



August Minutes 2015

Apologies: Rebecca M. (Vice Chair); Dermot M. (Killarney GSR); Cailim F. (GSR. Solas Saturday); Tony K. (Convention Chair);

Attendance List: Bert M. (Chair); Michelle W.(Secretary); Joe E.(H&I Chair: GSR Skibbereen); Tasha F. (H&I Secretary); John M. (Treasurer); Donnacha K.(GSR La Verna); Dylan I. (GSR GF & Phone vice chair); Anthony K. (GSR Limerick); Patrick S. (Phone Chair & GSR Waterford); Brendan O. (PR Chair); Mark C. (GSR we do recover); Eric S.(Member); Glen O. (Member); Darragh M. (Member); Ruth F. (Member); Carmel C. (Member); Gavin C. (Member); Amy O. (Member); Jack R. (Member); Darren N. (Member); Diarmund O. (Member); Michael F. (Member); Niamh O. (Events & Fundraising Chair); Pam W. (Literature Chair); James O (GSR Churchfield); Paul J. (PR committee); Claire A. (GSR Women's Meeting).

Sub Committee Reports

Treasurers report: John M

Opening balance: €180.57

Donations: €460

Expenses: €350.50

Prudent reserve: €2200

Working balance: €275.07

Public Relations: Brendan O'B. (Chair), Paul N. (Webmaster), Peter H. (Social Media Advertisement), Paul J. (Poster Distribution Campaign).

The PR presentation at the Ballincollig was a success as we had representatives from An Garda Siochana and The Simon Community in attendance. Both of these organisations have been contacted with a view to arranging PR presentations for their staff and/or service users.

Thank you to Niall and Tor for speaking at the presentation, and to other NA members in attendance for helping field the questions and answer session.

Thanks to the members of Narcotics Anonymous Ennis for sticking up posters last month. If any groups would like posters for their area, please contact either myself or Paul J.

Expense for this month are €10.50 for phone credit.

The next PR meeting will take place in The NA offices in YMCA, Marlboro Street on Tuesday August 25th at 7pm.

Literature Report: Pam W. (Chair); Mairead B. (Literature Alt.)

Total sales € 171.00

Total ordered € 171.00

Most recently the committee bought an internet dongle but have yet to secure internet access in order to start the on line shop.

Outreach Report Jamie B. (Chair) Martin L. (Secretary) No report

Phone report: Patrick S (Chair) Dylan, I. (Vice Chairperson)

The Helpline received 12 calls this month. The breakdowns of these calls are as follows:

4 members rang the phone looking for meetings.

3 newcomers rang the phone looking for advice I put 1 onto a member in Waterford for a chat and a meeting. I gave the others locations and times of meetings.

3 concerned family members rang the phone looking for advice.

2 professionals rang the phone. 1 of these was a counsellor from the rape crisis centre in Waterford she rang about a young woman she was working with and explained she was very vulnerable. I offered to try have a female member meet her and go to a meeting and she said she would let me no. the other call was a woman working in limerick prison by the name of Caroline Dyer, she was enquiring about having meetings in both the male and female part of the prison. I have contacted Joe from H&I about this and passed on Caroline's contact details.

I still strongly feel that there needs to be a plan regarding the phone credit. I've had to use my personal phone and then people have my number. I can't block the number due to people not answering. There are also still calls from the eastern area on the phone.

Events & Fundraising

Rebecca the vice chair had been in touch to give support. Thank you Rebecca.

I had been given two numbers of members Marc and Jamie who wanted to put on an event.

I have been corresponding with Marc and am waiting to hear what there event is. In service

Niamh O

Convention Report SACNA 10 Final Report “The Message Remains the Same...Keep Coming Back” 25th July, Oriel House Hotel

Convention Committee: Chairperson: Tony K.; Treasurer: Dara D.; Secretary: Anoushka M.;
Design & Entertainment: Cyril R.

