



Greater Albuquerque Area Service Committee of  
Narcotics Anonymous

***Minutes***

*January 12, 2013*

*Grace Church*

*6901 San Antonio NE*

*Albuquerque, NM 87122*

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# Opening

Mark (Chair) called to order at: 10:00 am

36 Addicts Present

**NA Traditions read by:**

22 GSR's Present

**NA Concepts read by:**

## New (Alt) GSR's

- John M (Just For Thursday)

## Roll Call

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Name
	X												Chair (Mark G)
	X												Vice-Chair (Brian T)
	A												Secretary (Alex H)
	X												Treasurer (Michael L)
	V												Assistant Treasurer (open)
	X												Historian (Laura B)
	X												RCM-1 (Chris G)
	X												RCM-2 (Richard M)
	X												Literature (Jeff P)
	X												Activities (James S)
	X												Communications (Amber D)
	A												Phonelines (Paul S)
	V												Hospitals & Institutions (Mark G)
	X												Outreach (Kurt M)
	X												Public Relations (Ron H)
1.	X												A life of its Own (ALOIO) (Stu F.)
2.	A												Addict Like Me (ALM) (I)
3.	X												Addicts Only (AO) (Ricardi M)
4.	A												Basic Group (BA) (Jason C)
5.	X												Breakfast Club (BC) (Alexis)
6.	A												Combined Gallup Groups (GG) (Laura V)
7.	A												Desire to Stop (DTS) (Gabe S)
8.	X												Experience, Strength, and Hope (ESH) (Seth S)
9.	X												Happy, Joyous, and Free (HJF) (Joey R)
10.	A												Hope After Dope (HAP) (Henrietta C)

11.	X											Journey of Recovery (JOR) (Wayne)
12.	X											Just for Thursday (JFT) (Bernie R)
13.	X											La Cura (LC) (Christine G)
14.	X											Let It Go (& again) (LIG) (Mark C)
15.	X											Living Clean the Journey Continues (Christopher G)
16.	X											More Will be Revealed (MWBR) (Kelly O)
17.	X											Never Alone (NAL) (David H)
18.	X											Options (OPT) (Mike G)
19.	A											Shelter From the Storm (SFTS) (Melanie M)
20.	X											Sunday Nite Live (SNL) (Josephine)
21.	X											Surrender to Win (STW) (Jerry H)
22.	X											The Blue Room (TBR) (Roquel L. )
23.	X											The Young And the Dopeless (TYATD) (Noah)
24.	X											TLC Beginners (TLC) (Rand G)
25.	A											Wake up Call (WUC) (Mike R)
26.	X											We Never Had it so Good (WNHISG) (Shelly)
27.	A											What Can I Do (WCID) (LouAnn P)
28.	X											Why Be High (WBH) (Terry R)
29.	X											Women Rise & Recover (WRR) (Danielle W)

**X** PRESENT      **V** VACANT      **F** SOMEONE FILLED IN FOR THEM      **A** ABSENT

29 GROUPS                  13 Quorum (over ½ of Active Groups) to conduct business

25 Active Groups        17 for over 2/3 vote

4 Inactive Groups

## Minutes Approval

December Minutes – **Approved**

## Group Announcements (see page 15)

## Administrative and Subcommittee Reports

**Chair:** Thank you for electing me to chair. I promise to do this job as well as I am able for the duration of my term. Just recently, our area faced an issue that created much stir and controversy. It required much time and many resources. It illuminated demarcations of opinion and stretched on the ties that hold us all as one. Our area elected to steer clear of the un-navigated choosing instead to go with what has worked because it is what has worked. It is a process that we know and a process that we trust. And, we do not want anything to block the way of our primary purpose, to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We are certainly privileged to carry this message of hope, especially when you consider who we were before we found the rooms of our fellowship, and we never want anything to distract us from this very special purpose. And, we continue forward.

