

Motion 2025:09

From COANA [policy](#) (Section Three, II):

"a. Motions

- i. Only GSRs (or GSRAs in the GSRs absences) and COASCNA Trusted Servants (excluding the COASCNA Chairperson) may make or second motions. Any concerned member present may participate in the discussion of the motion.
- ii. Motions and amendments to motions shall be submitted to the Chairperson before being recognized by the ASC, and then voted on.
- iii. All motions must state intent.
- iv. Motions which make or change policy must be taken back to the groups for a vote.
- v. Motions that do not make or change policy can be voted on at the ASC or taken back to the groups.
- vi. Once a motion has been defeated it cannot be voted on again for three (3) months.
- vii. Motions can only be brought during Agenda Business."

Motion Maker

Lis R

Second by Lisa G

Motion text

To amend the current Section 3, b. b.Requirements for adding new Meetings to printed schedule and Web Site to read: "b. Requirements for adding new Meetings to the printed schedule and the website i. A representative from the new group must first attend ASC to announce the group and its format to ensure that the group is following the Narcotics Anonymous Steps and Traditions. ii. No meeting flyers will be sent with the announcements by the Area Secretary until the group has been registered with the Secretary by attending ASC. iii. A representative from the Group should contact the Area Service Office to schedule a meeting to receive a starter kit after approval by ASC. iv. The six questions on page 25 of the Guide To Local Service will be asked to a representative of the new group. 1. All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership. 2. As a group, they are self-supporting. 3. As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through the application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous. 4. As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous. 5. As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues. 6. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion. v. The representative of the group will also be asked the following: Are you a member of the Central Ohio Area of Narcotics Anonymous? Do you have a home group? The suggested clean time is at least six months. What is your clean time? Have you worked steps in Narcotics Anonymous? Do you have working knowledge of the 12 traditions and plan to follow them? Are you using NA literature, steps, and format for this meeting? Do you have members committed to positions for this group and what positions are filled? Are you, or any of the trusted servants of your group, affiliated with the facility where the meeting will be held? How will you pay the rent? By answering these questions, the group acknowledges that these are the basic requirements for being recognized as an NA meeting in the Central Ohio Area of Narcotics Anonymous. When a new group is voted in, a member of the administrative body will email coascna@gmail.com to update the meeting list and website. It is highly suggested that a new group work with the Outreach Subcommittee, and that a trusted servant from the group attend four consecutive ASC meetings."

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Motion intent

To clarify the types of support that are available to new meetings as they form, to build a structure that is supportive of the responsible growth and development of Central Ohio NA members and the area, and to clarify the expectations of new groups being recognized on the COANA website and meeting list.

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Motion Pro #1

Improves the overall health of our area by providing support to our groups

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Motion Pro #2

No newcomer needs to walk into a meeting that isn't carrying the message of NA

Motion Pro #3

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Motion Con #1

This may appear hostile to new meetings

Motion Con #2

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Motion Con #3

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Does this change area policy? (If yes, this will need to go back to the area groups)

☒ Yes

☐ No

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