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Opening		
1. Open	Robin H.	
2. Pettiness Prayer	Suzanne C.	
3. Twelve Traditions	Brian B.	
4. Host - 7 th Tradition – (Cash App ID) The 7th Tradition states, "Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Our Host will now put info into the chat about contributing to North Hall by CashApp or by sending a check.	Robin H.	
5. Review August Minutes (M)	No	90% 0%
6. Finalize Agenda (M)	Robin H. Motion to approve Stephan C., 2nd Suzanne C. GC approved.	

Presentation by Area Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Rep

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Reports

1. General Secretary Report – Robin H.

In the past North Hall has suspended members for a period of time after dangerous behavior. This is a balance of Tradition 3 where the only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking and Tradition 1 where our common welfare comes first. Recently, after extensive discussion with the Steering Committee, on North Hall's behalf, I suspended Rod G until this Group Conscience meeting. This was because of an escalating pattern of bullying and hate speech. After a verbal altercation at North Hall, Rod G sent bullying text messages to several members in June. Then in August, he sent a series of bullying text messages, including hate speech, to Niki. Rod G has been suspended since August 24, 2023. I don't know of any problems since then.

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Motion: Made by Suzanne C, 2nd Michael F. Rod G will be suspended until the October Group Conscience. If there are no further problems, the suspension will end after the October Group Conscience.

Discussion:

Noah- asked if the suspension could be 60 days and said he feels uncomfortable with Rod G at the hall.

Diane U- stressed the importance of unity in our group.

Rod G- said that he was attacked by a steering committee member and was advised not to share the details of that situation in this meeting because the issue may go to court. He said there have been no other issues since he was denied the door code. He does not recall sending threatening emails. He does not believe this action is within the AA traditions. He said he has not had an opportunity to defend himself.

Brian B- is unfamiliar with the dynamic going on. His opinion is that if the issue is between 2 or 3 individuals that it be considered an outside issue. Brian believes that if there is an issue inside, it falls to the meeting secretary to remove the individual. He does not understand the need to ban someone and said this smacks of elitism. He is dismayed by this motion to ban someone.

Robin H- we have a responsibility to make AA safe. Niki was the target because of her job as meeting coordinator. Robin could read the text messages from Rod G to Niki, but had not wanted to do that.

Suzanne C- this issue is within AA.org's guidelines and has been done previously with disruptive members. This is a difficult topic to balance the sobriety of the person involved with the sobriety of all members.

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Annabelle L- wants to know if Rod G would be banned from all North Hall meetings and activities? Robin H answered "yes".

Sabrina C- stated that this is not about keeping Rod G from all of AA, only from the North Hall building. Sabrina suggests this is not an AA issue, it's a safety issue unrelated to the traditions.

Larry C- stated General Secretaries are not supposed to make a motion or argue for or against banning someone or for or against any other motion. Larry has been in situations previously regarding his behavior in groups and he was never banned. He believes this current situation is an embarrassment.

Kathy K- was around when another person had to be asked to leave the hall and others advocated for him and it became an aggressive issue. Things happened in the hall and Kathy appreciates that others are advocating for Rod, but this is a safety issue, there has been harm done, Rod has been seen yelling and screaming at people in the meeting. Kathy understands this is not an easy decision.

Michael F- Michael is sorry we are experiencing this now, but supports the safety of the hall and does not want to come to a meeting where he feels he and others are unsafe there.

Rod G- said he has not been shown anything. He says Kathy K had some involvement in the issue. Rod said nothing has been said or done by him since June 12 and that he made amends to Kathy. Rod would like the texts and situation others are accusing him of to be described.

Niki S- stated that following the incident at a meeting Rod G made comments about the structure of the fellowship, made faces and then started yelling in

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Niki's face. On 8/15 Rod G texted Niki illicit and hate speech messages.

Rod G- stated he didn't send these messages due to his computer being hacked.

Niki read the text messages. Niki's reason for bringing this to everyone's attention is so others in the fellowship would not be treated this way.

