

Policy Ad – Hoc Sub-committee

Report and list of final recommendations for issues to be addressed in the Clean Acres Area Policy Log, for ASC Meeting, October 21, 2007

This sub-committee has met several times over the last few months. We've discussed current standing policy since its last revision in September 2004, its practicality and relativity as to how this Area does its service, and any other ways that this Area can better serve its home groups to help carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous.

Since motions have been submitted and passed, by group conscience on our Area floor by our groups, that changed policy and the policy log has not been updated, we have sought out these changes and will update the policy log to this point.

Below is a list of inconsistencies, differences or irrelevances that we as a subcommittee have noticed. We feel as a sub-committee being of service to the groups and as stated in Tradition 9, we cannot create, edit, delete or interpret any specific way any policy. What we did want to do is to direct attention to these issues so that home groups can submit motions to the Area and policy be revised, if passed, by our Area's group conscience. This policy would then truly be being of service to our area. We encourage home groups to get interested in what their area's policy says and what they want it to say so that the area can better serve their home group.

We need to point out to home groups to be aware that if a policy is edited, deleted, changed or added that it may affect other policies in the log. Please take time and care when submitting a motion in regards to policy, to do some research and determine if the motion affects other policies, to include that change to the respected policy within the motion as well or submit another motion to make the changes to maintain consistency in our policy.

- With the current means of handling this information, updated policy logs have not been readily available to members, home groups, GSR's and trusted servants. We have a better, more efficient and economical suggestion to share and update this information these days with our Clean Acres Area website. The PI sub-committee has been asked and they have responded that posting the policy log on the website is something that they would be able to do.
- Policies and Guidelines of all sub-committees aren't included in the Policy log. Sub-committees are formed to carry out certain duties for the groups and should be responsible to the groups they serve, as stated in our traditions. The groups should know about how the sub-committees are responsible to them and what the subcommittee's obligations are.
- Policies and guidelines need to be established as to how the PI sub-committee runs the Clean Acres Area website.
- Page 2 line 11 – The Area Service Committee Meeting. This line about H&I should be in the policies and guidelines for its respective sub-committee.

- Page 3 – Motions. There is no discretion on what a simple vs. a business motion is and / or how each is handled accordingly; i.e. simple majority vote vs. 2/3 majority to pass, majority abstention for a table, policies on tabling a motion or returning a motion to groups, returning a motion to its originating group for clarity, etc. This information may be being followed by the executive body but this information and knowledge should be available to GSR's. How do home groups want motions handled?
- Page 3 – Motions. We were wondering if there needs to be some discretion about who a motion comes from. Members should have a home group with its own conscience to which the ASC is of service to. Sub-committees should be of service to the groups and have concerns in its business being of service to the groups, not how other sub-committees or the ASC conducts its business. RCM should be having concerns in regards to our Areas regional business. If a member or chair of a sub-committee has concerns to ASC business or business of another sub-committee, members should have a home group with its own conscience.
- Page 3, line 7 – Motions. Is this a typo? Is RCMGSR supposed to be RCM and/or GSR?
- Page 3, line 7 – Motions. Why would the RCM have the right to object to consider a motion? If the motion objected to by the RCM has nothing to do with regional business, this action would have no relevance to being of service to the groups. The RCM should have a home group with its own GSR and its own group conscience.
- Qualifications and Job descriptions needs to be clarified and included in the CAA policy log. Again, information should be available to be of service to the groups.
- Nominations and elections needs to be reviewed for clarity. Page 3 line 5 needs to be reviewed in regards to the standing of the position of Convention Representative.
- Page 6. Again, review in regards to the standing of the position of Convention Representative.
- Page 4 line 2 - Trusted Servants. Our standing with the position of Regional Service Office Representative needs to be reviewed. Is this position outdated?
- Page 4 line 1 – Secretarial Matters. We question the necessity of a copy of our areas minutes going to the RSC. Is anyone actually receiving, reading or including our minutes in a regional report? Like a GSR at Area, isn't our RCM providing a report and representing our Area at region?

- Policy Log has no clean time requirements or duties and responsibilities for trusted servant positions nor does it have policies and guidelines for sub committees.
- Page 5 lines 12 and 13 – Treasury and Finances. These lines are redundant. Edit needed.
- Page 7 lines 2 and 3 – Literature. These lines are not necessary. Everyone receives literature at cost. Edit needed.
- Page 7 line 5 – Literature and page 8. The current standing with the Clean Sheets Newsletters needs to be addressed and an edit is needed if applicable.
- Page 7 line 6 – Literature. Literature has already been providing a monthly report. The policy log states the sub-committee provides an annual report. Is this what the groups want? Is an edit needed? Has a motion to change policy been passed already?
- Page 4 lines 3 & 4 and page 8 – Activities. If this is in fact a dissolved sub-committee an edit is necessary. If it isn't, like other subcommittees, their policies and guidelines need to be updated and included in the CAA Policy Log.
- Finally, one thing we had discussed was the lack of updates being done to the policy log when motions being passed would change, add or affect policy. We must state that this Ad-Hoc sub-committee being formed for a 3 month period was very effective in reviewing our policy. If our Area's efforts included a way for this policy to be more readily available to groups, GSR's and all trusted servants, (and in a more, 'real time' fashion) it would be vital that this policy be updated regularly and direction is needed from the groups as to how that would happen.

Again, we encourage members, home groups, GSR's and trusted servants of the Clean Acres Area to review for themselves all of the standing policy, updates and observations that have been provided and future motions that are submitted by the Clean Acres Area home groups to ASC in regards to policy, so that the Clean Acres Area Policy Log can continue to and / or better be of service to the Clean Acres Area home groups. This sub-committee is not infallible in its suggestions, observations and recommendations to the Area, nor do we think that we had found every issue and require the groups to participate in order for the Area's policy to truly be Group Conscience.

Thank you to the Clean Acres Area for letting this ad-hoc sub committee to be of service to them.

Thank you to all who have participated with this ad-hoc subcommittee to be of service.

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