



**TBRNA Regional Service Conference – November 14, 2020 – Virtual Meeting**  
**Winter TBRNA RSC will be a virtual meeting on February 13, 2021**

**The Record**

**Meeting opened by Tom K. at 9:05am with a moment of silence.**

**Twelve Traditions- Keith P.**

**Twelve Concepts for NA Service- Brian N.**

**Service Work Prayer- Tom K.**

**Welcome new participants:** Hurshell C., RCM 2 HASCONA; Luis R., RCM 2 EANA;  
 Tanya C., RCM CTANA; Eliza G. Outreach Chair EANA; Deb G. H&I Chair EANA.

**Attendance**

**Servants**

Facilitator	Tom K.	Present
Co-Facilitator	Michael C.	
Treasurer	Kent L.	Present
Co-Treasurer		
Regional Delegate	Keith P.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Steven P.	Present
Recorder	Esteban R.	Present
Adopt an Inmate Facilitator	Troy W.	Present
Convention 2022 Facilitator	Susen GB.	Present
Convention 2022 Co-Facilitator	Ed F.	
Convention 2022 Treasurer	Nick	
Convention 2023 Facilitator	Vykie D.	Present
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Michael S.	Present
Hospitals & Institutions Facilitator	Dan H.	
Internet Technology Facilitator	Steve S.	Present
Literature Review Facilitator	Lynn S.	Present
Policy Facilitator	Chris C.	
Public Relations Facilitator		

## Attendance

## Area Representatives

	Brazos Valley Area	Michael C.	
	Brazos Valley Area	LeeAnn B.	
	Central Texas Area	Kent L.	Present
	Central Texas Area		
	Coastal Bend Area	Don B.	Present
	Coastal Bend Area		
	Esperanza Area	Herb M.	Present
	Esperanza Area	Luis R.	Present
	Freedom Area	Chris C.	
	Freedom Area	Steven P.	Present
	Hill Country Area	Chelsea S.	Present
	Hill Country Area	George B.H.	Present
	Houston Area	Dawn H.	
	Houston Area	Hurshell C.	
	Northside Area	Brian N.	Present
	Northside Area		
	Rio Grande Valley Area		
	Rio Grande Valley Area		
	Southeast Texas Area	Tanya C.	Present
	Southeast Texas Area	Vanessa R.	
	Texas Tri-County Area	Josanna L.	
	Texas Tri-County Area		

### Elections:

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention 2023 Co-Facilitator – California Steve - **Consensus**

Service Pool Facilitator – 0

Co-Treasurer – 0

Hospitals & Institutions Facilitator – Dan H. - Not present to accept nomination. Will not be booted out

Public Relations Facilitator – 0

Convention Advisory Committee Members (2) – 0

### Delegate Team Report

#### **Regional Delegate**

Greetings Tejas Bluebonnet Region!

The past 3 months have been some of the most difficult for me in my recovery, but I remain grateful to be clean and serving the region.

During the continuing lock down, I attended the WSC Conference Participants webinar on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> and the NAWS Virtual Meetings webinar on Oct 31, as well as attending some of the Southern Zonal Forum on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Virtual Meetings Webinar Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Several successful online groups shared their best practices in this webinar. Be on the lookout for more of these. In the meantime, there is a survey open until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at the NA.org website under this link <https://www.na.org/?ID=toolbox&ID=toolbox>

NAWS would appreciate survey respondents to use the online links (English, Spanish, Portuguese are obvious) since they can be tabulated easier. For those who would like to respond by mail, there is a Word document you can access and mail in. Just look for the links under the Toolbox page I provided above.

### **Southern Zonal Forum Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

I was able to give a brief report on the region and represent us until the 11am break, but I was not able to stay the full meeting as I received news during the break that my dad had passed away just before 11am. I'm sure the AD can summarize the SZF better in his report.

### **CP Webinar Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

NAWS provided notes are included in the attachments to my email. Here are my summary notes.

**Draft Guide to World Services** updates are out for regional delegate approval and I will provide feedback during the 90 day window those are posted for review. Nothing earth shattering in them, just post conference changes that are the usual stuff.

**NAWS News** are going to be more frequent and shorter. Publications not currently in production by NAWS due to staffing furloughs are Reaching Out and NA Way with no timeline on when those will return.

The **World Board** is meeting monthly to keep up to date with the ongoing financial struggles.

### **Local Service Toolbox**

1<sup>st</sup> focus of the meeting was to discuss the fellowship's prioritization of Virtual Meetings and Carrying the Message Effectively and Virtually. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Issue Discussion Topic (IDT) for the 2020-2022 conference cycle. The second topic will be coming out later this year- the ongoing discussion by the fellowship of DRT/MAT. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority to come out of the virtual WSC this year. Specifically- What does the fellowship want to see in a piece of literature addressing DRT/MAT.

### **WB Project Plan Workgroups**

1. SPAD workgroup will stay the same. Draft is on track for approval at WSC 2022. Visit the link at to view the current round of submissions and get the latest on the project. If anyone is doing an event, please consider doing a SPAD workshop as part of your event.
2. FIPT workgroup will remain the same, with the exception of Mario leaving the group because he was elected as a Co-Fac of the 2022 WSC.

**Literature Surveys** are coming. Please watch for updates as they come in.

1. IP#21
2. New Women in Recovery IP

### **Legal Issues Updates**

We received legal updates from NAWS executive Director Anthony E regarding the 2 legal actions the fellowship has been facing.

1. The petition filed in California probate court was concluded. The court upheld NAWS position and this case is now closed. Our legal expenses fighting this case amounted to \$218,000.

2. The lawsuit in Russia has also been concluded. NAWS is awaiting the translated decision, but the basics are this- NA was found NOT to be a subversive organization in Russia, and our literature was found NOT to be subversive literature. I for one, I am relieved by this.

### **WCNA 38**

The most reasonable approach for NAWS and the fellowship is to try and reschedule WCNA 38 for a date sometime in 2022. Working with the convention bureau and hotels in Melbourne, we have an opportunity to do this, however NAWS would need to sign a revised agreement by the end of 2020. The WB and conference delegates were polled on this and the consensus was to approve this. The same COVID conditions and restrictions on travel are expected to persist well into 2021. More will be revealed.

### **NAWS PPP and EIDL Loans**

Jack H., WB treasurer spoke on this topic. The board decided to participate in PPP (Payroll Protection Program) and EIDL (grant and low interest loan). \$150,000 was borrowed from the EIDL and \$676,740 from the PPP. The purpose was to keep our special workers employed. These loan amounts were based on SS taxes paid in the previous year. A \$10,000 grant from the EIDL was declined as this was clearly seen by the board as a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition issue. The board recommends we accept any credits offered against these loans as they would be tax based credits that would not exceed the amount of \$\$ paid in employment taxes. Accepting legitimate business and tax deductions is not seen as in conflict with our traditions or spiritual principles. For more details, please see the attached notes from NAWS.