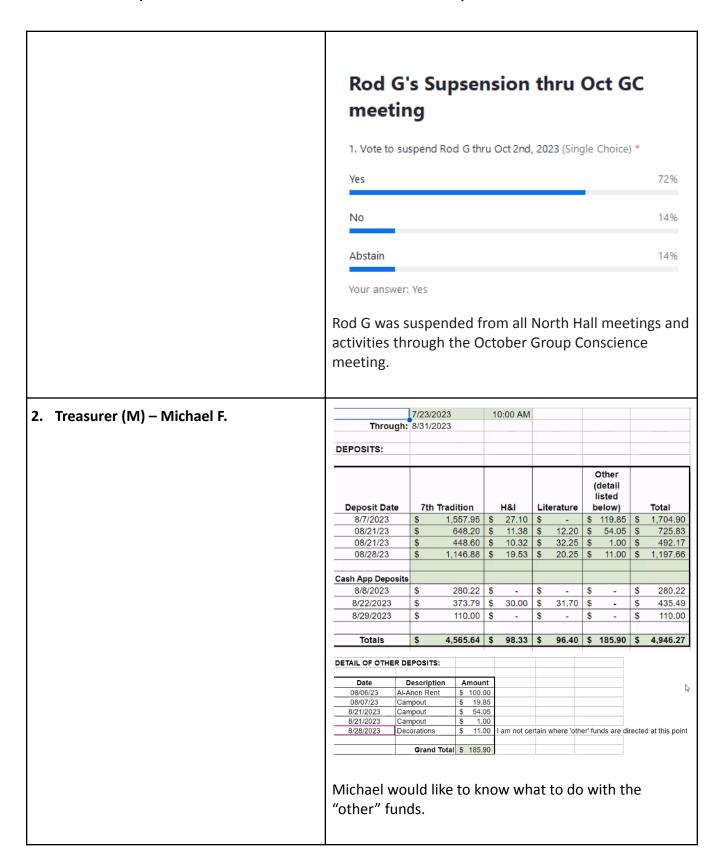
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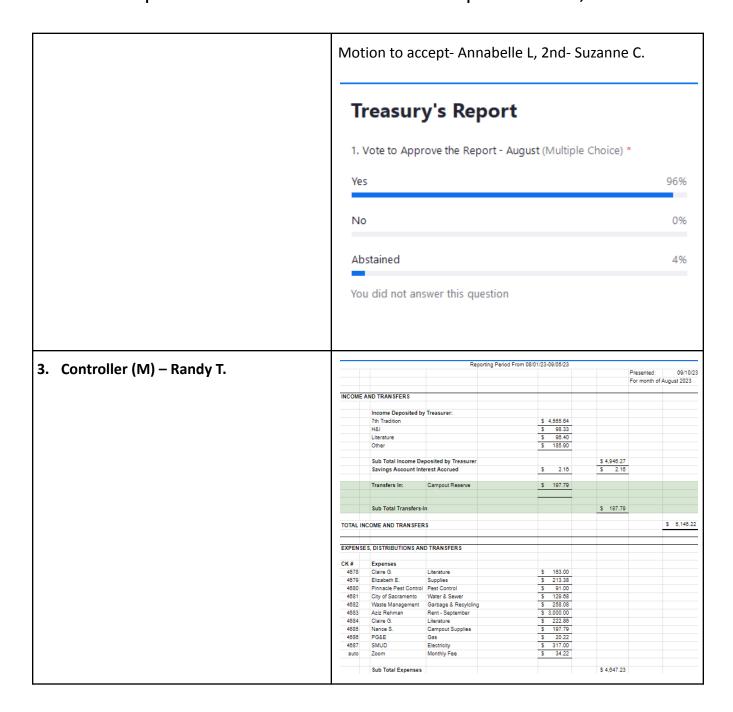
- -Addressing Niki by cruel names (ie "Bitchola", shit for brains, walking fat cell, dumb), made multiple hateful and offensive comments about Niki's weight.
- -Stating that North Hall would be better off without Niki, that Niki is doing a "shitty job" and that others, as well as Rod want Robyn and Niki out of NH. He said that his sponsor and others have asked Rod to get Niki to step down.
- -Saying that Overeaters Anonymous is where Niki should be multiple times through the texts.
- -Stated that Niki is not representative of NH's demographics.
- -Stated that people who lie, dissemble and harm the group deserve this treatment and more.

These texts continued even though Niki asked him to stop texting her multiple times.

Rod G-denies he ever sent the messages.

Andrew G called the question.





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4. GSR – Andrew G.	Andrew appreciated Maija's presentation from PICPC.
	Andrew would like to encourage others who have an interest in general service that they step up. His 2 year term is up.
	Andrew reiterated that there are sponsorships for conferences and workshops.
5. CCFAA – Lauri S.	An alternate CCFAA representative is needed. Election coming soon.
	There are new procedures for CCFAA and Laurie is supposed to bring the NH group conscience thoughts back to the CCFAA group. The procedures are posted on the North Hall website.
6. H & I – Rob L.	At the last H&I meeting it was largely others reporting out on the different H&I organizations.
	There are a number of H&I positions available. They are posted on the back bulletin board hall.
7. Steering Committee – Adrian P.	Met 2 weeks ago.
Kathy K.	Discussed:
Leslie T. Randy R. Rosa Stephan T.	-Pros and cons of suspending someone and researching AA.org and pamphlets on safety. There is a lot of information on this.
	-Proposal regarding gendered meetings and execution, as well as how to regulate gendered meetings.
	-Discussed a potential proposal for a meditation meeting on Tuesdays.
8. Building Committee – Kathy K.	There have not been any building concerns.
Leslie T. Candice (at-large)	Appreciates everyone's continued support regarding the air conditioner and heating systems.

Peggy (at-large) 9. Supplies – Elizabeth E.	Long term member with a lot of experience is willing to install two large drop down fans and the fans have been donated. Kathy will be exploring the types of ways to install. Appreciation to Margaret for the outside landscaping. Supply Report Elizabeth English August, 2023
	TOTAL Reimbursed for July 2023, Check 8-22-23 Balance Owed S Purchases for August Coffee and Decaf Coffee, pull towels, and toilet paper (Receipt is enclosed) August 27, 2023 S308.57 In July I asked for reimbursement for Label Maker Tape (clear and white) in the amounts of \$16.15 and \$32.30, for a total of \$48.45. NH reimbursed me that amount. The amount should have only been \$32.30 (\$14.99 and \$14.99 with \$2.32 tax for a total of \$32.30). The label tape did not fit the NH machine and has been returned to Amazon. They will credit my credit eard the correct amount of \$32.30. I have enclosed a check to NH paid me.
10. Literature – Claire G.	Claire has been unable to find the receipts. Spent a lot of money on literature. Got 6 hard copy big books.
	Claire will try to get the receipts together for next month.
11. Birthday Meeting – Will H.	August Birthday night went well and we celebrated 185 years of sobriety! We got new label tape for the label maker and he will be sure to remember to put the handicapped signs out next time.
12. Monthly Speaker Meeting – Jean G.	Stephan C-
	Last speaker meeting - Niki 20 minute speaker; Tiffany 40 minute speaker. Next month's speakers are Andrian P and Justin B.
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	The speaker meeting chair for the final 3 months of the year is still unknown. Robin will check with Rikki. If Rikki does not want to take the position back, Stephan will do the October meeting.
13. Clean Up – Robin	Faeth is the chair and we also have a new co-chair.
14. Technology Chair – Ames	Ames - not present
15. Meeting Coordinator – Niki N.	Meetings are going fine. The Saturday zoom meetings could use more support. Please volunteer if you can at the next elections.
16. Decorations Chair - Noah C.	Noah remains the chair through Halloween. Halloween decorating will be shared with Shane S and they will ask for volunteers to decorate for Halloween also.
17. Campout Chair - Kathy K.	There are still receipts to submit. A few people are interested in joining the campout committee for next year.

Meeting Secretary Roll Call: Updated 9/11/23

Meeting Day	Meeting Time	In-Person Secretary	Y/N	Zoom Secretary	Y/N
Sunday	8:30 AM	Shane S.	Υ	Jesse	Υ
Sunday	10:00 AM	Faeth	N		
Sunday Women's	1:00 PM	Elizabeth E.	Υ		
Sunday Men's	6:00 PM	Robert F.	Υ		
Sunday	8:00 PM	Isaac	N		
Monday	Noon	Monty	N		
Monday	8:00 PM	Noah C.	Υ		
Tuesday Women's	6:00 PM	Chris K.	N	Betsy	Υ

