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Open

Serenity Prayer
 Twelve Traditions
 Twelve Concepts of Service
 Service Prayer

Welcome new participants

Went around the room introducing ourselves

Roll Call

Servants

Position	Present	Position	Present
Facilitator	Yes	Co-Facilitator	Yes
Treasurer	Yes	Co-Treasurer	Open
Regional Delegate	Yes	Regional Delegate Alternate	Yes
Recorder	Yes	Policy	Yes
Hospitals & Institutions	Yes	Adopt An Inmate	Yes
Public Relations	Yes	Literature Review	Yes
Internet Technologies	Open	Convention Advisory Committee	Yes
TBRCNA 2018	Yes	TBRCNA 2019	Open
Service Pool ad-hoc	Yes		

Representatives (Regional Committee Members (RCM))

Area	Present	Area	Present
Brazos Valley	Yes	Central Texas	Yes
Coastal Bend	Yes	Esperanza	Yes
Freedom	Yes	Hill Country	Yes
Houston	Yes	Northside	Yes
Rio Grande Valley	Yes	Southeast Texas	Yes
Texas Tri-County	Yes		

Elections

Co-Treasurer

Kari H nominated and gives resume

Consensus

Convention Advisory Board Member

No nominations or volunteers

Internet Technologies Facilitator

No nominations or volunteers

Some discussion about giving Paul site access

Open positions

- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member
- TBRCNA 2019 Facilitator

Administration Reports

Facilitator

Bryan - My report is that things have been uneventful but I did pick up the mail. Going to get with Juanita and LeeAnn to check the status of the 501(c)(3) and the board members.

Co-Facilitator

Patsy

I attended the Texas State Convention Advisory Board Meeting on Saturday, August 5th. I have attached the Treasurer's report for your review.

The convention in Lubbock was a great success, the message of recovery was carried and a profit was made which will be distributed to all regions this month or by September.

The next TS Advisory Board meeting will be on November 11, 2017, from 12-6pm in Austin.

The next TSC will be held in my big, beautiful city of Austin and a hotel was selected and a contract was signed at the meeting on Saturday by the Board.

Robert R is the chair of the upcoming convention. I have attached is report for your review and use. There are three committees that are in need of chairs: H&I Outreach, Convention Information, and Events Support.

Please announce these positions or if know of anyone who is interested, please provide them with my number or Robert R's number.

I processed the insurance request that I received. If you have not received a certificate via email, please let me know on break and I will follow up with our contact. I have no expenses to report. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Discussion

“The spirit of love that surrounds us” is the theme. The committee is asking for graphics submissions.

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Pflugerville
16100 Impact Way
Pflugerville, TX 78660

The Advisory Board is willing to fund travel for Regional Liaisons

Christina asks Patsy is a committee member.
Yes, as the Tejas Bluebonnet Co-Facilitator

They meet every three months

Recorder

No comments on the Record

Discussion

Record was published very late

Mary asks when the Record is supposed to be published and distributed 2 weeks after the RSC, but that has never happened.

Larry asks about the “never happened” comment.

Tom says it has never been done in time by him (except once). One month might be a more realistic deadline.

Michelle feels that it should be out at least 2 months before the next RSC

Mary asks about the email that was going around about H&I Facilitator position opening.

Someone had made a submission on the website contact form volunteering for the position.

Policy Facilitator

Layna

Policy is up to date and published. There will be some subcommittee guideline additions later.

<https://tbrna.org/document/policy-may-2017>

Regional Delegate (RD)

Dennis

August 12, 2017

Hello all,

First, I want to say, what a busy third quarter this has been! I've have had the opportunity to visit many of the Area's in the Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous (TBRNA). What an experience this has been. I would like to thank the following Areas for allowing me to visit their ASC's; Esperanza, Hill Country, Freedom, Central Texas, and the Houston Area's for allowing me to visit and be recognized as the new RD. It was a great honor and privilege to meet all of the Group Service Representatives (GSR'). The RD team look forward to meeting the rest of you in the near future. Our intent is to bridge the gap to communication and ask for ideas and solutions as well as allow everyone to get to know who is representing you all at the WSC. This opportunity serving as the RD has broadened my lens to our region as a whole in the fellowship of NA.

