

GSRs,

Attached you will find the motions, resolutions, straw polls, and proposals from the CAR. These were discussed in depth at the CAR Workshop on Feb 18th. Please fill in the attached voting ballots and bring with you to area service on March 10th. These must be turned in on the 10th so we may give them to our RCMs to take to the GSR assembly where the vote will be carried. This is your opportunity for your home group to have a voice.

In Loving Service,

Anna M.

Bay Area Voting Ballot for 2012 Conference Agenda

Group Name:

World Board Resolutions

These are intended to reach agreements in principle on broad-based ideas. They help create a conceptual foundation for future changes.

Resolution 1: Our service efforts will be carried out through a system that includes structure, process, people, and resources.

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Resolution 2: The service system is group-focused and includes a local level body dedicated exclusively to addressing group concerns.

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Resolution 3: Training and mentoring of trusted servants are essential functions of the service system.

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Resolution 4: Service bodies are purpose- and vision-driven.

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Resolution 5: Service bodies work together to utilize planning processes to organize and coordinate their efforts.

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<p>Resolution 6: Service bodies make decisions by consensus.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> FORAGAINSTABSTAIN </div>
<p>Resolution 7: The service structure includes local service bodies, state/nation/province service bodies, and intermediate bodies if needed. Service bodies follow established geographic boundaries. They are not self-determined, but are formed, based on need, through a collaborative planning process and agreement with other affected service bodies at the next level of service.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> FORAGAINSTABSTAIN </div>
<p>Resolution 8: State/national/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the World Service Conference.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> FORAGAINSTABSTAIN </div>
<div> <div>World Board Straw Polls</div> <div>Non-binding votes intended to gauge support for more specific aspects of the service system proposals. Results are intended to be used to guide future work.</div> </div>	
<p>A. There is a small, neighborhood-sized body devoted to group needs. This group forum, which is typically not part of the delegation stream, is informal in nature and operates through conversation not formal decision making. (See page 56 for a detailed explanation of the body devoted to group support)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> FORAGAINSTABSTAIN </div>
<p>B. Groups send a delegate quarterly to a local service planning meeting. One of those quarterly meetings is a general assembly where all interested members are encouraged to attend and input is given to help plan service activities for the cycle. (See page 61 for detailed explanation of the local service body.)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> FORAGAINSTABSTAIN </div>

<p>C. Services are coordinated by a local service board and carried out by members, committees, and project workgroups who report to that board.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1577 139 1682 228"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1577 228 1661 261">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1749 139 1854 228"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1724 228 1871 261">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1917 139 2022 228"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1892 228 2039 261">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>D. Local service bodies follow county, city, or town boundaries, where practical. (They are much larger than the group forums mentioned above and in many cases larger than the current ASCs.)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1577 393 1682 482"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1577 482 1661 514">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1749 393 1854 482"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1724 482 1871 514">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1917 393 2022 482"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1892 482 2039 514">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>E. The boundaries of those local service bodies are agreed to at the state or national level.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1577 644 1682 734"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1577 734 1661 766">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1749 644 1854 734"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1724 734 1871 766">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1917 644 2022 734"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1892 734 2039 766">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>F. Planning cycles are synchronized from level to level (local to state to global) as well as across each level.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1577 857 1682 946"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1577 946 1661 979">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1749 857 1854 946"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1724 946 1871 979">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1917 857 2022 946"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1892 946 2039 979">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>G. When service needs cannot be accomplished effectively by local service bodies and state/national/province bodies, an intermediate level of service can be added. (See page 64 for a detailed explanation of an intermediate service body.)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1577 1070 1682 1159"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1577 1159 1661 1192">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1749 1070 1854 1159"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1724 1159 1871 1192">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1917 1070 2022 1159"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1892 1159 2039 1192">ABSTAIN</div>

<p>H. Most states, provinces, or countries have one state-, province- or nationwide service body that is responsible for state- or national-level public relations and coordinating efforts such as training across local service bodies. (See page 67 for a detailed explanation of state-, province-, and nationwide service bodies.)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>FOR</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>AGAINST</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>ABSTAIN</div>
<p>I. Zonal boundaries are decided through a collaborative process with neighboring NA communities, other zones, and the WSC.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>FOR</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>AGAINST</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>ABSTAIN</div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Motions</p>	
<p>Motion 1: To approve the book <i>Living Clean: The Journey Continues</i> contained in Addendum B.</p> <p>Intent: To have a book on the recovery journey available to our members.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>FOR</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>AGAINST</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>ABSTAIN</div>
<p>Motion 2: To allow the World Board to make non-substantive corrections to Fellowship-approved literature which do not impact the original meaning of the Fellowship-approved text and which fix typographical errors, obsolete references, references to outdated literature, and other similar corrections. The World Board will announce such corrections in advance of publication.</p> <p>Intent: To allow corrections to literature that do not impact the original meaning of the Fellowship-approved text to be made without necessitating a fellowship-wide vote. Any corrections of this type to be made in Fellowship-approved literature would be announced in advance.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>FOR</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>AGAINST</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div>ABSTAIN</div>

<p>Motion 3: To allow the World Board to bundle, excerpt, and repackage Fellowship-approved literature without changes to the texts themselves. The World Board will announce these actions in advance of publication.</p> <p>Intent: This would allow literature or portions of literature to be combined so that members who were interested in a particular topic could more easily access all of the material on that topic in one place.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1581 138 1684 227"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1591 228 1673 259">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1751 138 1854 227"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1736 228 1871 259">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1919 138 2022 227"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1904 228 2039 259">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>Motion 4: To allow the World Board the ability to create and approve enhanced electronic or digital versions of texts that include supplemental materials or connections to other NA materials. The World Board will announce such enhancements in advance of publication.</p> <p>Intent: To allow supplemental material such as sound files, historical images or texts, and hyperlinks to other NA materials, to be included within an electronic or digital version of a text with clear labeling indicating what is Fellowship-approved and the source of any additional material.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1581 470 1684 560"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1591 561 1673 592">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1751 470 1854 560"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1736 561 1871 592">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1919 470 2022 560"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1904 561 2039 592">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>Motion 5: To hold the world Convention of NA every three years, beginning 2018, alternating North America and non-North American locations, as follows and contained in the revised World Convention Map.</p> <p>Intent: Considering the trend of decreasing attendance and a changing global economy, to decrease the frequency of the World Convention of NA, thereby making it a more special event.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1581 870 1684 959"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1591 961 1673 992">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1751 870 1854 959"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1736 961 1871 992">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1919 870 2022 959"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1904 961 2039 992">ABSTAIN</div>

Regional Proposals

Ideas forwarded by regions for study and consideration in lieu of regional motions. They are not being presented for decision at this time.

Proposal A: Carolina Region: For the Fellowship of NA and the WSC to consider a proposal for the creation of Written Service Material dedicated to assisting the members of NA as a whole on (1) how to actively participate in literature and publication projects as well as (2) to have resource material available in providing guidance for the development of Literature and Publication processes locally.

Intent: To enhance and broaden fellowship service material for the development, input, and review processes of our printed publications: Informational Pamphlets (IPs), Service Related IPs, Books, Booklets, Service Manuals/Handbooks, Journals, newsletters, and other written materials for the good of the NA Fellowship.

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Proposal B: Hawaii Region: To produce a book-length publication called 'The NA WAY: Celebration Edition' comprised of a compilation of articles published in the NA WAY 1982-2012.

Intent: The publication of a book length piece literature featuring the selections of message(s) of recovery illustrated by already reviewed and published articles contributed by members to the past 30 years of Recovery in the NA Way.

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Proposal C: Tejas Bluebonnet Region: For Board Approved Literature be clearly marked on front "Service Related Material" and not intended to be read during recovery meetings.

Intent: To further make it clear to fellowship that this is not fellowship approved Literature and not intended for use in recovery meetings. We feel that the statement on the back in somewhat small print is not noticeable enough for members that may not know or understand the difference. That although this is explained in the GTWS that many members do not read that service handbook.

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<p>Proposal D: South Brazil Region: That members who wish to receive the NA Way Magazine in hard copy format pay a subscription fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing.</p> <p>Intent: To distribute the costs of printing and mailing the magazine in hard copy format among members who wish to receive the magazine in that format rather than having NAWS cover those costs.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1581 138 1684 227"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1591 227 1673 259">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1751 138 1854 227"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1736 227 1871 259">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1919 138 2022 227"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1904 227 2039 259">ABSTAIN</div>
<p>Proposal E: Upper Midwest Region: Our idea is to revisit the discussion of the world board members no longer having voting status at the world service conference.</p> <p>Intent: (non listed)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<div data-bbox="1581 470 1684 560"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1591 560 1673 592">FOR</div> <div data-bbox="1751 470 1854 560"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1736 560 1871 592">AGAINST</div> <div data-bbox="1919 470 2022 560"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div data-bbox="1904 560 2039 592">ABSTAIN</div>



Tampa FunCoast ASC Agenda March 10, 2012

Open meeting with Service prayer at 2:00 pm:

God grant us knowledge that we may write according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your purpose. Make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of selflessness, that this may truly be Your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction.

