our designs for the PR Presentation displays that we hope has been approved by the home groups today.

I'm pleased to report that I was able to make contact with Pastor Sawyer from Fairview Baptist Church. Joe B. and I met with him and Sheila Green, the secretary, in-person to discuss the release of liability. We were told that the primary concern was simply that the Church board wants our organization to release them from all liability should one of our members get injured on their property during one of our meetings. This is the purpose of the release and our options are to either sign it or find another meeting place. After the fact, it was brought to my attention that if giving them indemnity was, in fact, their ONLY concern, parts of the agreement would be unnecessary and could/should easily be removed. This may be correct... I'm not a contract lawyer and I'm doing the best I can with what I have. With that said, Richard M. has agreed to be the signee should the GSRs decide that this is an acceptable solution. So, here's where we're at... if the insurance policy motion passes today, and Richard is willing to accept responsibility for what happens on this property during an ASC meeting with good faith that he would have the area's support in case of any incident, we would simply need to draft a letter explaining that the ASC as a whole has authorized Richard to represent it in this matter and have him sign the release.

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The next item on the list was PR's visit to the Alive and Free home group in Culpepper, as we were asked to do last month by the GSR's. Again, Joe and I went out there together to check on their welfare and observe and confirm the reports that they were announcing AA events during the NA meeting. When I arrived I identified myself as the RANA PR Chair and the purpose of my visit was to check on them since they hadn't sent a representative to Area for several months. I did not tell them that the other fellowship's announcements had been reported to us on the ASC floor. Joe arrived shortly after that (he did not hear me identify myself) and the meeting began. We sat through the meeting and there were multiple mentions of being "clean and sober" and people were introducing themselves as "alcoholics and addicts"... which, of course, cannot be avoided by individual members. With that said, when it came time for the mid-meeting secretary's report and announcements the chairperson specifically asked if there were "any announcements from the other fellowship". There were two people there that night for their very first meeting ever and the NA message of recovery was definitely blurred. When the meeting ended we approached the chairperson and, with humility, explained to him the other reason for our visit that night. We reminded him that it's not OK for a chairperson to willfully step on the 10th Tradition in regards to outside issues and that the 12 Traditions are non-negotiable. I told him that this has been discussed on the ASC floor for the past two months and reminded him that the Mike S had approached their group about this same issue on multiple occasions during his tenure as PR Chair for the area. The next part I'm not so happy to report... the other people in the room overheard us raising our concerns to the chairperson and, to put it bluntly, Joe and I were met with aggression. We tried to explain that we were representing the PR subcommittee, which was asked to come here by the area to express some concerns to the homegroup members and that this was an area level issue, rather than Joe and myself just being the NA Police. They were not trying to hear any of it. We were cussed out, talked down to, called spies, and disqualified based on our clean time... it was ugly. With that said, the chairperson remained humble throughout and was quite receptive to the suggestions to simply stop announcing the AA events during the meeting. I encouraged him to come to ASC, along with any other homegroup members who took issue with the visit, to participate in the discussion today. PR was tasked with reporting on an absentee meeting and found that, while there was a recovery meeting happening at that place and time, technically it would not be considered and NA Meeting. If this group wants to do a hybrid recovery meeting blending the fellowships in the interest of keeping the doors open, that's completely fine... but the traditions are non-negotiable and, unless they're willing to change their ways, it would need to be removed from the Rappahannock Area of Narcotics Anonymous.

Again, Joe is here to answer any questions... have fun, buddy!

ILS,  
John L

E. RACC (Convention) – Mark T.

**Good afternoon,**

***The RACC will met August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Wegman's. There were six people in attendance and we discussed fundraising as well as amendments 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.***

***Our RACNA III Kickoff Fundraiser will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>, next Sunday at Loriella Park from noon to 6:00pm.***

***The next convention committee meeting is this Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm upstairs at Wegmans.***

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

F. Ad-Hoc Committees

- NARCAN Ad Hoc (Joe B.)- Joe had nothing to report and said the matter should be dropped.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Audit Ad Hoc (Victoria L.)-

2nd Quarter 2019 RANA Audit Report

The audit ad hoc met on August 18 with 3 members in attendance. We reviewed the financial activity of the Rappahannock area for the second quarter of 2019, which included the months of April, May, and June.

April 2019 Reported Balance Actual Balance Beginning \$3,378.04 \$2,805.77 Ending \$3,028.16  
\$1,860.93

March and April's deposits had not been made yet, resulting in the difference between the reported balance and the actual balance. This issue is resolved in May, which means all monies in and monies out are accounted for.

