

## Rappahannock ASC Minutes for

# March 2025

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

### Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:

Activities – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 5:00 on ZOOM/In-person Hybrid  
H & I – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 3:00 on ZOOM/In-Person Hybrid  
PR – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – 6:00 on ZOOM

RACC- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 on ZOOM/In-person Hybrid

## I. Serenity Prayer/Motion to Record

## II. Readings

- A. Service Prayer (Justin G.)
- B. Purpose of Area Service (Mimi W.)
- C. 12 Concepts of NA Service (Ron M.)
- D. 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous (Rudy C.)
- E. Decorum Statement (Greg G.)

## III. Roll Call

### A. Executive Committee Members and Subcommittee Chairs

POSTION	NAME	01	02	03	Report	Comment
Chair	Richard M.	A	P	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	A	N	Aaron V. voted in 1/2024
Secretary II	Jess J.	P	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	Y	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.	P	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	P	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	01	02	03	NAME	POSTION
Primary Purpose	P	P	P	Justin G.	REP
Welcome Home	P	P	P	Jackie W.	GSR
Who Wants to Live	P	A	P	Jeanette F.	GSR
In It to Win It	P	P	P	Greg G.	GSR
Clean Worx	A	P	P	Brandon L	GSR
Welcome to the NAborhood	P	P	A		
Back to Basics	A	P	P	Jaren F.	GSR
<i>Experience, Strength, &amp; Hope</i>	A	A	A		
Hope Fiends	A	P	P	Steven P.	GSR
<i>Hope Dealers</i>	A	A	A		
Ladies & Gentleman in Recovery	P	P	P	Holly F.	GSR
Alive & Free	A	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. **1<sup>st</sup> Quorum Call**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> QUORUM CALL -Must Meet 6 per Bylaws</b>	
Group Represented	9
Procedural Votes	9
Quorum Met?	✓

**V. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion #03-02-01:** To adopt Agenda as proposed. (Amended-change date to March)

Maker: Richard M.

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

**VI. Adoption of February Minutes** (amended- Eggapalooza on April 19<sup>th</sup>, add letter to website, add RACC to sub-committee schedule)

**Motion #03-02-02:** 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 afternoon,

As of today, the area holds \$1,791.31. This includes a deposit of \$460.00 -\$186.00 from literature orders and \$274.00 from area donations. There was a debit charge of \$16.79 for the monthly area zoom account. Check number #1107 was cashed for \$300.00 to Ron M. for activities for their upcoming event on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the Eggapalooza event. Then we have a pending Free State order for literature of \$338.75. Thank you for letting me serve. Britany M.

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**XI. RCM Report- Jay H.- No report**

**XII. VRCC Report – OPEN POSITION**

**XIII. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. **Activities– Ron M.-**

1. Our last meeting was very productive, we made last-minute plans for eggapalooza picnic and started really getting plans together for our areas carnival. We are still asking to announce, and we need subcommittee members. No clean time requirements. Our next meeting is Saturday March 15th upstairs at

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Wegman's, 4:30-5:30 pm. We will also be meeting at my home on Saturday March 22nd at 4:30 to stuff eggs. GSR'S please also announce the following schedule and details.

\*eggapoloza, spring picnic. April 19th at Kenmore Park, 12noon-4pm, suggested donation of \$5.00, kids under 6 free. Food, games and lots of fun for All.

\*4th of July picnic, Saturday 7-5-25 more to be revealed.

\*Carnival 'fall festival',  
September 27th, 12noon-5pm at Lee Hill community center. Carnival food, Carnival games and prizes, Dunk Tank, and so much more. We have a lot planned but only becomes successful if we all participate and enjoy our new way of life.

B. **Hospitals & Institutions** – Billy M. –

H&I has fulfilled its commitments in the last month except for one but we communicated with the facility. We have seen many successful meetings in Boxwood and Spotsylvania detox. Thanks for my opportunity to be of service.

Update on RRJ: Have lost contact with liaison. Emailed multiple times per week. Question about how other fellowships can go into RRJ on a regular basis, but we struggle to get in the door. Other fellowships have more members, the other fellowship has been going to RRJ for an extended amount of time. ASC does not have a good history of showing up. Disagreement of 2 attendees at ASC about showing up. Discussion about how pre-COVID H&I was going into RRJ regularly.

C. **Literature** – Natalie M.– No Report

D. **Public Relations** – Robb B.-

Hello everyone, only a couple of things to report today. The GSR Orientation packet is now available on the website under the ASC Documents Page. It is our hope that new GSR's or those just interested in service will be able to read it whenever they would like, and home groups can download and print it to make it more available for members. Next - my service position will come to term at the next ASC. The position should be announced this month so that anyone who is interested in serving may be aware of its availability. As always, if you have any website needs, please get with me or Natalie. Thank you all for letting me serve. Robb B.

