

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

October 19th, 2025

Freeland, MI

OPENING: Opened at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READINGS:

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Bryan H.

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Janell K.

NA World Service Vision - Amanda M.

NEWCOMERS to AREA: Steven, & Terry K.

ROLL CALL: 20 groups represented plus 1 that sent a report.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Approved Chip / Joshua

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

- Janell K. nominates Kim S. for H & I Chair - GSR's voted = Approved
- Amanda M. nominates Shane H. for Newcomer Event Chair - GSR's voted = Approved
- Kim S. nominated Linda for Activities Chair - GSR's voted = Approved

OPEN POSITIONS-PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR HOMEGROUPS:

- Public Relations Chair
- Alt RCM
- Co-Treasurer
- Co-Secretary

Review the guidelines for position requirements. [2024 Guidelines](#).

TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:

- The NAW\$ literature prices are going up 16% on January 1st, 2026. When should we raise the prices here at area? The literature currently in the cabinet has been purchased under the old prices.
 - On January 1st, 2026 we will make the pricing changes. All orders made after January 1st, 2026 will be placed under the new prices.
 - The new prices are on www.na.org
- One person speaks at a time, to the whole group, respect each other. This is not a shouting match.
- Newcomer Event excess funds:
 - After three years of information, it has been suggested that the NCE raise their prudent reserve.
 - Every sub-committee is accountable to area.
 - At the end of each year to allow all funds to be handed over to the area treasurer. Then when needed all the funds will all be given back.
 - The retreat does not need to return funds.
 - This will all need to be sent back to the groups. Our guidelines are not clear on this topic.

SECRETARY: My report is the minutes if you or any member of NA would like to receive the minutes please email: secretarysaginawbay@gmail.com Attached to the minutes you will find the 2025 Attendance Record. It is extremely helpful when Sub committee chairs email me their reports before Area. Emily D. has been removed as Co-Secretary due to three absences. Per our guidelines she has been removed. Janell will reach out to her to let her know. ILS Janell K.

RCM: December 7th on Zoom is the next Regional Meeting

MRCNA turned over ~\$15k to the regional treasurer as profit from the convention, and the treasury balance is now > \$26k. ~14% was sent to NAW\$. The Conference Agenda Report (CAR) should be available online on November 3rd. In February there will be a meeting in the Midwest Zonal Forum in Minnesota. NA.org has information and suggestions for facilitating ZOOM meetings for those that are interested. In August the phone line had 75 calls with 23 live calls. MRCNA meetings for October through March will be hybrid from Jacobs Well in Traverse City. MSO rep is still an open position. An OWL device was purchased for the Regional meetings but has not yet been tested. Once it has been verified as functional a decision will be made on what to do with the old hardware. Much discussion occurred about the location/rotation for the regional meetings (ie, where to go next; previously scheduled area or move to next location on list). Regional guidelines specify rotation of "active areas" and how that is handled. ILS, Bryan H.

TREASURER: October 2025 SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$ 5261.38

Group Donations \$ 284.00

Literature Sales \$ 592.94

Total Credits \$ 901.94

Outstanding Checks \$113.96 (MRCNA Donations)

Grateful to Serve Cathy H.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES: Position has been filled today.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS: Position has been filled today.

LITERATURE: I bought some stuff, and sold some stuff. ILS Peg M.

NEWCOMER EVENT: Hi my name is Dana, I'm an addict. The Newcomer Event was held on Saturday October 11th. We had a count of 87 in attendance. We had speakers from Traverse City, the U.P., Lansing, Petoskey, and the local area. We had the following expenses: Location \$200, Coffee \$40, Literature \$108.80, Pizza & cookie trays \$265.92, Name tags \$9.53, Pop- water-salad items \$113.28, Plates-tablecloths-forks-serving dishes \$39.25. Total cost \$767.78. Starting balance \$1,344 - \$767.78 = \$576.22. I am turning in receipts today. We had a wrap up meeting on October 3rd to reflect on the event and discuss suggestions on how to make next year's event better. A sub committee member has expressed willingness to chair next year. Thank you for letting me serve. ILS Dana S.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: OPEN

