

**East Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
Advisory Board Minutes
August 7, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Kevin D. The meeting was held via Conference Pro and was properly noticed. Minutes were recorded by Tom.

Roll Call/Resignations/Vacancies:

Position	Name	Term End Date		Liaison to:	
President	Kim A.	6/ 2018	A	College	
Vice-President			O		
Secretary	Tom K	08/2017	P		
CFO	Jeff P	08/2017	P	Treasurer	
CFO Alt	Paul S	6/2019	P		
Webmaster	Kevin	6/2019	P		
Director	Evelyn A	02/2019	P		
Director	Enid O.	08/2018	P		
Director	Jason L	07/2019	P		
Director					
Director	Michael R	05/2018	A		
Director					
Director	Al D	3/2018	P		
Director	Victor H.	8/2018	P		
Director	Roberta T	10/2018	A		
Director	John A	6/2019	P		
ECCNA 21	Elizabeth	Chair	P	Host 21	
ECCNA 22	Lisa S.	Chair	P	Host 22	
ECCNA 22	Jimmy G	V-Chair	P	Host 22--8/18	

Others present:

A = Absent; V= Vacant; P=Present; R=Resigned; L= Late

Quorum met = YES--13

Open Forum: NONE

Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded and passed to approve July minutes -- **No Opposition**

Reports.

President Report- Kim A.

Everything went great at ECCNA 21!

Updated the website as needed and sent Kevin all the information he will need as he begins his take over of the website. I may be unable to be present for our August meeting as I will be in South Dakota on a 3-week motorcycle trip. I don't know if I will have WIFI. I will, however, make every effort to be present.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Kim A

Vice President Report- NONE

CFO Report – Jeff P:

AB Account - Checking

Beginning Balance - \$ 35,109.53

Deposits 122.07 Reg deposit 1=\$50; ECC22 Merch \$75 less square fee 2.93

Expenses (7,320.00) Ck #1040 – Connecticut College – final bill

(59.85) Ck #1041 – Jeff P – Reimburse zoom (July –
September)

Ending Balance - \$27,851.75

Paypal Account

Beginning Balance - \$ 2,347.34

Funds Received \$ 350.00 Reg Deposits 3=\$150; ECC22 Merch Income \$200

Transfers: \$ (48.75) ECC21 Reg payment plan refund - Trish L

Ending Balance \$ 2,648.59

Host Account – Checking

Beginning Balance \$ 1,176.64

Deposits

Expenses

Ending Balance \$ 1,176.64

Total Cash in Banks \$ 31,676.98

Amount available for Basic Texts:

Current cash balance: \$31,676.98

Less: Seed money for ECCNA 22 (5,000.00)

Less: ECCNA 22 Deposits & other (2,922.07)

Less: Reserve for accounting, taxes (700.00)

Total: \$23,054.91

Additional Notes:

ECCNA 22 – We currently have 47 preregistration deposits for ECCNA 22 which will get a 10% discount, plus an additional 5 deposits who will get a mug (or whatever the host committee decides), and an additional \$50 from Kim towards her balance due. There's also \$272.07 in merchandise sales allocated to ECCNA 22.

Labelling Basic Texts, etc. – Jane contacted Anthony and they won't be able to open boxes to place labels in them, but they will be able to include them in the plastic folding bag with the packing list for each shipment.

Quotes for Basic Texts – Based on the initial numbers I had, I received a quote from NAWS where we would get 2,170 Basic Texts at a cost of \$23,008.29 (the parameters I'd given them was around \$23k for books. I spoke with a member of the board of the Greater New York RSO and was informed that they could match that price. They also said that they could put labels inside the boxes, and, I think we can talk them into putting labels in each book if we can get one of our members to go to their office to do it.

Mailing list for books to regions – I'm still working on compiling the mailing list for regions.

ILS, Jeff

Website – Kevin

Host Chair-21 – Elizabeth

Final Report

It was an awesome year. We had a good group of some core committee members that really put so much time effort and love. Once again The East Coast Convention has served its purpose not only have we raised money for Basic Texts but we have moved and inspired others to see and feel the passion that only ECCNA can do. We have collected a few more of us to jump on board and keep this beautiful cause going strong.

