

## **Volume 29 Number 5**

### **Capital Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (CASNA)**

Magdalena, Area Chair opened the 340th meeting of CASNA, on 5/5/13, at 2:00PM, with the Serenity Prayer. Malvern O. read the 12 Traditions and Marianna H. read the 12 Concepts.

#### **Agenda**

Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts

GSR count/Attendance/Welcome new GSR's/New Meetings

Correction/approval of the minutes

Orders of the day

1. Discussion of motions will be limited to GSR's or a Group Representative only. (Supported by the 9th Concept) Extended discussion rests' with the Chair.
2. A member may speak once to an issue.
3. A member must be recognized by the Chair to speak.
4. Subcommittee reports will be limited to 10 minutes, plus questions and approval.
5. In order for an item to be placed on the Agenda, it must be in motion form and with a second.
6. Discussion topics must be in written form and given to the Chair.
7. Each member may speak once to a discussion topic for a maximum of 5 minutes.

Opening Treasurers report

Groups with problems/Group reports

Subcommittee reports

RCM and Alternate RCM report

Old business

New business

Discussion Topics

Closing Treasurers report

**GSR count:** 20 at 2:09 PM

**Attendance notes:** Vice treasurer, Unity Treasurer, Unity Vice Treasurer, Alt RCM, Literature Vice Chair, and Policy Vice Chair position's are open.

### ***\*\*Next Area is June 02, 2013\*\****

**New GSR's:** Dave H- Alt GSR for Living Clean; Loraine P- All are Welcome; Marianna H- Alt for Life or Death

**New Meetings:** None

**Corrections to the Minutes:** Any length address needs to be updated.

**Orders of the day:** Moved by Chrissy F; 2nd by Malvern O.

**Opening Treasurers report:** \*See attached.

**Groups with Problems:** None

#### **Group reports:**

**A Gift Called Life** - 141 W. Main St, Elizabethville, Pa. 7:30-8:30PM - No Report.

**Acceptance Group** - Allison UMC 99 Mooreland Ave. Carlisle, Pa 6-7PM - We placed a literature order of \$21.85. We will not know for another month if there will be a room for us @ Grace UMC when they combine. The college has purchased the property so we can no longer meet here after June. Steve W- GSR

**All Are Welcome** - 56 Banks St. Penbrook, HBG. Pa. Wed. 7-8PM - Our homegroup attendance is going well. Lorain P is filling in for Henry (GSR) today . Our hg donated \$30 to area. TFAUTS, Lorain P

**Any Lengths Group** - Trinity United Methodist. 210 W. Main St. Hummelstown, Pa. 7:30-8:30PM - No report.

**Back to Basics** - First United Methodist Church. 135 W. Simpson St. Mechanicsburg, Pa - attendance is good. Literature order of \$2.05 and Area donation of \$50. Bridget H. Alt GSR

**Bottom Line Group** - 6th & Woodbine St. HBG, Pa. Mon-Fri 12-2PM - meeting going well. Newcomers attend everyday. We purchased Lit and our rent is always paid. Tfauts, Tammy B. GSR.

**Clean and Free** - 2nd and State 12-2pm Sat. - HG meetings are going well. Attendance is holding steady at 30-35 people average. We are able to pay our rent consistently. We are not in need of literature. We are not able to donate to area this month. Everything is going well. The GSR is presently at work. TFAMTS, Muhammad- Alt GSR

**Commitment to Change** - 1422 Market St, HBG, Pa. Tues 7-8:30PM - No Report

**Cut and Dry** - Epworth United Methodist Church 21st & Derry St. HBG, Pa. 7-8:30PM - No Report

**Exodus to Genesis** - Wesley Church. 5th and Camp Hbg. PA, Sun 6-7:30PM. – Our hg is doing well and has good attendance. TFAUTS.

**Freedom Group**- 6-7pm Mon. 219 Locust St. Steelton – No Report

**Fresh Start**- 7-8pm Fri. Newport, PA- No Report

**H.A.N.A.** - 15th and Derry, Hbg. PA, Fri 7-8:30 – Attendance is good but we are always in need of more support. Misty O

**Honesty Group** - 5th & Bridge St, New Cumberland. Thursday 7:30 - 8:30pm. – Attendance has been steady. Always in need of new home group members. No problems to speak of. Tflms, Will A.

