

Literature Writing Group Report - Kris

The Literature Writing subcommittee is still progressing and has been developing some questions related to the second step. Please consider joining in with this important work.

Report on Podcast Project - Michael E (Michael apologized as he was unable to attend)

1. The "Stories of Secular Recovery Addiction through Narcotics Anonymous" podcast is doing great. In the month since launching there have been 153 downloads. I plan on releasing a new episode every 2 weeks (Elvis is next in line). Emily O has been very helpful in spreading the word and in creating a 30 second video to share on social media at <http://www.youtube.com/@SecularNA> These are getting more views. Mike C did a great job on our logo (thanks Mike) Please continue to spread the word. <https://secular-recovery.buzzsprout.com/>

This is the blurb we use in the posts;

Stories of Secular Recovery from Addiction through Narcotics Anonymous;

Recovery stories from Narcotics Anonymous members who got clean without religion. Each 20 minute episode features a personal share recorded with the speaker's permission. Our guests attend secular NA meetings and offer genuine experiences of strength and hope - do diety or higher power required. We hope their stories inspire you. Available on any podcast service including Apple or directly via <https://secular-recovery.buzzsprout.com>

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2. Rushil is increasingly assuming webmaster responsibilities. A BIG thank you to him. I will be reviewing the "behind the scenes" structure of the website with our web hosting service (and will cover the cost).This is to ensure that we are up-to-date and secure. Website use has been solid for the last few months.

Thats all folks.

Mike E.

Kris has been asked to add the podcast information to the secular NA Instagram page that she set up and will do so shortly.

Amy raised the fact that the next service meeting fell on Mothers Day and asked if that would present a problem. Most people in attendance stated that they could attend.

Maud ; I keep hearing members refer to us as secular NA and that sounds like we are separate from NA. She asked if people could be careful in the way they referred to us and to use the term "secular meetings of NA. Also we don't have Zoom meetings we have online NA meetings using the Zoom platform. Also we are a common needs type meeting and not a special interest NA meeting.

Amy; Haven't we already decided at this body that we should refer to ourselves as secular meetings of NA? Wasn't that the solution we came up with? Common needs seems vague. What does that even mean? Can't we just state that we are a secular meeting?

Kris; These terms (like common needs and special interest) come up a lot in discussions on various social media pages like other Facebook groups related to NA.

Ken: Bulletin 18 which defines and contextualizes "special interest" meetings was one of the main pieces of evidence used to have the Beyond Belief Meeting in Melbourne accepted as a legitimate NA meeting back in 2015.

Amy: We can't control how people use language. We can only set the example ourselves by using "secular meetings of NA" when referring to our movement.

Brian; Could we come up with a brief statement about why we use the term "secular meetings of NA"?

Maud: Yes maybe we can just model the language we prefer.

Amy: I like your idea Brian. Maybe it could also be included on the website as a resource.

Brian; I will draft something for consideration at the next service meeting.

We had a brief discussion about the CAR Survey information campaign. The voting ended on April 1. Ken reported that our small committee (Ken, Kris and Rushil) had done a lot to spread the word about voting and that hopefully many in our community had voted. Mike C had also created several excellent flyers.

Amy; Well done to all involved.

We then had some discussion about the next special event (meeting). Most consensus seemed to center around the winter solstice which falls on Sunday June 21st (USA).

Maud; Mentioned that the Chicago NA Area is having a secular meeting at their convention in June this year.

Ken; Suggested that this may be a good opportunity for some members of the secular community to meet in person.

The meeting ended 15 minutes before the hour.

#These minutes were written up by Ken S. There may be some paraphrasing for brevity but I have made some effort to convey the intent of all contributions.