

Rappahannock ASC Minutes for

February 2025

Welcome new and returning ASC members!
13 Homegroups are currently in the Area!

Subcommittee Meeting Schedule: Activities – 3 rd Saturday – 5:00 on ZOOM/In-person Hybrid H & I – 1 st Sunday – 3:00 on ZOOM/In-Person Hybrid PR – 4 th Wednesday – 6:00 on ZOOM RACC- 2 nd Tuesday – 6:30 on ZOOM/In-person Hybrid
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I. Serenity Prayer/Motion to Record

II. Readings

- A. Service Prayer (Mimi W.)
- B. Purpose of Area Service (Corey C.)
- C. 12 Concepts of NA Service (Jaren F.)
- D. 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous (Jackie W.)
- E. Decorum Statement (Justin G.)

III. Roll Call

A. Executive Committee Members and Subcommittee Chairs

POSTION	NAME	12	01	02	Report	Comment
Chair	Richard M.	P	A	P	N	Richard M. voted in on 9/10/2023
Vice Chair	Michael M.	P	P	P	N	Michael M. voted in on 4/02/2023
Secretary I	Aaron V.	P	P	P	N	Aaron V. voted in 1/2024
Secretary II	Jess J.	A	P	P	N	Jess J. voted in on 10/2024
Treasurer I	Britany M.	P	P	P	Y	Britany M. voted in on 3/03/24
Treasurer II	OPEN	-	-	-	-	Position is open
RCM I	Jay H.	P	P	P	N	Jay H. voted in on 11/05/23
RCM II	Dominic E. R	P	P	P	N	Dominic E. voted in on 3/03/24
VRCC Dir.	OPEN	-	-	-	--	Position is open
Activities	Ron M.	P	P	P	Y	Ron M. voted in on 10/01/2023
H&I	Billy M.	P	P	P	Y	Billy M. Voted in on 12/08/24
PR	Robb B.	A	P	P	Y	Robb B voted in on 4/02/2023
Literature	Natalie M.	P	P	P	Y	Natalie M. voted in on 11/05/23
RACC	Rudy C.	A	A	P	Y	Rudy C. voted in on 11/05/23

Legend: P = Present A = Absent * = Arrived Late

There are **13 meetings** in the Rappahannock Area every week!

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B. Group Service Representative/Home Group Roll Call

GROUP NAME	12	01	02	NAME	POSTION
Primary Purpose	A	P	P	Justin G.	REP
Welcome Home	P	P	P	Jackie W.	GSR
Who Wants to Live	P	P	A		
In It to Win It	P	P	P	Greg G.	GSR
Clean Worx	P	A	P	Brandon L	GSR
Welcome to the NAborhood	A	P	P	Dawn L.	GSR
Back to Basics	P	A	P	Jaren F.	GSR
<i>Experience, Strength, & Hope</i>	A	A	A		
Hope Fiends	P	A	P	Steven P.	GSR
<i>Hope Dealers</i>	A	A	A		
Ladies & Gentleman in Recovery	P	P	P	Holly F.	GSR
Alive & Free	P	A	A		
BE the WE	P	P	P	Mimi W.	GSR

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Italicized Groups have not reported to ASC in 2 or more months.

IV. **1st Quorum Call**

1st QUORUM CALL -Must Meet 6 per Bylaws	
Group Represented	9
Procedural Votes	9
Quorum Met?	✓

V. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion #02-02-01: To adopt Agenda as proposed.

Maker: Richard M.

VOTE: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 **Motion: PASSED**

VI. Adoption of January Minutes

Motion #02-02-02: To approve minutes.

Maker: Richard M.

VOTE: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 **Motion: PASSED**

VII. Secretary Report

- A. Secretary I – Aaron V. – No Report
- B. Secretary II – Jess J.- No Report

VIII. Chairperson Report – Richard M. – No Report

IX. Vice Chairperson Report – Michael M.-No Report

X. Treasurer Report

- A. **Treasurer I – Britany M.-**
Good evening, everyone,

As of today, the area holds \$1,986.85. A deposit of \$167.50 which included \$92.50 in literature orders and \$75.00 of area donations. A debit charge of \$16.79 for the zoom account. Then a literature order was made to NAWS for \$581.42. Thank you, currently, for letting me serve.
Britany

XI. RCM Report- Jay H.- No report

XII. VRCC Report – OPEN POSITION

XIII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. **Activities– Ron M.-**

Hello, our last meeting we discussed spring picnic and fall carnival. Today I am asking for \$300. to put on eggpalozza, this will cover egg, food, and other necessities. GSR's please announce, spring picnic ' Eggapalozza' Kenmore Park on April 19th from noon to 4pm. Suggested donation \$5.00. There will be games, food, and a raffle basket. Thanks for letting me serve Ron M

