



Narcotics Anonymous

United Kingdom

Regional Service Committee Meeting, Hull - Nov 09 - 10, 2019 Minutes

Open Meeting
Reading of Service Prayer
Roll Call – Voting Regional Committee Members (RCMS's) 18 Admin committee: Richard Chair, Sam K RDA, Simon RD, Hayley Vice Treasurer, Craig vice Resource, Reese Resource Regional Committee members: Emilie NASA, Tara Cornwall, Stuart Dorset, Ruth ECLASC, H ELASC alt, Nat Sussex, Baz Farsi, Sandi GMASC, Chris YAHA, Ellis NWE&NWASC alt, Lisa NWE&NWASC, Steve SWLASC, Bruno SELASC alt, Hardeep SELASC, Gino EMASC, Goko NELASC, Khaleel Surrey ASC, Az WMASC, Earl WMASC alt, Joey MANA, Peter Kent, Felix NEASC Subcommittees Mike UK Hospitals & Institutions (UKH&I), Rob UKH&I, Massimo UK Public Information (UKPI), Dave UK Convention NA (UKCNA), Micky UK Service Office (UKSO). 7 Visitors Apologies – Tom Vice Secretary, Paul Essex
Chair's opening remarks: Chair reiterated procedure for participating in business and highlighted the order of priority for being recognised by the chair: RCMs Subcommittee chairs, admin committee, visitors where possible.
Reading of the 12 Concepts
Reading of Tradition 11 from basic text followed by sharing of experience
Bids to Host future Regional Service Committee (RSC) meetings No bids were brought at this time The January RSC will be held in Manchester The admin committee will find a suitable venue for March
Approval of Last RSC meeting minutes
Treasurer's opening report Funds have been transferred to European Delegates Meeting (EDM) and Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NAWS) by two members of admin committee going to bank together yesterday
Opening balance: £ 12 439.80
Prudent reserve stands at: £ 12 200.00
Old Business
UKCNA bid (and report) Bid for UKCNA 31 in Birmingham has been supported in writing by WMASC <i>'UKCNA have the blessing of our ASC to hold the convention in our Area by a unanimous vote by the GSR's at the ASC ON THE 29th of September 2019'</i> Forecast and bid information has been received and reviewed by UKRSC treasurer who has not identified any concerns. NYE reg is 12.50; on door 15.00, 10.00/day Summer convention reg is being confirmed. Committee is considering offering a registration specific to dance for local members.



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Chair has examined the guidelines for UKCNA and UKRSC in detail and is committed to rectifying the discrepancies so that there is not a delay with future bids.

Questions were raised as to break even points and impact on expenses of insufficient room sales.

UKCNA 31 bid has been ratified.

Virtual service ad hoc committee

This committee has had three members rotate out of service and will need support to get any further. Research on guidelines for RSC recognition of ASCs is complete, and recommendation for this could be presented at the next RSC.

NAWS zoom meeting was attended by some members

The World Service Committee (WSC) is likely to examine a motion on this issue that will bring further clarity, and the remaining member of the ad hoc committee is suggesting that we hold back on making recommendations until this has taken place, to ensure we are taking a unified approach.

Break – 15 minutes

Cornwall

1) GSR's are taking back to groups the request of the Preston ratification and asked to bring the groups decisions back to area by December ready to bring to region in January.

2) We are currently reviewing our area service guidelines as they have not been updated for several years. We will forward them to region when the process is complete.

3) UK service positions available have been given to GSR's to share in meetings.

4) GSR's have been asked to inform both Cornwall and UK websites whether they are open over the Christmas and new year period.

Dorset

Voted – YES to support UKSO to move to Preston

Questions for Region:

Q, Dorset Where to find chair asked why the UK website stills offer an option of child friendly meeting, when we were guided to use different terminology due to safeguarding?

UK Comms Committee (UKCOMM2) have not been instructed to not use this anymore – however, from the July action list:

Current guidance is not to use the term "Child Friendly" for NA meetings or NA Events.