E. **RACC (Convention)** -Rudy C.-

Dear ASC,

On 8 February at St. George's Episcopal Church, the fundraising committee hosted our Spiritual breakfast. There were about 30 in attendance. Kemper was given \$250 to purchase items, including food. We had a bank of \$100 for change, which makes that total \$350; collected in cash \$220 (not including \$100 bank), \$210 on cheddar up, paid rent for \$75, after returning bank and what Kemper spent (\$350) and we cleared \$155 for the event. Our next event is 22 March 2025 from 12-6pm at Spotsylvania Church of Christ 10609 Piedmont drive, Fredericksburg, Va. The committee met via Zoom on 11 February 2025. I was not in attendance

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due to work. Despite the different views on the meeting itself, we were able to vote Corey C. in as the Arts & Graphics chair. Our next meeting will be held on 11 March 2025 from 6:30-8pm at 125 Old Greenwich Drive, Suite 100, Fredericksburg, VA, 22408.

The fundraising and programming committee met on 1 March 2025 and Thaddeus, the programming chair presented the program via email and to the committee; Kemper presented are the last two fundraisers: we are canceling May's event; but we are doing June 28th & July 19th. Lisa B. is in the process of connecting with a multi-state homegroup to host a Fundraiser Speaker Jam on 1 June 2025 via Zoom, stay tuned.

After further discussion with more experienced members, I would implore the ASC to postpone any ad hoc until the conclusion of this upcoming convention. I believe forming this committee in September is reasonable but during our process I disagree. I do concur with the area doing inventory of all meetings and struggles not just limiting the focus on the RACC. Our Basic Text says, "by nature, we are strong-willed, self-centered people, who are thrust together in NA. We are mis managers and not one of us is capable of consistently making good decisions. With that said, I have stayed faithful to this area through the famine and hardships; also, when we are soaring and No Matter What, this Area has lived on and overcome!

As I stated last month I will say again, we cannot make people go to meetings no more than we can make people come be a part of the ASC. Since being connected to this ASC/area we have always struggled with fluctuation of attendance in meetings and area service, this isn't a new problem. Are basic text states, "fan the flame of desire." To me that means, continuing encouraging and presenting a good perception to the newcomer versus making a mockery of the ASC. I have told people that service has kept me clean, and I tell them we all have our own niche' here in recovery, please find yours. Go to Area and find what works for you. We just need to allow the Ultimate authority to make the changes instead of us forcing our will. Let's give time, time!

In closing, our Green & Gold states, "Everybody has opinions on how to serve more effectively. When we each propose a different plan for any course of action, how do we choose among them? Who has the final say in our discussions? Our answer is that a loving God, the source of our unity, has the final say—the same Higher Power that guides our personal recovery. If we are to find guidance from an ultimate authority, we need to find means of hearing that guidance together. The mechanism we use is group conscience. The success of the group conscience process depends on our willingness as individuals to seek guidance from a Higher Power on a personal level. We then bring that willingness into the group setting." I hope you take time to seek your Higher Power before making impulsive decisions that can be recovery threatening.

In Loving service,

Rudy C.

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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
<b>Welcome Home</b>	Jackie W.	Sun. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	8	21/2	0	\$8.00
<b>Who Wants to Live</b>	Jeanette F.	Mon. – Fri. 12 – 1:15 PM	5	6/2	\$25.00	\$132.40
<b>In It to Win It</b>	Greg G.	Mon. 7:00 – 8:00 PM	4	20/1	0	0
<b>In need of Home Group members. 3/3/25- Greg G.- 3 years. 3/10/25-Jeannie- 1 year</b>						
<b>Clean Works</b>	Brandon L.	Wed. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	8	19/3	0	\$14.00
<b>Welcome to the NAborhood</b>	-	Thu. 7:00 – 8:00 PM	-	-/-	0	0
<b>Back to Basics</b>	Jaren F.	Fri. 7:00 – 8:15 PM	5	15-20/2	0	\$24.00
<b>WE NEED SUPPORT. 3/28/25- Thomas- 25 years</b>						
<b>Primary Purpose</b>	Justin G.	Sat. & Sun. 1–2:30 PM	12	15/1	\$10.00	\$44.00
<b>Last week of candlelight meeting</b>						
<b>Experience, Strength, &amp; Hope</b>	-	Sat. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	-	-/-	0	0
<b>Hope Fiends</b>	Steven P.	Tues. 7:00– 8:00 PM	3	15/1	0	\$4.00
<b>In need of trusted servants. Meeting lacking attendance.</b>						
<b>Hope Dealers</b>	-	Weds. 7:00-8:00 PM	-	-/-	0	0
<b>Ladies &amp; Gentlemen in recovery</b>	Holly F.	Thurs. 7:00-8:15 PM	10	20/1	0	\$11.00
<b>3/6/25-Holly F.- 3 years (meeting will not be combined)</b>						
<b>Alive &amp; Free</b>	-	Multiple days	-	-/-	0	0
<b>S.E.E. Recovery- 710 U.S. Avenue, Culpeper-Weds. @ 7pm &amp; Fri. @ 7pm.</b>						
<b>BE the WE</b>	Mimi W.	Tues. 7:00-8:15 PM	3	4-5/1	0	0
<b>100 East Main St. Louisa, VA 23093 **NEW MEETING** Needs Support. 3/4/25- Mimi W-7 years. 3/18/25- Crystal-7 years</b>						

