

## TBRNA Regional Committee Meeting Record for February 9, 2008 Held in Houston, Texas

Meeting opened at 9:20 with the serenity prayer, Jerry read the Service Prayer, James read the 12 traditions, and Steve read the 12 concepts.

Facilitator- present	H & I- present
Co-Facilitator- excused	BVANA-
Treasurer- present	CBANA-present
Co-treasurer- vacant	CTANA- present
RD- present	EANA-present
RDA- present	HCANA-present
Recorder-present	HASCONA- present
Policy Chair- vacant	NASCONA-present
Archives-present	SETANA-present
PI-excused	TTCANA- present
Convention-present	ADhoc-excused

Facilitator stated that he would like to see something in place for at least 80% conscences, just so that we don't have to fight with it later. He is also requesting that we put elections on the agenda after reports.

Corrections to Record of November 2007. In the RD's section of the report it is Regional Report to the WSC. Section concerning removal of stories but also addition of stories. SETANA the new RCM is Royce.

**RD**- the first part is the report and the second half is the CAT. He asked the group if they are involved with the SZF e-mail structure, he stated that they are being bombarded with the e-mails. The information in the second part is the information about our service. The material is the topic discussions information for the past six years. This is his final report until he goes to WSC and then that will be his last report in May. He wanted to tell everyone how much he LOVES us!! He attended CTANA to help with an inventory tool. He also attended a workshop at the regional convention attendance was low, and he is suggesting that there be a different time slot. Attended the SZF it was very well attended. He thanked CBANA. There were board members from the board there to help with the CAR workshop. Deadline for the regional report is at the end of the month, so if anyone

wants to have an input on this make sure that you get this information to him before the end of the month. We will be voting on the CAR at the regional assembly. The WSC zones are going to change. The NAWS budget and plans need to be approved before they can go on. The other is that there will be a lot of discussion concerning the way service material is brought in to play. The survey for the NA medallions you can only vote once. The annual report is out with the CAT. TBRNA donations for 2005-2006 7277.65, 2006-2007 20, 994.11. We can download the CAT on NAWS, the user name is CAT and the password is CAT2008. Expenses are 139.87. The indexes are not apart of the approval for the 6<sup>th</sup> editions. Will miss us all!

**RDA**- he and the RD decided to split up the work. The SZF conference was pretty routine. Ricky D. stated that he would need to be reimbursed for his tapings due to him bringing all of his equipment, he is asking for 200.00 dollars. The next SZF will be in Memphis, and the cost is going to be minimal. He would like this body to send a letter to the CBANA for a job well done in the organizing of the SZF. There was a lot of discussion during the CAT to do with "Guide to Local Services" the changes are to reflect current practices. He would like reimbursement for SZF in the amount of 291.60. He would also like reimbursement for his trip to WSC, and a check for his room at the Warner Center Marriot, made out to them, the total for this is 874.70.

### Co-facilitator report- no report

**Web-guy**- he informed the group that he has not done much on the site. He stated that he has newness in his life. He stated that if there is anything that we need to add to the web site, that we could send it to him via e-mail. All of the forwards should be in place. If there are any new RCM's get your information to him and he will set it up.

**Treasurer Report**- 4612.32 is the balance. We are not required to file a 990 but we will be filing a form 990N which is an e-postcard. Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, and the treasurer. The articles of incorporation needs the names changed, the Secretary of State stated that we would need to send a record stating who needs to be removed and who needs to added, the following persons who need to be added are the facilitator, co-facilitator, and the treasurer. She also informed us that we need to remember that we are TAX EXEMPT and that we are not paying the taxes on the receipts that we bring into her that have the taxes. She went over the line items of expenses for last year. The people who are on the articles of incorporation need to be removed, they have never been changed. It cost fifty dollars for the CPA to file our papers to the internal revenue services.

The following people need to be removed from the articles of incorporation: Max Key Judy Kirkland Juanita Barone

The following people need to be added to the articles of incorporation:

Tom Kraft Bob Turrentine Kimberly Snipes

The other discussion is the signers of the TBRNA bank account. At this time the only persons that are signers are Zean and her.

The following people that need to be added to the TBRNA bank account: Tom Kraft Steve Surface

### Policy Report- vacant

**Archives**-She informed the committee that there are convention archives missing and she would like to know if anyone has any. All she has is the year 2003-2004. It was suggested to the archives chair that we could look at the archive of the secretary/recorders minutes and see if there was a report for the chair of the convention.

**Convention**- He handed out his last report, and he emailed one to the recorder. He developed adhoc binders. (Read report). The contract has to be negotiated with the Chair and then signed by the facilitator.

### **Open discussion-**

The treasurer wanted to know when we need to start cutting corners, stating that our bank account is getting low, and she feels that we need to have a policy set in place to state that the bank account should not be below a certain amount. The committee stated that this is why we have a prudent reserve. The treasurer just wanted to let this committee know where we were with the finances so that there are no questions as why we have no funds if and/or when this occurs.

# **Area Reports**

BVANA- no one available

**CBANA**- The RCM stated that he was apologizing for not having a written report. He stated that the area is going well. They hosted the SZF and it went well. They have RBS t-shirts, and it is coming around the corner. The t-shirt are 15.00 long sleeve 20.00. Their new RCM I was introduced, Sean C, he has been here before along time ago.

**CTANA-** The RCM informed us that things are going great. He stated that all of their seats are filled, he introduced the new RCM and stated that the other one resigned. The area inventory has progressed as planned, it is working. The policy adhoc committee is still meeting and that is going well. We will have a place to meet for the Regional

Assembly and once it is acquired they will inform us. They are considering having a function for after the RA.

**EANA-** Stated they are going through the area to do workshops on CAR. They are really trying to reach the outer laying groups. The groups near Mexico or in Mexico are struggling most places charge them high rents. So they try to make sure that these groups have support.

