

Staten Island Area Service Committee Meeting

- * Opening Prayer (Serenity Prayer)
- * Service Prayer
- * Reading of the 12 Traditions
- * Reading of the 12 Concepts
- * Reading of the definition-Purpose of an ASC
- * Selection from Spiritual Principle a Day (September 5th)

COOPERATION DESPITE FRICTION

Time and time again, in crises we have set aside our differences and worked for the common good.

—Basic Text, Chapter 6, “Tradition One”

Cooperation is fundamental to what we do in NA, starting from the moment when the message is first carried to us. “I didn’t get clean because of my own Step One,” an addict shared. “I got clean because of someone else’s Step Twelve.” Whether we first heard the message from one member, a group, or a piece of literature, carrying the message to a using addict requires cooperation. We are clean because other members cooperated with each other—and we cooperated by listening and believing that recovery was possible for us, too.

Our cooperation in NA continues well beyond that first moment of willingness to listen and receive a message of hope. As we stay clean and get to know our fellow members better, we cooperate with each other and keep the doors open for the addicts yet to come. We’re sure to see or experience friction at some point, but addicts in recovery can be surprising in our ability to come together when it really matters.

Placing principles before personalities means cooperating whether or not I get along with someone. I will do my best to set aside differences for NA unity.

- * Reading of previous months minutes (*Correction to minutes, if any*)
- * Roll Call
- * Recognition of new groups/new GSR’s
- * Reports (*E&A, Homebound, H&I, Literature, Policy, PR, RCM, Speaker Exchange, Technology, Treasurer, Hybrid Ad-hoc*)
- * Second Roll Call (*doesn’t have to be at 7:30...*)
- * Old Business
 - Motion One (tabled pending results of ad hoc committee)

Motion Maker: Back to Basics

Motion: Staten Island Area Steering and Area service meetings be held hybrid (in person and virtually) for as long as the Staten Island Area have groups meeting virtually.

Intent: In accordance with concepts each member should be allowed to fully participate in the decision making process.

By having the service meetings hybrid all members would have that access.



Concepts Referenced:

7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Financial Impact: \$15.00/month, which the Area has paid the last 2 years.

Policy Affected: We have no policy on the issue-We have no policy on Area service or steering meeting hybrid. This would become policy and would need 2/3 votes to pass.

- Motion Two

Motion Maker: Steps to Freedom

Motion: Put into policy that all Area level commitments, including sub-committees must attend Steering and Area in person.

Amended Motion: Put into policy that all Steering Committee members must attend Steering in person, and all sub-committee Chairs/Steering committee members must attend Area service in person.

Intent: To bring unity to the Area. We believe that business can be conducted much more effectively if all committees attend and meet in person. We would like to see Area and Steering eventually meeting in person, doing away with the hybrid format.

Tradition #1 Our common welfare should come 1st; personal recovery depends on NA Unity.

Policy affected: None- no policy currently in place. This would be new policy.

Financial impact: None, as there is one Zoom account for the Area being used by meetings and sub-committees.

- * Elections/Nominations

- Any new nominations? (*Treasurer, Homebound Chair & Speaker Exchange vacant. Chairperson and Vice-Chair terms run from July-June of the following year... Those positions are vacant currently*)
- Step Up to the Deck nominated current Vice-Chair for a second term. He accepts. Clean on Catherine seconded.
- The Secretary nominated Pat for Treasurer. He accepted. Step Up to the Deck seconded.
- Current Vice-Chair nominated George P for Homebound Chair. He accepted. Time to Live & Give seconded.
- Step Up to the Deck nominated Pinky for Speaker Exchange. She accepted. Clean Times seconded.

- * New Business (*Motions are in order regarding business that is new to this committee*)

- GSR Learning Day (free food, steering & sub-committee chairs doing a 5-10 presentations about their commitments)
- GSR Workshop (informal discussion 1/2 hr or 1 hr prior each Area meeting about service)

- * Announcements/Anniversaries (*for the good of NA*)



- * Open Floor Sharing (*for the good of NA. Not to be used as a forum to sway a point or readdress a table motion or some form on the agenda. It is a general discussion of group concerns and issues raised by reports*)
- * Closing Prayer (Serenity Prayer)