- On behalf of the Convention Committee 2015 we would like to say a few words of appreciation and thanks to everybody who attended and supported the Convention in such big numbers to make it a huge success. We would like to begin by thanking all those who contributed to the beautiful and very moving commemorative presentation in honour of all our members who have passed away and to their loved ones and families for allowing us to share this with everyone. Our two main speakers Damien D (Limerick) and Ber T (Cork) for their wonderful stories and insights of hope and strength. The Southern Area Committee – Bert, Michelle, John and Rebecca and all its members for supporting us with this idea and entrusting us with the essential funding of the Convention Prudent Reserve of €2000, which made this convention possible. Our sub-committees: Registration... Trevor and Paul and all their volunteers on the day – Dylan, Ben, Julia, Donnacha, Jake, Lisa and Yvonne. Welcoming Committee: Olivia & Gillian: Volunteers Roisin, Francie, Mark W (Limerick), Rebecca (Limerick), Emma and Mark (Cork). Marathon meeting co-ordinator Matty R and secretaries Lee, Jamie, Miriam, Sarah and Annmarie. Our speakers and secretaries for the workshops – Grainne, Wayne, Mark, Andy, Irene, Joe, Dee, Noel, Brendan, Mary, Alan, Caroline and secretaries Martin, Grainne, Jenni, Paul and Noel. Conor F for his assistance in selling raffle tickets. Brendan O (PR) for all his hard work in organising the PR workshop and Tor for speaking at it.

Cyril R for all his hard work in designing the commemorative presentation. Damhnait H for acting as MC on the day, Wayne for the Cleantime Countdown and Martin G and Rob for taping all of the workshops and Karl who acted as our sound engineer on the day. Mary H and Alan H for introducing the main speakers. DC Graphics, Ballincollig Trophy Centre, South Parish Community Centre and the Oriel House Hotel staff and management for their spot prizes, complimentary rooms, hospitality, help and service on the day and leading up to the Convention. And everyone who donated generously towards the newcomer and registration funds and to all who purchased raffle and banquet tickets. Without you all it wouldn't have been possible – thank you all so much!

Finally, we would like to thank everybody who travelled from Cork, Limerick, Dublin, Kerry, Waterford, Clare, Carlow, Drogheda, Galway, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Portlaois, Tipperary, Wexford, Wicklow, Liverpool, Newcastle, Down and London.

- Over 200 members registered
- 7 newcomers were given free registration

- 14 Banquet tickets were given to newcomers
- 9 Basic Texts were given to newcomers
- 160 people sat down to the banquet meal
- Over 250 people in total passed through the doors to attend the Convention on the day

Treasurer's Report for Southern Area Convention 25th July 2015

Expense:	€3,293.01
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Convention Costings:

Hotel Deposit for Room Hire:	€250.00
DC Graphics – Printing Flyers x 2000	€220.00
DC Graphics – Printing A4 Colour Posters x 600	€180.00
DC Graphics – Printing Banquet Tickets x 250	€100.00
DC Graphics – Printing & Set up of Address Labels x 201	€200.00
DC Graphics – Printing of 2 page Convention Letter x 201	€30.00
DC Graphics – Printing of Registration Tags x 250	€170.00
DC Graphics – Printing of Registration Sheets x 50	€4.00
DC Graphics – Printing of Welcome Pack x 250	€37.50
DC Graphics – Printing of Raffle Prize Posters x 250	€20.00
DC Graphics – Printing of Marathon Meetings x 250	€20.00
DC Graphics – Printing of NA Meeting Lists x 250	€20.00
DC Graphics – Printing of Record Speaker Sheets x 20	€1.60
Eason's – 9 packs of A4 white envelopes @ €4.99	€44.91
Postage stamps x 190 @ €1.20 each	€228.00
350 Lanyards from China @ €0.82 each	€290.00
Generic People Special Visual Effect	€300.00
DJ Equipment Hire – Ian Richards	€300.00
Trophy Centre – 8ft x 4ft NA Stage signs	€120.00

Raffle 1 st Prize – Match Tickets	€75.00
Raffle 5 th Prize – Set of Gift Edition Books	€70.00
NA Basic Texts for Newcomers x 9	€117.00
Balloons for Banquet Tables 16x €4 + Delivery €16	€80.00
T-Shirts for Welcome Committee x 4	€40.00
Hand held Stampers for Security Access x 2	€25.00
Newcomers Banquet Tickets x 14 @ €25 each	€350.00
Total Cost of Convention	<u>€3,293.01</u>

Income from Convention:

Registrations: €2,650.00

176 members registered at €15 each = €2,550

3 members registered at €10 each = €30

13 members registered at €5 each = €65

2 members registered at €2.50 each = €5

7 newcomers given free registration

Total Registrations – 201

Newcomers Fund: €609.01

Raffle: €943.00

Total Income from Convention: €4202.01

Total Cost of Convention: €3293.01

Profit from Convention: €909.00

Goodwill Gesture (Oriel House) €250.00

Total €1159.00

*Voucher for 2016 (Oriel House) €250.00

Vice chair report:

Niamh - Events and Fundraising: I called Niamh and got no answer. I left her a voicemail.