ECLANA

Awaiting feedback from GSR'S re Vision.

Bank details and prudent reserve has been sent to treasurer.

We are still in the process of writing guidelines.

NO QUESTIONS .

Willing to participate in north metro H&I with ECLANA, NEW&NWASC, and GMASC

EMASC

NO QUESTIONS

Essex ASC

The Essex Area Service Committee has voted on the points put forward by the Vision Committee.

The Vote is to the 'MOVE THE UKSO TO PRESTON'

Farsi ASC

No questions

GMASC



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Wanted to know if the UKH&I vice FLO who is also a member of the GMASC could act as RCM until such time as a new RCM is in post. Resource checking guidelines and will advise.

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Kent ASC

No questions – would like to invite Farsi ASC to come and do chairs in some of the institutions they visit.

Kent is for Preston for recommendation

Would like written guidance and experience of using card payments for trad 7 for SWLondon ASC

MANA

MANA had questions for Vision that will be addressed in the vision report.

Asked for support/guidance on encouraging groups to participate in gathering a conscience.

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NASA

No questions

NEEASC

No questions, RSC welcomed ASC chair as acting RCM, favourable thus far for ratification of vision recommendation, is gathering further info.

NELASC

No questions

NWLASC

NWE&NWASC

Responses to action points from RSC:

7 GSR's in attendance brought back YES to move UKSO to Preston.

Questioned how, in the absence of an ASC H&I committee, do panel leaders get voted in and who do they report to. UKH&I offered experience that in the absence of an H&I committee, you would be accountable directly to the ASC and thus subject to the voting members of that committee.

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SELASC

Request from ASC for a member/s of Vision and/UKSO Committee /s to attend the next ASC to provide more info so that the ASC (GSRs & Groups/Members) can make a better informed decision regarding the ratification of the UKSO Vision Committees recommendation & to provide more requested clarity around this issue. Vision committee has agreed to attend.

Raised a concern re expectation of ratification – it was made clear on the floor that the only decision made with regard to this recommendation will be via the conscience of the body, gathered by the use of consensus based decision making, with the RCMs carrying the conscience of their ASCs, which in turn is the conscience of the groups brought by GSRs.

All 31 ASCs who choose to participate in this conscience may do so by attending the January RSC. The guidelines for consensus-based decision making may be found in the RSC guidelines.

SWLASC

No questions for regions

Regional Delegate's (RD's) report and Workshop

RD presented report

Would you like the RD and RDA to facilitate workshops on the CAR (Conference Agenda



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Report)? There will be one at the January RSC as usual.

How, and when, would you like these to be done? (In person? On Zoom? Both?)

Invited ASCs to let them know if they would like to participate I either virtual or physical CAR workshops

ASCs may also group together so that experienced RCMs are able to support delivery pairing up with less experienced RCMs

There are significant resources available to support RCMs in delivering this correctly.

It is vital to have faith in the process, and that when more is revealed in January, it will become clear that it is not a difficult process to deliver.

When conducting the 'tally' of votes at the March RSC, can only ASC's who are in attendance vote?

Last CAR cycle, ALL ASCs were asked to send their tally to the RD with a deadline March 1st, the RD/RDA will then tallied these and brought a total to the floor in March, with any that were not clear to be discussed at the March region.

Workshop

RD presented workshop on NA world services and the service structure below RSC level, and how decisions are made by the fellowship.

WSC and CAR explained, how projects work, how projects are proposed and actioned, and how all this supports the realisation of the vision for NA service.

RCM reports

SWLASC

No questions for regions

Surrey ASC

No questions for region, supports recommendation of vision committee

Sussex ASC

RCM expressed concern that RCMs make absolutely sure that they are bringing the conscience of the groups, through their ASC to bring to the region. That the RCMs and ASCs must make every effort to disseminate information and seek the conscience of the groups, only acting as trusted servants to decide (if this has been delegated), or if groups do not take up the offer to share conscience.

