



Greater Albuquerque Area Service Committee of
Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes

March 9, 2013

Grace Church

6901 San Antonio NE

Albuquerque, NM 87122

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Opening

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

~25 Addicts Present

NA Traditions read by: John (OPT)

~15 GSR's Present

NA Concepts read by: Nick (STW)

New (Alt) GSR's

- Marco (BA)

Roll Call

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

12.	X	X	X	X																	Just for Thursday (JFT) (Noreen)	
13.	X	X	X	A																		La Cura (LC) (Christine G)
14.	X	X	X	A																		Let It Go (LIG) (Mark C)
15.	X	X	X	A																		Living Clean the Journey Continues (Christopher G)
16.	X	X	X	X																		More Will be Revealed (MWBR) (Kelly O)
17.	X	X	X	X																		Never Alone (NAL) (David H)
18.	X	X	X	?																		Options (OPT) (Mike G)
19.	A	A	A	A																		Shelter From the Storm (SFTS) (Melanie M)
20.	X	A	X	X																		Sunday Nite Live (SNL) (Josephine)
21.	X	X	X	X																		Surrender to Win (STW) (Nick H.)
22.	X	X	X	X																		The Blue Room (TBR) (Roquel L.)
23.	X	X	X	X																		The Young And the Dopeless (TYATD) (Noah)
24.	X	X	X	?																		TLC Beginners (TLC) (Andrea)
25.	A	A	A	X																		Wake up Call (WUC) (Mike R)
26.	X	X	X	X																		We Never Had it so Good (WNHISG) (Shelly)
27.	A	A	A	A																		What Can I Do (WCID) (LouAnn P)
28.	X	X	X	X																		Why Be High (WBH) (Terry R)
29.	X	X	X	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 **6 Inactive Groups**

Minutes Approval

March Minutes – Approved

Group Announcements (see page 12)

Administrative and Subcommittee Reports

Chair: A lot of work went into the development of the new, GAASCNA inventory. PLEASE fill these out at your next business meeting.

Everything else is going great.

Thanks for letting me serve
Mark

Vice Chair: I was unable to attend any subcommittee meetings this month. I was in contact with the chairs of all subcommittees through email; I am pleased to announce no problems or issues to address. I would like to note that all the subcommittees are doing a great job.

I reached out to new GSR's after area, none stayed for the new GSR workshop. For any GSR that needs the GSR toolkit, it is available on the our page on the regional website or follow this link:

http://www.riograndena.org/areas/Albuquerque/Albq_Area_GSR_Toolkit.pdf

I talked with a GSR after area that needed assistance in service; I was able to send this GSR some service literature and offer my experience with service. There is a lot of service literature available on the world website www.na.org or follow this link:

<http://www.na.org/?!D=servicemat-service-material>

If you need any other literature or have questions during area please ask.

I served on the adhoc committee that is working on a new survey or inventory. This adhoc committee has made extreme process. There will be more in this committees report.

Thank you for your continued confidence in me and for allowing me to serve you!

ILS
Brian T
GAASC Vice-Chair
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Secretary: no report

Historian: no report

RCM 1: RCM Report to Area, April 13, 2013

Workshop today after Area business is completed. Please give me feedback after the workshop re: do you like it? Is the timing ok? Do you have any suggestions for the future? Do you want another workshop in June? Topics: Traditions Literature Project,

The Planning Process, Collaboration, any requests?

The March RGRSC was held in El Paso Texas after the Convention, Sunday, March 17th. All Areas were represented except Four Corners.

There are no final numbers available yet for the Convention, but these will be finalized within 60 days.

Chair (Stuart H) mentions that elections for Chair will take place at the next Regional Mtg. He is willing to serve a second term.

RD submitted a report re: his attendance at the WSZF. Report is attached.

Webmaster (LukeM) reports that 1) he would like to revamp the Regional Website, 2) that there is some interest in creating a message board or forum system, and that 3) the Limestone account needs a policy in place to avoid billing problems. Two projects that were discussed at the last Region include Infrastructure for an email Newsletter and Archival System, and are underway.

Bosque Area meets the first Saturday of each month, and made a donation of \$50. A MATANZA is planned for April. Richard is the new RCM 1 and Basil is the new RCM 2.

El Paso reports that the fellowship is dwindling. They are in need of an Activities Chair. Donations from meetings are just enough to cover expenses.