Sponsorship Day is December 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

The next WSC Conference Participants workshop is Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Deadlines for 2022 CAR Motions**

1 August 2021- Regional Motions submitted to WB@NA.org

31 August 2021- Regional Motions revised and CAR ready.

All of the virtual WSC materials may be found on the NA.org website at this link: <https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2020virt>

Thank you for letting me serve the Tejas Bluebonnet Region.

Keith P.

Regional Delegate

**Discussion:** On the NA Way Magazine. The editor is currently furloughed and mail subscriptions stopped about a year ago. Both the NA Way and Reaching Out are currently online subscriptions only. There is no change in the rotation of the WCNA. WCNA 39 will be in 2024 in DC.

## **OCTOBER 2020 CP WEB MEETING--NOTES**

### **Welcome to a New Service Conference**

Tim opened the web meeting and gave some updates on the Board's work. This is an unusual, and short, Conference cycle. Welcome to new Board members—Jorge from Colombia, Eduardo from Brazil, and Michael and Danny from the US. And to a new executive committee. Tali is the new Chair. Tim is the new Vice Chair. Irene is the new secretary. And Jack is the new treasurer. This the shortest Conference cycle in twenty years, and we have no immediate plans to meet face to face. With the added factor of the ongoing financial crisis and the fact that more than half the NAWS staff remain furloughed, and we are in a unique situation. We don't have a clear vision for the whole cycle. We have planned the next few steps, and once we take those steps, we trust we will be able to see the next few after that. For this unique cycle to be effective, we will all need to work together and communicate

well.

### **Dropbox, GWSNA & NAWS News**

We are recommitting to uploading all current Conference participant communication to Dropbox. Let us know if you are looking for something you cannot find. We've just uploaded the draft of A Guide To World Services in NA (GWSNA). to the CP Dropbox for a 90-day delegate review. We also recently posted the latest issue of NAWS News on na.org. We hope to publish shorter, more frequent issues of NAWS News partly to make translation easier and less costly. We just updated the subscriber page ([www.na.org/subscribe](http://www.na.org/subscribe)) to make it easier to subscribe to NAWS News. Now all it takes to subscribe is just entering your email address. As the cycle progresses, you'll see more changes like these to simplify processes, make access to information easier, and reduce administrative effort.

### **Instagram**

As you know, we started an Instagram account in August: [www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous](http://www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous). Just over 5,500 people are following the account, 2 which sounds like a lot, until you consider that the NAWS update emails go to almost 150,000 people. We hope the number of people following the Instagram account will grow.

### **First Focus**

We believe the first, primary project focus needs to be discussions and resource development for virtual meetings. We believe this is what most members most want to talk about right now. Virtual meetings, together with Carrying the Message Effectively and Virtually, is the main focus of the Local Service Toolbox this cycle. In addition, the Convention and Events Toolbox would like to put together resource materials for virtual conventions and other events. And the PR webinars are talking about virtual service efforts, and those conversations may lead to some new resources. The subject seems critical enough that it should be the first Issue Discussion Topic as well. The WSC approved DRT/MAT (Drug Replacement Therapy and Medically Assisted Treatment) as an Issue Discussion Topic, using the CAR survey results to inform the decision. But since the CAR survey was published, priorities have shifted for most members, and virtual meetings seems to be a more immediately pressing focus. We would like to continue with the plan to post an online survey asking members what they would like to see in a piece of literature about DRT/MAT, but do that later in the cycle. Before we post a survey, we will ask Conference participants for input on the questions, either by emailing a draft to you all or through a future CP web meeting. We plan to keep Conference participants informed all along the way. You are partners in this work, and we depend on you to share ideas and engage members in your regions and zones.

### **Poll Question**

**Do you agree that our first major project focus for the cycle be on virtual meetings? This would include the first IDT and the Local Service Toolbox and Convention and Events Toolbox focus.**

**Results: 86 (99%) yes- 1 (1%) no – 0 abstain – 0 present not voting**

### **Nimble approach to the work**

We are trying to be as nimble and, at the same time, inclusive as possible. We are planning standing virtual workgroups only for the Spiritual Principle a Day (or SPAD) Workgroup and for the FIPT Workgroup. For the other projects, we intend to use web meetings, online surveys, and focus groups.

### **SPAD**

We are still on schedule to have the approval draft of the book in the next Conference Agenda Report. In the meantime, we still need members to submit writing on spiritual principles and to give input on

the entries that have already been drafted. Because all of the project materials—the input forms, drafts, and spiritual principles quotes—are posted on the project page, it's easy to be part of the project work without leaving your desk. And anyone can contribute. If you are planning an online event, you might want to consider incorporating a SPAD workshop.

### **Plan for the work**

In addition to the ongoing work for the SPAD project, there is a lot of project work to do. Toolbox and IDTs: Once we get your input on the draft survey, we will be ready to post it for input through the end of the calendar year. Then we will hold a webinar open to all members on 31 October. This issue seems so important to the Fellowship that we hope to evolve the materials we use to discuss this throughout the cycle. The survey input will determine how this discussion evolves. Our plans for this discussion depend on all of you, and service bodies throughout NA, holding these discussions, and reporting the results to us. The other topic we believe needs to be taken up as an Issue Discussion Topic is the cycle's theme—Invest in Our Vision. There seems to be a need to talk about these issues almost everywhere in NA. AWS is not the only one struggling. Many places are not receiving the income from events and literature sales that have funded many of their services. Member contributions are more in line with the spiritual principle of self-support and a more sustainable way to pay for services. We will be asking for your help later in the cycle to frame this discussion. This is not a new focus or topic for us, but with your help, we hope for a fresh, productive approach. FIPT—There is a six-month review period for any proposed revisions to the FIPT, so we need to get moving relatively soon on this project as well. We intend the review draft to include proposed revisions only within the scope we announced—to reflect zonal delegates as full Conference participants. As always, we will let you know if there are any significant trends in Fellowship input on that review draft. The approval draft will be in the 2022 CAR. Lit Surveys—One of our projects this cycle is to revise The Loner IP. We are not sure if we will have a draft ready for the 2022 CAR or not, but we do plan to post a survey to collect input on what members would like to see in a revision. And we will also be asking members what they would like to see in project to develop an IP for Women in Recovery, which is one of the motions passed at WSC 2020. We will present a project plan for consideration at WSC 2022, and it has become our practice to post a survey in advance to get a sense of what the Fellowship would like to see in the piece. That's a lot in what is a short cycle. We're not sure how much we will be able to accomplish, but we will keep you posted. Tim turned the meeting over to Anthony for an update on the legal proceeding and the current financial situation at World Services.