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- B. **Hospitals & Institutions** – Billy M. – (Dominic E.R. represented and read report)
Hello everyone. H&I fulfilled all its commitments in the past month except one night at Boxwood. Many people in treatment and the detox heard a clear message of NA. We have a new panel leader. Thank you, John F., for stepping up. We still have our full 2025 budget, but we are good on literature for now. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Billy Martin
- C. **Literature** – Natalie M.–
Hello all, just confirming that the new NA Survival Kit is in stock and available to be ordered by Groups on the Literature Order Form. Thanks! ILS Natalie M.
- D. **Public Relations** – Robb B.-
Hey everyone, not a lot to report today, we are still awaiting response from some facilities on getting literature put in the facilities and are hoping to be able to bring a presentation about Narcotics Anonymous to the Methadone clinic in the area. We also are in a holding pattern of sorts to be informed about this year's recovery event being held in the fall. This is an inter-agency event that is held every year by many recovery-based organizations in the Fredericksburg Area. We hope to set up a RANA table at the event. The event is still in early planning, so there has not been too much disclosed yet. I will be in communication with my contact at the RACSB in the coming months about participation. Thanks, and let us know if there is anything that we can do to help. Robb B
- E. **RACC (Convention)** -Rudy C.-
Dear ASC, the convention committee met on 14 January at 18:30. During our meeting we nominated and voted in Tammy as our Secretary. We had no new nominations for Arts & Graphics and Merchandise; therefore, these are open positions. The Chairperson and the body will absorb these positions for now.

We discussed merchandise and banner designs for pre-convention and convention. That following week we collected all the designs from Corey C. and will be voting as a body on the designs at our next meeting on 11 February.

Things to take back to home-groups is our next few events: 8 February at St. George's is our Spiritual breakfast, 22 March and 26 April we will have two speaker jams. There will be food for sale at these events. Please see flyers for more details. If someone is interested in either Arts & Graphics and/or Merchandise chair, please attend our next meeting. Again, our next meeting is 11 February at Experience, Strength, Hope Home Group at 18:30. In Loving service, Rudy C.
- F. **AD-HOC: Section 5: Procedures:** (At the end of this ASC, AD-HOC will disband)
Good afternoon, Rana ASC, Today I present motions for changes to our voting procedures in our bylaws. During our meetings we concluded that the most probable reason for groups abstaining is forgetting to get their Group conscience. We believe it is of the utmost importance to accurately represent the will of our Area. As we discussed what would be deemed "important" we found that really any motion coming back from groups was "important." Motions today will include $\frac{2}{3}$ rounded up for votes coming back from groups, $\frac{1}{3}$ rounded up to meet threshold for going back to groups, raising Quorum, and a few motions clarifying when a simple majority rules the motion. Again, we find that we need to encourage our area to have participation in these very integral decisions that are made at the area level. We hope with changes we can have

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better clarity in our bylaws and carry a more concise conscience of our area. In Loving Service -
Michael M

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GSR HOME GROUP REPORTS

Home Group	GSR/ALT/REP	Meeting Day & Time	Homegroup Members	Avg. Weekly Attendance / Newcomers	Group Donation to Area	Literature Order
Welcome Home	Jackie W.	Sun. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	7	25/2	0	\$21.75
Randon T.- 2/9- 1 year.						
Who Wants to Live	-	Mon. – Fri. 12 – 1:15 PM	-	-/-	0	0
Jeanette F. -2/19- 2 years						
In It to Win It	Greg G.	Mon. 7:00 – 8:00 PM	4	20/1	0	\$72.75
In need of Home Group members. 3/3/25- Greg G.- 3 years. 3/10/25-Jeannie- 1 year						
Clean Works	Brandon L.	Wed. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	8	20/2	\$74.00	\$72.75
Welcome to the NAborhood	Dawn L.	Thu. 7:00 – 8:00 PM	5	8/1	0	0
Back to Basics	Jaren F.	Fri. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	4	15-19/2	\$100.00	\$4.00
WE NEED SUPPORT. 2/7/25- Corey C.-18 years. 3/28/25- Thomas- 25 years						
Primary Purpose	Justin G.	Sat. & Sun. 1–2:30 PM	13	15/1	0	\$6.00
Experience, Strength, & Hope	-	Sat. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	-	-/-	0	0
Hope Fiends	Steven P.	Tues. 7:00– 8:00 PM	3	12/1	0	0
In need of trusted servants. Meeting lacking attendance.						
Hope Dealers	-	Weds. 7:00-8:00 PM	-	-/-	0	0
Ladies & Gentlemen in recovery	Holly F.	Thurs. 7:00-8:15 PM	10	20-25/1	0	\$4.00
3/6/25-Holly F.- 3 years (meeting will not be combined) 1/13- Meeting will be an eating meeting						
Alive & Free	-	Multiple days	-	-/-	0	0
S.E.E. Recovery- 710 U.S. Avenue, Culpeper-Weds. @ 7pm & Fri. @ 7pm.						
BE the WE	Mimi W.	Tues. 7:00-8:15 PM	3	4-5/1	0	0
100 East Main St. Louisa, VA 23093 **NEW MEETING** Needs Support. 3/4/25- Mimi W-7 years. 3/18/25- Crystal-7 years						

