

BC REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE of Narcotics Anonymous Guidelines

BCRSC Vision Statement

All of the efforts of the Narcotics Anonymous British Columbia Regional Service Committee are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the region has the chance to experience our message in their own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- NA communities worldwide and the BCRSC work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

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0. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 0.1** The region known as the British Columbia Region of Narcotics Anonymous shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the Province of British Columbia.
- 0.2** The purpose of the British Columbia Regional Service Committee, (hereinafter referred to as the BCRSC), is to be supportive of the Areas, their members, and their primary purpose, by linking together the Areas within the Region, by helping Areas deal with their basic situations and needs, and by encouraging the growth of the NA fellowship.
- 0.3** In all matters before the BCRSC, the Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous, the Twelve Concepts, this document and the Guide to Local Service, will apply. All business will be conducted using Consensus Based Decision Making as outlined in Section 8: Consensus Based Decision Making Procedure.
- 0.4** All BCRSC Subcommittee elected by the BCRSC will be fully accountable to the BCRSC in carrying out their assigned functions. The BCRSC will be responsible for all reasonable Subcommittee expense, as per projected budgets presented by the Subcommittee Chairpersons.
 - 0.4.1** BCRSC Subcommittees are required to have their own policy and procedures.
 - 0.4.1.1** Where a discrepancy exists between the Regional Guidelines and a Regional Subcommittee’s Guidelines, the BC Regional Committee and the respective subcommittee will work together to reach consensus.
 - 0.4.1.2** All subcommittee guidelines and policies shall be reviewed by the BCRSC Regional Service Board, and approved by the BCRSC prior to implementation.
- 0.5** The standing Subcommittees of the BCRSC are:
 - 0.5.1** Public Relations;
 - 0.5.2** Literature
- 0.6** The standing convention positions of the BCRSC are:
 - 0.6.1** BCRCNA Chair
 - 0.6.2** PNW Chair
- 0.7** The BCRSC will meet four (4) times per calendar year, at a meeting place to be decided upon by the voting members at the close of the BCRSC (see section 19.)

- 0.8** A recognized Area, within the BC Region of NA, should meet the following requirements:
- 0.8.1** It should have two or more NA groups;
 - 0.8.2** It should have a functioning Area Service structure, (as defined by the Guide to Local Service);
 - 0.8.3** It should have an elected Regional Committee Member; and
 - 0.8.4** It should be registered with the NA World Service Office.

1. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

- 1.1** Administrative Officer and Subcommittee Chairperson positions available for election for the BCRSC will be held annually, at the summer meeting. Terms of office are defined in section 4.
- 1.1.1** The Trustee 1 and 2 positions will be elected at the winter meeting.
 - 1.1.2** The PNW Board Rep 1 and 2 positions will be elected at the meeting preceding the PNWCNA. See Addendum F, Article II, section A.
- 1.2** The two positions for CANA Delegates shall be filled with the Regional Delegate, and the Alternate Delegate.
- 1.3** Nominations for these elections may come from:
- 1.3.1** Any member in attendance.
- 1.4** All nominations must be in writing and be accepted by the nominee.
- 1.5** Nominees have the option to run for a position remotely using telephone or web conferencing.
- 1.6** Each nomination will be accompanied by a written NA Service Resume. After nominations are closed, members of the BCRSC may ask the nominees to respond to questions concerning their ability to fulfill the position of which they are nominated.
- 1.6.1** Nominees must disclose their border crossing status if applicable, and begin waiver procedure upon election, and keep this body posted on progress of same.
 - 1.6.2** All nominations must be accompanied by a reference regarding their service experience from their Area Service Committee or the Regional Service Committee.
- 1.7** All elections will take place by secret ballot.
- 1.8** Vote counters will be appointed by the Facilitator from non-voting NA members in attendance.

1.9 All ballots will be destroyed after each count.

2. ELECTION VOTING RIGHTS

2.1 All area elected members (including RCMs and RCM alts) of the BCRSC shall have a single vote in an election.

2.2 All elected members of the BCRSC have a single vote in an election.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

3.1 The minimum requirements for any elected position on the BCRSC shall include:

3.1.1 A commitment to service

3.1.2 Service experience

3.1.3 The willingness to give time and resources necessary to do the job; and

3.1.4 A good working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and the Guide to Local Service of Narcotics Anonymous.

3.2 Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Secretary, Treasurer, RD and RD Alternate must be willing to have first name and phone number on the Region PI Contingency Plan.

3.3 Candidates can run for positions in person or via technology.

3.4 Procedure for Elections:

3.4.1 One Candidate: The candidate must be elected with 60% or more of those voting in favour of the nomination. (Note that abstentions do not count – either as “for” or “against”)

3.4.2 Two Candidates: When two candidates have been nominated for a position, one candidate must be elected with 60% or more of those voting in favour of the nomination. (Note that abstentions do not count – either as “for” or “against”)

3.4.3 Multiple Candidates: In case of multiple nominations for the same position, voters cast a single vote in favour of their chosen candidate. However, if no candidate receives 60% or more of those voting in favour of the nomination then all but the two candidates receiving the most votes are eliminated, and a second round of voting occurs.

- 3.4.3.1** During the second round of elections, one candidate must be elected with 60% or more of those voting in favour of the nomination. (Note that abstentions do not count – either as “for” or “against”)
- 3.4.3.2** In the second round each voter is entirely free to change the candidate they vote for.

4. TERM OF OFFICE

- 4.1** The BCRSC Officers and Subcommittee Chairperson shall begin serving office upon the completion of the BCRSC Election Meeting and shall continue to serve for 2 years.
- 4.2** No officer or subcommittee chairperson shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same service position.
 - 4.2.1** For the RD/RDA positions, the term will follow a rotation of the WSC with each position attending 2 consecutive WSC’s within a 4 year period. The officers will stand for consecutive terms with a vote of confidence from the BCRSC.
- 4.3** Specific conditions apply to the terms of office for the Co-Facilitator, Subcommittee Chairperson, and RD Alternate. Refer to their respective Job Descriptions in section 5.
- 4.4** Anyone resigning from the position of RSC Officer or Subcommittee Chairperson, before the end of his/her term of office, shall not be eligible for election to any RSC Office or Subcommittee Chairperson for a period of six months, following such resignation. The exception to this rule shall be when a member resigns one Regional Position to accept nomination or election to another Regional position.
- 4.5** Any elected RSC Officer or Subcommittee Chairperson may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the BCRSC voting Areas.
 - 4.5.1** If any elected RSC Officer or Subcommittee Chairperson is absent from 2 consecutive RSC meetings, they may be removed.
- 4.6** An interruption of continuous abstinence constitutes and automatic immediate resignation from any office of the BCRSC.
- 4.7** When an Officer or Subcommittee Chairperson resigns or is removed during their term of office, or a new position is created:
 - 4.7.1** The RSC Facilitator appoints a person to fulfill the duties of that position until the next RSC meeting;
 - 4.7.2** The position shall be open for nominations at the next BCRSC meeting;

- 4.7.3** The term of office for the new officer shall be from their election date until the close of the next regular election meeting
- 4.7.4** The abbreviated term of office shall count as one term of office.

5. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

5.1 Regional Facilitator

- 5.1.1** Presides over all of the activities of the BCRSC;
- 5.1.2** Has such powers and performs such duties as may be required by the BCRSC;
- 5.1.3** May appoint and define the duties of special subcommittees as authorized by the BCRSC;
- 5.1.4** The Facilitator shall be a member of the Administrative Committee with the accompanying responsibilities.
- 5.1.5** Has at least five (5) years of continuous clean time.

5.2 Co-Facilitator

A Co-Facilitator is encouraged to serve for a period of two, consecutive 2-year terms. Then, following this period, subject to a vote of confidence from the BCRSC, shall serve as the Facilitator.

- 5.2.1** Performs all duties of and has all the powers of the Facilitator in his/her absence;
- 5.2.2** Has such powers and performs such duties as may be required from time to time by the BCRSC;
- 5.2.3** Shall be a member of the Administrative Committee with the accompanying responsibilities;
- 5.2.4** Has at least four (4) years of continuous clean time.

5.3 Secretary

- 5.3.1** Records and distributes the advance reports from all administrative, subcommittee chairpersons and area representatives 1 week prior to each BCRSC meeting;
- 5.3.2** Sends out email reminders prior to each BCRSC meeting to all participating members of the regional body to send in advance reports;
- 5.3.3** Records and distributes the minutes of each BCRSC meeting within 10 days of the regional meeting;
- 5.3.4** Updates the BCRSC mailing list of each BCRSC meeting within 10 days of the regional meeting;
- 5.3.5** Updates the mentorship list of each BCRSC meeting, and gives out the information as needed;

- 5.3.6 Updates the policy and financial log after every BCRSC meeting
- 5.3.7 Types and sends any letters and/or correspondence as the BCRSC dictates;
- 5.3.8 Keeps records for the BCRSC for the archives; and
- 5.3.9 Shall receive and distribute event flyers and/or other correspondence from other areas/regions;
- 5.3.10 Has at least four (4) years of continuous clean time
- 5.3.11 Facilitates correspondence outlined in 1204.

5.4 Treasurer

- 5.4.1 Keeps an accurate record of the financial transactions of the BCRSC using accounting software;
- 5.4.2 Prepares and presents a financial report at each regular BCRSC meeting
- 5.4.3 Is responsible for and BCRSC bank account(s)
- 5.4.4 Dispenses monies to the BCRSC officers or subcommittees. However, all cash disbursements require the approval of the BCRSC
- 5.4.5 The Treasurer's signature is required on all BCRLC expenditures
- 5.4.6 Has at least five (5) years of continuous clean time
- 5.4.7 Generate and display a spreadsheet showing all funding requests of the BCRNA at the Sunday morning meeting

5.5 Regional Delegate

- 5.5.1 Is the delegate of the BCRSC to the WSC
- 5.5.2 Shall be a delegate representing the BCRSC at CANA
- 5.5.3 Shall provide reports on WSC/CANA matters and other related activities
 - 5.5.3.1 A detailed written report of the WSC and a visual report will be presented to the BCRSC (within two RSC meetings) directly following the WSC
- 5.5.4 Shall attend a subcommittee meeting of the BCRSC at the BCRSC meeting
- 5.5.5 When possible shall attend as many ASC meetings within the BCRSC as requested
- 5.5.6 Has at least five (5) years continuous clean time
- 5.5.7 Shall hold Conference Agenda Report (CAR) workshops for the benefit of RCMs, GSRs, and interested members to ensure the contents of the CAR reach the fellowship
- 5.5.8 Distributes all WSC materials to the regional body in a timely manner

5.6 RD Alternate

An RD Alternate is encouraged to serve for a period of two, consecutive 2-year terms. Then, following this period, subject to a vote of confidence from the BCRSC, shall serve as the RD. This election meeting cycle begins at the election meeting immediately following the WSC.

- 5.6.1 Performs all the duties of the RD in his/her absence

- 5.6.2 May, with a vote of confidence, and upon completion of the term of RD Alt., move to position of RD
- 5.6.3 Shall be a delegate representing the BCRSC at CANA
- 5.6.4 Shall attend all BCRSC meetings
- 5.6.5 Shall attend a subcommittee meeting of the BCRSC at the BCRSC meeting
- 5.6.6 When possible shall attend as many ASC meetings within the BCRSC as requested
- 5.6.7 Has at least four (4) years continuous clean time

5.7 Sub-Committee Chairperson

A Subcommittee Chairperson is encouraged to serve as Subcommittee Vice-Chairperson prior to serving as the Subcommittee Chairperson.

- 5.7.1 Shall provide a subcommittee report to the BCRSC at each regular BCRSC meeting
- 5.7.2 Shall attend all BCRSC meetings
- 5.7.3 Shall chair a subcommittee meeting at all regular BCRSC meeting
 - 5.7.3.1 If a subcommittee is not meeting at the BCRSC, then the Sub-committee Chairperson shall attend another subcommittee meeting (in order to best utilize their knowledge and experience)
- 5.7.4 Has at least two (2) years clean time. Each subcommittee may increase this as per their own policy and/or guidelines
- 5.7.5 Shall fill out a Regional Subcommittee update form.

5.8 Archivist

- 5.8.1 Shall receive, classify and index all relevant material, including but not limited to, administrative files and records, correspondence, and literary and factual works considered to have historical importance to groups, areas and regions in the BC Region.
- 5.8.2 Shall create and maintain a mobile history display(s) available for Conventions and special events in the BC Region and beyond as long as the funding and/or reimbursement for such related costs such as transportation and room and board are funded by either the region or requesting service committee.
- 5.8.3 Shall function in a two-fold manner: primarily, a custodian responsible for assuring the physical integrity of the collection, storage of artifacts and its availability to persons with a valid reason. Secondary, a parallel and critical role of data gatherer.
- 5.8.4 The BC Region was designated as the primary repository for archives since its inception; therefore, the BC Region provides adequate space for the collection, cataloging and preservation of historical materials.
- 5.8.5 Letters, books, booklets, pamphlets, world directories, area and regional meeting lists, event and conventions flyers and memorabilia for groups, areas and regions in the BC Region along with documents and memorabilia from WSC/WSO/WCNA, area and regional newsletters, area and regional service committee minutes, written histories, photographs, audio and videotapes and digital records serve as the foundation of the archival library.