**Hope Station** - 149 W Penn St, Memorial Park, Carlisle- Friday 7pm-8pm – Meeting definitely needs support!!! Lit order of \$11. Steve W. Group member

**H.O.W. Group** - Grace UMC. Carlisle, PA. Mon and Thurs 8-9pm – Attendance averaging 12 addict. Lit order of \$27.75. We voted on area motions. Chris W- GSR

**Journey Continues** – Mon. 6:30-7:30pm @ 4200 Londonderry Rd. Hbg- All is going well. Area donation was given. Supplies bought. Thanks, Gloria W.

**Just for Today** -\_15th and Derry, Hbg. PA. Sun. 10-12pm. – Group is doing well. Attendance is continually growing and the message of hope is clear. Attendance is at an average 15-20 people. We are able to consistently pay rent and we are able to donate \$20 this month. We currently purchase the living Clean book. Our GSR is out of town so I'm standing in as alt. Sincerely, Keith H

**Life or Death** - Sunday-7:30-8:30PM, 2nd & Swatara St, Steelton, PA. – No Report

**Living Clean** - Calvary United Methodist, 7th & Market St., Lemoyne Tues 7:30-8:30PM. – The meeting is going well w/ good attendance. HG member Justin M will celebrate his 1st year on May 21st.TFAUTS, Chrissy F- GSR

**Lunch Bunch** – Mon-Sat 12-1. Herman Ave, Lemoyne – No Report.

**Message of Hope** - Wertzville Rd, Enola Pa Fridays 8-9pm – All is well. The group has 2 upcoming events. 1) the 3rd annual CANA benefit picnic Sat. 7/13. 2)2nd annual campout Aug 16, 17, and 18th at Paradise Stream Family campground. Flyers for both will be available next month. Steve H

**New Life Group** – 14 State Rd. Mech. Sat. 8-9pm- Meeting is well attended. Spaghetti dinner is a success. All ate and had a great time. Our next event will be our summer family fun day. More will be revealed. TFLMS, Wayne S

**Nothing to Fear** - Corner of Simpson & Market St. (Rt. 114), Downtown - Mechanicsburg, PA. Monday 730-830pm, Survivors: Revisited Friday 10-11pm. - No Report

**On Life's Terms** - 6th and Forster St. Hbg, PA, Monday 6:30-8:15pm. – No report

**Only Hams Are Cured** – Sat. 7-8:30. 3rd and Harris St – Meeting is going good. Did have a member step up to chair the meeting. Rent paid until June. Still no GSR, Treas, or Sec, but I keep up on everything that the 7th trad is being spent on. Iris N

**Only the Desire Group** - 14th & Market St., Hbg, PA. Wed 7-8:15PM. – No report

**Rae of Hope** - 100 West Main St., Corner of Church & Main, New Bloomfield, PA 17068, 7-8PM on Tuesday(s) – No Report

**Rebels on The Hill:** no donation but will have things squared away soon! Next area will have insurance donation and area donation. We have some internal controversy but things are getting better. Not resolved yet, but starting to run a little better. Good attendance. Need possible outside help to resolve issues with the wife of Tony K. who is not an addict and does not understand how the 7th tradition works. She is holding NA money! Giovanni O

**Recovery First** - Tues ' 7pm, 8 S. Hanover St, Carlisle- Lit order of \$20.25. This meeting is still open even tho it is currently off of the meeting list. Attendance is about 8. Steve W treasurer.

**Rise to Freedom**- Thurs at 12pm, Cameron St, HBG- No Report.

**Share and Care** - Baughman U.M. Church, 3rd & Bridge St., New Cumberland, Mon-7-8:15PM – we still need active hg members. Construction at the sight and if the main door is inaccessible, a side door will be lighted for entry. Faith W.