Readings: Purpose and Function
Service Meditation
12 Traditions
12 Concepts

Welcome new attendees to ASC:

Welcome any new Groups to ASC:

Secretary's report: (5 min)

Open floor to GSR's with home group issues: (3 min each)

Open floor to anyone wishing to address the ASC: (3 min each)

Roll call: Groups
Sub-committee Chairs
ASC officers

LDO report: (5 min)

RCM report: (5 min)

Vice Chair report: (5 min)

Sub-committee reports: (5 min each)

Activities
Helpline
H&I
Newsletter
Policy
Public Relations

Convention
FRCNA

Announcements for the good of NA:

Recess: (10 min)

Roll Call: to establish quorum

Serenity Prayer: to reflect on why we are here

Pass the basket: (7th Tradition)

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

New Business: (3 min per each discussion; cons and pros)

Elections:

Regional Business:

Close the meeting with the Serenity Prayer



Tampa Funcoast ASC Minutes Feb. 11, 2012

Chair: Deb C. (813) 352-4158
Vice Chair: Chris M. (813) 601-2151
Treasurer: Jessica G. (813) 505-6867
RCM #1: Sheri S. (727) 271-1579

Secretary: Anna M. (813) 600-9911
Alt. Secretary:
Alt. Treasurer: Kimbra (813) 516-6335
RCM#2: Cy K. (813) 781-1699

ASC opened at 2:00 pm by with the Serenity Prayer and Service Prayer.

Readings: *Purpose and Function:*
 JFT Meditation:
 12 Traditions: Strawberry Grace
 12 Concepts: La Ultima Parada

Welcome new attendees to ASC:

- Stacy
- Jack
- Chad
- Denise
- Dave

Welcome new groups to ASC:

- NONE

Secretary's Report:

Hi, my name is Anna and I'm an addict. On the table to my left is the sign-in sheet, announcement sheet and contact list. If your group has elected a new GSR or if you did not receive your minutes this month please update the contact list. Please indicate whether you want your minutes **MAILED, EMAILED or NOT Mailed** in the far right column of the contact sheet. This is to insure that your group receives their minutes in a timely fashion. If you are a new Subcommittee Chair please be sure to update the contact sheet as well.

Also, located on the table to my left, there are event flyers, literature order forms, GSR report forms, and meeting schedule change forms. There is a box on the table for the GSR reports to be submitted. All meeting changes such as time or location can be put in the GSR report box as well.

However, you also **must** fill out a meeting schedule change form so that it can be updated on the meeting schedules and on our website. If you have a Motion Request form to turn in, please turn it in before New Business or you will have to wait until the next ASC meeting for the new motion to be read on the floor.

The cost of printing the minutes last month was \$184.23

The following groups have been removed from attendance and the mailing of minutes due to 4 or more absences: **11 Alive, Fresh Start, Strawberry Grace**. The following groups are excluded from voting today: **Addict Salvation, Freedom from Pain, Hope in Lutz, NA Speaker Meeting, New Tampa NA, Oldtimers, Primary Purpose, Recovery in Riverview, and The Heights of NA**. Remember you must be present for both roll calls in order to be considered present. Quorum is set at 34 with 66 eligible voting groups in the area at this time.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me during the break or after the close of business today. Please do not come up to me during area, as I will not be available to answer questions at that time. Thank you again for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service, Anna M

Open floor to GSRs with home group issues:

- Esther: La Ultima Parada not meeting on Saturdays from 2-3, only meeting Tues from 7-8
- Spencer: NA Speaker Meeting starting March 1st will be Thursday

Open Floor to Anyone Wishing to Address the ASC Floor:

- Treasurer absence letter: My name is Jessica and I'm an addict. As I reported last month I am absent today due to a family matter, please excuse my absence. I would like to thank Kimbra and Jim H for stepping up and filling in for me this month, you both are greatly appreciated! I am submitting a check request today for the amount of \$15.13 that I used for printing and supplies. Thanks for your love and understanding and I'll see you next month!
- Helpline letter: Hello family, my name is Kandi and I am an addict. I apologize for my absence. I am very ill and unable to attend. I was unable to reach the Vice-Chair to give her my report and will bring it next month. In loving service, Kandi (absence excused)
- WSUWH scholarships and raffle pulled
- Shawn: It Works How and Why Speaker Jam/Basketball Tournament; Tickets are \$5 to watch game with drink and hot dog; speakers free; Copeland Park on 3/24
- ANDA group is struggling; meetings 330-430 and Wed 530-630
- Ninnah: Bay to Bay Women's Convention of NA is sponsored by Women's Recovery Room ; it is an NA function

Roll Call:

Voting Groups present at First Roll Call: 63

Voting groups present for the Second Roll Call: 60

Quorum (based on # of voting groups in the Area) established (prior to opening of ASC) at: 34

LDO Report:

Hello family my name is Ron and I am an addict. Last month's ending inventory was \$2225.45. This month's literature order was \$2044.98 with a 6% discount. I would like to thank Kim the Alt LDO, Jimmy, Mary, Liz, Bill and Chris for helping to pull literature orders this month. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the Tampa Funcoast Area. In loving service, Ron H

RCM Report:

When I see RCM reports that states there was no area support or fellowship development meetings at the November RSC weekend it appalls me that some of these RCMs were not even in attendance of an area support meeting that went twice as long as it has ever run due to the change of schedule and the workshop that went on. Instead it was reported that there was no fellowship development meetings because of that workshop.