- 5.8.6** Shall develop and maintain a detailed inventory of all items in the regional archives.
- 5.8.7** Shall develop ways and means to enhance the archival inventory by creating a method for donors to have some assurance that their gift will be treated and handled with care for generations to come.
- 5.8.8** May recruit other volunteers to act as Assistant Archivists (these assistants shall meet the same qualifications and requirements as the archivist).
- 5.8.9** Shall not remove any material from the BC Regional Archives unless the material is to be used as part of a mobile history display or to be repaired by a professional. The Archivist will cross-reference and inventory those items removed from the Archives via a checklist to insure all the materials that were taken have been returned in their entirety and in good condition.
- 5.8.10** Is responsible for the physical integrity of the collection, documents and artifactual items; therefore, the archivist maintains proper methods of storage for such items.
- 5.8.11** Is responsible for ensuring the protection of the anonymity of members, and the confidentiality of the records.
- 5.8.12** In keeping with Tradition seven, the archives ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions (with the exception of archival materials). It is better that funding for the archives are derived from an overall budget within the service structure.
- 5.8.13** Maintains regular communication with the World Service Office, and other regional Archivists. The position of Archivist is a resource coordinator position. They may meet with the Regional Administrative Committee as deemed necessary from time to time in regards to the archive collection.
- 5.8.14** Has at least 2 years clean time

5.9 Trustee 1 & 2

Working closely together, the Trustees will act as a resource and guide the BCRSC in procedural matters.

- 5.9.1** Assists with Strategic Planning
- 5.9.2** Keeps in close contact with both former and current BCRSC Administrative and Subcommittee chairs. Ensures that communication occurs between the two groups.
- 5.9.3** Identifies issues that come up during discussion, and keeps a list of issues that require follow up
- 5.9.4** Adheres to a set of checks and balances re: Audits, inventories, signing authorities
- 5.9.5** Provides guidance and oversee follow through with assigned projects and tasks (workgroups)
- 5.9.6** Is entrusted with all templates required for regular BCRSC business, and provides the resources needed to any trusted servant (includes templates for treasurer, minutes, mentor and contact list, orientation package and policy document)
- 5.9.7** Facilitates conflict resolution including redress
- 5.9.8** Point persons for mentorship

- 5.9.9 Directs trusted servants to the correct person for information regarding any aspect of service (ex: for WSC info, directs to the RD team; for PR info directs to PR chair/vice chair)
- 5.9.10 Provides quarterly reports to the regional body
- 5.9.11 Is a participating member of the Regional Service Board and the Administration Committee
- 5.9.12 Has at least five (5) years continuous clean time.
- 5.9.13 Minimum 2 years previous BC Regional Service Committee experience
- 5.9.14 Trustee 1 will make sure all matters pertaining to the BCRNA insurance policy are taken care of.

5.10 Guidelines Point Person

- 5.10.1 Has current copies of the BC Regional Guidelines document available at the RSC meeting
- 5.10.2 Keeps the Guidelines document current by ensuring all changes approved by the Regional body are included
- 5.10.3 Has a high level of familiarity with the BC Regional Guidelines document and can disseminate the information for the body
- 5.10.4 Is a participating member of the Regional Service Board and the Administrative Committee
- 5.10.5 Has up to date copies of all subcommittee guideline documents available
- 5.10.6 Ensures that the subcommittee guidelines are aligned with regional guidelines
- 5.10.7 Provides quarterly reports to the regional body
- 5.10.8 Has at least three (3) years continuous clean time
- 5.10.9 Minimum 1 year previous BC Regional Service Committee experience

5.11 Regional Venue Coordinator

- 5.11.1 The Regional Venue Coordinator works with Regional Administration to arrange, coordinate and administer the BCRSC Meetings
- 5.11.2 The Regional Venue Coordinator shall negotiate contracts with the facility and be the single point of accountability for the BCRSC to the facility liaison
- 5.11.3 The Regional Venue Coordinator shall keep track of all bookings for meals and accommodations, confirm receipt of payment by cheque or e-transfer, and provide a financial report to the treasurer at the end of each RSC meeting
- 5.11.4 The Regional Venue Coordinator shall provide to the BCRSC Facilitator and/or Co-Facilitator copies of all correspondence with the facility, as well as regular updates of booking information
- 5.11.5 The RVC can send out notices regarding accommodations and meals without having to go through the secretary to do so as per 10.4

5.12 Administrative Committee

- 5.12.1** The Administrative Committee shall be comprised of the Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Regional Delegate Alternate, Guideline Point Person, Trustee 1&2, Website Coordinator, Venue Coordinator and the Archivist.
- 5.12.2** Four of the Administrative Committee members shall be the signing officers of any BCRSC bank account(s) unless they cohabitate.
- 5.12.3** Administrative Committee members shall attend all BCRSC meetings
- 5.12.4** As trusted servants of the BCRSC, the Administrative Committee may make any extraordinary decisions between regularly scheduled BCRSC meetings
- 5.12.5** Administrative Committee shall form the basis of the Regional Service Board and shall attend all Regional Service Board meetings of the BCRSC
- 5.12.6** One member of the Regional Body will be assigned the positions of “Postal communication Liaison” by the BCRSC. The postal communication liaison is responsible for collecting the Regional mail at least 2 times a month, opening letters, and forwarding any time sensitive documents to the appropriate regional officer, subcommittee chair, or RCM.