This quarter I had the opportunity to participate in many events in many of the area's in the region and is to many to name them all. I thank the Tri-County Area for allowing the region to be of service to them by allowing me to facilitate two workshops; Tradition one Guiding Principles (Unity) and Tradition Three, Welcoming all members. What a great turn out and a warm and inviting welcome I received from the Area. The participation was awesome! The honest communication of ideas and solutions discussed were appreciated.

The RD team attended the Southern Zonal Forum hosted by Red River Region 29-30 July 2017 at the Hampton Inn Sherman, 2904 Michelle Drive, Sherman, TX 75090. We discussed fellowship concerns that affects our regions positively and negatively as well as offered ideas and solutions to mitigate them. Also, we received three workshops. They are as follows:

- **Funding NA Services**
- **Public Relations Training**
- **Guiding Principles (Tradition Four)**

The workshops were well presented and I feel we walked away with information to share with our region. The RD team looks forward to presenting these workshops. I have the Public Relations workshop available to anyone in TBRNA who would like a copy. When the other two workshops are received I will make them available to anyone wanting copies of them also.

I received a three hundred a dollar check to purchase the T-shirts for the SZF we are hosting in October. The Esperanza Area's adhoc committee, which I'm a part of is planning to meet this week to exchange ideas and select a logo design for the t-shirt. I have the minutes and financial report for the SZF if anyone would like to view them. Elections were held and Henry who has been facilitator for the SZF stepped down, and Tracy is the new facilitator.

Unity Day is September 2nd, and this is an important day for us as a worldwide fellowship. Our region is in the Central time zone and should be observed at 12 noon. Area's, Please inform everyone about this very important time and date. It will be so

much power in the universe for us as fellowship all around the world to observe a moment of silence or recite the serenity prayer at the same time.

TBRNA will host the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) meeting 28-29 Oct 2017 at the Pear Tree Inn Hotel at 143 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216. Ph# (210)366-9300. The members of the SZF should check in under SZF, the hotel has shuttle transportation to and from the airport. SZF members can reserve rooms immediately, check-in 27-29 Oct. TBRNA thanks the Esperanza Area for the coordination and planning for this event.

Discussion

I can make copies of the workshops for anyone who asks for them. I also have access to the previous workshops.

Kari asks how we can get these materials.
Contact Dennis to arrange delivery. They are CDs.

Vic said that Dennis did a great job at their workshop

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)

Brandon read with embellishments

Dear Family,

It's been an interesting quarter serving as your RD-Alt. This quarter's agenda has included a webinar hosted by the HRP (human resource panel) outlining changes to their processes, a third Conference Participants Webinar focused on Strategy A of the report regarding the Future of the WSC, and Southern Zonal Forum in the Red River Region.

On June 3rd, 2017, we were invited to participate in a webinar hosted by the HRP. In a report from their March meeting, they outlined some research they had performed over the last 20 years looking at the results of elections and how they can improve their processes. Some changes to this cycle will include no longer blind scoring resumes, interviewing all interested candidates, including video intros from candidates and including HRP's rationale for nominations. They also intend to simplify the process of submitting information to the world pool. Beginning in the next cycle they will only ask for name, clean time, contact information, and areas of interest to enter the pool. They also encourage the continued use of the RBZ process to forward candidates to the WSC.

On June 24th, 2017, the world board hosted its third Conference Participant's webinar. This third webinar focused on Strategy A and WSC Seating (see graphic below). During this webinar we broke out into small groups to discuss one of two options: A) One representative per region, or B) Multiple representatives per zone. Of the nine small groups, there were an even number of discussions regarding both options. During my breakout group, the overall discussion was dominated by why there were only two options to look at and neither were that appealing.

Through the weekend of July 28-30, I rode with Dennis to the Southern Zonal Forum that was hosted by the Red River Region in Sherman, TX. With workshops focused

