

December 8, 1991

From: Bee-Hive Area ASR

To: Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (GPRSCNA)

Subj: Bee-Hive Area Report

1. At the last Regional meeting, the acting ASR for the Bee-Hive Area placed four motions on the Regional floor. These motions were sent to the RSC as the conscience of the Bee-Hive Area. During discussion of these motions, three were called out of order and the Regional Chair removed them from further consideration by the remaining Areas of the Region. We believe this is in clear violation of Traditions 2, 4, and 9. Our ultimate authority, and our autonomy, was expressed through the almost unanimous conscience of the Bee-Hive Area as a whole. Nine of our fourteen groups approved these motions, while one group abstained and one group was absent from voting. The remaining two groups are remote and never attend our ASC meetings, but extend their full support for whatever the vast majority of our groups decide is for the good of the Area. We believe that motions sent forward as the conscience of an Area must be decided by the conscience of all the other Areas, not by an individual or group of individuals at the RSC. We will firmly stand our ground on this issue because we strongly believe in our Spiritual Principles. We have returned with these three motions to be brought out under New Business, and we ask that our sister Areas support us on allowing the groups to decide.

2. Five groups have left the Bee-Hive Area to join with other groups from the Little Apple Area to form a new Area. These groups left with the full blessing and support of the Bee-Hive Area. We believe that an Area Service Committee is responsible to first provide the basic services to its member groups, and this newly formed Area is geographically suitable for providing those services. We understand the difficulties associated with forming a new Area, such as financial constraints. Therefore, we agreed to extend our Phoneline services into this newly formed Area until they are capable of supporting their own. We will also be discussing listing their meetings on our Meeting Lists until they have stabilized. We believe this newly formed Area is a positive move toward continued growth of our Fellowship as a whole.

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3. The second annual Bee-Hive Area Birthday Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (BHABCNA-II) was held over the Thanksgiving Day Weekend. We sincerely thank all our fellow Regional members for supporting our convention. We had three excellent speakers: Hamilton R. - Opening, Bob B. - Banquet, and Chuck L. - Spiritual. We extended our convention this year to include a Thanksday Meal followed by a guest speaker meeting and a talent show. We hope to continue this format next year. In a show of true spirituality, we tried some different ideas. We had a newcomer board by registration for anyone with 90 days or less. Those people who signed the board were given a free registration package and were asked to return two hours before the banquet. Those that returned were given a free banquet ticket. We borrowed this idea from the Little Apple Area's last convention. More than thirty newcomers were in attendance at the banquet and we called each one of their names to come forward to receive a Basic Text. We then asked that anyone in the Banquet Hall without a Basic Text, regardless of clean time, come forward to receive one. Our convention turned little to no profit. Several bills are still outstanding, but with left over merchandise and a proposed fund raising event we should finish the year without debt. We did not believe that our convention should be a profit making function and incorporated safeguards to insure that any profit would be returned for the good of all members of the Area. We hope to see many of our fellow members return next year and we look forward to hosting BHABCNA-III.

In loving service,



Brett D.
Bee-Hive ASR

MOTION NO. 1

From: Bee-Hive ASC

To: Greater Philadelphia Region

Motion: That the policies of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee, having been approved by the conscience of the groups of the Greater Philadelphia Region, be followed as written without change or deviation, unless those changes or deviations are once again approved by the conscience of the groups of the Greater Philadelphia Region.

Intent: We believe that the policies of the Region that are approved by group conscience are done so under the guide of the Second Tradition of Narcotics Anonymous. As such, no individual or group of individuals has the right to arbitrarily change those policies without violating the Ninth Tradition of Narcotics Anonymous. Too many times we believe people overlook policy when they are in favor of something and enforce policy when they are opposed to something. This is a self-destructive use of policy and should not be tolerated. If the conscience of the groups say it should be one way, then it should be that way without exception, unless the conscience of the groups approves a change.

APPEALED
FAILED

MOTION NO. 2

From: Bee-Hive ASC

To: Greater Philadelphia Region

Motion: That the Policy Guidelines handed out by the Regional Policy Committee at the June 2 Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Meeting (annotated Master No. 5 and dated 5/88) be once again approved by the conscience of the groups of the Greater Philadelphia Region so that no trusted servant can question the intent of group conscience.

Intent: These policy guidelines have already been approved by the conscience of the groups of the Greater Philadelphia Region. However, there are still some questions as to changes that may have occurred over the last few years. We believe this is a fair starting point, and that changes will from time to time be submitted for approval by group conscience. We also believe that the groups should end the needless bickering and manipulation on the Regional level by taking a firm stand on the policy that already exists.

APPEALED
FAILED

MOTION NO. 3

From: Bee-Hive ASC

To: Greater Philadelphia Region

Motion: That during debate on a motion or discussion of an issue, any ASR wishing to debate or discuss be recognized by the Chair before any other trusted servant or member of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee, since the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee's sole function is to serve the Areas of the Greater Philadelphia Region, and only the ASR's can speak for those Areas.

Intent: We believe that there are many able and loving trusted servants on the Regional level. We also believe that healthy debate often forms unity. If the debate or discussion centers around the ASR's, then they are directly accountable to the Area they represent, and must answer to that Area for the stand they may take on an issue. If the debate or discussion centers around trusted servants who are not ASR's, then, although they may be directly accountable to the Areas through the Region, they do not necessarily have to answer to an Area for a stand they may take on an issue. The Areas of the Greater Philadelphia Region have bonded together to form the Region, therefore, the ASR's must be recognized before any other member.

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MOTION NO. 4

From: Bee-Hive ASC

To: Greater Philadelphia Region

Motion: That the Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (GPRCCNA) be removed as a standing committee of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (GPRSCNA) and instead be placed as a standing committee of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Office (GPRSO) to be accountable to the corporation.

Intent: Discussion of money, property, and prestige on the regional floor diverts us from discussing and focusing on the issues that are truly the business of the GPRSCNA; such as H&I, PI, and Phonenumber. Additionally, the GPRSO is better able to account for and handle the large sums of money generated by convention activities.

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MOTION NO. 5

From: Bee-Hive ASC

To: Greater Philadelphia Region

Motion: To make policy that no member of the Executive Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (GPRSCNA) be allowed to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Office (GPRSO). The Executive Committee being defined as: Regional Chairperson, Regional Co-Chairperson, Regional Secretary, Regional Treasurer, RSR, and RSR-ALT.

Intent: The GPRSCNA has three elected members on the Board of the GPRSO. These members are directly accountable to the GPRSCNA. Executive Committee members serve the administrative needs of the Region and none of the actions of the Executive Committee should be in conflict with any other sub-committee of the GPRSCNA. Having members that sit on both the GPRSO Board and the GPRSCNA Executive Committee is a true conflict of interest and should not be allowed.

APPEALED
FAILED