There is a new meeting in a prison that is an H&I panel presentation rather than a behind the walls meeting, in Tomaka Institution, although there have been some new behind the walls meetings started as well. The meeting that just started is in Liberty outside Tallahassee and this makes 12 Behind the Walls meetings in the Florida region with 5 more soon to be started. There is also a presentation that will be done at the end of this month to 150 inmates at the Zephyr Hills correctional facility. We will be communicating with Coleman Federal prison within the month and we are getting closer to the start of that meeting in the federal prison, Coleman. After this our co-leader Gilbert introduced Brook and member of NA that just this past week was released by the Florida State Department of Corrections. She read this letter of her experience with NA while incarcerated and we want to thank her for sharing with us her experience and feelings.

PROJECT DISCUSSIONS/PRIORITIZATION MEETING

Out of the Area Support group came three ideas;

1. RSC/ASC Support group-to better inform the areas of responsibilities to participate in the RSC.
2. Cooperation not Affiliation *to clarify traditions,*practical application of traditions,*clarify differences between endorsement and cooperation, *is NA message clouded by cooperation.
3. To revise Basic text and literature when it comes to the mention of other fellowships.

Keep in mind the last 2 came about as a result of areas response to the Naranon situation with the websites from last RSC. The order I mentioned these is the order they came in in prioritization after they were round tabled and presented to the group.

Completed Workgroups

1. Clean Park/Clean Image- lack of participation and the original problem for the creation of this group has been resolved.
2. Literature in Libraries- has been deemed not needed and that local areas can move forward with no more direction than to do this due to a history and research that results shows no resistance to put racks in libraries.
3. RSO/FRC Merger- deemed possible but not practical after research done by the workgroup.
4. Latino Outreach- poster can be viewed on the web site and is available to the areas.
5. Youth Outreach- the finished product to be presented now, here at RSC 1/15/2012.

Re-staffed and Redirected

FRC Board Policy-has not been a workgroup due to only one person doing work and a workgroup is made up of more than one member. It will be re-staffed and there has been more clarity of the project in writing been given by FRC board to Fellowship development and HRP.

Active Groups

1. Predatory Behavior- which has a new expected completion date of March RSC and work is being done

between RSC weekends.

2. Literature in Pharmacies – the group has put together a letter taken from the PR Handbook to send out to CVS Pharmacy to request putting the lit. Rack in their pharmacies.

1. Roles and Responsibilities of Resource coordinators and Workgroup leaders- the group met and 1.) the role of what a group leader is and does was defined, 2.) how he gets appointed was created and 3.) how leader brings workgroup together was looked at and put down.

2. Bridging the Gap- was staffed and they met for the first time.

3. RSC/ASC support- was staffed and met for the first time.

So this means with the re-staffing of the FRC policy workgroup we will have 6 active workgroups. Out of these six workgroups four met at 2:00PM yesterday. Carlos our HRP leader will be the leader of this group.

This meeting was very productive and came to the determination with the input of the HRP leader and his panel, the leader, the co-leader, and resource coordinators of fellowship development, our RSC co-leader, and AD and past Fellowship development leader.

The conclusions or results of this meeting are as follows;

As for the desired workgroup for the project for the Archivist we spent a lot of time going over this and as a group we felt it cannot be done through voluntary resources and is in need of a professional or a part time employee. We plan to submit a proposal that the RSO provide the funds to complete the task. We came up with some estimated numbers as follows; it will take approximately 200 hours or 5 weeks of part time work at about \$10.00 an hour and about \$3,500.00 in supplies.

As for the 2 projects that were waiting in the wings for creation of workgroups that concerned internet technology, Regulating the Website and Web Site Navigation has been completed already thanks to our IT resource coordinator and if navigation is still a problem click the help button on the website.

As for the area inventory workgroup the resource already exists and will be made available on the regional website.

In Loving Service,

Joel & Gilbert

HRP Leader Report

HRP GTFRS

Florida Regional Human Resources Panel Report

January 15,

FRC INC.

To: Florida Regional Service Conference

From: FRC, Inc. President

CC: FRC, Inc. Board of Directors

Date: January 15, 2012

RE: Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The board of directors met as scheduled January 14, 2012 from 10am- 3pm. All board members were in attendance. Kelli D. tendered her resignation to the board this past week due to personal reasons. We thank her for her service and will miss her experience. Amanda M. was elected to fill the remainder of the board elect position vacated by Kelli. We currently have 4 RSC elect positions open. We are continuing to work with fellowship development and IT and expect that this year's FRCNA main speaker meeting will be carried into institutions throughout the state. As of this past week we have 72 room nights booked so we still have plenty of room nights available for the convention.

Everyone is encouraged to make reservations sooner rather than later.

Reservations can be made by going to the following link:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpamc-tampa-marriott-waterside-hotel-and-marina/?toDate=7/8/12&groupCode=frjfrja&fromDate=7/4/12&app=resvlink>

Using this link will automatically populate all fields with the correct information.

