

East Coast Convention Host Committee 8/25/13

Jeff H. opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer. Dave H. read 12 Traditions. Ed C. read 12 concepts. Greg F. read our purpose.

Roll Call: Chair – Jeff H.; Vice Chair – Dave H.; Treasurer – Ed C.; Secretary – Greg F.; Site Liaison – Teddie;

Subcommittee Chairs: Arts/Graphics – Rachael O.; Auction – vacant; Convention Information – David B.; Entertainment/Fundraising – Dan G.; Hospitality – Nancy E.; Marathon – Darian V.; Merchandise – Dale C.; Program – Lance G.; Registration – Russ N.; Serenity Keepers – A. Mingo

Area Reps: BANA – absent; NDANA – Butch N.; PASNA – Rod B.; TCANA – vacant; RANA – vacant

Quorum - established – 15 voting members

Reports: Chair deferred reading of his report to end of reports.

Vice Chair Report for Aug 25, 2013

Once again thank you for allowing me to serve on this committee body. On our last meeting I turned over all the registration paperwork to the on-coming Registration Chair (Russ) which consisted of all the pre-registrations that were done at E.C.C.N.A 17 in Maryland.

At the previous Advisory Board meeting (7/1/2013) a motion was passed for E.C.C.N.A. 18 to offer a limited edition t-shirt for the pre-registration of \$50 on a full package to the convention. Also the motion for the registration flier for E.C.C.N.A. passed to take to the world convention in Philadelphia. A special one-time item line of \$400 was placed in the budget under the registration committee for this purpose.

INL, Dave H

Treasurer:

ECCNA 18 Financial Statement 8-25-13

Beginning balance as of 7-28-13	\$190.40	
#1014 7-28-13 Wesley Foundation	- 20.00	Meeting space for 7-13 and 7-28
		170.40
Deposit 8-19-13	400.00	Check from ECCNA Inc
Ending balance 8-25-13	570.40	

The AB CFO position is changing hands so it will be a little longer before we get our new checking account from them. In the meantime we will continue using our bid committee account.

We received \$400.00 from the AB to cover the flyers that will be distributed at WCNA.

In loving service,
Ed C.

Treasurer

Secretary Report 8/25/13

Hello family! I have been busy working with Mike R. (AB website) and uploading our minutes to the ECCNA.org website. He is working on uploading the AB minutes. I also created an event on Facebook for our meetings. I worked with the Tri-Cities PR Chair and added our registration flyer to our website. I contacted the website coordinator for Metro Richmond website and had him add a link to ECCNA.org as well as have our subcommittee and host committee date and time added to their calendar. I also worked with the TCANA PR chair, he added our flyer and we have a link to eccna.org. I am also happy to be of service to this body and solicit any input on our minutes or anything else. I would also like to inform all subcommittee chairs that if you want your reports included in the minutes, you must email me a copy. That's all I have for now.

ILS,

Greg F.

SITE LAISON REPORT 8/25/13

HI FAMILY,
THERE ARE ALWAYS QUESTIONS,
DID I GET THE OK FROM W&M FOR THE CHANGES? THE CONTACT SAID OK
AND THANKS.
WAS THE P.O. BOX CORRECT? YES IT WAS
WAS THE PHONE #'S & EMAIL ADDRESSES RIGHT AND PERMISSION TO USE
THEM ON THE FLYER CORRECT? YES.
DID I SEND THE RIGHT FLYER TO THE RIGHT PERSON? YES I DID.

NOW I HAVE QUESTIONS.
WHERE ARE THE BANNERS
WE NEED A CLIMATE CONTROL STORAGE FOR THEM AND OTHER STUFF
IF YOU HAVE?'S PLEASE CALL ME OR SEND THEM TO MY EMAIL
teddie101789@verizon.net
I'M GONNA NEED A STAFF OF SECRETARIES WITH LODGING AND CAMPUS
DUTIES
ILS
TEDDIE
SITE-LAISON

Subcommittee Reports:

Arts/Graphics – Greetings Family! The Arts & Graphics Subcommittee met on 08/25/13 with 5 members in attendance. During today's meeting we collected and reviewed theme submissions from the fellowship and wrote them on a chalkboard to assist in host committee voting later today. 17 themes will be presented to the host committee. We also met with Merchandising to review and select 3 ideas for fundraising t-shirts. These ideas will be presented to the host committee as well for voting. The subcommittee also discussed pre-registration flyers, but have also learned that this will be the responsibility of the Registration Subcommittee. We are willing to help if needed.
ILS, Rachael O.