I am holding copies of an Area Inventory that was made available on the Narcotics Anonymous World Services website. I am hoping that the GSRs will elect to take these back to their home-groups to discuss, and I am also hoping you will return next month with these inventories filled-out and ready for discussions.

Next month, following this meeting, our Regional Delegate is going to facilitate a discussion on Group Conscience. I invite all of you to attend, and, moreover, I hope you will announce this workshop at your home-groups. It will be in this location immediately following area.

The out-going chair, historian, treasurer, and myself performed a financial audit of the area's treasury last weekend, and while we we don't have what anyone would characterize as superabundance of funds, our books have been well balanced. Michael is doing an impeccable job

I want to thank you all for entrusting me to this position. I look forward to serving this body in any way that I am able over the next year. I look forward to doing my part to carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers.

Love,  
Mark Gould  
505-270-4441  
markaarongould@gmail.com

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**Vice Chair:** I went to the H&I and PR committees, I was in touch with the other subcommittees throughout the month. I did not finish my reports on last year but I will as soon as I can.

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**Secretary:** no report

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**Historian:** Participated in the Audit.

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**RCM 1:** Region will be meeting next weekend at this facility (Grace Church, 6901 San Antonio NE, Room 3), Saturday Jan 19, from 1-5 pm.

We will be holding a Planning Session to prioritize goals for the coming year. This session is open to the fellowship at large (as are all Regional meetings) and all members are encouraged to attend. It will be a great opportunity to see how a

planning session works.

There will also be a workshop to discuss the NAWS proposed literature project for a Traditions Workbook.

We will be electing a Regional Phonelines Chair, nominations welcomed.

There will be paper Registration forms soon for the upcoming Convention in El Paso in March. On-line Registration will be available soon, as well.

Here is the proposed Agenda for January Region:

Meeting Agenda

Saturday, January 19th, 2013 1-5 pm

Grace Church, 6901 San Antonio NE, Albuquerque

1. Moment of Silence / Serenity Prayer
2. Twelve Traditions
3. Twelve Concepts
4. Service Prayer
5. Roll Call / Attendance
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Reports
  - a) LSC Report
8. Old Business
  - a) Regional Motions

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<b>RCM 2:</b>	no report
<b>Activities:</b>	no report
<b>Comm.:</b>	Would like to do the position for another year, if not elected willing to help with a newsletter. Still need ideas for newsletter.
<b>H&amp;I:</b>	Position was vacant, but Thomas was here to pick up the literature.
<b>Outreach:</b>	Over the last month we attended Journey of Recovery, Shelter From the Storm, Addict Like Me and Desire to Stop. I've been trying to get the word out about Outreach activities via email and text messages. Addict Like Me, Shelter From the Storm and Desire To Stop still need a GSR and are actively looking to find someone. Shelter From the Storm doesn't need any additional support from Outreach at the moment. Desire To Stop celebrated their one year anniversary.

We met Saturday January 5th @ the Frontier. We aim to attend all meetings that don't currently have a GSR, along with those meetings that have requested support. If you know of a meeting that needs support, let me know, so I can get it on the schedule next month or two.

Outreach has one new committee member and several people who've

expressed interest in attending Outreach events. We created a flyer for our January schedule. This will be handed out at Area and distributed electronically.

Meetings We Plan on Supporting in the coming month

Tuesday January 15th - 8pm **“Basic Group”**  
1st Baptist Church; Golf Course and Taylor Ranch Road.

Monday, January 21st - 5:00 pm **“Hope After Dope”**  
509 Cardenas SE - Endorphin Power Company

Wednesday, January 30th - 6:30pm **“Addict Like Me”**  
509 Cardenas SE - Endorphin Power Company

I am still seeking new committee members.

ILS,  
Kurt M

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**Phonelines:** no report

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**Public** Our Next Meeting:

**Relations:**

We have been meeting at the Frontier, and are seeking a more private meeting place. We will send out a notice when that is secured. Meanwhile, we have postponed our January meeting by one week, putting our next meeting on February 2. It will either be at the Frontier one more time, or we will let you know if we got a new space before then. As you can see below, we could use a lot of help, and invite anyone who is looking for a way to be of service to join us at our next PR Committee meeting.

Committee Member Roles:

Amber is now secretary of the committee and will create a record of our meetings. Laura B. has taken on the literature role within the committee, keeping racks stocked and keeping enough literature on hand so we can handle what comes up. The other two workgroups that are in the formative stages are Events and Professional Contacts, and website. These are in the formative stages now, and a point person has not yet been selected.

Status of Literature Racks:

We have begun using our budget to order literature and to stock racks. The facilities with racks I have on the list now are: A New Awakening (600 1st ST N), AMCI at 3121 Amherst NE, Good Shepherd, MATS and EPC. We share the responsibility for the EPC racks with the groups that meet there. We are investigating the status of a rack that may have been placed at the Board of Nursing. We are also looking into the viability of a rack at the UNM Substance Abuse Office. We will give a more thorough report on all of this after our next meeting.

#### Professional Contacts:

Last month we reported that we had done all the paperwork to be considered in a presenter role at a conference coming up in Albuquerque in April. We found out last week that we were selected. This is a conference of education professionals from around the state considering approaches to improved student health. We have begun discussing this with them and preparing for both our presentation and a booth at this event.

We met with Phyllis Marquez of StreetWise NM at her request and sent her a follow-up thank-you e-mail. They are an outpatient facility that works with the drug court. No further contact has been made with them to date.

We were again contacted by NM Job Corps via e-mail requesting further follow-up after our attendance at their health fair. We have been exchanging e-mail with them. They are interested in having a meeting on their campus, or having us regularly present to their clients. More on this as it develops.

We were also contacted by the Juvenile Drug Court, and responded with a presentation to their probationers and their parents on Tuesday, January 8th. Ron H., Benito O. and Noah L. presented. It consisted of a description of NA itself (by Ron), followed by shares from Noah and Benito.

We met among ourselves for a strategy session regarding how to best approach Bernalillo County given the many recent and ongoing changes in leadership and in their approach to addicts in their system. We are gathering information on this now, and will seek to set up meetings with key decision makers soon to ensure that they know about NA and how to access what we offer to addicts seeking recovery.

#### Website:

We put together a workgroup to begin studying the tools and methods used on our website, and to eventually use them to implement changes as requested by area. We have had a couple meetings of this group already, mostly in training mode, and are approaching the ability to spread these responsibilities around. The challenge is finding the time to dedicate to this, but we are making progress. Workgroup members at present include Ron H., Jeff C., Luke M., and Noah L.

#### Purpose Statement and Committee Structure:

We had a sharing session based upon our e-mail exchange around a purpose statement, and discussed some ideas for a strategic framework for organizing the committee. We have a draft purpose statement, which we have been discussing by e-mail and expect to finalize at our February 2 meeting.

#### Coordination with Bosque:



Amber took the ball on this one as well. She met with Kim from Bosque and sent us all an e-mail on that. We will have a follow-up discussion on that at our next meeting. Both Bosque and we have expressed a desire to coordinate together. Kim will attend our Feb 2 meeting.

Ideas for the future:

These are ideas in the brainstorming phase which came up at our meeting. We will be discussing them going forward as we begin to develop a PR Plan for the area.

