

# BUCKEYE REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The meeting started at 10 a.m. with the NA service prayer and the reading of the twelve traditions.

Chair - Chena C

Vice chair - Jerry L

Secretary - Roxanne M

Alternate Sec. – vacant

Treasurer – Steven Z

Vice treasurer - vacant

Regional delegate - Wil M

Alt. regional delegate - vacant

RCM's - Terie R, Alvin G, Barry B, John.

WRASCNA & NEOASCNA - not present

Public relations - Jesse G

Activities-vacant

H&I-vacant

Literature-vacant

OCNA rep.- Barry B

OCNA 40 Chair - Alvin G

Also, OCNA advisory board positions 1,2, and 3 are open.

**OLD BUSINESS- NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS !**

Alvin G - How should we disperse new literature?  
There is need for increase in budget for literature.

Jesse G - If meeting books are needed you are to contact BRASCNA via email at [Webmaster@BRSCNA.COM](mailto:Webmaster@BRSCNA.COM) located on the inside of schedule books.

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Motion made for reimbursement for \$343.50

(Granted)

Motion to return the idea of accepting the check from the Unity committee back to the areas. 0- Against and 3 -for.

Motion made by Barry B

# G.L.A.S.C.N.A.

G.L.A.S.C.N.A has voted me in last month as RCM. I look forward to serving my area.

Our area is doing well despite having several open positions. Currently there is a motion to be voted on at our next area meeting to change the day and time of the meeting to better allow more addicts to attend the meeting. It is currently the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm. The proposed day is Saturday at 10 am. The next area meeting is tomorrow at 4:30 pm at which time it will be voted on.

Our area has passed a motion to purchase 200 meeting books when they are ready for printing. I have been directed to inquire about them today.

Next weekend is the best activity of the year, our NCRR camp out. To be held again at Camp Whitewood @ 7983 Wiswell Road, Windsor, OH 44099. \$60 for the entire weekend including camping or \$40 Saturday day pass. Include campground fees. You can bunk in a bunk house, reserve a full bunkhouse or bring a tent.

Hope to see you there!

In loving service,  
Terie R.

Date August 9, 2024

From: Alvin G, Area Legs R.M

Good morning, Family Area legs is doing well were still meeting on the third Sunday of each month at the Thea Bowman Center on 120<sup>th</sup> Union Ave. We have a new secretary assistant Lashawn W

Open position is:

Activities Chair and vice Chair P/R Phonline chair, Merchandise Vice Chair, H&I Vice Chair, Assistant Treasure , R D Alternate

All Area legs Meeting are listed on our Website Also area Legs monthly Minutes, and

All group Flyers and anniversary celebrations are

Available online at [WWW Legsna.org](http://WWW.Legsna.org)

Please view

There are no major concern with the area were having ten to fifteen GSR's

Along with all committee's Chairs

**Special note: Keep Marvin M in prayer he had to step down from P/R due to failing Health**

**Humbly Submitted Alvin G Area Legs R M**

Date: August 10,2024

To: Buckeye Region

From: Alvin G O.C.N.A 40 Chair

Hello Family this is the report from OCNA 40 held in May 2024

Bad news first we didn't meet our room block of 225 rooms nights or are \$10,000.00 total food sales we overspend on merchandise and Registration bags our total cost to the hotel was over the estimated cost of \$15,000.00

We booked 212 rooms and sold \$9400:00 food sale with banquets and coffee and breakfast tickets sale's Which raised our cost to a extra (\$1,6473.21)

**The Good news:**

The Hotel bill of \$16,473.21 has a balance of 0.00

With all taxes and service Charge

see attached invoice

All special workers have been paid Cleveland Hearing Signer service (\$1,140:00) and Craig Sample DJ service (\$650:00) total \$1790:00

OCNA 41 is starting out in good shape with sixty plus T-shirts two and a half cases of coffee mugs with 36 to a case(90) plus \$3940:00 cash from OCNA 40

Buckeye and Ohio Region received checks for \$7880:00 each which was the breakdown of the OCNA 30 Convention Committee Guidelines which we followed 20% 40% 40% by motion which was the Guideline

Are ending balance after all checks cleared was \$19,700:00 profit which has been given to both region and OCNA 41

In Closing we the OCNA 40 committee would like to thank area Legs and the Buckeye Region for allowing us to be part of this successful convention that was spiritual lead with less than nine months Humbly to Serve Chair Alvin G.

Co Chair Craig D, Treasure David S. Secretary's Martha B Walt Mc, Jackie H.  
Programming Jacqueline H.E.G activities Sharon L.C , Hotel & Hospitably  
Kimberly G, Security /serenity keeper Raul M, Special needs Lee C, Art & Graft  
Tonya H Registration Thurman B, Merchandise Steve Z



# Holiday Inn

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Date	Description	Charges	Credits
		<b>Total</b>	<b>16,473.21</b>
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		<b>Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Guest Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have received the goods and / or services in the amount shown heron. I agree that my liability for this bill is not waived and agree to be held personally liable in the event that the indicated person, company, or associate fails to pay for any part or the full amount of these charges. If a credit card charge, I further agree to perform the obligations set forth in the cardholder's agreement with the issuer.

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## TASCNA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

Voting GSRs Present: 11

August 4, 2024

Meeting Opened at 10:02 AM with the Serenity Prayer.