CFO Report

The bank balance as of December 31, 2011 was \$ 38,412.44. We have filed our annual report with Sunbiz and the tax return for fiscal year ending 7/31/11 has been filed.

To date we have sold: 109 registrations

80 Banquets

24 Breakfasts

27 Saturday Entertainment

3 Comedy Packages

Support Committee

The support committee met December 18, 2011 in Tampa with approximately 30-40 members participating. We thank those who continue to support and invite everyone to participate in the planning of the convention. We still ask that each area send 12 representatives to the support meetings.

There are 3 support meetings left before the convention:

February 19

April 15

June 17

All meetings are held @ 10am at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina, 700 South Florida Ave. Tampa, FL 33602; phone: 888-268-1616.

The final logo for FRCNA 31 will be selected at the February support meeting. There is still time to submit logos!! A final decision on a recording company and additional outside vendors will be made in February as well.

May Funraiser

The May RSC and fun raiser for FRCNA 31 will be May 18-20, 2012 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside. Room reservations can be made by calling 888-268-1616, please reference Florida Regional Service Conference (FRSC) or Narcotics Anonymous when making reservations. The event scheduled for the fun raiser is a speaker meeting followed by a masquerade ball. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask but at midnight the masks must go!!

Once again our next support meeting is Feb 19. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Please register for the convention and book your rooms soon!! We need your help to make the convention successful!

ILS, Shar Smith President FRC, Inc

Hi, my name is Brooke, and I am an addict. Please excuse my nervousness. I was just released yesterday, after serving over 7 years in prison. I am here to tell you that the prison population is in desperate need of your help. It doesn't cost much: just a stamp, an envelope, and a few words of experience, strength, and hope.

Surprise! Surprise! The majority of prisoners are addicts. In one form or another, they suffer from the same disease as we do. And I'm willing to bet my life that the majority of you have done enough in your life to land you in prison, too. But you got lucky.

"Inmates" have a great opportunity to get clean. They are separated from many stresses of everyday life. They have more time to focus on themselves and heal themselves for the future. But they can not do it alone. They need your help. They need OUR help.

Trust me. We can find MANY ways and means to use in there. But without a program and a trusted member of NA, even if the drugs are stopped—the disease continues to progress. Other behaviors may surface, and the addict continues to suffer.

I know. I continued to use for over a year while incarcerated. Every manifestation of this disease plagued me throughout the years. For five and a half years I battled either: drug addiction, severe anorexia, bulimia, compulsive overeating, compulsive over-exercising, and self-mutilization/self-cutting. My weight fluctuated between 180 and 112 pounds on my 5'11 frame. I was in a dangerous place. I was cutting myself and wanting to die -- believing I was alone.

After the first 1 1/2 years, I found a weekly AA meeting. I had quit the drugs, but not the other behaviors. I had no clue any of it was even connected. I kept going to meetings but didn't fit in. I wrote their World Services Office, with no response. I had no one's personal experience to draw from and no one out there to correspond with from a program. Five years into my sentence, I found a Basic Text. I loved it, I related to it, and I read it cover-to-cover. But I still had no one to relate to. No real person in the flesh to trust. My bulimia got worse and the self-cutting got worse. It got dangerous and I was transferred to another prison. They took my Basic text away when I got transferred. But, luckily, I had a new counselor that understood the disease of addiction. My new prison had a weekly NA meeting. Two outside volunteers who were once "inmates" and "addicts" (the double stigma), brought the meeting. They were free and had years clean. Eric B. and Angela were my saviors, along with a few other volunteers and some faithful inmate members. I attended every meeting. I got another Basic Text, and after many months of attendance, I got a Step-Working Guide and It Works, How and Why.

In July 2011, after 6 1/2 years in prison, I was 6 months from my release date. I thought of going home and being without this tight-knit weekly meeting. These members saved me. They were honest, open, harsh, sincere, fun, and encouraging. They were non-judgmental and loving. I didn't want to be alone. I was scared of leaving without their support at home. I needed to really start working the steps formally. And when I did.... Boy did I realize that I couldn't do it alone. I really DO need a sponsor for this stuff! I needed to build a strong foundation for my recovery. I needed to find a support system to turn to when I got home.

So, in July 2011, six months until my release, a volunteer got the Space Coast Area address for me to write to. I wrote. I explained my situation and my release date. I didn't ask for money or stamps. I asked for a letter. After a month of waiting, I didn't even get a "Hey! Give us a call when you get out." After hearing the literature's and the volunteers' promises of unconditional acceptance and support – well...I felt a little hurt and discouraged. I thought, "Oh well. I guess I'll just find a meeting when I get there." Lucky for me, the weekly meeting volunteer was not ready to give up. Week after week, he called and pestered, and then asked if I had heard anything. Each week, I had to say, "No." Twelve to fifteen weeks after my letter, that supportive volunteer found someone from the area to write. But, I was not allowed to write back to that address because it was not approved by their home group. I was kind of surprised and disappointed, but I was determined not to take it personally. That supportive member kept pushing for me. About four and a half months after my letter, I received a wonderful response from a woman in the town I was going to. FOUR and a half months after my letter and one and a half until my release. Thank you so much Nancy. She told me about herself, the area, and the clean men and women that I would be meeting that would help me stay clean. Thank you.