Jamie - Outreach: I text and called Jamie and his phone seemed to be off or out of coverage. I did speak to him since the last meeting and he is looking for ideas of ways to get outreach and the message out to more isolated areas where there are not meetings.

Patrick - Phone Chair and Dylan - Vice Chair: sent an email to see how the phone is going.

Colin - ASR: I couldn't get through to Colin so I left him a voicemail. He called me back and will call me later with more information as he was at work.

Joe - H&I – Chair I couldn't get through to Joe so I left him a message.

Tash - H&I Secretary: Tash emailed report into Michelle. Herself and Damien met with Limerick Prison - the governor, chief and prison officer. The meeting went well. They are willing to have NA come into prison and Limerick NA due to enter in prison in October. Provided members return prison clearance form for men's and women's unit. Members are to contact Tash or Damien for clearance forms. Once member's get clearing they'll have an induction in groups of about four or five about what to do and not to do, what to wear and bring in etc. Its run by the prison themselves not by H&I.

Bert - Chair: I left Bert a voicemail.

It seems not many of the sub-committee's wants to talk to me this month!

ASR Report (Michelle W. reported on behalf of Colin P at last month's region meeting in Oriel house hotel Cork)

Literature: We now have a step by step manual for ordering on line.

Southern Area Phone query: 6 members looking for times and locations of meetings, again a number of these were from Eastern Area still seems to be a problem getting through.

Communicated this with Stephen H. who will look into this problem with the eastern phone.

Also GSRS can contribute donations to area through NA account, but please contact southern area to leave a message to say if you have deposited money. munsterarea@hotmail.com

IRCNA 30 NEWS - for the convention in November we are hoping to make a film celebrating the last 29 conventions. We are asking members to make short films (on their phones is fine) all clips should be kept short max 10 seconds each. We are inviting members to upload them to the google drive address – IRCNA2015@gmail.com. Deadline for video clips is 01/09/2015 So please consider answering the questions below - if you wish include your name and home group. Sample questions: What was your best Irish Regional Convention? And why? What would you like to see at the next convention? What in particular about the Irish conventions that keeps you coming back? If you have served at a convention what made it special for you?

Will be a National Service Day 26th September 3-8pm at St. Andrews Hall Rialto Dublin.

It was recognised at region that appreciation was expressed for the Unity Day held in Cork it was fantastic and very appreciated.

It was forwarded that we have a minutes silence on 12th august at NA meetings in memory of Bob B. who wrote the story in the basic text "I found the only NA meeting in the world" Bob B.

H&I: Joe E. (Chair 0874150813); Natasha F. (Secretary 086 077 6991)

Group Reports:

Bruree Men

Sec: Tom H, Brendan

Speakers: Tom, Andrew I.

No. Meetings: 1

Expenses: 15

Average Attendance: 0

Group Report: Going very well. 2nd Secretary needed

Bruree Women

Sec: Aileen

Speakers: Yvonne K, Aileen W

No. Meetings: 1

Expenses: 10e

Average Attendance: 18

Group Report: Meeting going very well

St. Helens

Sec: Stephen, Dara D

Speakers: Brian C, Rob

No. Meetings: 1

Expenses: 0

Average Attendance: 15

Group Report: Good

St. Michaels No Report

Cara Lodge

Sec: Joe E

Speakers: Stuart

No. Meetings: 2

Expenses: 0

Average Attendance: 4

Group Report: Going well

Tabor Lodge

Sec: Terry, Aishling

Speakers: Dylan, Valerie

No. Meetings: 2

Expenses: €10

Average Attendance: 18

Group Report: Good

Ceimele House

Sec: Joanne

Speakers: Dylan

No. Meetings: 1

Expenses: 40

Average Attendance: 10

Group Report: Good

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Sec: Rebecca

Speakers: Darren

No. Meetings: 1

Average Attendance: 3

Group Report: Good

Farnanes

Sec: Mairead

Speakers: Claire M, Olivia H

No. Meetings: 1

Expenses: 0

Average Attendance: 30

Group Report: Good. Literature needed

Cork Prison

Sec: Anthony, Gerry M

Speakers: Brendan, John

No. Meetings: 2

Expenses: None

Average Attendance: 2

Group Report: Anthony again asks for members to put their names forward for prison speakers. 0876720566.