5.13 Regional Service Board

- 5.13.1** Shall consist of:
 - 5.13.1.1** Facilitator
 - 5.13.1.2** Co-Facilitator
 - 5.13.1.3** Secretary
 - 5.13.1.4** Regional Delegate Team
 - 5.13.1.5** Trustees 1 and 2
 - 5.13.1.6** Guidelines Point Person
 - 5.13.1.7** Archivist
 - 5.13.1.8** Any interested member
 - 5.13.1.9** The Treasurer may be required to attend, at the request of the service board, when financial forecasting issues arise
- 5.13.2** Duties of the Regional Service Board:
 - 5.13.2.1** Reviews standing committees guidelines for congruency with Regional policy
 - 5.13.2.2** Facilitates conflict resolution
 - 5.13.2.3** Provides recommendations to regional body for needed changes
 - 5.13.2.4** Provides options for format changes
 - 5.13.2.5** Discusses referred items from regional body and provides solutions and needed information to the regional body to help facilitate consensus
 - 5.13.2.6** Addresses policy ambiguity (lack of clarity)
 - 5.13.2.7** Provides clarity and suggestions on issues that arise regarding regional business
 - 5.13.2.8** Organizes and monitors strategic plan

5.13.2.9 Monitors workgroups

5.13.2.10 Coordinates Regional Assembly

5.14 Web Coordinator

5.14.1 Suggested clean time is two years.

5.14.2 Have an Internet capable computer and have a reliable Internet connection.

5.14.3 Have a sufficient understanding of the Traditions and Concepts of N.A.

5.14.4 Be willing and able to communicate with Service Bodies on both sides of the Service structure

The suggested accountability and workflow of the Web Coordinator is as follows;

- a) The Web Coordinator (WC) will be accountable to the Admin Committee.
- b) The WC will be responsible for liaising with the CANA/ACNA Web Servant and any other technical persons relating to the domain and/or hosting of the web site.
- c) The WC will be responsible for coordinating set up of BC Regional email
- d) The WC will be responsible for coordinating updates for Members/Users list on BC Regional Website
- e) The WC will be responsible for updating events on BC Regional Website
- f) The WC will be responsible for coordinating the posting all resource files to the private and public resource areas of the web site. (It is suggested to limit all posted files to PDF where possible.)
- h) The WC will be responsible for coordinating with the website managing company to ensure that the web site meets suggested guidelines as set out in the relevant documentation provided by the World Service Board and for investigation of any issues brought to the attention of the Web Coordinator with the World Service Board.
- i) The WC will be responsible for working together with the Literature Chair to ensure that a current price list and/or facility for ordering literature is available from the Web Site.
- j) The WC will be responsible for replying to all relevant enquiries made of the WC within 7 days and maintain a proper archive of all communication in that regard.
- e) The WC will be responsible for providing the Admin Committee with a written report reflecting changes and activity on and from the web site prior to each Regional Committee meeting.

5.15 Pacific Northwest Chairperson ("PWN Chair")

5.15.1 Adhere to and execute the job descriptions and responsibilities outlined in the *Pacific Northwest Convention of Narcotics Anonymous Committee Guidelines*.

5.16 Pacific Northwest Board Rep (“PNW Rep”) 1 & 2

- 5.16.1 Adhere to and execute the job descriptions and responsibilities outlined in Article II, section B of the *Pacific Northwest Convention of Narcotics Anonymous Board Guidelines* (see ADDENDUM F)
- 5.16.2 Participate in and be willing to be of service at the PNW convention being attended.
- 5.16.3 Participate in and be willing to be of service at the local PNW convention host committee meetings.
- 5.16.4 A written report will be provided to the BCRSC following the annual Board meeting.
- 5.16.5 May hold a second regional position

6. SEATING PROCEDURES

- 6.1 During the RSC meeting, only RCMs, RCM Alternates, or selected representatives, Administrative Committee members, Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs may be seated at the table as space permits.

7. CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING PROCEDURE

- 7.1 The BCRSC utilizes a Consensus-Based Decision Making Procedure as outlined below. Efforts should be made to discuss and fully understand the topic until consensus is reached.

7.2 WORKFLOW

1: Prioritize and address the topic of discussion:

- Discuss the issue that needs to be resolved, or simply entertain the topic put forward.
- Ensure the BCRSC has a thorough and common understanding of the issue or topic.
- Sometimes the topic of discussion is the proposal on step # 2.

2: Determine if a proposal is required, or implement the proposal.

- Clarify the proposal at hand, ensure the BCRSC understands what change or action the proposal will bring forth to or for the body.

3: Test for consensus

- 100% of the BCRSC body reaches consensus, proceed to step 7 with implementation.
- If it's less than 100%, the body will hear out the concerns raised.

4: Hear out the concerns raised.

- Dissenters present their viewpoints.

- Body discusses the dissent, seeking understanding and solutions.
- Consider modification of the proposal, if it can be altered simply during the discussion.
- A small group discussion, or a break may be necessary.

5: Second test for consensus

- 100% of the BCRSC body reaches consensus, proceed to step 7 with implementation.
- Less than 100% proceed to next step.

6: Consult

- Hear out any additional concerns that have not yet been raised.
- The facilitator should make the body aware of the current time spent on the topic, and determine if further cycles of consensus tests will make any progress. Consider forming a workgroup, or defer the topic to the next quarter, if the topic becomes too involved.
- If the regional conscience determines a such an action is not necessary, proceed to step 7.

7: Address and confirm level of authority

- Does this decision need to go back to the areas? Does it fall under the acting authority of the RCMs/RCM-alts on the spot? Or does it fall on the authority of the entire BCRSC body?

8: Test that authority level for consensus

- 85% assent/assent with reservations shall be considered consensus
- If 16% or greater block, OR if 33.3% or greater stand aside **and/or** block, consensus will not have been achieved.

7. FINAL DECISION DEFINITIONS

Assent

"I'm on board, absolutely! Let's do it!"

Assent with Reservations

"I think this may be a mistake, but I can live with it."

"I agree for the most part, or to a degree"

The degree is basically giving assent to the proposal so that we can move forward, but not fully on board. In short, not stopping what the body wants to do.

The assumption is that the reservations have been heard already, and you are simply noting that you can support the proposal and continue to have these reservations.

Stand Aside

"I personally cannot do this, but I will not stop others from doing this"

Basically taking yourself out of the equation. You do not agree, but will not actively stop the group from moving forward. However, you recognize that this position could inadvertently stop consensus for the reason below:

NOTE: a number of Stand Asides (33.3% or more) of those decision-making members present will indicate that a consensus to adopt the proposal is too weak. The proposal is then either dropped or delegated to the maker of the proposal or a working group for reworking. The content of the dissent is noted in the minutes.

Block

"I cannot support this or allow the group to support this, it is against our principles."

Blocking is a rare and extreme form of dissent taken only if you honestly believe that one of the Traditions or Concepts is directly violated by a proposal, or that some fundamental or moral position would be violated.

A participant who blocks, must be able to articulate which and how a tradition, concept, policy or spiritual principle fundamental to NA is being violated.

A block must be based on a generally recognized principle, not a personal preference.

aa a concern is considered to be a "valid" block, the BCRSC body must have accepted the validity of the concern, and a reasonable attempt must have been made to resolve it.