- Readings:
  - Traditions – Stephen Y.
  - Guidelines – Mason M.
- Roll Call:
  - Chair – Jim K., *absent*.
  - Vice Chair – Vacant.
  - Secretary – Rory B., *presiding in Chair's absence, Patrick H. assisting with secretarial duties*.
  - Treasurer – Bonnie D.
  - Vice Treasurer – Vacant.
  - RCM – Vacant.
  - Alt. RCM – Vacant.
  - H&I – Vacant.
  - PR Chair – Vacant.
  - Activities Chair – Joe M.
  - Lit Chair – Olivia M.
  - Alt Lit Chair – Vacant.
- Affirm Prior Minutes:
  - Motion to Affirm Prior Month's Minutes made by Chuck; Seconded by Marty
    - In favor: 8
    - Opposed: 0
    - Abstentions: 1
      - Motion Carries.
- GSR Reports:
  - A Step in the Right Direction – Craig H.
    - The meeting is going well, we are in need of support from experienced members. We average 15 people each week and would like to thank Trevor S for chairing the month of July. No donation at this time.
      - In loving service, Craig H
  - One Is Too Many – Tom C., *absent, report submitted in lieu of appearance*.
    - I will not be making it to area this month. Here is my report. Should be having a meeting this evening at least outside.
    - One is too many has been doing ok has had smaller attendance due to some issues at the Sahara Club and not having a meeting last week. We have no donation or lit order at this time.
      - In loving service, Tom C.
  - Regardless Of... – Mason M.
    - Regardless Of is doing well.
    - We've had an average of 18 addicts in attendance.
    - We have no literature order at this time.
    - We have no donation at this time.
    - We'd also like to thank Amanda D. for chairing the month of July.

- In service, Mason M.
- New Beginnings – Steven Z.
  - *Please see attached.*
- Kickin' it in Kinsman – Chuck A.
  - The meeting is doing well with 8-10 in attendance weekly. The group would like to congratulate Megan W. on celebrating 11 years clean. We have no literature order or donation at this time.
    - In loving service, Chuck A.
- Minute by Minute – Ed K.
  - *Please see attached.*
- Wednesday Morning – Stephen Y.
  - *Please see attached.*
- Here & Now – Tina M.
  - *Please see attached.*
- Champion Group – *No GSR.*
- TNCP – Amanda D.
  - TNCP is doing well.
  - We had an average of 25 addicts for the month of July.
  - Average of 4 new comers.
  - We have a donation of \$50 to Area.
  - We have a lot order of \$66.42
  - We would like to thank Mason M for chair the month of July.
  - TNCP is nominating Adrienne K. for H&I Chair.
    - In service, Amanda D
- Act As If – JD.
  - The Friday Night “Act as If” meeting is going well with an average of 10-20 addicts in attendance. We meet every Friday night at 6pm and are in need of female support to assist females in a local treatment center find their home in NA. We have literature order for one medallion for \$4.20 and no donation at this time.
    - In grateful service-JD
- Friday Night Serenity – Joe M.
  - Friday Night Serenity is doing well with 15 or more in attendance weekly. We have a Literature Order of \$28.50 and a \$20 Donation to Area. We also want to invite everyone to our Homegroups 17th Anniversary potluck and Speaker meeting on Friday August 30th. Meeting at 7 per usual but come early if you like since we arrive at 6.
    - In Loving Service, Joe M.
- A Better Place to Be – Marty M.
  - The mtg has been going good we average about 10 addicts a night. We would like to thank Martin m for chairing the month of July.
  - No donation at this time.
    - In loving service, Martin m.
- Howland Group – Patrick H.

- The meeting is going well with an average of 6 addicts in attendance. We would like to thank Barry for chairing the month of July. We have no donation and no literature order at this time.
  - In loving service, Patrick H.
- Subcommittee Reports:
  - H&I – Vacant, report presented by Adrienne K.
    - *Please see attached.*
    - **H&I Subcommittee meeting moved to 8:30 AM before Area.**
  - PR – Vacant, report presented by Barry B.
    - *No Written Report.*
  - RCM – Vacant.
  - Treasurer – Bonnie D.
    - *Please see attached.*
  - Literature – Olivia M.
    - We've ordered:
      - Books – 15
      - IPs – 117
      - Key Tags – 95
      - Booklets – 72
    - In loving service, Olivia M.
  - Activities – Joe M.
    - We have no report this month. We'll be back next month with plans for New Years Eve and something on between then.
    - Sahara Club closing indefinitely per their website and Activities Committee will be looking for alternate meeting location.
      - In Loving Service, Joe M.
- Old Business:
  - Vote on nomination of Rose C. for Vice Chair.
    - In favor: 6
    - Opposed: 1
    - Abstentions: 4
    - **Motion Carries, Rose C. to serve as Vice-Chair.**
- Sharing Portion:
  - Barry B. – would suggest that at least Activities has a key for themselves to the Scope Center.
    - Chuck A. – the key would likely have to come from the facility. If we're organizing an activity, then we should be organized enough to ensure the facility is opened.
    - Joe M. – I'm not here enough to need a key.
    - Bonnie D. – the facility is picky about giving out keys because the fobs are so expensive.
      - Area has no keys themselves, we've been relying on the home groups to open up.
      - Because they changed the entry system, the fobs are very expensive, and they are reluctant to give another one out. They are very picky

