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Open

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Roll Call

Servants

Position	Present	Position	Present
Facilitator	Yes	Co-Facilitator	Yes
Treasurer	Yes	Co-Treasurer	Open position
Regional Delegate	Yes	Regional Delegate Alternate	Yes
Recorder	Open position	Policy	Yes
Hospitals & Institutions	Yes	Public Relations	Open position
Literature Review	Yes	Internet Technologies	Open position
Convention Advisory Committee	Yes	TBRCNA 15	Yes
TBRCNA 16	Yes		

Representatives

Area	Present	Area	Present
Brazos Valley	No	Central Texas	Yes
Coastal Bend	Yes	Esperanza	Yes
Hill Country	Yes	Houston	Yes
Northside	Yes	Rio Grande Valley	No – email report
Southeast Texas	Yes	Texas Tri-County	Yes

Elections

Recorder

Tom K volunteered and gave a short résumé

Q: Have you ever-misappropriated NA funds?

A: Yes as a GSR. Bought cigarettes with 7th tradition

Elected

Internet Technologies Facilitator

Katt B volunteered and gave a short résumé

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Q: Is there a need for this position with a paid special worker managing the site?

A: Yes. The IT facilitator handles content and region related information, while the special worker, web developer, keeps the site secure & up to date.

Q: Were you involuntarily removed from area ad-hoc committee?

A: No. The committee's tasks were complete and a report was submitted for the tasks beyond the committee scope.

Discussion:

TBRCNA 16 facilitator mentioned that he asked Katt to place his email address on the tbrdna 15 email forwarder but never got any emails. Katt responded that she had Tom place it in the system.

[Follow up by Tom determined that it was not Katt's fault that the emails were not received. Tom had missed one link in the chain. It was Tom's fault that the facilitator was not receiving the emails]

There was more discussion about her performance in the area 501(c)(3) ad-hoc committee. She answered each question.

Elected

Co-Treasurer

No nominations

Public Relations Facilitator

No nominations

Subcommittee Breakout

Clarification of what a Subcommittee Breakout is. Areas are encouraged to bring their subcommittee facilitators and other interested members to the RSC to interact with the other areas' subcommittee members. Hospitals & Institutions, Public Information/Relations, Literature Review

Administration Reports

Recorder

Bryan has contacted Mary to get notes from the last RSC, but has gotten no results
Tom will follow up

Treasurer

Steve explained the components in his lengthy year-end report. It includes comparison metrics between 2013 and 2014 [Report included]

Discussion:

Consider that travel costs to WSC may change soon as World is experiencing difficulty meeting budget

Concern about “no name” line items on the report.

Steven and LeAnn will discuss these and bring that information back

Answered some questions about individual lines

Q: What is the audit frequency?

A: When we change treasurers

Steven also read the TBRCNA 2014 Treasurers Report [Report Included]

Regional Delegate

George gave a verbal report

Attended Multi-Zonal Forum in St. Louis Missouri where they were able to discuss ideas about future seating at the WSC.

- Seating is stalled now
- Possibility of seating by zones
 - George feels we should first step back and determine if our vision of a worldwide fellowship is still viable before we break up into continental zones like AA.
- Worldwide services as it is now is bankrupting us so we have to determine if we can afford it
- If we break up into zones how will that work
 - Will each of the current 15 zones have an office?
 - Each zone would have to determine how they handle services
 - A method of groups communicating to world services would have to be developed

Texas Unified Service Project to make it easier for statewide agencies to work with Narcotics Anonymous in Texas on a state level rather than different regions [I did not catch who was organizing this -TK]

- Bringing together information
 - George needs the boundaries of your service areas
- “They” are setting up a system where a caller will be connected to local services like PI or H&I
- Recommend turning it over to the tech guy
 - Tech guy, Tom, states that there has already been a website created by our past PI Facilitator, Diana M.
 - All it currently has on it is the meeting list search (bmlt), [\[http://texasna.org/\]](http://texasna.org/)

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- Diana had also put together an Areas counties served map [<http://tbrna.org/texas-counties-served>]
- Diana communicated with the other regions but Tom did not know how far she got
- It was recommended that the IT Facilitator continue with this project and update the area boundary information

Discussion:

Q: When mentioning the 15 zones and separate service offices, is that how AA does it now?

A: Pretty much. It is a whole different way of looking at it
It is not a popular method to follow the practices of AA

Q: Do you have a printed report?

A: No, but working on getting some assistance software. Hope to have it in place by next RSC.

\$900 in expenses. Discussion about the amount.

Was there a cap placed on expenses to travel to St Louis? There was not

This was a longer event than a Southern Zonal Forum

Was there a preapproval to spend this much? Without a record from November there is nothing to go on.