How do other areas manage ensuring they are quorate when few GSRs actually attend ASC?

How do other ASCs define the purpose and function of an Fundraising & Events (F&E) committee?

Some ASCs have an F&E committee that puts on all events

Some ASCs have an F&E committee, quite deliberately separated, so that it is not too daunting a task to fundraise, and these funds go to the ASC, for use as seed money for events with their own committees.

Some ASCs, by having a standing F&E committee with a stipend, that puts on small events frequently, create a buzz and commitment around

WMASC

Requesting guidance on revolut card; they are having trouble accessing their accounts – treasurer will make contact

YAHA

All feedback from groups regarding moving UKSO to Preston has been supportive so far

WCASC

Seeking guidance on quorum with limited GSRs attending ASCs.



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'What is happening is that we don't seem to be meeting a quorum to vote as only between 9-11 GSR's out of 48 meetings turn up. What we have been doing is just taking issue by issue to see whether it would need more of a vote or not. However, I am looking for a solution to proceed.'

West coast Scotland

At recent AGM, full steering committee stood down, no-one put themselves forward. There are members involved in PI and H&I who would like to continue these commitments. They are asking for some guidance on how to proceed, to whom they could be accountable, and who can support them.

They are having an emergency meeting on November 17th, if no-one puts themselves forward for service on the steering committee, the ASC will fold, and all 7th tradition will be forwarded to region.

The ASC has significant funds in an account, and they want to ensure they are prudent in the use thereof.

It has been suggested that either the groups attach themselves to the closest ASC, or the PI and H&I attach themselves to the nearest ASC, but concern re who will be supporting the groups in this ASC if it dissolves.

RD will post this issue on a world conference participant board, to NAWS, and the EDM to seek guidance – as agreed by RCMs.

It was suggested that the admin committee consider outreach when deciding on where to hold the RSC meeting in incidences where a bid has not been brought.

UKH&I has offered to attend to offer support to local H&I efforts.

Subcommittee reports

UKComm²

Comm² Questions and Answers from Pre-Region November 2019

Cornwall – Can Curry and quiz night in December be added to the website? *Yes*

South West London – NA Inventory Workshop – to take place on the 17th of November in Kings Cross from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. is this open to everyone? *yes* Will it be put on the website? *Hoping to add it by end of weekend*

Dorset – On the website it doesn't say child friendly it says children welcome and this come from the NAWS meeting formats. The Comm² has had no communication from Region to remove this. *Thank you*

RD – Can the sponsorship day and CESS be added to the website? *Yes*

UKPI – Concern that nearly £300 is being spent doing a survey when the UKNA website did it last year for free! Were there any problems with last year's survey? If so, why wasn't this addressed with Comm²?

Committee has decided that they want to have their own subscription to complete survey this year as they wanted to ensure efficiencies within this process, by retaining oversight of the process, they can keep a tight handle on communications. And ensure all is completed in a timely fashion.

Also, in the UKPI minutes there was a question regarding answers going missing around the survey questions regarding anti-depressants. Just to clarify the answers DID NOT go missing NO-ONE choose to answer the questions.

Thank you for providing this information.

UKCNA – The link to the convention guide toolbox is wrong it should be na.org/conventions Also, is anyone answering the emails from convention@ukna.org?

Online meetings guidelines presented for ratification

We have some draft guides for the website. Can people please send feedback to these guides to events@ukna.org

Proposal to ask Region to get Prison Sponsorship (PS) to ask it's sponsors to consider doing distance sponsorship as well.



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iOS & Android App: We are alpha testing having our own UKNA apps. We are looking for ideas that you would like in the app and volunteers to test the app. Please email apps@ukna.org

XMAS & NEW YEAR: Please can ALL meetings let us know if they are running or shut over the XMAS & NEW YEAR period less than a third of meetings lets us know last year and it was very difficult for the helpline volunteers receiving calls from people who turned up at meetings that was shut or trying to direct people to meetings that was running. You need to enter that information on the website if making a change to a meeting and will be visible on the website from the first week of December.