Consider the following when considering a BLOCK:

- Blocking a proposal is a last resort and only done in rare and extreme cases
- Can I put aside my personal opinion to allow the rest of the group to move forward?
- Am I able to pass on making a point, when someone else has already made it?

Straw Polls are for information to assess where the body is at. They are not votes.

7.3 LEVELS OF AUTHORITY

- Any RCM, RCM alternate, individual elected to represent his/her/their Area, or BCRSC elected member (eg: admin committee member or subcommittee chair) as listed in Section 5 (Job Descriptions) can bring a topic of discussion or proposal to the floor.
- Straw polls (eg: "temperature gauging for 100%") are not votes, and thus should be considered by all of the members listed above.

- Anyone present at the BCRSC meeting can speak to the proposal or topic of discussion at the floor.
- The level of authority regarding decision-making is assigned by inviting a loving higher power to clarify these questions:
 - (a) Does it affect the BC region as a whole, and the areas? Does the decision need to go back to those Areas for consultation? If so, why?
 - (b) Is it a decision that falls on the Areas, but yet can be entrusted to the RCMs to actively make during the meeting, without having to have a quarter elapse for consultation with their Areas? If so, why?
 - (c) Is it a decision that can be made by the entire BCRSC body? If so, why are the trusted servants (who serve the RCMs) granted this authority?

8. PROPOSALS

- 8.1** All RCMs or their Alternates, and area's selected representative, RSC Officers and Subcommittee Chairpersons are allowed to make proposals at the BCRSC Meetings.
- 8.2** Discussion is welcome from all attending the BCRSC meeting; any proposals must be submitted in writing by the RCM's or their Alternates, RSC Officers and Subcommittee Chairpersons.
- 8.3** All discussion at the BCRSC meeting will pertain only to specific proposals introduced, except under special circumstances, as determined by the BCRSC Facilitator.
- 8.4** Proposals that go back to Areas (Groups) have: the intent of the proposals; a copy of the policy in question to refer to; and the financial impact included.

9. REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE FUNDS

9.0

- 9.0.1** All monies accumulated from Area contributions, and other Narcotics Anonymous sources, shall be maintained in a bank account subject to disbursement to Regional Subcommittees, and paying other Regional obligations.
- 9.0.2** Any Area making a contribution to the BCRSC may bring forth a proposal, under New Business, requesting specific disbursement of funds.
- 9.0.3** A prudent reserve should be kept by the BCRSC. (See Section 11.2)

9.0.4 Each Subcommittee may maintain its own operation bank account.

9.0.5 Any service position required to be at an event will be funded in full to attend that event.

9.1 Operating Expenses

9.1.1 Regional operating funds shall be disbursed in the following order:

9.1.1.1 BCRSC quarterly meeting space rental;

9.1.1.2 Administrative Operating Expenses;

9.1.1.3 Regional Delegates Operating Expenses;

9.1.1.4 Travel to and from RSC

9.1.1.5 Subcommittee Operating Expenses.

9.1.2 All reasonable expenses (telephone, mail, mailbox rental, photocopying, and reproduction costs) of the Administrative and Subcommittees shall be the responsibility of the BCRSC.

9.1.3 To that end, as requested, the Treasurer shall submit for BCRSC approval an annual expense budget. The Treasurer shall consult with other Administrative and Subcommittee Chairpersons in preparing this submission.

9.1.4 Cheques to be issued at each BCRSC meeting, in advance.

9.1.5 Accounting of Operating Expenses shall be included in BCRSC Meeting Reports. Annual accounting reports of operating funds shall be submitted at the BCRSC meeting immediately prior to regularly scheduled elections. All excess funds will be returned to BCRSC at this meeting; similarly, any outstanding expenses will be reimbursed.

9.1.6 BCRSC shall reimburse the hosting ASC for Saturday and Sunday meeting space (this is to include sufficient space for Sat. afternoon Subcommittee meetings).

9.1.7 That all workshops, learning days and Subcommittee meetings (not held at the RSC) plan a fund raising event, to be included in the agenda of their activities, to defer Costs of these events.

9.1.7.1 All fundraising efforts will follow WB Bulletin #30, found in Addendum A

9.1.8 Financial reports, including receipts (or copies) shall be included with all quarterly reports to BCRSC. Annual financial reports, including last quarter's receipts (or copies) and bank records, to be included in year's end report (August). These yearly books will be reviewed by the newly elected Regional Treasurer, and another appointed member, during the first quarter. If the Treasurer is taking the position for a second term, two members will be appointed to review that Treasurer's books. The Literature Subcommittee will be exempt from the above due to volume of transactions. The Literature Subcommittee's review will be done separately by two appointed members.

9.1.9 25% of the current annual cost of the BCRSCNA insurance policy is to be allocated quarterly.

9.2 Prudent Reserve

9.2.1 A prudent reserve shall consist of sufficient funds to

9.2.1.1 Have each Committee/Administrative/RD's operate between meetings

9.2.1.2 An estimated amount of Travel Expenses to attend one meeting; and

9.2.1.3 An estimated cost of BCRSC meeting space

9.2.2 This amount shall be considered separate from expendable funds. Currently (August 2012) this amount is set at six thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$6850.00).

9.2.3 That six thousand (\$6,000.00) be earmarked and set aside as seed money for each BCRSCNA. (See also BCRSCNA Section 16.4.3)

9.2.4 That a review of funds earmarked will be done annually. Funds held in earmark to be returned to BCRSC if no clear supportable rationale exists after review.

9.3 Voting on Financial Expenditures

9.3.1 There is to be no funding of non-BCRSC events and BCRSC or its Subcommittees may not adopt any Area events without going back to Areas for group conscience.

9.3.2 All proposals requiring expenditures of BCRSC funds shall require consensus.

9.4 Banking Procedures

9.4.1 Financial – All monies accumulated from Area contributions and other Narcotics Anonymous sources shall be maintained in a bank account subject to disbursements to BCRSC Subcommittees and other BCRSC obligations. Any two of the signing authorities referenced in 5.12.1 shall be required on all disbursements.

9.4.2 Each subcommittee bank account shall require a minimum of two signatures for all disbursements.

9.5 BCRSC Travel Fund (to and from BCRSC meetings)

9.5.1 Purpose of the BCRSC Travel Fund:

9.5.1.1 The purpose of the BCRSC Travel fund is to facilitate the required attendance of elected BCRSC members at regularly scheduled BCRSC meetings.

