

Minutes From Secular Meetings of NA Service Forum January 11th, 2026

Present; Kris, Ken, SHINE, Mark, Bob O., Paul, Maud, Rushil, Rudy, Maggie, Raven.

Apology ; Amy (Chair)

Ken acting chair.

1 Literature Committee Report;

Maud; The work is progressing well.

SHINE; Can you please explain the work?

Maud; We are looking into having people relating their experiences in doing the steps in a secular way.

2 Podcast Proposal : Mike E.

Mike was not present so this will be held over to the next meeting.

3 CAR Survey Participation Promotion;(Ken, Kris & Rushil)

We had planned a meeting but it didn't eventuate but plan to reconvene. Ken put the CAR Survey page from the NAWS website in screen to show everyone what it looked like. We hope to be able to report some progress at the next service meeting.

Rushil; We need to basically explain what is the CAR, Why it is important and help people navigate the process of filling in the surveys.

Mike; asked where the link is (to the survey) and Ken displayed it on-screen. It is in the Featured section on the Secular NA Coffee Shop Facebook page.

4 Discuss how Secular Meetings of NA connect with the NA service structure and how this could be improved. Should we consider becoming an online Area for example?

Maud; as registered groups within an NA area we have actual voices in the decision making of NA. We are more integrated in NA. If we were to become a separate area we would have less influence.

Kris; Many groups are not part of an area. We don't actually have a record of which groups are and which are not officially connected.

Mark; I participate in about five NA groups but only vote at my home group. Many of our members only do online meetings and if those meetings aren't connected to NA through the service structure then their voices aren't being heard. Groups should be part of an NA area so they can contribute to the conscience of the area.

Ken; We don't really know the status of many groups with respect to whether they are registered with an NA area. In Australia two of the three meetings are registered with the Victorian Area of NA but don't actually have GSR's (or whatever it is these days) and don't report or attend any

area service meetings. The Sunday ART - Living Proof meeting is unregistered and has been running continuously since 2020. I don't feel like this issue is urgent. Lets revisit the discussion. In many cases it is actually hard to determine which area an online meeting should be attached to.

Paul; talked about his frustration with being part of an area with all of the policies and rules and opinions. It is a lot of hard work. He felt that secular meetings of NA are doing just fine.

Bob O.; Talked about Seattle BB meeting. Has a strong connection to Seattle but many attendees were from all over.

Ken; Do we need to revisit this issue? Should we let it go? We are just an ad hoc committee.

Kris; We should keep having this discussion. How do we encourage all of the secular NA groups to register and participate in an NA Area?

Ken; We are just a collective working to keep our meetings running as legitimate NA meetings.

Paul: Keep it simple. Keep thinking and talking about how we can better integrate within the broader NA Fellowship.

New Business;

Kris; Some of the literature being used at secular meetings of NA has been altered in particular the "Where To Go" reading. This reading should be dropped. We aren't allowed to alter NA literature and doing so threatens our legitimacy as NA meetings.

Paul; Felt that some meetings dedicate too much time to "formalities" ie readings etc. at the start of their meetings. He also suggested that the serenity prayer could be altered or dropped.

Mike; Mentioned that a particular meeting he attended was using altered literature.

Ken; suggested that these issues should be taken up at group business meetings/group conscience meetings.

Kris; Also suggested that this issue be taken back to groups and asked that groups reconsider reading the altered version of the "Where To Go" reading.

End of new business.

Ken thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Next meeting Feb 8th, 2026

