

GOLD COAST AREA MINUTES

FROM JULY 11TH, 2004

***NOTE* ANY NEW GSR SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ASC BY 1:00 PM FOR ORIENTATION, BY POLICY CHAIR. ALL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS MUST MEET AT 1:30 PM!**

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS PRIOR TO ASC BY CALLING GLENDA 561-416-9927
PLEASE LEAVE NAME OF GROUP, YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER. IF NOT AT HOME, LEAVE ORDER ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE

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MOTIONS GROUPS NEED TO VOTE ON
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ELECTIONS GROUPS NEED TO VOTE ON (PAGES 8-11)

NOMINATIONS STILL NEEDED

ASC NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING

ASC ASST. TREAS	3 YEARS CLEAN
RCM ALTERNATE	3 YEARS CLEAN
HELPLINE CHAIR	2 YEARS CLEAN
NEWSLETTER CHAIR	2 YEARS CLEAN
PI CHAIR	2 YEARS CLEAN
LITERATURE CHAIR	2 YEARS CLEAN
ARTS & GRAPHICS	2 YEARS CLEAN

GCCNA NOMINATION STILL NEEDED

ASSISTANT TREASURER	4 YEARS CLEAN
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NEXT ASC WILL BE ON SUNDAY, August 8th, 2004 at 2:00 PM,
North Lauderdale City Hall Annex Bldg. 701 SW 71st Ave. (corner of Forest Blvd. and Rock Island Rd.)

SUPPORT YOUR AREA!!!
GET INVOLVED!!!

ASC SERVICE MEETING – AGENDA

1. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER
2. READ TRADITIONS, DEFINITION OF AN ASC, GSR AND ALTERNATE GSR'S QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (ASC V. CHAIR)
3. PASS BASKET
4. OPEN FORUM
5. ROLL CALL
6. ESTABLISH QUORUM
7. MOVE TO ACCEPT LAST MONTH'S MINUTES
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. A) ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (IF NECESSARY)
B) NOMINATIONS
10. RCM REPORT
11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - ____ ACTIVITIES
 - ____ ARTS & GRAPHICS
 - ____ CONVENTION
 - ____ HELPLINE
 - ____ H & I
 - ____ LITERATURE
 - ____ LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION
 - ____ NEWSLETTER
 - ____ POLICY
 - ____ PUBLIC INFORMATION
- 12..RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM
13. TREASURERS REPORT:
14. NEW BUSINESS
15. REVIEW THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY
16. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING TIME AND PLACE
17. FINAL ROLL CALL
18. MEETING CLOSES WITH THIRD STEP PRAYER

MEETING OPENED AT 200PM WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER

Definition of an ASC was read by [Phil](#), GSR and Alternate GSR's duties and responsibilities was read by [Michael](#), the 12 Traditions was read by [Carol](#). The 12 concepts were read by [Lisa](#). The basket was passed in accordance with our 7th tradition.

OPEN FORUM

[JOHN Z. \(MORE WILL BE REVEALED\) I AM THE NEW ALT. GSR.](#)

[SCOTT \(PROGRESSIVE RECOVERY\) I AM THE NEW ALT. GSR.](#)

[ED \(SUNDAY SERENITY\) I AM THE NEW GSR.](#)

[LISA B. \(SUNLAND PARK\) I AM THE NEW ALT. GSR.](#)

[DAVID \(WHEN AT THE END OF THE ROAD/THURSDAY\) I AM THE NEW GSR.](#)

[DANA A. \(NO PAIN NO GAIN\) I AM THE NEW GSR.](#)

[ETHEL \(ROAD TO RECOVERY\) I AM THE NEW GSR.](#)

[JOEL V. \(123 RECOVERY\) WE WILL NOW BE MEETING ON FRIDAYS ALSO AT THE PEER CENTER AT 10 PM.](#)

[ALICIA A. \(RAINBOW WEEKEND\) WE ARE HAVING OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER ON AUGUST 15TH AT 11AM AT SNYDER PARK, PAVILLION 5, TICKETS ARE \\$8](#)