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on Tradition 4, Fund Flow and Public Relations, Saturday was full of opportunities to learn and share our experience. Sunday's business was smooth as we invited everyone to attend the next Southern Zonal Forum in late October in San Antonio as our region will be hosting. The following Zonal Forum will be held in Nashville, TN and will hopefully have World Board participation as we will be focused on the CAR. I have also spent some time recently on the discussion board reading and sharing input on some ideas that were discussed at the WSC 2016 that could change the way the conference does business. The idea of a planning conference was discussed in small group breakouts at the last conference. The theme to this idea is to treat the conference as a time to come and vote on the previous conference's proposals, and then to spend the majority of the remainder of the time discussing and prioritizing other proposals brought to the conference by the delegates to ultimately take back to the groups for voting. One main goal of this idea is to allow more time to gather input from groups and allow groups more time to discuss and conscience the proposal coming from the conference. While this doesn't immediately influence the size and sustainability of the conference, it does point to gathering more consensus amongst the fellowship. The other idea, which was brought to the floor last conference and was ultimately defeated was the idea of a 3 year conference cycle. This option has been discussed and polled recently. This option would allow more time for groups to workshop the CAR and CAT materials and would make the conference more sustainable by reducing the cost by having it every 3 years. It's certainly gearing up to be a busy conference cycle. We are always looking to hear from the groups and areas about what is happening and your thoughts on the conference. As always, I invite anyone I haven't met or anyone that would like to share their experience, strength and hope to please come share. I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue to be of service to this region.

Some Dates to remember

Deadline for WPIF (World Pool Info Form) Submission- August 31st, 2017

World Unity Day – September 2nd, 2017

Next Conference Participants Webinar – September 9th, 2017

Southern Zonal Forum – San Antonio, Tx – October 28-29th, 2017

RBZ (region, board, zone) Nominations due – October 31, 2017

Southern Zonal Forum – Nashville, TN – January 28-29th, 2018

World Service Conference – April 29-May 5th, 2018

World Convention 37 – Orlando, FL – August 30th- September 2nd, 2018

Additional

“In Narcotics Anonymous, we pay our own way to maintain our freedom. By giving freely, we ensure that we have meetings to attend, and we support the services that keep NA alive and growing all around the world.

We encourage members to keep in mind that our financial contributions to NA are one of the fundamental ways we can demonstrate our gratitude for the program that showed us a new way to live.”

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/litfiles/us_english/IP/IP28_Funding_NA_Services_2016.pdf

Discussion

Nominations come from Regions, the World Board and Zonal Forums.
Are world positions paid? They are funded but not paid.

Please, if you have any ideas on how to make the WSC more efficient, let Dennis and I know.

Bryan states that service graphic that is being passed around is misleading because it shows the Zonal connected to the Conference but Zones have a voice but no vote. What happens when the Zones get a vote and their member Region’s vote? Heidi states that the idea is to get the non-seated regions a vote.

Steve explains how it would save the fellowship a bunch of money if the World Service Conference would be held in Texas or other mid-country locations. Chris notes that we cannot relocate the Trust. To protect our intellectual property.

Heidi asked if Dennis and Brandon had seen the communication about the Texas Shared Services Project? Yes, but neither could make the webinar. Tom mentioned that the web developer they hired doubled his rates from \$6/hr to \$12/hr.

Treasurers Report

Cyndi

The Bank statement has been reconciled as of July 31, 2017. As of this report, we have \$5,289.92 (at the completion of RSC) in the bank.

TBRSC

Starting Bank Balance on May 20, 2017	\$6,338.25
Income	\$1,173.30
Expenses	\$(2,221.63)

Reconciled Bank as of May 19, 2017

\$5,289.92

RSC Banking Funds to Date	\$ (1,500.00)
RD WSC Travel Reserve	\$ (1,500.00)
RDA WSC Travel Reserve	\$ (1,500.00)

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RSC Prudent Reserve \$4,500.00

Total Working Capital **\$789.92**

Sales Tax Report – The 2nd Quarter Sales Tax Report has been filed.

Attached pre-RSC report as Appendix A

Additional

Checked the mailbox and forwarded AAI requests to Ed

Kari will be coming to Austin in October to work on treasurer stuff

Discussion

Tom states that it seems that we get most of our funding from Areas and not the regional convention. Cyndi agrees, we send almost all of the convention proceeds to NAWS.

Brandon was wondering about that on a regional level and if Areas' contributions are coming from conventions ... realizes that that is hard to determine.

Larry asked why we have a large prudent reserve. It is primarily for RD/RDA travel to WSC and SZF.

Area Reports

Brazos Valley

Michael

Brazos Valley area consists of five groups. New Freedom, Miracles Happen, Keep it Simple, Rockin' Recovery and New Day. A new group was started the next town over, we are still awaiting reply if they wish to be a part of our area or not. Our web address is bvana.org and is up and running!
(Thanks Tom K. and TBRNA!)

New Freedom: 503 Freeman Street Caldwell, Texas. Holding meetings Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30pm.