Additional questions for UKComm²:

Where can we find information about how to put these events on website. – directed questioner to



Events Page

November working documents and [Submission Guideline:](#)

RD is asking why they do not divide into 5 committees to ensure that they do not get too big.

UKSO

Xmas opening hours:

The UKSO will close on December 16th for our annual stock take. It will reopen after the Christmas break on January 2nd.

The web site closing dates for pre-Christmas orders are: for account customers 11th December, for card orders, 12th December.

Observation re: Vision Committee recommendation of move to Preston.

UKSO Committee exists to serve the fellowship, as directed by Region, and acts in accordance with the traditions and concepts of NA. As it states in the first Tradition: our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon NA unity. We trust that the fellowship can come together in unity to make decisions about the future of the UKSO. We travel furthest if we travel together.

UKPI

Working on 2020 NA Members Survey. £288 spent to buy Survey Monkey subscription for One year. A copy of the questions will be brought to the next RSC for your information.

PI week 2020 is in June – there will be a theme of 40 years of NA in the UK. The committee will communicate with ASC PI committees a list of ideas that they can use to inform their decisions about how to celebrate this.

Working on Chit meetings & Definition of NA which plays to requirement of Government and Official bodies.

Continuing to field questions about safeguarding statement – look forward to this being ready.

RD is seeking legal advice about safeguarding policy, and of AA (the legal contact used is the same as AA use). This will then lead to a safeguarding statement being adopted by NA. This expenditure has already been approved by body – motion 19.10

Prison clearance document is with prison service for feedback, and then this will be distributed and available on website.

Is hoping to create accessible and engaging UKPI area on the UKNA website – a valuable tool for both professionals and addicts.

Questions:

Will the survey link be on the UKNA website? *Yes*

Will the data from this survey be used as part of the research of a member who is part of your committee, who happens to be undertaking post graduate education in this area? *No*



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<p>Can you please explain the survey? The questions in the survey are designed to gather robust data that support professional services for addicts, and a greater understanding of what the still suffering addict may need, and what the recovery population demographic is. This is also of great interest to members in recovery. PI week – the PI committee will formulate central plans, but ASCs and local PI committees will put on amazing local events as part of this week of celebrations.</p>
Close of business
Sunday
Open Meeting
Reading of Service Prayer
Roll Call – Voting RCMS: 18
Elections – all members of the admin committee step down except RD/RDA
Fourth concept is read out by the alternate regional delegate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair <p>The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. Richard, the previous vice Chair, put himself forward and gave NA CV, questions for the position were asked. No further questions were asked, Richard was elected to position. The new chair conducted the remaining elections.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary <p>The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. There were no candidates for the position – this will go out to the fellowship.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer <p>The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. Hayley, the previous vice Treasurer put herself forward, gave NA CV, and questions for the position were asked. There were no further questions for the candidate, Hayley was elected to the position.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources <p>The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. Craig, the previous vice Resource gave his NA CV, and questions for the position were asked. The question was raised regarding being an ASC treasurer, and a member of admin committee, this is not in contravention of RSC guidelines.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chair <p>The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. Matt W and Lisa N put themselves forward. Candidate/s were invited to give NA CV, and questions for the</p>



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position were asked. Both candidates meet all requirements for the role. Lisa was elected to the role of vice Chair.

- Vice Secretary

The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. There were no candidates for the position – this will go out to the fellowship

- Vice Treasurer

The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. Matt W put himself forward, gave NA CV, and questions for the position were asked. Matt W was elected to the role of vice Treasurer.