9.5.2 INDIVIDUALS ELEGIBLE FOR BCRSC FUNDING FOR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:

9.5.2.1 BCRSC Facilitator

9.5.2.2 BCRSC Co-Facilitator

9.5.2.3 BCRSC Treasurer

9.5.2.4 BCRSC Secretary

9.5.2.5 Regional Delegate

9.5.2.6 Regional Delegate Alt

9.5.2.7 All standing BCRSC Subcommittee Chairpersons or their elected representative

9.5.2.8 BCRSC Subcommittee-Elected Trusted Servants, BCRSC Appointed Members

9.5.2.8.1 Only members specifically requested to attend the regional meeting are required to attend

9.5.2.9 Regional Venue Coordinator

9.5.2.10 PNW Chair

9.5.2.11 PNW Board Rep 1 and PNW Board Rep 2

9.5.2.11.1 The PNW Board Representatives need only attend the regional meeting preceding the convention, and the regional meeting following the convention.

9.5.2.12 Guidelines Point Person.

9.5.2.13 Website Coordinator.

9.5.2.14 Archivist.

9.5.2.15 Regional Committee Members (subject to 11.5.4.1.4)

9.5.3 FUNDING ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS:

9.5.3.1 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES.

9.5.3.1.1 The fund will reimburse travel expenses to and from the BCRSC and ferry reservation costs.

9.5.3.1.2 Members are encouraged to use this fund with discretion and respect for our primary purpose. To that end, sharing travel expenses with other members whenever and wherever possible is recommended.

9.5.3.1.2.1 Travel expenses will be paid to and from the BCRSC at the rate of 50 cents per kilometer traveled.

9.5.3.1.3 Reimbursement may be requested by submitting the applicable reimbursement form to the BCRNA Treasurer.

9.5.3.1.4 QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - TRAVEL FUNDING

9.5.3.1.4.1 Areas requesting travel reimbursement or prepayment for their RCMs or elected representatives of their respective Areas, must submit Area financial statements.

9.5.3.1.4.1.1 As long as an area is in their prudent reserve, and they follow the above guideline then they are eligible to receive applicable funding

9.5.3.1.4.1.2 BCRSC will offer the referenced Area travel reimbursement assistance, if said area has not attended the Regional meeting for the past 2 meetings (Up to a maximum of \$700.00.)

9.5.3.1.4.1.3 A seated Regional position and/or an Area may apply for air travel funding for an RCM or other representative, to attend the BCRSC if the road travel exceeds 8 hours one way.

9.5.3.2 SUBSIDY FOR ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS.

9.5.3.2.1 - If the eligible member in 10.5.2:

(a) Lives or travels from a starting point at least an hour's drive or further, from the central meeting location,

(b) Is required to attend on both Saturday and Sunday, and

(c) Is not currently funded by their respective Area to attend,

The Trusted Servant will be subsidized for two nights' accommodations, and 4 meals. The amount of subsidized meals may vary at the traveling regional meeting, dependent on cost.

The Trusted Servant will also be subsidized up to \$60 for food expenses (eg: "on-the-road") while traveling to/from the meeting location.

9.5.3.2.2 - If the eligible member in 10.5.2:

(a) Lives or travels from a starting point at least an hour's drive or further, from the central meeting location,

(b) Is required to attend on the Saturday only, and

(c) Is not currently funded by their respective Area to attend,

The Trusted Servant will be subsidized for one night's accommodation, and 2 meals. The amount of subsidized meals may vary at the traveling regional meeting, dependent on cost.

The Trusted Servant will also be subsidized up to \$60 for food expenses (eg: "on-the-road") while traveling to/from the meeting location.

9.5.3.2.3 - If the eligible member in 10.5.2:

(a) Lives or travels from a starting point within an hour's drive from the central meeting location,

(b) Is required to attend either (i) Saturday and Sunday, or (ii) Saturday only, and

(c) Is not currently funded by their respective Area to attend,

The Trusted Servant will be subsidized for either (i) two meals or (ii) one meal respectively. The amount of subsidized meals may vary at the traveling regional meeting, dependent on cost.

9.5.3.2.4 - It is the responsibility of the trusted servant to identify which nights and meals they are applying for, on the venue application form.

9.5.3.2.5 A minimum of eight days' notice is required to receive a full refund on booked accommodations. If you cancel within eight days prior to the RSC meeting you will be responsible for 50% of the cost.

9.5.3.2.6 That one member of the facilitation team and the venue coordinator be funded for accommodation regardless of distance travelled. The facilitation team to decide amongst themselves who is funded.

9.5.3.2.7 QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL SUBSIDY

9.5.3.2.7.1 Areas requesting accommodation and meal subsidy for their RCMs or elected representatives of their respective Areas, must submit Area financial statements

9.5.3.2.7.1.1 As long as an area is in their prudent reserve, and they follow the above guideline then they are eligible to receive the applicable subsidy.

9.5.3.2.7.1.2 BCRSC will offer the referenced area accommodation and meal subsidy assistance, if said area has not attended the Regional meeting for the past 2 meetings. This amount factors into and is included in the \$700 maximum declared on 10.5.3.1.4.1.2, if travel expense claims are also applied.

9.5.3.3 APPLICATION OF TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT AND ACCOMMODATION/MEAL SUBSIDY

It should be noted 9.5.3.1 and 9.5.3.2 are meant to serve as guidelines to ensure that the elected trusted servants are funded so that their **availability** to fulfill their duties is secured. However, these are guidelines meant to meet the **minimum** required conditions. Applying these conditions to each and every individual may not be realistic depending on their location and duty requirements.

(For example: A BCRSC Admin committee member (eg: BCRSC Facilitator) and a BCRSC Subcommittee-Elected Trusted Servant (eg: BCRSC PR Treasurer, or BCRSC Literature Secretary) both happen to live in far, northern BC. The cost to reimburse each member to travel separately (as one member happens to require to stay the full two days, the other only one day) would be much more than if they car-pooled together and stayed for both days. It would thus make more financial sense to subsidize both members to stay and be fed for both the 2 nights, and reimbursed for the sole, group car-pooling travel expense.)

Thus, as per the spirit of 9.5.3.1.2, in such exceptional circumstances (eg: a BCRSC Subcommittee-Elected Trusted Servant is requesting accommodation & meal subsidy for two days instead of one,) BCRSCNA trusted servants should work together and include in their advance reports, the rationale behind the expense claim, and the support for saving BCNA's 7th tradition income. Assuming this claim is accepted as such in the advance report at the BCRSC meeting, it is then just simply approved. Any dissent to this, however, will follow the Consensus-Based-Decision-Making process as outlined in Addendum B before the BCRSC for approval of the claim. If the claim is not declared in the advance report, it will need to be itemized and presented before the BCRSC and addressed via the Consensus-Based-Decision-Making process in Addendum B for approval.