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XIV. 10 MINUTE RECESS – Taken/Not Taken

XV. 2nd Quorum Call –

HOME GROUP NAME	P/A	NAME	POSTION
1. Welcome Home	P	Jackie W.	GSR
2. Who Wants to Live	A		
3. In It to Win It	P	Greg G.	GSR
4. Clean Works	P	Brandon L.	GSR
5. Welcome to the NAborhood	P	Dawn L.	GSR
6. Back to Basic	P	Jaren F.	GSR
7. Primary Purpose	P	Justin G.	GSR
8. Experience, Strength & Hope	A		
9. Hope Fiends	P	Steven P.	GSR
10. Ladies & Gentlemen in Recovery	P	Holly F.	GSR
11. Hope Dealers	A		
12. Alive & Free	A		
13. BE the WE	P	Mimi W.	GSR

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Quorum Met?	✓

XVI. **Old Business-** Regional motion to vote on:

Motion Number: 230-1 **Date:** December 21, 2024

Mover: Heather R.-RCM **Area:** SHEVANA

Second: Thomas L.-RCM **Area:** NEW RIVER VALLEY

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

INTENT: To guarantee all regional meetings are inclusive and accessible to all, regardless of individual ability or the finances of an Area.

MOTION: Amend CAR Policy, Section VIII, “Additional Guidelines” By adding the following:

12. All in-person regional meetings (RSC, GSR Assemblies, Ad-Hoc or other meetings) will offer a virtual zoom or other readily accessible web meeting platform. This motion is to exclude the GSR Assembly scheduled in April 2025, so as not to be in direct conflict with the prior approved motion.

VOTE: FOR: 4 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 5 MOTION: Does not pass

XVII. **Open Sharing Session-**

--A member started off with the topics that were brought up during January’s ASC discussion regarding that our area’s service participation is lacking. That many members are playing “musical chairs” with service positions and experiencing “service fatigue.” Refreshed the body that at the last Area we briefly discussed that the Area is struggling. Pointed out that attendance is down, and donations are down. Members main points were written to the body and are attached to the minutes as a separate document. Please see to the affixed document for reference.

--Chairperson: One, the tax id’s are not separate. Also, in close to 10 years none of the chair positions have been 100% filled. “5% of the people will do 80% of the work” asked Mark T. how much money did the convention committee had as an initial funding start when the Areas convention was first approved. Mark T’s response, “\$300.00.” Added that the initial costs were returned, and extra funds had been added above this \$300.00. The chairperson’s opinion pointed out that this discussion has little to do with finances. We cannot force people into open positions, just because the position is vacant.

--Questions, hypotheticals, were brought up about the area separating from the convention subcommittee, the RACC becoming a separate entity and incorporated. Scope of this would be outside the bylaws, as well as this would be a major challenge to do prior and during a convention season. This was highly not recommended. Again, all the questions and paths regarding this were all hypothetical.

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--A Member mentioned their concerns regarding the letter. Was this letter aimed at dissolving the RACC? Pointed out that the lack of attendance at the meeting level falls on the individual member, not the area or convention plays a part in this. Cannot make people participate. Can only suggest and guide.

--A Member with experience in non-profit administration pointed out information regarding the legality of dissolving the convention. Pointed out the legal ramifications and whom would be held personally liable for financial/ monetary repayments for the debt of the convention. Suggested that IF this moves forward that the RANA and Richmond area partner up to host a singular convention. The convention has been successful, and the record shows that it will continue to be successful.

--A member pointed out that nothing in the letter stated to get rid of the convention. That this letter was a catalyst to simply start a conversation to formulate ideas and goals to help and continue to foster our Area. The point of having these discussions is just to start a conversation. Yes, the convention has been mentioned, and the point was to show it does have great financial implications and takes away many members with experience and knowledge away from other positions. We cannot dictate what the convention members do. We cannot dissolve the convention; this is something that must be decided by the groups. But, when we talk about, "how do we foster participation at the area level" and "how do we bring more of the experienced members back, because their knowledge and experience is valuable to our future," these are topics that we can address. No one wants to cancel the convention, in fact no one in this room can make that decision. Again, that is a decision that would have to be made by the home groups. We cannot force anybody to do service, but we can absolutely encourage newcomers to attend and show up.