If it wasn't for that supportive member and his dogged persistence, I would have continued to feel separate and unwanted by the one group I thought would accept me: Narcotics Anonymous. But I got lucky. There are so many others that need you. They need US. They are losing their lives in there. They are losing their lives as soon as they step back out here. Why? Because they don't have a program or outside members to help. They need your support.

VICE CHAIR Report:

We are requesting \$350 for CAR workshop. We are asking to be reimbursed by Region since we are being asked to host 3 other areas.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities:

Hi family my name is Jennifer and I am an addict. Please excuse my absence, there was a death in the family. Thanks to area for support of the Love of NA. Next event is Forrest Gump Night on March 17th and we are looking for area support. (Absence excused)

Helpline:

Excused absence; no report

H&I:

Hi my name is Dave and I am an addict. We opened with the Serenity Prayer, read the 12 Concepts and stated Primary Purpose.

New attendees: Liz M, Meaghan C, Lauren C, Courtney M, Shanna B and Chris H.

Secretary's report: cost of printing this month was \$17.06.

Panel Coordinators report: No jail orientations are scheduled. Orientations are possible for this Spring.

No major concerns

Panel Leader Report: ACTS adult detox has changed its meeting time from 7:15pm to 7:30pm.

Amethyst Respite Center also changed its meeting time from 10:30am to 10:15 am.

Old Business: Our book drive is at 145 books right now. Our goal is 150. We are hoping to have reached our goal by ASC in March, which will officially end the book drive.

Elections: Dan N. panel member at ACTs Juvenile. Israel panel member at Amethyst Respite Center and Creighton panel leader at DACCO R2

New Business: An adhoc committee was formed to look into ways of making the H&I orientation process clearer and to create a possible agenda for a more structured orientation meeting.

Closed with Serenity Prayer

Newsletter:

Hello everyone, I'm Terence and I'm an addict. The newsletter committee met today at 12:30 in this facility. We had 4 in attendance. The Newsletter Committee would like to welcome our newest member, Penny C.

Our next issue is to be published next month at Area. Please remember, our email address is FunCoastNews@hotmail.com . If you forget to submit your anniversary to me in person you may send it to that email address. We do need articles for the next newsletter.

As a side note: If you have previously submitted individual anniversary celebrations a year ago and that person's information was accurate, then you do not need to resubmit those particular names again.

Anniversaries have been entered into a simple database for at least the last 2 years. If you see inaccuracies regarding anniversaries, then write the correct information and give it to personally or email it to us.

Thank you, Terence B.

Policy:

Policy subcommittee met at 1200 noon. Most members and a couple of visitors were present.

Topics discussed were:

Rewriting section on excused absences and submitting letters. **See motion #25P**

Motions 21P and 22P were found to be clear, with minimum time or financial impact, and does not appear to conflict with spiritual principles.

Motion 23P: The financial impact is that it would save the ASC body \$17 per month. The committee felt that there may be an issue with the principle of responsibly due to the minimum clean time for secretary being one year -- possibly allowing a trusted servant with 1 year clean to have access to all of the ASC funds.

Motion 24P: The committee felt that there may be an issue with the principles of Tradition 7 (see Basic Text or IWHW) and the Eleventh Concept. The policy committee also felt that World Service Bulletin 21 was also relevant to Motion 24P and the old cliché **"no addict be turned away"**.

Eleventh Concept states, "NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be

managed responsibly...Narcotics Anonymous funds should always be used to further our primary purpose. Money is used to pay the expenses involved in running NA recovery meetings, to inform the public about NA, and to reach addicts who can't get to meetings. It is used to develop, produce, translate, and

distribute our message in written form, and to bring our members together in a service community committed to the vision of spreading our message around the world to those in need. All of this is done in support of NA's spiritual aim: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers."

World Service Bulletin 21 states, "In our active addiction, most of us seemed to have one thing in common: self-centeredness. As we begin the recovery process, we learn that we 'keep what we have by giving it away.' We start to learn the value of being a contributing member of our fellowship and of society as a whole. We begin to learn the simple truth that if we want to keep attending NA meetings and help carry the message, we need to contribute our fair share financially as well as contribute our time and energy. Self-support, within the context of Tradition Seven, goes far beyond mere financial support. Along the way, we learn that contributing our fair share is one way in which we can express our gratitude for what has been freely given to us. Over time, we develop faith that as long we are doing what we're supposed to—practicing the principles of our program—the God of our understanding will take care of us and show us a new way to live."