**Steps to Freedom** - 2221 N.6th St, Hbg, PA, (6th and Woodbine Streets), Tuesday 630-8pm. – No Report

**Step Working Guides** - 15th & Derry St. Hbg, PA. Thur 6:30-8:15pm – No report

**Value of Life** – 131 Nittany Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA. Sunday 7-8 PM. – Things are running smoothly. Meeting attendance has dropped but everyone who has attended has participated. No Problems. Josh T

**We Do Recover** - 15th & Derry St, Hbg, PA, 8PM to 9:30PM Monday night – No report

**Women with a message** - 4th and Reno in New Cumberland. Church of God Sunday(s) @ 6:00, In the Ladies Parlor on the 2nd floor. – Attendance is good. Meeting has women from facilities come. Good group for newcomers. Sandy F

## **Subcommittee reports:**

**CAPITAL AREA UNITY SUBCOMMITTEE:** unity day was a success. We had a large turnout. We still have some t shirts left for sale. We held our monthly dance and that went well too. We are holding a fundraiser/speaker jam in June to help pay for our 4th of July picnic. This speaker jam will be held on June 15th at the Uptown bingo hall. Starts at 12 noon. The monthly dance will follow. This is the months that we elect new trusted servant for the committee. TFLUS, Unity Committee.

**UNITY TREASURERS' REPORT:** See Attached.

**LITERATURE:** we spent \$966.50 on literature last month and had \$564.50 in sales. An added \$38 in Unity Day lit sales provided a total of \$602.50. Freestate Regional Service Center for various reasons have change the billing practices. Their net 30 day credit policy for areas has been changed to a net 10 day policy. Will A

**POLICY:** No report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Today PR had a special meeting with phonline volunteers. 11 members from the phone line showed up today. The meeting went very well. We discussed phone line etiquette as well as do's and don'ts for the phone line. Malvern will get with those who called him. He will have a special meeting with them also on phone line at again. Glenda B- vice chair

**RCM:** Good afternoon family. On behalf of region, thank you to CANA for allowing the fundraiser that generated \$250.22 to be donated to region. Thank you to Magdalena for driving to Lancaster to pick up the merchandise, and for help selling it. We have 4 motions to vote on by area, so Please bring your group conscience back. Anyone interested in attending region, see date, time, and directions on the flyer or contact Crystal D. TFAMTS, Crystal D- RCM

**MARATHON:** No Report

**AUDIT:** No Report

**HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:** H&I has several opening for service. Please attend and (h and i) meeting and learn more. No new issues. All facilities being served are doing well. TFLMS, Wayne S.

**Facility reports:**

**ARC:** No Report.

**C-90: 2nd and 4th Thurs. 7-8pm-** All is well, altho I am stepping down. This is a good commitment. It's a very receptive, respectful crowd. Any ?s, feel free to contact me. ILS, Rob G.

**Capital Pavilion: 7-8pm 2nd Tues. of month-** No Report

**Chambers Hill A/C:** No report

**Common Ground: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7-8pm.-** All is well. Speaker and literature. Steve B.

**Conewago Place: Men+Women 1st and 3rd Tues – (Women)-** All is good. Tammy P  
**(Men)-** No Report

**Cumberland County Prison: Womens'-Tues. 600-700pm-** Inmates usually don't show up until 6:15 due to Med rounds, which means that we run late. Average attendance is 16. Very few of the women come to meetings when they are released. Chris W

**Mens'-Thur. 630-730pm and 730-830pm-** 8-12 regular attendances. Everyone shares. No problems.

**Dauphin County Prison: Women-every Sunday 9-10am-** All is well. Attendance is on the rise. Good participation. Jan A

**Men, every Thurs 6:30-** Attendance is great. 15-19 inmates. Sharing is good. I missed a couple weeks due to health issues and the guys were glad to see me back. Imagine that! Jim C

**DCP Men's Work Release- Weds 6-7pm. -** Good attendance. Guys are starting to share. Good stuff! We have had 3 speakers so far and they are well received. Jim C, Calvin, and Ray N.