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**XIV. 10 MINUTE RECESS – Taken/Not Taken**

**XV. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quorum Call –**

HOME GROUP NAME	P/A	NAME	POSTION
1. Welcome Home	P	Jackie W.	GSR
2. Who Wants to Live	P	Jeanette F.	GSR
3. In It to Win It	P	Greg G.	GSR
4. Clean Works	P	Brandon L.	GSR
5. Welcome to the NAborhood	A		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

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> QUORUM CALL -Must meet 6 per Bylaws</b>	
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Procedural Votes	9
Quorum Met?	✓

XVI. **Old Business-** Motions to vote on:

**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

**VOTE:** FOR: 5 AGAINST: 3 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL

**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

**VOTE:** FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL



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**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

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

**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

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

**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

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

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**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

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

**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"

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

**Should this motion be sent back to groups?** YES

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

**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

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

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**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

**VOTE: FOR: 7 AGAINST: 1 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

**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

**VOTE: FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: PASS/FAIL**

## **XVII. Open Sharing Session-**

- Celebrations (Robb):
  - Greg G, 3 years, March 3
  - Mimi, 7 years, March 4
  - Holly, 3 years, March 6
  - Jeannie B. 2 years, March 10
  - Robb B. 3 years, March 11
  - Billy M 16 years, March 12
  - Crystal 7 years, March 18
  - Jeannette F, 2 years, March 19
  - Pete B. 45 years March 20
  - Lisa B 26 years, March 22
  - Thomas W. 25 years, March 28
  - Richard M 10 years, April 6
  
- A member made a comment about wanting to share when asked, and did not respond via Zoom. A member investigated the corporate statuses. Member talked to Almost Heaven Convention, someone at AYCNA, and world services. The area does not need to be incorporated, because there are no major contracts or major business that would set up for liability. Donations are contributions and fully self-supporting. If a group is doing something that funds are not already present for, doing business with outside entities, it needs to be incorporated.
  - There is zero protection from liabilities for members. People listed who are tied to the area are held liable.
  - Conventions should be incorporated because a subsidiary can go up chain to world and seek funds
  - Member created articles of incorporation to register with a Tax ID number
  - Areas do not generally incorporate to update directors annually can create problems where it needs to be done consistently. A Form is filled out once a year and is a \$50 annual fee. Requires 3 directors to legally form incorporation, will protect members from liability.
  - ASC representatives are currently held liable if RACC owes money to outside entities. This could result in financial retribution for ASC reps on contract.
  - Member reports RACC committee members are declining to be listed as a director
  - \*Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee (pathway to Convention incorporation) to discuss logistics and bring back to ASC
    - Chair appointed Chair (Richard M.)
    - Date inclusive until discussion with RACC chair
    - Will be put on the website
    - Email to all GSRs once logistics are figured out.

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- Motion 11-03-04:
  - “To amend the bylaws adding a line F to article 11 which will state, all changes to bylaws require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to pass. If a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote results in a partial vote always round down to determine number of yes votes needed to pass.
  - Article 11 Line F: Added
  - In direct conflict with the motion, we voted on today, stating voting to be rounded up.
  - Revision of previously passed motion needs to go back to home groups
  - 8 would be 5.3 need to round up to 6 to include votes in motion voted on today.
- RCM
  - Question about attendance.
  - 4 committee members have left, Treasure, Activities, RACC, and RCM
    - Part of positions is to attend area service and not to leave early. It is expressed it is “BS” that people are “ducking out before we finish business”. Concern about holding accountable.
    - Question about if in bylaws
    - Does this have to be formal or not?
    - Justification discussion of RACC chair not being present to discuss concern of member about liability of ASC members, ad hoc creation, etc.
- Service
  - Member discussed groups having discussions with home group members about trusted servants. Gave an example about opening discussions with newcomers.
  - Misconceptions about drug replacement therapies could be affecting service commitments, suggestion to address through Public Relations
    - RCM expressed that this will be discussed at the GSR assembly. Offered education to present GSRs about what a GSR assembly is. A good chance to understand logistics of being a GSR. GSR assembly is in Fredericksburg this year.
- Primary Purpose: Last week for candlelight meeting, missed in GSR Report

**XVIII. New Business:**

**Motion:** 03-02-04

**Date:** 03/02/2025

**Motion Maker:** Robb B.

**Second by GSR:** Greg G.

**Motion:** By-law change – revise Article 11-line F. Replace the word ‘DOWN’ to the word “UP”.

**Intent:** By-law consistency.

**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.
- Public Relations Chair- Please Announce (qualifications & duties read from bylaws)

**XX. Review of Group Status and Business**

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

**Experience, Strength, & Hope-** struggling with trusted servants

**Hope Dealers-** Warsaw meeting

**Alive and Free-** Culpeper, generally inconsistent with attendance

**- Adjournment and Serenity Prayer**

*The next ASC meeting begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, on ZOOM & in-person.*

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