- about giving out extra keys because of the cost and possible exposure.
  - Be prepared to prove who you are and why you want the key for security purposes.
  - There are currently 3 keys in possession of TASCNA Groups.
  - Olivia and Mason are both keyholders for their home groups and available to open the Scope Center if needed.
  - Rory B. – it would make sense for Area to have a key, especially now that we have a Chair and Vice Chair who both sit on the H&I Subcommittee, however, this would need to be discussed with the Chair.
- Barry B. – suggests that Adrienne K. be appointed as acting H&I Chair for continuity.
  - Adrienne K. – has been performing duties as former Vice-Chair. Realistically Rose would have to fill all vacant positions. That is a lot of
  - responsibility, and it isn't reasonable to expect one person to fill all of our vacancies.
  - Stephen – Area Vice Chair fills in per Guide to Local Service. We need to go back to the home groups and let them know that the positions are open and available for nomination.
  - Joe M. – Adrienne K. has been acting as de facto chair in the interim and this is a temporary measure. The issue is moot due to Adrienne performing Chair functions.
  - Rory B. – The issue is moot, and not comfortable with making appointment as just sitting in as Chair for August 4, 2024, ASC.
  - Chuck A. – we need to be very, very careful with running subcommittees with no chair or vice chair as they are accountable to the groups and area. Adrienne commended for what she's doing, but in the event that something happens we need accountability.
  - Just a word of warning.
- New Business:
  - **Sahara Club meetings suspended at Sahara Club location until further notice.**
  - Motion for \$94.17 for expenses for learning day reimbursement; Patrick H.
    - In favor: 11
    - Opposed: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
    - Motion Carries
  - **Nomination of Adrienne K. for H&I Chair by TNCP.**
    - Adrienne K. states willingness and qualifies self.
    - Groups to return with vote on nomination for vote at September 8, 2024, ASC.
- Motion to move Area to second Sunday in September due to Labor Day by Chuck; seconded by Tina.
  - In favor: 11
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
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- **September ASC to be held on September 8, 2024.**
- Motion to Close by Patrick H.; seconded by Marty M.
  - In favor: 11
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
    - Motion Carries
- Next Area Service will take place on September 8, 2024.
- Meeting closed at 10:45 AM with the Third Step Prayer.

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**From:** Barry Benjamin  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 10:45 AM  
**To:** lifeworks58@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: OCNA41 Convention Committee Update / Recap

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Adam DiMarco <[dimarca789@gmail.com](mailto:dimarca789@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** August 9, 2024 at 6:54:15 PM EDT  
**To:** Barry Benjamin <[exumabear@gmail.com](mailto:exumabear@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OCNA41 Convention Committee Update / Recap

This was my recap from last convention committee meeting.

Thanks,  
Adam D

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** DiMarco, Adam P <[conventionchair@naohio.org](mailto:conventionchair@naohio.org)>  
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OCNA41 Convention Committee Meeting,

I want to thank you all for your continued service and willingness to serve with me on this journey. Want to apologize for the little bit of confusion on my part during the banner/logo voting process. I myself had a misunderstanding and should have had better understanding before the meeting. Developing and cultivating a group conscience takes time, patience, and discussion and that is what we did. Want to again thank the Art and Graphics committee for the dedication and hard work during their creative process to bring us our banner! It is a really cool and unique design and will look really good when we get it made and get it up there at the convention.

As for where we are at in our time line and milestones. We are right on track, in fact maybe a little ahead of the curve. We are 10 months away from May 23rd and here is what we've accomplished:

- Committee/sub-committee formation
- Great start with +100 in pre-registrations
- Secured bank account / website / on-line payments / PO Box
- Online google cloud site up, for admin use
- Locked down our Hotel/convention location
- Put on 3 fundraisers, collaboration with other areas, have more scheduled and in the works
- Getting awareness and interest out in the state
- Selected our Banner
- All elected trusted servant positions are filled (congrats to Kristi and Kristina and thanks)
- Broke some traditions, learned and grew through them ;-)

I feel really good about everything we've accomplished and where we are at and you all should too, know I'm grateful for all of you.

Our next action items: (if I'm missing anything let me know)

Fundraising and Entertainment	Hotel and Hospitality	Arts and Graphics (Budget \$200)	Registration (Budget \$200)
Continue putting up events	lets committee meeting scheduled at Spooky Nook in either Aug or Sept	Assist with updating web-site graphics	Work with Committee to finish FINAL draft of registration form
Start to determine what we will have at the convention. Entertainment / dance-DJ / show etc	Get banquet menu/pricing figured out	Propose design option for t-shirts for pre-convention sales	Continue to track reg in person and online
	work with committee to help write out flyer for hotel information	Work with merchandise to create logo for Main convention merch	Distribution of the flyer
	confirm handicap rooms	Assist with Flyers for events and reg	Start thinking about reg packets and costs

Programming	Welcoming / Serenity Keepers / Special Needs	Merchandise	Exec Committee
propose plan for workshop	Start building sub-committee up	Consider merch ideas, shirts, mugs, towels for golf outing, hoodies	Work on details of final reg from
Find/select main speakers and research cost of travel	Get familiar with hotel and surrounding area	Work with Reg on potential ideas for packets, like pens or notepads	Get necessary info on <a href="http://ocna.naohio.org">ocna.naohio.org</a> -conv info, theme/date/hotel/banquet/ent -Pricing, reg-hotel-discount-code -contract info of and confirm flyer up to date
		Plan for pre-convention merch and main convention merch	Find contacts of Buckeye Region area activities chairpersons
		In next couple months like to have merch up and running	



"Being a trusted servant goes against everything addiction demands of us."

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In Loving Service,

Adam D

OCNA41 Chair

"In the light of recovery, our assets begin to blossom."



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**Buckeye Regional delegate report August 10, 2024**

**I was not able to attend the July CP meeting to be a part of discussion for future planning as I was scheduled to work. I continue to hunt for an alternate, no luck yet.**

**At our last meeting I requested permission to reach out to the world board for clarification on the meeting finder app, based on concerns from members from our region reaching out to me. I did email and got a response which will be attached to my report.**

**A full report from July cp meeting is posted on NA.org , in the WSC tab for all to see.**

**The NA website is under some repairs , excited to see what improvements are being made.**

**WCNA is coming up Labor day weekend in Washington DC**

**Thank you for allowing ,me to serve**

**Wil M**

**440-813-3410**

**will mckinley**  
From: ilwil88@yahoo.com  
To: wb@na.org

Sat, Jun 15 at 8:23 PM ☆

Hello I am reaching out on behalf of the buckeye region, I am current RD. At our last region meeting meeting we had discussed the changes to the meeting finder ap, and a few areas were concerned with what they see. Let me say I know context is hard to discern when reading text so please know this is written in a loving while curious tone. I dont think I need explain the current functionality of the ap or the previous so I will just get to the questions asked.

1. Is this a final version of the ap, if not what are we hoping to see in the future?
2. It was always a home groups responsibility to update meeting information on the ap, so how does the current format figure to make things more accurate?
3. When and how was the decision made to change the ap, was it ever presented to the groups through a motion?
4. The resources we dont have to keep up with it, where did they go? are they financial, volunteer, professional?
5. How do we have resources to start committees for new projects if we cant maintain what we already had?
6. Has there been any consideration that we focus on projects for different countries or zones?

While it may not have functioned well world wide, I personally have used this ap 11 years, and only ever ran into two meetings that were not accurate. I have traveled coast to coast in the united states and always was one click away from directions to my nearest meet. Perhaps areas and regions could be highlighted in a different color ping, incase an individual should need to deep dive. this would still be less inconvenient than the current, figure out what area I am in or looking for, find area website, go to their page, find meeting, go to google maps, etc.

One thing we would like to make clear is that we are not ok with the current ap, it is not ok, for a fellowship as growing and technologically advanced as we are, to take such a huge step backwards is baffling. I really hope the message is not going to be "with the clean time people should be happy to have to look a little harder" or "even one wrong meeting listing could kill an addict who got bad information" all our schedules have been inaccurate at some point, perfection is not realistic.

I dont want to go on and on, I think this should be a great kick off point. I also have been talking with areas, and MZF, after a couple months this is the route that was suggested. Thank you for your time and service, hope to hear from you soon.

Wil M  
RD Buckeye Region  
440-813-3410  
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● **will mckinley** ----- Forwarded Message ----- From: will mckinley <ilwil88@yahoo.com> To: wb@na.org <wb@na.org> Sat, Jun 15 at 8:24 PM ☆

● **Steve Rusch** Thu, Jun 20 at 2:31 PM ☆  
From: stever@na.org  
To: ilwil88@yahoo.com  
Cc: Irene Crawley

Hello Wil - Thanks for writing and for your service efforts. It is probably best to first identify while your experience with the old version of the Meetings App was good, that was not the case for all. We were consistently contacted by individuals who used the app only to find that there was no NA meeting at the identified location or time. And understanding that many newcomers use the app, this was an unacceptable situation for us. We understand that the current app might benefit from improvement and continue to collect ideas and information in support of that. Your input will be a part of that. Thank you.

For decades there has been confusion at the group level regarding updating meeting information. Many were not aware that, at times, they needed to update their ASC, RSC, and NAWS individually, to ensure that all of the various websites reflected the most current meeting information. Here at NAWS, our typical approach to offering meeting information when asked, was to go to the local website. We found that to be the most dependable. It remains each group's responsibility to keep their meeting information up to date. The change in the app has made that a bit easier since we have eliminated the need to update NAWS. We are now pointing folks to the local websites.

The pandemic created a situation where we were forced to look at many of our practices. As you identified, initially, the impact of maintaining a database for the collection of meeting information, separate from the local listing, was impacted by the staff reductions at that time. Since then, we have examined the practice that was not providing the most accurate meeting information available. The decision to make the change was the responsibility of the World Board. And you may recall, the topic was reported in CP web meetings, prior to the initiation. We see this approach as a genuine partnership among all service bodies of NA to provide what might be the most important service, helping newcomers find NA meetings.

On August 3rd, we are hosting a webinar in support of local NA websites that supply information to the app. We will also include a segment based on the topic in one of our service workshops at WCNA. These are examples of our commitment to improve the addict's experience as they use the app to find meetings. And while it may not be as seamless as the old app, we are confident that it will provide more accurate meeting information. That is our goal.

One last thought, as we said, we will continue to work on improving the Meeting Finder App. However, current priorities are getting through WCNA 38 and revitalizing the na.org website so please allow us time to complete those and don't anticipate any major changes coming soon.

Thanks again for writing, Wil. We will retain your input as we move forward and Irene C, World Board Chair, is copied on this response.

Warm regards,

Steve Rusch  
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## Buckeye Region - eLit on prison tablets & other corrections initiatives

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Fri 8/9/2024 8:05 AM

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📎 3 attachments (2 MB)

Newsletter 2024.08 Vol 01 Issue 01.pdf; eLit resource list and instructions English and Spanish.pdf; eLit announcement list of OH facilities.pdf;

Hey Jerry. Thanks for reaching out this morning about the Buckeye Region Service Committee meeting tomorrow. I'm looping in our PR Chair, Megan P.

I mentioned on our phone call about the eLit announcement. Turns out that I sent that to you by text on 06/02/24, not by email, so I'm attaching it here.

When you report on the virtual meetings, please just give interested people my contact info and not the zoom link. I'll paste the housekeeping instructions that are included on each announcement below, but we basically ask that the link not be shared, and that if someone wants to join to have them contact me and we will work something out. The waiting room feature is enabled, and if we don't recognize the account that is attempting to log in, then we probably won't be able to admit them.

We started a newsletter for the institutions that are logging on to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday virtual meeting. I'm attaching it here. It has a concise history of the virtual meeting pilot project, along with some reflections written by incarcerated members.

Like we talked about, Trumbull is the only prison in the Buckeye Region that has joined the virtual meeting, and that was only once and they just observed. This was during the same meeting that you and Chris D. attended from your car :)

If there are trusted servants in the Buckeye Region who want to reach out to their contacts at prisons and invite them to join, I'm happy to help however I can. Like I said, it might be a good idea for us to chat and brainstorm, but we definitely welcome any institution that wants to join. We do however stress that in-person H&I commitments take precedence, and the virtual meeting is meant to augment current in-person services, not replace them.

