



BASCNA MEETING



Baltimore Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Free State Regional Service Center

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Saturday, August 1, 2020

Respectful Housekeeping Rules

We the BASC Executive Body Respectfully

Request your help and assistance by:

**Please keep your microphones on mute, unless you are sharing.*

**Please turn your video off, if you want to smoke, no nudity allowed.*

**Please allowed for the chair of each sub-committee to give their full report, before asking questions.*

**Please when you need to submit (i.e. nominations or motions etc) put in the chat room and allow a BASC Executive body member to acknowledge.*

**Please no cross sharing or talking (direct all questions and/or comments to the Executive Body).*

Please for all **GSR counts, raised your hand in the participate area and keep hand raised until count it complete and confirmed.*

**Please stay focused on business currently on the floor to be discussed and possibly voted on.*

Please remember to keep Principles **before Personalities. Group conscience is the spiritual means, by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions (**6th Concept**).*

**Please remember that motions and nominations are conducted during new business.*

**Please be respectful at all times.*

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BASC AGENDA

Order Of Business

Please review the reports when shared on the screen

8th Concept states: Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

- 1. Serenity Prayer (*We Version*)**
- 2. Reading of 12 Concepts**
- 3. Housekeeping Rules**
- 4. Roll Call**
- 5. Welcome to All New Groups, New GSR's, and Alternate GSR's**
- 6. Secretary report and review/approval of last month minutes**
- 7. Special Events Sub-committee report**
- 8. Treasurer and/or Vice Treasurer Update/Report**
- 9. Old Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. RCM/RCM Alternate report(s)**
- 12. Public Relations/Information (PR/PI) committee report**
- 13. Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Committee Reports and Updates**
- 14. Policy Committee report**
- 15. Phone line/Hotline Committee Report**
- 16. Literature Report**
- 17. Web Servant Report/Alternate Web Servant Report(s)**
- 18. BACNA Update**

19. **Vice Chairperson** report
20. **Chairperson** report
21. **BACNA Liaison** report
22. **FSRNA** and/or **FSRCNA** report
23. **Open Discussions** of issues, thoughts, and concerns in our **BASC Area**

Closing with the "We" version of Serenity Prayer

Thank you for all GSRs stepping up to staying until the close meeting.

This demonstrates how your Home Group presents itself to the Area, Region, and the World!



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BASC MEETING MINUTES

➤ OPENING

- We version of “The Serenity Prayer”
- The reading of “The 12 Concepts”
- Housekeeping Rules

➤ ROLL CALL

○ BASC Chair	Katrina W.	○ Phone Line Chair	Vacant
○ BASC Vice-Chair	Sheila S.	○ Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Natasha R.
○ Secretary	Vacant	○ RCM	Mario A.
○ Alternate Secretary	Vacant	○ Alternate RCM	Greg
○ Treasurer	Milton W.	○ Public Relations Chair	Excused
○ Alternate Treasurer	Verlie H.	○ BACNA/Convention Liaison	Vacant
○ Literature Chair	Nichole R.	○ BACNA/Region	Vacant
○ Policy Chair	Cynthia C.	○ FSRCA and / or FSRNA	Vacant
○ Special Events Chair	Vice: Lary T.		
○ Web-Servant	Excused	○ Sargent at Arms #1	Vacant
○ Alternate Web-Servant	Mike A.	○ Sargent at Arms #2	Vacant

➤ WELCOME of “New Groups and/or GSR/Alt GSR

Home Group Name	Address	Representative	Meeting Information

- OD – Open Discussion
- Basic Text
- JFT – Just For Today
- ST – STEP
- TR – TRADITIONS
- L – LITERATURE
- TO – TOPIC
- GP-Guiding Principles

➤ SECRETARY Update: Review of last Month’s minutes (See Report)

* 42 total NA members present, 17 unidentified (**not** GSRs/Alt)

1st GSR count @ 11:20 am 10 GSRs

➤ TREASURER/VICE TREASURES: (see report)

- **Question asked by a GSR:** Whats the purpose of donating to area? Where does the money go? **Vice Treasurer answer:** Area pays for the zoom meeting and continues to donate to the Region. (**9, 0, 0**) **Approved**



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➤ SPECIAL EVENTS (see report)

- **Saturday July 18th Special Events**, hosted a virtual marathon via zoom **“Feel, Deal & Heal in Recovery”**

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- **Mario A.** nominated **Greg B.** for **Alt. RCM (11, 0, 0)**
- **Mario A.** nominated **Kevin D.** for Hotline Chair, Kevin D. declined, he just want to serve on the Hotline sub-committee as a member.
- **Katrina W.** nominated Nicole H. for COS Liaison, **seconded by Sharon H. (7, 1, 0)**
- “Circle of Sister” reviewed the hotel contract with the GSRs. There were Q & A(s) during the discussion, as well as statements made...

1. **Question** – What’s the penalty from COS, if the Area do not host the convention?

COS Answer – COS would have to find another area to host.

2. **Question** – What would be the financial responsibility if there were a cancellation?

COS Answer – **365** days before event date: **\$35,757.00**

364 days to **180** days: **\$65,394.00**

179 days to **90** days: **\$114,787.00**

89 days to **31** days: **\$164,181.00**

30 days to **4** business days: **\$193,817.00**

3 business days prior to Date of Event: **\$225,574.00** (Total of Hotel Contract)

3. **Question** – Define financial backer? & Is there a clause or disclaimer in the contract that states, area has to sign?

Answer – A guarantor, an aid to financial support, No such disclaimer

4. **Question** – Will any monies raised by the COS committee go toward the outstanding balance if a forced/unforeseen cancellation should happen?

COS Answer – Yes

5. **Question** – Can the hotel contract include (clause) removing the Baltimore Area as being financially responsible, due to the area not knowing the full financial impact?



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COS Answer – NO

6. Question – Who need to sign the hotel contract?

COS Answer – The Baltimore Area Chair or Treasurer

7. Question – Why not ask the Region?

COS Answer – Will ask, if area doesn't sign.