The committee voted to send books to 14 prisons in CT and 8 other prisons that were on-line for the Friday night meeting at convention. I have the addresses and contact info for all. I have concern about the NY prisons because they have several PO Boxes and as far as I know we could not have the books shipped from world via UPS to PO Boxes. I talked with our CFO and I will call the contact person at the facilities and see if they have another option for us. I did not have time today but I will address it tomorrow. I pretty sure we will be able to send a case and half to each prison and two cases to the other regions minus CT.

A big thank you to the Advisory Board for continued support and love thru the year and all the help at the convention.

I will be meeting with ECCNA 22 chair in October to transfer stuff. I guess that's it.

Its been an honor and privilege to serve as the ECCNA 21 chair. Thank you.

In Loving Service Elizabeth E

Programming Report

First I would like to thank all of our trusted servants for making this an amazing convention!

I had the honor of being the ECCNA 21 Programming Chair for the past year and it has changed my recovery. I got to meet so many new members during this process, not only during the speaker selection process but at the convention as well. Our committee met with the hope of gathering a diverse reflection of our membership and I believe we accomplished that. For me the Sunday morning speaker stands out

as my personal highlight and I hope that all who attended found a speaker or an experience that helped them not only stay clean, but strive to change some area of their lives where they struggle. The process of selecting speakers was helped by members on the committee and numerous suggestions and a loving higher power guiding us to some speakers that if it were up to one member, may not have been selected. The process of organizing this convention program with the committee, for me, was a long one and had its ups and downs, but I am so grateful to strong members who helped guide and encourage me to not only see this commitment through until the end, but also reminded me that it's not a one man show! This experience has recommitted me to service in NA and to participate in ECCNA for the upcoming years, I hope everyone had a blast and I enjoyed seeing all of the smiles on everyone's faces during the weekend. Suggestions I would have for upcoming programming chairs in the future would be; get help, be open minded to speakers that may not be who you would select, try and sleep and most of all have fun, it rocks!! In Loving Service Jason L.

Art and Graphics

The majority of our work was completed before the Convention and it basically went smoothly after many attempts at sending graphics that were WAY too large. Minuteman Press was vastly less expensive than other bids for the banner etc. I was surprised to see a logo that had been voted down as a main theme being used for the early registrations. This wasn't cleared by the committee and it seems odd to me that three logos were used for a convention. During the convention I offered registration and merchandise to sit in if they needed help but all was being handled. I was able to help out hospitality just a little bit. Other than that I got to enjoy our totally excellent convention. I hope everyone has a wonderful dinner and meeting. I'm packing like a mad dog to leave the country in a few days.

Thank you for letting me serve with you ~ Aile H.

Registration

First off... let me begin my final report by saying how amazing this whole process was. I have never been a part of anything like this before. It was a lot more work than I originally expected, but it was SO worth it. I don't have the exact numbers, but I can report on the information that I do have. Before ECCNA kicked off, officially, we had 130 full registrations, 58 Thursday add-ons, around 100 day passes, and a total of 713 meal tickets (that includes the full registration meals). All of that being said, 97% of the rooms that we had reserved from the school were full. This did end up becoming a little of an issue, because some of the rooms that the school gave us were "mislabeled" and we had some quads put in a single room. Luckily with some late night reconnaissance, creativity, and willing addicts we were able to get people into rooms. We also had a lot of addicts come on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning to pick up a day pass & meal tickets for the convention. I will be forever grateful to the members of the ECCNA21 committee, ECNNA AB, and my helpers on that day for all of the great work they did and the knowledge that was shared and the laughs that were had.

In Loving Service, Mike R. 860-912-2428

Hospitality

Dear Elizabeth,

The hospitality committee ended up being just me due to lack of participation from lame sponsees and others. However, like everything we do, I was never alone. I received plenty of help from the rest of the host committee.