Corrections staff can join on their own just to observe and see what it's all about, or they can log in with residents. So far we have had up to 9 facilities log in to a meeting, with a total of 220 incarcerated members. Generally speaking, we get from 4-6 institutions logging in at a time, with about 120 total incarcerated members. Between 10-20 outside NA members attend from Ohio and across the US, and occasionally from Canada and the UK.

In the copy/paste below, note that we are planning a virtual speaker jam for Friday, September 13th. At the moment this is for one facility, the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution in Lima, OH. I suspect that Matt, the recovery services supervisor there, will let his peers know about it, so it's possible that other prisons in Ohio could log on.

Thanks again Jerry. Hope you have a great day!

Paul  
614-745-7530

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\ NA virtual prison meeting, Freedom of Choice, AUGUST 6th, log in by 6:15 EST

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Thu 8/1/2024 6:43 AM

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Sorry all. Had the wrong date in the subject line. The next meeting is in Tuesday August 6th.

On Jul 31, 2024, at 11:51 PM, Paul Matherny <paul.matherny@gmail.com> wrote:

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EMAIL TO ODRC

There are two topics covered in this email, and 2 attachments.

- **Virtual NA meeting on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Login info is below. Please log in by 6:15 EST. **The readings are included as attachment #1.** The topics are
    - Step Three: We made a decision to turn our will and lives over to the care of God as we understood God.
    - The Just for Today daily meditation for August 6<sup>th</sup>: The Joy Within
      - "Since the beginning of our recovery, we have found that joy doesn't come from material things but from within ourselves." NA Basic Text, p.103
    - A member will briefly share on Step 9: We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
  - We host meetings twice per month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Upcoming meetings are on:
    - August 6<sup>th</sup>
    - August 20<sup>th</sup>
    - September 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - September 17<sup>th</sup>
    - October 1<sup>st</sup>
    - October 15<sup>th</sup>
- **The first issue of our newsletter is included as attachment #2.** It contains information for those who are up for release, and reflections from members on the inside and outside.

On behalf of all the members who log in from across the US, Canada and the UK, thank you for allowing us to be of service!

Paul M  
614-745-7530

The Central Ohio Area of Narcotics Anonymous PR subcommittee is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ODRC / Narcotics Anonymous - virtual meeting  
Time: Aug 6, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

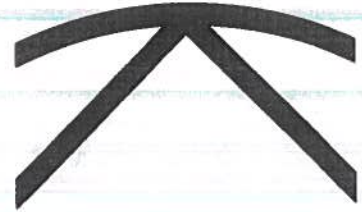
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82875432480?pwd=K1dIRTFETnlDMDlDbEtoeWYwZjdaUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 7543 2480

Passcode: 733219

<Newsletter 2024.08 Vol 01 Issue 01.pdf>

<Attachment 01 - Reading packet.pdf>



# The Freedom of Choice

A newsletter for our incarcerated members

## Celebrating One Year!

One year ago on August 29, 2023 we hosted our first virtual meeting with members on the inside.

This meeting was what's called a "proof of concept." The concept we proved is that virtual meetings are feasible, meaning that they can be done. We had the technology and the space. We also discovered that members behind the walls had the interest and the willingness to participate. This showed us that the core idea – virtual meetings for members behind the walls, joined by members on the outside – was worth pursuing further.

After we saw that it was possible to do a virtual meeting, we started the pilot project in November 2023. The pilot was done to implement, or put into practice, the virtual meeting on a regular basis. There was one meeting in November and one in December. Starting in January of 2024 we started having the meeting twice a month. Currently we meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

With the pilot, we learned what problems could come up, what we should be prepared for, and that the whole process works well!

**Our Inside Members Speak** - "I've never experienced an NA meeting being in recovery other than in this prison. It was truly a humbling experience...The fact that people outside care enough about NA and its message to be part of a meeting for us was truly special and inspiring. Being part of that meeting was one of the greatest things to happen to me behind these walls...I'm looking forward to the next time. Thank you!!"



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### Special points of interest

- Keep Coming Back
- It Works If You Work It!
- Meeting Makers Make It
- You're worth it!



### Coming up on release?

Ask your Recovery

Services Supervisor for info on NA where you are being released to.

Call the Ohio helpline (800) 587-4232 and tell them you are newly released and looking for a meeting.

Go to the website and look for meetings there. Try [naohio.org](http://naohio.org) and [brscna.org](http://brscna.org)

Find meetings in your local area and attend. Get a sponsor and do service work.

Attend virtual meetings. Check out the 24/7 NA Marathon Meeting on Zoom. The ID is 494 9655 895. The passcode is 1953.

Don't use no matter what!

## More from Inside Members

"The first virtual The Freedom of Choice meeting was life changing. As I was sitting in my chair waiting for the NA meeting to start, I seen all the people [logging in] and it was overwhelming joy and love that hit me and it made me tear up. To see and know that people all over the world are willing to reach out and want to have a meeting with me!! That is awesome."

"When I was selected to participate in the Zoom Freedom of Choice NA meeting I figured it would be like the meetings I've been part of here at ISP. I couldn't have been more wrong, thankfully! That meeting truly inspired me as well as made me more determined to work my recovery program even harder...I really can't express enough how powerful and beautiful that experience

was, and still is, in my mind. I am absolutely excited to experience another meeting like that soon."



"Being a part of the Zoom meeting is a moment I will never forget. I have been going to AA/NA since I was 15 years old. In 30 years of the program I never took it serious until while being drunk I killed someone. I now have been sober for 3 years...being in that meeting last week was a blessing for me. It helped me see that I made the right decision to get clean. Thank you!"

