

The Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee would like to try the following proposed agenda for area meetings at the February ASC meeting. In addition to shuffling the order of some things, the major changes are:

- No more “New Business” items sheet. General discussion can be brought up during the new Open Forum (more on that below). Anyone proposing a motion for New Business needs to fill out and submit a Motion Request form (see the Motions and Votes section below).
- No more Group Roll Call. GSRs still fill out GSR Report forms and turn them in to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. GSRs have an opportunity to raise group-specific concerns (item 7 in the order of business below).
- Addition of an “Open Forum”. The purpose of the open forum is to allow anyone to bring up concerns or ideas to the ASC. In addition, anyone planning to bring up a new motion is requested to bring up the idea during Open Forum. Open Forum runs until 8pm
- Formal discussions on motions during Old/New Business is limited to up to 3 people in favor of the motion and up to 3 who are opposed. (See Motions and Votes, below.)

The following sections are from the most recent draft of the revised bylaws. (NOTE: the 2/3 majority to pass motions will NOT be required unless/until the new bylaws are ratified.)

1.4.2. Order of Business

The following order of business shall be followed for ASC meetings:

1. Opening
2. Introductions
3. Readings (12 Steps of N.A., 12 Traditions of N.A. and 12 Concepts of N.A. Service)
4. Call for Quorum
5. Approval of Minutes
6. 7th Tradition
7. Committee Reports
8. Group Concerns
9. Open Forum (until 8:00pm)
Break
10. Elections
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Treasurer’s Report
14. Adjournment

1.4.3. Motions and Votes

Any addict may propose a motion for ASC consideration by completing a Motion Request form, which should be submitted to the meeting chairperson prior to the start of the second half of the meeting. (Motions for the purpose of nomination do not require a form.) The motion request should outline the intent for the motion and any financial impacts. In order to be further considered, a motion must be seconded by an eligible voting member during New Business.

General discussion about proposed motions should take place during Open Forum. Prior to voting on a motion, the meeting chairperson will call for final discussion; at that time, up to three addicts supporting the motion and up to three addicts opposing the motion will be recognized to speak, followed by the vote.

As stated in the 6th Concept of NA Service: “Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions”. When possible, a group conscience should be attempted when acting on any motion; however, it is not always possible to attain unanimous agreement. A motion may be tabled for consideration at a future meeting by agreement by a simple majority of the quorum. A motion or nomination requires support of two-thirds (66%) of the quorum in order to be accepted.