- Vice Resources

The position requirements and clean time were read out and candidates invited to put themselves forward. There were no candidates for the position – this will go out to the fellowship

Ratification of Subcommittee positions

Subcommittee reports

UKH&I

UKHI report

- If RCMs can take back the need to fill up the HI positions vacant.
- Committee would like to thank all attendees in Oct & Nov meetings for their service. Lots of new faces and travelling from as far as Scotland.
- Prison Sponsorship (PS): Sept Report: Oct Report: desperately wanting female sponsee's – anybody that has any contact in female prisons to get back to PS so they can send cards & information to the prisons – URGENT
- Received approximately communications from institutions requiring information/guidance/support about starting up H&I meetings.
- FLO: Committee would like to welcome Rob our new Vice FLO.
- Please note re: UKH&I Committee meeting – London now operates an ultra-low emissions zone; so, there could be a charge if driving into Subcommittee meeting if your car does not comply with regulations; you can check your car online to see if it complies
- <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>
- Vice Chair, Treasurer FLO and Vice FLO attended Manchester convention to do shares and man resource table



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- Two pieces of literature that members may find useful when carrying out H&I service are:
 - H&I Handbook pdf
<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/H&I%20Handbook.pdf>
 - H&I Basics pdf
https://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf
- Also, worth reading is the Hospitals & Institutions Service & the NA Member pamphlet
- *PLEASES CAN RCMS ANOOUNCE*
- UKH&I is developing a full H&I Meeting list excluding prisons meetings. We therefore need the following information:
 - Name of institution/organisation/hospital, Day of meeting, Time of meeting, Frequency of meeting
 - Please can areas inform UKH&I of any national H&I events that they are putting on
 - Next meeting is 1st Sunday of December 1-4pm, please encourage any HI chairs to attend so that they may fill service positions
- Questions
 - NASA – area wanted to express gratitude regarding HI in Norwich prison. Regarding vacant service positions, what expenses are covered by HI. If HI chair wants to come to UKHI, does UKHI pay expenses, Also does Prison sponsorship include institutions sponsorship?
 - *Yes it includes institutions*
 - Is current vice FLO getting enough support by the FLO
 - *Flo struggled to get to meeting as the train times are poor.*
 - SUSSEX – asking about the 500 reserved for learning days, do they need another 500 or can they wait until January for the annual amount from region to be given.
 - Asked for a show of hands of struggling HI committee, a few went up, and the chair of HI said the need for learning days is evident
 - RESOURCE – excluding or including prisons in the HI meeting list
 - *Including*
 - TREASURER – going through spreadsheet there is no July committee meeting, because they UK convention was maybe next year you can hold the meeting at the convention?
 - *No meeting because in previous experience it has got quite chaotic*
 - RD – learning days – regarding learning days they are based on requests from areas (in guidelines) not to have a fund pot that keeps full on the possibility of being asked for money for learning days.
 - GUEST – can any member from HI get request for expenses to attend a UKHI meeting or does it have to be just the chair?