ROLLCALL

<u>ASC ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PHONE #:</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>END</u>
ASC Chair— Kirk	954-779-1183	YES	YES
ASC V. Chair— Mike B.	954-454-7923	YES	YES
ASC Secretary— Cori	954-426-3875	YES	YES
ASC Asst. Sec— Alicia A	754-422-5599	NO	YES
ASC Treasurer— Sharon	954-445-7731	YES	YES
ASC Asst. Treasurer—George	305-321-0666	YES	YES
RCM--- Dan	954-579-2808	NO	NO
RCM Alt.—Steve	954-467-1052	YES	YES
Activities —Douglas	754-422-4770	NO	YES
Arts & Graphics -OPEN.		NO	NO
Convention—Renee	754-204-6884	YES	YES
Helpline —OPEN		NO	NO
H & I —Carol	754-581-2975	YES	YES
Literature— OPEN		NO	NO
Lit. Distribution —Glenda G.	561-416-9927	YES	YES
Newsletter—Lenny	954-917-2943	NO	NO
Policy —Carl R	954-294-5597	YES	YES
Public Information—Carl C	954-815-1147	YES	NO

ASC GROUP ROLLCALL:

Groups not present at ASC:

GETTING IN TOUCH, HISPANOS UNIDOS, LETTING GO GROUP, OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, REAL DEAL, SANITY AT SIX, WHY NOT TONITE

Groups not present for the last two ASC meetings.

HISPANOS UNIDOS, OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, WHY NOT TONITE

Groups taken off Roll call for missing three ASC's in a row

HISPANOS UNIDOS, WHY NOT TONITE

ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Groups present: 39 OF 47 GROUPS.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES //RAINBOW GROUP // SECOND// VICE CHAIR

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Douglas 754-422-4770

There was no meeting held this past Sat. which was July 10, 2004. As of today, tickets are on sale for \$15 for Gold Coast 26th Anniversary. It will be held at Plantation Methodist Church, 1001 NW 70th Ave, Plantation, FL.

In Loving Service, Douglas

Convention: Renee Y. 754-204-6884 (Read by Heather B.)

I'm an addict named Heather. Our first meeting will be Monday, August 2nd at 7:30 pm at the Peer Center. I have passed out flyers to this effect. We will be filling open positions at this meeting. We will also be cutting our final check to Area from GCCNA XIV at this time. Anyone who would like to be involved in planning GCCNA XV at the Bahia Mar Hotel should show up at this meeting. For any questions you can contact Renee Y. at 754-204-6884 or Heather B. at 954-650-0800. We look forward to another fun and successful convention.

In Loving Service, Heather B.

H & I: Carol L. 754-581-2975 Carol@blowoff.com (Read by Joel V.)

I am an addict, Carol. Greetings from H&I. We currently have 44 meetings on our roll call. We do have men and women's jail meetings that are not being covered at all. We really need a few more people with willingness to do that type of H&I meeting. We also have meetings that need chairs for all types of facilities. As always- We humbly ask that all GSR's ask their home group secretary's to please announce that H&I needs support – there are addicts **dying** to hear the message of Narcotics Anonymous. In other business – the new Vice Chair, Secretary, Orientation, and Literature positions for H&I will be voted on in September. Nominations will be open at our August business meeting. Our next business meeting will be August 2, 2004 at 7pm. It will held at Pompano Park as usual.

In Loving Service, Carol L

RCM: Dan 954-579-2808 (read by Steve H.)

Region was held at the Hyatt. Open forum was very interesting. There were two issues that stood out during open forum. 1. The clarity statement is not approved literature therefore it should not be read in NA meetings. 2. Conventions have become a competition. In other words, who can throw the biggest convention- where does this affect NA as a whole? As region continued, the Regional delegates report for me was very overwhelming. They shared many critical issues with us while visiting the World Board Conference. First, they found out some very interesting facts about Greece. There are no facilities for treatment or detox and they have the highest death rates from drug overdoses. The good news is there are meetings and groups all over Greece and they also have working H & I and PI subcommittees. Second, the group reading cards have grown to seven by adding "We Do Recover", and third the big change was the medallion design. The roman numerals are out and new Arabic numbers are in and will be available n mid 2005. SFRCNA needs people to be willing to serve on the BOD. If no BOD, possibly no convention. Also, if you are going to SFRCNA this September 3-6, 2004, you must know that you must pay for parking. Motions that were presented during region, I basically abstained. There was one motion that I had an opposition to "motion 05-06-04, to resubmit budget for literature. The reason for my opposition was that my area didn't have any information about the new budget, the motion passed anyway. Regional adhoc committee question/ survey will be in the minutes.

