

EASTERN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE of NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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The Eastern Area Service Committee (EASC) business meeting was called to order by: Vice chair, Toeknee K on September 29, 2024. A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Rachel, The 12 Concepts were read by Sydney P and the JFT Meditation was read by Lynn.

The roll was called and a quorum was established with the following voting members:

Total Officers - 8/7

Total Voting Officers - 7/6

Total GSR's or GSR Alt's - 23/22

Voting Members - 30/28

VM's Simple Majority -16/15

GSR's Simple Majority - 12/12

2/3's - 20/19

Secretary - Leslie B.

Minutes read and approved as read

Treasurer's report: see attachment

Subcommittee Reports:

Lit Report:

[https://lh7-rt.googleusercontent.com/docsz/AD_4nXeVi8v5LenWvq65ebyZD4fQeX_YFPkOsT6Zg6e_j0oZfNmb4MaxhlRoIEHgHs_pUtSrKOQKByrSuQD8Ni4tPfkUv2mPfk0atnxm0z_0bJ5AHLWw6cX4x9ezgStaW9avo75H2Z1fz0cVlg-dtWrQQlcvYj90?key=VBGo5crjuVYTk1L uxph1dA]

Activities Report: see attachment

H&I Report: see attachment, numerous panels need help and various panels need leaders, please come to subcommittee if you would like to be of service at this capacity

PR Report: see attachment

Outreach Report: see attachment

RCM Report: see attachment

Old Business:

Motion from RSC:

Proposal: That RSC spends up to \$1500 on equipment to improve virtual experience.

Intent: The OK Region offers the ability to participate fully virtually. This option has made it possible for us to fill positions that were difficult to fill by members who are unable to travel for the meeting. This includes several standing committee chairs. However, the virtual experience has been less than effective. Members attending online cannot hear the reports or discussion. For this reason, we are asking for an upgraded camera and microphones that can be tethered to get more reach.

GSR VOTES:

YES: 17

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

TOTAL: 22

MOTION PASSED

New Business:

Elections:

Open position: RCM Alt

Shayla S willing, a member asked if it is a conflict of interest since Shayla is GSR and OKRCNA chair. Another member mentioned that the bylaws does not state that this is prohibited. Group discussed, straw poll voted yes that there is no conflict with Shayla already having two other service positions. Shayla did state that she would be willing to step down as GSR if she would be voted in as RCM Alt in the future. Chair interviewed Shayla and she was asked to step out for voting.

VOTE:

YES: 19

NO: 2

ABSTAIN:1

TOTAL: 22

PASSED, SHAYLA S IS NOW RCM ALT

Per Vice-chair email: We had some discussion as to whether someone could be a group GSR and serve in an EASC position. Our bylaws DO NOT specifically forbid this. Our bylaws indicate in VIII. Elections - G. No EASC trusted servant should hold more than one office at the EASC at one time. In the previous section, VII. Trusted Servants, it lists GSRs as a 'Trusted Servant.' In general a GSR is a trusted servant, BUT they are not a trusted servant of EASC. They are a trusted servant of their group. So, being a GSR and an officer of EASC is not specifically forbidden by our bylaws. As we update our bylaws going forward, we will look at clarifying this point.

With that said, there was also discussion as to whether being a GSR could be an issue for the Group, that needs to be discussed at group conscience. Lastly, there were questions as to whether it would be a conflict of interest to serve the group and EASC at same time. This answer could vary with the EASC position. For example, for the EASC Chair, it would be a conflict. The Chair has to serve all groups, not one more than others. For the RCM Alt position, it was not believed to be a conflict. This also could be a longer discussion for the bylaws update effort.

General group discussion:

Discussion about adding/removing bank signers: Area will add Hannah C (lit chair) and Alex N (vice-chair) to bank account and will remove Rachael L, Toeknee/Kandice already on acct

Group hosting: 2025 groups hosting area- take back to groups and come back next month, if you're interested in slots, please remember that it is the groups' responsibility to communicate/find meeting location availability

Per Vice-chair email: Two months in 2025 that have holiday conflicts we may want to consider change are May (Memorial Day) and Aug (Labor Day). Please consider whether we want to change those dates for 2025.