**HCANA**-The RCM informed the group that there are 27 meetings currently. Their ASC moves every month. They have a new RCM and he introduced her. Everything is going well for their area.

**HASCONA-** The RCM stated that they have 33 groups with over 100 meeting. The have several positions open. Upcoming events: CAR workshop 2/23. Keep It Simple has a Valentine's Dance. Keep It Clean has an anniversary. Traditions day at KISS 3/8. They are in the process of doing an Area Inventory. Everything is working well.

**NASCONA-** The RCM informed us that they have 9 groups in their area. They are trying to build a relationship with the surrounding areas. They had one workshop for the CAR. They have the chili cook off scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**SETANA**-The RCM informed the committee the real name of the other RCM. Consist of 4 groups they meet 57 times a week.

**TTCANA-** The RCM stated that he was the new RCM. He does not have written report. He will send this to the recorder. They have been doing an inventory. They will also be doing a financial inventory. They have a phone line and all this information is posted on the website.

# **Sub Committee Reports**

**PI**- He informed the group that he was able to make two learning days; one was in North Side and the other was in SETANA. The total expenses were 443.01.

**HI**-He informed the committee that he did not know that he was not to be sending the other recorder information, so the new recorder will be getting this report via e-mail in the next couple of days. They did purchase the institutional guides. They would like all the areas to be involved with regional H & I chair and will be all getting together. There were two workshops that he was not able to attend, but his co-chair was able to make it, and there was an area that have not been able to buy literature for their institutions, so they had decided to go ahead and purchase the literature for them, and it will be mailed directly to them. 400.00 dollars was spent for this. Esperanza is looking to have a H & I /PI learning day but more will be revealed, it sounds like most of the areas would like a leaning day but nothing has been set in stone. The goal for the next quarter is try and get into these facilities there are 72 H & I meetings a week. He will be contacting the

different area H & I chairs to see what they can do to help. We need to make sure that we have a accountability with the Adopt-an-Inmate, it appears that even the person doing this program feels like there is no accountability.

**Convention Advisory Adhoc Committee-** the person was nominated for this position for this committee is not present today. What we are wanting from this position, and it was to somehow develop a way to transition from one convention to the next with out having no information lost, we need to make sure that there is something set in place for those smaller areas to be able to host the convention with out any problems.

EANA stated that they were under the understanding that the committee was formed to set up hotel contracts. The committee will be more than hotel contract, this committee will definitely be there to assist any area that will need help in doing the convention.

# **Old Business-**

Regional report to WSC and Regional profiles- there was some information already answered. There are question that they would like answered so if you look at the questionnaire and if you can think of anything that we can think of, please e-mail them.

Learning Day in Rio Grande Valley will not be done this quarter.

Central Texas Area will e-mail the region participants with a location for the Regional Assembly, the date for this will be March 8, 2008.

## **Elections**:

Chair for the TBRCNA 9- Chip is qualifying himself. We are going to be taking his hotel bill back to CBANA and see if they are going to pay for his bill.

The following people need to be removed from the TBRCNA bank account: James Mc Farland Charlene McKee Bobby Dover

The following people need to be added to the TBRCNA bank account: Chip Gower Bill Hightower Darla Breaden

The lab top was given to the new chair as well as all material from the TBRCNA 8 stuff.

**Co-treasurer**- Satchel Steve for Co-treasurer. He is now the co-treasurer.

Policy Chair- Satchel Steve and Jerry L. Jerry L. is the new Policy Chair.

RDA nomination- Dawn E. is qualifying herself.

## New business:

Proposal-From the Central Texas Area

Central Texas Area would like to discontinue participation in the SZF: The justification for this is the cost vs how many workshops

The intent for this proposal it that the CTANA believes that the information being brought back from the SZF was not being utilized by the areas so it seems that the money spent could be better spend elsewhere.

There was a lot of discussion concerning this proposal. The proposal was then modified.

The modification is to only send them to the Southern Zonal Forum during the CAR year.

The proposal did not pass due to 12 stand asides. So then the discussion of how we need to utilize the RD and the RDA for workshops.

Who to fund for the Regional Assembly- Who on the Executive members of the region required to attend the Regional Assembly. It was stated that the Facilitator, Recorder, Treasurer, RD, and the RDA to be funded. In the event that the Facilitator or the Treasurer can not attend their co's will attend.

Whether to change our domain name- the committee decided that this would be beneficial to make the name user friendly. We are going to use both names until the other runs out. tbrna.org will be the new name.

Jerry will research our literature to see if the words "drug of choice" in our literature. If there is there will be a committee formed to see how this can be addressed to NAWS.

Proposal from the TBRCNA convention committee-

TBRCNA would like to raise the seed money from 5,000.00 to 8, 000.00

The intent was so that we can better equip the Convention Committee with the necessary funds to properly cover the pre-convention expenses and lighten up their fundraising responsibilities so they can concentrate on the real job at hand: convention.

There is discussion the proposal.

Mary blocked the proposal with the 11<sup>th</sup> concept and the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. She states that they primary purposes is to carry the message not about the money.

Discussion is stated that prices are getting higher and that this is why we need to look at increasing the seed money.

April stated that may be we need to scale down the convention than increasing the seed money.

Zean stated that if we needed to rely on the convention to carry our message then something is wrong.

So the TBRCNA convention committee is withdrawing their proposal.

The next RSC will be held in Esperanza area on May 10, 2008 due to no representation or able to contact Brazos Valley.

Our balance at the end of the day is 3, 020.21. with the check from TBRCNA 8 the total 6613.26. (1/2 of 7186.11 goes to World)

### Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Next meeting will be the Regional Assembly held in Central Texas Area, Austin in March of 2008.