8. Question – Will the Area Liaison have voting rights on COS committee?

COS Answer – Yes full voting rights and will provide a monthly report to area every

○ **Statements:**

○ Hotel Contract payment break down:

7/31/2020-----\$1,500

9/21/2021-----\$2,500

2/4/2023-----\$6,000

3/24/2023-----Balance of Master Account

○ COS revising the hotel contract, will send to Area Chairperson for review

○ Sharon L. maker of motion: To table the vote for Circle of Sisters 2023 convention, signing and financial responsibility for hotel contract. **Intent:** To take back to home groups for further discussion due to unpredictable times, the world has changed because of COVID-19. Motion seconded by Michael M. **(no vote took place)**

○ According to “**A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous**” reference to pg. 106, **Motion to Table**

○ Sharon H. followed with a Motion: To reverse the tabled motion and proceed with the vote to sign the hotel contract for the Circle of Sister's 2023 convention. Intent: Due to timing, contract need signature on/or before July 17th. **(9, 3, 0)** Curtiss C. seconded the motion

○ According to “**A Guide to Local Services in Narcotic Anonymous**” reference to pg. 107, **Motion to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE**

Question asked, if only 10 GSRs were present during last count with no new members joining, how did the vote results show 12 GSR voting? **UNANSWERED QUESTION**



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- A petition was presented to the Baltimore Area Executive body by 1000 Mile Walk home group and was seconded by Village Hope home group on Sunday, July 12th, to rescind and/or reconsider signing the hotel contract and being financially responsible for the “Circle of Sisters” 2023 convention. (**was posted on area website**)

See attached supporting documents, exhibits 1, 2, 3

- Thursday, July 16th at 6:10 pm, an emergency GSR business meeting was held during the 3rd Thursday Executive Body meeting, on the discussion about the posted petition. There were 9 GSRs present as the voice of their home group.
- The Baltimore Area Executive body board members made a collective decision to not sign the hotel contract as the financial responsible host for the “**Circle of Sisters**” 2023 convention. Based on the fact that no motion was ever presented to and/or approved by the area voting members, the GSRs for a 2023 convention.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Accepting nominations for executive body, sub-committee chair positions:**

- ✓ **Hot Line: 2 yr.** clean time requirement
- ✓ **Secretary: 1 yr.** clean time requirement
- ✓ **Alt. Secretary: 1 yr.** clean time requirement
- ✓ **BACNA Liaison: 5 yrs.** clean time requirement
- ✓ **Sargent at Arms I: 1yr.** clean time requirement
- ✓ **Sargent at Arms II: 1yr.** clean time requirement

- Grace, board member of the Free State Regional Convention would like to share some pertinent information with the Baltimore Area/GSRs.
- Will All GSR/Alt. GSR provide contact info in chat room. Thanks

2nd GSR count @ 12:56 pm 10 GSRs

- **CHAIR Update** (See Report)

- **VICE CHAIR Update** (See Report)

3rd GSR count @ 2:13pm 11 GSRs

- **LITERATURE Update** (See Report)

- **BACNA LIAISON / BACNA BOD / BACNA Subcommittee Update(s)-** (See Report)



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- **RCM and/or Alternate RCM Report(s)** (See Report)
- **POLICY Subcommittee Report** (See Report)
- **HOSPITALS and INSTITUTIONS Subcommittee Update** (See Report)
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS Subcommittee Update** (See Report)

4th GSR count @3pm 8 GSRs

- **PHONE LINE Subcommittee Update** (No Report)
- **WEB SERVANT / ALTERNATE WEB SERVANT** (See Report)
- **FSRCNA and / or FSRNA** (See Report)
- **OPEN GROUP DISCUSSION** None
- **CLOSING**
 - The We version of the “Serenity Prayer”

Thank you for allowing me to serve!!!

Truly Grateful,

Katrina W.

BASC Chair

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BASC Chair Report

Good Morning and Greetings to all GSRs, Alt GSRs and Executive Body body members. Today is a new and amazing day, Let's make it even better 2gether!

Our 8th Concept states: ***“Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications”***

With honor, I attended and participated in the 3rd Thursday Executive body, emergency GSR meeting on July 16th. I held my commitment to assisting Special Events sub-committee by helping host the Saturday, July 18th virtual zoom marathon, “Heal, Deal and Feel in Recovery”.

The past two months has been challenging lessons learned, through the will of my Higher Power, his guidance and wisdom from my predecessors, I stand strong with a sound mind, forgiving heart, and a spirit of understanding.

I strive in humbling myself and practicing acceptances of all obstacles placed in my path for whatever reason they are put there. I will continue to display an attitude of complete OPEN-MINDEDNESS and practice this behavior in the most transparent, loving and caring manner.

I have learned that the ego must be destroyed to let the spirit side of me flourish. My attention is outward of stuff, things, temporary desires, my ego. I accept that my ego will always be there, as



long as I developed an ego that has integrity, then the work between my spiritual nature and ego can begin.

Gratefully

Katrina W.

BASC Chair

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PETITION
TO RECONSIDER BASC SIGNING A CONTRACT ON OR
BEFORE JULY 17, 2020 GUARANTEEING OVER \$225,000.00
OF BACK UP FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CIRCLE OF SISTERS

The 1000 Mile Walk Group (“1000 Mile Walk”) of Narcotics Anonymous (“NA”), hereby petitions the Baltimore Area Service Committee (“BASC”) of NA to reconsider the July 4, 2020 vote of BASC Group Service Representatives (“GSRs”) in favor of BASC signing as guarantor for the Circle of Sisters planned 2023 convention in Baltimore. We understand that GSR attendance and participation during the July 4, 2020 BASC Virtual Meeting (on Zoom) was very light, and that only 12 persons voted on the Circle of Sisters’ request for BASC’s guarantee – with nine (9) GSRs voting in favor of the request and three (3) GSRs opposing the request.

The request and motion on behalf of the Circle of Sisters, as we understand it, was that the BASC sign as guarantor for the Circle of Sisters’ contract with the Renaissance Hotel in Baltimore for the Circle of Sisters’ 2023 Convention – guaranteeing financial coverage of up to \$225,000.00 in costs to the Renaissance Hotel in the event of cancellation of the Convention event within three (3) days of the scheduled event date. The contract, *which we understand is to be signed on or before July 17, 2020*, would guarantee lower (but nonetheless substantial) cancellation amounts if the event were to be cancelled as far as one (1) year before the scheduled date of the Convention event. *The 1000 Mile Walk Group’s GSR voted in opposition to the motion on Circle of Sisters’ request.*

We believe that BASC’s vote on this matter should be reconsidered for the following reasons:

1. The vote by twelve (12) GSRs is not nearly representative of the home groups in the Baltimore Area who are affected by BASC's decision to guarantee the Circle of Sisters' contract with the Renaissance Hotel;

2. Co-signing over \$225,000.00, or any amount of such magnitude of guarantee by the BASC for such an activity should have been returned to the Baltimore Area home groups for the group conscious of individual groups, before being considered and voted on at a BASC meeting;

3. The risk of some amount of short-fall by the Circle of Sisters is too great for the BASC to assume without the input of the largest number of GSRs possible (with the input of their own group's group conscious).

For these reasons, we respectfully petition the BASC to (1) not sign as guarantor on any contract on behalf of the Circle of Sisters before reconsidering the July 4, 2020 vote on this matter, (2) call a special BASC meeting to reconsider this matter, and (3) post a copy of this petition on the Baltimore Area website: baltoareana.org for review by Baltimore Area members.