May 2019 Reported Balance Actual Balance Beginning \$3,028.16 \$1,860.93 Ending \$3,176.65  
\$3,176.65

Due to being 2 months behind on deposits, the actual beginning bank account balance was less than the reported balance. However, the ASC deposits for March, April, and May were made during May, which resulted in the reported ending balance matching the actual ending balance. All money's in and monies out are accounted for.

June 2019 Reported Balance Actual Balance Beginning \$3,176.65 \$3,176.65 Ending \$2,915.96  
\$2,625.79

June's deposit had not been made at the time of this audit, resulting in the difference between the reported ending balance and actual ending balance for June. Other than the deposit, monies in and monies out are accounted for.

Major Points: • June 2019 ASC deposit has not been made yet • 3 ASC deposits made in May, which accounts for the differences in reported balances vs. actual balances in April and May. • There are 4 outstanding checks, all to Victoria L. • John L. is still on the RANA bank account but is no longer authorized.

Recommendations: 1. Remove John L. from bank account (Victoria will go to BBT this month to address this and the checks issue) 2. Find out if there is a cost associated with cancelling checks OR if there is a period of time after which checks are void.

3. Timely deposits or mentioning in treasurer's report if a deposit has not been made.

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### 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>	Jenn R./REP	Sun. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	-	-	-	-
20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 10/27 12-6pm Loriella Park, food fun and fellowship for free.						
<b>Who Wants to Live</b>	Mark M./GSR	Mon. – Fri. 12 – 1:15 PM	8	125/25	95.30	Aug/132.41 Sept/105.64
<b>In It to Win It</b>	Raissa/ REP	Mon. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	6	35/5	-	-
<b>Spiritual Connection</b>	Summer M/GSR	Tue. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	4	7/1	-	19.30
<b>Standing by Recovery</b>	Joe B./GSR	Tue. 7:30 – 8:30 PM	2	4/2	-	-
Needs support						
<b>Clean Works</b>	ABSENT	Wed. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	-	-	-	-
<b>Start Living Group</b>	Cat E./GSR	Thu. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	8	12-15/1-2	-	-
Ronnie W., 39yrs, 9/15, celebrating on the 19 <sup>th</sup>						
<b>Freedom from Bondage / SNL</b>	Joe S./GSR	Thu. 9–10 PM Sat.10:00PM-?	7	12/7	-	14.15
<b>Welcome to the NAborhood</b>	Michelle W./GSR	Thu. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	4	15/1	-	14.85
<b>Back to Basics</b>	Crystal M/GSR	Fri. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	7	30/4	-	22.35
Joe B., 1yr, 9/13 Rudy C, 12yrs, 9/20, Hosting Thanksgiving Marathon Meetings on 11/28/19 from 1pm-6pm @ Hanover Street						
<b>Primary Purpose</b>	ABSENT	Sat. & Sun. 12– 1:30 PM	-	-	-	-
Zach N, 9/14 Darryl C,16,9/21						
<b>Experience, Strength, &amp; Hope</b>	Justin M./ALT	Sat. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	12	20/1	25.00	67.88
<b>Colonial Beach Survivors</b>	Chris/GSR	Fri. 7:00 – 8:00PM	5	6-10/1-2	-	-
Needs support						
<b>New Beginnings of King George</b>	ABSENT	Tue. 7:00 – 8:00 PM	-	-	-	-



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<b>Alive &amp; Free</b>	Charlie B./GSR	Wed. 8:00 PM & Fri.7:00 PM	5	10-15/2-3	150.00	50.00
<b>Men's Sharehouse</b>	Jaren F./REP	Tue. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	6	10/1	-	2.50
New location 1200 International Parkway						

**XV. 10 MINUTE RECESS**

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

HOME GROUP NAME	P/A	NAME	POSTION
1. Welcome Home	P	Jenn R.	REP
2. Who Wants to Live	P	Mark M.	GSR
3. In It to Win It	P	Raissa K.	ALT
4. Spiritual Connection	P	Summer M.	GSR
5. Standing By Recovery	P	Joe B.	GSR
6. Clean Works	A		
7. Start Living Group	P	Cat E.	GSR
8. Freedom from Bondage/SNL	P	Joe S.	GSR
9. Welcome to the NAborhood	P	Michelle W.	GSR
10. Back to Basic	P	Crystal M.	GSR
11. Primary Purpose	A		
12. Experience, Strength & Hope	P	Justin G.	ALT



## **XVIII. Open Sharing Session**

- **Budget Meetings**

The annual budget meetings will be held weekly in October upstairs at Wegmans on the following dates:

-Oct 5<sup>th</sup> @6pm

-Oct 10<sup>th</sup> @6pm

-Oct 27<sup>th</sup> @2pm (This will be held at the picnic for the noon meeting group celebration)

-Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm

All are welcome, executive body members and subcommittee chairs are required to attend. These meetings are where a proposed budget for the year will be put together for the groups to vote on. If the budget is not approved by the groups the area will not have access to any funds for subcommittees, literature ect in January.

- **Bi-Law Reviews**

The first of the weekly Bi-Law Reviews has already taken place with 2 in attendance. The next review dates are at upstairs at Wegmans, dates and times are: September 9<sup>th</sup> @6pm, September 21<sup>st</sup> @1pm and September 29<sup>th</sup> @1pm.

- **Meeting Lists**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting lists are about to be ordered and should be available by the next ASC meeting. Certain groups have inaccurate time or location information online.

- **Topic- Literature Breakdown**

We received the 50 basic texts and 50 It Works How and Why to be given for free to newcomers. The books were to be dispersed as evenly as possible amongst all 16 home groups in RANA. Each group received 3 of each book with a remainder of 2 of each book. A straw poll was taken and the GSRs voted to donate the books to the Who Wants To Live group.

- **Topic-Alive and Free Discussion**

The GSR from Alive and Free reported that the group is now reading the clarity statement and doing what they can to honor the traditions. The GSR also reported that the area could use more attendance from the area and that they have complied with what PR has suggested. It was also mentioned that as an area we haven't had the participation to perform out reach duties.

- **Topic- Drug Court Forms**

Members of the Who Wants to live group have received empty forms or forms without names on drug court attendance forms and was informing the area to pay attention. A member stated that we are not responsible for other people's recovery and that this is a matter to be discussed and handled amongst home groups.

- **Subcommittee Chair/Group Representation**

A member was told that as a chairperson of a subcommittee you could not also represent your home group at ASC. It was not found in the bi-laws where that is the case. What was quoted from the bi-laws was "Article 8: All GSRs or designated representatives must be present to cast a vote. NO PROXY VOTES"

- **Thanksgiving Marathon**

The Back to Basics group is hosting marathon meetings on Thanksgiving Day and specified the type of help they were seeking from groups. A member from the group said they are looking for members to chair meetings, donate food or cash donations. The marathon meetings will run from 1pm-6pm.

## **XIX. Election Of New Officers**

### **OPEN POSITIONS**

#### **- Vice Chair**

Raissa K. was nominated and voted in by the GSRs as the new Vice Chair.

#### **-Secretary I**

Is an open position the previous Secretary I was removed for failure to fulfill duties. The position is to be announced as open for 1 month before anyone can be nominated.

#### **- RCM**

#### **- RCM II**

#### **- VRCC Director**

#### **- Treasurer II**

## **XX. New Business**

**Motion #9/8-5:** Activities is requesting \$400 for Ranaween.

**Intent:** To provide a safe and clean event for addicts.

Maker: Brittany M.

2nd by: Summer M.

**VOTE: For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: **BUDGETED****

**Motion #9/8-6:** To be reimbursed \$133.82 for printing.

**Intent:** Printing

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Maker: Akim E. 2nd by: Summer M.  
**VOTE: For: Against: Abstain: Motion: **OUT OF ORDER****

**Motion #9/8-7:** To be reimbursed \$25 of the total 133.82 for printing.

**Intent:** Printing of Area supplies.

Maker: Akim E. 2nd by: Summer M.  
**VOTE: For: Against: Abstain: Motion: **BUDGETED****

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

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

Maker: Akim E. 2nd by: Summer M.  
**VOTE: For: Against: Abstain: Motion: **BACK TO GROUPS****

**Motion #9/8-9:** To request \$50 for future printing of area related documents.

**Intent:** To perform my duties.

Maker: Akim E. 2nd by: Crystal M.  
**VOTE: For: Against: Abstain: Motion: **OUT OF ORDER****

## **XXI. Review of Group Status and Business**

The following groups have missed at least 3 consecutive ASC's:  
-New Beginnings of King George

## **XXII. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer**

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

*The next ASC meeting begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th 2019, at  
Fairview Baptist Church, 900 Charlotte St. Fredericksburg.*