

NEW GSR ORIENTATION

Welcome to Beach Area Service of Narcotics Anonymous! We are happy to have you and are here to help with any questions you may have. Thank you for your service. We have made a list of a few things that will help you in your first few meetings.

- As a GSR you are a public servant to your group and a liaison to your area. If you make a motion individually, you need to have it seconded by another GSR. If your home group makes the motion, it does not need a second.

- If you have a donation from your home group, please bring it to the treasurer and they will provide you with a receipt.

- There are motion slips provided at the front table, if you have a motion, please fill it out and hand it to our Chair or Vice Chair.

- There are also minutes (an overview) from the last area service at the front table, please grab a copy if you would like to catch up. In addition, please provide the secretary with your email address so that they may send you a copy of all future minutes.

- There needs to be a 2/3 vote to make a change to policy but only a 51% majority for other motions.

- We suggest you sit with experienced GSRs during your first few areas and ASK QUESTIONS!

***Please ask us if you would like a hard copy of our area's policy. If not, there is a link on the BANA website.**

We use a lot of Acronyms for different positions and subcommittees that can sometimes be confusing. Here is a small list of the ones most commonly used:

GSR - Group Service Representative

RCM - Regional Committee Member

CARNA - Central Atlantic Region Narcotics Anonymous

BASNA - Beach Area Service Narcotics Anonymous

ENC - Emergent Needs Committee

H&I - Hospitals and Institutions

VRCC - Virginia Regional Convention Committee

Rules of Order

BASCNA shall incorporate rules of order to be followed during all business proceedings. The purpose of rules of order is to protect the right for the majority to decide, the minority to be heard, and the right of the individual member to an orderly and fair environment. The BASCNA Chair is responsible for maintaining this order throughout the ASC meeting. The BASCNA rules of order are outlined herein:

1. Quorum must be present to conduct business. (Quorum guidelines established in policy)

2. Members must be recognized by the chair to bring motion or to participate in debate. Members will be called out of order when speaking out of turn. Exceptions are Privilege.¹
3. Motions brought by home groups do not require a second; motions brought by members of GSR's without group conscience must be seconded by another GSR.²
4. All motions must be submitted in writing with intent to secretary.
5. Debate is opened with all members of the quorum allowed a voice.
6. Amendments to motions take precedence and will be voted on before the main motion.²
7. Referral to a committee takes precedence over an amendment or a main motion. The amendment and initial motion will be voted on in order of precedence when returned from committee.²
8. Postponement takes precedence over an amendment or a main motion. An item cannot be postponed longer than the next regular meeting.²
9. Limiting or extending debate takes precedence over an amendment or a main motion.³
10. Call for a vote takes precedence over an amendment, a main motion, and a debate.⁴
11. Table takes precedence over an amendment, a main motion, and a debate but can only be used if the issue requires individual group conscience.⁴
12. Recess and Adjourn takes precedence over an amendment, a main motion, and a debate.⁵
13. A motion passes by a simple majority except as noted.
14. Abstentions are not counted as a yea or nay.

Notes

1. Privilege can interrupt business. (Inability to hear, interruption from an outsider)
2. All these actions must be seconded (except main motions from a group), can be debated, and require a simple majority to pass.
3. Debate modification must be seconded and can only be debated as to its parameters not the request itself. It requires a 2/3 vote as it limits the rights of the members of the debate.
4. These actions must be seconded, cannot be debated and require a 2/3 vote.
5. These actions must be seconded, cannot be debated and requires a simple majority vote.

Thanks again for your service and please don't hesitate to ask questions!