**Keystone: Tues 6:30-7:30pm –** Meeting is going well. There are between 2-5 men who attend bc the meeting is voluntary. The ones who attend, participate and are grateful for the meeting. It used to be every other Tues but they requested to have one every week. Josh T

**Perry County Prison- Thurs-6-7pm –** No Report

**Salvation Army: 2nd and 4th Sunday 7pm-** Attendance is good, participation is good. I take 2nd Sun w/ Angie L and Rob takes 4th Sunday. Krista P.

**Schaffner Detention Center:** No Report

**Siena House:** No report

**Woodsde:** Meeting attendance is great. Participation is growing. Bridget H.

**OLD BUSINESS:** \*\*2 Motions Passed\*\*

Motion #1 - To change the \$5 donation to get into our monthly dance to a \$5 admission, with the exception of members with 90 days or less; they will never be turned away. Intent: To ensure that our committee is able to afford all the costs associated with our monthly events. Written By: Jake N;

2nd By: Karen E **\*\*PASSED**

Motion #2 - To reserve \$25 monthly and have the area match the \$25 monthly, to be held in an account until the time comes to purchase our annual Unity Day t shirts. This money would be used to purchase said t shirts. Intent: To be proactive in ensuring that we can afford our t shirts and not put a financial strain on our area, or our committee. Written By: Jake N; 2nd By: Karen E

**\*\*PASSED**

**NEW BUSINESS: None** **\*\*4 Regional Motions to be voted on for 6/2/13 area-**  
please see attached.\*\*

**Discussion Topics: \*\*2 Discussion Topics\*\***

Topic #1 - Can the area vice chair go out to, or call, the homegroups in the Cap area who are not sending GSRs to area and ask why? Also, some homegroups are not having business meetings monthly and are collecting 7th tradition money. Malvern O.

Topic #2 - We create service committees and tell them what they need to provide but there are only a few who help to fund these services. I believe that IP #24, and our 2nd concept should be read and discuss at homegroups. The roll that each homegroup plays in supporting these services is important, as well as how responsible our 7th tradition usage is. Nancy U.

**FINAL TREASURERS REPORT: \*\*See attached\*\***

**\*\*Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:18PM, Moved by Frank Y & 2nd by Chrissy F.**

**Next area is 06/02/2013. Subcommittees meet at 12:30pm, (H&I starts at 12:45pm), and Area Service starts at 2pm.**

Rachelle W. - Area Secretary

Bridget H. - Area Vice Secretary



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	y	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	No	Dec	
<b>*****GROUPS*****</b>													
Life or Death	P	P	P	P	P								
Living Clean	P	P	P	P	P								
Living Drug Free													
Lunch Bunch	P	P	P		P								
Message of Hope	P	P		P	P								
New Life Group		P		P	P								
Nothing to Fear													
Only Hams' Are Cured	P		P	P	P								
On Life's Terms	P	P		P									
Only the Desire	P	P		P									
Rae of Hope													
Rebels on the Hill				P	P								
Recovery First			P										
Rise To Freedom	P	P	P	P									
Share & Care	P	P	P	P	P								
Steps to Freedom	P	P	P	P									
Step Working Guides	P		P	P									
Value of Life	P	P	P	P	P								
We Do Recover		P	P		P								
Women with a Message	P												

Legend:

P = Present

O = Open Position

Updated April 2013



C.A.N.A. UNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

TREASURERS REPORT

EVENT DATE:		<u>4-13-13</u>
STARTING BALANCE:		<u>628.36</u>
	<u>INCOME</u>	
ADMISSION:		<u>0</u>
FOOD:		<u>0</u>
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	T-shirts / water & sodas 1090.00      271.00	<u>1361.00</u>
	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>	<u>1361.00</u>
	<u>NEW BALANCE</u>	<u>1989.36</u>
	<u>EXPENSES</u>	
FACULTY RENT:		<del>0</del>
DJ:		<u>300.00</u>
FOOD:		<u>195.38</u>
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:	water/soda	<u>99.39</u>
	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>	<u>594.77</u>
	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	<u>1394.59</u>
COMMENTS:	Tee Shirt Reimbursement →	<u>- 917.00</u>
		<u>477.59</u>