Here are the highlights:

- 1) We had a budget of \$850 and spent \$828.26
- 2) We rented a movie theater style popcorn maker and had fresh popped corn throughout the weekend. It was a big hit!
- 3) We made 32lbs of coffee over the weekend. (most of which was donated)
- 4) We purchased and consumed 40lbs of apples and 80lbs of bananas
- 5) We purchased and consumed 150 granola bars.
- 6) We made a decision to use paper cups for water in an effort to cut down on the amount of plastic that ends up in the ocean. We purchased 3000 cups however we only used 2000.

Suggestions for next year's crew would be: Make sure there are a few people on the committee as it gets a little overwhelming at times keeping up with the coffee. Also, see #6 about too many cups.

It was an amazing experience for me and I am so grateful that I was a part of it. Nothing much better than raising money for basic texts while laughing with your friends. ILS James D

Entertainment

Wow- what a year!! The committee had a blast this year putting on various fundraisers and contributing to the convention's primary purpose- bringing Basic Texts into jails up and down the East Coast! In summary, I would say the year as a whole was a challenge, but a definite success. Our biggest challenge was finding affordable venues for the different events we held. We also only had a few core members that came to committee meetings and helped to plan. However, the support was felt at the actual functions that were held, by people showing up and contributing to the primary purpose! It was an exciting year that culminated in an amazing, unforgettable experience at the ECCNA 21 convention itself. Wow- talk about the power of love and the therapeutic value of one addict helping another- it was an incredible feeling to be a part of it all! Thank you for allowing me to serve with you all on this committee. In Loving Service, Amanda H.

Host Chair-22—Lisa S

We had our first host meeting on July 8 in Macon and a great turnout! We currently have filled all the admin positions as well as the Registration, Serenity Keeper, Program and Auction Subcommittee Chair positions and we have a Hospitality Vice Chair. We anticipate several others coming to our next meeting on August 12 in Valdosta to fill the remaining positions. All subcommittees have been asked to have a vice chair and 3 committee members to help along with way. Several of the committees have already fulfilled this expectation! Now to get the other positions filled. FYI, we have decided not to have a marathon meeting at the convention. It is difficult to do when held at a college campus. We will have a fellowship room open 24-7 for those who would like to gather and fellowship all night! If the marathon is required, please let us know. We have sold all the mugs that we brought back with us as well as all the sweatshirts and half the t-shirts. Unfortunately I don't have a total amount of income for you. Everyone will be turning their money in this Saturday and we hope to have a checking account up and running soon. Right now the treasurer is holding the cash and we have completed several

transactions on using the square. Our priorities at the next meeting will be filling the remaining positions, approving pre convention artwork and developing a pre-registration flyer. Several people would like some information now even though we don't have the full price set yet. We will send artwork and the flyer to the board for approval as well. We would prefer not to wait until the next meeting so we can get the flyer out ASAP. Please feel free to send us any ideas you have! My contact at the college has been swamped with getting ready for fall move in (which is this weekend). I am hoping to go by and say a quick hello to her when in Valdosta on Saturday. She has assured me all is good and we can start working on the contract soon. Right now she is working on getting our nonprofit status established. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Hugs,
Lisa S.

Host Vice Chair—22 Jimmy NO REPORT

Liaison reports

Nominations / Elections: none

Victor nominated for Vice President

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Institution list for Connecticut- Done
- 2) Motion to find any conflicts of interest that there may be in having AB directors serving on the Host Committee. Tom will check. No conflict found
- 3) Financial/Regional letter.—Jeff will address Under way.
- 4) Motion to direct Jeff and Al to further talks with NAWs in reference to having our Texts either labeled or stamped prior to send them to institutions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To purchase 2,170 Basic Texts resulting from the profits from ECCNA 21 as follows:
Host committee prisons (including those in NY on Friday night meeting hookup): 21 prisons getting 42 books = 882
Regions (excluding Connecticut Region): 23 Regions getting 56 books = 1,288 books.
Of those books to prisons, 36 will be in English and 6 in Spanish. Of the books going to Regions, 48 will be in English and 8 in Spanish. No opposition
2. Motion to purchase books from Greater New York RSO; Motion passes 11/2

Meeting closed at 8:06

Next Meeting: Sept 4, 2017