Auction – vacant; **Convention Information** – The Convention Information Committee met on Aug 25th and discussed several things. Committee members present were Michelle W, Glen T, and Dave B.

We felt that it would be good for the committee to generate a fact sheet that we can use to answer questions when people call, also this can be posted on the website as a FAQ sheet. We are working with Jeff to get this together. This sheet might also include information about Williamsburg.

We would like to get excess fliers to distribute to meetings.

We have split the regions of Virginia and will be sending the flyer via e-mail to the Regional Secretaries, the Regional Reps and the Area Secretaries in each Region. This is how we have split the Regions as follows:

Glen- Mountaineer Region

Michelle- Chesapeake and Potomac Region

David- Central Atlantic Region and Free State Regions

We will then split up the rest of the East Coast and send the flyer to them.

In loving service Dave B.

Addendum:

I regret to inform you that I will be unable to continue to serve as the Convention Information Chair. I have prayed about this decision for some time.

There are many reasons for this decision. I have to admit that I was wrong to accept this position. I was not capable of juggling all the myriad things in my life.

I have a very demanding job and a family with young children. Also, and I have to be completely honest, I have increasingly been more interested in serving God through my Church. I owe my life to the program of Narcotics Anonymous, however, I am currently being more filled spiritually at church rather than in the Program. That being said, I believe, to some extent, my service to the program would be dishonest. My heart would not be in it, and this convention deserves better.

I understand that this might put you in a bind and for that I am truly sorry. I also am aware that my name is on the current flyer. I will continue to either answer the phone calls or forward those calls to other committee members. I am also aware that this is just a preliminary flyer and that a more permanent one will not bear my name.

I am truly sorry for any inconvenience this might cause. I truly pray for your continued success and know that you will reach thousands of suffering addicts.

God Bless You All,
Dave B

Entertainment/Fundraising – Interested parties met here, today at 12:30 including Bernadette H. and Cindy W. from TASNA Special Events. We're always grateful to welcome TASNA members to our ECCNA 18 cause. To date we have sold 17 of the 64 ECCNA17 t-shirts. \$85 was given to Ed C. and the remaining 47 shirts were given to Dave H. New Dominion Areas' Hope Fiends group will be having a Brunswick stew/ Bonfire fundraiser to be held on October 26, 2013 from 4-12 at 2781 3 Bridges Road, Powhatan, VA. Recovery Fest is being held at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church 5300 Dumbarton Rd., Richmond VA on September 7, 2013. ECCNA 18 has been invited to have a table set up to sell shirts and pre-registrations. We voted to have another raffle with prize being 2 registrations and one hotel room for the AVCNA. Will print 400 tickets and sell them for \$10 each. Drawing to be held on November 24th meeting. Teddie is inquiring about availability of Ft. Monroe facilities for a BBQ/speaker event. Dave H. is inquiring about the possibility of selling t-shirts at SOTS. Tidewater special events is considering a banquet fundraiser or masquerade ball. A contact list was created for a 4 pm conference call on September 15th. See Dave H. for more details.

This is my last meeting as Ent./Funraising Chair. Unexpected financial and transportation difficulties have eliminated my ability to be of further service in this capacity. I am sorry. Jeff H. has my resignation letter and has added a vote to fill my position on the agenda.

ILS,

Dan G.

Hospitality – Gave oral report.; **Marathon** – no report until October.;
Merchandise Merchandising Subcommittee – Dale C

Hi all – the subcommittee met as scheduled. The following items are under review:

Convention Items for sale –
T-shirts

Denim Shirts
Notbook (ie. Ipad) holders
Reusable tote bags
Mugs
Baseball caps

Please advise if you have seen these items sell successfully elsewhere or if you have items you would like to add.

The vendors we would like to have at the convention are:

Speaker Tapers

General Merchandise –to include jewelry

ECCNA Merchandise

I am getting 3 bids for tshirts for the fundraising shirts. These bids will be sent to Jeff to take to the Advisory Board for approval on September 9.

The initial fundraising shirt run will be for 144 shirts to be primarily divided between NDANA, Beach and Peninsula area as these three Areas have upcoming fundraising events.

I am requesting bids for a breakdown as follows.

8 – Small

8- Medium

30 – Large

50 – XL

40 – 2XL

4 – 3XL

4 – 4XLT

Any feedback for the items listed above is appreciated before these are put forth as motions.