### **Anthony: Lawsuit, financial update**

Anthony thanked all of the Conference participants and members who have assisted with efforts to support NA World Services over the last several months. NAWS is still in a week-to-week situation financially. Because in many places there are still restrictions on people gathering, literature sales have been affected. We expect that this will continue in the coming months. At some point, a new normal will be established for us financially, but we're not sure when that will be. We won't really know what our new normal is until shut down orders have been lifted in most places for a few months. We were seeing what appeared to be initial increases in Fellowship literature purchases but then sales dipped the next month. So, it appears that we will have to continue our current approach of a week-to-week financial assessment. We posted the draft of the August financials to the Conference participant Dropbox, not because we thought that they were informative, but we committed to regular financial updates. We typically don't distribute unaudited financials, but this seemed like the easiest way to give you a snapshot right now. We will try to include an update about how NAWS is doing financially in the next NAWS News. The financials illustrate that in the expense areas where we have strict control, we are keeping expenses within the numbers adopted in the emergency budget. Income is reflective of what we have been reporting since the beginning of this pandemic. The expenses that we have not had



direct control over are things like legal expense and in-house production. These categories are higher because primarily due to leasing contracts, we still have our equipment costs even though we may not be turning over the inventory created by them. The legal expense is self-explanatory and directly related to the Petition you received.

### **Legal**

We are pleased to announce that the petition to the Probate Division, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, has been concluded. We are still awaiting the actual final order but we are able to post the judge's decision in the Conference participants Dropbox for your information as the Trustor. As you could see from the prior documents that we provided to Conference participants on the 7th of February this year and the updates we have given along the way, we filed what's called a demurrer, or in simple terms, an objection to the original filing. The original complaint against NA World Services, brought by a group of individuals calling themselves the "Autonomous Region," sought to remove NA World Services as Trustee of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust and impose surcharges on World Services. The filing of an objection by NA World Services has resulted in the court "sustaining," or upholding, that objection. That means the court agreed with our filed objection. For now, this matter is dispensed with. As we have stated in the past, we find it unfortunate that people would attempt to use the courts to deal with Fellowship business. These types of activities force NA World Services to incur unnecessary legal expenses. Some members have asked about the cost of the attorney we used for this proceeding. For the record, we used the Intellectual Property attorney who wrote the FIPT originally and who has handled NA World Service's intellectual property matters since the late 1980s. Some have said that running up expenses was the intention of the parties involved, frankly whatever the issue(s) are, causing the Fellowship financial harm does not seem to be consistent with our principles. To date, responding to this petition and the various filings along the way has cost us a little over \$218,000.

### **WCNA**

We've had lots of questions about the 38th World Convention, scheduled for September 2021, in Melbourne Australia. We are not confident in what the world will look like in September 2021, as it relates to things like travel, visas, use of facilities, public health orders, etc. We have been in discussions with the city and convention center in Melbourne about travel and restrictions and possibilities for the future, and they have been very understanding. The most reasonable approach we have come up with is to try to reschedule the Convention for a date in 2022. The options that made this location possible could be extended to a new date, but only if we sign a revised agreement by the end of 2020. As of today, we could not go to Australia, so thankfully we are able to consider a future date in 2022. The challenge is the existing policies about WCNA which state that the Convention is held every three years. We know many members are looking forward to a World Convention in Australia, and pursuing a date in 2022 for WCNA 38, while keeping the rest of the WCNA dates and rotation as listed in GWSNA, seems to make the most sense as a solution to us. We are hopeful that Conference participants will support the World Board in trying to navigate this decision by the end of 2020.

### **Poll questioned**

**Do you support moving the date of WCNA 38 into 2022, if possible? [Note: this would not affect the planning of future WCNA.]**

**Results: 84 (92%) yes – 3 (3%) no – 4 (4%) abstain – 4 present not voting**

Anthony then turned the meeting over to Jack to discuss the PPP and EIDL

### **Jack: PPP**

Jack recently became the Treasurer of the NA World Services, Inc. He discussed the World Board's

decision to participate in a couple of US government programs that were available to many for-profit businesses and non-profits as a result of the global pandemic. In the spring of 2020, when the pandemic hit and devastated the economy, several US government programs were quickly enacted including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). Both programs offered low-interest loans to qualifying entities. The EIDL program included up to a \$10,000 grant as well as a long-term, low-interest loan with an amount that was capped at \$150,000 shortly after the program began. The PPP program offered a short-term, low-interest loan, a portion of which could be reduced, subject to meeting certain criteria. At the time the Payroll Protection Program was created, it was announced that the goal of the program was captured in its name: to protect paychecks—to keep workers off unemployment and keep the economy stable. The PPP amount that a business was eligible for was based on the amount of wages for which social security taxes had already been paid in the previous year. If a business meets certain criteria on how the money they received is used, so that the spending achieves the government’s goal of keeping workers from receiving unemployment and keeping the economy stable, then all or a portion of the amount received could be reduced through a credit that would reduce the principal. As we have previously reported, the World Board approved receiving \$150,000 from the EIDL program and \$676,740 from the PPP program. We also were offered a \$10,000 grant from the EIDL program that we did not accept. In Narcotics Anonymous our Seventh Tradition principle is clear that we decline all outside contributions. Based on our philosophy, we did not accept the \$10,000 grant, as we believed it could constitute accepting an outside contribution. The question the Board will need to answer soon is this: If we accept the credit to our loan from the PPP program are we accepting an outside contribution? As NA World Services treasurer, Jack’s recommendation is that we accept the loan reduction. He does not believe taking this credit is accepting an outside contribution. Jack explained his thinking: This is a credit given to any business entity that had employees for whom social security wages were reported and paid, and the credit is only available to businesses that use the PPP funds to protect paychecks, keeping workers paid by their employer, instead of receiving government unemployment compensation. The loan reduction is essentially a credit of taxes previously paid, in that the amount that any entity will have credited to their PPP principal balance is approximately the same or less than the social security and other government employer taxes that were paid in the previous year for each employee. In other words, the credit we would take will not exceed the amount of money previously paid in taxes. As ours. The same logic naturally extends to the portion of the PPP credit NA World Services is eligible to receive, which is why Jack recommends that we accept it.

Jack then reminded everyone about the importance of changing the culture in Narcotics Anonymous regarding the principle of self-support. Our Fellowship is good at declining outside contributions, but the corollary is that “inside” contributions are needed to carry out our primary purpose. The pandemic has made it clear that we can’t continue to rely on the literature sales to fund services. Many regions are feeling a similar need to turn away from dependence on event income to fund services. Jack thanked participants for helping to raise members’ awareness, and turned the meeting back to Tim to review the virtual meetings draft survey. As a state and federally recognized non-profit, NA World Services enjoys many financial advantages such as not paying state or federal income taxes on the portion of income that exceeds expenses, as well as other benefits and deductions available to all qualified non-profit business entities. These benefits are not an outside contribution. Accepting legitimate financial advantages and tax deductions as part of our business practices is essential for an organization like

### **Virtual Meeting Survey Draft**

Tim reviewed the draft survey about virtual meetings that was posted to Dropbox and asked participants to let the Board know if there is anything they would like changed or added, either during Q&A today or via email. The Board took a version of the survey questions for a “test drive” at two zonal forums since WSC 2020—the EDM and CANA. Thanks to the input from these workshops, a



few changes were made. The online survey and workshops will be the first step in creating a new service tool for virtual meetings. The plan is to post the survey before the end of the month and to hold an open webinar about virtual meetings on 31 October. This will be the first discussion about this subject this cycle. This survey will be online from the end of October until the end of 2020. The input received will both begin to outline resources for virtual groups and help to frame the next survey and questions. The Board will keep Conference participants updated at each step.

### **Q & A:**

We always attempt to be available to answer a question or talk through an issue. Also, each region or zone has an assigned Board member who may be able to help with questions or point you in the right direction. If you haven't been contacted by a Board member, please double-check with us by emailing [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) so we can be sure we have the current information for your region or zone's delegate and alternate.

The meeting was open for questions at 11:55.

**Questions asked and responses given: Additional information that was not provided during the webinar has been added if more is available and is shown in italics. Both questions and answers are summarized and are not a transcript.**

**Elliott RD Australia:** We were asked twice for input on this survey already. Wasted time to go through it again on the webinar. It seems disingenuous to questions about topics we have already received input on. Missing an opportunity by not asking how online meetings connect to the service structure. Are online meetings considered groups today? Survey if they should be. If the answer is no, we could gather input on what those barriers are. Many online groups meet the six points described in the Group Booklet. Perhaps it is time for NAWS to change its approach or perhaps groups seated by a local service body could be registered with NAWS.

**Simon RD UK:** Appeal to the WB and Conference participants to refer to these meetings as online and not virtual. They are real and not just virtual.

*We are using the term virtual meetings to refer to online, phone, and chat-based meetings—really any meetings that do not meet in person or that are hybrid and have some remote attendees. We have had a number of discussions, as a Board, about whether to use the term online or virtual. We have no energy about which terms we use as long as they include the variety of ways that NA members come together to meet. We are open to any ideas you have.*

Is the PPP in effect a credit for the taxes we have already paid?

Answer from Jack: I think that's a reasonable way to look at it. The fundamental premise of the PPP program was that the credit is based on the wages and payroll taxes that were previously paid. That is my interpretation; others might see it differently.

**Andrea ZD LAZF:** Was a new WB member assigned to the FIPT workgroup since Junior is no longer on the Board? Answer: Yes. Jack H is serving as the point person for the FIPT Workgroup this cycle and Jorge M. has also been assigned. We are in touch with our assigned WB member for our zone. Thank you. Recommendation to create the meeting readings and BT to provide for \$10 to online meetings. Something to help virtual meetings structured like a group.

**Don S RD San Diego:** On the balance sheet there is an inventory line item - \$2,069,000 and change. Is that cost or retail? Answer: It is COG. It is worth substantially more for sale than the amount listed.

**Barry RD NNJ:** Personnel and overhead line items – how can I determine salaries and benefits from looking at this?

Answer: All overhead expenses are allocated based on a percentage of activity. You cannot determine that amount from the items listed. Had 56 operating days in May. Where are we now?

Answer: As of October 11, we have a total of 85 operating days which includes the buffer of EIDL and PPP. We have 59 days without those amounts. Additional question to verify the amount of the cost of the lawsuit.

**Saul D Rio de Janeiro RD** Would like newcomers and becoming a member added to the survey. Practices.

**Keith RD Tejas Bluebonnet:** Question about the Russian lawsuit. Where are we?

Answer: The legal proceeding has concluded and we are waiting for documentation. They found NA and NA literature to not be a subversive organization.

**Roberto RD Grande Sao Paulo** Direct contributions. Nothing was mentioned today. The increases. Where are we?

Answer: Individual member contributions have continued to increase. It appears that everyone is trying to step up and help, but it will take time for that to make a real difference in our reliance on where our resources come from.

Regarding the PPP loan, has this been requested?

Answer: That decision has not been made by the WB. Jack as an individual WB member is recommending as he said, but the WB has waited for the US government to finalize their process before making a decision.

**Remco RD Netherlands** The PPP loan. Is it only Jack's recommendation to the WB?

Answer: Yes

Not a single dollar has been received?

Answer: No it was received, but no decision about whether to ask to have some of the principle balance reduced has been made.

What about the EIDL?

Answer: The EIDL loan has been received for \$150,000. It is a long term, low interest loan.

Do we have a current report for the donate now button?

Answer: Oct 5-11 the button resulted in \$15,192. Sept 28 –Oct 4 the figure was \$3,380 . It seems to vary from week to week but seems to be resulting in increasing contributions.

**Doug W RD Pacific Cascade** Do we historically lose money on WCNA outside of the US?

Answer: Yes

Do we lose money on the WSC?

Answer: It is only an expense item.

Why are we planning WSC and WCNA in the same year, when we are already losing money? It doesn't seem prudent to plan a World Convention at this time.

**Sam L RD Northern New England** Has the Role of Zones Project Plan been delegated to the meeting of US zones, and deferred to US zonal participants? What is the Board ongoing involvement with the project?

Answer: The EC will oversee it and it is still a WB workgroup. The WB will report on the progress in NAWS News. The group that will be used for this project is the meeting of all zones, not just the US zones. The US zonal meeting was one that NAWS had previously facilitated but is now meeting on

their own. That meeting is different from the meeting of all zones which we have committed to bringing together at least 3 times per year.

**Laura RD Argentina** Are there updates on how online meetings are handling signing members' attendance cards ?

Answer: Some meetings have developed approaches to this, and that information is posted on the virtual meetings page.

**Sharleen RD NZ PPP?** This is a loan we have received, and are we paying interest? Is it interest free? Is credit for interest or principal? If it is the principal, it seems a clear grant.

The short answer is, the loan will eventually have interest, but I believe there is a 12-month period where interest is not assessed. Most entities seeking credit on the principle would seek it in the first year when interest was not being assessed. In the case of NA World Services, we might not have enough credit to eliminate the principle entirely.

How much of the loan can we be credited?

Answer: We don't know because the rules are still in flux, but on the top of my head, I think at least 50% or so.

Survey fatigue. The Fellowship is over-surveyed. What are you trying to do with the information.

Answer: We are trying to gather the Fellowship's experience The questions aren't clear; for a topic like hybrid meetings, for instance, it's not clear what you want to know about hybrid meetings? And why ask where the input is from? Makes it seem US centric.

**Dezz RD Wisconsin** GWSNA changes – can we get another copy that does not show the changes we already voted on? It is a lot to digest, and it's confusing. We are working on producing this requested draft now and will post it to the CP Dropbox. The decisions made at WSC 2020 will appear as normal text. There are unseated zonal delegates in the room. Can unseated regions also be invited to CP webinars for information?

Answer: We will take that as input and we will respond to you.

**Jon S RD GNY** Tax credits only for remaining employees?

Answer: Yes Are other countries offering financial “breaks”?

Answer: There is no provision for any of our branch offices.

In my area, we have about 800 meetings which is far less – they average about \$1 and have no keytags or literature. They don't provide any services other than members sharing. We have groups running wild online. Out of control. Some should be asked to shut their doors.