If you would like to get involved could you please submit two passport photos, current address, past 10 year address's and date of birth. Clean time 1 year, male speakers. Meeting is weekly on Friday mornings at 11am

hospitals.institutions.nasouth@gmail.com

- Vice chairperson for H&I Committee needed urgently
- Total expenses €85

One enquiry came to the attention of H&I this month.

Limerick Prison contacted Southern Area phone line this month enquiring about meetings in both the men and women's unit. Tasha to follow up this enquiry in Limerick with Damien D.

Tasha's Report:

Caroline Dyer's, a staff member of Limerick Prison, contact number was passed onto myself from Patrick S, Chairperson of Na phone service for the southern area. Myself and Damien D are following up with the prison. Damien rang the prison back to organise a meeting with the prison to discuss the possibility of NA starting H&I meetings in the men and women's unit. We are scheduled to meet Caroline on Friday 28th of August at 9.30am. Myself and Damien are meeting in my place in Limerick tomorrow to put together questions and concerns raised here in Limerick by the members who are willing to put themselves forward for clearance. I have also been in regular contact with Joe who is putting together a literature pack to present to the prison. We are treating

this meeting like a mini PR event. We are going on the basis that Na was in there years ago but has not been in for a good few years. The staff has changed over the years. So we are going with our PR hats with the aim to present and educate the current staff on Na and what we can do for the still struggling addict. I have been in contact with Brendan O'B, PR Chairperson he is on board and is to send on a presentation for us to help us in the meeting. Until the 28th I won't have any more info about a confirmation or meetings being allowed in the prison. I will report back as soon as I do. We also have a member in Clare, Conor who is offering his service to us as he was the sec for the meeting in Limerick Prison when it as running those years ago and he has been incredibly helpful. Very excited about Limerick Prison possibilities. ☺

Expenses List	
Bruree – men: Brendan, Tom	15
Bruree – women: Aileen	10
Tabor Lodge: Terry, Aishling	20
Ceimele: Pat	40
Total	85

Group Reports Cork City

Georges Quay: Women's Meeting Monday 6.30-7.45

Average attendance: 8

Any other business: meeting going well. Urgently **looking for a treasurer for this group**

No report for: **Rutland Street:** Men's Meeting Monday 7pm: **Hillside Solas:** Monday 8.15pm:

Eason's Hill: Tuesday 6.15pm & **Trinity:** Tuesday 8.00pm

Churchfield: Wednesday 6.30

Average Attendance: 13

Group report: James O is the new GSR for this group, group going well, **needs a secretary.**

Donation: €10

G.F Strength & Hope Wednesday 8pm and Sunday 2pm

Average Attendance: 20

Group Report: meeting has moved location from GF CUH to Inniscarrig Centre, (Erinville Hospital), Western Rd, Cork

La Verna Thursdays 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 30

Group report: Meeting going well all positions filled.

Donation: will be included in next month's donation.

Dominican Centre: Friday morning 11.30 - 12.30 No report

Rutland Street: We Do Recover South Parish Community Centre Cork

Friday & Sunday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 30

Group Report: group is going well.

Group Announcements: the group are willing to submit phone numbers for the phone line as contact for newcomers to get direction and support. The meeting is wheelchair accessible. Jamie B is voted in as new secretary, Eddie finished his position.

Donation: € 60

Dominican Centre: Saturday 3.00pm No report:

Donation: €40

Hillside Solas: Saturday 8pm No report

Cork County

Fermoy: Thursday 8.00pm No report

Skibbereen: Friday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 6

Group report: meeting going well all positions are filled

Donation: €20

Youghal: Nagle House Friday 8.00 No report

Kerry

No report's for: **Tralee Community Development:** Monday; Thursday & Saturday 8.00pm

Our Lady & St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre: The Presbytery, Upper Rock Street, Tralee: Tuesday & Wednesday 1.30-2.45pm; **Listowel:** Friday 8:00 PM; **Killarney Pastoral Centre:** Tuesday 8:00 pm & **Talbot Grove:** Sunday 8:00 PM

John Street, Dingle: Tuesday 7:30 PM & Friday 8.30

Group report: all going well in Dingle

Average Attendance: 5

Contact Tor 0872220853 or Bert 0831246634)

Waterford

Waterford City: St John's Monday 6.00PM; Tuesday 8.00PM; Friday 8.00PM Saturday 1.00PM & Sunday 8.00PM & St **Francis:** Wednesday 8.00PM

Group report: group going well & growing-finances are becoming less of a problem as the group is making headway on debts; this has only come to light in the last few months. All positions filled.