Not going to attend the Florida Service Symposium because there is not enough stuff on the agenda that would serve this Region specifically

Regional Delegate Alternate

Heidi read this report [Report Included]

The Regional Assembly will be March 21st at the VFW at 2001 Lova Lane, Victoria, TX, 9am-3pm. I've e-mailed out fliers and posted a copy in the TBRNA Facebook group. Their standard rental fee (for parties and such) is \$720, but they're letting us have it for only \$200 with the understanding that we'll be out of there by 3:30pm so that they can rent it out to another party for the evening. I am really excited about the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) that we will workshop and hope that everyone will plan to stay for the duration so we can benefit from each other's experience, strength, and hope.

I attended the Multi-Area Literature Review Workshop hosted by Hugs Not Drugs in Houston on January 10th, and it was a wonderful experience. We all thoroughly enjoyed reading the draft Intro and First Tradition for the new Traditions book, and the group plans to continue holding workshops as each section of the book becomes available for review and input. I look forward to hearing when the next workshops will be and hope that I will be able to attend.

I attended the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) meeting in Lake Charles, Louisiana, January 24-25th, where we workshopped the topics Technology In Service, Disruptive and Violent Behavior, and Traditions 7-12 (to provide input for the Traditions book). If elected, I will workshop these topics at our Regional Learning Day in May and probably combine that with a literature review workshop as we have done in the past. At the SZF meeting, the South Florida Region joined our forum, and they said that their entire zone may be joining ours soon. They are very impressed with what our zone is doing. Our zone plans to hold a meeting/workshop via Skype in April to practice using technology for our interactions and save money on travel. We are also starting to plan PR and H&I events in conjunction with future SZF meetings so that local areas/regions can benefit from the experience that SZF members can share.

On February 8th, at TBRCNA, I facilitated a workshop on the topic of Zonal Representation. I showed a few of the videos that various zones presented at the WSC last year and shared about the direction that our zone is heading. I appreciated all those who attended and participated in the discussion. It was good to hear the different points of view.

The day after the November RSC, I facilitated a “Technology in Service” Regional Learning Day, presenting much of the material that is posted on the Multi-Zonal Symposium website at www.mzssna.org. We also sampled the webinar software, GoToMeeting. The participants at the workshop were wonderful, and we all shared information and experience and learned a lot from each other.

Speaking of technology in service, on January 22nd I participated in my first Skype meeting regarding the Texas Unified Services Project. The purpose of this project is ultimately to provide a single contact point for the public to find NA in Texas. We are an informal network of trusted servants in NA who are exploring possibilities, such as having a single 800# for NA in Texas that would direct callers to local helplines in whichever area they needed a meeting, and a single website that would have links to all Texas NA region and area websites. One person shared an example of why this is needed is that she is asked by inmates at H&I meetings how they can find NA meetings when they get out, and she always has to answer that it depends on what part of Texas you’re paroling out to. It would be so much simpler if there were a single helpline she could give them for Texas.

The group has already created a map of all TDCJ facilities that shows which region’s boundaries each falls into, and this could assist H&I subcommittees in determining how best to support H&I meetings. It is also putting together a complete list of trusted servants contact information for each region and area in Texas to be used to gather and share information. This is mostly a statewide PR project, and we could really use the help of any member who has experience with phonenumber or web development. If you would like to be added to this group and participate in the Skype meetings, please let me know. The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, February 26th, at 6:30pm.

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Because the roles of the regional delegate and alternate are becoming so technology oriented, I am making a proposal to further define the expectations of RD and RDA candidates in our policy. I hope what I have covered in this report makes it clear that this truly is a necessary change in order for our region to remain an effective participant in the SZF and keep up with technology trends in service.

I am asking for reimbursement for only my hotel room (no travel or meals) at the SZF, which was \$214.68 for both nights. I've provided the receipt to our treasurer.

As always, I am willing to visit any ASC or assist with an Area learning day, as long as you give me at least a month advance notice and I don't already have a prior commitment.

Yours in service,
Heidi M.

Additional:

She has everything ready for the Issue Discussion Topics presentation at the Regional Assembly and urges everyone to stay for that.

Needs area PR & H&I chair contact information to add to the Texas Unified Services Project.

The project participants are using Trello, <https://trello.com/>, to gather, organize and present the information.

Discussion:

Noted that the list of Area helplines needs to be updated and a list was passed around. [This one is most likely out of date also - <http://tbrna.org/phonelines>]

Are you going to accept the nomination for Regional Delegate?

Yes

Facilitator

Marty lost his written report ... something about the dog ate it. Gave short verbal report.

Had intended on attending the Brazos Valley ASC but has not had the opportunity

Urges more area participation in the Regional Learning Days. Lots of valuable information is presented. The November event had only about 10 members in attendance

Only complaints he heard at the convention was that the workshop rooms were too full ... that is a good complaint.

