

Date: March 18, 2010
To: Admin Committee
From: Robin Evanson, New GSR Coordinator and Meeting List Editor
Subject: March Admin Committee Report

NEW GSR COORDINATOR REPORT

Due to my work schedule I am unable to attend the March meeting but have made arrangements to have New GSR packets and the meeting lists available at the ASC. I would appreciate someone asking for new GSRs to identify themselves and then asking a more experienced member to mentor them through the ASC meeting. There is a checklist inside each packet to give to the mentor as a guideline for helping the new GSR. Ask the new GSRs to meet with you for a few minutes after the ASC and help them understand what to do when they return to their groups and answer any questions they may have.

MEETING LIST EDITOR REPORT

The meeting list has been updated with the following changes:

Hibbing Thursday meeting was removed – they have joined Voyageurs Area.

7:00 PM ~ HUGS NOT DRUGS NA

Damiano Center Room 216
206 W 4th Street – **DULUTH, MN**

8:00 PM ~ FRIDAY NIGHT NA

Peace United Church of Christ—Back Entrance
1111 N 11th Ave E – **DULUTH, MN**
Closed; Discussion; Lit Study; Accessible

As per our previous ASC meeting I have had 250 MN Regional Meeting lists printed and 500 NLA meeting lists printed for distribution to the groups. Please distribute as follows:

25 NLASC + 10 MN Regional Meeting lists to each meeting

100 NLASC + 70 MN Regional Meeting lists to Carry the Mssg and Phone Line coordinators

If a group is not represented ask someone to deliver the lists to the group or mail them to the group. We have a responsibility as an Area to get these lists to the groups.

It would be helpful if The Carry the Mssg and Phone Line Coordinators could place an order with the Meeting List Editor for the quantity of meeting lists they need at least 2 weeks before the Area.

Historically meeting changes reported on a Group Report form and submitted to the ASC Secretary are then communicated by the Secretary to the Webmaster, Phone Line Message Updater and the Meeting List Editor. The Meeting List Editor is responsible for updating the NLASC Meeting List, the MN Region Meeting List and the World Service Meeting List. However, this function has not been included in our Guidelines under the duties of the ASC Secretary.

The MN Region implemented in late February a new BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox) that now resides on www.naminnnesota.org. "This is now where the regional and metro meeting lists will be generated from. The information it goes out to over 200 professionals per month. Someday we hope that all Areas generate their meeting list data from this single, powerful database."

I used this tool to update the MN Website this month. I provided the ASC Chair with the detailed instructions and passwords for accessing the BMLT. I would recommend that the ASC Chair, Vice Chair and Meeting List Editor keep this information on file and change the password each time there is a change in trusted servants.

I also asked about setting up a link between our NLA website and the MN Region NLA Meeting list site and here is the answer I received: "The answer to the second question is yes, you most certainly can create a link on your own webpage to this searchable database. I know I speak for Monte when I say that we agree completely that updating

information once in a single, central database is the right way to go. When Jane is ready to talk about creating that link either Monte or I can put her in touch with the folks who can speak Tech to her. “

Here is their contact info. Please pass this on to whoever is elected to Webmaster at this ASC.

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I have also sent to the Meeting a stack of forms for each group to complete and turn back in so I can update all of codes that apply to each meeting. Please hand them out at the ASC and include them in the April Call.

As a reminder I have included here an excerpt from our NLASC Guidelines Section III that outlines our process for including or removing groups from our meeting list. I would appreciate the Admin Committee reviewing the previous attendance reports and taking any required action at the ASC regarding groups who may be in need of a shout out. Then at our next ASC we can report back and let the ASC body know how those groups are doing and the ASC can “determine if the group’s meeting information should remain on the meeting list, website and information line.”

- The NLA recognizes an NA Group as follows: “When two or more addicts come together to help each other stay clean, they may form a Narcotics Anonymous group. Here are six points based on our traditions which describe an NA group:
- All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership.
- As a group, they are self-supporting.
- As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous.
- As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous.
- As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues.
- As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion. “
- (from The Group Booklet, Revised Copyright © 1990, 1997 by Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.)
- Any NA group can become a member of the NLANA by simply submitting a completed GSR report to the ASC. The Group will be included on the next printing of the Area meeting list and be added to the NLA website and information line as soon as possible.
- All NLANA groups are encouraged to submit a GSR report at each ASC meeting. The report can be mailed or hand delivered.
- When a group misses submitting a GSR report two times in a row, the Area Chair will ask for a volunteer to visit the NA group and offer the support of the ASC. With the permission of the group, the volunteer will assist the group in completing and submitting a GSR report and encourage the group to send a GSR to the next ASC meeting.
- Without a Group report to confirm meeting information, the integrity of the ASC Meeting List could be compromised. It is important that an addict is not directed to a disbanded meeting or to a wrong location or meeting time. If a Group chooses not to submit a GSR report the ASC Secretary will call for a group consensus to determine if the group’s meeting information should remain on the meeting list, website and information line.

Please let me know if you need anything from me for the April meeting. I am grateful to be of service.

Regards,

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