In Loving Service, Steve

Helpline: Erin 954-462-1643 erin.dolan@ps.qe.com (read by Carol)

Helpline is now meeting at the Peer Center, 4545 N. Powerline Rd. in Bay E. We still meet every 3rd Thursday of every month. Our chairperson position is now open. Shifts will be covered as well as possible. Helpline is always in need of support. It's a great way to get involved. All that is required is 6 months clean time.

In Loving Service, Carol

Policy: Carl R. 954-294-5597 Carlhwdfl@aol.com

Greetings from Policy. We had six members present. I have updates. They don't have holes in them, but there will be a hole puncher next to them. We had some discussion around two of the updates. The committee felt that there was no issue with them so no recommendation is coming forth. If you want to know what they were let me know. There was about 7 or 8 new GSR's at orientation. Please guys make them welcome.

In Loving Service, Carl

Public Information: Carl C. 954-815-1147

Greetings from Gold Coast P.I. All is going well. We are currently making arrangements to perform a number of P.I. presentations at various facilities that have requested it. Next month we will be submitting changes to P.I. policy to be taken back to the home groups for discussion & vote. We also have posters available in both English & Spanish to be placed in public locations. Any home groups who are willing to place posters in there meeting locations or surrounding businesses/organizations, etc may contact me @ 954-815-1147. I will make arrangements to get them to you. With no other info to report, I remain.

In Loving Service, Carl C.

Newsletter: Lenny T. 954-917-2943 lentatt@aol.com (read by ASC Vice-Chair)

The new July-August Bottom Line is out. I love this job.

In Loving Service, Lenny T.

Literature Distribution: Glenda G. 561-416-9927

All is well at Literature Distribution Subcommittee. Our 1st subcommittee meeting was 7/10/04. I am no longer using my email for orders. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please call me at 561-416-9927 and leave your order on the machine. Do not call and ask me to call back, just leave on machine. Thank you for your patience and support.

In Loving Service, Glenda G.

RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM 38 OF 47 PRESENT

OLD BUSINESS

motion # 1

POLICY CHANGE

MOTION CARRIED

Maker of Motion: **H & I// SECOND POLICY**

MOTION TO READ: TO CHANGE H&I PAGE 3, VII ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES B, FROM: SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR H&I MEETINGS MUST NOT BE IN A TREATMENT FACILITY OR ON MEDICATION TO: SPEAKERS AND CHARIPERSONS FOR H&I MUST NOT BE IN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY.

INTENT: TO ALLOW MEMBERS TAKING LEGITIMATE MEDICATION UNDER A DOCTORS CARE TO CARRY THE MESSAGE.

motion # 3

MOTION CARRIED (FORMALITY)

Maker of Motion: **ASC SECRETARY// SECOND GIVE TIME TIME**

MOTION TO READ: TO HAVE AREA 7/11/04, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.

INTENT: TO HAVE AREA INFORMED OF NEXT ASC.

NEW BUSINESS

motion # 1 REFERRED TO GROUPS POLICY CHANGE

Maker of Motion: **PLANTATION RECOVERY// SECOND RAINBOW GROUP**

MOTION TO READ: UNDER PI, #2 SUB SECTION D, TO BECOME #9 THAT GOLD COAST AREA MINUTES BE POSTED ON THE WEB SITE.

INTENT: TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MORE INFORMATION BY THE AREA MEMBERS.

CARRIED _____ DEFEATED _____ ABSTAIN _____

motion # 2 REFERRED TO GROUPS POLICY CHANGE

Maker of Motion: **H & I // SECOND WHEN AT THE END OF THE ROAD**

MOTION TO READ: H & I PAGE 2, CHANGE AGENDA TO CHANGE TO LETTER B- READ CONCEPTS AND ADD LETTER C-READ TRADITIONS.

INTENT: TO HAVE SERVICE CONCEPTS LEARNED AND USED BY OUR SUBCOMMITTEE.

CARRIED _____ DEFEATED _____ ABSTAIN _____

motion # 3 REFERRED TO GROUPS POLICY CHANGE

Maker of Motion: **H & I // SECOND NOON TIME RECOVERY**

MOTION TO READ: H & I 1-C TO ADD ASST. SECRETARY

- 1. 6 MONTHS CLEAN TIME**
- 2. SECRETARY EXPERIENCE/ ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS**

INTENT: TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY.

CARRIED _____ DEFEATED _____ ABSTAIN _____

motion # 4 REFERRED TO GROUPS POLICY CHANGE

Maker of Motion: **H & I // SECOND WHEN AT THE END OF THE ROAD/SAT**

MOTION TO READ: H & I 2-D, TO ADD ASST. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

- 1. 6 MONTHS CLEAN**
- 2. WILLINGNESS TO FULFILL COMMITMENT**

INTENT: TO ASSIST THE LIT DISTRIBUTION CHAIR

CARRIED _____ DEFEATED _____ ABSTAIN _____

motion # 5 REFERRED TO GROUPS POLICY CHANGE

Maker of Motion: **H&I// SECOND MORE WILL BE REVEALED**
MOTION TO READ: TO ADD ORIENTATION ASSISTANT.

- 1. 1 YEAR CLEAN WITH 6 MONTHS H & I EXPERIENCE**

INTENT: TO ASSIST THE ORIENTATION CHAIR.
CARRIED _____ DEFEATED _____ ABSTAIN _____

motion # 6 MOTION CARRIED (FORMALITY)
Maker of Motion: **ASC SECRETARY// SECOND VICE CHAIR**
MOTION TO READ: TO HAVE AREA 8/7/04, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.
INTENT: TO HAVE AREA INFORMED OF NEXT ASC.

ASC NOMINATIONS PLEASE VOTE

RCM

I'm an addict named Steve H. My clean date is 10/13/89. I have served on H & I, Helpline, Policy, Activities, Regional Activities, Vice Chair, and Area Chair. I'm currently the RCM Alternate. I have a sponsor, who has a sponsor, and have the willingness to serve.
In loving service, Steve H.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

ASC VICE CHAIR

Hi, I am an addict named Carl R. I have a little over thirteen years clean. I have a sponsor and I try to practice the principles behind the Twelve Steps and Traditions. I have served just about every committee in this Area; Activities for 2 years, H & I for 5 years, Helpline for a year, chair of Policy for a year, Lit. Dist. For 3 years, and I was RCM for a year. I have been in service since I had three months clean and have the willingness to serve. I am employed, have a bank account, and have never misappropriated funds.
In loving service, Carl R.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

LIT. DIST. CHAIR

Hi, my name is Glenda G. I have 16 years clean and a working knowledge of 12 Steps & Traditions. I have been Lit. Dist. Chair for 2 months. I have previously served as Lit. Dist. Chair in Treasure Coast Area. I have a NA home group, a sponsor, and a willingness to serve. I am employed, have a bank account, and have never misappropriated funds.

In loving service, Glenda G.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

LIT. DIST. VICE CHAIR

I'm an addict named Kevin L. I have been clean 6 ½ years. I have an NA sponsor, have served as home group secretary for 3 yrs., home group asst. treasurer for 1 yr., and helpline for 1 yr. I have the willingness. I have a job, I have a bank account, and I have never misappropriated funds.

In loving service, Kevin L.

*prior involvement in sub-committee was waived on floor

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

H & I CHAIR

Hi, I'm Joel V. My clean date is 11/14/00. I have the willingness to serve as Gold Coast H & I Chair. I have been Vice-Chair of H & I for the past year and learned a lot about H & I service. I have an NA sponsor, who has an NA sponsor. I have working knowledge of the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions. I have the time it takes to serve as H & I Chair, and am more than willing to travel to Region. I would be my pleasure to serve this Area as H & I Chair. I am currently employed, I have a bank account, and have not misappropriated any funds since clean.

In loving service, Joel V.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

ACTIVITIES CHAIR

I am an addict named Lisa B. I am running for chair of activities. I have 3 years clean. I have an NA sponsor, who has an NA sponsor. I have served H & I by taking a meeting into a treatment facility for 2 years. I am an active member of my home group. I have never not fulfilled a commitment to NA. I have a job, a bank account, and have never misappropriated any funds in NA since I've been clean. Most importantly, I am willing to serve my area.

In loving service, Lisa B.

*prior involvement in sub-committee was waived on floor

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

ACTIVITIES TREASURER

Hi, Karen Jean, addict. I have the clean time, willingness, sponsor, and application of 12 Steps, Traditions, Principles, and a home group. I have a job, bank account, and have not misappropriated any funds.