Welcome back to Southeast Texas

Discussion:

There was another convention complaint that the rooms were not very accessible to disabled members

Co-Facilitator

Bryan gave verbal report [Report Included]

Was perusing Facebook and ran across someone that was unhappy about the decision the Region made regarding Texas State Convention and inquired into their issues. Ended up spending about two hours in an in-person meeting with the Chair of the TSCNA Advisory Board looking for solutions to bridge the gap that is in the fellowship right now.

- This topic is on the agenda for open discussion
- Who did you meet with?

Myron B

Has contacted the last Recorder about minutes and has not received them yet [I also have sent an email to her requesting anything she could provide but have not received a reply -TK]

Policy Facilitator

Todd gave verbal report

Policy has been published and sent out <http://tbrna.org/file-upload/policy-2014-november>

Only changes are to remove Southwest Cactus Country Area and add Rio Grande Valley Area to zone 3

Discussion:

Before Todd took over there was a policy change to move the May RSC and Learning Day to the third weekend as to not conflict with Mothers Day on the second weekend.

That change will be made in the next release

Convention Advisory Committee

Monika read this report [Report Included]

The Committee, Randie B., Dickie B., and Monika V. met on December 3, 2014 to discuss the proposals for TBRCA 17. We received 2 proposals—La Torreatta and South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. Galveston hotels did not provide proposals although there were several attempts to obtain some; the reasons were that they were not certain what dates the Super Bowl would be on. The committee met again this past week and agreed South Shore Harbour is the best

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offer. This is the same place the hosting area is having their area convention. I did a site tour of South Shore Harbour on January 19, 2015 and found there would be adequate space to hold the regional convention. A contract has been received; however, there are still amendments that need to be incorporated---such as the concessions and the triple/quad occupancy rates. As soon as all details are incorporated into the contract, it will be forwarded to the Regional Facilitator for signature. TBRCNA 15 was a successful event. Observations from it were presented at the final meeting and are incorporated into the Facilitators report.

I am submitting receipts for \$78.61 for the Austin TBRCNA 16 property tour and meeting and TBRCNA 17 site visit at South Shore Harbour.

Additional:

South Shore Harbour is in League City

Dates for TBRCNA 17 will be February 10th through 12th

Discussion:

Q: How would you rate the facility?

A: Nice facility, it's got great space, on the harbor

Q: Where?

A: League City, not far from Kemah. On Clear Lake

Q: Where is CAC with the Timeline

A: It is done. This is something that evolves with each the of experiences
TBRCNA 16 is using the Timeline

TBRCNA 15

Ollie read Final Report [Report Included]

- One of the most successful conventions
 - Challenged to work programs and trust in a loving, caring God when facing the reality of the EANA Area Convention two weeks prior.
Both conventions were successful
 - Numerous positive comments from all over NA
 - >100 newcomers
 - Thanks to OMNI hotel for all the help. Not aware of complaints, if any
Met room block and beverage commitment
 - Thanks to speakers, workshop chairs and speakers
 - To entertainment – “Wow, wow, wow!”
 - Tearful and humorous thanks to the awesomest convention committee members. Individual thanks to each
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Applause

Discussion:

Some humorous comments about Ollie's lack of tech savvy-ness
Individual reports are available on the convention Dropbox repository

Esteban gave an adjective laden TBRCNA Co-Facilitator report [Report Included]

- Rave reviews for the entertainers
- Length of Saturday night event confusing during the countdown
- Discounts come when we dip in our resources
- Two proposals will be made
 - Auction off original 2001 banner
 - Auction off time capsule contents
- Thanks to attendees with radiance

Discussion:

Q: What were your suggestions for the banners

A: Thumbtacks shouldn't be used to hang them. When will wall room not hold all of the banners?

Need a gooder way to hang them and a PVC pipe/dowel suggestion was made.
TBRCNA 16 will have to deal with this and protect the banners.

Suggestion not to use the same speakers

Proposal that each convention have their own IT Facilitator position to control and handle content. Needed in these modern times.

Have CAC look into the position and a banner solution

At some time, auction all current banners and rebuild them in a standard, smaller size.

We did not have a great representation of this region in terms of ethnicity. Clarified that he meant in speaker choices.

Speakers were selected by submissions. Workshops by volunteer. Neither method can see color.

Programming chair has been criticized about this

Guidelines now have a standard size requirement. Suggest to rebuild the odd sized ones.

TBRNA 16

Allen read this report [Report Included]

First off, thank you to the TBRCNA15 committee for all the work they put in and a job well done!

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I spent a good amount of time talking with subcommittee chairs and addicts in attendance about what was working, and more importantly, what wasn't working. Several of the TBRCNA 16 subcommittee chairs shadowed their counterparts. We all learned things and benefited from the hands on experience. Our registration chair and treasurer spent Sunday morning pre registering, they did great!