## From Members on the Outside

I find these meetings meaningful and uplifting. Sometimes I go into the meeting feeling tired or overwhelmed from the day, but I leave feeling grateful and connected. Between what members on the outside have to say and what incarcerated members of NA on the inside have to say, I'm amazed at our similarities.

The essence of Narcotics Anonymous is that we have empathy and identification. This is bigger than any of us because of our history and because of the foundation of recovery. When I leave a meeting, I often feel very humbled that I'm able to participate in this kind of experience.

## Find NA resources on your prison tablet

Look for the Cypherworx Education Module on your tablet.

Search on Narcotics Anonymous.

There you should find a lot of NA resources like our Little White Booklet, An Introductory Guide to NA, Staying Clean on the Outside, and Behind the Walls.

There are also speaker tapes.

Read and listen to NA materials EVERY DAY!

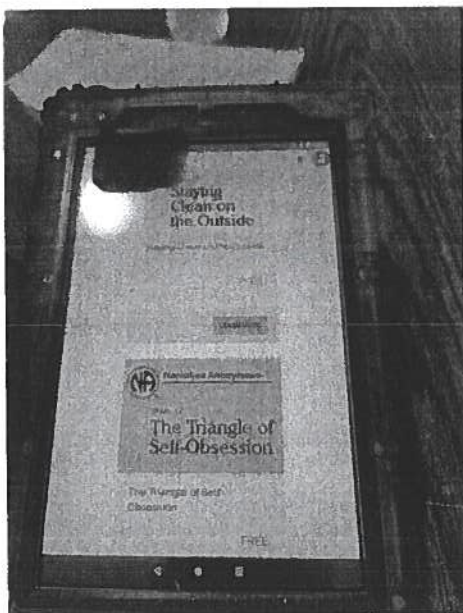
The Central Ohio Area Public Relations subcommittee is deeply grateful to share that, as of May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, many of NA's resources are now available on over 45,000 tablets in prisons and jails across Ohio through a content provider called Cypherworx.

These NA resources will soon be available to an additional 600,000 prison and jail tablet users across the United States.

The success of this initiative was made possible by people on many committees, and from the experience, strength and hope freely shared by service enthusiasts, and encouragement from within the Central Ohio Area and elsewhere. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed.

We encourage all H&I committees and other members who carry the message into facilities, to share this information with the incarcerated, with prison staff, and with all service enthusiasts.

**We are attaching a tip sheet created by our incarcerated members, with instructions on how to find the materials on the Ohio prison-issued computer tablets. There are also pictures of what the materials look like on Viapath/GTL tablets. (Please note that there are different makes and models of tablets, so the process may be slightly different on those.)**



Some members might remember that in September of 2020, The Central Ohio Area of NA got connected with service enthusiasts in Sarasota County, Florida. Trusted servants there were successful at pushing literature onto the tablets in the Sarasota County Jail.

Inspired by their success, The Central Ohio Area PR Subcommittee began working with NAWS and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) to push literature out to all the 45,000 computer tablets issued to people incarcerated in State of Ohio prisons.

In late January of 2021, there was a limited roll out of literature to the Ohio prison tablets. Throughout the next 18 months, additional materials were added to the tablets, in both English and Spanish.

After an update/upgrade of State of Ohio prison tablets, the NA materials were lost from the tablets sometime in 2023.

Beginning in September of 2023, ODRC and Central Ohio Area PR began investigating other ways to get the NA materials back on the tablets. ODRC connected PR with content providers for the tablets (content providers are similar to apps that can be placed on smartphones). Through that connection we learned that the content provider could make our materials available on any tablet that had access to the Cypherworx portfolio.

Central Ohio PR contacted NAWS to work with them and the content providers to make the materials listed below available not only on Ohio prison and jail tablets, but on any prison and jail tablet in the US that has access to the Cypherworx portfolio.

As of May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, the materials listed below were live on all Ohio prison tablets and some jail tablets. Over the next few months, the materials will be made available across the US.

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[NACentralOhio.org](http://NACentralOhio.org)  
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**NA Literature, in English & Spanish**

***Literatura de Narcóticos Anónimos, en inglés y español***

NA White Booklet & An Introductory Guide to NA (together, these amount to the Basic Text without the personal stories)

*Librito blanco y Guía de introducción a NA, Revisado (juntos, estos textos equivalen al Texto Básico sin las historias personales)*

Another Look

*Otro punto de vista*

Behind the Walls

*Entre rejas*

For the Newcomer

*Para el recién llegado*

Just for Today (informational pamphlet #8, not the group reading or the daily meditation book)

*Sólo por hoy (folleto informativo #8, no es la lectura grupal ni el libro de meditación diaria)*