- Learning Days: We brainstormed the idea of having one or more learning days during each year to do internal training.
- Help in Starting Meetings: We also discussed, and have discussed off-line since then because of the request from the Job Corps, the idea of putting together an approach to helping people who want to have an NA meeting for their clients to understand what the approach to that might be. Themes would include respecting traditions issues such as non-affiliation, non-endorsement, self-support, non-professionalism. Could we come up with a developmental approach to this that may give them some pointers about how to bring the right people among their clients together, how to select a format and what types of formats exist, the importance of the “no crosstalk” style and no professional facilitating NA meetings, pointers for connecting with the larger NA community in town, getting with Area, etc. It might be an interesting project if we were to take it on.
- Newcomer Orientation: We discussed the possibility of PR taking on the function of orienting newcomers to NA. This would be a natural fit with the “professional contacts” aspect of our work. It might be a monthly orientation session, and it might be a format to use with specific audiences like drug court or probation offices or sources of addicts who come to us in large numbers.
- AV tools and PSAs: One member of our committee is involved in the local public access station, and he believes we could make use of that community resource to put together AV materials for any number of uses. This may include external uses such as Public Service Announcements for TV, or broadcast on the public access station itself, or videos for posting on our website. It may also include internal uses such as videos to play at our convention, training videos, or videos for posting on our website’s internal use side, perhaps even behind a member login.
- Website: We have discussed a complete revamp of our website. This is a longer term project, would occur in collaboration with Region.

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**Literature:** Inventory either January 26<sup>th</sup> or February 2<sup>nd</sup> please contact Jeff P. for more info.

**Treasurer &  
Assistant  
Treasurer:**

<i>NOTE: Full Treasure's Q4 Report is included as an attachment with the minutes email.</i>	<u>Oct 2012</u>	<u>Nov 2012</u>	<u>Dec 2012</u>
<u>Start Balance</u>	\$2,000.83	\$1,697.88	\$1,407.42
<u>End Balance</u>	\$2,071.00	\$1,407.42	\$1,103.27
<u>NAWS Donation</u>	\$10.33	No donation	No donation
<u>Rio Grande Region Donation</u>	\$20.66	No donation	No donation
<u>Prudent Reserve</u>	\$1,895.38	\$1,708.14	\$1,395.30

**Call for motions:** 11:00  
**Break at:** 11:00  
**Back from Break at:** 11:10  
**GSRs Present:** 22

## Group Reports

<b>A life of its Own</b>	no report submitted
<b>Addict Like Me</b>	no report
<b>Addicts Only</b>	All is good no issues or concerns at this moment.
<b>Basic Group</b>	no report
<b>Breakfast Club</b>	Attendance is good. Frequent attendance by newcomers. Literature sales were up for the month of December.
<b>Desire to Stop</b>	no report
<b>Experience, Strength, and Hope</b>	no report
<b>Gallup Groups</b>	no report
<b>Happy, Joyous, and Free</b>	We made it through the holidays our attendance has been low but it is expected for the time of year, we are putting on a Game Day to boost our NA moral in R.R. So we continue to carry the message to the Addict who still suffers...
<b>Hope After Dope</b>	no report
<b>It's Never Too Late</b>	no report

<b>Journey of Recovery</b>	no report
<b>Just for Thursday</b>	no report
<b>La Cura</b>	Meeting has been steady. La Cura group conscience has decided to serve coffee at least during the winter months. Group average attendance 44, 4 newcomers. No area donation so we can buy a coffee pot .
<b>Let it Go and Let it Go, Again</b>	no report
<b>Living Clean the Journey Continues</b>	no report
<b>More Will Be Revealed</b>	no report
<b>Never Alone</b>	no report
<b>Options</b>	no report
<b>Shelter From the Storm</b>	no report
<b>Sunday Nite Live</b>	no report
<b>Surrender to Win</b>	no report
<b>The Blue Room</b>	no report
<b>The Young And the Dopeless</b>	no report
<b>TLC Beginners</b>	no report
<b>Together We Can</b>	no report
<b>Wake up Call</b>	no report
<b>We Never Had it so Good</b>	Is struggling to make interrupter happen, could use some help.
<b>What Can I Do</b>	no report
<b>Why B High</b>	no report
<b>Women Rise &amp; Recover</b>	no report

## Elections

Nominee: No one	Position	<b>Activities</b>
Clean Date:	Nominate By:	Second By:
Do you have a Home Group:		
Do you have working knowledge of the NA 12 steps, traditions, and concepts:		
Have you been removed from office at the GAASC in the last six months:		
Are you currently a GSR or do you currently hold another GAASC position:		
Have you ever been removed from a position:		
Derek appointed until an Activities Chair is elected		