9.6 RD, RD Alternate Travel Fund

9.6.1 Fifteen percent of BCRSC gross receipts shall be set aside as the RD, RD1 travel fund.

9.6.2 Direction shall be taken from voting members with respect to any amounts in excess of budget forecasts

9.6.2.2 At this time, RD's shall provide a projected travel budget for one year.

9.6.3 WSC ATTENDANCE:

The following expenses will be paid for the RDA to attend the World Service Conference:

9.6.3.1 Transportation to and from airports

9.6.3.2 Return airfare

9.6.3.3 One half the expense of a double room per day

9.6.3.4 Per Diem meals equal to the WSC per diem, provided to the RD at the rate declared in "Addendum A - Travel Reimbursement Policy of the official Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous." Any excess surplus funds are to be returned to Regional

9.6.4 CANA ATTENDANCE: Same reimbursement rates as 10.6.3, but in CAD currency.

9.7 PNW Board Rep 1 and 2 Travel Fund

9.7.1 Funding for attendance to the PWCNA board meeting will be as follows:

9.7.1.1 Travel to and from PNWCNA as per travel policy

9.7.1.2 Hotel accommodations for one night if PNW is located over 150 km away

9.7.1.3 Per diem for one day based on current policy

9.8 Travel Outside of Canada

9.8.1 Any member seeking finding form the BCRSC to travel outside of Canada must disclose his/her border crossing status. Those with a criminal record must provide written documentation showing legal clearance prior to receiving funds.

9.9 Literature Subcommittee

9.9.1 The BCRSC requires our Literature Subcommittee to sell NA literature at no more than 7% above cost. Cost is understood to include our own handling costs. With this principle in mind, the pricing of NA literature, medallions, etc. if left to the discretion of the Literature Subcommittee.

9.9.2 The Literature Subcommittee must first support itself. After paying its bills, any remaining funds should be placed in the Literature Subcommittee's bank account, accumulating a stockpile of literature adequate to supply the Region for a minimum of one quarter. After this stockpile has been established, excess funds will be diverted to the BCRSC.

9.9.3 The Literature Subcommittee obtains an insurance policy (re: theft, water damage, vandalism, etc.) to cover the maximum amount of literature in the stockpile.

9.9.4 The BCRLC accepts payment for literature by certified cheque, money order, or direct deposit only.

9.9.5 Two signatures are required on all BCRLC expenditures, one of the signatures being one of the BCRSC Administrative Committee.

9.9.6 Newly elected BCR Literature committee Treasurer be ratified by the regional body.

9.10 The PR subcommittee shall supply literature, when requested by the facility, to all Federal and Provincial jails and all youth detention centers.

10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 All RCMs, Officers and Subcommittee Chairpersons are required to submit a report to the secretary two weeks prior to the upcoming BCRSC meeting

10.2 Any and all proposals contained within the body of a report will be dealt with in the appropriate area of New Business

10.3 Accounting of Operating Expenses and inventory, where applicable, shall be included in BCRSC Meeting Reports. Annual accounting reports of operating funds shall be submitted at BCRSC meeting immediately prior to regularly scheduled elections. All excess funds will be returned to BCRSC at this meeting; similarly, any outstanding Expenses will be reimbursed.

10.4 Unless privileges have been granted as per the respective trusted servant's duties and descriptions, all correspondence (eg: emails) directed to the Regional Body Distribution List, is to be first submitted to the secretary. All correspondence is limited to NA business matters only.

11. AMENDMENT OF GUIDELINES

11.1 Any RCM, Officer or Subcommittee Chairperson may propose an amendment to the BCRSC Policy and Procedures at a regular meeting. The proposal must be submitted in writing. If the amendment changes policy, it will be voted on at the next BCRSC using Consensus Based Decision Making. In cases where this is not possible, written ballot (voting) is used. All items of business that are forced into written ballot can only be carried with 2/3 majority to honor the principle of the group conscience, as per policy 8.8.

11.1.1 Tabled proposals coming back from an area that have been blocked as per policy 8.5 (A blocking concern must be based on a generally recognized principle, not a personal preference, or it must be against the entire group's well being. Before a concern is considered to be blocking, the group must have already accepted the validity of the concern and a reasonable attempt must have been made to resolve it. If legitimate concerns remain unresolved and the person has not agreed to stand aside, consensus is blocked.), shall not move to written ballot. The proposal will be considered defeated.

11.2 The amendment shall go into effect upon its adoption, unless otherwise specified.

11.3 Corrections to Policy & Procedure document of grammatical, spelling and typing errors, and the numbering system may be made by a Policy Committee decision providing the intent of the document is not changed.

11.4 Proposals pertaining strictly to procedural matters of the BCRSC may be decided at a BCRSC meeting by the group conscience of the RCM's present.

12. BC REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORY

12.1 The BC Regional Meeting Directory shall contain all pertinent information except the group name of the meeting(s).

12.1.1 Meeting names will not contain profanity.

12.2 To remove isolated (loner) meetings from BC Regional Directories list if time and location cannot be confirmed for one quarter (three months).

13. BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL CONVENTION GUIDELINES

13.1 Name

13.1.1 That the convention be known as the British Columbia Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous, abbreviated as BCRCNA.

13.2 Bid Process

13.2.1 That any Bid Committee competing for the BCRCNA will use WSC approved Convention Guidelines as a basis for its written submission. Minimum information to be provided with each bid includes:

13.2.1.1 Proposed date (consideration to be given to the benefits and difficulties of various geographic areas keeping in mind location, accessibility, and conflicting event(s))

13.2.1.1.1 With friendly direction given to hold BCRCNA between the spring and fall BCRSC meetings

13.2.1.2 Proposed location and confirmation of tentative reservation

13.2.1.3 Proposed hotel accommodations and approximate rates for single, double, triple and quad

13.2.1.4 Proposed committee administrative including full NA service resumes

13.2.1.5 Proposed budget

13.2.1.6 Proposed convention program.

- 13.2.2** Written Bids for BCRCNA are to be submitted to the regional body at the regional meeting prior to the current convention.
- 13.2.3** The current BCRCNA Committee will provide a written report with its recommendations for the next location at the RSC meeting following the convention.
- 13.2.4** The site selection will be ratified at the RSC meeting following the convention.
- 13.2.5** In the event that no bids are received by the current BCRCNA Committee by the above noted deadline, this Committee will advise the BCRSC Administrative Committee through the RSC Facilitator. It will then be the responsibility of the BCRSC Administrative to contact each area in an effort to have a bid for the next BCRCNA at or before the RSC meeting after the Convention.
- 13.2.6** The outgoing BCRCNA hosting committee will provide full meeting minutes and financial records as early as possible to the next Host Committee to assist them in their planning efforts.
- 13.2.7** The outgoing Hosting Committee executive will serve as consultants to the next Host Committee.
- 13.2.8** The newly elected BCRCNA Chairperson will be ratified by the BCRSC at the BCRSC meeting immediately following the formation of the BCRCNA host committee.