Any other business: Special thank you to Tom F for his service as GSR for St John's group.

Average Attendance: 28

Edmund Rice Centre: Thursday 7.00PM

Group report: group going well

Average attendance: 6

Limerick

Abbey field: Monday 8.00PM No Report

Henry Street; Br Russell House: Monday; Wednesday & Friday 8.30PM; & **St John's Church:** Saturday 12.15 & 1PM; Sunday 6.30PM

Group report: all positions are filled, group going well

Any other business; It was raised by the group the query if they are breaking Traditions by using a members cash and carry business account to buy tea and coffee?

Average Attendance: 17

Donation: €300

No reports: **_Tipperary Aiséirí:** Wednesday 8.30pm ; **Clonmel:** Sunday & Tuesday 8.30pm **Clare :** **Shannon town, Clare:** Sunday 8.30PM: **Clare Ennis Friary:** Monday & Thursday 8.30PM; Saturday 8.30PM & **Bushy Park, Ennis, Co. Clare:** Friday 8:30 PM:

Any other business:

- In response to the query brought up by Limerick GSR concerning using a member's cash and carry account to buy the groups refreshments. It was agreed by consensus that this was not breaking Traditions to continue to use this method to provide the respective groups with refreshments.
- The Annual General Meeting will be held at area Sunday 13th September. The officers of the committee shall be elected by ballot to serve for 13 months (1 year plus 1 month handover) or until their successors are elected and their term of office shall begin at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. The following positions will be up for election clean time and commitment time are also outlined:

Chairperson: To open the meeting at the appointed time, by taking the chair and calling the meeting to order, having ascertained that a quorum is present. To announce in proper sequence the business that comes before the assembly in accordance with the prescribed order of business. To recognise members who are entitled to the floor. To state and to put to vote all questions that legitimately come before the assembly as motions or that otherwise arise in the course of proceedings except questions that relate to the chairperson, and to announce the result of each vote. Or if a motion that is not in order is made, to rule it out of order. To protect the assembly from obviously frivolous or dilatory motions by refusing to recognise them. To enforce the rules relating to debate and to order and decorum within the committee when appropriate. To decide all questions of order, subject to appeal - unless, when in doubt, the chairperson prefers to submit such a question to the assembly for decision. To respond to enquiries of members relating to parliamentary

procedure or factual information bearing on the business of the assembly. To authenticate by the Chairperson's signature, when necessary, all acts, orders, and proceedings of the assembly. To declare the Meeting adjourned when the assembly so votes or, where applicable, at the time prescribed in the program, or at any time in the event of an emergency affecting the safety of those present. To arrange the agenda for each meeting. To conduct the general correspondence of the committee. To be co-signer of the committee bank account. To make a report of the year's work at the AGM. To conduct the meeting with impartiality and fairness. To appoint all ad-hoc committees: **3-5 years clean-time.**

Commitment: 1 year.

Vice-Chairperson: Serve as Chairperson in the absence of Chairperson. Co-ordinate the functions of any committees. Be a co-signer of the committee's bank account. **2-3 years clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.**

Treasurer : Be the custodian of the committee's funds. Be a co-signer of the committee's bank account. Make a report of receipts and disbursements at each regular meeting. Make a full financial report at the annual meeting. Disburse funds as necessary in accordance with committee decisions when the funds are available. **3-5 years clean-time.**

Commitment: 1 year.

Secretary : In the absence of the Chairperson vice chairperson or ASR to call the meeting to order and to preside until the election of a Chairperson pro-tem. Keep a record of all the proceedings of the committee. Keep on file all committee reports. Maintain the committee's files and archives. Keep and update the committee's official membership list; and to call the roll where it is required. Make the minutes and records available to NA members upon request, and in the manner prescribed by the committee. Maintain record books in which the guidelines, special rules of order, standing rules and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these documents properly recorded and to have the current record books on hand at every meeting. Notify the participants of each special meeting, utilising such method of notification as is agreed by the committee. Distribute copies of the minutes to each officer and voting participant no later than one month following each meeting. **2-3 years clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.**

Area Service Representative (ASR) : In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice chairperson to serve as chairperson. To represent the committee at the Regional Service Committee of Ireland and if requested at other NA events. Make a report at each meeting covering the business of the Area Service Committee Meetings. Conduct such meetings as are necessary to develop a group conscience regarding issues effecting NA as a whole. If there is a need, where it would benefit the area, the ASR should attend service workshops, and

the ASR should be funded to attend, provided the area has the funds. **3-5 years clean-time.**

Commitment: 2 years

Area Service Representative alternate: In the absence of the ASR to serve as ASR. To attend the Regional Service Committee of Ireland (RSCI). **2-3 years clean-time**

Commitment: 1 year.

Phone: Co-ordinate and be responsible for the manning of the NA phone line. To pass the phone every three months. Cork-September 2015, Waterford for November 2015 and Tipp will take over in February 2016. Keep up to date log of all calls and relevant information received. Submit monthly reports detailing phone activity. **2-3 years clean-time.**

Commitment: 1 year.

Literature: Serve as a central resource of NA approved literature for Groups within the Southern Area. Maintain adequate stock of literature and merchandise to meet the demands of the group within the Southern area. Responsible for the updating, printing, and distribution of Southern Area meetings list. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting, including all expenses. Management of literature funds. Keep log of all key holders. Keep log of all subcommittees using office as a meeting space. Responsible for the office contents, office records and archiving. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all phone and office activity including all expenses. Submit detailed end of year financial report. **2-3 years clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.**

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I): To serve as a central H&I resource of information and experience for Groups within the Southern Area. To be a central point of contact and to help co-ordinate any H&I Activity in the Southern Area and with groups. To actively seek out opportunities to carry the NA message through H&I efforts, in the Southern Area. To organise and conduct H & I Learning Days, as requested by the groups. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all H & I activity including all expenses.

2-3 years clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.

Public Relations: To serve as a central resource of PR information and experience for Groups within the Southern Area. To be a central point of contact and to help co-ordinate any PR Activity that involves more than one group or that takes place over the entire Southern Area. To actively seek out opportunities to carry the NA message through PR efforts, within the Southern Area. To organise and conduct PR/PI Learning Days, as requested by the groups. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all PR/PI activity including all expenses. **2-3 years clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.**

Fundraising & Events : Organise regular events to promote unity within Southern area. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all committee activity.

Organise fundraising events in southern area as requested by the Southern Area. Manage funds responsibly. A detailed financial report is required following each fundraising event, including expenses, profit etc. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all fundraising activity including all expenses. **2-3 years clean-time.**

Commitment: 1 year.