Mental Health In Recovery

*La salud mental en recuperación*

One Addict's Experience with Acceptance, Faith, and Commitment

*La experiencia de un adicto con la aceptación, la fe y el compromiso*

Recovery and Relapse

*La recuperación y la recaída*

Self-Acceptance

*La autoaceptación*

Sponsorship

*El padrinazgo, Revisado*

Staying Clean on the Outside

*Mantenerse limpio en la calle*

The Triangle of Self-Obsession

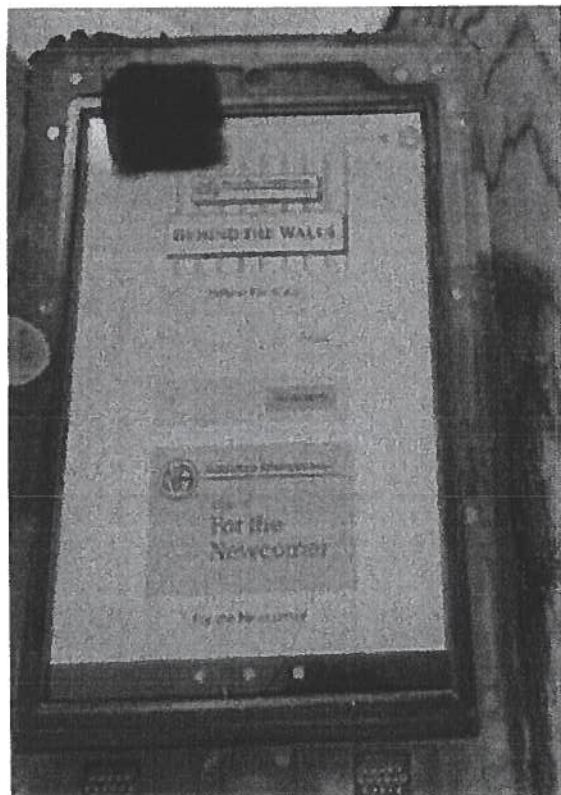
*El triángulo de la autoobsesión*

Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous

*Bienvenido a Narcóticos Anónimos*

Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous

*Guía para trabajar el Cuarto Paso de NA*



**Audio Texts**

***Textos de audio***

Basic Text, 5th Edition, in English and Spanish  
*Texto Básico, 5ª Edición, en inglés y español*

**Recovery Speaker Tapes from WCNA (in English only)**  
***Grabaciones de oradores de la WCNA (solo en inglés)***

Recovery Steps 1-6  
*Pasos de Recuperación 1-6*

Recovery Steps 7-12  
*Pasos de recuperación 7-12*

Friday Main Convention Speaker  
*Orador del Viernes de la convención principal*

Saturday Convention Speakers from Around the World, part 1  
*Oradores de alrededor del mundo del día sábado de la convención, parte 1*

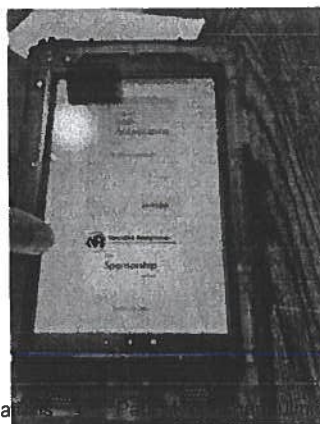
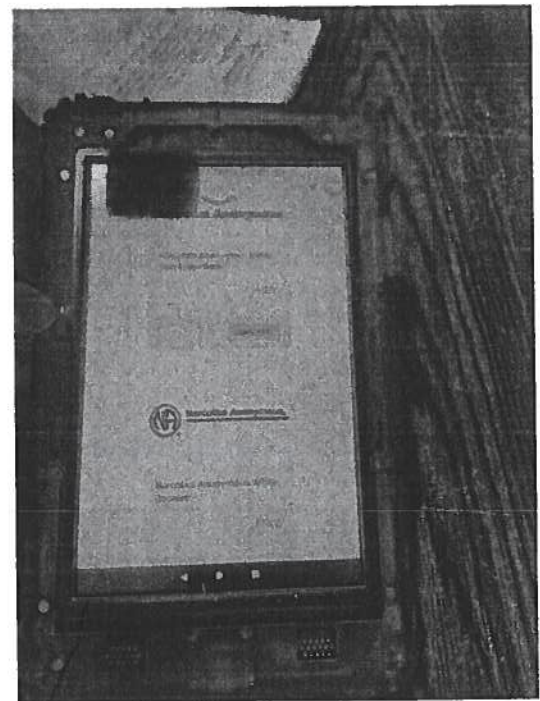
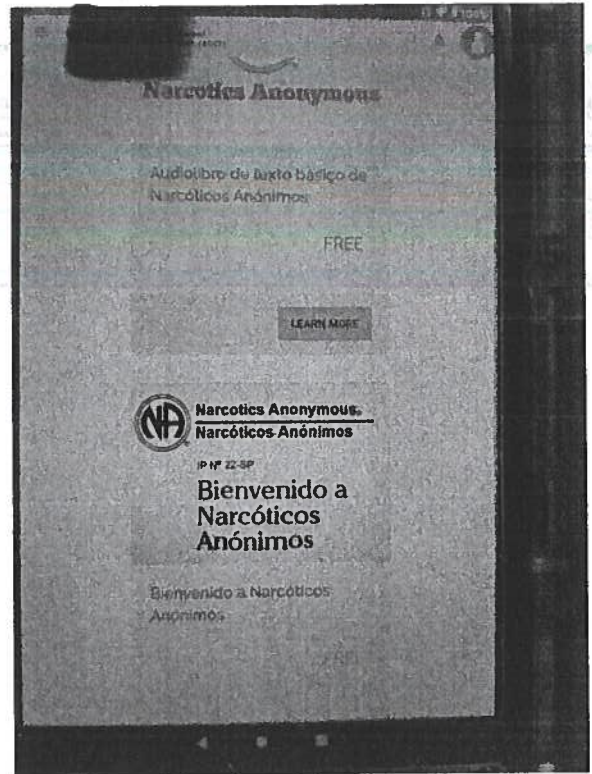
Saturday Convention Speakers from Around the World, part 2  
*Oradores de alrededor del mundo del día sábado de la convención, parte 2*

Speaker from Croatia (Sandra)  
*Oradora de Croacia (Sandra)*

Speaker from Russia (Igor)  
*Orador de Rusia (Igor)*

Speaker from New York (Vincent)  
*Orador de Nueva York (Vincent)*

Worldwide Virtual Prison Linkup  
*Link virtual de penitenciarias a nivel mundial*



These instructions were written based on using the Cypherworx educational app on GTL/Viopath tablets issued to the incarcerated in Ohio prisons.