We registered 60 people! Our registration count so far stands at 61 @ \$20= \$1220.00 plus \$90.00 in new comer donations for a total of \$1310.00

We are currently meeting on the second Sunday of the month at the IHOP at I-35 and Cesar Chavez @ 3pm (for the month of March we will meet at my house due to SXSW staring up.)

Look for the first of several pre convention tshirts soon, they will be a very limited run, so score one while you can!!!

Additions:

Registered 59 at TBRCNA 15 so now totaling 60 registrants

3 or 4 preconvention designs of 50 shirt runs

Going to bring things heard today to the committee

Discussion:

Q: When will online registration be available?

A: Not until after funding. Maybe mid-March and they have not selected a web developer yet.

All positions elected in October

Still need to pick colors and a final graphic

Programming chair is asking for submissions and they are very aware of the need for more diversity

Would like to somehow reintegrate the Texas State Convention as an "us" thing. There is a huge division that does not server the newcomer

Monika adds that we should add Tom as the Business Contact on the PayPal account for continuity between conventions.

Tom mentioned a little history about 2014 & 2015 trying to get things done on PayPal when they are not the official contact. 2006 treasurer has her name on the account. Darla (2006) is willing to help us get it changed and what is needed from the Region is to have the change noted in the record that this is approved.

Waiting for 15 to finish before really taking off but he will publish meeting times and locations to the regions so that anyone can participate.

H&I

Michelle reported on the nice little meeting they just had outside

Esperanza – Had 2 facilities merge and they are looking to take on the psyche hospital.

Central Texas – 1 unit had a TB outbreak so they are off limits for a while. Past issue with a person claiming to be an NA member doing volunteer work and selling drugs on the side. This should be pointed out to the TDCJ volunteer coordinator.

Tri-County – March 28th Convention 10 to have a TDCJ speaker and orientation

Houston – Removed a facility coordinator because she did not attend subcommittee meetings, send reports or visit the facility. Member feels attacked but she cannot run her own show.

Esteban reported that out of the 66 volunteers for the last TDCJ training that 13 were NA volunteers.

Gathering a list of all TDCJ approved volunteers and a list of the prisons.

Literature Review

Lynn read this report [Report Included]

Greetings from Literature Review!

The Traditions Book Project continues. The first Review and Input period for the Introduction and Tradition One has been extended to the end of February. The next Review and Input period will be March 1-May 31 on Traditions 2-6. After that we will have Traditions 7-12 from June 1-August 31.

The workgroup has received over one hundred submissions from the United States and at least six countries. They decided to extend the first Review and Input period so they would have more time to assess the input to see if changes are needed before sending out the draft for Traditions 2-6.

Submissions are still being accepted for Traditions 7-12 until March 31. The project page, na.org/traditions, has links for the questionnaire you can use for input and the Discussion Board. Literature Review has questionnaires if you would like them. Also you can access the Review and Input draft by clicking on 'Review and Input Packet'. If you don't have online access or have trouble please let me know and I can help.

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Literature Review can do workshops on the Review and Input draft or for submitting input on Traditions 7-12. If you're interested please let me know.

Due to being out of state I couldn't attend the Multi-Area Literature Review Workshop but I'm looking forward to the next one.

On Thursday February 19 I attended a workshop gathering input on Traditions 11 and 12 at The Welcome Home Group in Houston. There was a great turnout and a lot of input was collected. It was so moving to see the interest and willingness to be a part of this project. I'm looking forward to returning in March for a Review and Input workshop for the next set of Traditions being released March 1. A big thank you to Brian D for doing such a great job and to The Welcome Home Group for making me feel so welcome.

It's an exciting time for Literature Review. We have the ability to create and shape our literature so Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Please contact me for questions, information or if you are interested in a workshop.

Public Relations

Position is empty and no one was in attendance that could report

Area Reports

Central Texas

Heidi read this report [Report Included]

Hello from the Central Texas Area! I am now RCM I, and I am very happy to introduce our new RCM II, George C.

News and Info:

- Our area currently has 43 meetings
- All CTANA admin and subcommittee chair positions are filled except Assistant Treasurer and Public Relations Chair.
- Our next ASC meeting is Sunday, March 1, 2015.
- Our area's donation this quarter is \$604.
- We've had trouble the last couple of ASC meetings with maintaining quorum because of GSRs leaving early, and this has forced delays in taking action on business items.

Upcoming Events:

3rd Annual CTANA Spring Campout at Bastrop State Park March 27-29

We have an new Activities Chair who hopes to start putting on many more events in our area, so keep an eye on our website for new info: www.ctana.org

Past Events:

Our Annual Holiday Book Drive on December 20th was well attended and raised \$1,030 for Basic Texts for our H&I subcommittee. Also, 51 Basic Texts were donated to H&I at the function.

Q: What is the name of your event

A: 3rd Annual CTANA Spring Campout

Q: Is your area excited about hosting the next regional convention?

A: Yes, definitely

Coastal Bend

Herb is the new RCM2. Says that he is here to learn and asks Katt to elaborate.

H&I Appreciation and TSCNA fundraiser on March 14th with speakers, dance and BBQ.

Recovery by the Sea is in July [<https://recoverybythesea.org/>]

Esperanza

John & Dennis read the following report [Report Included]

Good Morning. My name is John C. and I'm an addict. This is a joint report for the Esperanza Area represented by myself and introducing our new RCM II Dennis R. We have had a few groups added to EANA, No Matter What in San Antonio and Whatever it Takes in Poteet, Empowered Women of NA in Kerrville. Since the last RSC, The SWCCA RCM came to our Area to join on behalf of their groups and have since pulled out of EANA and are in the process of reforming. We have 49 groups and 34 are voting groups. Esperanza has approximately 119 meetings per week. We have some new Chairs and participants at Area, all of our positions are filled. Chairing the Activities sub-committee is Marty O. He has already put on a successful Valentines function. We have A Taste of NA function coming up on April 18, 2015, check on our website for more information that will be revealed on this. We have a new Frolic in the woods Chair Jason O. Our new Newsletter Chair is Carolyn H. Our new Alt. Secretary is Sandra O. and our new Alt. treasurer is Donnie B. The EANA website www.eanaonline.org is manned by William E. he is doing an outstanding job updating our website, he can be reached at webservant [at] eanaonline.org or 210-488-0748.

Our Phonenumber Chair Judy M. is doing a great job with the phonenumber, Our Help Line # is 210-434-0665 or 800-221-9091.

Our H&I Chair Julio D. is doing an outstanding job in heading up our Hospitals and Institutions subcommittee, helping the addicts who are not able to make an outside meeting bring recovery to them. We attend 11 facilities in the Esperanza Service area. H&I will be having a Service Appreciation Day on Sat. July 11th, more to be revealed the closer we get to it.

The Esperanza Area Policy Chair is Gilbert L. he is doing a good job at keeping the policy up to date and available for us

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Our Literature Review subcommittee is manned by Lynn S. who does an outstanding job. they are in Review and input for the Traditions Book Project and this project continues. On Wed. February 25th Literature Review will be doing a workshop at A New Way Group at 6:30pm and then for the FORCE Group at 8:00pm. At A New Way they will be talking about Literature review in general. How it works and how you can get involved. It's a great chance to learn more about this awesome sub-committee! At FORCE they will be doing the Traditions Book Project. Lynn S. can be reached at quietlyknnoise [at] yahoo.com

The Esperanza outreach is being headed up by Raul A. who is continuing to do a great job. The outreach subcommittee is busying itself with making meeting in and out of town meetings, which are quickly growing in numbers with additional groups joining us.

Our Literature bank is headed up by Delmar E. and he is doing robust sales of our NA Literature.

Our Treasurer is Rebecca R. and she is doing an awesome job with keeping our numbers in order. The Esperanza is making donations for this quarter of \$597.59.

Our PI Chair Deborah W. is doing a fantastic job. We printed a total of 2500 copies of our schedule this month. The PI subcommittee is gearing up to do a 2hour workshop at the 2015 Drugs Impact Conference on July 29th, 2015 from 10am- 12pm, at the San Antonio, Omni Colonnade Hotel. A conference sponsored by Correctional Management Institute at Sam Houston State University. They have been asked to have a few members share personal stories and also to present who we are and how we are a resource in the community. They are looking forward to this exciting event!
At the TBRCNA

Im going to put a little bit of a personnel opinion out, so hang on to your seats.

Im proud to announce that I come from a Bad Ass Area that can put on two Conventions 3 weeks apart with the help of HCANA.

EACNA 1 was a resounding success, The Message was carried to the newcomer and the old timer. With a check to Area for \$7,231.60. Congratulations to Chair Raymond L. and all who served.

TBRCNA 15 was also outstanding success. The message was carried to the new and the old, and speaking of old Congratulations to Ollie S. the Chair and all who served. Our profit to region \$8,946.28 (aprox. at this time)

EACNA II is off to a impressive start with 173 already pre-registered for next year.

EACNA II is doing there first Revenue Enhancer "HOPE TURNS TO FAITH" March 7th 2-8pm @ 6110 NW loop 410 San Antonio Tx. Four Speakers Jimmy C. (Corpus Christi), LaTonja J. (Houston), ManuelaT. (Austin), Jonas A. (Lubbock). We will be also be having a raffle, an NA auction, and be selling Mexican Plates with Tacos and Chalupas.

Our Area is dropping our proposal for this body to change from Consensus based decision making to Robert Rules of Order.

Hello everyone, I'm an addict in recovery and my name is Dennis R. I'm grateful I was nominated and elected to serve as RCM II for the Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous. I'm excited and humbled at the same time! I'm proud to be an

instrument of a powerful God and this fellowship. I look forward to serving with you all. I don't have everyone's number or email address, so if you can please send me your phone number and email address if you are reading this report. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me or email me at the below address.

The Programming chair of the EACNA II Luis R will be conducting a meeting and elections on 23 Feb 2015 at Taqueria Jimador restaurant at 1106 Vance Jackson in San Antonio, TX near I-10 at 7pm. They will be holding elections for Vice- Chair and Secretary positions. If you are interested in serving, what a great way to serve. I attended our first EACNA, and was of service by chairing a meeting and heard two (2) awesome speakers carry the message of recovery. I would like to encourage anyone to be a part of this amazing convention. So If you have the spirit of willingness to be a part of our second EACNA II where you can be involved in our next set of awesome speakers, then that committee is for you.

I would like to personally thank John C for integrating me into the RCM II position.

"Unity is a must in Narcotics Anonymous" Basic Text pg. 63, First Tradition

Hill Country

Layna gave report [Report Included]

- 10 groups with 18 meetings each week
 - some meeting changes
 - Listed all of the Area's trusted servants
 - Last night's event was well attended and fun with 45 members. Music, art and poetry.
 - Working on ROAR, Recovery on the River, and are looking for a location and deciding if it will be a one or two day event
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Q: Will you be submitting the report via email

A: Yes

Houston

James read this report [Report Included]

All is well in Houston. We currently have 52 Groups hosting 132 meetings a week. We just held elections and were able to fill all positions except coTreasurer.

- Facilitator: Gary M.
- CoFac: Jerry M
- H&I: Gordon M
- PI/PR: Jessi C
- Policy: Pat S.

We will announce when the MultiArea Traditions Workshop is going to resume after we receive the new material March 1. Once restarted, we will keep a regular schedule every two weeks through the end of the project. It is not too late to start one where you are. We are tossing around an idea in an ad hoc for a way to shorten

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the ASC by an hour and make it more attractive. No policy change required, just an agenda matter. Alternate ASC's from Service Focus one month to Group Focus only the next month. Old and New business remains the same. Service Focus month last 15 minutes review a Concept. Group Focus month last 15 minutes review a Tradition. I will let you know if the Groups decide to do this and how it is going.

Northside

Scott read this report [Report Included with event flier]

- Northside Area
 - 11 groups
 - 38 meetings
 - Website nascona.org
- Area Business
 - Elections
 - Drew-Chair
 - Bob S.-RCM 2
 - H&I, PR, Co-Treasurer, Lit Review OPEN
 - No donation
 - Next ASC March 1 at Better Late Than Never hosted by Tomball New Attitudes
- Area Events
 - Kickball February 21 at Marilyn Edgar Park in Oak Ridge North. 2-5 pm. Fundraiser for Fellowship by the Lake.
 - Spaghetti Social February 27th at 7;30pm at Better Late Than Never
 - Fellowship By The Lake May 1-3 Huntsville State Park

Additions:

The donation is actually \$1000

The campsites at Fellowship by the Lake are already paid for so all you have to do is show up. Flyer attached

Rio Grande Valley

Jaime sent a report but it was not read at the meeting [Report Included]

Rio Grande Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous
PO Box 3747 Edinburg TX, 78540.

Website <http://www.rgvareaofna.org>
helpline 956-227-0362

Area Meetings are going to take place in Edinburg, TX at 410 University Dr in The First Christian Church. Every third Sunday of the month at 4 pm

Positions are as follows

Area Chair: Peter P from Laguna Vista 956-873-0213

Treasurer: Larry F from Mission 715-720-1012

Secretary: Carla S from San Manuel 956-607-3288
PI: Art L 940-631-3000
RCM: Jaime M from Mission 956-685-2225

Secondly, Serenity in the Sand is going to take place on September 25-27 2015 at South Padre Island. Reservations have been made contact number is 866-601-6200. Travelodge 6200 Padre Blvd.

Thirdly, we have five in the Rio Grande Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous Groups are as follows
Life Second Chance. McAllen
A New Day. Edinburg
Hourglass. Edinburg

We have a balance of 624.00 dollars for area. Groups that are in need of literature are being endorsed by Rio Grande Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Southeast Texas

Cathy gives report [Report Included]
Area is back on track
Recovery Bingo on March 7th
Wings of Freedom Annual Picnic 11 on April 18th in Port Neches
June 27th Area Unity Dinner with speakers, dance, auction

Q: Does your Area do H&I?

A: No committee at this time but the groups support several facilities and her home group visits 3 of these facilities

Q: Do you have a website

A: <http://setana.org/>

Texas Tri-County

Shelby read this report [Report Included]

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- **Area Groups and Meetings**
 - 11 groups
 - ~84 meetings per week

 - **Area Business**
 - Elections:
 - Vice Treasurer is open
 - RCM1 Dennis W. reelected
 - Chair Brian D reelected
 - Newsletter David C reelected
 - Vice Chair is open
 - Next ASC March 8th
 - Donation: \$97.43

- **Area Events**

- TTCANA 10th Annual Convention Will be Held on March 27th-29th 2015 at the South Shore Harbor and Convention Center, South Shore Blvd, League City, TX 77573
 - More information is on our Area's website www.ttcana.net
 - Pre-registration: \$20
 - Saturday Banquet: \$35, Sunday Breakfast: \$20, Friday Entertainment: \$5, Saturday Entertainment: \$5, Coffee Cup: \$5, Pre-registration T-shirt: \$15, Total Package: \$95
- GIGNA 34th Anniversary @ YMCA in Galveston, April 4th

- Presented by: Dennis W (RCM 1) and Shelby T (RCM 2)
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Q: Is there a cruise?

A: No. Too expensive

Q: How many H&I meetings?

A: Quite a few treatment centers and 4 prisons

Q: Are you going to have a Luau?

A: Not sure

TCDJ orientation at the convention and a TDCJ speaker

Open Discussion

15 minutes per topic

To extend RD term

George suggests that we keep what is in place for one more year and allow him to remain the Regional Delegate and go to the World Service Conference one more time. By that time Heidi will be well steeped. We want to be able to train people into what is going on. There are major decisions that are going to affect the fellowship in the next several cycles and we need to have people prepared so that we are well represented.

Q: What is the gist of this? To change the service cycle?

A: Essentially add a year to this term

Then the normal elections that happen on an odd year will happen on an even year. This would throw off the next term

Heidi says that she had discussed with her sponsor and she is not willing to run for Regional Delegate Alternate again. She either gets elected RD or she steps down. She did not sign up for 5 years as RDA. This would be bypassing policy.

The last decision was to remain with what is in policy. That is the reason we have an RDA.

No more discussion so we continue with what is in policy.

Ad-Hoc for Regional Liability Insurance

Suni reported the findings [Report Included]

The committee was tasked to gather information on the Region acquiring insurance that would cover the groups and activities in our Region.

A huge task and there were a lot of agents that didn't even want to waste their time talking because we are not legally structured for that to happen. In order for a 501(c)(3) to cover the groups they would have to be legally affiliated with those groups. Tejas Bluebonnet Region's nonprofit status is only for the Region and the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention.

We could seek legal council and bring the groups into the 501(c)(3). 250 groups in the Region.

The WSO Bulletin #33 encourages insurance at a group level but not areas or regions.

[\[http://www.na.org/?ID=bulletins/Bulletin 33 Jun07.pdf\]](http://www.na.org/?ID=bulletins/Bulletin%2033_Jun07.pdf)

The two agents that did talk said that each of the groups would have to form a legal entity. Then they can get insurance per addicts attending the meeting.

One agency quoted \$800/annually to cover the convention

Names and numbers of agents

Peter Walker with Frampton Insurance (Peter with Frampton)

972-234-1300 ext 208

Ryan Luna with Moon Shepard Baker Insurance

713-538-2012

A Central Texas group was asked by the church they rent from to get insurance and they ran into similar issues trying to acquire some. Ended up that the church would get the policy.

The Tri-State Region insures their groups and events are covered by riders. But all states have different nonprofit and insurance laws.

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Florida did not pursue it because of the necessity of the groups having to fill out an in-depth application. They sent the forms out to the groups and didn't get 10% back.

Suggestion to get with Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon and contact an agent.

Is the body going to do anything with this information or is it to die?
RCMs will be taking it back to their Areas

Ad-hoc committee is dissolved

Our Relationship with Texas State Convention

If still talking about this in 15 minutes, it needs to go to the Areas

Bryan states that there is support for the TSCNA by Areas in the Region. The Area that brought the anti-TSC proposal brought fliers supporting it at a later RSC.

Coastal Bend is hosting it this year.

He had a meeting with Myron B, TSC Advisory Board Chair, and they were okay with an audit since that was a big point in the original proposal that ended official support.

We have not been sending a representative to the Advisory Board.

The point is that there is a division in the fellowship over this issue. What does this separation say to the newcomer? Was the right decision made?

Shelby asks what we mean by support. He understands it to mean advertising their convention on our website. And he heard talk that TSC would go into Areas and somehow cause financial damage to the Region.

Katt says she's been gone awhile and we are still discussing this

Dickie asks who is TSC accountable to and how many times do we bring this up

George shares history and says we need to come around and support the convention

Shelby says we have no business having TSC be accountable to us. Convention committee is made up of hosting Areas' NA members.

Katt says the whole committee is made up of local NA members

Allen was misled by the original RCM team that brought the proposal. It was not the conscience of their Area.

Once an area asks to host TSC it becomes NA and by our FIPT they can use the name and resources of Narcotics Anonymous.

The local fellowship staffs the convention, which makes them accountable

Don't care if we take their money, but do want them to be able to come to the TBRCNA on Sunday morning and register members and sell merchandise

We need to be serving addicts, not the other way around

Ollie gives us a way back history lesson. Texas Unity came before the formation of the Regions.

Until this was resolved we couldn't register folks for TSC at TBRC.

We allowed personalities to override principles. We need to make amends

Lets resolve this and welcome TSC

Ruben says we already believed in them. Did they come to and ask CBA to host TSC?

Ruben said that a group once hosted it.

We need to stop the disunity and bring them in

Gilbert was against the convention when it came to San Antonio and it affects the oldtimer more than the newcomer. The newcomer has a great time at the convention. Our attitude sends a message that TSC is bad and tells the newcomer that this isn't NA, but it is. The TSC is not going away and every time they come to our region we will have to deal with this. The best way is to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Katt called Chip and Chip said that CBA approached TSC and asked to have it in the Coastal Bend.

Proposals

To auction off the 2001 banner that was replaced with a new one

This would happen at TBRCNA 16

This banner was damaged and rebuilt

What other option is there if it is not auctioned off?

It would get dragged around from convention to convention and probably end up in someone's garage

Consensus and Allen will make the auction happen

To auction off the time capsule memorabilia that was recently opened

Melvin H in Texas Tri-County has it

It was sealed 20 years ago

A conference banner and other documents

Is a proposal needed because he could just donate it?

It is TBR's property

Consensus

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To reproduce the convention banners to a standard size

Save on wall space

Auction off the originals

Intent to make them uniform, ease of mounting, and ease of transportation

Size in the guidelines is 4'x8'

What is the cost?

The cost of replacing the 2001 banner was \$165

Hard to transport now with an SUV. Impossible in a car.

TBRCNA 16 will come back with actual costs

To allow the Texas State Convention to be represented at TBRCNA in the form of alternative merchandise and registration on Sunday mornings along with other Area & Regional events.

Intent to help bridge the gap in the fellowship

Talk about expanding that to include support for the TSC, like do registrations at RSC, added to website, etc

Allen, the originator, would like the wording to remain as is.

Discussion slowly went downhill with related issues and some shouting

Is this going back to the Areas?

Yes

Apply for Google Apps for Nonprofits

To be able to use Google Docs, gmail, Google Drive and all the collaboration tools

Can the IT Facilitator direct the special worker to do this?

Probably

We need to read carefully the Terms of Service

Katt will investigate and bring her findings to the next RSC

Use the web developers name on the PayPal account.

To keep consistency between conventions

It is hard to get business done with PayPal if you are not the Business Contact on the account. You cannot call them if you need support.

Darla has been the contact since 2006

The current web developer is Tom Kraft

Basically the question is weather it is going to be Tom or one of us.

If it is one of the servants the contact would have to be changed every two years.
Which is fine if we go that way

Consensus to have “Tom Kraft” as the contact name on the Tejas Bluebonnet
Regional Convention PayPal account

Tom will get with Darla and PayPal to make this transition

To amend policy to clarify the TBRNA’s expectations of its RD and RDA by replacing the paragraph under the heading “Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate” with the following:

The length of the RD and the RDA’s term will be 2 years. RD must be a signer on the Regional bank account. The RD and RDA must have access to the Internet, should preferably have a laptop and/or smartphone, and must have the willingness to explore and learn to apply and share current and new communication technologies. Both must be willing and able to facilitate workshops and learning days, and to attend all TBRNA RSCs, Southern Zonal Forum meetings, and the WSC.

Intent:

The reason we send our RD and RDA to Southern Zonal Forum meetings is to learn best practices within the fellowship and bring that information back to share with the RCMs of our region with reports, workshops, and demonstrations. If the RD or RDA is not capable of relaying the information effectively, the money spend on their travel is wasted. Additionally, the fellowship is initiating a shift from conducting business in person to meeting virtually via GoToMeeting, Skype, and other technologies in order to realize a huge savings in travel expenses. The RD and RDA will be key players in this shift, so it is important that they have the skill and willingness to learn these technologies and teach members of our region how to use them effectively.

Asked to remove the “RD” reference because we do not typically send the RD to Southern Zonal Forum.

The policy states that RD or RDA attends SZF. Other Regions send both.

Clarified that this proposal is not to require the RD to attend SZF.

No reason that this decision needs to be made today.

Sent back to the Areas for discussion

Announcements

Texas Tri-County Area Convention March 27th through 29th

http://ttcana.net/convention/convention_main.htm

Allen has TBRCNA 16 registration forms

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Next meeting will be in Southeast Texas

May 16th for Regional Service Committee meeting

May 17th for Regional Learning Day