Date for Dec ASC: Dec 8th is the scheduled area meeting, it is the same day as region meeting, suggestion was made for area to be moved to December 15th. More Hardcore Revealed is hosting, GSR stated that they will get back with area to make sure they can host Dec 15, regardless, area will now be on December 15th

Group discussion about EASC Policy- Path forward:

Group discussion during area meeting: Group discussed this at length, a member asked if GSRs could be included in Phase I meeting, another member asked if bylaws can add a policy position in the future to prevent confusion between bylaws/area decisions, another member asked if other trusted members/members at large could be included in discussion stating this felt "sneaky." Another member suggested an option for straw poll, to take back to the groups if they would like an open or closed ad hoc meeting. Vice-chair made a decision for an ad hoc meeting to be created and phase I meeting to include chair, vice-chair, RCM, treasurer and Lawrence S as member at large.

Per Vice-chair email:

As we have discussed at previous ASCs, our EASC bylaws have not been updated for several years. The current bylaws are dated May 2020. There was an attempt at a complete update about 2 yrs

ago, but it never was completed because it was too much change to manage at one time. This coupled with monthly minutes not being available for June 2020 to June 2022, has made it difficult to determine the needed changes to bring our May 2020 bylaws in line with current approved practice..

ToeKnee K. has proposed a two step process to try and address the update to our bylaws. Step one is to make changes focused on 'significant' items based on our current knowledge of the changes that have already been approved by the groups. An ad-hoc committee will be established to identify these changes and bring a 'red-lined' or marked up version to the October ASC with a proposal to make these changes by vote of the groups at the Dec ASC. Each group will receive a copy to take back to the groups. Since these changes have been previously approved by the ASC and should match what we are currently doing, the hope is it will be a straightforward process.

Step Two will be to address other bylaws questions that will require more discussion and work. The current proposal is to establish a longer term ad-hoc that would be open to anyone wishing to participate. This group would identify potential changes, prioritize those changes and begin working proposals for bylaws changes in smaller pieces. It is hoped that this may have more success than the 'complete rewrite' attempted previously. Step 2 will be discussed more as we work Step 1.

ToeKnee K established the First Step Policy Ad-Hoc with ToeKnee being the chair. Alex N (EASC Vice Chair), Kaylin G (EASC RCM, Kandice N (EASC Tres, and Lawrence S will participate on the ad-hoc.

Group Sharing: see attachment

Disbursements: \$500 to World/ \$500 to Region

Per Vice-chair email: NOTE: There was some discussion regarding paying rent to Jimmy's Place for EASC. Several months ago, a member of Jimmy's Place board approached EASC indicating that they have not been receiving any reimbursement for the EASC meeting. They were not specific as to which group or what dates, but indicated that it had been 'some time' since rent was paid. With that discussion they indicated that EASC could pay rent directly by placing money in an envelope and drop it in a group pay box. Since then, EASC has done that on at least one occasion. After discussion today, EASC reimbursed the hosting group (\$50) and indicated it was the hosting group's responsibility to determine the rent paid. Our bylaws do not specify the amount we reimburse a group for hosting or whether rent is paid by EASC or the hosting group. We have been reimbursing \$50 to the hosting

group for the past year based on several members' experience of past practice.

CHAIR NOTE: Since our relationship with Jimmy's Place is very important for EASC, we will be bringing this topic back up under Old Business at the Oct EASC.

Announcements:

Next EASC Meeting hosted by: NA-A-Rising Group, 6530 E 21st St Ste E Tulsa, OK 74129 on Sunday, October 27, 2024.

11am Sub-Committee Meetings

12pm Steering Committee

12:30 New GSR Orientation

1pm Business Meeting

PLEASE SEND 7TH TRADITIONS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

EASCNA

7107 S. Yale Ave #114

Tulsa, OK 74136

CASH-APP is also available

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PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS IMPORTANT TO PASS ON YOUR GROUP'S 7TH TRADITION IN ORDER TO FUND THE SERVICE STRUCTURE

CLOSING

(this was my last area serving as secretary, it has been a pleasure to be of service in this capacity. I thank you all. Chase F will be taking over secretary duties next month.)

In loving service,

Leslie B.