

Secular Service Meeting September 13, 2025 Minutes

Some discussion was had at the beginning of the meeting regarding the need for and importance of respect and anonymity regarding the committee discussing group issues and for some discretion to be applied in so that individuals are not identified or judged in this forum. Principles before personalities is an important aspect of all NA service. (Ken S – acting Chair of the meeting)

Present: Ken, Rushil, Kris, Dave M, Elaina, Krista, Paulette.

Apologies: Amy (chairperson)

Literature Writing Committee Report – Kris J

The date of the last meeting was Sunday, October 18, 2026

- Discussed using Google Drive for shared document to maintain a master copy of the work completed thus far.
- We need links to the forms for each of the steps. (Rushil)
- Attendance has declined. Can we choose a day and/or time that works better for everyone?
- The idea of meeting more than once a month was discussed. No consensus was reached. We will bring this up at the next meeting.
- We have agreed on a number of questions to ask for steps 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- Once we have links to the forms for each of the steps we can begin to answer the questions.

Agenda for the next meeting

- Continue working on questions/prompts for the steps.
- Discuss attendance
- Discuss meeting more than once a month
- Approve flyer designed to bring people to answer the questions (Kristina)

Elaina; Ten questions (on step 1) seems like a lot. Are the questions optional, like can they skip them?

Kris: The questions are optional, they are just prompts to get you thinking. There are questions that are specific to each step. People can just freestyle if they want, the prompts are not mandatory.

Rushil: All the questions are optional except for the consent. We are rolling out the steps in order.

Dave: Are you going to merge the answers and turn them into a narrative or are you going to present them as you receive them?

Kris: We are still figuring that out. Right now we are just collecting the data.

Podcast Update: The podcast is going really great. So far there are over one thousand downloads in the past six months. I have just published episode 13 which is John C and that has already had 83 downloads. I am working on Annda at present. I aim to do one episode per month. Episodes are only posted after the speaker has given full consent and the speaker retains the right to withdraw consent at any time.

Website: The website is undergoing some restructuring. The team is shifting responsibilities. Rushil now is doing day to day monitoring and updates for the website.

Rushil: I really appreciate all the praise and being afforded this responsibility. I have learned about the bmlt (the meeting platform) and am confident that I can do this job.

Zoom (meeting) Information Project

Kris; I have created a Tips and Tricks for Preventing Bombers Guide to help people hosting and co-hosting meetings. I have written up a host and cohost anti-bombing protocol. It talks about how to set up the room with the host tools. The best anti-bomber trick seems to be to restrict the ability to turn on camera whenever an unknown or suspicious name enters the meeting. Once a potential bomber realises that they can't disrupt the room they often just leave. This method really works. Also the pin function is handy. Also the nuclear option (suspend all activity). It was suggested that this document could be put on the website.

Seventh Tradition Button for the Website

Kris: This is a good idea. Maybe Rushil could help with this. This could be a simple way for members to contribute 7th Tradition funds.

Elaina: Where would this money go?

Kris: a lot of meetings are using the same account which is managed by Beyond Belief Seattle. They (through Bob O) take care of the secular NA Zoom account.

Krista: The women's meeting don't want to use their personal accounts. Can they have the link for this account?

Kris: That is the Seattle Beyond Belief account. Bob O is the treasurer for that account.

Rushil: There are many helpful plugins and they can be implemented easily. We should be able to do this easily.

CommUNITY Day

Kris: This event is planned for 6pm (Eastern) Saturday (USA) October 16th and will use the meeting room of Beyond Belief International meeting with their cooperation. This is our

third CommUNIY Day. This is a separate event to the NA Unity day. We are planning the format, reading (SPAD) and will probably have selected speakers from across the various secular meetings.

New Business

Mens Meeting – Dave; there are about 6 men involved, mainly me and Rudy. Rudy has offered to open and host this meeting. Look out for this new meeting.

Kris: It is probably wise to have a committed host and cohost to ensure the room is open and safe every week.

Paulette: The women's meeting started out quite small and has developed a sound membership. 12 – 18 weekly.

The next meeting is on Sunday 11th October (USA) at 4pm (Pacific).

Amy will be chairing.