

## West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minute (2/28/2021)

### WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

#### OPEN POSITIONS w/ CLEAN TIME & REQUIREMENTS

1. **Alternate Secretary:** Suggested 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
2. **Alternate Treasurer:** 2 year clean time w/ suggested bookkeeping/accounting experience & previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
3. **Outreach:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.
4. **Activities:** 1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.

***Be sure to read the duties for each position which can be found on the [www.na-wt.org](http://www.na-wt.org) page under Members that has links to the Area Guidelines and Subcommittee Guidelines for each above position.***

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Chair-** NO REPORT

**Vice Chair-** NO REPORT

**Secretary-** Motion to accept Dec. and Jan. minutes

**Treasurer** -Online access is not available for the bank account. Without online access I will continue to reconcile the bank account by getting a paper account of transactions from the bank.  
ILS

Leigh Ann F

**See Feb. 2021 Treasurer spreadsheets attached to the email**

**RCM-** RCM report to area

**February 2021**

**Leigh Ann was officially elected VRC 39 Chair**

**There are 3 Nominations to vote on. Please let me know if you have any questions.**

**Donald S for VRC 40 Chair**

Clean date is 5/31/2000 (20 years)

Nominated by MTA, seconded by GNA

Previous service- VRC 32 Secretary VRC 36 Vice Chair RCM HOT Area 2018-2020 Alt RCM HOT Area 2017-2018 GSR home group 2018-2020 HOT Area Alt. Treasurer 2021- current

Have you ever not completed a service commitment? No

Any other information you think may be important? A desire to serve. Hands on experience in a number of different convention areas. Manage 750,000 sq feet of office space with a maintenance team of 3. Work with a number of different people including managers, tenants, and vendors to identify and resolve issues on the fly.

- Question- What spiritual principle do you think you practice well?
- Answer- Acceptance, tolerance, & patience
- Question- Have you ever misappropriated NA funds?
- Answer- no
- Question- What spiritual principles do you struggle with?
- Answer- Acceptance, tolerance, & patience

**My comments...** Donald was the vice chair last time VRC was in Nashville, and he's willing to be chair this time in Nashville, which is the way it should be. I have no cons for Donald as VRC 40 chair.

**Vince B. for Regional Delegate**

Clean date is 12/5/05

Nominated by West Tn, seconded by Knoxville Area

Previous service- GSR for home group from 2017-present, RCM for Chattanooga Area from 2016-2021, RDA for past 2 years,

Have you ever not completed a service commitment? No

Any other information you think may be important? Being the current RDA has given me valuable information to serve this body in the highest capacity

I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, I work NA Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and have never misappropriated NA funds

- Question- What spiritual principle do you think you practice well?
- Answer- unconditional love, acceptance, tolerance, and patience
- Question- What spiritual principles do you struggle with?
- Answer- Acceptance, tolerance, & patience
- Question- did you ever follow up with the airline reimbursement?
- Answer- I do not have the paperwork so I am just going to have to send two money orders back to the treasurer

**My comments...** Vince was the Alternate Regional Delegate the past 2 years, and he's willing to be Regional Delegate which is the way it should be. I have no cons for Vince as Delegate. I've served at the region and at the zonal forum with him the past 2 years and he has done a good job. No cons for Vince.

**Greg V. for Regional Delegate Alternate**

Clean date is 2/2/15

Nominated by Knoxville, seconded by Chattanooga

Previous service- Group Secretary 2015-2016 in Southern California, GSR inland area group California and Foothills Group, Alternate RCM for MANA 2018-2019, RCM 2019 to present, multiple H&I panels in California & Tn, various meetings in 18 different states for a better understanding of other Area's demographics

Have you ever not completed a service commitment? No

Any other information you think may be important? I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, I work NA Steps & Traditions, I sponsor others in the Twelve Steps of NA, my passion is to give back to the program what has been given so freely to me with any skills that may be useful, I have never misappropriated NA funds

Additional resources- Past experience includes years of decision making at the executive corporate level, including but not limited to conflict resolution, training and mentoring individual's growth, skills, and aptitudes. 10 years experience executing fiduciary duties of a not-for-profit organization in direction of the employee's pension committee. Volunteer support of youth athletic sports teams through organization, coaching, and positive constructive feedback

- Question- What spiritual principle do you think you practice well?
- Answer- open mindedness, service, acceptance, honesty, willingness
- Question- What spiritual principles to you struggle with?
- Answer- Faith that everything is going to be ok

**My comments...** 2 years ago Greg was nominated for alternate delegate along with Vince. Our area voted on Greg at the time. Greg has continued to stay involved in region and I think he will do a good job representing the region as the alternate. No cons for Greg.

**Ending Treasurer's report Report:**

Starting Available: \$34,047.36

Wrote checks for: \$0

Prudent Reserve: \$5,000

PR Budget: \$10,570 (2-year)

H&I Budget: \$6,600 (2-year)

ITCC Budget: \$1,202.50 (2-year)

VRC Fund: \$17,000

Balance: -\$1,822.64

**The May regional meeting will be a hybrid meeting.**

There was more to the meeting that I will report on next month.

If you're interested in getting a copy of the minutes, let me know and I'll email them to you.

In loving service,

Lucy O

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archives** – Terry B The archives are doing well, had a little dust on the boxes. They have now been dusted....

Terry B

901-277-0870

**Activities** - Open Position

**Literature** – Carl H. Had a lit. order of \$494.28 with shipping. This included a back order of \$17.25, leaving the balance for this month @ \$477.03. Just a reminder any medallions over 25 years need to be ordered a month in advance or early enough for me to get it in. Still working on

getting everything at a level where there are no back orders in the future. Please know this is not a quick fix.

### **H&I-**

Meeting was held February 18, 2021 6PM on Zoom ID 85271990249 PW 2021

12 people in attendance

Lucy O has been doing a Zoom meeting with the Grace House. They appreciate having the meeting and

enjoy listening to the speakers.

Members of H&I can contact Lucy if you would like to join her in the future.

Naomi's nomination for secretary was accepted.

Vice Chair position for H&I is OPEN. Anyone with interest, please contact Chair- or attend the next meeting. Edith accepted as Panel Leader for the upcoming Memphis Recovery Center (MRC) meeting. When the meeting starts, it will be held in person every other Friday at 6:15.

The men's meeting will be held Fridays at 6:15 when there is a Panel Leader in place. If interested in carrying the message into MRC, please come to the next meeting.

Of course, Shelby County, Memphis City guidelines will be followed while on their property.

WTASC H&I Guidelines were discussed and will be reviewed at upcoming meetings.

NEW email address for H&I [wtaschi2021@gmail.com](mailto:wtaschi2021@gmail.com)

Next H&I Subcommittee meeting March 18 Thursday 6 PM Zoom ID 852 7199 0249 PW 2021

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Jerry B 317-339-7157

Chair H&I.

Please contact: H&I Subcommittee

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[norton2352@gmail.com](mailto:norton2352@gmail.com)

**NA in May** – Hi family, After much consideration, the NA in May committee has decided to postpone the event until 2022. I have spoken with Meeman Shelby Forest and they have graciously given us that option once again. The committee felt it was best with all still going on in the world along with our very own personal matters, May would not be the best time. Pushing back the event until September when Shelby Forest was an option was discussed. However, we did not want to have a major event months prior to VRC and possibly take away from that. Therefore, it would be in our best interest to put our efforts towards having a safe and successful VRC in November. Now, unless someone else decides he or she or whatever wants to step up and hold NA in May sometime this year, please speak up. Otherwise, I will be calling Meeman Shelby Forest to postpone the event until 2022 and vie for the first weekend of May. I was also told we still owe \$144.22 since the fees in 2021 went up for weekend nights. We were paid in full for 2020 but since we postponed it, the rates were raised this year. The committee feels like we should pay it instead of fighting for an agreed upon rate since they have and are gracious enough to allow us postpone two years in a row with no fees. We will need to decide to pay it out of seed money in the account or wait until next year. I will have to find out if paying it next year is even an option first.

ILS,

Jonathan M.

**Newsletter** – Cari B. The March 2021 edition of the Newsletter is complete and will be uploaded to the website ASAP. As discussed in Jan., the newsletter will be a digital only newsletter and will be published monthly. The Newsletter Committee meets monthly via zoom. The next meeting will be March 27 @ 2pm. Zoom Id is 929 0101 7093 pw. xX47Ff. We are exploring additional options for distributing the digital newsletter, @ this time it will be available on the website, shared in Clean Friends and Family, and emailed to the GSR's in the area. Full color and black and white versions are available for GSR's to print for their groups. PR and H&I committees may request printed copies for libraries and treatment centers if the need arises. If you would like to submit content for the April newsletter, email me @ [carinabck@gmail.com](mailto:carinabck@gmail.com).  
ILS, Cari B.

**Outreach** – Open position

**Policy and Procedure** – I apologize for being late today. I continue maintaining the area guidelines and there have been no changes since September 2020.

I am making a motion to update the meeting format today and it will be sent back to groups.

I am recruiting for the open positions of Open positions alt secretary, alt treasurer, alt rcm, activities, outreach. ILS Glen H.

**Public Relations** – Bill S

### **VRC (Interim) CHAIR REPORT**

The VRC Committee is meeting monthly. All Chair positions except for Fundraising and Entertainment has been filled. Please announce in your Home Groups that we need to fill these openings.

The Arts & Graphics Committee is putting the final touches on our logo. The theme for VRC 39 is:

Recovery is a Full Contact, Lifelong Process. Flyer creation is in the final stages and should be available sometime in March.

Our Treasurer has been working on budgets. They will be finalized and uploaded to Region VRC Drive in

March, once the Treasurer has finalized them.

The Program Committee is gathering speaker submissions. Other committees have begun to have initial

planning meetings. More to be revealed.

ILS

Leigh Ann F

### **GROUP REPORTS**

- **Clarity** – Chris R.

We are well family, we had 18 attend 2 meetings this month and would like to thank our speaker from Unity last month. Attendance was down because of the weather. We have one birthday coming up this month on the 18th Shane H will be celebrating 2 years of recovery. Please come out and show support. We are meeting on Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm. ILS, Chris R -Lit. order \$29.20 Donation \$4 Total \$33.20

- **Clean Air**- GSR-Kat R. / Carol S  
Greetings family @ Clean Air we are still a zoom only meeting and have an average of 25 addicts in attendance each Friday. We have 3 birthdays this month. Mark VB with 15yrs. On 3/6, Terry B. with 39 yrs and Susan S with 31 yrs. Both on 3/20. No orders or donations. ILS, Kat R
- **Cordova Hope**- N/A
- **Desire** – N/A
- **Doin this Thing**- N/A
- **Get Honest or Die** – GSR-Jonathan M.  
Hi family, All is well at GHOD. We are still averaging about 20 people each week. We even had a couple of newcomers over the past month which was great to see. The church where GHOD meets in still -not having services on their own at the moment. Therefore, the group still decides to hold off meeting in person until the church goes back to opening the door themselves. So, we will still be on zoom for the upcoming month. And please join us for a double birthday celebration with Neal M 37 yrs and James R 9 years on March 22.  
ILS,  
Jonathan M
- **GIFT** – GSR- Pamela R.  
GIFT is doing great. Attendance has picked up. We have 10-12 people per meeting. We meet face to face on Tuesday nights at 7pm. We have one new home group member and one newcomer. We have two birthdays this month. On 3/12 Henry B will be celebrating 9yrs and on 4/1 Nick P. will celebrate 14yrs. We have a lit. order of \$77.02. A \$2.98 donation this month for a total of @80.02. ILS, Pamela R.
- **Good Orderly Direction** – N/A
- **Harmony**- N/A
- **High On Life** – GSR- David T. Greetings from HOL.  
Greetings from HOL. All is well, we still meet at 8:30 on Monday nights at Believing Church. We take our topic out of our literature. We had 36 addicts come through the door this month with one newcomer. We have no celebrations and no lit order and no donation to the area this month.  
ILS  
David T
- **Hope Dealers** – GSR- Marcus M.  
Hello family! All is going well at Hope Dealers. We meet every Monday at 7pm in person, in Arlington. Our average meeting attendance is 4- 9 addicts. We continue to practice all necessary precautions. We have no anniversaries to announce, no literature order and no donation at this time.  
In loving service Marcus.
- **Keep it Green**- N/A
- **Lunch Bunch**– GSR- Doug M.

Still meeting 7 days a week and making attempts to social distance, masks are required. We could use support any day. Birthdays this month are Tracy J. with 9yrs on 3/13, Vera D. 14 yrs. On 3/28, and Donna S with 22yrs. On 3/15. Lit order \$24.40 and .60 donation for a total of \$25.00