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UKHI will only pay expenses when the area HI is struggling with money, doesn't have to be particularly the chair, but can be anyone from the committee. - SURREY – London requesting money for a HI learning day - NWE&NWASC - guidelines state that UKHI will pay for expenses for any area HI to attend - RSC CHAIR – asked UKHI if they can wait for the following 500 in January - UKHI CHAIR - <i>previously there have been two areas turning up to UKHI for the learning day request and they only had 500 in the bank so one area was not able to get the money needed and has left quite disunity in the area that had to be turned away.</i> - YAHNA – if this body has caused disunity is it up to the region to make contact to the area that couldn't request the money? - SUSSEX – if learning days January – January is only 1000, with a minimum of 2... can the request for funds be implemented? Resource – January to December is 1000 budget. - TREASURER – stated 1000 was given to HI last November 2018 and by September 19 they still had that full amount in the HI learning day pot. - NWE&NWASC – UKHI wrote the guidelines, not region, specifying that requesting for funds ahead of January are going against the guidelines that they wrote. - RSC VICE TREASURER – can you not dip into the stipend if absolutely necessary and then get reimbursed by region the follow RSC? - RD – Regarding accessibility to early 11am committee meetings and that people are struggling to attend London at that time. – <i>have suggested any subcommittees to start using the Zoom platform that region pay a subscription for.</i> - Prison sponsorship is the meeting that runs at 11am – <i>will suggest using the zoom platform as by suggested by region</i> - RD – Does every HI learning day come up to 500? Or is it an allowance to go up to that amount. So does previous history of putting learning days on consistently cost 500. On the lines of prudence and accountability - RSC Chair asking UKHI Chair – do ASCs HI put together a budget when they request money for learning days from the UKHI - NEASC – asking if the local area HI meetings can set their own venue attendance requirement. As HI guidelines states it must support up to 200 attendance - TREASURER suggested that she will work close with HI treasurer to find a solution on how to better get the learning day money - NWE&NWASC – read out HI guidelines regarding how area HI to put a bid on. Which conflicts against the request for more money for their learning day pot. <p>RSC chair suggesting more budgeting needs to be done. Will shelve this conversation in January. HI still have 500 in the account reserved for learning days up until January.</p>
UKComm ²	
Social Media	<p>ADHOC Social Media Guidelines Report</p> <p>Have presented their guidelines for ratification from the RCM's.</p>



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	<p>Some amendments needed doing and the committee have gone back with the feedback to update where necessary and will present guidelines again in January Region.</p>
<p>UK Vision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have been answering emails via the vision.ukso@ukna.org email address. - Vision website: https://ukna.org/article/vision <p>Usually respond within a couple hours if anyone is interested in asking any questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member of the Vision Committee attended the following ASC's: - North East London - North West London <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our thanks to the following ASC's who have come back regarding ratification: - Dorset: Yes to Preston - Essex: Yes to Preston - NW England: Yes to Preston - <p>5 voted. 12 to vote. If that can happen and have the answer by January region</p> <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SELASC – will region go with the general consensus in January, what will happen to the ASCs that did not vote for the move? - SWLASC – requesting we used consensus based decision making in January so RCMs can either yes no or abstain - NWE&NWASC – expressing the gratitude for the vision committee to all the hard work that they have done - FARSI – if we move to Preston it would not be practical for the Farsi area to get literature sent to Preston and then get sent back to London again but this was only an opinion. <p>UKSO will work with Farsi to make sure they still have their literature in their area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KENT – highlighted that EVERYTHING GOES BACK TO THE GROUPS. Because some ASCs have voted on the move to Preston without going back to the groups. - UKSO highlighted that we are under pressure to make a decision which needs to happen in January, but the actual move will not be rushed if we decide to start the process in January
<p>Treasurer's report</p>	
<p>Opening balance</p>	12439.80
<p>Total contributions</p>	
<p>Outgoings expenses and stipends</p>	
<p>Contribution to EDM and WSO</p>	
<p>Prudent reserve</p>	12 200.00