Miracles Happen: Has three different locations. 410 Randolph Bryan, Texas meets Monday at 8pm and Friday at 6:30 pm and again at 8:00pm.

506 East 28th Street, Bryan Texas meets Tuesday and Thursday at 8pm.
837 N. Harvey Mitchell Pkwy., Bryan TX meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:05pm.

Keep it Simple: 1101Rock PrairieRd College Station, Texas. Meets Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm.

New Day: 906 George Bush Dr. College Station, Texas. Meets Saturday at 6pm.

Area officers:

Facilitator – Arthur S.

Co-Facilitators – Tom

Recorder: Leeann B.

Treasurer – DeAngela S.

Literature- Mike H.

PI – Willie D.

H&I- James J.

RCM – Michael C.

RCM2 – Open

We have some positions available that we will be trying to fill at our next area meeting. We are slowly growing in numbers and hoping to get more people involved.

In loving service,
Michael C.

Additional

Last RCM was very pregnant and asked for help, so Michael was voted in. Introduces himself. Has a lot of service experience.

Central Texas

Chris reads with embellishments

Hello from the Central Texas Area.

News and Info:

- Our area currently has 47 groups holding 71 meetings.
- H&I is carrying a message of hope into 13 Facilities.
- CTANA currently has one vacant area service positions.

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- Our Vice Chair Person has stepped down as she is moving to Corpus Christi. Please welcome Jill L to the CBANA area. Our next ASC meeting is Sunday, Sept 10th, 2017 at 2:00 PM.
- Our English-speaking hot line is 866-792-8262, and a Spanish Language hot line is available at 888-600-6229.

Issues

- Nothing going on at this time.

Upcoming Events:

- CTANA 34th Anniversary Celebration August 19, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
At Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1513 E Yager Ln Austin, TX 78753
Hamburgers will be provided Please bring a side or dessert
Speakers: Marc M. and Richard C.
- Miracles & Solutions Meet and Greet Before the Anniversary Celebration August 31st all day
David Chapel Church, Activity Center 2207 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Austin, TX 78702
- Miracles & Solutions Group 24th Anniversary Celebration
Sponsorship is the Heart Beat of NA
September 1st to 3rd
Holliday Inn 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd Austin, TX 78752
 - Primary Purpose 3rd Anniversary Party September 23rd @ 7:00 PM
NorthView Community Church 1204 W Whitestone Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613
- More at ctana.org

Upcoming Meetings

- Area Service Committee – Sept 10th @ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 5701 Cameron Rd, Austin
- Activities Committee
Sun August 27 @ 3:00PM, Austin Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752
- Hospitals & Institutions
Sun August 27 @ 4:00 PM (Orientation 3:30) Austin Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752

- Public Relations
Sun August 27 @ 5:15 PM (Orientation 4:45) Austin Galano Club 6809
Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752
- TASCNA 18 Service Committee Meeting September 3rd @ 2:00 PM 5701
Cameron Rd, Austin

Yours in service,

Steve
Chris

Coastal Bend

Kari

Meetings: We currently have 24 groups and a total of 47 meetings. We also have a special "Spirt of NA Service" meeting, with a focus on 12 Concepts of Service, also listed in our Meeting Directory.

H & I: We are currently serving 7 facilities. Our 4th of July event was success, we had attendance of approx. 65 people. H&I has utilized info from other areas, and has created new H&I orientation packets. H&I is also considering starting a meeting in the Glossbrenner unit in San Diego, TX.

RBS: Recovery by the Sea, had a great turn out, and everyone involved was on fire for recovery! Final monetary numbers have not come in as of this report. (but we did run out of registrations). Sub-committee for next year is already in full swing!

Upcoming Events: (1) "*Back to Basics*" Speaker Jam on August 12th, at Charles Place; 5501bI.H 37, CC from 1pm to 7pm. (2) "*Serenity By the Lake*" Potluck & Speaker Jam on August 26th at 23194 Park Road 25, Mathis, TX 10am to 5pm (3) "*Recovery in the Park*" Food serviced, plus potluck requested, on September 9th at Live Oak Park, Ingleside, TX 1pm to 5pm.

News from CBANA: We would like to thank & welcome Shari S. as our Co-facilitator for our area service body! Our service body is complete!!!



In loving service,
Celine H. RCM1

Kari H. RCM2

Esperanza

Christina R

Good Morning!