**Had about 6 hands left and ran out of time.**

### **Conclusion**

Please don't forget to send us any thoughts you have about the Virtual Meetings survey questions by Saturday the 24 of October.

We plan to post the survey and workshop materials ASAP and hold an open webinar 31 Oct. We will be looking for responses to the survey through the end of the calendar year, and we plan to discuss the results at our Board meeting in January.

Next CP web meeting is 12/12. All CP web meetings are Saturdays at 11am Pacific time. 2021 dates are still to be determined for February, April, June, August, October, and December and the rest of the Conference cycle. We are looking at alternating between the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month.

### **Regional Delegate Alternate:**

Report read by Tom K.- Good morning. I am glad to be here at the RSC by virtual means. In the last quarter I attended a session of the Southern Zonal Forum as well as ASC meetings of NASCONA,

HASCONA, and the Freedom Area via the Zoom platform. I want to thank all members who provided copies of their reports via email. That allows me to read them before the RSC so that I am better informed, and better able to serve the Region. This quarter there have been a few virtual meetings of the World Service Conference participants. Several matters were discussed at the meetings. It was decided that in this time of pandemic there should be a webinar specifically addressing the issues of virtual meetings of Narcotics Anonymous. October 31st there was a NAWS webinar discussing virtual meetings. It was streamed live on YouTube. Presenters shared the best practices that they have found thus far. I am attaching the PowerPoint slide show that was recently produced by members of the Southern Zonal Forum. The presentation focuses on best practices thus far for hosting virtual meetings and hybrid meetings of Narcotics Anonymous and service committee meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Steven Primm TBR RDA (713) 357-8030 [stevenprimm1955@gmail.com](mailto:stevenprimm1955@gmail.com)

**Discussion:** Attached to this report was a power point presentation for hybrid meetings.

**Discussion and solution:** On inclusive subcommittee breakout. Will set up for next RSC.

### Facilitator

Polls for voting not set up yet. Susen will be added to email all@. Treasurer's audit. (See Kent's report). Received check for total funds from Cyndi \$12,886.24 and the check has cleared. Tom read the email letter from Cyndi.

Should we respond? **Consensus**

**Discussion:** Respond with grace and forgiveness. Send Cyndi a coffee mug (from a previous Convention?)

Tom will draft the letter and will send it out to this RSC for approval.

Will call the insurance agency about the Certificate of Insurance.

### Co-Facilitator

Report read by Tom- TSCNA Board failed to meet this past quarter. There were three attempts by the recorder to schedule a zoom meeting with no conscience reached on a date. I have no further TSCNA contact.

I failed to block out this Saturday on my calendar for the zoom meeting. Thus, I'm now booked at work tattooing and will not be in attendance. A blatant scheduling failure on my part. My sub conscience speaking on me knowing that the zoom meeting is much more effective and me missing the individual/personal interaction of the members.

Of service,

Michael C. 979-209-4670 [mctat2u@aol.com](mailto:mctat2u@aol.com)

### Treasurer

First, I want to thank all of you for electing me as your treasurer.

I have been trying to the best of my ability to produce documents that are previous treasurer had been providing all of us. This being said I realize I have somewhat of a learning curve here in the beginning. The accounting aspect is easy for me, it is more the ability to export all the various documents. I feel confident by the next region I will have all that figured out.

On September 26, 2020, we were able to conduct an Audit. Present at my house was Tom K., Michael S., Monica C. (interested Member) myself and Chris C. attended via Zoom. After verifying all income and expenses since the previous audit conducted on February 22, 2020, we found all to be in order although the register balance was off by \$15.00 to our favor. So, we went through all entries once again looking for any error to locate the extra \$15.00. After hours with no discovery, the decision was made

to add the \$15.00 back into our running balance and Notate it as “Math Adjustment per Audit”. At this point, Tom K. delivered to me the Treasurer documents/Checkbook/Files/Laptop (not used by previous treasurer).

Upon building my own spreadsheet to reconcile the bank statement, I came across an outstanding check number 1778 issued 5/11/2019 to Bill H for TBRCNA Travel. In the amount of \$15.00!

Check number 1546 to HASO Inc for AAI invoices 2263/2264 & 2278 in the amount of \$612.00 was lost in the mail. As per agreement at audit, on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> we placed a stop pay (\$30.00 fee) on this check and reissued a “Bill Pay” replacement check. HASO received the replacement ck on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

On Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 we received an “Official Check” from Cyndi H. in the full amount of \$12,886.24. We deposited the funds which were put on hold for 10 days. Once the hold was lifted Tom sent out the e-mail to all letting you know this news.

Since the Oct. 31 Bank statement, we have the following: Income \$864.99 and expenses paid \$75.00. this gives us a working balance of \$19,819.75 after deducting our prudent reserve of \$4500.00.

Two suggestions: #1 That when RCM’s are giving their Area report they include the amount of their area donation. This will serve as one more trail for accountability. Many of you do, although some do not.

#2 “Zelle” if your Area is making their donation electronic (i.e. webpage/pay pal/ etc.) if they have the ability to use Zelle this method has No Cost. This would be a more frugal means of transferring 7th tradition funds.

Thanks ILS,

Kent L.

**Discussion:** EANA doesn't see donation to region. Kent confirmed donation of \$524.81.

## **Policy Facilitator**

Report read by Tom-

## **Area Reports:**

### **Brazos Valley Area**

BVANA has seven Groups: Keep it Simple and New Day still have closed meeting facilities. Without Parallel no participation due to pandemic. New Beginnings, New freedom, Miracles Happen and Strength and Hope are physically meeting 9 times per week total. Social distancing and masks have been a growing concern with no consistent follow through from one Group to the next. Area reviewed the need to better follow social required procedures in terms of the NA Traditions and attraction and safety. The Area conclusion was that this was an individual Group responsibility to maintain facility requirements on numbers, spacing and masks. It was also suggested that a Group door greeter could hand out mask as necessary and explain the seating arrangement to meet the facilities requirements without becoming the ‘NA Police’ and out n out turning away non-compliant addicts.

October was Area elections:

Facilitator – Nicole P. Co-facilitator- vacant

Treasurer – Michael C. Co-Treasurer- vacant

RCM1 – vacant Michael C. reporting this quarter

RCM2 – vacant

Recorder – Mollie B, moved up from co-recorder

Literature – Michael H remaining till new person is elected

PI – vacant

H&I – vacant and no activity due to lock down

Activities – vacant Policy – vacant

November ASC no volunteers and no nominations to fill any vacancies. Groups were reminded the need for Area servants, motion to change Area meeting schedule from monthly to bi-monthly or quarterly and the possibility of a single meeting place over Group rotation.

Regional donation of \$125.00 made via Seventh Tradition portal at tbrna.org on November 12, 2020, order #68

Of service,

Michael C. 979-209-4679 [mctat2u@aol.com](mailto:mctat2u@aol.com)

### **Central Texas Area**

Greetings to all from Central Texas Area

Our Area has 48 Groups with a Total of 96 meetings weekly. Of which 30 meetings a week meet face to face and 66 meetings are held Virtually. CTANA made a Quarterly Donation to the Region of \$226.56.

Our ASC is still meeting via Zoom. At our last ASC (Nov 1st) we held Nominations for all Administrative positions and Sub Committee Chairs. Elections will be held at our next ASC scheduled for Dec. 13th. This being said, the need for more nominees is apparent within our Area.

Nominations were accepted for Secretary, Treasurer, H&I Chair and Literature Bank Chair.

We still need nominees for Chair, Vice Chair, Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, RCM 1 & 2, Asst. Lit Bank Chair and Activities Chair.

H&I: We have one Facility that is currently allowing us to come in Live on Sunday and Thursday. This same facility was previously letting us come in via Zoom. We are trying to get our other facilities to allow us to come in via private zoom meetings. H&I has used this time to revise its policy and has completed this task.

H&I will be holding a virtual Book Drive Dec. 12th from 1-4 with a zoom room capacity of 1000.

Zoom ID 819 5181 9467 password BookDrive, 3 speakers - Phyllis P. Plantation, FL. Tomasina T. Flint, MI., Noel M. Dry Fork, VA. There will also be a virtual Auction including a 4th Edition Basic Text as well as NA items made by addicts.

ILS,

Kent L.

### **Coastal Bend Area**

Report read by Troy W. - The Coastal Bend Area services approximately 22 groups within the cbana.org meeting schedule of which approximately 10 actively participate at the ASC level.

Currently have approximately 23 F2F meetings, 10 virtual meetings, and 14 hybrid meetings taking place. Nueces County remains with restrictions of groups no more than 10, at least 6 feet apart, and face mask required.

ASC currently went through election positions:

Facilitator – Troy W.

Co-Facilitator - Karah W.

H&I - Jessica J.

Recorder - Whitney M.

Phoneline – Laneya O.

Activities – Mario V.

Outreach – Open Position

Literature – Samantha P.

Policy – Megan H.

RCM 2 – Open Position

H&I: Last meeting was 10-18-20. Currently having good attendance by attendee's, but are limited in

some cases by facility adopted COVID restrictions. Normally service 7 facilities but servicing 2 currently.

Activities: Thanksgiving preparations underway.

Phoneline: It was voted to end services with Freedom Voice after services are activated with TWILIO. Currently on a month to month basis with Freedom Voice. Unsure of updates.

RBS: Event preparation underway. Tom M. is the facilitator and Stephen S. is the co-facilitator. Theme selection and planning underway.

P&P: New CBANA Policy and Procedures approved by the ASC. The new RBS Policy and Procedures were also approved with 4 changes as drafted. Both will be printed and made available to the ASC pending wording of proposed changes being accepted. Hope to have these available on the cbana.org website soon.

Currently there is much change in the meetings in CBANA. The times, days, locations, and virtual aspects are changing month to month, but are slowly transitioning to normal (if there is one now). The ASC has agreed for a donation to be moved to TBRNA. A check will be written and mailed or delivered at a later date.

Thanks,

Don B. CBANA RCM 1

### **Esperanza Area**

The following is a joint EANA RCM team report.

I am thankful to the Esperanza Area (EANA) for allowing me to serve as RCM. I look forward to representing our area at TBR. I'm grateful for opportunity to serve. EANA elections were held at the September ASC meeting. All positions were filled except for secretary, alternate secretary and alternate treasurer (please see below for list of EANA servants). We have 108 meetings per week. We currently have 54 groups, with 29 of them having voting privileges at ASC. Gradually, more groups are opening up. Half of our meetings are still virtual/zoom. I am reaching out to a few groups that have not attended ASC and are not meeting virtually. Please visit our website at [www.eanaonline.org](http://www.eanaonline.org) for meeting list and other events. You can contact the IT Chair at [webservant@eanaonline.org](mailto:webservant@eanaonline.org) with any questions. We have been responsible with our group 7th Tradition donations and have been able to pay all our bills and expenses. EANA's regional donation this quarter is \$274.28. EACNA support event committee had a blast from the past speaker jam via zoom. Convention merchandize is still available which includes shipping. Please contact our Merchandize chair Lucy V. at 210 215-5347 for more information. H&I subcommittee had a learning day via zoom on Oct 17,2020. Members were offered orientation and NA speakers carried the message. The next EANA ASC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15,2020 (3rd Sunday of every month) starting at 11AM, via zoom (ID: 886 9651 6317, PW: ASC). In addition, EACNA will have an anniversary celebration via zoom January 16 2021. If everything is back to a safe place with the pandemic, the convention should be back in business for January 2022.

Yours in loving service,

Herb M., [RCM1@eanaonline.org](mailto:RCM1@eanaonline.org) (512)905-8424 Luis R. [RCM2@eanaonline.org](mailto:RCM2@eanaonline.org) (210)414-8050  
EANA RCM Team

EANA ASC Trusted Servants List:

Chair – Leonora G.

Vice-chair – CJ A.

Secretary – Open

Alternate Secretary – Open.

Treasurer – Alia C.

Alternate Treasurer – Open



RCM I Herb M.  
RCM II Luis R.  
Activities – Tyrell W.  
EACNA VII 2022 Raymond L.  
Frolic in the Woods – 2021 Peggy H.  
Hospitals & Institutions – Deb G.  
Internet Technology – Teresa M.  
Literature Bank – Delmar E.  
Literature Review – Jose W.  
Newsletter – Ashley T.  
Outreach – Eliza G.  
Phone Line – Liz S.  
Policy – Cameron M.  
Public information – Carolyn G.

### **Freedom Area**

Good morning all. It is a pleasure to meet you all in the virtual land of Zoombabwe.

In the last quarter the Freedom Area continues to chug along and deal with the difficulties presented by the pandemic. We have seven groups that are currently meeting nine times a week. Four of the meetings are f2f, two of the meetings are currently suspended, and the remainder are virtual. It is possible that some more of the meetings will resume face to face soon. More will be revealed...

Recently the Area donated a dozen copies of It Works How and Why and the Step Working Guide to a group. This literature will help the residents of a facility work the steps of Narcotics Anonymous. Some of the hosting facilities are presenting waivers that must be signed by all members attending. The members in Freedom Area have declined to sign these waivers because it appears to violate the anonymity of the addict seeking recovery. Have others encountered this? What did you do?

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Steven Primm

Freedom Area RCM 2 (713) 357-8030 [stevenprimm1955@gmail.com](mailto:stevenprimm1955@gmail.com)

**Discussion:** On waivers that must be signed by members attending meetings so hosting facilities won't be sued in case of catching Covid19. Group to sign waiver for all? Negotiations are on-going. Signature will be anonymous. Waiver to be read as part of meeting format. Send a summary email to the World Board and what challenges are being presented. Insurance and Covid? The was presented to the church and was declined. Not adequate protection for them. How will this affect our insurance? Tom will seek answers from our Insurance Agency. Anonymity....is this really an issue? Do I or do I not attend a meeting. How will we give the newcomer an explanation? Signing would be a level of surveillance.

Please add the new RCM 2 for HASCONA to the email list. Due to a scheduling conflict he will not be able to attend the RSC today. Hurshell Cox [hurshellcox@gmail.com](mailto:hurshellcox@gmail.com) (423) 615-1177

### **Hill Country Area**

Hi family,

Not much to report in Hill country area. We have approximately nine home groups with 11 weekly meetings. We have recently started doing some virtual H&I meetings. And we have an upcoming event on November 21. The flyer is attached below. I hope everyone can make it to Seguin. We have a regional donation that has been made monthly of 10% of donations in the amount of 456.05.

Thank you for letting us be of service, RCM Team Hill Country

**Discussion:** On Phoenix Group moving from EANA to Hill Country. Will check area reports.

### **Houston Area**

I will not be able to attend the business meeting tomorrow. My sister passed on Monday and I have not even thought about it. I just realized that the business meeting is tomorrow but I haven't received any zoom info. We have elected Hurshell C. as RCM 2 and I would like to give him that information so that he can attend. I will try and add Tom's name to this email but if he doesn't respond, will you be kind enough to announce that I won't be attending and why.

I apologize for the late notice but as I said, I truly just realized it. I will try and get a report to you for the minutes some time later next week.

Thanks so much!

With hugs ,

Dawn H. HASCONA

### **Northside Area**

Greetings,

As of today, the NASCONA RCM 1 Mikala H has resigned.

Tomball New Attitudes has decided to join the Houston Area and Mikala has a responsibility as GSR for her Home group.

Since we last reported the Woodlands group was not able to host the Annual Camp Out as planned.

Huntsville State Park had restrictions in place that would not allow gatherings of more than ten, so this was canceled.

Since this was canceled, our Area's supporting contributions towards this event were returned.

Most groups except for a few are returning to face to face socially distant formats with a few continuing via Zoom. The most current schedule of online meetings is posted on our website on the left side of the web page. And by mobile app is located as you scroll down to our meetings list.

Our web servant is working on updating world services so that the meeting locator that is visible on our front page is updated accordingly as it could mislead the newer members not familiar with our Website.

<https://nascona.org/>

The Recovery in Progress Group continues to hold outdoor meetings and the open-air environment has allowed for face to face meetings with social distancing that continue to grow.

The Better Late than Never group also is meeting face to face and has their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event scheduled for today at 6:00pm November 14<sup>th</sup>. There are restrictions as to how many can gather in the designated meeting location. Currently their meeting capacity is seventeen. A December event is in the works for the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Cypress Group has been allowed to resume meetings with a socially distant room capacity and has outdoor meetings when more than ten are gathered.

We have one new group that has joined our area since our last report.

The Show Up and Grow Up Group of NA meets each Wednesday at 7:30pm 2403 Rayford Rd Spring, TX 77386.

Masks and social distancing are mandatory and masks are provided if needed.

Contributions: We are planning to complete our Financial Audit and it is my understanding that soon after we will be making our quarterly contributions to RSC and World.

We have a contribution of \$99.00 collected from Cypress Group of NA for AAI that I will be converting to an electronic payment.

Most of our area service committees are at a standstill as H&I services have been all but halted and Public Relations remain strained.

I thank you all for your service to this fellowship and for sharing your experience strength and hope. For more information about NASCONA please visit our website at <https://nascona.org/> Northside Area Service Committee of NA (NASCONA) meets virtually on the 1st Sunday at 1:15pm-4:15pm Meeting ID 3113644618 Password 244910

ILS,

Brian N. RCM 2 (832)610-4511

**Discussion:** On access to BMLT. Get with California Steve.

I apologize I will no longer be able to commit as an RCM of NASCONA. Being that our home group is in transition, it is a bit too much for me to be going in different directions. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Mikaila H. RCM 1

### **Southeast Texas Area**

We have 6 groups and 38 meetings per week in the Southeast Texas area. Wings of Freedom in Nederland, New Life in Rose City, Just for Today in Beaumont by zoom only, Oasis in Port Arthur, New Attitudes in Jasper, CCC in Beaumont, and Freedom to Change in Orange. For the most up to date SETANA meeting schedule, please visit [www.setana.org](http://www.setana.org).

**H&I:** Our H&I committee currently isn't up and running due to covid.

#### **Trusted Servant Positions:**

Facilitator- Paulina from Wings Alt. Facilitator- RCM- Trish from Wings  
Alt RCM- Tanya from JFT Treasurer- Karen from Wings Secretary- Tresa from New Life  
H&I- Kenny From JFT PR- Activities- tabled till next Area Outreach- Bert from New Life  
Co-Outreach- Phil S from New Life Phone Line- Twana from Wings

**Area News:** Attendance is down at Oasis also at CCC . Men's meeting at Wings has changed . SETANA area will be helping the Lake Charles Group rebuild from the storms when they are ready to start again . Meetings are taking precautions for covid and do their best to comply .

Phone line is getting a lot of calls! H&I is unable to go into facilities due to covid at this time .

**Upcoming Events:** Unity Dinner Nov 14 at Oasis Group 3800 Jimmy Johnson Blvd. Double speaker meeting and auction potluck dinner! The Wings group will be doing a camping trip Nov 20-23 at Twanas camp call Aislnn for details 409-748-5958 Zoom meetings for Just for Today Monday & Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Zoom ID 876-7743-3499 password JfTx2020 .

In loving service,

Tanya B., SETANA Alternate RCM

**Texas Tri- County Area – No report**

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

#### **Adopt An Inmate**

Hello TBRNA, I pray this finds you and yours doing well, in the best of health and safe. Adopt An Inmate has been very slow over the past three months as I have received only 10 letters requesting books as of this writing. I have an order for 10 books on file and ready to send off to HASO and I will complete that process on Monday morning. I just wanted to thank this body for the opportunity to serve in such a manner. This is a cause that is near and dear to my heart and I am grateful to be of service to this body and this region. If there is anything any of you need, I can be reached at the below phone number and e-mail address.

I remain your humble servant.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve Narcotics Anonymous...

In Loving Service, Troy Walters (AAI) 361-774-6030 [jahson361@yahoo.com](mailto:jahson361@yahoo.com)

**Discussion:** Troy will provide spreadsheet for AAI. Kent can Zelle payments for AAI.

## Hospitals & Institutions

Report read by Kent L.

Hello everyone.

This has become challenging for many as well as myself. As a committee, we really don't have much movement this last quarter. I communicated with the treasurer and promptly returned the \$300.00 I had been sitting on for events that were planned and canceled. I also have been invited to participate in two upcoming events. Hill Country is having a book drive October 21st. In person. C.T.A.N.A will be having a virtual book drive and auction. Please participate if you can.

I am asking for \$250 to buy books and donate to both these events. I will also remind every area in our region that even in these trying times we can come out and represent you, and assist with your events.