Northern NM reports that there is difficulty meeting quorum at Area meetings, and that there are several positions open: Vice Chair, RCM 2, Secretary, Treasurer, Phonelines, H&I, Literature and Webmaster. Area is considering printing only Regional Schedules, rather than print Area Schedules, to cut expenses. This proposal has been taken back to the groups.

LSC was represented at Region (Chair, Jason), and thanks everyone for their service.

Planning Session will be completed at the May Regional meeting.

There was no Region that came forward with a bid for the 2014 Convention. The RCC will coordinate RGRSCNA 25., and welcomes input from the RCM's. It was discussed that we need "new blood" for conventions in the future.

Anyone interested in doing the Veteran's Survey can contact Shannon L at: ShannonL12@yahoo.com.

Phone lines position will need to be created and filled some time soon. Paul S submitted proposed guidelines for the position, available upon request.

The next Regional meeting will be held in May. ILS Chris

RCM 2: no report

**Treasurer &
Assistant
Treasurer:**

The January end balance is established after reconciling 13 consecutive months of activity in the account. Please see the attached GAASC Register.xlsx for clarification. I can also answer any questions in person or email. MW 02/07/13	<u>January 2013</u>	<u>February 2013</u>	<u>March 2013</u>
<u>Start Balance</u>	\$1,103.27	-\$531.18	\$566.33
<u>End Balance</u>	-\$531.18	\$566.33	\$280.03
<u>NAWS Donation</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Rio Grande Region Donation</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Prudent Reserve</u>	\$1,395.30	\$1,395.30	\$1,395.30

Activities: no report

H&I: no report

Outreach: Over the last month Outreach attended Wake-Up Call & Addict Like Me. The March GAASC minutes were delivered to each meeting chair.

We met Saturday April 6th @ 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.

April is going to involve a lot of travel for Kurt, so only one event has been planned for this month. A flyer will be provided electronically in the next couple of days. Outreach would like to work with Michele to schedule an Outreach event for the Jemez meeting in May.

April Events

Tuesday April 30th - 8:00 PM - The Basic Group
1st Baptist Church, Golf Course and Taylor Ranch Rd

I am still seeking new committee members.

In Service,
Kurt M

Phonelines: no report

Public Relations: no report

Literature: no report

Comm.: There was a little hiccup this month regarding the website. My understanding is that groups aren't added to the website until they come to area, based on how other new groups have been handle during my term of service as Communications Chair. This was clarified today at Area. New meetings will not be added to the Event page (but group events will continue to be announced there), and groups (brand new or restarting) will not be added to the schedule or website before they have sent a representative to

area.

Thanks to Brian and everyone else for their help in clarifying.

ILS,
Amber

Discussion:

Amber What do we do for a new group that hasn't been to Area yet, do we put them on the events page, and/or put them on the schedule?

Laura: It is appropriate for the new group to be put on the schedule once they come to Area.

Ad Hoc Committee for new Inventory Survey:

I have a revised Inventory for the groups. Two sections one for groups to complete with GSR, and another section just for GSRs. If you have more than one home group, please only complete one inventory so as not to skew the data.

With the approval of GSRs, the ad hoc met and created an inventory that is a better fit for our Area. GSRs present at Area received hard copies--an electronic copy is also included with the minutes. You can also email me at AmberD1119@gmail.com

Please fill this out in the context of a group conscience, so that we can get an idea of how well groups feel they are being served by Area. There is a section at the end for GSRs to fill out on their own regarding the Area meeting itself.

It is ok to leave things blank if you don't understand the question. That in itself is useful information for me. Please feel free to write on the back or attach additional sheets if necessary.

If you participate in group business with more than one group, please only answer these questions with one group, and not the others. This is to help protect the integrity of the data. GSRs, please emphasize to your home group members the importance of only contributing to these answers with one group.

Please bring these with you to the May ASC.

Summary:

- GSRs, please fill out the first part with your group and the last section on your own.
- all members please only answer these questions with one group
- please bring this to the next area

ILS,
Amber

Call for motions:

10:30

GSRs Present:

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Group Reports

A life of its Own	no report
Addict Like Me	no report
Addicts Only	Attendance is way up and the donations are flowing to area and world.
Basic Group	no report
Breakfast Club	Meeting is well attended. Multiple newcomers attending most of our meetings. Our group is looking for people to take over the secretary and treasurer positions. Alexis
Coming Home to Unity	no report
Desire to Stop	no report
Experience, Strength, and Hope	no report
Gallup Groups	no report
Happy, Joyous, and Free	Hey all is well up here in RR our meetings seem to be moving right along we seem to have a newcomer night witch is Monday night it is just what we need to have to be doing that is carrying the message to the one that struggles We are grateful that we are able to do so . Our other meetings are ok we know this for this time of the year as the spring starts to Come upon us .We continue to carry the NA message just as we do as we move forward in the New yearThnx Joey
It's Never Too Late	no report
Journey of Recovery	no report
Just for Thursday	no report
La Cura	no report
Let it Go	no report
Living Clean the Journey Continues	no report
More Will Be Revealed	no report
Never Alone	no report
Options	no report
Shelter From the Storm	no report
Sunday Nite Live	no report
Surrender to Win	no report
The Blue Room	no report
The Young And the Dopeless	no report
TLC Beginners	no report

Together We Can	no report
Wake up Call	no report
We Never Had it so Good	no report
What Can I Do	no report
Why Be High	Group continues to do well. Attendance is good and we continue to carry the message. I.L.S. Terry
Women Rise & Recover	no report



Elections

None this month

Nominee:	Position:	
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:		
ELECTED		

Upcoming Elections

May

-  Phonelines
-  Literature

Guideline Requirements

See GAASC Area Guidelines

Old Business

Motion # 1 - Motion # 2, March New Business

Made by:	John B.	Second by:	Terry R.
Motion:	Request information on the role, qualifications, and accountability of the Assistant Treasurer. Reason: if the Assistant Treasurer has access to financial data, records, and may, in the absence of the Treasurer, assume the duties of the Treasurer (to include signing checks) what are their qualifications? This is a fiduciary position. If so, should this position		
Intent:			
Discussion:	See March Motion # 2 Discussion Laura will bring some language next month to put before the body to clarify the qualifications and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, in a similar fashion as the RCM I and RCM II. Laura will send Alex some information for us to review this next month. We can discuss next month.		
Carried For:	Against:	Abstaining:	

Motion # 2 - Motion # 3, March New Business

Made by:	Brian T	Second by:	Noah
Motion:	To ask region webmaster to add an announcement page to Albuquerque's page on the website		
Intent:	Better communication		
Discussion:	Chris G. will bring to Region He is working on it, and will have an answer. Freddy: Since it is ABQ's web page we can go ahead and add a page		
Carried For:	Against:	Abstaining:	

Chris G: I would like to put workshops on the agenda for next meeting. I will bring the workshop topic list for next month.

Done and in her report for this month.

Ron: The committee for Western Service Learning Day asked if we would like to host that event in 2015. Shelly: Isn't this a regional thing. Chris G: Feasibility Report? Shannon: Questions about contracts, etc.

Laura: it is a good event, however do we have the \$\$ and the manpower to handle it?

Seth: We need to find out if we will can get the Region Corporate entity support for the contracts.

Chris G.: I will take it to Region

Shelly: We need to get our financial house in order first, before we start taking on another big financial project.

Richard: Is the hosting to be Albuquerque Area or Rio Grande Region?

Ron: I can't answer this right now. There are two ways to handle this:

Nate: This doesn't have to be answered right now. We have a little time. Our bid needs to be put in at the WSLD 2014, October 2013 in L.A.

Seth: It may make sense to get a read from Region, to RCC, to see if they are willing to participate.

Mark: Does this sound reasonable: Let's first find out what Region, to RCC, says and then we can have further discussion. [So Chris and Richie will take it to Region and get their answer, then we will make a decision.](#)

New Business

Motion # 1

Made by: Ron H. Second by: Kelly O.

Motion: A survey of members that will ask a set of questions, which we can use to talk to the public about what NA is.

Intent:

Discussion: Richard: Is this for the purpose of attraction or promotion?

Ron: This is a tool that is more for informational purposes, and of course for attraction. This would be available for family members, churches, care providers, etc. to explain what NA is.

Brian: What type of questions will be using

Ron: We will be asking questions that we usually don't ask each other, such as what drugs did you use, because the public is interested in that kind of information.

Laura: When we go to the public to do presentations, a lot of times people have misconceptions, about what NA is. This would be to clear up those misunderstandings.

Marco: This might be a good thing for us to have for attraction.

Bernie: How thorough is this going to be sampled?

Ron: This is why we are asking Amber to handle this, this is her area of expertise.

Richie: Where is the cap to this

John: This might have the potential to pigeonhole us.

Shelly: I disagree. The truth can never be a bad thing. Having the proper information out there would be more of a good thing rather than

Amber: I'm really for doing this. I know how to report the data responsibly. I will be very

careful with this.

Nick: This just seems like promotion. Everyone has their own experience when they come into NA.

Freddy: Making sure that we have a sample of a broad spectrum of addicts we could use something like Survey Monkey. What I heard was that this would be used as a piece of information, and I'm not hearing anything that says that this would be promotion. Would the people who do feel like this is promotion please expand on that.

Josephine: I would like this to go back to the groups.

Derrick: I second.

9 for this to go back to the groups, 8 to vote for this motion here.

xx For:	Against:	Abstaining:
Motion to go back to the Groups		

Motion # 2

Made by:	Jeff C	Second by:	Marco C
Motion:	To donate \$100 to Bosque Area for Matanzas event 4-27-13. This is a donation only to help cover costs of food		
Intent:	To provide some support from GAASC to Bosque Area. Our intent is to show some unity in supporting our fellow areas as well as promote GAASC sub-committees		
Discussion:	Rand: We were planning on having a joint thing with them, and Bosque doesn't want to have a joint event. I talked to Steve from Bosque we have preliminary approval that we want to do that, the Bosque wants to keep this as their own event. Jeff: I just spoke to them Michael: We had a big month in donation. We have about \$1100 Shelly: We need to keep Bernie: its \$100 Amber: Terry: Steve announced it last night and that it is a joint venture Ron: This is an example of how this can be distorted. It is clear that the Activities Sub-committee Laura: will you consider pulling the motion, and letting Act use their monthly budget to help with the event. Derrick: at the Feb Act meeting, we decided to support the Bosque event. Jeff: I withdraw the motion. Chris G: I think this is a violation of the 5 th concept that there is a single point of accountability. Richard M: Jeff is saying that he will take the \$\$ out of the Act budget. Jeff is the single point of accountability. We can't micromanage that. Seth: I appreciate your bringing this up. I think the single point of accountability is Jeff and the Act. Committee. We need to make sure that we are being more responsible with our \$\$. Freddy: Initially it sounded like some sort of group effort without a single point of accountability. However, this is now an activities issue. Chris G: We aren't getting receipts for where the \$\$ is going. Ron: We have delegated this to our Act chair, let him do his job. Jeff: I didn't know about the Feb decision. Now that I do, I wish to pull the		

motion

Laura: If money is made are we splitting the money.

Shelly: Can Jeff bring our concerns to Steve (Bosque) and we can let him make the decision as our trusted servant.

Jeff: I feel comfortable donating money with receipts.

Rand: We still don't know if this is combined event.

Mark: There are two separate issues: 1) Are we being responsible with our money, 2) is this a combined event.

Alex: I have a question: What does it matter if this is a combined event or not? Wouldn't this be a great way to promote some healing between the two Areas. Since I've been clean there has been some issue between the Areas, and for the last few years we have been trying to work towards supporting each other. It doesn't matter if this combined or not.

Brian:

WITHDRAWN ||

For:

Against:

Abstaining:

Break:

11:15

Return from Break at:

11:30

Good of the Fellowship

Shelly (WNHISG): Our group is looking for a licensed sign language interpreter for the Monday night meeting.

Group Announcements

- Ⓝ **La Cura** – Speaker meeting the last Thursday of the month with refreshments. Coffee now served at every meeting.
- Ⓝ **Experience Strength and Hope has moved to a new location** – Netherwood Church, Corner of San Mateo and Indian School.
- Ⓝ **Never Alone will not be meeting on March 30th.**

Area Announcements

- Ⓝ Upcoming service positions:
 - a. 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 at Annapurna Restaurant, corner of Silver and Yale, 1:30, 4th
Saturday of the month.

☎ 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 Annapurna Restaurant, corner
of Silver and Yale

☎ 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 ~ 11:40 p.m.
Next GAASC meeting is May 11, 2013 at 10 am @
Grace Church 6901 San Antonio NE,
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