ILS - Dale

Program -

Program Sub-Committee Report

08/25/13

ECCNA,

We held our first scheduled con call 08/18/13 at 6 pm with 4 attendees. We discussed timeline and other general requirements. We will determine the number and times for all workshops at our next meeting. We want to report it to the main committee at the September meeting. Our next call will be 09/22/13 at 6 pm. I will send out a mass e-mail again one week ahead and a reminder the day of. I will also send out a text to anyone who would prefer that communication method.

ILS

Lance G

Registration – Gave oral report; **Serenity Keepers** – Gave oral report.

Area Reports:

BANA – no report

NDANA – All is well @ New Dominion Area. NDANA approved the motion to have a fund raiser for the ECCNA. More will be revealed. I'm now in the process to have our flyer put on the web. I should have had this done sooner, but with work and home, life has been pretty crazy.

ILS,

Butch N.

PASNA – no report

TCANA – Greg F. stated that no representative has been elected. Position is still open.

RASNA – vacant

Jeff H. (Chair) gave his report:

ECCNA 18 Host Committee

Chairperson Report August 25, 2013

This month seems like host business has leveled out. My position has calmed down. At the August Advisory Board meeting both our motions passed the budget and funds for the preregistration fliers. Please note that the address for ECCNA has changed, the new address is posted on ECCNA.org . The website has been updated with all our current information. Rocco and Will are planning to collect preregistrations and use Drop Box so the host registration can access the information at their convenience.

I have been in contact with many of the subcommittees this month to help direct their effort. I want to remind the host committee to continue to try to follow the time-line. Please post your subcommittee activities on the ECCNA18 Facebook group. We want to encourage outside participation .

Dan G contacted me and informed me that he needed to step down from his position. He agreed to hold his subcommittee today so fundraising could get started. Dave H agreed to pro temp this subcommittee this month so we can get some fundraising in progress. I want to thank Dan for his service, and hopefully he can join us later in the year. Fund raising and entertainment position will be open at the end of this meeting. Please take this back to you areas, we will try to fill this position in September.

I've spoken with a few members on how to decide on our theme. I've given it a lot of thought to make it a fair process. Each theme will have an opportunity to be presented to the body. The first elimination will be by a straw poll. Depending on how many theme submissions we

have we will narrow it down several time by paper ballot until we are down to two. Once we are down to two we will do pros and cons on the two remaining themes then do a final paper ballot to decide our convention theme. If this process works well we will use it for our logo and other host decisions we may have.

Our next meeting will be September 29th at 2:00 pm here at the Wesley Foundation

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

ILS

Jeff H

Old Business: Theme - Reaching Out(5th ECCNA); Beacon of Hope; Triangle of Self Obsession; From Desperation to Hope; Breaking the Chains; Making a Difference – One book at a time; Service is our strength; Miracle Happen; Recovery – Still Working; Step into Recovery; Recovery Rocks!; Freedom from active addiction; Brand New Day, Brand New Way; Simplicity is our Key; Hugs, Not Drugs; Out of the Shadows; Together We Stand; Having Received; Carry the Message; Wings of Hope; A Way Out; Recovery through Service;

We did a straw poll to shorten the list. After first take we were down to 13, then down to 9. Decided to do close ballot and take top 4. Results: Breaking the Chains, Recovery through Service, Wings of Hope and A Way Out. Took another vote by close ballot and took top two. Results: Breaking the Chains and Wings of Hope. Close ballot again and 8-7 – Wings of Hope is our Theme for ECCNA 18.

Break:

Back to order

Elections: Auction – Greg F. read duties. Opened nominations: Ed C. nominated Chris T., 2nd by Dale C. – no other nominations; nominations closed. Chris T. stated his qualifications and answered questions. Christ left the room. 2 pro's and 2 con's; and vote by close ballot. Chris T. elected Auction chairperson.

New Business: Motion 1 – That discussion of topics be limited to 5 minutes. This discussion time does ot include bringing forth the topic or the vote. 2nd by Nancy E. – Motion failed 1 – 9 – 1

Rachael O. presented 3 pre convention t-shirt ideas. Questions and discussion => More will be Revealed; Jails, Institutions & Death Or find a New Way to Live; East Does It (loaded with NA slogans). Vote taken by paper ballot. Or find a new way to live wins!

Teddie - Banners and other ECCNA material need to be secured in a climate controlled location. After discussion, it was determined that this was up to the Advisory Board to decide. Jeff will bring it up at next AB meeting.

Taper for our convention: need 3 bids for approval. Dale C. volunteered to gather bids.

Flyers – Lance G. kept 1000. How do we distribute the remaining? People who were attending WCNA took 250 +/- each.

Next Meeting: September 29, 2013 2-5; subcommittees 12-2

Motion to close, 2nd - Meeting adjourned