In loving service, Karen Jean

*prior involvement in sub-committee was waived on floor

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

POLICY CHAIR

I'm an addict named Lisa M. My clean date is March 24, 1987. I've been a GSR for at least 12 years. I am currently the Vice Chair of Policy. I've served on GCCNA as Hotel Liaison, Fundraising Chair, and Merchandise Chair. I have an NA sponsor, and have the willingness to serve my Area. I have a job, a bank account, and have never misappropriated any funds.

In loving service, Lisa M.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

GCCNA XV NOMINATIONS PLEASE VOTE

GCCNA SECRETARY

I am an addict named Carley M. I am running for GCCNA Secretary. I have an NA sponsor and knowledge of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts of NA. I have served on H & I since I've have 6 months clean and I am an active member of my home group, Sunland Park. I have the administrative skills to fulfill the position. I have always fulfilled my commitments to NA and I have the willingness to serve.

In loving service, Carley M.

*clean time was waived on floor

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

MERCHANDISE CHAIR

Hi, I'm Candice. I have 9 years clean, have a NA sponsor; work the NA Steps & Traditions. I have been a part of H & I, Helpline, GSR of my home group, GCCNA Hospitality Chair, served on GCCNA Registration, and Programming. I have a job, a bank account, and have never misappropriated funds.

In loving service, Candice S.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

AREA CLOSED AT 5: OOPM WITH THE 3RD STEP PRAYER

The following people are being submitted as nominees to the 2004 Region to be elected by the areas of the South Florida Region:

Open Positions and Nominations

Vice-Chair

Secretary-

Sean V. Chair nominates Angie M (Current MAL 2)

Qualifications: My name is Angie M. and my clean date is 11.21.99, I have a NA sponsor, and a home group. I have served in various positions on the MidCoast Area level, and within the region the past year, as well as been appointed many positions within region during my recovery. I have resigned one position, as RCM from MidCoast, in September 2003 and my position was to end at the end of September 2003, so that I could comply with SFRSC policy due to my election to my current position. In the three years I have participated in the region I have missed one region and 4 areas. I have the capabilities to serve, and the willingness. I am always in the process of working steps and traditions. I am currently the MAL 2, and have been pro-temping as Secretary for the last 2 regions, and will be pro-temping for August RSC.

ILS, Angie M.

BACK TO AREAS FOR ELECTION AT AUGUST RSC.

TREASURER-

Gulf Coast nominates Celia S.(current Treasurer)

My name is Celia, and I'm an addict. My clean date is November 6th, 1990. I got clean in NYC, where I have been a group GSR, Treasurer, and Chair-Person. I have been living in South West Florida, and a member of the Gulf Coast Area for the last 6 ½ years. I was the area Literature chair for 2 ½ year, and my home-group treasurer for the last 5 years. As treasurer for the group, my duties include, keeping accurate records, disbursing money, and preparing monthly financial reports. I have the South Florida Regional Treasurer for the last 6 months.

I have read the South Florida Regional policy with the duties and responsibilities for the regional treasurer's position, and I understand these duties and responsibilities. I word the steps, and live by the traditions, and I'm learning about the concepts. I have a bank account, not balance my own checkbook. I make meetings on a regular basis, and I attend only one fellowship. I do have the willingness to serve the South Florida Region.

ILS, Celia

BACK TO AREAS FOR ELECTION AT AUGUST RSC.

MAL 1

MAL 2

MAL 3

ACTIVITIES

PI

HELPLINE-

Conch nominates Frank (current Helpline Chair)

I'm an addict my name is Frank I have almost 17yrs. Clean . I have an NA sponsor and only attend on fellowship. I love NA and have the willingness to continue to serve.

In loving service, Frank L.

BACK TO AREAS FOR ELECTION AT THE AUGUST RSC

LITERATURE-

Frank nominates Maddy Z.(current Literature Chair)

I have 16 years clean with a working knowledge of the traditions, concepts and policy for region. I have served this region as Helpline chair, and literature chair, responsibly.

BACK TO AREAS FOR ELECTION AT THE AUGUST RSC.

H&I-

Frank nominates Dave M. (current chair)

I'm an Addict named Dave!