I'm an addict in recovery name Christina R. The Esperanza area currently has 48 groups and 29 are voting groups and approximately 97 meetings per week.

The Esperanza Area will hold elections for all the positions in September.

On **September 11, 2016** following positions have been filled:

ASC Chair—Rebekah H.

ASC Vice-Chair—Raymond L.

Secretary— Esteban

Alt. Secretary—

Activities Chair—Jesse D.

EACNA IV Chair—Roger S. Sr.

FITW Chair—Deren G.

H&I Chair – Melanie. F.

Literature Review Chair—Leslie F.

Outreach Chair—

Policy Chair—Michelle K.

Phone line Chair

Public Information—Luis R

Open positions: All positions will be open for nominations in September except treasure, Dec/Jan vote)

Our **website** www.eanaonline.org is monitored by Savannah D. 210-837-5633, she is doing an outstanding job updating our website. You can also email her at:

H&I: We attend 15 facilities in the Esperanza Area.

Literature bank is Nikki J. and she is doing an excellent job.

Treasurer Donnie B. is doing an awesome job with keeping our numbers in order.

Esperanza Area Convention IV (EACNA)

Fri-Sun Jan 12-14 2018

Registration: John C. Ph: 210-210-550-8139 email:

www.eacnasa.org

Frolic in the Woods (**FITW**): 26th Year Celebration Will be held Sept 29, 30th, - Oct. 1, 2017 Garner State Park. Contact: Registration Chair Monica A. @ 210-803-6495 Or EANA web page to register.

Esperanza Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC) next meeting date will be on August 20, 2017 at 11AM

@ 10929 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, Texas.

The planning and organizing for the SZF is moving full speed ahead. The Adhoc Committee for Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) for 28-29 October 2017. We have secured rooms at the Pear Tree Inn. The Southern Zonal Forum Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting next week

"NA unity is our bond with fellow addicts: those who came before us, those who are here today, and those who have yet to find us." -Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions, Tradition One

Upcoming Events:

Sat Aug 19 @2pm-10pm
Freedom 7th Anniversary
8900 Starcrest

Everything that this group makes at this function will go to support the newcomer packet registration at EACNA IV.

Sat Aug 26 @8pm-11:30pm
Free Today 12th Anniversary
3 Speakers
8607 Wurzbach

Fri-Sun Sept 29-30 - Oct 1
26th Annual Frolic in the Woods
Esperanza Area 31 Year Anniversary
Garner State Park
<http://www.eanaonline.org>

Fri-Sat Nov 17-18
Somos Milagros 20th Anniversary
"Recovery is the Gift"
Travel Lodge
2383 NE Loop 410
Registration: \$25
See Registration Flyer

Sat Dec 2 M W B R
Recovery North
17th Anniversary
MWBR

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Fri-Sun Jan 12-14
Esperanza Area Convention IV
"Finding Freedom from Our Past"
El Tropicano
110 Lexington Ave
San Antonio 78205
Hotel: 210-223-9416
<http://www.eacnasa.org>

If you would like to be of service to **EACNA IV** please contact:

Vice Chair: Brian T. (210) 557-7475

Programming Chair: Mike H. (210)832-0759

Convention Information: Savannah D. (210)863-1616

Registration Chair EACNA IV: John C. (210) 5508139

Hill Country

Laura

Greetings all from Hill Country. All is well in our area. We have one group that has restarted in Seguin. All of our other groups are continuing to meet and carry the message. Our Canyon Lake meeting, Recovery 1st received \$60.00 to purchase literature. We recently updated our policy to reflect actual practices.

As of June, 2017, our prudent reserve of \$800.00 is back in place. We also have sufficient operating funds. We had used some and have been replacing it a bit at a time.

We have a donation of \$225 for the RSC today and made a donation of \$225 to the WSC.

Our H & I chair and PR chair are here today and ready to be of service! We continue to struggle to fill area service positions but have doubled up and are taking care of business.

Hill country participated in the August --Central Texas Area hosted softball tournament. It was a lot of fun and very well organized. Great job Central Texas...thank you for all the hard work and the opportunity to have some great fellowship and fun. We liked it so much that Hill Country is volunteering to host the next year's tournament. It is our hope that spring or fall might be a viable option instead of August.

We have a new web page-- hillcountryna.org.

We have no activities scheduled at this time but check soon on our new web page.

