

Piedmont Area Service Committee Minutes

March 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting

I. Call to Order and Serenity Prayer: 4:00 pm David H.

Twelve Traditions: Terry W

Definition of ASC: David H.

Twelve Concepts: Dana R

ROLL CALL

Trusted Servants

Chair: David H (Jan 2022)

Vice Chair: Amalie D (Feb 2022)

Treasurer: Kurt S. (*November 2021*)

Vice Treasurer: Ben C (Jan 2022)

Secretary: Dana R. (*September 2021*)

Alternate Secretary: Lawrence E (*December 2021*)

RCM: Chris P. (*September 2022*)

RCM II: Bryan K (Jan 2023)

Literature Chair: Jim W. (absent) (*August 2020*)

Alternate Literature Chair: Kyle W
(*September 2020*)

Public Relations Chair: Ben C. (*December 2021*)

H&I Chair: Jake S. (*October 2021*)

Special Events Chair: John B. (*Feb 2021*)
(*Jason B Here for John B*)

VRCC Director: (Vacant) (*February 2021*)

Alternate VRCC Director: None

Group Service Representatives

Quorum was met.

Addicts in the Belfry: Terry W.

Changing Perspectives: Erich H.

New Attitudes: Jodi D.

New Life Group: Kevin O.

SOS: Tee T

Serene in Green: Tracey A.

Sharing What We Have: Kim S

Spiritual Solutions: Anthony M.

Whatever It Takes: Jake B.

We Choose Recovery: David D

Where I'm At: Ann Mason

Groups removed from roll call:

None

Groups to be added:

None

Also attending:

Ryan R

February Minutes: Chris P moved to approve the minutes. Jason B seconded.

OPEN FORUM

Lawrence: poses a question about whether addicts have “zoom fatigue.”

Ben C: Notes that the Piedmont ASC zoom account is owned by David H. David shares that he set up the account outside of the service structure, and doesn't mind continuing in the way that we have been. Considering whether we should change to the Area starting a new zoom account. Discussion evolved to how long online meetings will continue. Chris P shares his opinion that Piedmont ASC should own the account to ensure continuity of the meetings. Brian K shares his opinion that ASC should continue to function on zoom in the future, especially with concern for the groups who are not present at area.

Kim: Asking for paper meeting lists for newcomers.

II. REPORTS

Chair Report: (*David H*) No report

Vice Chair Report: (*Amalie D*) No report

Secretary Report: (*Dana R*) No report

Regional Committee Member Report (*Chris P.*)

The Central Atlantic region had its 207th RSC on February 20th with good attendance from the areas and quorum being met. I was able to attend for the first half but I had a prior commitment that afternoon. Brian K was able to cover as our Representative for voting. That being said this will be a short report as I'm waiting for the minutes to do a full accounting.

Key points to pass along are as follows:

- Piedmont area received funding for the regional speaker jam and it has been passed along to our special events committee. Their flyer was shared at the regional level and will be added to the CAR-NA website ASAP under events.
- There is a lack of support currently at the regional service level. Open positions basically in every aspect of the service body, if you have any interest in serving at the regional level please talk to either myself or Brian K. We can point you in the right direction to get involved. Otherwise the regional subcommittees meet via zoom on the 20th of March starting at 10am. If you want to get involved with PR, the inmate step writing program, or regional H&I, that's a great place to start.

I will have more to announce next ASC after the minutes are available.

Thanks for allowing us to serve,

Chris P and Brian K

VRCC/ECCNA Report: *(Tee T.)*

VRCC: There has not been a VRCC meeting, the next meeting will be

Special Events Report: *(Jason B.)*

\$600 allocated for the Piedmont Area Speaker Jam, Sat June 12, 2021 at a location TBA.
Speaker Jam planning meeting 3/23 at 7 pm at a zoom location TBA. Flyer created by Jim W. will be posted on the website.

Public Relations Report: *(Ben C)*

Panel Reports:

Website (Steve S):

- In the last 30 days we've had 656 page visits, 0 file downloads, and 3 contact form submissions on the website.
- Continued discussion of potentially hosting email accounts for each of the positions at the Area level.

Meetings Lists (Ky L):

- I went ahead and started working on a spreadsheet that links all the Piedmont Area meeting info sources together. I won't have it completed before Sunday most likely but what I have found thus far is a place to start.
 - **Piedmont Area Tri-Fold Paper List** – out of date and hasn't been formally published in over a Year. Once we determine that we want to put it back in circulation it appears we would want to be reasonably confident that the meeting

changes and such have stabilized and there are enough In Person NA and H&I meetings to warrant having a paper resource. We have been using the “IP-19” COVID single fold Card as a paper resource and I would guess that continues until we combine them into 1 resource.

- **Piedmont Area Website** – this is the definitive complete, accurate and up-to-date source for meeting information thanks to our webmaster and the communication between members in our area. One confusion is informal situations such as the Thursday Online meeting at 7:00 pm being done as a Step Writing meeting and the informal sponsoring of the Sunday Evening Online meeting at 7:00pm by the SOS group. These nuances are not captured on our Website.
 - **CARNA Site as fed by the Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT)** – thanks to Richard this is up-to-date and reflects the correct status of all currently open meetings that were established before COVID. It appears we don’t have the Online Meetings at Noon on Tuesday/Thursday nor the Online Evening meetings that are not formally linked to a Home group. It is a confusing situation with the various meetings but wouldn’t we want the Regional site to mention these Online Meetings? I’m sure Richard can help with that if he hasn’t already in some way that I haven’t discovered.
 - **NA World Site (NA.org)** – this is out-of-date and no longer accurate nor does it reflect any of the Online Meetings, however, visitors to the site are encouraged to go to the CARNA site if they start by selecting the State as the search criteria. Using the NA Meeting Search vehicle on the right of the screen enables the user to request by City and multiple criteria – this is where inaccurate results will be given from the main data repository. I welcome suggestions here because updating the main data repository maintained by NA.org might be a chore that creates work for the World Service organization and may create some confusion between the In Person vs. Online designations.
- Brief discussion regarding the communication between all data repositories for meeting information
 - Ben to follow up with Ky regarding Meeting List Coordinator position description

Literature Racks (Steve P)

- Updated spreadsheet to include Covid delivery information for UVA Hospital.
- Changed spreadsheet delivery person for Wellness center from Dana to myself.
- Contacted UVA Emergency Room and UVA Five East about delivering Zoom meeting lists to them.
 - UVA ER zoom meeting lists drop off at the ER door. Put the zoom meeting list in an envelope and address outside to '**Attn: Social Worker**'.
 - Five East zoom meeting list drop off at the UVA front door. Put the zoom meeting list in an envelope and address outside to '**Attn: Five East Christi**'.

Phone Line (Cecily R):

- Since our last sub-committee meeting, the phone line has received one call that went to Ben C.
- I have reached out to two women for their availability to add to the phone line volunteers as well.

Presentations (Adam W)

- Added 2 new volunteers for presentations – 7 volunteers in total
- Ben C created volunteer spreadsheet, Adam to review
- Goal to set up a presentation in the next month with Joe Plantain, Commonwealth Attorney
- Discussion regarding goal for 1 presentation per month

Old Business:

- A brief discussion of changing the meeting time at future meetings was tabled for next month. March's meeting will take place at 1:00 PM March 7.

New Business:

- Voted to change the meeting time, all monthly PR subcommittee meetings will take place at 1:00 PM.

Elections

- Lawrence E expresses a willingness to serve as Secretary, the position description was read, Lawrence met the qualifications, and was unanimously elected.
- Literature Rack Coordinator and Meeting List Coordinator remains open

H&I Report: (Jake S)

The H and I subcommittee met today as planned with 10 people in attendance. There are no major updates regarding the facilities to which we are carrying meetings. Boxwood continues to be the only facility that is currently meeting, and they could use more volunteers, as there are only a few members filling the positions at the moment. H and I zoom meetings are on the horizon at 5 East and ACRJ, but we are still awaiting a final confirmation and details from persons in charge at the respective facilities. As details emerge, we will be in contact with our volunteers to get meetings up and running as soon as possible.

We elected Kyle W. as the Men's ACRJ Panel Leader today - thanks for your willingness, Kyle. The Women's Center Panel Leader and H and I secretary positions are still open.

There were 2 new volunteers at the meeting that were added to our official list today.

We will meet April 11 at 2:30pm for our next subcommittee meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Kurt S)

Next month we need to work on the budget, so please send in your budget requests.

Please find attached the Treasurer's Report.

Literature Report: *(Kyle W.)*

If your group has literature, key tag, or medallion needs, please reach out to Jim W. An order for literature will be made this month. The Literature Chair position is now open, and needs to be announced for next month.

Ad-hoc Reports:

25th ECCNA Bid Committee Report: *(Tee T)*

The Maryland convention will be happening in June 2021. We will be placing a bid for the June 2022 convention

Spiritual Principle a Day Ad hoc: *(Kermit O)*

No written report was received from Kermit. He reported during the meeting that the ad hoc committee met to write and revise the new literature.

RECESS

none

IV. OLD BUSINESS

none

V. NEW BUSINESS

Terry W: Motion: To change policy to add to the duties of the secretary that the announcements be sent out by email within one day after the area service meeting. Intent: To more quickly get the announcements out to everyone (rather than the two week limit on the minutes) and better serve the community. Seconded by Tee.

Ben C: Motion: The Piedmont Area starts its own zoom account. Cost for that account is approximately \$30/month. Seconded by Tee.

VI. ELECTIONS

- Tee T has a willingness to continue serving as VRCC director, vote of confidence: show of hands, Tee is re-elected.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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In keeping with our 7th Tradition, a reminder that the Paypal app on our website: piedmontvana.org does have the ability to be set up with a recurring donation.

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The following positions are open for those interested in serving the NA Community:

- *VRCC Alternate Director please contact Tee T.*
 - *H&I Secretary, Women's Center, and 5 East panel leaders. Please contact Jake S.*
 - *We have several positions available in the PR Subcommittee or are coming up very soon. These include Meeting Lists Coordinator, and the Literature Racks Coordinator. Please contact Ben C.*
 - *Literature Chair is needed. Please contact Jim W*
 - *We need more volunteers for presentations and the phone line. Please contact Ben C.*
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- *Roy C will celebrate 22 years at Off the Tracks March 8 at 7 pm.*
 - *Steve S will celebrate 10 years at the New Attitudes Group on March 22 at 8 pm.*
 - *Kyle W will celebrate 3 years on Sunday, May 9 at the 7 pm Virtual Meeting.*

VIII. MOTIONS TO SEND BACK TO GROUPS

Motion 1: To change policy to add to the duties of the secretary that the announcements be sent out by email within one day after the area service meeting. Intent: To more quickly get the announcements out to everyone (rather than the two week limit on the minutes) and better serve the community.

Motion 2: The Piedmont Area starts its own zoom account. Cost for that account is approximately \$30/month.

Next ASC: *The next Area Service will be held on April 11,, 2021 at 4:00pm*

Motion to Close: 5:12 pm

Made by: Terry W

2nd by: Tracy

Serenity prayer said by all.

ILS, Dana R.