



NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES for
"OUR NARRATIVE"
VANCOUVER ISLAND TRI-AREA NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

"God, grant us the knowledge that we may write according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your will and grant us a bond of selflessness, that this may truly be Your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction."

PURPOSE:

To publish a monthly newsletter to support individuals and the groups in our 3 Areas with our primary purpose, which is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers, while providing a forum to encourage the growth of the Fellowship. More importantly, in keeping with our first tradition, building NA unity through communication. The purpose of Our Narrative is to carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) to other addicts by sharing our experience, strength and hope in printed & electronic form, and in doing so, demonstrate to the public that NA is a viable program of recovery.

THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

The Newsletter Committee consists of members who gather information from each of their respective Areas. The information that is gathered is sent to the Newsletter Committee to edit, format and produce the newsletter. This service body of the Vancouver Island Newsletter Committee, is a collaboration of members from the three Vancouver Island Areas:

- South Vancouver Island Narcotics Anonymous (SVINA);
- Central Vancouver Island Area of Narcotics Anonymous (CVIANA) and;
- Vancouver Island North and Powell River Narcotics Anonymous (VINPRANA)

Each Area elects their own Subcommittee Newsletter Chairperson at their Area Service Committee (ASC). These three members form the basis of the Multi-Area Newsletter Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Any member of Narcotics Anonymous may serve on the Newsletter Subcommittee.

EDITORIAL PHILOSOPHY

Consistent with our Sixth and Eleventh Traditions and with the Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Newsletters published by Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS), the Newsletter will carry articles about recovery events in our Area, stories of personal recovery, clean-time celebration dates, service committee meeting dates, open positions, NA-themed pieces such as puzzles, cartoons, trivia and slogans. Submissions may be edited or rejected to ensure compliance with this philosophy and the stated purpose above. Any photographs published will not contain people.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING PHILOSOPHY

The Newsletter Committee will keep in-person meetings to a minimum as we're kilometers apart. This will maximize the time that members may devote to the actual work of publishing the Newsletter. If all need to join in a conversation, it will most likely be through FaceTime or Conference calls. Most work is completed through email.

CURRENT COSTS:

At the time of printing these Guidelines, 500 copies of 11"x17" folded newsletters are ordered each month. 300 for CVIANA at \$70.76 and 200 for VINPRANA at \$47.18. SVINA does their own printing

TIMING PHILOSOPHY

It is imperative that the Our NArrative be published on time, and the Newsletter Committee will ensure that each monthly issue is ready to be distributed at the first ASC's monthly meeting. CVIANA meets first, on the 2nd Sunday of each month, so this is our distribution date.

CURRENT TIME LINES:

Prior to 1st Sunday of each month - GSR's send info to their respective Newsletter Chairs

PRIOR TO 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH:

Monday - All information is gathered & sent to the Newsletter Chair

Wednesday - Newsletter Chair will send copies to other committee members for review

Thursday - last day for corrections or any adjustments

Friday - Newsletter is sent to print

Saturday - CVIANA copies are picked up

2nd Sunday of each month - CVIANA newsletters are distributed at their ASC

2nd Wednesday of each month - VIPRANA newsletters are available for pickup in Courtenay

3th Sunday of each month - newsletters are distributed at SVINA & VINPRANA ASCs meeting

DISTRIBUTION:

Electronic copies are sent to the 3 web administrators to upload to the websites. Each respective Area distributes hard copies at their ASC. Copies are uploaded onto a few local Facebook pages and the CVIANA Newsletter Subcommittee Chair emails a copy to each Group Service Representative's (GSR's) email account along with any who've subscribed for a copy

SINGLE POINT OF DECISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

In accordance with our Fifth Concept for N.A. Service, the single point of decision and accountability for editorial decisions rests with the trusted servant elected Chair of the Newsletter Subcommittee. Wherever possible, the Chair shall be guided by the consensus of the Newsletter Subcommittee.

EDITORIAL / REVIEW POLICY

Our NArrative newsletter presents the experiences and opinions of individual members of Narcotics Anonymous. Our NArrative newsletter committee assumes no responsibility to return submitted material and does not guarantee that submissions will be published. Our NArrative newsletter committee reserves the right to edit any material submitted in accordance with our review policy. The articles do not necessarily express the philosophy of NA nor does publication imply endorsement by NA or Our NArrative newsletter committee. Additional editing policies are spelled out in The Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Newsletters.

Please submitted to any of the 3 Newsletter Chairs:

SVINA: newsletter@svina.ca

CVIANA: newsletter@cviana.ca

VINPRANA newsletter@vinprana.ca