Nominee: Rand	Position	<b>H&amp;I</b>
Clean Date: 5-22-86	Nominate By: Ricardi	Second By: Joey
Do you have a Home Group:		Yes

Do you have working knowledge of the NA 12 steps, traditions, and concepts:	Yes
Have you been removed from office at the GAASC in the last six months:	No
Are you currently a GSR or do you currently hold another GAASC position:	Yes
Have you ever been removed from a position:	No
<b>Elected</b>	

Nominee: Amber	Position	<b>Communications</b>
Clean Date: 11/19/07	Nominate By: Terry	Second By: Christopher
Do you have a Home Group:		Yes
Do you have working knowledge of the NA 12 steps, traditions, and concepts:		Yes
Have you been removed from office at the GAASC in the last six months:		No
Are you currently a GSR or do you currently hold another GAASC position:		Yes
Have you ever been removed from a position:		No
Elected	By Acclimation	

## Upcoming Elections

### February

Ⓝ Activities

### May

Ⓝ Phonelines

Ⓝ Literature

# Guideline Requirements

## ADMINISTRATIVE TRUSTED SERVANTS

Administrative Trusted Servants are responsible for attending all GAASC meetings and submitting reports including a detailed accounting of any monthly expenditure.

Administrative Trusted Servants shall refer to Article X: Spiritual Guidance for documents that define the principles of operation for their respective positions.

In the event that the Area Chairperson is unable to perform his or her duties, the following people, in this order, will facilitate the GAASC meeting.

- Vice-Chair
- Historian
- RCM1
- RCM2
- Secretary
- Treasurer

**Regional Committee Member 2 (RCM2):** This is a two-year commitment with the first year spent becoming familiar with the duties of RCM while attending all GAASC and Regional Service Committee meetings, and the second year spent as RCM1. A minimum of two years of continuous abstinence from all drugs suggested.

**Regional Committee Member 1 (RCM1):** An RCM is to the GAASC what a GSR is to a Group.

- a. The RCM1 keeps the GAASC in touch with the larger world of NA by providing information on activities in neighboring areas, events sponsored by the regional committee, reports relevant to subcommittee affairs, and important issues being discussed at various levels of service.
- b. The primary responsibility of the RCM is to provide two-way communication between the GAASC and the rest of NA, particularly with neighboring areas.
- c. The RCM represents the GAASC group conscience at the regional level and provides the GAASC with the agenda of the upcoming RSC meetings.
- d. A minimum of three years continuous abstinence from all drugs and service experience as RCM2 is suggested.

**Secretary:** The Secretary (and Assistant Secretary) is

- a. Responsible for all GAASC correspondence including taking accurate minutes of all GAASC meetings and distributing minutes to all participants within ten days.
- b. In the absence of a Historian, the Secretary performs the duties listed under that position, as well.

- c. Participates in the quarterly audit of all Treasury records and accounts.
- d. A minimum one year of continuous abstinence from all drugs is suggested.

**Historian:** The Historian is responsible for maintaining GAASC files and archives as well as maintaining and understanding the documents listed in *Article X: Spiritual Guidance*.

- a. Maintains records of changes to the Guidelines and Major Motions<sup>1</sup>, providing a complete updated version at the end of the term.
- b. Participates in the quarterly audit of all treasury records and accounts.
- c. A minimum three years of continuous abstinence from all drugs is suggested.

### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

- A. It is the responsibility of the GAASC to support and maintain subcommittees.
- B. The GAASC has the responsibility to form additional subcommittees as the need arises.
- C. Proposals to create or dissolve standing subcommittees must be sent back to the groups, and then be approved by a two-thirds majority of the present voting members at the next GAASC.
- D. Ad-hoc subcommittees may be created by the GAASC Chairperson or a simple majority at any GAASC meeting to answer a question or take on special projects that are beyond the scope of our existing subcommittees. Will follow A Guide to Local Services and other NA-approved guidelines and handbooks. The GAASC Chairperson may appoint either the entire ad-hoc subcommittee or just a chairperson.
- E. Subcommittee Chairs are responsible for attending all GAASC meetings or sending an informed representative in their absence.
- F. Every subcommittee Chairperson is responsible for submitting written reports at all GAASC meetings, including a detailed listing of all monthly expenditures.
- G. Subcommittee Chairpersons do not vote at GAASC meetings.
- H. All subcommittees shall refer to Article X: Spiritual Guidance for related documents that define the principles of operation for their respective subcommittees.

**Outreach:** The Outreach subcommittee visits isolated groups and ASC's; hosts workshops providing basic service and meeting information; and sponsors simple fellowship events.

**Public Relations:** The general mission of the PR subcommittee is to ensure that clear and accurate information about NA is available to the public.

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<sup>1</sup> A "major motion" is any motion that changes guidelines or policy.

## Old Business

Follow up on Dex Listing:

### Motion # 1

Made by:		Second by:	
Motion:			
Intent:			
Discussion:			
Carried    For:	Against:	Abstaining:	

## New Business

### Motion # 1

Made by:	Chris G	Second by:	Shelly
Motion:	Area direct the treasurer to write a check monthly in the amount of our previous phone bill, and donate that check to Region monthly		
Intent:	We remain self-supporting		
Discussion:			
Carried  X  For:	18	Against:	0
		Abstaining:	1

### Motion # 2

Made by:	Mark C	Second by:	Ricardi
Motion:	I move that GSR's take back the Area Inventory to their home groups to determine how the GAASC can better serve the groups within its domain.		
Intent:			
Discussion:			
Carried  X  For:	18	Against:	1
		Abstaining:	0

## For the Good of the Fellowship

- Ⓝ New meeting coming to Rio Rancho more information coming
- Ⓝ Reminder about what the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is, wants everyone with a few years clean to put more money in the basket

## Group Announcements

- Ⓝ *Happy Joyous and Free: NA Game Day on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm*
- Ⓝ *Sunday Nite Live:* Parking lot is reopened! Is a strong group who pushes service work and needs helps with service work.
- Ⓝ *Experience Strength and Hope* has a new meeting location: Netherwood Park Church, Corner of Indian School and San Mateo, 5101 Indian School Road Northeast, Albuquerque, NM 87110
- Ⓝ *Combined Gallup Groups* has a Potluck last Sunday of every month 6:30 Sacred Heart Church. Come enjoy some tasty Gallup food.
- Ⓝ *What Can I Do* is moving to a new location effective November 6, 2012. We will be meeting in Los Altos Church, 11900 Haines NE, just south of Indian School and east of Juan Tabo.
- Ⓝ *More Will Be Revealed:* will be including the Living Clean book in their meeting.

## Area Announcements

- Ⓝ Upcoming service positions:
  - a. February: Activities
  - b. May: Phonelines, Literature
- Ⓝ Email Amber about any ideas for an Area newsletter.
- Ⓝ **Outreach:** See flyer



## Subcommittees

- Ⓝ Hospitals & Institutions meets the Monday after Area at 6:00 pm at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave. SE
- Ⓝ Public Relations meets the February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 pm at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave SE (does not have a regular meeting time)
- Ⓝ Literature meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am at Starbucks 8100 Wyoming Blvd. NE
- Ⓝ Activities meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 pm at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave SE
- Ⓝ Outreach meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am at Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave SE
- Ⓝ Phonelines contact phonelines chair for meeting place and time.
- Ⓝ Contact Communications Chair for information.

***Meeting Adjourned ~ 11:45 a.m.***  
***Next GAASC meeting is February 9, 2013 at 10 am @***  
***Grace Church 6901 San Antonio NE,***  
***Albuquerque, NM 87122***