**C.A.N.A. UNITY SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**TREASURERS REPORT**

EVENT DATE: 4-20-13

STARTING BALANCE: 477.59

**INCOME**

ADMISSION: 311.00

FOOD: 61.02

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - *T-shirts* 135.00

SUB-TOTAL 507.02

NEW BALANCE 984.61

**EXPENSES**

FACULTY RENT: 125.00

DJ: 250.00

FOOD: 60.20

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

SUB-TOTAL 435.20

ENDING BALANCE 549.41

**COMMENTS:**

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## NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Regional tax issue. Several letters were received by the Region from the IRS. The IRS states that we owe them fines for late reporting. Regional Treasurer requests the authority from the Region to call the IRS Monday morning to handle the situation to the best of her ability.

Dinner Break 4:15-5pm.

**1212P1:** That the winner of the MARLCNA Logo Contest be provided with a full package to our Regional Conference.

**Intent:** This is common practice in most of the Areas of the Region and should be practiced at the Regional level.

**Submitted by:** Little Apple RCM **Seconded by:** Jim G CSVA RCM

**Policy Affected:** This would create new policy. If affects no existing policy.

**Motion reviewed by Policy. \*VOTE DUE BACK BY AREAS AT JUNE REGION\***

**1212P2:** Amend the responsibilities of the Regional Treasurer designating that person as the individual responsible for 1) Filing taxes 2) Communicating with HCC Treasurer. To insure that the spreadsheet is completed and given to Regional Treasurer. MARLCNA Policy will have to be amended to instruct the person in that position be responsible to complete the spreadsheet. Bring completed spreadsheets to June Region.

**Intent:** To have single points of accountability in order to be in a position to file taxes prior to the deadline to avoid unnecessary fines. 5<sup>th</sup> Concept.

**Submitted by:** Rob W Capitol RCM **Seconded by:** Tom D Williamsport RCM

**Policy Affected:** RCS Chair Duties and RSC Treasurer Duties.

**Motion reviewed by Policy. \*VOTE DUE BACK BY AREAS AT JUNE REGION\***

**1212P3:** Policy Revision-To change our Budget/Planning cycle to match the tax year. This would mean budgets would be submitted/approved in March for a fiscal year starting April 1 & ending March 31.

**Intent:** To manage the Regional funds more responsibly by accounting for our annual income & expenses in accordance with the IRS timeframe. This will also simplify the End of Year Treasurer's Report that is provided to the accountant for our tax return.

**Submitted by:** Becky L Treasurer **Seconded by:** Jeff H Lancaster RCMA

**Policy Affected:** This would create new policy. It affects no existing policy.

**Friendly Amendment:** All budgets are due at March RSC to coincide with the fiscal year.

**Motion reviewed by Policy. \*VOTE DUE BACK BY AREAS AT JUNE REGION\***

**0912P2:** That MARSCNA create representative positions for the USSC.

**Intent:** That MARSCNA be a member Region of the USSC.

**Submitted by:** John M. Pocono Mountain RCM. **Seconded by:** Tommy D. Williamsport RCM.

**Motion was reviewed by Policy. Little Apple RCM moved to table motion definitely until discussion of 0912P3 is complete, seconded by Central Susquehanna RCM. So moved with no objection.**

**Motion untabled by action on 0912P3. This was called out of order because existing policy states that RD and RDA are our Regional representatives to other Service bodies. So moved with no objection. The Regional Chair proposed that due to this action and because Motion 0912M2'a stated intent was to extend the USSC Adhoc until all Areas requesting information had a chance to receive workshops, the USSC Adhoc had fulfilled its purpose and should be disbanded. This was so moved with no objections from the Regional body.**

**0912P3:** That MARSCNA fill out a letter of support and register with the USSC.

**Intent:** To be a part of the movement to form a national service body.

**Submitted by:** John M. Pocono Mountain RCM. **Seconded by:** Tommy D. Williamsport RCM.

**Motion was reviewed by Policy. Acting York RCM raised an objection to the consideration of this motion. A vote was taken: 3-8-1. Objection to the consideration of the motion failed.**

**Mason Dixon RCM moved to table this motion definitely until all Areas have the opportunity to have the USSC Workshop, seconded by Little Apple RCM. Vote was taken 11-1-0. Table passed.**

**Williamsport RCM moved to reopen discussion on this motion at March 9, 2013 Region, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Little Apple RCM Vote to Untable 8-0-2. VOTE DUE BACK BY AREAS AT JUNE REGION\***

**0313P1:** The Regional Conference Subcommittee and the Host Conference Committee be combined into one Subcommittee accountable to the Mid Atlantic Region.