- **No Matter What-** N/A
- **One is Too Many** – Susan V. One is too many, is doing well. We had one newcomer, no new members. We are still meeting face to face. We are no longer having speaker meetings. Two birthdays this month. Henry B. 9 yrs. and Susan V. with 5yrs. Both on 3/12. Lit. order \$35.90 Donation \$4.10 Total \$40.00
- **Open Arms-** GSR- Cari B/ Glen H.  
Open Arms continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7 PM. via zoom. We have been averaging 5-10 people a week and had two newcomers in the month of Jan. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89450554899>
- **Primary Purpose** – All is well with Primary Purpose. We continue to carry the message to the still suffering addict. Our meeting averages about 10-15 attendees.  
We have now begun In Person meetings again as well as a simultaneous Zoom Meeting both starting at 7pm on Sunday Night. The Zoom Meeting now has a passcode added which is listed on the Area website.  
Anniversaries-  
Lucy O. (34 yrs) and Janice M.(3yrs) - 01/24/21 -Hybrid Celebration (Zoom/In Person Celebration)  
George P. -(24 yrs)- 02/28/21  
Literature order- \$9.80  
Area donation-\$3.40  
ILS,  
Janice M.
- **Simplicity is the Key** – GSR- Geoff B. new email [geoffsr743@gmail.com](mailto:geoffsr743@gmail.com).  
Hello family. We are doing well at SITK.  
We meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm @ Trinity. Still masks must be worn at all times and a total of 20 people is the meeting limit . We had a \$10 literature order and a \$10 donation for a total of \$20 dollars. In loving service Geoff
- **Something Different-**GSR-Walter S. N/A
- **Spiritual Awakenings-** GSR- Hank Y. Still meeting in person at 8pm on Fridays CUMC. Lit. order \$15.15 Donation \$1.85 Total \$17.00
- **Step Write In-** N/A
- **Thursday Nighters** – GSR-Kathryn G.  
Hello people, all continues to be well at Thursday niters. We are continuing to hold our meetings virtually for the time being and will continue to do so as numbers and risk continues to rise. No literature order or donation.
- **Unity** – GSR-Homer K. The group is doing well stable and practicing social distancing
- **We are Entirely Ready** – N/A

- **Welcome Home**- Hello,peeps, All is well at Welcome Home. We meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:30pm & on Sundays at 2:30pm in the cutest little white house you'll ever see. Parking is available at the church next door. We're at 3711 Pleasant Hill Road in Olive Branch, Mississippi. No birthdays to report for February. We're having an anniversary celebration at the aforementioned cute house on Sunday April 11th at Noon. Come for food and fellowship stay for the 2:30p meeting!---Chad R.
- **You+me=we**- GSR- Joanna N. (Jo) new email [joannanichols72@gmail.com](mailto:joannanichols72@gmail.com). You+Me=Weis doing great. Our group is steadily growing. We average 10-15 a meeting and have five new homegroup members. We are still zooming 7 days a week 8am-9am. ILS, Jo N

### **Open Forum:**

Lucy brought up that the equipment we use to do the Area meeting via hybrid belongs to the Region and will not be available after April 2021. She suggested that we discuss and maybe figure out how to purchase the equipment that could keep Area oppoportating hybrid. She also stated that the equipment could be used in other ways as they should arise. Glen H. commented that funds might not be available since Area is already in prudent reserve. It was suggested to use the NA in May funds to purchase the equipment. Refer to motions for further info.

Lucy also ask that we remind our home groups about keeping with the 7th tradition, and even suggested IP#24 as a topic during meetings. **Area is in need of support and donations.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*OPEN POSITIONS are listed at the top of the minutes. Be sure to email your motion to the secretary if someone is willing to be nominated. Be sure to include the willingness statement in the email as well.*

**From RCM (Lucy O.):** If you'd like to know more about RCM and RCM alternate let me know. It's been one of my favorite TS positions since getting clean – or I wouldn't be doing it a 2<sup>nd</sup> time! But I can't do it forever, so I'd love to be mentoring someone to step up when my term is up.

### **MOTION(S):**

Made by Glen H. Seconded by Geoff from Simplicity Is the Key.  
To change the area guidelines page 21 line 4 from  
Treasurer and/or alternate- move to accept prior month's minuteS TO>>>  
Treasurer and/or alternate- move to accept prior month's minuteS . Treasure and/or alternate  
give their report.

Made by Lucy O. Seconded by Goeff B from Simplicity Is the Key.  
To allocate up to \$500.00 for equipment to continue having hybrid Area meetings using funds from NA in May set aside money. Intent is to purchase our own equipment because we have been using Region and can not do so past April.



Made by Public Relation. Seconded by Chris R from Clarity.  
To get \$50.00 for bus signs on five buses for four months.  
To continue to let addicts and families of addicts know that NA is available.  
2 pros

Made by Lucy O. RCM. Seconded by Glen H.  
To reimburse Lucy for na-wt.org domain for \$49.98 (2 years) and an email hosting account for \$8.91 (1 year). Total \$58.89  
(Invoice was mailed to the Treasurer)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

H&I will be meeting the third Thursday of every month via zoom. Zoom info is available on the website.

**Next WTASC meeting is March 28, 2021**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81222710595>**