The process to find the materials will probably be different when using tablets in county jails and in prisons in states other than Ohio, and on tablets manufactured by Securus or other producers.

Content should also be available via the Edovo educational app in Summer 2024.

Many thanks to our incarcerated member John N. at Allen Oakwood in Lima, OH for writing the instructions in English, and to Central Ohio Area of NA member Roberto M. for translating them to Spanish.

## **HOW TO GET TO THE NA RESOURCES VIA CYPHERWORX**

### **Como llegar a los recursos de NA a través de CYPHERWORX**

Step 1 - Turn on player and put in inmate ID number with the number two in front of you ID number.

*Paso 1 – Abra la aplicación y ponga el número de identificación del recluso con el número 2 en frente de su número de identificación*

Press LOGIN, and then press LOG IN ONLINE.

*Presione INICIAR SESIÓN, a continuación presione INICIAR SESIÓN EN LÍNEA*

Step 2 - Put in your inmate pass code, Press LOG ON and hit ACCEPT.

*Paso 2 – Coloque el número de identificación del recluso, presione INICIAR SESIÓN, y seguidamente presione ACEPTAR*

Step 3 - Go to education and press START

*Paso 3 – Diríjase a Educación y presione INICIAR*

Step 4 - Press Cypherworx

*Paso 4 – Presione Cypherworx*

Step 5 - Press menu button top left corner, which looks like this ☰

*Paso 5 – Presione el botón menú en la esquina superior izquierda, el cual se ve de la siguiente manera ☰*

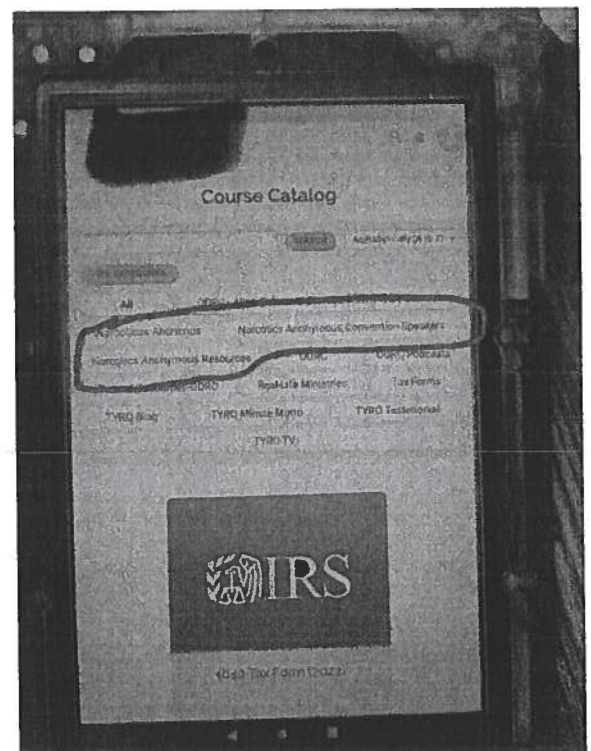
Step 6 - Press COURSE CATALOG

*Paso 6 – Presione Catálogo de cursos*

Step 7 - Press SHOW CATEGORIES.

There you will find the NA resources.

*Paso 7 – Presione MOSTRAR CATEGORIAS, allí encontrará los recursos de NA*



**List of Ohio prisons and County Jails with NA resources on tablets through Cypherworx as of May 2024. Contact Paul M. at [cbusnapaulm@gmail.com](mailto:cbusnapaulm@gmail.com)**

Ashland County OH
CCA_Northeast Ohio
Clark County OH
CoreCivic - NE Ohio
CoreCivic CCNO, OH
Delaware County OH
Franklin County OH Corrections center
Franklin County OH Corrections II
Greene County Adult Detention Center OH
Lucas County, OH
Monroe County OH
ODRC - Allen-Oakwood Correct. Inst. (AOCI)
ODRC - Belmont Correctional Institution (BECI)
ODRC - Chillicothe Correct. Institution (CCI)
ODRC Ohio Reformatory for Women
ODRC-Correctional Reception Center (CRC)
ODRC-Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI)
ODRC-Franklin Medical Center (FMC)
ODRC-Grafton Correctional Institution (GCI)
ODRC-Lake Erie Correctional Institution (LEC)
ODRC-Lebanon Correctional Institution (LeCI)
ODRC-London Correctional Institution (LOCI)
ODRC-Lorain Correctional Institution (LORCI)
ODRC-Madison Correct. Institution (MACI)
ODRC-Mansfield Correct. Institution (MANCI)
ODRC-Marion Correctional Institution (MCI)
ODRC-Noble Correctional Institution (NCI)
ODRC-North Central Correctional Complex (NCCC)
ODRC-Northeast Ohio Corr. Center (NEOCC)
ODRC-Northeast Reintegration Center (NEPRC)
ODRC-Ohio State Penitentiary (OSP)
ODRC-Pickaway Correctional Institution (PCI)
ODRC-Richland Correctional Institution (RICI)
ODRC-Ross Correctional Institution (RCI)
ODRC-Southeastern Correct. Institution (SCI)
ODRC-Southern Ohio Correct. Facility (SOCF)
ODRC-Toledo Correctional Institution (TOCI)
ODRC-Trumbull Correctional Institution (TCI)
ODRC-Warren Correctional Institution (WCI)
ODYS Circleville JCF
ODYS Cuyahoga Hills JCF
ODYS Indian River JCF
Ohio River Valley Correctional Center (aka Star Justice Center)
Ottawa County OH
Paulding County OH
Portage County OH
Scioto County OH
Summit County OH
Washington County OH Jail
West Central Community Correctional Facility OH
Muskingum ( OH