RETREAT: Hello, The Retreat Committee is doing well and on our way to having the Registration and Shirt Flyers out at November's AREA. We are going over the Contract and looking at options for vendors for our shirts. The cost for the 2026 Retreat registration will be \$198.00 per person for a "regular" registration, \$105.00 for Scholarship beds and \$125.00 extra for a limited number of "Single Occupancy" rooms. The prices listed reflect a Cash/Check dollar amount. More money will be added if paying by credit card, about 4.3% extra. The new price reflects a \$23.00 or 11.6% increase from last years Retreat. Our next Retreat meeting will be October 28, 2025 @ 6pm at the Survival Group, located at the Greek Orthodox Church on the corner of Mackinaw & McCarty in Saginaw. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. In Loving Service, Greg W.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Group did not meet.

AREA NONPROFIT: Next meeting October 23rd, 2025 at Leo's in Saginaw 6pm.

At the next meeting we will finalize a few items related to the Corporate bylaws. After that is completed, we will be filing the Articles of Corporation with the state of Michigan. We will be filing for an EIN number after the Articles of Corporation are completed.

In Loving Service, Cathy H.

Group Reports

AGAINST ALL ODDS (Midland): Meets every Sunday at St. Brigid Church in downtown Midland. We are a Basic Text Study. The entrance is off of Ashman and the meeting is down in the basement. Please come check it out! Address: St Brigid Church, 207 Ashman St. Midland, MI 48640. ILS Will V.

BAREFOOT MEETING (West Branch): Next business meeting 11.13.25. Group donation\$5. Attendance is 7 -8 people. ILS Jeremy W.

BY NA MEANS NECESSARY(Midland): Meeting could use support. In need of homegroup members. ILS Donny

COMMON GROUND (West Branch): Group donation \$10. Meetings are going well. Tuesdays averaging 8 - 10 people and Friday has 3-6 people. ILS Duane

COMMON WELFARE (Bay City): Next business meeting 11.16.25. Our group voted **YES** to the zoom guideline change proposal. Also voted **YES** to the Newcomer Event guideline change proposal. ILS, Mark H.

DOWN WITH DISEASE (Midland): Next business meeting 11.08.25. Attendance is up. Our group voted **YES** to the zoom guideline change. Our group voted **YES** to the Newcomer Event guideline change. We also made a literature order. ILS, Janell K.

H.O.W. (Bay City): We voted **YES** to the zoom guideline change. We voted **YES** to the Newcomer Event guideline change. We also discussed the Newcomer Event keeping their money. ILS Chip.

HUGS NOT DRUGS (St. Helen): Group Donation \$25. Group is going well. ILS. Gloria H.

NEW AWAKENINGS (Bay City): Business meeting will be held before the next area. Group donation \$30. We are now happy to announce that New Awakenings which meets every Saturday morning at 11am in Bay City is now an open meeting. We voted YES on removing zoom from the guidelines and we voted YES on changing the Newcomer Event chair nomination. ILS Terry K.

NEVER ALONE (Bay City): Next business meeting 11.12.25. Attendance is good. Our speaker for October is Zack N. and November's speaker is Tina B. No donations this month. Our group voted **YES** to the zoom guideline change. Our group voted **YES** on the Newcomer Event guideline change. TYFYS ILS Josh D.

POSITIVE VIBES (Saginaw): Group donation \$10.10. We have a business meeting this morning after the meeting. Basic Text - 2 weeks spirituality sticks - then survival kits. ILS Peg M.