Kirk K. was appointed to chair an ad hoc committee to continue the revision of ASC policy due to not having time to complete the task in the monthly subcommittee meeting. Policy subcommittee position of Vice chairperson is open. The next policy meeting is March 10, 2012 at 1200 noon. Members are encouraged to bring motions to policy prior to presenting on ASC floor. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Hope and Freedom,
Lovett H.

Public Relations:

The Public Relations subcommittee met today at 1:00pm. There were 9 members present with no new members. We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

There were 1400 copies of the meeting schedules printed this month and there were 11 changes to the following meetings: NA at the Door, Stepping Up, Primary Purpose, The Message, Women of Serenity, The Heights of NA, La Ultima Parada, The War is Over, Free to be me, More Will be Revealed, and How It Works. GSRs please remember to submit a meeting change request form by the end of area to get your changes into the next schedule.

The Tampa Funcoast Website had 2396 unique visitors in January, which was an increase of 302 visitors from the month of December. Please remember that you can send any correspondence, updates, suggestions, event flyers, and the like directly to us by clicking Contact Us in the navigation bar and selecting "Website Info" as the department. Further, we understand that the ASC Minutes were not posted in as timely a fashion as our members would have liked, so steps are being taken to ensure that this does not happen again and that the ASC Minutes are available for download the same time as they are mailed.

After completing the Website policy addendum, I failed to submit a motion to accept the new policy, therefore it has been postponed until today. You should see a motion on the floor during area business. In old business, we had a successful poster hanging day, with about a dozen participants. We covered businesses that were on Busch Blvd. east of 56th St and 56th St south of Busch Blvd. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate.

Also in old business, we have received enough posters for effort to redesign the poster and have selected our new poster, which will be used in our next poster hanging event. Our next poster hanging event is to be determined, but we are trying to have them quarterly.

In new business, we discussed some ideas for a Public Service Announcement that will be broadcast on local radio stations and we are currently in discussion with other areas to make this a combined effort.

In Loving Service,
Rick S.

Convention:

N/A

FRCNA:

Good afternoon Family, Addict name Ninnah R. The FRCNA (Florida Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous) committee meets bi-monthly. Our last meeting was held on Sunday December 18, 2011 at 10am until 12 noon at the host hotel, The Beautiful Marriott Water Front Downtown Tampa. The FRCNA convention will be held on Thursday July 5th thru Sunday July 8th. Any member of NA is welcome to join us to share ideas, suggestions, views and/or concerns.

It was shared at our last meeting by Jason the program chair that Nate M. will have to be voted in today as a FRCNA rep. in order to have a vote at FRCNA meetings. The next meeting will be on 02/19/12.

In Loving service Ninnah R.

Announcements for the good of NA:

- See the flyers!
- ANDA Group: trying hard to make it work; member ship low, money lower
- Uptown group: Annual Picnic March 24th, 2012 at Lettuce Lake Park pavilion #1 10am til?
- The Message: Saturday March 1st, 2012 meeting will change from Tuesday to Thursday
- Women's Perspective meets Thursdays @ 7:30 pm @ Recovery Club and needs home group support. It's a women's meeting with topics every Thursday.
- 12 Step Sisters meets Wed at 8pm at Messiah Lutheran Church and is in need of home group members

Treasurer's Report: (Please see the attachment at the end of the minutes)

Hi my name is Kimbra and I am an addict. Our beginning balance this month was \$596.51. As you probably remember from last area, I was concerned that we might not have enough money to get all of the bills paid this month. After receipt of a check from the FACNA convention committee in the amount of \$5200, this issue was resolved. I would like to thank our Chairwoman, Deb C, for her timely handling of this matter. As of the date I (Jessica) prepared my report (Feb. 6th), there was one outstanding check in the amount of \$91.26 written to Line 1 Communications. Also, this month we received another \$17.00 maintenance fee charge from the bank, hopefully this issue will be resolved once the debit card motion is voted on by the ASC body. We spent a total \$4450.06 on expenses this month, leaving us with a whopping balance of \$6840.40. This means that we are currently \$2840 over our \$4000 operating funds. If I am not mistaken, policy states that we need to donate any monies that we have over our operating funds to region. Please let me know if this is what the body wants, and I will submit an electronic payment to them this month after the ASC meeting.