Respectfully submitted,

/s 1000 Mile Walk Group of NA

Dated: July 12, 2020

Sixth Concept

Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions: It is the means by which we bring the spiritual awakening of the Twelve Steps to bear in making service-related decisions. It is fundamental to our fellowship's decision-making process. It is not, however, merely a euphemism for "voting" and is not itself the NA decision-

BASC ARTICLE VII – Voting Members

[I]n matters of procedure necessary for the ongoing needs of ASC, the voting member is asked to vote responsibly within their best judgment. ... It is important, however, that the GSR keeps their Home Group informed of their actions. (pg. 7)

Duties and Responsibilities (of BASC Chair)

Responsible for referring motions to appropriate Subcommittee as necessary for review, input and recommendation before being voted on. (pg. 11)

BASC ARTICLE XIV: FINANCIAL MATTERS

That under no circumstances should any of the Group or Committees of the Baltimore Area borrow money from any outside entity or individual member to fund any NA events. (11/03/07) (pg. 23)

BASC ARTICLE XV: Current Procedural Motions

Whenever the Baltimore Area Special Events rents or subleases ... there should be a 3 or more bidding process. If there are not 3 bids, there should be a plausible explanation given. (2013/01/05) (pg. 24)

NA Guide to Local Service (Excerpt)

SAMPLE RULES OF ORDER

On the following pages, you'll find a simple set of rules of order. They have been adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, which in turn are based on the Rules of the US House of Representatives. These sample rules differ in some details from *Robert's Rules*; to cover such differences, your committee may wish to make a blanket decision to accept these rules as authoritative. In countries where *Robert's Rules of Order* are not in common use and where some other body of parliamentary rules is more commonly used by deliberative assemblies, service committees may want to consider adapting these rules so that they conform to those commonly in use in their own lands.

DECORUM STATEMENT

Meetings will be conducted according to these rules of order, adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order*. This time-honored system for conducting business is the clearest way yet devised for getting a maximum amount of business done in a minimum of time, regardless of the degree of disagreement among the participants.

These rules are meant to be used as tools to help us make orderly collective decisions in a cooperative, respectful way in the spirit of our Twelve Concepts; please do not use them as weapons against one another. We encourage all participants to become familiar with these rules of order and conduct themselves accordingly.

Once the meeting is under way, only one matter will be before the committee at any one time and no other discussion is in order. Please respect the chairperson's right to be in control of the process of this meeting so that you can have maximum benefit of its content.

DEBATE, LIMITS

Debate is the formal exchange of views on an idea. Unless otherwise specified, debate on both main motions and parliamentary motions is usually limited to two or three pros and two or three cons (speakers for and against the motion). Speakers addressing a motion in debate usually have two or three minutes in which to speak their minds.

MOTIONS

There are two basic types of motions. It is important to understand the difference between them. The two kinds of motions are *main motions* and *parliamentary motions*.

MAIN MOTIONS

A *motion* is a statement of an idea a committee member wants the committee to put into practice. After being recognized by the chairperson, the member says, "I move that such-and-such be done by (this committee, one of its subcommittees, or a particular individual) under these terms." The person making the motion then speaks briefly about why he or she feels the idea is important; this is called speaking to the intent of a motion. Because the exact wording of all motions must be recorded in the minutes, the maker of the motion should write it out whenever possible. This is especially important for long or complicated motions.

Every motion requires a *second*—the backing of another person who either wants the idea put into practice or simply wants to see further discussion of the idea take place. After one person makes a motion, the chairperson will ask whether the motion has a second. The seconder simply raises a hand and, when recognized by the chair, says, "I second that." If nobody seconds a motion, the chair will say, "The motion dies for lack of a second." This means that the idea will not be discussed any further because there is not enough interest in it. The committee then moves on to other business.

Once a motion has been made, the chairperson may rule it *out of order*. A motion may be ruled out of order for any one of a number of reasons: the motion goes against the committee's standing policy, clearly contradicts one of the Twelve Traditions or Twelve Concepts for NA Service, or is inappropriate at the particular point in the meeting at which it is made. *Robert's Rules of Order* can be consulted for more specific examples of motions, which are out of order at any given time.

Any member of the committee who wishes to challenge a ruling made by the chairperson may *appeal* that ruling, as described below. If no appeal is made, or if the decision of the chair is upheld, the committee moves on to other business.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

Parliamentary motions can be best understood as "sub-motions" made during debate on a main motion that affect that motion in some way. There are many more of these than space and practicality permit us to include here, but a few that seem to be the most practical are discussed below.

1. Motion to AMEND. SIMPLE majority required. Is DEBATABLE.

This is perhaps the most commonly used parliamentary motion. During debate on a motion, if a member feels that the motion would benefit from a change in its language, that member can say, "I move to amend the motion..." and suggest specific language changes in the motion. Ordinarily, an amendment must be

The motion to reconsider requires a simple majority.

The motion to rescind requires a simple majority, provided that committee members were informed prior to the meeting that such a motion would be made. If prior notice is not given, the motion to rescind requires a two-thirds majority.

7. Request to WITHDRAW A MOTION.
UNANIMOUS CONSENT required.
Is NOT DEBATABLE.

Once a motion is made and the debate begins, the maker of the motion may ask to withdraw it. The chair asks if there are any objections. If there is even one objection, the motion stays on the floor and debate resumes. If there are no objections, the motion is withdrawn and the body moves on.

8. Offering a SUBSTITUTE MOTION.
SIMPLE majority required.
Is DEBATABLE.

A *substitute motion* is the same thing as an amendment to a main motion. The only difference is that it is offered to entirely replace the original idea, instead of merely revising a portion of it. It is handled in the same way an amendment is handled.

9. Motion to ADJOURN.
SIMPLE majority required.
Is NOT DEBATABLE.

Any voting member may move to adjourn at any time. This motion is always in order, is not debatable, and requires a simple majority to pass. Obviously frivolous motions to adjourn may be ruled out of order. After all business is finished, the chair may declare the meeting adjourned without a motion.

OTHER PROCEDURES

In addition to parliamentary motions, there are other ways in which members may alter or clarify the proceedings. Here are a few of the most common.

Order of the day

If a committee member feels that business is going too far astray from the original agenda, that member can help get things back on track. The member says, "*I call for the order of the day.*" This means, "I move that the chair bring us back on track and conduct the meeting according to procedure, adhering to the agenda." This does not require a second, is not debatable, and does not even *require* a vote—the chairperson is obligated to enforce the request unless two-thirds of the body tell the chair otherwise.

Point of information

If a committee member needs certain information before making a decision about a motion at hand, that member can say at any time to the chairperson, "*Point of information.*" This means, "I have a question to ask," not "I have information to offer." One does not need a second to raise a point of information; it is neither debatable nor to be voted upon. The person raising the point of information may ask the question of either the chairperson or another member of the body.

Point of order

If it appears to a committee member that something is happening in violation of the rules of order, and if the chairperson has not yet done anything about it, the member can ask the chairperson for clarification of the rules at any time. The member may simply say out loud, "*Point of order.*" The chairperson then says, "What is your point of order?" The member then states the question and asks the chairperson for clarification. If the chair agrees that the rules are not being followed, the chair says "Your point is well taken" and restates the appropriate rule. If the chair does not agree, the chair says, "Overruled." This decision, as all others, can be appealed.

Point of appeal

Any time the chair makes a decision, that decision may be appealed. Any voting member who wishes to appeal a decision may do so by saying, "*I appeal the decision of the chair.*" If the appeal is seconded, the chair then asks, "On what grounds do you appeal my decision?" The member states the reasons. The chairperson then speaks briefly to the intent of the ruling being appealed. The body may then debate the ruling and the merits of the appeal. A vote is taken, requiring a simple majority to overrule the original decision of the chairperson.

Parliamentary inquiry

If a committee member wants to do something but doesn't know how it fits in with the rules of order, all that member has to do is ask. At any time, a member may simply say out loud, "*Point of parliamentary inquiry.*" The chairperson must immediately recognize the member so that person may ask how to do such-and-such. The chair will answer the question, possibly by referring to a specific passage in this document in explanation. A point of parliamentary inquiry needs no second, is not debatable, and is not voted upon.

Point of personal privilege

If the smoke is getting too heavy for you, the air conditioner or heater is on too high, or if there is too much noise in the room, you can ask that something be done about it. If the matter is urgent, you may interrupt the proceedings by saying, "*Point of personal privilege;*" if the matter is not particularly urgent, you

Liability of Unincorporated Associations and Its Members

An unincorporated association can sue and be sued, and a judgment against the association alone does not reach the assets of its members. Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 6-406(a) provides "sue or be sued" status; Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 11-105 states that a money judgment against an unincorporated association is enforceable only against the assets of the group as an entity, but not against the assets of any member. Individual members of unincorporated associations have received explicit statutory protection from money judgments against the association. Former Md. Ann. Code art. 23, § 138 (1966) provided that any money judgment against such association shall be enforceable only against such association as an entity and against its assets, and shall not be enforceable against any individual member or shareholder or his assets.

Under Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 11-105, a judgment rendered solely against an unincorporated association does not, on its own, expose the association's officers to liability. Yet § 11-105 does not address whether the officers, if named personally, can be held liable in actions also brought against the association. Similarly, Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 6-406 does not address the individual liability of officers: it simply permits unincorporated associations to sue or be sued and does not mention any changes to the rights and liabilities of individual officers.

Generally, statutes authorizing an association to sue and be sued are cumulative, meaning they do not preclude a plaintiff from pursuing his common law right to proceed against each individual member of the association. The Maryland Court of Appeals appears to have recognized this principle in *Littleton v. Wells & McComas Council*, when it observed that the predecessor statute to Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 6-406 did not take away the right existing at common law to sue the members of an unincorporated association, but the creditor had the option to sue either the association or the members; and, when the suit was against the former, a judgment obtained could only affect its joint property. The Court of Special Appeals of Maryland does not read *Littleton*, in embracing the common law rule, as positing an either/or system of recovery. Similarly, it concludes that § 6-406 is merely cumulative and does not eliminate potential liability for individual officers. Had the Legislature intended to eliminate liability for individual officers entirely, it would have said so.

Although no law explicitly permits unincorporated associations to enter into contracts, a review of Maryland case law indicates that this is a long-recognized and uncontroversial power.

☐ abstained from voting on the motion

☒ was not present for the July 4, 2020 BASC Virtual Meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

s/ Village Voice Group of NA

Dated: 7/15/2020

Greetings Executive Body Anna GSR'S

Due to the COVID-19 All homegroups are still closed. But a lot are doing the zoom meetings. Which the majority of them are online. If you check the Baltimore Area website there you will find all of the meetings. But there are some meetings that are open. That also will be in the report.

I had a telephone call with Josh Jacobson Vice Chair of Phone Line. In that call it was discussed all areas Phone lines. Our area is doing pretty good. We also discussed people who wanted a position. Attached will be the call centers information and how all the areas are doing. There were areas who's calls were not answered. It went to the answering service. There were a lot of calls missed last month and this month. As you will see in my report. Phone Line is in need of help. If interested u can call me or email Josh Jacobson or Susan Fineagan Josh's email is jjacobson@helpingup.org and Susan's is sfineagan@salisbury.edu and mines is sheilastudi50@gmail.com. You can reach one of us through our email if interested.

Thanks for allowing me to serve

**Yours Truly
Sheila S.
Vice Chair**

PHONELINE REPORT

Hey everyone!

Terrible month of June. *See attached* Highlighted are the shifts that missed the most calls. Please note, this shows the first callers number on that tier; however, every person on that shift missed the call. The report only shows the first tier position.

Shifts that regularly missed calls last month:

Wednesday 8pm-11pm

Wednesday/Thursday overnight (in Debbie's defense, she was the only person serving on this shift a majority of the month. She needs help!)

Saturday/Sunday overnight (Please pray for Chuck and Dianne, chuck is dealing with some medical issues and cannot serve, the other 2 shift workers on this shift didn't pick up the slack)

Sunday 1pm-5pm (I spoke to Mike G, he had a tough month is still willing to serve, cannot speak for the others on that shift)

****If you have volunteers serving on any of the above shifts, please call them to gauge**

interest in continuing to serve and let me know. Volunteer sheet attached***

Total calls: 136

Total incoming calls: 117

Missed calls: 21

Voicemail: 1 (only 1 was able to transcribe, this effected our missed call percentage)

Missed calls after VM: 20

% of missed: 17%

Chuck and Diane NEFA were removed from shifts. Also, Alex M NEFA had a schedule change and needed to be removed from his shifts as well, although if something night/weekend opens he will serve again.

Open Shifts (baring changes by Susan after this report)

Sunday/Monday overnight (Wayne from small wonder said she has a volunteer Charlene that could serve on this shift, once I get confirmation)

Monday 7:30am-1pm

Monday/Tuesday overnight (Sheila from the Baltimore area is on this shift right now doing very well but we could use another!)

Wednesday/Thursday overnight

Thursday 7:30am-1pm

Friday 7:30am-1pm

Saturday/Sunday overnight.

I will be sending u my report next for tomorrow

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7/4/2020 - ZOOM Meeting

Balance from Statement 6/30/2020 \$ 3,389.58

BASC		Special Event	
Month of June		Month of June	
\$	728.00	\$	10.00
\$	0.15		
1			
2			
3			
4			

Currency (Cash App)
Coin (Cash App)

Checks / Money Orders /
Cash App

Area Basket \$ 20.00

Deposited July 2020 \$ 748.15 \$ 10.00

Total Deposited \$ 758.15

Deposit + Balance \$ 4,147.73

Debts / Expenses			
Check #	4793	1	\$ 789.58
Check #	4794	3	\$ 75.00
Check #	4795	2	\$ 104.99
Cashapp		4	\$ 10.00
Total Debits			Minus
			\$ 979.57

Ending Balance \$ 3,168.16

Prudent Reserve \$ 1,000.00

Operating Expense \$ 2,600.00 ABOVE

Go To The Region \$ 568.16

\$100 minimum established By BASC Motion 4-080412

Please Make Checks or Money Orders to Baltimore Area			
MARLCNA (RCM / ALT. RCM) Once a Year (FEBRUARY)			
TRIP INCLUDING REGISTRATION / HOTEL ROOM / GAS			
RCM	\$	250.00	
ALT. RCM	\$	250.00	
BASC - Chair	\$	250.00	

Home Group Donations – July 2020

JOURNEY CONTINUES	PROMISE IS FREEDOM	ROAD TO DELIVERANCE
HAMILTON NOON	CIRCLE OF SISTERS	NO MATTER WHAT
G.O.D	RECOVERY AT THE CENTER	BEST THING GOING
POWER OF EXAMPLE	GIVE ME A BREAK	BLAST OF RECOVERY
ROAD TO DELIVERANCE		

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August 1, 2020

RCM Report

Good morning

The off-month Regional meeting was held on ZOOM July 11, 2020 with 8 Area presents. Two areas have been consistently absent to Regionals' meetings since last year: East of the Bay, and Ocean Gateway. The Region will reach out to them to enquire how we can help with attendance.

The following were discussed during the meeting:

1) Points of Information:

- a) Freestate has a Cash App account now in addition to of PayPal@ FreeState Region or check via mail.
- b) Freestate Website is being updated to present a listing of all current outdoors meetings in the Region. To be included, a meeting must be a regular meeting listed in area Schedule or region.

2) Updated: All Free State Policy modifications for 2017-2019 will be added and organized into a policy binder. A hard copy will stay at the Service Center.

3) RD Report: Below are excerpts from the report

- a) Attended a "How to ZOOM" webinar training on June 27. For those interested, sessions will be done every month until October. Next one was July 25; then it will be held on August 22, September 19 and October 17. The link for the sessions is: 872 6955 1513 Password NAI0U1
- b) Surveys results for next WSC II agenda were published. (Details Response to the pandemic by fellowship??)
- c) Motions to be discussed have also been chosen for next WSC. Agenda.

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- d) In others news from the World, employees who were furloughed are still out. Those who had their hours reduced are back at full time
- e) The AZF will be held virtually on July 26h from 10a-2p with a 30 min lunch break. The zoom link is: 2292658822. If a password is required there will be one sent out to us and I can give it to anyone interested. Call the RD at 443-517-9338 for the password nearer to the date. On the agenda is: Discussing and planning of the Jan. AZF mtg., Virtual WSC II discussion, Training and mentoring, Open forum, Future agenda items, Budget Development team update....

4) RDA Alternate Report:

- a) Attended a Zonal meeting on May 28. The theme was: *"How to support meetings and fellowship under COVID-19?"*. Virtual meetings were also discussed as well as dispositions to return to face to face meetings.
- b) There will be a training on the new publications: Spiritual Principles one Day at a time and Learning tool Box (more details in appendices below).
- c) The vendor who recorded the workshops and meetings at WCNA 37 has extended their link for access to these recordings at no cost through June. You can find them at <https://g0.e-attend.com/NA18>.
- d) At present, there is still not a date for the next WSCNA 38. This topic will be re-evaluate in September-October 2020.
- e) The World received a pay check in the amount of \$676760 from Pay check Employees Loan Protection Program
- f) Monies from the Disaster Relief Funds loan was turned down by the World board. No details on why.

- 5) **Treasurer Report:** Balance \$5695.76 holding 2 months of expenses which leaves \$4.92 available for donation to the world

6) Freestate Convention:

- a) There is a new location for the next freestate convention Thanksgiving 2021 week-end. This is the BWI Marriott. The hotel presented a better offer than Adelphi (Hunt Valley). The main conference room can accommodate up to 1,200 participants. However, one downside to the new location is the number of dedicated parking space, 450. However, the hotel will offer an overflow parking at Hoyts cinemas with shuttle services being provided.
- b) Another advantage of new location: will be a \$20.00 reduction in room charges. This may help the goal of lowering registration costs.

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- c) There will be a contest for Convention name. Theme must come from literature
Winner price will consist of two free Registrations.
- d) Board is still looking for new and young members.

7) Old Business:

- a) **Nominations** from last month were: Treasurer: April H.; Vice-Treasurer: Renee O.; Secretary: Howard S.; Chair: Tina K.; PR chair: Sam M. and Michael C. for Phone-line vice-chair.

8) New Business:

- a) The following positions are still available: Alternate Secretary. At Sub-committees: H&I, Literature, Special Events Chairs and Vice-Chairs. Nominations will continue at the next On month meeting in August.
- b) There were some new nominations: John W. for Alternate RD and Kelly B. for Vice-Chair. For sub-committees there are current nominations for PR Chair and Phone line chair.
- c) **Phone line:** Incoming calls. 104 received (down from 107). Calls are down since COVID 19. Positions are needed to be filled, mostly over-night shifts.

In Loving services,

Mario A

APPENDICES

1) From RD Report

Motion List Virtual wSC 2020, Part Two (as of 9 July 2020) These are the motions that Conference participants chose to deal with in part two of the partial, virtual WSC 2020, which is scheduled for 7-9 August, and 28-30 August if needed. Any amendments to these motions should be submitted by 22 July 2020. We will release a revised motion list after the amendment deadline, if necessary.

Motion # 2 Maker: World Board To approve the IP contained in Addendum A, "Mental Health in Recovery," as Fellowship- approved recovery literature.

Motion #34 Maker: World Board Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at the virtual WSC 2020, are continuing the suspension of Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension will expire at the close of WsC 2022

Motion # 5 Maker: World Board To approve the initiation of the established process to revise the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust in the 2020-2022 Conference cycle. SECTION 2:

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REVISION OF TRUST INSTRUMENT Provisions of the Trust Instrument may be changed only under the following conditions: 1. Any motion to review proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument must receive the approval of a majority of regional delegates at the World Service Conference. 2. After such review is approved, proposed revisions will be open for a six-month review and input period, after which the proposed revisions will be presented in the Conference Agenda Report for adoption. 3. A motion to adopt any proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument will require a vote of "yes" from two-thirds of those regional delegates recorded as present in the World Service Conference roll call immediately prior to the vote.

Motion #9 Maker: Iran Region To direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2022 to create a new IP for women in recovery.

Motion # 10 Maker: LatIn American Zonal Forum To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at wsC 2022 to create a guide for online meetings.

Motion #12 Maker: Southern California Region To direct the World Board to create the Spanish-language Narcotics Anonymous (Basic Text), Step Working Guides, and It Works: How and Why available in an audio format.

Motion # 15 Maker: Argentina Region Instruct the World Board to develop a project plan for the 2022 World Service Conference (WSC) to produce an informative video about Narcotics Anonymous, for Public Relations services [committees] and online publication, approved by NAWS, where it is briefly explained: 1. What is Narcotics Anonymous 2. How it Works 3. How to contact NA

Motion #26 Maker: World Board To seat the Minas Region

Motion # 27 Maker: World Board To seat the North-West Russia Region

Motion #28 Maker: World Board To pause zonal seating by not considering seating requests from zones formed after WSC 2018 until after zonal seating criteria or a process for zonal seating is established by the WsC.

Motion #29 Maker: World Board To approve the proposed changes to A Guide to World Services in NA as provided in the 2020 CAT and indicated in red.

2) From RD Alternate Report

Projects

- a) Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) Book Project: Conduct a workshop with your friends, group, or committees. Submit your writing on these principles through June-Commitment, Connectedness, Discipline, Flexibility, Generosity, Humor, Optimism,

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Tolerance, Unconditional Love, We: www.na.org/spad. Review and Input Batch #3 also available for your feedback by 10 August, 2020: www.na.org/spad.

- b) Training and Tools Project: Local Service Toolbox: www.na.org/toolbox GSR Basics available for delegate review through the end of August. The next focus of the project will be online meetings best practices, and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually. Sign up for web meetings and project news: toolbox@na.org

2018-2020 Issue Discussion Topics **Issue Discussion Topics** are subjects that recovering addicts in NA communities around the world focus on in discussions and workshops throughout each two-year conference cycle. These conversations encourage us to think more deeply about relevant topics and help build unity within our groups and service bodies. In addition, sending the results of your discussions to the World Board can help shape Fellowship wide resources and services.

- Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive
- Attracting Members to Service
- Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as it relates to NA



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BASC Public Relations Subcommittee Report

August 1, 2020

The Public Relations Subcommittee met on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 10:00 to 10:49 am via the virtual meeting app (Zoom). The Subcommittee meeting opened with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer.

• **Members Present:**

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The members discussed the status of our current media project. We are awaiting the completion of the written slides and voiceover recordings for An Introduction of the PR Handbook and Cooperation Not Affiliation. All other Power Point slides and voiceovers have been completed. We will send any other loose ends to Craig R. to review and subject a draft to the subcommittee for finalization.

In March 2020, the Baltimore PR Subcommittee along with North east freedom area. Attended the Regional meeting of Narcotic Anonymous to request funds to attend the Tuerk Conference. I made several attempts to reach the regional PR Chair was unsuccessful and also tried to reach the PR Chair of NEFA and was unsuccessful. the region approved the funds for us to attend the Tuerk conference

The members further discussed the Turek Conference scheduled for September 10, 2020 from 10-5pm. Due to Covid-19, the Conference format has changed to a virtual event. As Baltimore area PR chairperson, I will be contacting the regional PR chairperson to determine the status of the regional PR subcommittee’s full participation at this event

The Subcommittee closed with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer.

Gratefully–In Service,

Antonio S.
Chair, BASC Public Relations Subcommittee
443-570-3451

August 1, 2020

Literature Chair: Nichole R.

Vice Chair: Milton W.

Committee Members: Kim H., James A., Jonelle L. & Erika N.

OUR VISION IS THAT ONE DAY every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life.
www.na.org/orderliteratureonline

HAPPY AUGUST TO EVERYONE!

UPDATE!

The updated "Together We Can" newsletters still have not been posted to our Baltimore Area website because of printing issues. I apologize on behalf of the literature committee & ask for your continued patience with this issue. At this time we are not asking for submissions for the newsletter until we can get the newsletter updated properly.

If you need further information on obtaining literature please go to
<https://www.na.org/?ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-content>.



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August 1, 2020

Greeting BASC Area members;

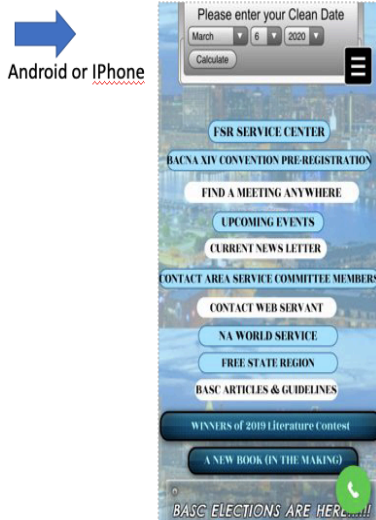
Thank you for allowing me to serve. I will be stepping down from the position as the area Web servant on August 1, 2020. The alt-web servant (Mike A.) is willing to step up and fill the position. I would also like to thank all our members for being of service. Thank you for your time and commitment to serve. We encourage all members to come aboard and take on a commitment "...because we can only keep what we have by giving it away".

The website is currently up and running. As of August 1, 2020, we are currently at **0040047137** views. My intention is to keep the Baltimore Area well informed with information concerning our fellowship.

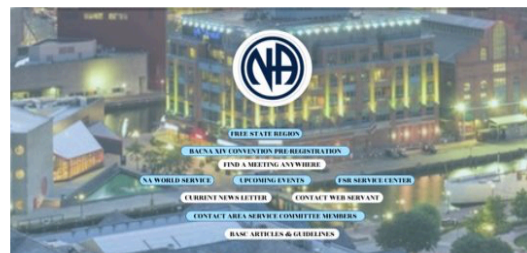
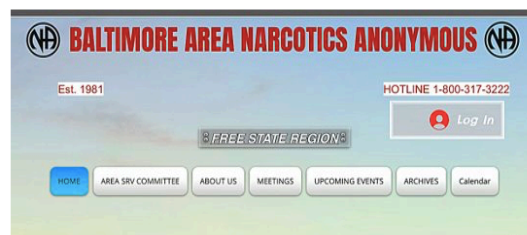
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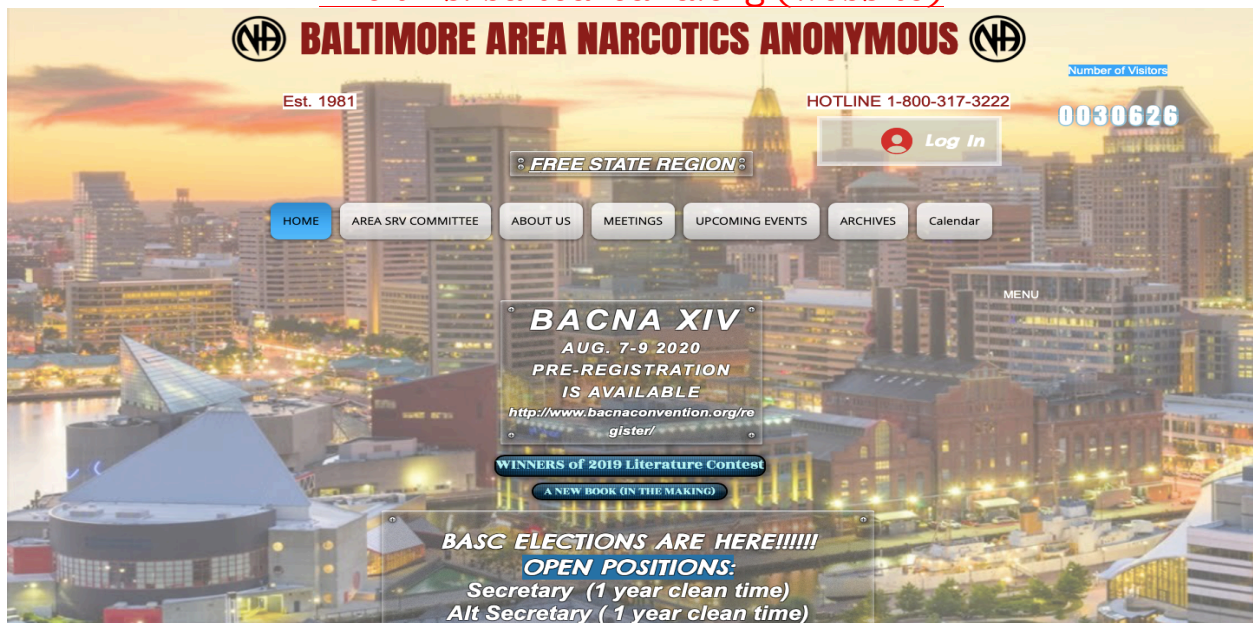
- Alt. RCM (3 yrs. clean time requirement)
- BACNA Liaison (5 yrs. clean time requirement)

- II. BACNA XIV (Pre-Registration)
- III. Upcoming Events
- IV. Monthly Newsletter
- V. Calendar
- VI. Find a Meeting Anywhere

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email bascwebservant@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Best Regards,
Kia B. (Web-servant Chair)
bascwebservant@yahoo.com

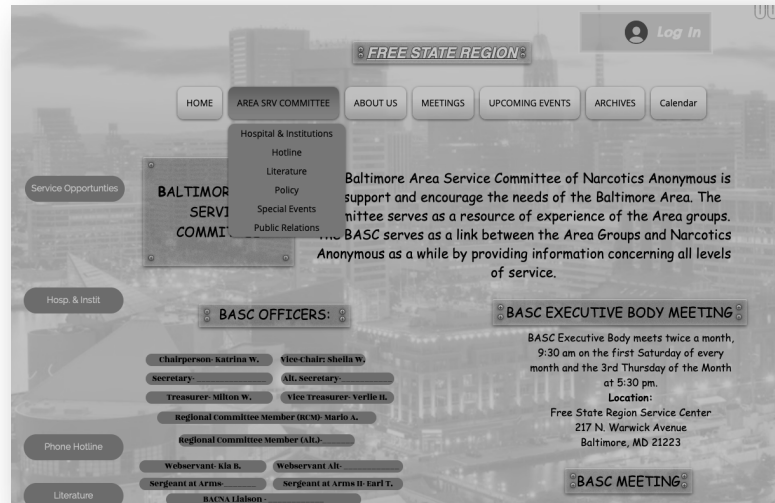
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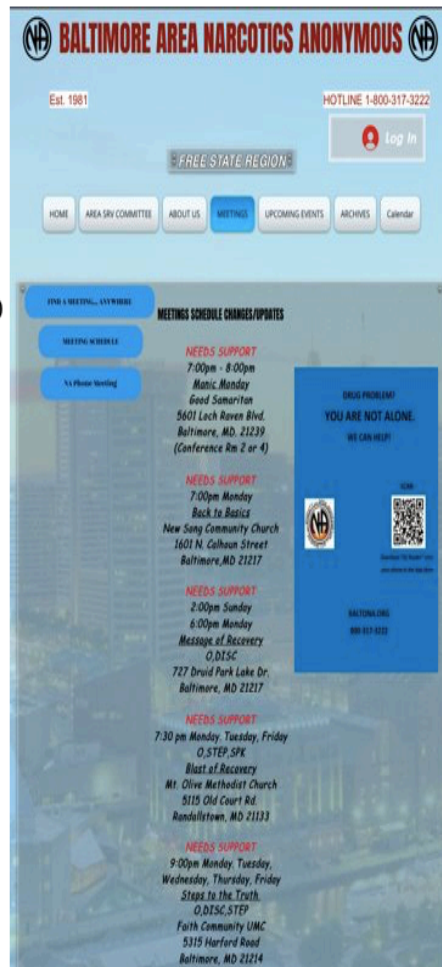
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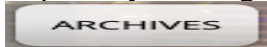
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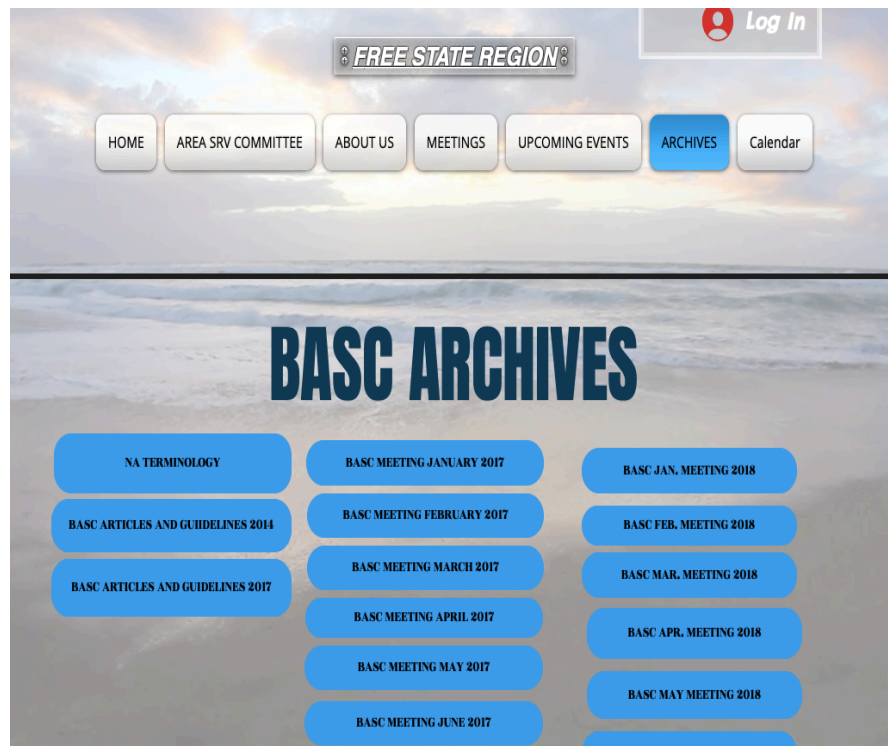
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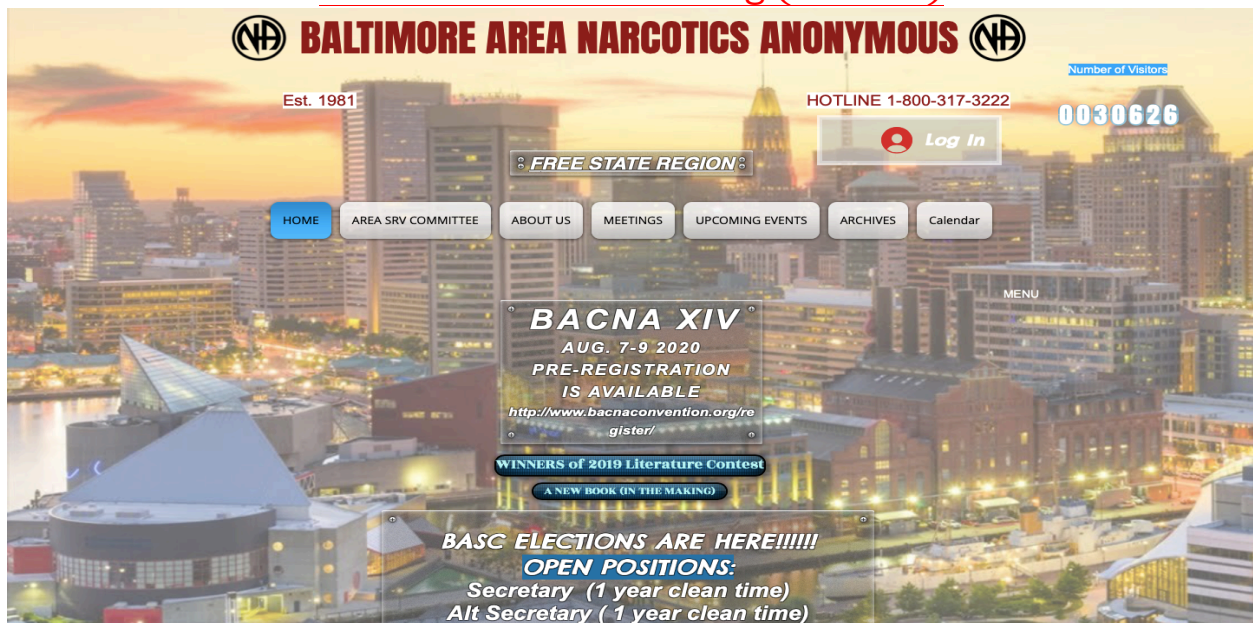
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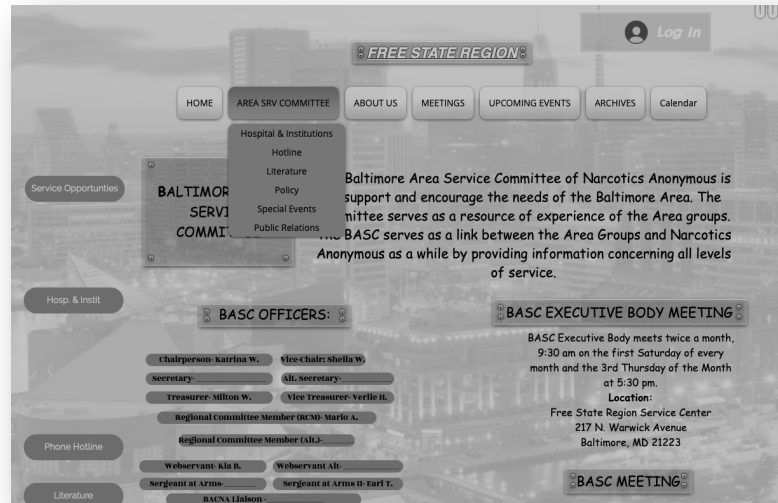
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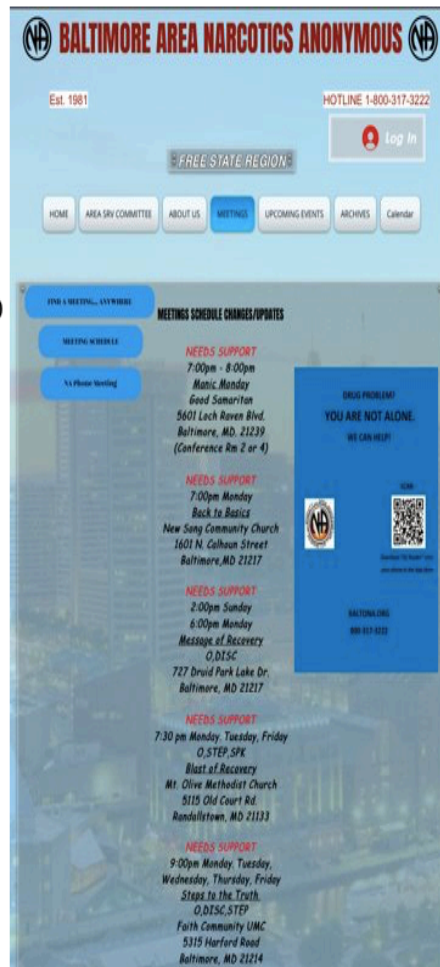
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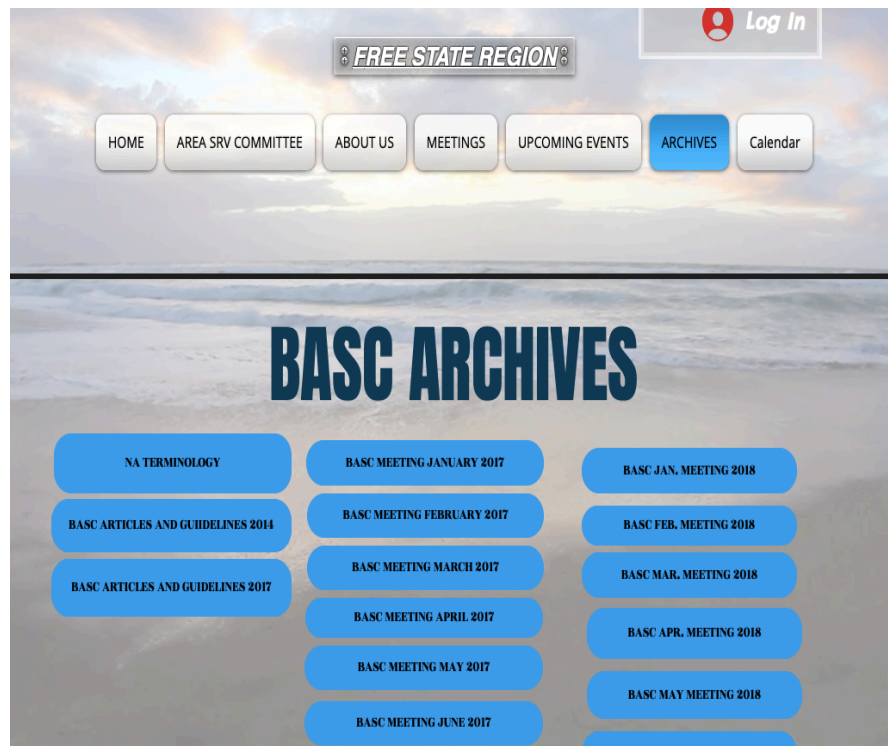
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