RECOVERY NATION (West Branch): Next business meeting 11.15.25. Group donation \$25. Recovery Nation is a closed meeting except for the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please change it on the meeting list. Saturday noon is a closed meeting except for the 2nd Saturday which is an open speaker meeting. Monday noon meeting which is a closed meeting. ILS Glenn

SURVIVAL (Saginaw): Next business meeting 10.28.25. Group donation \$50. We voted **YES** to remove zoom from the guidelines. We voted **YES** to the Newcomer Event guideline change. Group is going well. ILS Gina

OLD BUSINESS:

- \$430 is the outstanding balance from a former Activities chair who is paying back funds from 2023. There is a payment plan in place the treasurer is staying in contact.
- Vote #1, guideline change proposal. To remove "and on zoom". Section I,3 of the guidelines currently states The ASC shall meet in person and on zoom.
 - Can we remove "and on zoom." from the Area guidelines? GSR's voted **"YES"**
- Vote #2, guideline change proposal, Section XI. 7. Currently the Newcomer Event is required to vote in their new chair in August with the other sub-committees.
 - Can we add a line to the Newcomer event section of the guidelines "Newcomer Event will elect a new chair at Area following the Newcomer Event"? GSR's voted **"YES"**

NEW BUSINESS:

New Comer Event guideline change proposal. After much discussion and having the entire Newcomer Event Committee in attendance, here is a proposed guideline change. Feel free to discuss it with your homegroups. There is no need for a vote at this time. P & A and Area will discuss it at the November 16th, 2025 meeting. Following that discussion there will be a completed guideline change proposal for groups to vote on.

Proposed Guideline Changes for Newcomer Event Subcommittee (This would replace the current guidelines)

- A. This committee will consist of a chair, co-chair, and a secretary (co-chair and secretary dependent on willingness). Also, any NA member who wishes to carry the message of recovery through service-work.
- B. The primary purpose of this committee is to plan and hold an annual, day-long mini convention where members share experience, strength and hope, and spread an NA message to newcomers.
- C. The secondary purpose of this committee is to raise funds for the newcomer event by hosting NA-related fundraisers throughout the year.
- D. Upon completion of all financial obligations, any leftover funds will be allocated in the following manner:
 - a) Expenses for the subsequent year's event, which are variable depending on venue and miscellaneous costs for the event (I.e. literature, supplies to be used at event, lunch cost, etc.) This expense will be equivalent to the cost of the previous year's event.
 - b) \$400 set aside to host the fundraisers necessary to hold the annual event and for other operating expenses.
 - c) Any excess funds will be set aside and held by the committee chair to be used for extra literature or supplies relevant to carrying the message to the newcomer.
- E. While the committee may choose to donate funds directly to the SBASCNA, it has no responsibility to do so. Its responsibility lies in using the funds appropriately to host the annual event and to carry the message.
- F. In the case of a dissolution of this committee, any funds held by the committee will be given to the area treasurer for area to use as it sees fit.
- G. The duties of the chair will include:
 - a) Scheduling and chairing monthly subcommittee meetings, in which other service positions will be discussed and voted upon.
 - b) Providing a monthly, itemized account of the committee's funds and the expenses of its fundraisers as well as the annual event.
 - c) Keeping close communication with surrounding ASC's, Area Subcommittees and Groups to help avoid scheduling conflicting events when possible.

OPEN FLOOR:

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- New Awakenings in Bay City is now an open meeting.
- Zoom is still available if a homegroup or subcommittee wants to use it reach out to Kim P. we are still paying for it through June 2026.
- There is an opioid conference in Mount Pleasant coming up. See Bryan H. if you are interested.

Meeting ends at 3:11 pm

FLYERS & MEETINGS: Send to SBANAweb@outlook.com (PDF FORMAT)

Announce at Home Groups

Open Service Positions
Public Relations Chair, Alt RCM, Co-Treasurer and Co-Secretary.

Sub-Committee Meetings

Activities: TBD

Financial Ad-Hoc: TBD

Hospitals & Institutions: Sunday November 16th, 2025 1pm during P&A, in the back of the room.

Literature: Sunday November 16th, 2025 - Noon (before the P&A meeting)

Newcomer Event: Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 7:45pm Eagle Ridge Church Midland

Non-Profit Ad-Hoc: October 23rd, 2025 at Leo's in Saginaw at 6pm

Policy & Administration: Sunday November 16th, 2025 1pm - before Area

Public Relations: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Retreat: October 28, 2025 @ 6pm at the Survival Group, located at the Greek Orthodox Church on the corner of Mackinaw & McCarty in Saginaw

Next Area Meeting: - Sunday November 16th - 2pm - Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland