

# **Santa Cruz Area Narcotics Anonymous Activities Birthday Speaker Meeting Guidelines**

## **I. Purpose:**

- A. To assist the Narcotics Anonymous Activities Sub Committee by hosting the monthly BSM.
- B. To provide two (2) qualified speakers, who meet the requirements below, to carry the messages of NA, provide five (5) sponsoring home group members to conduct the 3 readings and adhere to the NA Traditions in a celebration of recovery.

## **II. Guidelines:**

- A. A representative from the sponsoring group must speak directly to a member of the Santa Cruz Area Narcotics Anonymous (SCANA) Activities Subcommittee prior to hosting the BSM.
- B. Notification to the Activities Sub-Committee of the names and qualifications of the proposed speakers should be provided no later than 3 weeks prior to the first Monday of the month preceding the Birthday Speaker Meeting.
- C. \*The clean time requirement for the opening speaker is a minimum of three (3) years.
- D. \*The clean time requirement for the main speaker is a minimum of five (5) years.
- E. \*The opening speaker must be a member of SCANA, carry a clear NA message and speak for 15 minutes.
- F. \*The main speaker must be a member of NA, carry a clear NA message, reside outside Santa Cruz County and speak for 30 minutes.
- G. Both speakers must carry the message of recovery as outlined in the "BASIC TEXT" and "IT WORKSHOW AND WHY", speak Narcotics Anonymous language and adhere to the NA clarity Statement.
- H. Both Speakers must have at least 2 years since they last spoke at an Activities Subcommittee event.

\* Requests for exceptions must be presented formally to the SCANA Activities Sub Committee at a business meeting for consideration and group vote.

## **III. Sponsoring Group Responsibilities:**

- A. The sponsoring group assumes responsibility for having five (5) individuals arrive approximately 30 minutes before the start of the meeting to serve as readers.
- B. The sponsoring group is responsible for having all the necessary personnel, including secretary, speakers, and five (5) readers, ready five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting.