

STATEN ISLAND AREA SERVICE MEETING

March 9, 2021

SIASC Minutes for March 2021

*7:02 PM: Opened with a moment of silence, The Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions and Purpose of Area Statement.

*7:05 PM: Roll call for sub-committee attendance taken.

Sub-Committee Attendance:

Chairperson: Thomas

Vice Chair: Absent

Secretary: Julia

Treasurer: Dana

RCM: Ray

PR Chair: Walter

Technology Chair: Jesse C

H&I Chair: Jessica

E&A Chair: Absent

Homebound Chair: Vacant

Policy Chair: Vacant

Literature Management: Vacant

Speaker Exchange: Vacant

*7:06 PM: First roll call for GSR's taken. 5 GSR's present.

*7:11 PM: Read February 2021 minutes. No corrections. Treasurer mentioned that they need to address that the prudent reserve is in fact 2 months and need to list itemizations of the revolving funds for sub-committees in the ad hoc committee. Carrying the Message motioned to accept the minutes, Technology Chair seconded. Motion passed.

*7:14: New GSR's recognized.

Carrying the Message: Abby & Alicia

*7:16 PM: Sub-committee reports (please see attachments)

*PR Report given.

Q: Alive @ 6 in St. George asked if the order form on the website was current.

A: PR Chair replied yes it can be downloaded, printed out and given to PR Chair.

Clean Times made a motion to accept. Carrying the Message seconded. Accepted.

*H&I report given. No questions asked.

Carrying the Message made a motion to accept, Treasurer seconded. Accepted.

*Technology report given. No questions asked.

Alive @ 6 made a motion to accept, Clean Times seconded. Accepted.

*RCM Report given

Q: Technology Chair asked if IP 30 is out and can be ordered.

A: RCM replied yes and they will continue the conversation offline.

Q: Technology Chair asked if there's a flyer for the webinars.

A: RCM replied he will copy & paste the info from the email he received into his report.

Technology Chair made a motion to accept, Alive @ 6 in St. George seconded.

Accepted.

*Treasurer Report given.

Correction: Alive @ 6 in St George made the donation instead of It's About Change.

Q: Carrying the Message asked how to donate to area via Venmo.

A: Treasurer replied the QR code is in her report.

PR Chair made a motion to accept, Alive @ 6 in St. George seconded. Accepted.

*7:41 PM: 2nd roll call taken, 5 GSR's still present.

*7:41 PM: No old business.

*7:42 PM: New business, nominations/elections, open forum:

PR Chair, Homebound Chair, Treasurer, Literature Management, Speaker Exchange, Policy Chair are still vacant positions that need to be filled.

The Chair, Vice Chair and H&I Chair commitments are all open in June so spread the word.

Technology Chair made a nomination for Greg to be Speaker Exchange, Chair seconded.

Greg accepted the nomination. Greg gave his qualifications: Attends a lot of meetings from all over, has done the commitment before, has a willingness to serve. No-one was opposed.

Greg was voted in by acclimation.

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Chair added to spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!

Chair said they will continue to meet virtually until otherwise notified. But they will be looking around for a physical meeting space.

*8:00 PM Treasurer motioned to close, Technology Chair seconded.

Chair closed the meeting with The Serenity Prayer.

GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Alive @ 6 in St George	Absent	Absent
Back to Basics	Absent	Absent
By the Book	Absent	Absent
Carrying the Message	Alicia & Abby	-----
Clean Machine	Absent	Absent
Clean on the Bay	Absent	Absent
Clean Times	Billy	-----
Easy as 1, 2, 3	Absent	Absent
Eltingville at 8	Absent	Absent
Freedom on Friday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Get Real on the Terrace	Absent	Absent
Listen to Learn	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Men Working it Out	Greg	-----
Not Just for Women Only	Denis	-----

GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Principles on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Port of Recovery	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Recovery by the Water	Absent	Absent
Recovery on the Boulevard	Absent	Absent
Recovery Room	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Sanity on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Saturday Morning Wakeup	Absent	Absent
Saturday Surrender	Absent	Absent
Spiritual Kindergarten	Absent	Absent
Steps to Freedom	Absent	Absent
Step Up to Learn	Absent	Absent
Step Up to the Deck	Absent	Absent
Sunday at 2:30	Absent	Absent
The Journey	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
The Message is Hope	Absent	Absent
The Real Deal	Absent	Absent
Time to Live and Give	Absent	Absent
Together on Sunday	Richie	-----
Victory at the Shack	Absent	Absent
Who, What, Why	Absent	Absent
Y We Recover	Absent	Absent

March 2021 Announcements

- *-Get Real on the Terrace needs support.
- *-Saturday Morning Wakeup needs support (in-person mtg).
- *-Not Just For Women Only needs support. They now have a new meeting ID (988 208 3991) and password (297053).
- *-Currently vacant positions in Area: Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, Policy Chair, Homebound Chair, Literature Management
- *-The following area commitments that will be vacant in June: Chair, Vice Chair, H&I Chair
- *-Spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!

Anniversaries:

- *-March 26, 2021
Towayne 2 years @ The Real Deal
- *-April 19, 2021
Don S 3 years @ Clean Machine
- *-April 23, 2021
Santiago 3 years @ The Real Deal
- *-April 24, 2021
Mercedes 29 years, Ann G 16 years @ Carrying the Message
- *-April 28, 2021
Tommy Surrender 15 years @ Step Up to the Deck
- *-April 30, 2021
Chris Caddy 25 years @ The Message is Hope
- *-May 22, 2021
Abby 3 years @ Carrying the Message
- *-May 28, 2021
Tim M 8 years, Victor G 29 years @ The Real Deal

For more anniversaries keep coming!

Treasurer Report- March 9, 2021

1. Bank Balance as of 3/9/21 \$ 10,375 (Insurance checks not cashed yet- written in January \$513.15 (Insurance for 2021) \$688.20 (Insurance for 2020)

Checks written to:

2. \$100 to GNYRSC- donation
3. \$139 to American Self Storage
4. \$29.98 to Jessie Zoom
5. \$125.50 GNYSRSO (Area Literature)

Prudent Reserve (as per Ad-hoc Committee created last year) \$5,350 (2 months of expenses)

E&A set aside: \$2,000 (for free picnic)

Operating Expenses: \$ 2160.92 (This is the balance after you deduct money set aside for prudent reserve, E&A, all checks written out that have yet to clear and also includes incoming monies not yet reflected in bank balance).

We now have a Venmo account and you may now send contributions via Venmo @NAtreasurer. You can also use the Venmo account to pay for literature purchases.

Donations

Who What Why \$75

Clean Machine \$175 (\$100 from February)

Y We Recover \$25

Steps to Freedom \$80

Time to live and give \$100

Personal Donation \$5

Personal Donation \$20

Alive @6 in St. George \$121.25

Total: \$601.25

Literature Orders

Clean Machine \$56

Personal Literature \$15

Stepping up to the Deck \$ 69.15

Steps to Freedom \$111.60

Total: \$251.75

Total for donations and literature for March: \$ 853

I am going to continue serving the AREA as treasurer until someone steps up or at the very least the pandemic ends.

Please e-mail me at SIANAtreasurer1953@gmail.com with any questions.

In loving service,

Dana S.

SI Area NA

@NAtreasurer



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H&I Subcommittee Report

- We are currently doing 2/9of our presentations LIVE!!! And 7/9of our presentations via Zoom.
- We currently have one open commitment at South Beach ATC every other Thursday at 8pm.
- We discussed that nominations and elections for H&I Chair will be taking place soon.
- Our H&I Vice Chair stepped down.
- We are continuing the dialogue with the facilities about bringing our commitments back in live/in person.
- Our panel leaders are continuing to do their best to ensure that any patients/residents leaving any facilities have the web address for SI Area to access our virtual meeting list or, if at all possible, a printed copy of the list.
- Panel leaders are continuing to reach out to facilities to make sure they have literature.