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Tuesday Men's	8:00 PM	Tom M.	N		
Wednesday	Noon	Dino M.	N		
Thursday	Noon	Samuel	N		
Thursday	6:00 PM	Steve H.	N	Chris W.	N
Thursday	8:00 PM	Stephan	Υ		
Friday	Noon	Debbie	Υ		
Friday	8:00 PM	Rob L.	Υ		
Friday Night Owls	11:00 PM	Brian	Υ		
Saturday Big Book	10:30 AM			Samuel	Υ
Saturday Newcomers	5:00 PM			Cathy M.	N
Saturday Living Sober	6:00 PM			Salvador	Υ
Saturday Candlelight	8:00 PM	Tim J.	N		

Old Business	
1. Elect Alcathon Chairperson - Robin H.	The Alcathon Chairperson will be elected at the Group Conscience Meeting in March for a term of one year, takes office on September 1, and is provided with an orientation by the Steering Committee at the August Steering Committee meeting. (Section 1.2.5.) Position not filled.
	Robin will put this into the announcements.

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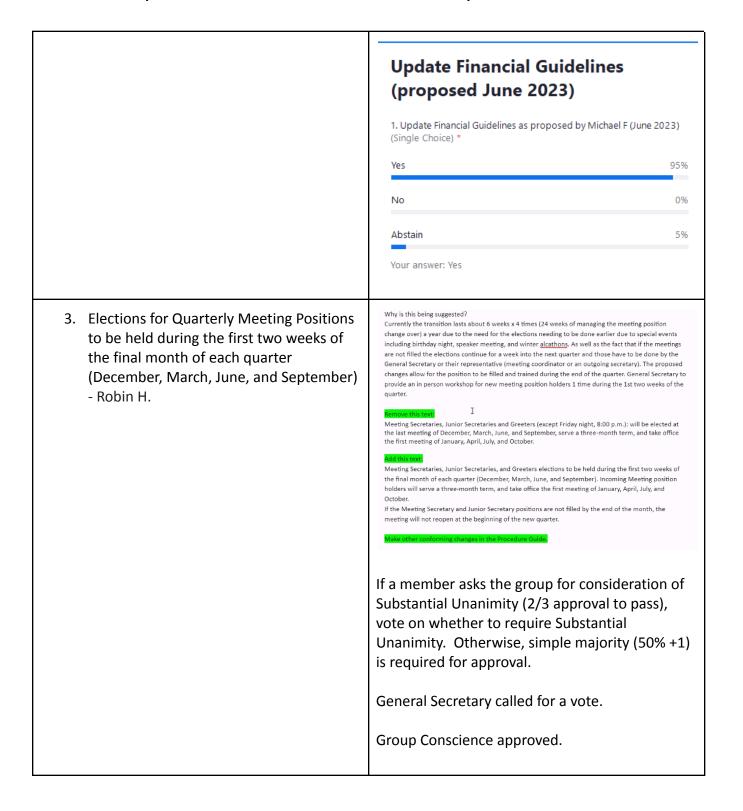
Procedure Change

2. Update the Financial Guidelines on counting and recording meeting collections - Robin H.

May 14, 2023 Who: Michael F., Treasurer 2023 What: North Hall Procedure Guide Why: To ensure the procedure guide is current with actual procedures performed today. Where: Financial Guidelines, Section 6, Item 2, b and d How: Group Conscience, Procedure Change Current Procedure Guide Verbiage Proposed Procedure Guide Verbiage Meeting secretaries are responsible for the collection at each meeting and the recording of all money received. before the chair is introduced. The collection will be counted by the secretary. Collection will be counted by the secretary, recounted and verified by another person, and placed in an envelope. On the outside of the envelope will be marked "Seventh The collection will be recounted and verified by another person who is not the Sales, other money received,; and the total. Tradition Collection," H&I, Literature junior secretary. The collection will be placed in an The outside of the envelope shall include: 7th Tradition. H&I,
 Literature, Event Collection,
 Total,
 Verified, Secretary. The names for verified and secretary must be printed using block letters (non-signature) so that names are legible. The secretary will enter the amounts No change collected in the ledger page in the Secretary's Book and have the same person verify the amounts. All envelopes and money collected for any reason will be placed in the lock box for the Treasurer to pick up.

