

# BA Guidelines Subcommittee Virtual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 4:30pm-6pm

approved 1/19/24

**Attendance:** Present: Sandy, Kevin & Theresa (Chair)

**Minutes:** approved 04/08/2022 Bay Area Guidelines (BAGS) meeting minutes via email 7/2/23

## New Business:

1. **Reviewed 2023 CAR Motions:** 62,64,67,69,73,74,76,80,82 and 83 that pertain to changes in the GLS. Only a few motions pertained to BA Guidelines (BAG).
  - a. Motion #74: "An area may be formed by Nar-Anon groups, with similar circumstances, to join together for mutual support and cooperation, and to provide a two-way communication channel to express the groups' conscience with their selected region. A region may be formed by areas and/or independent groups to join together for mutual support and cooperation, and to provide a two-way communication channel to express the groups' conscience with the World Service Conference through the delegate and alternate delegate."
  - b. Motion #80: to remove language in GLS subsection Duties, remove first duty of Vice Chair: Acts as parliamentarian for the RSC" (BAG includes this in Alt-ASR duties).
  - c. Motions #62 as amended to change in the GLS, page 1-1, paragraph 3): "This guide is a resource to those in every country committing themselves to providing services necessary to carry the message to the families and friends of addicts. Parts of it may prove to be incompatible for use because of geography, national or provincial law, cultural differences, or the developmental state of a particular Nar-Anon community. If this is the case, adjustments may be made to this guide to meet the needs of the group or service body, provided these adjustments serve our one purpose and are consistent with Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, Nar-Anon's Mission and Vision Statements. The services selected by the group conscience of each Nar-Anon community may be acceptable, even if they are not yet described in a Nar-Anon service manual. In observance of Tradition Four, the Nar-Anon World Service Office requests to be informed of any such adjustments. For further information, contact Nar-Anon WSO." (Similar wording passed in Motion #8, to change in the GWS, pg 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph)
2. **Reviewed BA Guidelines:** Looked at each page for things we don't do or have changed in the pass year. After the meeting ended, the committee further reviewed on Sat 6/16/23 & Sun 6/27/23, additional changes, corrections and additions through emails. Below is a combination of the meeting and email changes:
  - a. Added/Removed abbreviations (BoT is now WSB as per 2023 conference motions). Removed RSA, this abbreviation is no longer used in any CAL.
  - b. References – added Outreach Handbook and changed order of references. Removed FLRG as references as much of it is out of date or has little guidance (i.e., group meeting/contact changes, group support (new group packet & outreach packet) incorrect area formation wording, finances (2 signatures of checks, lack of prudent reserve amount, lack of financial structure)
  - c. Reworded area structure
  - d. Added a way for groups to no longer belong to the Bay Area, URL for groups to notify the region for contact & meeting changes
  - e. Donations & literature purchases - added Zelle information
  - f. Finances – removed donating 100% of funds outside of prudent reserve to the Bay Area will determine how much is donated up to the region. This encourages dialog and voices/conscience of the BA groups.
  - g. Bay Area meetings – added virtual and hybrid options. Combined Section 3, BAM meetings, Item 1: Schedule (page 3) into opening paragraph (Section 3, pg 3) about BA meetings.
  - h. Removed references to specific GLS pages throughout
  - i. Removed specific duties of ASR, ALT-ARS that either historically have not been done or is no longer being done.
  - j. Reworded section of removal of ASR officers. There is no wording in GLS on removing ASR officers.
  - k. Subcommittee – replaced teleconference with virtual
  - l. Compliance – changed wording to "refer" to and removed "abide by FLRG."

**Next Meeting:** No future meeting scheduled. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

**Submitted by:** Sandy & Theresa