I have been nominated to be the Regional H&I chair for this region. My clean date is 4/1/94. I got clean in Detroit and i have been involved in service for the entire time i have been clean. I have served this region for almost the last 2 years as the regional H&I Chair. I have the willingness to serve for One More Term. My Hospitals & Institutions passion began in Detroit as a Volunteer in the Macomb County Jail. I became the H&I Chair for the Area and have held a similar position ever since 1995. I have held every position at the group level, I have served as the ASR to the Metro Detroit Region. I have served in Programming at the DACNA convention as well as the Metro Detroit Regions Convention and I have never Resigned from an elected position and sponsor men inside and outside of jails & prisons. Most importantly I have the willingness today to continue my effort to help Hospitals & Institutions GROW here in the South Florida region.

Very Gratefully

Dave M.

BACK TO AREAS FOR ELECTION AT THE AUGUST RSC

Newsletter

SFRCNA BOD - currently 4 open positions, more will be coming up

REMINDER TO ALL SUBCOMMITTEES AND ADMIN MEMBERS BUDGETS ARE DUE AT THE AUGUST RSC!!!!!!

(assistance will be given if asked for)

Motion: 02-06-04:

Maker of the motion: RD

2nd: Conch

Motion to read: That the Southeast Zonal Forum moves to consensus based decision making see attached for definition and procedure.

Intent:

Deposition: Sent back to areas.

Attachments from Region

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #2 (Tabled/Old Business June 2003) Ron M. FL / Remaining Regions - That the Southeast Zonal Forum moves to Consensus-Based Decision-Making.

DEFINITION OF CONSENSUS

Consensus is defined as the decision making process used by the Southeastern Zonal Forum in which discussion and compromise are used to reach agreement at the Southeastern Zonal Forum. For example, if a topic is introduced to change or create a policy/practice of the Zonal Forum and consensus is not reached, the policy/practice will continue as it currently stands or will not be implemented.

Consensus-Based Decision Making Procedure

- 1. Proposal is introduced**
 - 2. The Facilitator opens the dialogue.**
 - a. Begin with the maker of the topic.
 - 3. Clarifying questions are taken.**
 - a. This is when questions are asked to ensure that all participants understand the topic. This is not the time for general discussion.
 - 4. Facilitator asks for concerns or reservations (general discussion)**
 - a. This is when modifications may be made to the topic in an effort to address expressed reservations or concerns. b. Maker of the topic as well as other participants may offer modifications.
 - 5. Facilitator asks for consensus.**
 - a. There are four positions an RD may take on a topic i. **Assent** - agree with the topic ii. **Assent with reservation** - although there are reservations or concerns, the individual will trust and go along with the body's decision iii. **Stand aside** - based in strong personal reservations which prevents support for the topic
- !:** **Consensus** is reached when 80% of the RDs are in *Assent* or *Assent with reservation*.
1. The number which represents 80% shall be determined based on the number of RDs present at the start of Old Business, v. **Block (No)** - based on spiritual principles expressed in our Traditions or Concepts
 1. A block must be followed by speaking to the specific Tradition or Concept that would be violated.
 2. A block will prevent a topic from being adopted, iv. **A Block may be overridden by the body.**
 1. If the validity of a block is not questioned, the block will stand and the topic is not adopted.
 2. If the validity of a block is questioned, the body must then reach consensus on whether the block should stand. The same process is used for this as for reaching consensus on a topic. If the block is overridden, the facilitator will again ask for consensus on the topic.

Outcome: Tabled to Regions for further development and review.

Questions to ask ourselves about Regional Services:

What services are each of the following regional subcommittees providing to the member areas?

Hospitals & Institutions:

Helpline:

Public Information:

Literature:

Activities:

Newsletter:

Definitions for the following questions:

Workgroup-based system=when a project comes up, a group of people are brought together to do the task at hand. These people are selected from a pool of people that have filled out a service experience form that is kept and maintained by the regional service committee.

Committee-based system=the way we are doing things now. There is an elected chairperson with other people making up the membership of the committee, usually the chairpersons from the same committees on the Area level.

Do we need a committee-based system to perform these functions?

Can it be done on a workgroup-based system?

What will we need to do to change to a workgroup-based system?

Are we being prudent with the fellowships resources?

Are we afraid of change?

Are we focused on carrying the message to the still suffering addicts?

Do we need to meet six times a year?

Will quarterly meetings be enough to conduct business for the Regional Service Committee?