RCM REPORT TO AREA FEBRUARY 9, 2021

REGIONAL ELECTIONS: BOB W VOTED IN AS PR CHAIR, RITCHIE VOTED IN AS H&I CHAIR, WAYNE T VOTED IN AS BOD MEMBER

VACANT POSITIONS AS REGION:

ASSISTANT TREASURER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, HELPLINE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR

RSO REPORT: THE FIRST EDITION OF THE GNYRSO SALES OFFICE NEWSLETTER IS ATTACHED

DUE TO OUR MEETING SITUATION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR INSURANCE. I HAVE ATTACHED A MEMO FROM THE RSO TREASURER EXPLAINING THE INSURANCE SITUATION

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS:

March 27, 2021 VIRTUAL UNITY DAY 3PM-9PM ZOOM ID 897 9967 8708 PW UNITY PRESENTED BY NYC AREA.

REGIONAL CONCERNS: REGIONAL MEETING: MARCH 13, 2021

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT: RD Team Proposal for GNYRSC Service-Learning Workgroup Workshops
The new RD team has discussed ways to foster unity within the GNYRSC and energize the fellowship's service efforts. One idea is to facilitate service workshops. Accordingly, the RD Team would like to gauge the interest of the GNYRSC Areas in having the RD Team (in coordination with the RSC Admin Committee and RSC Standing Committees) assist facilitating a group of representatives from each Area in putting on one to two hour learning workshops with service or sub-committee themes on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to share best practices and the joys of NA service. As a first step, we propose that each RCM discuss the idea with their Area's trusted servants to see if there is interest in putting on such service workshops. We have set out below a list of potential topics to consider. GSRs could be asked to prioritize the topics set out below by ranking them by number to give us a sense of what the fellowship may be interested in workshopping. Area trusted servants could also suggest topics that are not on the below list. Once RCMs have had a chance to discuss the idea with their Areas and provide feedback, we can plan next steps. List of Potential Topics - Group Service Positions (face to face meetings) - Virtual Meetings best practices - Model Group Policy - Hospital and Institutions a new way to carry the message - Public Relations our members views on dealing with public professionals - Area Trusted Servants - moving out to serve at Regional positions such as Chair, Treasurer, Committees such as H&I, Policy, Public Relations, Helpline, Convention Events & Activities etc. - The feeling of belonging - Understanding NA Service - Fulfilling our Vision - Traditions, traditions, traditions: is it really necessary - Electing our best members rather than our friends - Group unity our first tradition - The meaning of the NA symbol - Supporting our Regional Service Office and its functions - I'd like to do more in service who do I talk to? - Meeting list and the importance of groups being updated - Events & activities "let's put on clean events for us all to enjoy and fellowship - How to organize a poster drive including creating the words and design of a GNYRSCNA poster

UPCOMING NAWS WEBINARS:

END OF REPORT RAY A

Impossible Dream Publications

GNYRSO

SALES OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of the RSO (Regional Service Office) newsletter! With this newsletter our goal is to communicate items of interest to the fellowship such as new literature and merchandise, events, etc. As some of you might know, our mission, as described in our by-laws is to "distribute periodicals, materials, and literature written or prepared by and for the Fellowship". The RSO is a non-profit corporation (who's members are the Regional committee members) and provide tax free financial advantages for the Region in the case of conventions and other fundraising activities.

While the RSO is a physical office at 154 Christopher St in New York City, during the pandemic we are closed for in store purchases. However, orders are being fulfilled which were placed on the website (<https://newyorkna.org>) or through area literature representatives.

We are planning to publish periodically and your feedback is welcome!

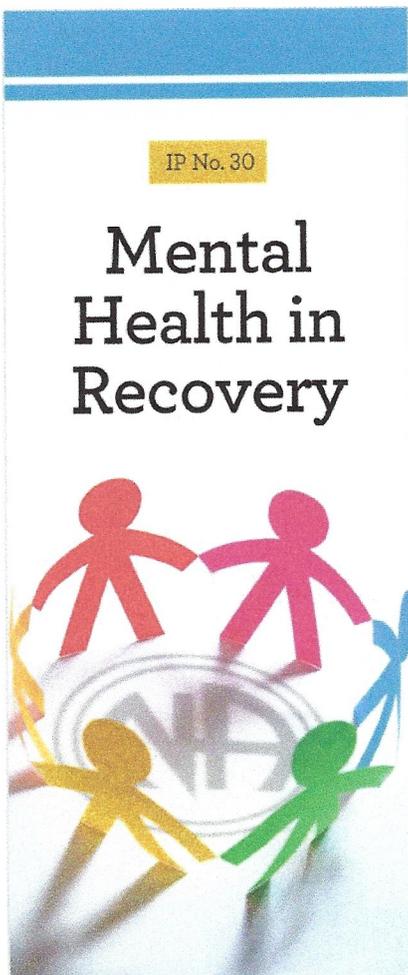
Email us at newsletter@newyorkna.org

WHAT'S NEW ?

IP No. 30

Mental Health In Recovery

The Eighth Tradition in NA aptly illustrates that our focus is sharing a message of recovery from addiction. Addicts who have thoughts or concerns about their mental health may want to seek professional help. Some members have experienced that professional help aids them in facing a crisis outside of their recovery in NA; others may find that long-term therapy and medications are warranted. There are many additional options available to us; we research what we think may be best and discuss them with our sponsors and appropriate healthcare professionals. Our shared experience is captured well in Chapter Four of Living Clean: "When we use the tools available to us calling our sponsor and seeking the experience, strength, and hope of others, allowing our support group to support us, and turning to In Times of Illness and other NA literature—we are able to make decisions we can be comfortable with, and take action to do the next right thing." We are free to pursue our recovery from addiction in NA.



13 March, 2pm-4pm, Eastern Standard Time: How Do Virtual Meetings Connect to the Service System?

Many virtual meetings are trying to figure out how to connect with NA's system of service delivery—how to map meetings, which may include members from all over the world, onto a service delivery system that is geographically organized. We will hear from a panel of members about how their meetings are handling the issue.

Zoom link: <https://NAWS.zoom.us/j/99547089201>

Webinar ID 995 4708 9201

Toll-free: 877 369 0926 or 855 880 1246

20 March, 2pm-4pm, Eastern Standard Time: Current Activity at NA World Services

World Services often gives a PowerPoint update about what we are working on when we visit service bodies and events. This is the first time we will be presenting a "NAWS Update" to any interested member anywhere.

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TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasury - Opening Balance: \$14,970.90 - Checks written: \$9,131.10 - Donations: \$9,283.57 - Closing Balance: \$16,392.65 - Prudent Reserve: \$6,350 – 2000.00 reserved for AV Equipment- Over Reserve: \$8,042.65 - \$1000 for NAWS (ALREADY INCLUDED IN CHECKS WRITTEN)

MEETING LISTS: Areas are asked to review their unpublished meetings and republish those meetings that are temporarily closed to the TC format code.

HELPLINE: 2932 CALLS IN 2020

January 9, 2021

To: RCM's GNYRSC,

From: GNYRSO – Eddie W. – Treasurer

At the Request of the Heart of Long Island Area I have been in touch with our insurance agents to confirm that we are receiving the best deal possible for our insurance coverage.

They advised that a very limited number of Insurance Companies are even willing to write the liability coverage we need for our meetings. The Insurance Agency checked with a number of Insurer's and they have been unable to find one who is willing to write our coverage for less than we are currently paying. Please see the reply from our Insurance Agent following:

“In a few cases we have been able to write accounts with Harleysville, however their pricing is the same or higher than Philadelphia Insurance.”

In addition, due to the fact that we have had our policy for quite some time and have a very low claim rate we are afforded a much lower premium, per group, than other Regions. Please find a direct statement from our Insurance Agency:

“If you break down the cost per each group, it is less expensive than what they charge for Northern California Regional. There the groups are charged around \$25-\$30.”

I have attached a memo I distributed to all RCM's in July 2020 advising the Area's about what was planned for the 2020/2021 Insurance.