Grateful to be able to be of service,

Laura Beatty (homegroup is Freedom in New Braunfels) 210-2734901

Houston

John

Houston Area Meetings:

According to the most recent count there are 52 HASCONA Area Narcotics Anonymous

Groups providing 196 meetings a week.

Upcoming Houston Area Events:

- 1) 1960 Group 30th Anniverary – Saturday, August 12th – Flyer Attached
- 2) Keep It Clean Event – September 9th – Flyer Attached
- 3) Old School Keep It Simple 37th Anniversary – September 23rd – Flyer Attached

July 2017 HASCONA Meeting:

I have attached the Recorder's minutes from our July Area Meeting. Please get with me

if you have some concerns or require any clarity on any of the proceedings.

In Loving Service,

John E

RCM 1

832-658-9265

Additional

Had a well-attended H&I Learning Day in July and hope to have another in December

Pie in the face event is a great money maker. We made \$187

Area is less decisive but group attendance and donations are down.

Northside

Debbie

Hello! Greetings from the Northside Area!

We have 51 meetings, and 10 groups.

Area Info:

I have the form PI asked us to fill out

Our Area had already gotten with PI Chair and we have a flyer to hand out
Circle of Sisters approached us about hosting the convention in our Area – we decided No.

We have a new Webservant – Michael P.

A donation was mailed to RSC for \$541.30 from Fellowship by the Lake

We have another RSC donation in the amount of \$250

There is a snafu with the schedules regarding who picks them up – and we are getting this figured out

Open Positions:

Co-Facilitator

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Co-Treasurer
Literature Review
H&I Chair
Recorder

Upcoming events:

Open Mic Night – Aug. 19, BLTN
World Unity Day – Sept. 2, Tomball, 11am-2pm
Woodlands Campout (we think) – Oct. 13-15
Halloween Bash – TBD
Chili Cook-Off – Oct.
Gratitude Feast – Nov.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal was made that RD and RDA do learning days/workshops each quarter to get info (and our money's worth) from Southern Zonal Forum. There is a cost to Region for this. Right now guidelines say as needed or requested by Areas. **We voted YES, but ask that the day not be tacked on to the RSC – it's too much.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Nada

Rio Grande Valley

Kristina report with embellishments

Hello and Greetings from the Rio Grande Valley Area of NA!

We continue to experience steady growth in our meetings in the Valley, with larger meetings steadily seeing attendance in the 30s. We currently have five (5) active homegroups with nine (9) meetings each week. We typically hold our Local Service Board meetings on the first (1st) Sunday of each month at various locations and Area Service the third (3rd) Saturday of each month in McAllen. We continue to experience positive results with utilizing a Local Service Board structure versus the traditional subcommittee structure, largely due in part to how small our Area is at this time. While we have seen a lot of growth at our meetings (thanks to some steady PR work!), we still struggle to get newer members involved in service. We have been brainstorming ideas on how to attract our newcomers to service so more will be revealed.

Our Local Service Board has been busy ensuring that our phone line and website are kept up-to-date, planning local fellowshiping activities, and staying on top of Public Relations work. Our website is averaging 1700 visits each month with our busiest month seeing over 3000 hits. Our phone line has been growing in popularity and our volunteers

have done a great job with not missing calls (we only missed 2 for the entirety of July!). We are also seeing more volunteers for the phone line and are working on rotating these newly trained trusted servants, which is pretty exciting. At our most recent LSB meeting we discussed the possibility of a new H&I commitment which we are also very excited about. We will be sure to keep the Region updated.

Our Area has been hosting at least one smaller fellowshiping event each month including: movie nights, beach days, games nights, etc., but we held our 2nd Annual Speaker Jim in July and it was quite a success! We had over 60 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone from outside our Area that came to speak and support this growing event. We look forward to many more Speaker Jims in the years to come.

We are aware of the "chatter" regarding Serenity in the Sand and this was addressed at Area Service a couple of months ago. At that time, the Area decided to continue our stance of non-participation based on the fact that the person currently coordinating the event was not willing to change the coordination of this event. Since then there has been some more communication with Area members and a possible interest in discussing the formation of a subcommittee. The Area will address this at a later time and we will keep the Region posted.

Any time you are in the Valley, we would love to have you visit!

In Loving Service,
Kristina C.
RCM-RGVANA

Additional

There is a possibility of there being a Serenity in the Sand committee and Area support. It is currently a group event.