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Closing balance	
Above prudent reserve	
Treasury year-end figures	
<p>Guidelines need to be updated to reflect that the treasury will present year end figures in November, not January.</p> <p>Treasurer drew the bodies attention to the treasury reports</p> <p>Contributions down 27% in 2018-2019</p> <p>Expenses remain static</p> <p>Revolut card as a solution to forwarding funds to WSO and EDM did not work.</p> <p>Treasurer is looking at another solution using Xoom and will report further on this at next RSC meeting.</p> <p>In the interim, monies can continue to be transferred out of the UK by two signatories attending bank.</p> <p>Treasurer is arranging transfer of PayPal account to treasurer's name, will ensure that detailed guidance of how to achieve this will be archived with resources.</p> <p>Treasurer proposed a suitably qualified independent party for audit of RSC accounts, as designated in the UKRSC guidelines. This candidate is a member of a UKNA subcommittee, and a question was raised as to whether this is sufficient distance.</p> <p>TREASURER has written in between region report that came out with the pre region report for everyone to see.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contributions down 27% from previous year.- Expenses have remained the same as previous year.- Thanking the areas that sent in money this RSC- Prudent reserve has now been broken down which is why the new prudent is slightly higher.- Progress with getting previous treasurer removed as a signatory.- Revolute card did not work. Because it had to be attached to a person. However. New 1.99 transfer rate Europe. 0.00 for USA using a Xoom account.- Still chasing July invoice from Manchester- Asking for any news on Public liability... spoken yesterday that its still ongoing.- January will be auditing the UKCNA committee- Proposal for an external audit on the REGION 2019 between Jan – July 2020 will have report ready for July region 2020, requested budget 250.00 to allow this to happen. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SUSSEX - need point of accountability when we send money to EDM WSO within the bank transfer.- SWLASC - usually regular contributors, LCNA looking for a new venue as the rent is due to go up for 2020,- LCNA didn't make a surplus this year, hence lower contributions.- RD – full audit – are we offering a payment of service to the member that's offering to audit region?- Following guidelines suggest audit member must come to RSC body for accountability to take on RSC audit that takes place every 2 years. Have suggested a director of UKSO to act in the capacity of a member to take on the auditing purpose. Auditing purpose will not go into subcommittees or UKSO as it's a limited company and gets audited by an independent professional. (after lunch) has been discussed that region will make a decision on whom is to be brought in for the region audit in January)- Have thanked all the areas that have sent in their bank details to RSC TREASURER	



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- YAHNA – wanted to know if it had been confirmed that all of the ASCs had to give their bank details. Will be put on the action list to get all the bank details.

New business

Glasgow ASC issue

- RD – meeting on 17th November in Glasgow will be put on to discuss the future of their ASC. Proposal is if no ASC is formed then the ASC will fold. Have suggested we wait until they have a decision, but if they ask for a presence from region then if the RCMs can vote now so that a system is in place for someone to attend ahead of January region.
- UKSO suggested that region give UKHI the 150 per month that Glasgow HI need, and UKHI will support that subcommittee until they reform.
- RD – Glasgow ASC have 8000+ in their bank, could they not give their HI access to this to continue the work in the institutions?
- RSC VICE TREASURER– what happens to the groups? With no ASC. We have discussed what might happen with the sub committees, but with no groups. However, all we are discussing is a safety net for whatever decision happens on the 17th
- KENT – region helps any body that seeks help.
- YAHNA – send two members to the meeting for help?
- CORNWALL – the discussion is all negative speculation; nothing can happen until the meeting on November 17th. This body should only help if the area seeks help.
- UKSO – stressed the importance of making sure the ten HI meetings don't have to fold.
- RSC VICE CHAIR AND RD – we step back, let the area request help if they want and region will meet it.

Motion 21

Motion 21 – Special worker for Comms committee

- NWE&NWASC – why do need a special worker for a committee? Will this potentially open the door for other subcommittees requesting special workers for their chairs?
- DORSET – suggest we get a 5k a year special worker?
- SWLASC – would we not tie in this position with the UKSO move?
- TREASURER – couldn't UKSO take on the responsibility of the paid worker as it's a limited company rather than the region paying for a special worker
- SUSSEX – when did we open the position of the comms committee open to becoming a special worker?
- KENT – this region needs to take into account the financials of such a decision before we can vote on a motion
- VICE TREASURER – brought this motion because of the continuous work-load that keeps getting put onto this committee,
- RD – we have no plan, this is just all a discussion and something of this magnitude should not be voted on Sunday afternoon. Perhaps we do an inventory on the entire sub-committee to find out where the disfunction is as it's been nearly a year and no one has stood up to take on the chair position.



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- RSC Chair – suggest we look at this at a further date, set it aside, and the regional body will look into the committee
- UKSO – for RCMs to take back to their ASC, when they are reporting about the office move please stress that even though there are no proposals or breakdowns yet, one of the purpose of the move is that the service office can grow into something a lot more involving with the fellowship for the future.
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