



Sonoma Online NA Business Meeting
May 28, 2023

Sonoma Online NA Business Meeting Attendees:

X = in attendance

General Group Positions	Name	Date Position Started
x Treasurer	Kelly	3/15/2020
x GSR	Chelie	8/29/2021
Secretary	Erica	11/20/2022

Noon Meetings									
Secretary				Co-Host			Literature		
DAY	(X)	Name	Date position Started	(x)	Name	Date Position Started	(x)	Name	Date Position Started
MON		Nicole	3-20-23					Cindy	
TUE	x	Monica	1-31-23	x	Jemma			Greg	10-1-2022
WED		Jeff	10-1-2022					Mae	10-1-2022
THU		Alan	9-21-2021		Jemma	2-27-2022		Mae	10-20-2022
FRI		Monica (temp)		x	Jimmy B (temp)	10-1-2021		Cindy	7-1-2022
SUN 10am		Tawny	3-1-23		Tracy L (temp)	1-23-2022		Oma	3-1-23
Sat 9am		Joe	11-1-2022		Lee J	1-1-2020		n/a	

Secretary				Co-Host			Literature		
DAY	(x)	Name	Date Position Started	(x)	Name	Date Position Started	(x)	Name	Date Position Started
MON		Dana			BK	10-18-2021		Nicolette	
TUE	x	LA	12-13-2022	x	Steve	3-26-23		Nicollete	6-15-2022
WED	x	Dana (ATL)	1-11-2023	x	Barbara	1-11-2023		Jenny	4-1-2022
THU		Hana M	12-9-2021	x	Tyler A	12-1-2022		Kathleen	
FRI					BK			Nicolette	
SAT	x	Dana (ATL) (temp)	8-6-2022		Steve	1-28-2023			
SUN	x	Jimmy B	4-15-2023		BK			Steve C	

Others in Attendance:

Urgent Business:

Treasurer Report:

Looked into zoom coupons and savings if we pay in full for a whole year. I am unable to pay for 1 account for a year and leave the other users on monthly. However, since we will be offboarding one of our three zoom accounts to the Sounds of Recovery Group. We may want to revisit this once they take full ownership of that account. Then we will only have 2 zoom accounts and can determine if we want to pay for a full year or monthly. Also the coupons that I found were to be applied with getting a new account or upgrading to an account.



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I reached out to a contact at the Sounds of Recovery meeting. They will meet to elect a treasurer and determine how that will collect and manage funds for the zoom account. Once they have identified their treasurer and banking info then they will reach out to me to transfer the account. Additionally in transferring the account to them we will need to create a new ID for this business meeting.

Here is the new ID that I have created – if the group is okay with this – and I can update it on our website.

Meeting ID: 875 5760 4700

Passcode: 1953

I figured it was easier to change our business meeting link than for their group to change their meeting link – since our business meeting is only published on our website and not on meeting schedules throughout the world. In sum, the steps are:

- 1) Group approved change of business meeting zoom link. (Y/N) YES
- 2) Kelly update website with new business meeting link before June meeting
- 3) Sounds of Recovery group meet to define treasurer role and elect treasurer and set up banking process, then notify Kelly
- 4) Kelly meet with sounds of recovery representative to transfer the zoom account to them.

Treasures Report	
Total in EB Bank Account (Sources Venmo & PayPal)	\$159.76
Zoom fees to be paid for this period is \$47.97. Bank Fee of \$6.00	\$53.97
Other Expenses:	
Prudent Reserve	\$100.00
Total available funds for contribution to Area	\$5.79
Motion to contribute available funds to SCFNA (Y/N)	Y

GSR Report: See report by Chelie –

See Report online at: <https://sonomaonlinena.org/service/service-meeting-notes>

Group Discussion:

Old Business:

- **Contact List**
 - Reminder, if you are a trusted servant and your info is not listed on the Contact List, please email it to sonomaonlinena@gmail.com



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Zoom Accounts: Treasurer to look into discounts or coupons for paying for zoom account or if payment for 1 years will be cheaper. (see treasurer's report)

Sounds of Recovery Meeting: Identify the contact person for Sounds of Recovery and let them know that we would like to transfer an account to them to be solely responsible for. Kelly to contact someone from that group. (see treasurers report)

New Business:

Meetings start and end on time: Meetings extending beyond the 1 hour timeline

- Try to end 5 min before the hour
- Consistent messaging to our hosts and co-hosts. Do we “let them speak” if it’s the end of the meeting OR do we let them know the meeting will remain open after and they can reach out or share then.
- Other groups might allow people to share beyond the time. BUT we are not those other groups.
- Some other meetings are 1.5 hours or longer than our meeting.
- Members want to be included in the closing prayer.
- A good meeting starts on time and ends on-time.
- Co-hosts and secretary help each other with those times-up and time-keeping.
- Burning desire should be the last share of the meeting. The virtual parking lot should come after so people can hang-out then.
- Members should not be advising other members how they should be of service at our group. Don’t let overbearing members to bully them. How do we do that? “Our group conscience is that sharing ends at 55 min after the hour.”
- Power to mute
- Update the format to state that the meeting is 1 hour and at the 55 min mark we will call for a burning desire and end the meeting, but the meeting stays online after. Our group conscience is to end sharing at 55 min.
- Maybe add something in the timer to acknowledge the timer.
- Be mindful of those that hands up at end of meeting and reach out to see if they have burning desire or can hang out a bit after
- Asking people to share after the meeting is not respectful of all trusted servants time.
- Set a timer earlier? Should we change the timer
- There are always other meetings to go to – so if they don’t share then they can go to another meeting.

Host & Co-host using time properly:



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Host and co-hosts speaking and adding commentary and not muting their mics during meetings.

Change business meeting week: Erica is unable to attend today and has lots of things scheduled on the 4th Sunday of the month. She is asking if the group may consider changing our business meeting to the 3rd Sunday of the month instead?

- Don't mind changing it to the third Sunday ...but won't work for Chelie or Kelly in June.
- Don't change things on a single person's personal schedule.
- If she can't do it maybe someone else will.
- NO motion to change. Meeting stays 4th Sunday.

Motions from Area: There are four (4) Motions presented at the May 2023 ASC that GSRs will bring to groups to collect a group conscience so these motions can be voted on at the June 2023 ASC.

Motion 1: Requesting new line item for \$1,000 for Western Services Days. This used to be a line item of H&I for \$1,500 but was removed during COVID when they were not sure it was coming back, however, they did bring it back and members would like to attend to help our fellowship in many ways.

Intent: [See text of motion] Maker: H&I(Mike). Second: Adriene.

- Vote NO

Motion 2: Amending the budget and reallocating Literature to \$5,400 adding a new line item for Misc./Fundraising \$600 to support our AREA. Intent: Reallocate funds as stated [in text of motion]. Maker: H&I (Mike). Second: Adriene.

- Taking from jails and giving it to ppl who are already out makes no sense.
- This is kind of side-stepping. We ask people to make donations to pay for stuff for area. Old timers need to educate people more.

VOTE: NO

Motion 3: In the spirit of unity, motion to purchase technology for NA office that allows hybrid subcommittee meetings with a dollar figure \$600.00 - not to exceed. Intent: To buy computer, webcam - conference call, & monitor to allow for hybrid [sub-committee] meetings for ADA compliance. Maker: Johanna L. Second: Adriene.

- The business meetings are in an office on 2nd floor that is not ADA accessible so if someone can't walk upstairs then they can't participate in service.
- Our area is in the negative so now might not be best time but I like idea.



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- It makes it so subcommittees can meet online.

VOTE: YES

Motion 4: To provide guidance to the ASC Guideline Ad-hoc to restrict voting to only GSRs, so that those participating in the ASC Guideline Ad-hoc know the group conscience.

Intent: Provide instruction to those on the Ad-hoc as to how the guidelines should be edited.

Maker: Kelly C. Second: Ben

- Current voting members of Sub-committees and JAC are given 1 vote that is as powerful as our entire group's vote. Those people are members of NA and if they want to participate in a vote then they should go to their homegroups and participate in that groups business meeting and have GSR represent their vote along with any other member. They are not of a special status because they are in service. They are there to serve the groups and not make decisions for the groups.
- Q: Will there be a way to break a tie? Answer: that is something for the ad-hoc to work out. Currently the chair has no vote and is the tie-breaker but the benefit of this motion is that all of those details will be worked out by the ad-hoc – but the general gist of the motion is to only have GSRs vote. Then the ad-hoc will line through and actually edit the guidelines.

VOTE: Yes

GSR ELECTIONS: LA is the new GSR!!!!

Regional Inventory:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2Vb7B5vbvZBqTsVW3RBrQGQ70VjassvRptITIAOXj19GQ6Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

We completed the Regional Group Inventory online and submitted it to Region. Three areas that we need to focus on are: 1) Carrying message to high-risk (unhoused) people. 2) Money – area is in the red. Need a way to collect electronic contributions. 3) Unity. Feels so divided by NA politics (more so now than in the past).



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Next Meeting: June 25 2023