



Stanislaus Valley Groups of Narcotics Anonymous®

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GSR Introduction to the SVGNA ASC

PURPOSE:

Introduce GSRs (Group Service Representatives) and Alternate GSRs to the SVGNA ASC (Area Service Committee) current business meeting model and serve as a tool to help GSRs carry out their commitment to their group and to the NA fellowship in the spirit of unity and service.

WHAT THE ASC DOES:

Welcome to the SVGNA Area Service Committee (ASC) business meeting!

We have been developing services and procedures since the mid 80's to conduct business; to provide to the group's basic services, such as a Post Office Box, a phonenumber, meeting schedules, literature sales, website, a venue for communication with other groups within SVGNA, and events for education and learning.

Also, with your group's donation we arrange other services at the direction of the groups:

- Insurance for your groups meeting place and, with notice, events your groups may hold.
- Literature to subcommittees such as Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information, Outreach, and Ad Hoc subcommittees to perform temporary needs of the ASC.
- Provide financial maintenance of a Bank Account to responsibly secure and distribute your donations and literature purchases.

The Administrative Body of Trusted Servants of SVGNA is listed with qualifications and duties; those are specified in our ASC Guidelines most recent revision in April/24. These Guidelines are continuously updated as needed by the ASC during our business meetings.

The Administrative Body of Trusted Servants is selected by the groups annually in June. For our Traditions and Concepts to be upheld, and for all NA members to be able to be of service within this administrative body, the SVGNA ASC has a not for profit, community benefit status that is also the administrative body's responsibility to maintain; it is reviewed annually allowing us to do business as "Stanislaus Valley Groups of NA". This is a very important benefit to NA members and their groups within SVGNA; it allows all members to be eligible to be of service in all positions of the Administrative Body and to continue in the spirit of personal anonymity.

Our experience has taught us that starting our monthly business meeting on time allows the meeting agenda to be completed - the meeting starts at 12:30 PM. If you are placing an order for literature and/or making a group donation, those need to be turned in before the meeting starts. Our experience has also taught us that staying for the entire meeting is a very important factor for reaching consensus in many matters affecting each group and the larger part of the NA fellowship; some matters require a minimum quorum of participants necessary to conduct business.

There is a list of forms that help us – please get acquainted with them as soon as possible so you can participate fully for your group's benefit. We also have a member(s) designated to conduct quarterly GSR orientations. They are also available before the ASC business meeting for orientation and to provide you with assistance that you may need. You may also ask another GSR with more experience to mentor you during the ASC session.

How we treat each other is crucial to our recovery, whether in a service or recovery meeting. If inappropriate comments, belittling/shaming of one another and/or aggressive behavior happens during our ASC business meeting, the meeting leader may suspend the session for breathing and joining in the Serenity Prayer. Please remember, our First Tradition states: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity."

INDEX OF ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS

- GSR Basics (Local Service Tools – September 2020)
- 2-sided “Twelve Concepts for NA Service” & “The Twelve Traditions of NA” (Excerpts)
- Sample ASC Meeting Agenda
- Group Report Form
- ASC Motion Form
- Meeting Schedule Information Changes form
- Sample Literature Order form
- SVGNA ASC Guidelines (current revision as posted on SVGNA.org website)
- Flyer Submission Process (Attachment D)

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