In loving service, Jess G

Old Business

Motion # 13P

Maker: Helpline Second: Breakfast Club

Motion: To accept helpline policy changes

Intent: To provide area with current policy

PASSED: 40/0/6

- Motion # 18P** **Maker: H&I** **Second: Parrots Pirates in Paradise**
Motion: Add to Policy under H&I secretary responsibilities to include a download of H&I minutes, on our area website (excluding personal information such as phone numbers and addresses)
Intent: Financial Prudence and accountability to FunCoast Area of NA
PASSED: 46/1/3
- Motion # 19** **Maker: Policy Chair** **Second: Secretary**
Motion: To accept Policy budget
Intent: To pay for subcommittee expenses
PASSED: 47/0/2
- Motion # 20** **Maker: LDO** **Second: Secretary**
Motion: To accept Literature Budget including a raise from \$2500 to \$3000 monthly
Intent: Financial Responsibility
PASSED: 46/1/0
- Motion #21P** **Maker: Parrots Pirates in Paradise** **Second: Squeaky Clean**
Motion: For RCM to submit the actual report that they give about Tampa ASC/area to PR Chair and for posting on the Tampa FunCoast website
Intent: Accountability/Awareness
Tabled Groups for voting in March
- Motion #22P** **Maker: Parrots Pirates in Paradise** **Second: Recovery Central**
Motion: Public Relations/Secretary to post monthly as downloads the current Regional minutes
Intent: Accountability/Awareness
Tabled Groups for voting in March
- Motion #23P** **Maker: Treasurer** **Second: Policy Chair**
Motion: To add to Policy that the Secretary will be responsible for Admin debit card, this will be used to print the minutes. Secretary will check with Treasurer prior to card use to ensure that funds are available.
Intent: To save money/financial prudence
Tabled Groups for voting in March
- Motion #24P** **Maker: Women Do Recover** **Second: Women of Freedom**
Motion: To make the New Year's Eve Dance a free event. The Area would assume all cost for this event. Amount to propose \$2000.00
Intent: To continue to promote unity and fellowship
Tabled Groups for voting in March

New Business

- Motion #25P** **Maker: Policy Chair** **Second: Secretary**
Motion: Under "Resignation of ASC officers" remove: In case of emergency (ie. death, motor vehicle accident, surgery) and add: ALL letters must be approved by majority vote.
Intent: Make policy more clear
Tabled to groups for questions with voting in April

Motion #26P **Maker: Public Relations** **Second: Secretary**
Motion: To accept the Website Policy addendum
Intent: To provide the area with a policy for the maintenance of the area website
Tabled to policy and to groups for questions with voting in April

Motion #27 **Maker: FRCNA Rep** **Second: Newsletter**
Motion: Waive Policy to vote Nate M in as FRCNA Rep 2
Intent: So we can have a vote at FRCNA Committee meeting
PASSED: 44/0/0

Motion #28 **Maker: The Heights** **Second: Monday Meditation**
Motion: To provide new meeting, that studies step-working guide on Friday nights, with 3 step-working guide books
Intent: Provide literature for members who attend this meeting
PASSED: 33/8/4

Regional Business

NONE

Elections

Alt Secretary: OPEN
NOMINEE(s): Dan N.

Qualification:

Hi family my name is Dan N. and I am a grateful recovering addict. I have been clean for 16 months and am currently the alternate GSR for my Home Group "Quest for Serenity" and a panel leader for H&I. I have also served as secretary and GSR of my previous home group for the last year. I have the willingness to serve this area as Alt. Secretary. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor and I have a working knowledge of the 12 steps, traditions. I have coming to ASC for the last 13 months and I have the willingness to serve this body.
ILS, Dan N

FRCNA Rep 2: Closed
NOMINEE(s): Nate M.

PASSED

Qualifications:

Clean 15 years; a servant of Radical Recovery my home group for 13 years; I have a sponsor; I sponsor men; I have had service commitments in H&I; now active on the program committee for FRCNA

Income, Expense, and Reconciliation

Jan. 2012 **Income** Beginning Balance \$596.51

Group Donations \$1,367.44
 Group Literature Orders \$2,227.31
 ASC 7th Tradition Basket \$37.72
 Member Orders \$5.00
 Tampa Speaker Jam Donation \$96.00
 H&I Donation \$204.00
 Activities Donation \$1,491.48
 FACNA Donation \$65.00
 FACNA Donation/Seed Money Reimbursement \$5,200.00

Total Income : \$10,693.95

Expenses

Administrative
 Rent \$150.00
 Security Mini Storage \$71.13
 Minutes \$269.70
 Storage Reimbursement \$71.13
 Bank - Monthly Maintenance Fee \$17.00
 Verizon \$30.68
 Metro PCS \$160.00
 Line 1 Communications \$91.26
 (none)
 Activities (none)
 Newsletter (none)
 Public Relations \$210.00
 LDO \$232.99
 Literature \$3,108.35
 CAR Report \$37.82

Total Expenses: \$4,450.06

Ending Balance \$6,840.40

Reserves

Operating Funds Ending Balance After Reserves \$4,000.00
 \$2,840.40

Reconciliation

Outstanding Checks
 Check #
 online
 Payee
 Line 1 Communications
Total Outstanding Checks
 Bank Balance - Total Outstanding Checks
 Tampa Funcoast Register Balance
 Difference: \$0.00
 \$0.00

Bank Balance:

Amount
 \$91.26