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| **HIGNA Area Service Committee Region Report January 2019** | | |
| **RCM report** | | |
| **ASC: HIGNA Area Service Committee** | | |
| **ASC meeting details:** | | |
| **Day and time:**  **Last Sunday of every even month at 5pm** | **Venue:**  **Bluejeans room ID** [**https://bluejeans.com/176732843**](https://bluejeans.com/176732843) | **ASC mailing address:**  **meetings@higna.org.uk** |
| **Website:** [**www.higna.org.uk**](http://www.higna.org.uk) |  | |
| **Number of groups and meetings: 7 Meetings per week**  **Sunday: 7pm JFT T/D. Venue** [**https://bluejeans.com/754367039**](https://bluejeans.com/754367039)  **Monday: 1pm JFT T/D. Venue,** [**https://bluejeans.com/770876670**](https://bluejeans.com/770876670)  **Tuesday: 7pm Ask it Basket. Venue,** [**https://bluejeans.com/452423020**](https://bluejeans.com/452423020)  **Wednesday: 1pm Step. Venue,** [**https://bluejeans.com/108569655**](https://bluejeans.com/108569655)  **Thursday: 6:30pm In times of Illness. Venue,** [**https://bluejeans.com/401351412**](https://bluejeans.com/401351412)  **Friday: 7pm Speaker. Venue,** [**https://bluejeans.com/437955547**](https://bluejeans.com/437955547)  **Saturday: Living Clean T/D. Venue,** [**https://bluejeans.com/438737301**](https://bluejeans.com/438737301)  All the above meetings are well supported with an attendance of between 15 to 25 members. | | |
| **Sub-committee activities:** We currently have no standing sub-committees and address specific service needs on an ad hoc basis as and when they arise by drawing on the experience of group members as required.  Please list H&I meetings: 0 | | |
| **Events: Past and Upcoming Events:**  **Xmas Marathon** which was a collaborative online service effort with the NA at Home group and ran for 36 hours. Average attendance per hourly meeting slot was around 10-15 with up to 25/30 in some meetings. Members attended from 21 countries across 5 continents.  **New Year’s Marathon** which was also a collaborative online service effort with the NA at Home NA group and ran for 36 hours. Average attendance per hourly meeting slot was around 10-15 with up to 25/30 in some meetings. Members attended from 22 countries across 5 continents.  **Online Convention:** We are currently considering the logistics of putting together a similar collaborative service effort to create the first ever Online NA convention hopefully sometime in the next 12 to 18 months and will keep Region informed as to our progress or not with that possibility. | | |
| **Additional information:**  Since we and the NA at Home group of meetings moved venue platforms to Bluejeans in November of 2018, after 7 years of using Skype, we have, and despite the early concerns being expressed by our members about the change, had an increase in meeting attendance. Due in part to the simplicity and adaptability of the Bluejeans cross device application and it not requiring members to register for an account to attend meetings. That simplicity is also making it easier for members to do service at the meetings and we anticipate an increase in the number of meetings in the coming year as a result. In the two months from November and between the two groups we have run 288 meetings, attracted over 4290 endpoint meeting entries from 433 cities in 50 countries across 5 continents. The access to such anonymous data is, we hope, going to inform any future PI efforts we might make to increase awareness of the Online Meetings Community into those areas of the fellowship who are unable, for whatever reason, to attend face 2 face meetings. As an Area we are able to reach addicts in and outside of the UK, in treatment centres, isolated places, hospitals, etc who may need or want to hear our message of recovery. HIGNA currently has members doing meeting service from across the UK the US and Italy.  **Attendance at Region:**  As a non-geographical area our physical attendance my not always be possible as we draw our trusted servants from the groups global membership. It is therefore our hope that Region will be willing to embrace the use of the technology at hand to enable us to fully participate in the service of representing our member’s conscience and fully contribute to all other areas of Region business. | | |
| **Current financial status and contributions:**  Our Tradition 7 funds are held in two separate locations, 1) The Group Bank Account which is set up with multiple signatories and 2) A club or society PayPal account which being linked to the bank account also has multiple access by T/S’s. Contributions can be made by direct deposit to the bank or via the PayPal portal embedded in the group website. All accounts are managed by our Group Treasurer and we registered with the HMRC as a Club or Society in 2018. To comply with HMRC regulations we have been asked to submit our group accounts in April of this year for inspection which we have been informed is normal procedure for new accounts of this type but that it is highly unlikely that we will attract any payable tax due to the low level of income and nature of the group. We were also informed by HMRC that under UK tax law we had done absolutely the right thing to register.  Current Balance *(As of the date of this report)*:  PayPal: £883.05 *(includes Refund from Skype of £477.42)*  Bank Act: £386.52  **Balance: £1269.57** *( Please note that this current total balance is the accumulation of several years of contributions )*  Current Annual Expenditure:  Website + Domain etc : £49.00  Bluejeans account: £158.25 *(= Cost/rent equivalent per meeting of £0.43p per week)*  **Total expenditure:** **£207.25**  Prudent Reserve: **£500.00** *( 2 years expenditure allowing for inflation exchange rates etc )*  Future projects: **£500.00** *(To be determined)*  **Surplus Balance: £269.57**  **Donation to Region: £100.00?**  **Closing balance: £1169.57** | | |

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| **Summary for presentation at Region:**  **This is a significant moment in the history and growth of Narcotics Anonymous as we take our seat at Region today as the first group of Online meetings anywhere in the world and in the true spirit of the unity of Tradition 1 be made welcome as an Area. We of the Highlands and Islands Online group of meetings wish to thank you for welcoming us with open arms and look forward to the future as we continue to grow, have the opportunity to carry our members conscience and hopefully become a valued member and asset to the UKNA Region.**  **Responses to action points from RSC:**  At this time and as a new Area with no time to discuss them fully we have no group conscience to issues previously raised at Region.  **Questions for Region:** A severely disabled member is wishing to start an online LGBT meeting and is asking for support from the LGBT recovery community to do that so please can we ask that RCM’s take that back to their Areas and ask anyone who may be willing to help with setting up and doing service to such a meeting to please contact us at [meetings@higna.org.uk](mailto:meetings@higna.org.uk)  ILF & S  Steve A (acting RCM) HIGNA |