I trust the concerns raised by the HOLI Area have been answered in this memo.

July 2020 Memo to RCM's:

TO: All RCM's

From: GNYRSO BOD

July 7, 2020

RE: Insurance coverage 2020-2021

Due to the current conditions caused by the Coronavirus (Covid-19) we will be using the same Meeting count from 2019 -2020 as the basis for the 2020-2021 Insurance Policy.

There have been a number of questions from groups and Area's as to why we continue to pay the insurance costs when so many meetings are not meeting physically. Should we not pay the premium on the current policy it will be cancelled and leave all meetings without liability coverage. Many have also asked why, when we return to normal, can't we just apply for a new policy? While this could be done our current policy is very favorably priced for the coverage received. The current annual cost per group is \$ 18.60, which equates to under \$.40 per week. It would not be possible to receive this rate on a new policy, as all insurance rates on new policies will increase dramatically due to the current environment.

Our insurance broker has advised us that there is no coverage for Covis-19. In addition they have also advised us that meetings held in the open are covered (parks, athletic fields, etc.). These meetings require an insurance certificate so please apply to the GNYRSO for one. Please note that if there are any types of sports they are not covered. The policy is intended to cover meetings only. You will also need to check the CDC guidelines in order to know what is required by each city and state.

Many of our venues also require that the insurance certificate be renewed each year. Please check with your meeting place and if required apply to the GNYRSO for a new certificate. There is a form on our WEB site that can be completed and sent to RSO@newyorkna.org or Insurance@newyorkna.org.



NYC AREA E & A
presents

Virtual
UNITY DAY

Staying Clean in Quarantine
fun and fellowship

March 27, 2021

3:00pm - 9:00pm EST

Zoom ID # **897 9967 8708**

Password **UNITY**

Unity Through Service	3:00
1 Year Clean in Quarantine	4:00
Recovery Rewind	5:00
Wonder Wheel	6:00
Show and Tell	7:00
Open Mic (*3-5 min sets)	8:00

*Contact Peter N. to sign up (718) 755-3023

From: nawsupdate@na.org,

To: RAYMONDJANDR@aol.com,

Subject: World Services' webinars and SPAD review material

Date: Thu, Feb 25, 2021 5:10 pm



Narcotics Anonymous
World Services

Hello,

We are writing to let you know about our March webinars and remind you that you can get involved with the Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project.

Webinars!

Mark your calendars. We are organizing not one but two webinars next month open to any interested member. Flyers for both are posted on our webinar page: www.na.org/webinar. Click on the images to get the full size, then right-click to save them to your desktop to forward or repost. Spread the word!

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At both webinars:

Portuguese and Spanish interpretation will be available. If you need interpretation into another language and have a translator you can bring to the meeting, email wb@na.org and let us know.

There will be time for members to ask questions via a text box. We only have the ability to respond to questions submitted in English during the webinars, but questions are always welcome at wb@na.org.

A livestream link will be posted at www.na.org/toolbox a few minutes before the webinar begins for those who would prefer to watch a livestream and not attend via Zoom. Note that you will not be able to ask questions or access the interpretation feeds from the livestream link.

SPAD!

The Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) Book Project will be posting draft entries for your review very soon, and principles are online for you to write about now: www.na.org/spad

The drafts include entries on 22 different spiritual principles:

Accountability, Authenticity, Awareness, Commitment, Communication, Connectedness, Courage, Discipline, Flexibility, Freedom, Hospitality, Humor, Inclusiveness, Integrity, Optimism, Patience, Prudence, Self-Acceptance, Self-Support, Tolerance, Unconditional Love, and We.

Check it out! Send input on any or all of the entries by 31 May 2021

If you'd prefer to do some advance writing on spiritual principles, 23 of them are posted ready for your thoughts, through the month of March, including, but not limited to:

Attentiveness, Caring, Consistency, Interdependence, Purpose, Selflessness, Sincerity, Solidarity, and Steadfastness

NA literature is written by addicts. Be the we. Share your input or your writing.

Yours in service,

World Board

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