13.3 Convention Site Rotation

- 13.3.1** Starting with the 1999 British Columbia Regional Convention, the annual rotation will be:
- 13.3.1.1** Year 1 – Vancouver Island, Greater Vancouver area;
- 13.3.1.2** Year 2 – Interior British Columbia

13.4 Finance

- 13.4.1** The BCRCNA is responsible to the British Columbia Regional Service Committee and as such the BCRSC is responsible for any losses incurred by the Convention.
- 13.4.2** All funds generated by the BCRCNA are to be forwarded to the BCRSC along with a complete statement of Income and Expenses by the fall meeting of the RSC. A short general financial report should be ready for the RSC meeting following the annual Convention.
- 13.4.3** The BCRCNA hosting Committee shall receive six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) as start-up funds at the fall RSC meeting.
- 13.4.4** The BCRCNA shall maintain its own operating bank account.

14. SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

- 14.1** That any BC Region special event committee will coordinate with the Activities Subcommittee within the Area before the fundraiser date is set.
- 14.1.1** For fundraising guidelines see Addendum A

14.2 Upon receipt of BC Regional funds, that any special event committees, including Ad-Hoc, requiring its own operating bank account, must have a minimum of two signatures for all disbursements.

15. BCRSC MEETING – SCHEDULE, LOCATION AND HOSTING

15.0

15.0.1 The BCRSC Meeting will be held 2 times a year in a central meeting location in August and November. The February meeting will be held on an online platform. The May meeting will be held outside a central meeting location .

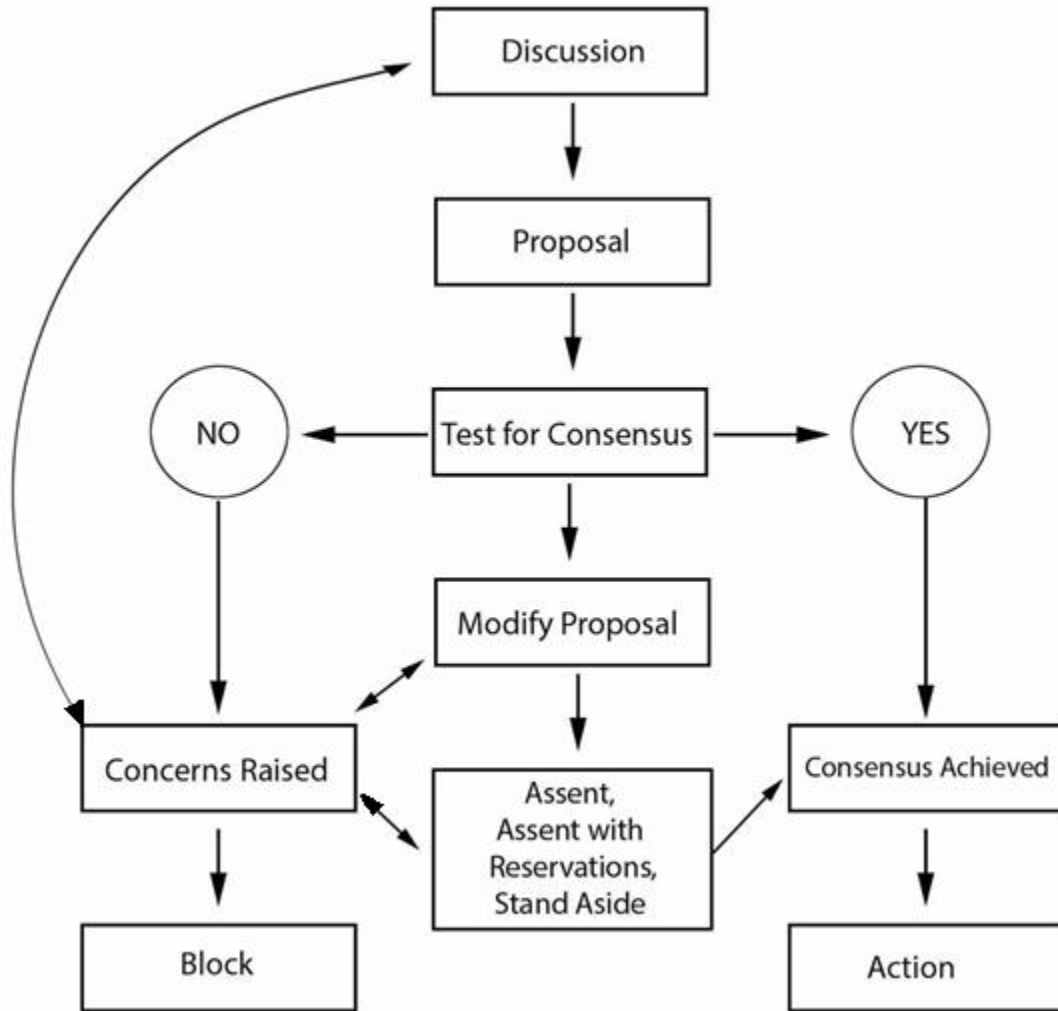
15.0.1.1 The BCRSC facilitator will appoint a Regional Venue Coordinator whenever necessary.

15.0.2 To hold the BCRSC Meeting on the last weekend of the months of February, May, August and November.

ADDENDUM A- WSB BULLETIN #21: The Generation of Funds (fundraising) and the Seventh Tradition in Narcotics Anonymous

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servicemat/Bulletin_21_revised.pdf

ADDENDUM B- CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART



Addendum C: Acronym List

<https://bcna.ca/index.php?category=resources>

Addendum D: BC Regional Service Committee Email Contact List

<https://bcna.ca/index.php?category=resources>

Addendum E – Pacific Northwest Convention of Narcotics Anonymous Guidelines
(Revised 10/25/2014)

<https://bcna.ca/index.php?category=resources>

Addendum F – BC Regional Area Directory

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