If a member asks the group for consideration of Substantial Unanimity (2/3 approval to pass), vote on whether to require Substantial Unanimity. Otherwise, simple majority (50% +1) is required for approval.

General Secretary called for a vote. Group Conscience approved.



	Meeting Secretary Elections Times 1. Vote to shift Meeting Elections to the 1st two weeks of the final month of each quarter. Proposed AUG 2023 (NIKIN) (Single Choice) *
	Yes 96% No 0%
	Abstain 4% Your answer: Yes
4. (DEFERRED)Motion regarding men's and women's meetings - Suzanne	The new proposal is to ADD to the General Format the following new section, to be read at "Mens" and "Womens" meetings: AT WOMEN'S AND MEN'S MEETINGS: This is (women's/men's) meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous; we are glad you are here. Please consider that this meeting is what AA.ORG refers to as a "special interest" meeting, and it is open to those who identify as (women/men) or gender expansive and non-binary people. If you need assistance finding a different meeting, please go to https://aasacramento.org/meetings/ to find one.

Ne	New Business				
1.	Elect General Service Representative and Alternate - Robin H	Randy T volunteered to be the new GSR.			
		Niki and Noah volunteered to be the alternate so a vote was held. Niki won the election.			

		Alternate GSR 1. Vote for Alternate GSR (Single Choice) * Niki 48% Noah 43% Abstain 10% Your answer: Niki
2.	(DEFERRED)Update the Procedure Guide language to reference "Holiday Decorations" rather than a "Christmas Tree" - Randy T	
3.	(DEFERRED) Cleanup of Procedure Guide Formatting- Randy T	
4.	(DEFERRED)Make prudent reserve amounts consistent - Randy T	Change the Financial Guidelines in the Procedure Guide to match the Controller responsibilities section 2.3 (p.9). The Controller's responsibilities section says that the savings account prudent reserve should be \$13,500 while the Financial Guidelines (#17, p.57) say that it should be \$12,000.
5.	(DEFERRED)Literature person buys chips, including 24-hour chips - Robin H.	Change #5 in Literature Person's job description: "With the Controller, arrange for the purchase of 30, 60, 90 day, 6 month and 9 month birthday chips.
		To: "With the Controller, arrange for the purchase of 24-hour, 30, 60, 90 day, 6 month and 9 month chips.
6.	(DEFERRED)Update Living Sober secretary description re phone list - Niki N.	Remove #10: "Maintain and update the temporary sponsor list on the bulletin board."

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7. (DEFERRED)Update Meeting Coordinator description re phone list - Niki N.

Add: Monitor the MHNewcomerInfo@gmail.com email account. Respond to requests for phone list and proof of meeting attendance.

Update the phone list twice a year in January and July.

The phone list is provided on request only. It will not be posted publicly.

What's on your mind?

-open discussion, no motions

Adjournment

Suzanne C. made a motion to table all other business until the next meeting. Stephan C 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm

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Reminders (source NH Procedures Guide)

January	February	March
Picnic Chairperson	Renew Liability Insurance	Steering Committee
Campout Committee		Solicit GSR conference agenda items, GSR chairs Service Conference Agenda topics meeting
Clean Up Chairperson		Secretaries, Jr's/Hosts, Greeters
Clean Up Co-Chair		
April	May	June
Clean Up Chairperson		Review July GC date (7/10)
Clean Up Co-Chair		Secretaries, Jr's/Hosts, Greeters
July	August	September
Conduct Group Inventory (Chaired by GSR)	Alcathon Chairperson	General Services Representative (odd
(301)		numbered years only)
Clean Up Chairperson	Decorations Chairperson (Nov)	Alternate GSR (odd numbered years only)
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Clean Up Chairperson	Decorations Chairperson (Nov) November	Alternate GSR (odd numbered years only)
Clean Up Chairperson Clean Up Co-Chair		Alternate GSR (odd numbered years only) Secretaries, Jr's/Hosts, Greeters
Clean Up Chairperson Clean Up Co-Chair October	November	Alternate GSR (odd numbered years only) Secretaries, Jr's/Hosts, Greeters December

At Will

- · Clean-Up Day
- · Group Inventory (scheduled by GSR)