I will try to attend tomorrow, but I have a heavy work schedule preparing for another shut down. I

would also ask for prayer for a proven H&I warrior Loraine S. May you all be blessed and stay healthy.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Dan H

## Internet Technology

Hello Family, I held three workshops on the BMLT and the plugins it uses over the quarter. If there's more interest I will continue to educate those who want to learn. I will be exporting our meetings to NAWS a week from today Nov 21st so please get your updates in by then.

In Loving Service,

California Steve

**Discussion:** On workshop with phone line and the YAP platform. All YAP stands for is YAP and that's it. Phone line workshop set up for November 15th after 6pm.

## Literature Review

Hello from Literature Review!

The Spiritual Principle a Day Meditation Book Project continues. There are nine spiritual principles available for input until December 31. Also Batch #4 of entries is available for review and input until January 31, 2021. Go to [na.org/spad](http://na.org/spad) to find all the information and input forms. The project is still on schedule to have an approval draft in the next Conference Agenda Report.

The new Mental Health in Recovery IP is now available online at [na.org](http://na.org). It is also available for purchase at [na.org/webstore](http://na.org/webstore).

Projected projects include revising The Loner IP and developing an IP for Women in Recovery. Surveys collecting input for these projects can be expected in the future. More will be revealed as information becomes available.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

In Loving Service

Lynn S 210-379-1377

[quietlymknngnoise@yahoo.com](mailto:quietlymknngnoise@yahoo.com)

## **TBRCNA 2022**

Good Morning,

Early bird registration is open until March 1st.

Our theme is **“When We Live Clean, The Journey Continues.”**

Our committee is meeting regularly and we are on track.

Thank you,

Susen G.B.

**Discussion:** Early Bird Registration is out for distribution. Flyer will be corrected to read February 18-19-20, 2022

## **TBRCNA 2023**

Hi Family!

First of all, I am very grateful to have the opportunity to be facilitator for TBRCNA 2023. I have been attending CAC meetings and have reviewed the hotel contract for the convention. I saw no issues.

During this RSC, Steve S was elected Co-Facilitator and my nomination for treasurer wasn't able to attend this RSC but she said she will attend the next one.

In Loving Service,

Vyki D.

## **Convention Advisory Committee**

Hello everyone,

I hope you are well.

Things have been pretty quiet these last few months. We have a contract from MCM Elegante in Beaumont for TBRCNA 23 in the year 2023 for review then it will be signed and finalized very soon.

Regarding TBRCNA 21, the CAC is requesting funds in order to have a banner made to commemorate 2021. The banner will have the NA symbol and a mask will be placed around the symbol or wherever agreed upon.

I have attended most of the TBRCNA 22 meetings and offered my experience, strength and hope. So far, the committee is sailing smoothly.

As for TBRCNA 24, we will begin negotiating in the coming months for 2024.

Also this past cycle, after much discussion amongst the Region and to show our support for the Esperanza Area, we have decided to move the Tejas Bluebonnet Region Convention to the third week of February. It will be the weekend of George Washington's birthday, so whomever has that day off can take advantage of it.

The Zoom account that is used for our meetings costs \$15.98/month times 4 months. This is one of my donations to the Region. Thank you.

In Loving Support,

Michael Serhus

**Discussion:** On banner for the convention that didn't happen. Submit proposal in New Business.

## **Open Discussions**

Virtual Mailbox payment – Not put on debit card. It's only for deposit. Pick up or delivered. Paid annually because it's easier to invoice.

Zoom subscription – To be paid annually. **Consensus**

Post Office – Compile invoice at the end of the year.

AAI Donation – Earmarking of funds. H&I can? Separate ledger was never found. We didn't have answers and we put it in the register.

Quick Books discussion and how it was done per quarter that allowed us to track how much was spent by AAI. What if it goes over \$4800 per year? It used to be short and we added \$400.

Elimination of the H&I can would make it more viable. Earmarking continues in Region.

**Proposal:** By Keith P. – To have one 7th Tradition Portal on the TBRNA website and AAI should be fully funded by 7th Tradition.

**Discussion:** How will this be handled at Region? - It would work the same way. Continued discussion on earmarking funds; AAI has a \$400 quarter budget; we have specific lineal items for a specific purpose; how would this differ from Book Drives?; - this is an area policy issue.

Any questions for making a concensus? **Consensus.**

**The web dude will figure out and change the notation (tile, banner) on the website.**

**Discussion:** On TBRNA mug to Cyndi as a heartfelt gesture; letter to let Cyndi know she is welcomed and loved at our region; just a letter to empathize with her.

Tom will draft a letter and will be available for approval.

**Discussion:** On getting involved with those who wanted information on offenders who are soon to be released from prison; sending information to each Area.

**Discussion:** On standing convention committee; CAC- How it would happen. What we would do. Bring it back in February as an Ad Hoc committee to get started and get others involved.

**Proposal:** By California Steve – to create an Ad Hoc Committee to look at the feasibility of having the CAC as a standing committee. **Consensus**

Michael and California Steve will head this Ad Hoc and more will be revealed on the set up.

#### **Treasury Balance** – Quick working balance report

Kent: \$19,819.75 **Proposal:** By Susen GB. to pay insurance \$5,185.00 for one year. **Consensus**

– 5,185.00 Liability Insurance

\$14,634.75 **Proposal:** By Susen GB. to send \$12,886.24 to NAWS. **Consensus**

– \$12,886.24 to NAWS

\$ 1,748.51 above prudent reserve

#### **Operating funds**

\$1,748.51

\$100.00 AAI

\$250.00 H&I

\$100.00 SZF

\$ 25.56 Reimburse Esteban for 2 months Dropbox purchase for Zoom recordings download.

\$475.56

\$1,748.51

– 475.56

\$1,272.95 x 20% donation to NAWS = \$254.59

– \$ 254.59

\$1,018.36

**Discussion:** About the the banner for the canceled 2021 convention; \$150 would be the cost for a banner and who was to spearhead the creation of the banner. **No proposal**

\$1,018.36 working balance

**Proposal:** Keith P. To donate an additional 20% of the remaining working balance = \$203.67

**Consensus**

\$458.26 Donation to NAWS

\$1,018.36 minus \$203.67 leaves a working balance of **\$814.69 above reserve**

**Discussion:** On theft of funds and sending all returned funds to NAWS. Over the last few years, those funds were already voted on by past regions.

On RCMs submitting nominations for new RD and RDA at the next RSC.

The Regional Assembly in March will be set up at the February RSC. Most likely a virtual assembly.

**Discussion:** On 2021 Convention banner with regional funding. Who would create the banner and where would the funds come from? If the CAC would spearhead the banner design and overall task, the funds would come out of the CAC budget. Same with the Regional Convention Committee.

Did not ask region to fund. **No Consensus**

**Announcements:**

Winter Regional Conference will be via virtual platform on February 13, 2021.

**Proposal:** Keith – To have the Regional Assembly on March 13, 2021. **Consensus**

**Adjourned in the usual manner @ 12:50pm**

Recorded by Esteban R.  
TBRNA Recorder