**Intent:** Consolidate Conference Subcommittee positions. Currently there is no need for 2 subcommittees due to Areas no longer hosting the Conference; to make financial reporting to Region the responsibility of one subcommittee.

**Submitted by:** Mason Dixon Area RCM **Seconded by:** Jevon H. York Area RCM.

**Motion to be reviewed by Policy at June Region.**

**0313P2:** That the Mid-Atlantic Region of Narcotics Anonymous not support nor recognize in any way the United States' Service Conference (USSC) due to it not being part of Narcotics Anonymous.

**Intent:** Currently our Region is officially funding for expenses incurred to provide USSC info to Areas and supporting representation at the USSC Conference-Clear violation of our 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition: endorsing an outside enterprise. The USSC is not recognized by our current NA Service Structure-email from NAWS attached:

#### **UNITED STATES SERVICE CONFERENCE**

We have received a number of inquiries about a United States fellowship assembly or USSC. There may be perceptions that this is either a part of the Service System Project or in response to it, but this is not the case. We are three years into the service System Project and have only seen the emails that most of you have. Since this event is not being coordinated by any duly elected representative or by any registered area, region, or zone, we are not really comfortable commenting. There are issues that are raised in their material about NAWS, and we are happy to respond to those questions. A United States conference is not an idea that we believe will help us better achieve our primary purpose, or we would have included it in our Service System proposals. As always, we are open to your concerns, ideas, and comments.

**Motion to be reviewed by Policy at June Region.**

**0313P3:** To limit start up funds for MARLCNA to \$15000.00

**Intent:** There needs to be a limit. To continue adding \$500.00 each year, which is current Policy; will soon lead to start up money being greater than MARLCNA donation to Region.

**Submitted by:** Robin B Mason Dixon RCM **Seconded by:** Mark D LVANA RCM.

**Motion to be reviewed by Policy at June Region.**

RD presented information from Zonal Forum regarding collaboration amongst Regions in the Zone, and requested feedback from Areas regarding USSC and establishing standing subcommittees at Zone. **Please see RD's Report for further information.**

Shawn M received an email from Jane Nichols, PR Manager at NA World Services. She would like to meet with key PA State Corrections officials in May and requested our H&I Chair's email address to confer with them about this meeting.

Discussion of hiring a 'special worker' to handle our Budget Reconciliation. Becky L mentioned a volunteer from the York Area, Missy G, and Timmy F proposed that we hire LouAnn H as the special worker. Missy G was given a vote of acclamation from the Region.

Discussion of 'centralized location' for monthly MARLCNA meetings. Policy states that RCS must determine meeting location, and in their absence RSC and HCC together must find location. Vice Chair offers to find location, and will forward information to HCC, Web Chair and Regional Secretary before minutes are to be distributed.

Discussion of suggestions from Areas on how to raise funds to remove Region from below Prudent Reserve.

Discussion of tax-exemption status by MARLCNA trusted servants. Treasurer received letters from Staples asking for a letter confirming exempt status.

#### **CLOSING TREASURER'S REPORT**

See attached report

#### **Betterment of the region:**

No Timeline

#### **Next region location/bids**

June-Beehive

September-

December-

Regional Service Committee Meeting ended about 7 pm with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the Serenity Prayer.

## An open letter to the Areas and Groups of the Mid-Atlantic Region of NA.

Our Groups and Areas will be asked to take group conscience on a Mid-Atlantic Regional motion to consider joining the USSC movement through registering with a 'letter of support'. I would like to share my experience and thoughts with you prior to this decision on an Area level as well as a Regional decision.

The USSC has been a movement in progress for several years that has taken its shape from a series of members and groups dissatisfied with the service structures change, dynamics of the WSC and the group conscience process of direction for the NA Fellowship.

The Fellowship of NA as represented at the WSC, Motion 6 in 2002, unanimously rejected creating a US Service Conference (such as USSC) by not even seconding the motion on the WSC floor.

The entity brought forward to us now known as the USSC, is supported and grass roots created by several dozen groups and areas mostly represented by the people interested in creating the USSC.

The USSC in its creation documents and on its website [www.usscna.org](http://www.usscna.org) states clearly that it serves 'the groups that have created it' and it functions to 'to carry out group conscience as directed by the Fellowship we serve' and as written in the USSC Registry form; 'The United States Service Committee of NA is directly responsible to a registry of NA Groups in the United States that support the United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous.'

Please understand why this is written precisely and clearly throughout their documents.

The USSC will only answer to those Groups or Areas or Regions that are USSC members, or registered with the USSC. If you are not a supporter of the USSC, if you are not registered with them... they do not answer to you... they are directly responsible only to those they serve.

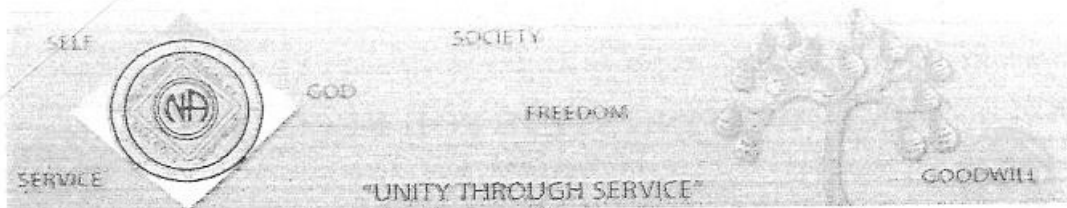
This offers a dual argument of purpose and function. Is their purpose to support the entire Fellowship, or just the part of NA that supports the USSC? What redress does that part of the Fellowship which chooses not to sign on and register with the USSC have, if the USSC proceeds with some action the rest of the Fellowship disagrees with? It appears none.

This is not my only issue with the USSC formation as currently offered, just its most glaring.

I am sure my views will not be agreed with by all who read it, but none the less, I believe strongly enough in my views that I was compelled to share it with you all. I urge us all to take the time to review available resources and to come to your own viewpoints as individuals. [www.voicesofna.org](http://www.voicesofna.org) offers a historical perspective of the USSC movement over time with some valuable insights.

In Service,

Tim M.  
group member  
LAANA  
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**Mid-Atlantic Regional Service Committee  
Meeting**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Hosted By the Beehive Area  
St. Mary Parish**

**1030 S. Hanover St Nanticoke,  
Pennsylvania**

**Subcommittees and Group Conscious  
Workshop 10:00am  
Region 12:00pm**

**From South**

81 North to Exit 164 (PA-29N) toward Nanticoke at exit 3, take ramp right toward Nanticoke / Wilkes-Barre Turn left onto Sans Souci Pkwy, Turn left onto Kosciuszko St, Right onto E Union St, Left onto S Hanover St

**From North**

81 South to Exit 164 (PA-29N) ) toward Nanticoke at exit 3, take ramp right toward Nanticoke / Wilkes-Barre Turn left onto Sans Souci Pkwy, Turn left onto Kosciuszko St, Right onto E Union St, Left onto S Hanover St

**From West**

Take 80E at exit 241B, take ramp right for US-11 North toward Berwick, Stay on US-11N, Right onto Lower Broadway St (name changes to Market St), Right onto W Washington St, Left onto S Hanover St

**From East**

Take 80W Take Exit 260B onto 81N to Exit 164 (PA-29N) ) toward Nanticoke at exit 3, take ramp right toward Nanticoke / Wilkes-Barre Turn left onto Sans Souci Pkwy, Turn left onto Kosciuszko St, Right onto E Union St, Left onto S Hanover St