--A member shared their thoughts that there a more GSR's and executive body members than the RACC has ever had. During the first three years of the convention, six or seven members carried multiple positions to make sure that the convention continued and was a success. The same struggle that the area has is the same struggle that the RACC has. Secondly, every year at the end of the convention a report is brought back to this body of what the RACC spent and all reported donations and earnings. Via the bylaws, if the ASC body wants to know what the RACC has financially, just ask the RACC for treasures report and it will be presented. In the past, it was discussed what it would take for the RACC to become an LLC, it was not a feasible or financially practical path to take. RACC came back to the area and asked to become a sub-committee as a forward-moving solution. And this went back to the home groups as motion to have the RACC as a sub-committee. Seventy percent (70%) of all funds come from registration, neighboring areas, fundraisers, and not from the Area. This is the fourth convention, and this has been the first convention where all the positions have been filled.

XVIII. New Business:

Motion: 02-02-03

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Budgeted / Greg G.

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Motion: Reimbursement for printer ink in the amount of \$38.88

Intent: Need ink to print agendas

Should this motion be sent back to groups? NO

Motion: 02-02-04

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Ron M.

Second by GSR: Holly F

Motion: Requesting \$300 for spring picnic

Intent: To show the newcomer and other members we still can have fun in NA

Should this motion be sent back to groups? NO

Motion: 02-02-05

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Article 4 | Section 2 | Administrative Committee Members Serving as GSR's

Intent: Change: The proposed change to the bylaws states that "No member of the administrative committee or Executive Body shall serve concurrently as a Group Service Representative (GSR) or represent a home group with the intent to carry that group's conscience at Area Service Committee meetings."

Rationale: This motion was presented during a time of uncertainty in our voting process. I believe it would only be right to resubmit this motion once again. Reflecting our area's conscience is what we should strive to accomplish.

Rationale from previous motion: This change was made to avoid potential conflict of interest or perceptions thereof that may arise when Administrative Committee members represent home-groups interests while holding executive roles. By ensuring that Administrative Committee members do not serve as GSR's, the ASC maintains impartiality in decision-making processes, ensuring that homegroups' voices are represented independently and those in administrative roles remain unbiased in their service to the Area as a whole.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

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Motion: 02-02-06

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Change Article 8 | Section 5 | Letter C | Number 4 | to "All votes coming back from Homegroups are ruled by a two thirds (2/3) vote rounded up to pass.

Intent: Votes that come back from Homegroups are extremely important and thus should be an accurate reflection of the area's conscience.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-07

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Add "Simple majority rules the motion" at the end of Article 8 | Section 5 | Letter G

Intent: To clarify voting procedures

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-08

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Change "Majority" to "Simple majority" Under Article 8 | Section 5 | Letter E

Intent: Clarification of voting procedure

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

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Motion: 02-02-09

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Change Article 8 | Section 5 | Procedures | Letter C | Number 1 | Bullet point 1 | To " If one third (1/3) rounded up or more of voting members abstain, the motion goes back to Homegroups."

Intent: To more accurately reflect to conscious of our area.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-10

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Change Article 8 | Section 5 | Procedures | Letter C | Number 1 | Bullet point 2 | When the motion comes back to the ASC for a second time, abstentions are documented but not tallied in the vote.

Intent: Does not change the effect of this part of the bylaws. Adds more clarification.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-11

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Add a sentence at the end of Article 8 | Section 4 | Process for nominations "A simple majority rules"

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Intent: Adding clarification to the bylaws for when a simple majority rules the vote.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-12

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Add to Article 8 | Section 5 | Letter D | Another sentence "A simple majority rules the motion"

Intent: Clarification between simple majority and 2/3 voting

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-13

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Amend in our bylaws Article 8 | Section 3 | Amendments to say "Motions may be amended with the approval of the motion maker and/or a simple majority of the voting members at any time prior to the motion being voted on.

Intent: If we are to change our voting procedures to be 2/3 voting, we need to clarify in our bylaws where a simple majority rules.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

Motion: 02-02-14

Date: 02/02/2025

Motion Maker: Michael M.

Second by GSR: Greg G.

Motion: Change Article 3 | Section 4 | Quorum to "A quorum of eight (8) GSR's, Alternate GSR's, or group appointed temporary group representatives shall be obtained before conducting old business.

Intent: The bylaws did make it clear the anyone other than a GSR would be considered for quorum. This change makes conducting old business possible. The higher number of representatives will better carry our areas conscious.

Should this motion be sent back to groups? YES

XIX. ASC OPEN POSITIONS:

- Treasurer II- Open Position- Please announce.
- VRCC Chairperson- Open Position-Please announce.

XX. Review of Group Status and Business

The following groups have missed at least 2 consecutive ASC's:

Experience, Strength, & Hope-

Hope Dealers-

- Adjournment and Serenity Prayer

The next ASC meeting begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, on ZOOM & in-person.

Submitted to RANA ASC for approval by Aaron V. & Jess J.