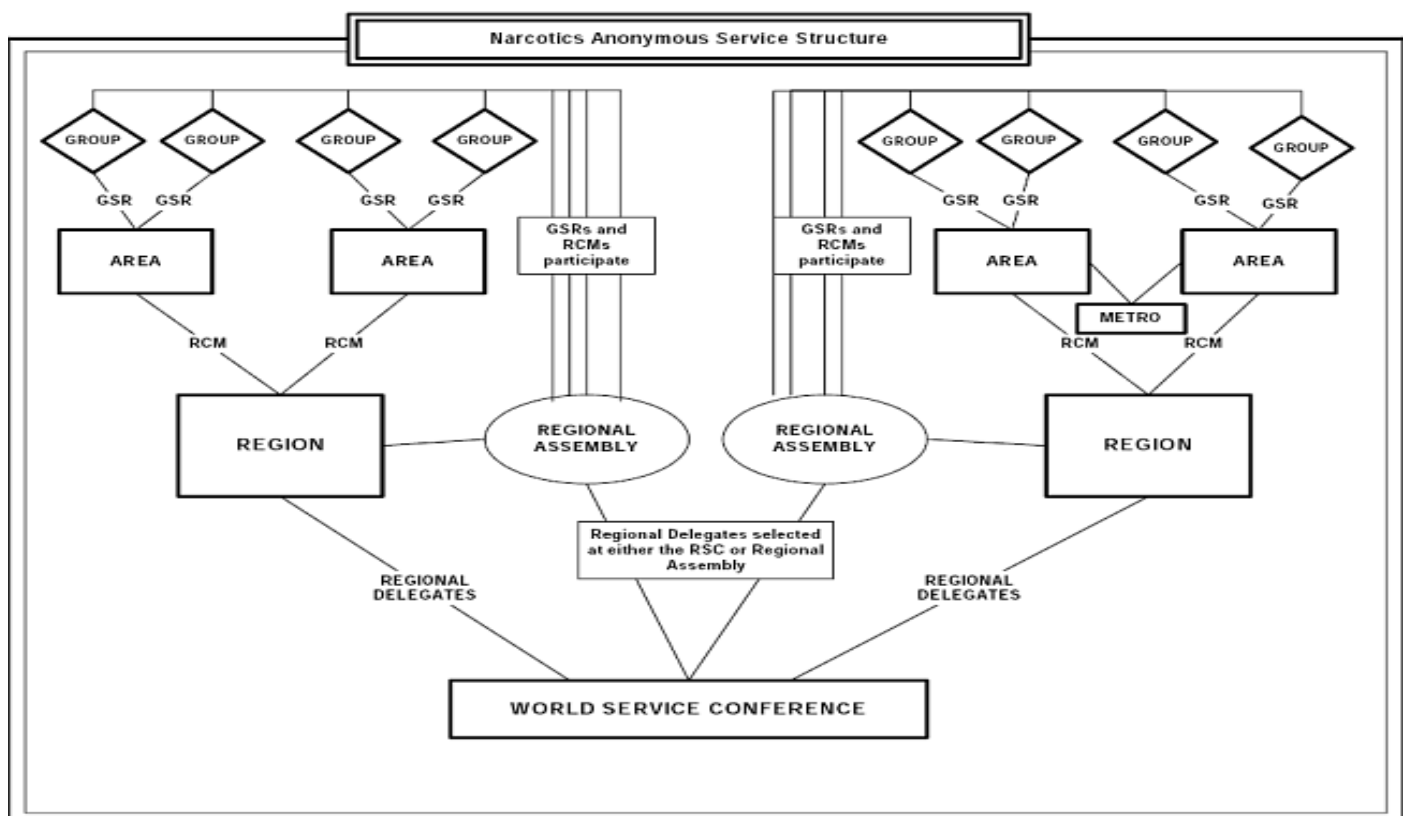
Outreach: It is the duty of the outreach chairperson to :Organise and co-ordinate drivers and members to attend groups in need of support. Central point of contact for groups in need of support to answer questions etc... Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all outreach activity including all expenses. **1 year clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.**

Webmaster: It is the duty of the webmaster to: Update and maintain Southern Area website. Submit written monthly report at SASC meeting highlighting all committee activity: **1 year clean-time. Commitment: 1 year.**

New business:

The subcommittees explained their roles to the attendees in Waterford.

- Positions read out and clean time requirement for positions-service structure was briefly explained to members new to area and the diagram below shows the detail:



- Fundraising & Events; Mark C. will bring proposal to next area.
- Elizabeth M. needs to get re-imbursed for welcome pack for Ennistymon meeting.
- Invitation – IRCNA 30 – 8th August '15:

Dear Area Chair and Area members,

The Irish Regional Convention 2015 is in Tralee, Co Kerry on November 6th-8th.

We realize that this clashes with the normal date for your monthly area committee meeting.

Many apologies for this bad planning on our part.

We would like to invite you all to hold your area meeting as normal on Sunday 8th but in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee. (There would be no charge for the room as we have the hotel for the weekend.)

We are inviting all four areas to hold their meetings after the closing meeting of the convention. We would be intent on having everything wrapped up with plenty of time for area meetings to start at 3pm.

The chair of the Southern Area has expressed an interest in having a meeting with the chairs of the other three areas. We can make a room available.

Please email us back asap regarding this as we need to allocate the rooms and inform the hotel. We would also need an idea of how many people might be at your meeting so we can make sure to give you a big enough room.

We hope to see you all at the convention.

In service , Tor and the IRCNA committee.

- It was agreed that we will hold the Southern area after the Tralee Convention.

A special thank you to the Waterford members that hosted last month's area in August, welcome to Waterford was extended to the members of the meeting by Patrick S. Gratitude for the hospitality; especially to Vicky H, for preparing the food and for the members that travelled far to attend the meeting .

The Annual General Meeting of the Southern Area will be held on Sunday 13th September 3pm at YMCA Marlboro Street, Cork*

*At the AGM positions will be voted on to be filled and after the voting the area meeting will be held; the meeting in total will still be held over the normal hours: 3-5pm: all members are encouraged to attend this meeting.