Issue is a lack of transparency

Discussion

Serenity in the Sand hearsay is stopped by Patsy.

Has the Area tried to bring Serenity in the Sand back into the Area structure? Yes, but again, the issue is still the lack of transparency. Particularly with the fund flow.

Paul says there has been communication asking for servants to help with the event. This is not a convention, only a group event. Reads something from Facebook group.

Laura asks if the Area could attend the committee meeting. Kristina says we have and will try.

Chris says that this is an awesome event

Lorraine asks if the committee adds some transparency, would the Area be willing to host it. Kristina can't speak for the Area.

Mary. We are talking about someone who is not here.

Southeast Texas

Vyki

SETANA Meetings

We have 10 groups and 58 meeting in the Southeast Texas Area. Our groups include: Agape Freedom in Orange, CCC in Beaumont, Just For Today in Beaumont, New Life in Rose City, Silsbee Group in Silsbee, Subject to Change in Beaumont, Wings of Freedom in Nederland, Freedom to Change in Orange, Partners in Recovery in Newton, and New Attitudes in Jasper.

The SETANA ASC meets the last Sunday of every month.

Our subcommittees meets 1st Sunday of the month.

H&I

Our H&I Committee currently brings meetings into 5 facilities.

Trusted Servant Positions:

Open Positions - We have no open positions. Elections will be in September.

We created 2 "Outreach" positions, one male and one female. Their purpose is to visit groups in our area that need help and provide assistance with carrying the message, providing literature, and whatever else the groups may need that we can help them with.

SETANA Events

We have several upcoming events over the next two months. They are:

- The SETANA area is having a Unity Day event to include brunch, several workshop speakers, an old timers panel, clean time countdown, auction, and main speaker (Dennis R.). This event will be September 2nd. I have flyers and also brought an order form for t-shirts if anyone wants one.
- New Life is having their annual anniversary canoe trip Saturday August 19, at Village Creek State Park starting at 8 a.m. with a speaker meeting (Geri R.) at 12:30 down the creek. Flyer attached.
- New Life is having a BBQ cook off Saturday September 16, it starts at noon, BBQ judging it as 8, speaker meeting (Vyki D.) is at 8. Flyer attached.
- Subject to Change and New Life are co-hosting a masquerade ball with a speaker (Trudy G.) on November 4, 2017 at Subject to Change.
- The SETANA Activities subcommittee is planning an area campout tentatively scheduled for April 2018. Any and all help would be appreciated.

See SETANA website for more event details.

Votes

Our ASC voted "yes" to require that RD's facilitate at least one learning day per quarter as area's request them.

In Loving Service,

Vyki D.

Texas Tri-County

Vic

Area Groups and Meetings

o 14 groups

o 97 meetings per week

Area Business

o PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting

▪ The first Wednesday of every month at I-Hop in Galveston at 6:30 PM

▪ Currently going into 3 prisons, 1 jail, and 4 treatment facilities. Started new H&I meeting at The Oasis in League City

▪ New meeting on the island at 10pm

Area Events

o Texas City Here And Now Group Bonfire Meetings.

▪ September 9th

▪ From 4pm-9pm on the Texas City Dike 4 ½ mile marker.

o Galveston Island Group TIKI Torch Meeting

▪ Speaker Thanh on Sept. 13th, Steel drums and firedancer 39th and Seawall on

▪ Christmas Party on Dec. 16th at the Elk's Lodge.

Area Donation

o 0

Presented by: Vic G. (RCM 1) and Trey J. (RCM 2)

Additional

Banner wars are popular in our Area

David gives some Texas Tri-County Area Convention information

Discussion

Tri-County has been removed from the Houston Metro schedule.

Jessi clarifies that Houston has not been able to contact Tri-County so they were removed

Tom – Talks about the PDF meeting maker at <https://pdfnameetings.org/>

Freedom

Carrie

The Freedom Area currently consists of 4 groups: Basic Recovery Group, Familia Unida, Living Clean Group and the New Heights Group. Our website address is: www.nafreedom.com.

Area officers

Facilitator – rotating

Co-Facilitators – Max K., Lisa H.
Recorder: Armicia C.
Treasurer – Patric G.
Co-Treasurer – Richard K.
Web Servant: Gordon M.
Policy – Max K.
RCM – Mary M.
RCM2 – Carrie C.

Basic Recovery Group, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008. Doing well. Attendance and 7th tradition contributions have increased.

Familia Unida, 7301 Ave. F, Houston, TX 77011. This group will begin having speaker meetings on the 1st Friday of each month beginning in August. Their August speaker is Sonia M.; September speaker is Carrie C. Food will be served.

Living Clean Group, 11140 Green Bay, Houston, TX 77024 holds meetings on Saturdays @ 7p. This meeting predominately consists of addicts from H&I facilities. Support for this meeting is steadily growing. Donated Basic Texts are being distributed.

New Heights Group, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008 holds meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays @ 8p. The Tues. noon meeting was dropped for lack of trusted servants' availability.

Unity with Freedom/HASCONA:

- HASCONA Unity/Learning Day held on July 1, 2017
Mary M. was asked to briefly speak at this event during the H&I portion. It was certainly an honor & privilege. Thanks to Eddie R., Wendy S. and the subcommittee. Eddie R. (HASCONA H&I Facilitator), and the subcommittee has worked with minimal resources, but managed to make this a successful event. Terasina S. (HASCONA PI Facilitator) and the PI subcommittee also brought their "A game" to this event. Each of these trusted servants are a value to NA and our future!
- Westside Group donated half their 7th Tradition monies to the Freedom Area. Our RD dropped off this donation at the June ASC. Appreciation was given to the Westside Group.

Visit from RD

Our RD visited our June ASC to introduce himself and offer his experience, strength & hope. We appreciated his visit and experience.

Group Starter Kits

Per our Area Policy, we distributed 2 new groups group starter kits:

- (1) Spanish-speaking meeting named Juntos Podemos (“Together we Can”). They are sending a representative to attend the next ASC; and
- (2) A counselor reached out to us regarding information on starting a new group. We also gave her a group starter kit and she attended our June ASC. Her name is: Madeline Stiers, LMSW, Hope and Healing Center & Institute, 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056.

Area Policy

We have drafted our Area policy and distributed it to the groups for their input. The groups voted to give group starter kits (at no cost to the group) to new groups starting out.

PR

An awesome article in the *Epoch Weekend* publication came out about NA. I passed it on to the HASCONA PI facilitator. Juan Carlos M., a member of Familia Unida picked up a copy while at work at the University of Houston.

Area Event

Freedom Area of NA will host a Unity Day Pancake Breakfast on September 2, 2017 where Basic Recovery meets. Address: 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008. Flyers available.

QUESTION: What is the status on liability insurance?

Votes for proposals are as follows:

NONE.

Our report reflects the conscience of the Freedom Area groups.

In loving service,

Mary M.

Cell: 281.650.1566

Carrie C.

Cell: 713.478.4569

Discussion

Patsy said to get up with her on the insurance status

Subcommittee Reports

Convention Advisory Committee

Layna reads report

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The CAC has not met since the last RSC. We will meet in the next quarter to finalize our proposed changes to Guidelines as soon as all CAC members respond to my email request which I have sent.

We have only received minutes from one Convention meeting. I have requested minutes from Kristine but still have not received. I have also requested any merchandise orders be run by the CAC.

In service,
Randie Benno

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous 18 (TBRCNA 18)

Kristine with embellishment

Hey Family,

We are exactly 6 months out and the committee has picked up some steam. I met with our Sales Manager at the Omni recently to work out some issues. He is helpful and we are hopeful the items in the scheduling portion of the contract will iron out and all will be well. There is still so much to do and we meet again tomorrow so more will be revealed.

I have t-shirts, both the misprints and second printing for sale with me today and registration forms if you are interested in registering now. I have flyers for you all to take back to your groups. I am flooding the recovery social media pages with flyers for the t-shirt design contest which ends August 30, 2017 as well as flyers for the convention itself. We have been selling lots of t-shirts and registrations at meetings and events in our Area and other Areas that we visit. We will continue to do so until the last minute.

If you would like to help, go book your room, encourage those in your home groups to do so as well. So far, I believe there are approximately 12 room nights booked and as you all know it's important that we meet that quota.

If you have any questions, I will do my best to see they are answered.

ILS,
Kristine B.
281-780-5324

Discussion

Kristine answers questions about hotel and volunteering.

Brought t-shirts

Literature Review

Lynn

Hello from Literature Review!

We have two projects for Literature Review right now. A new daily meditation book and a new IP on mental health in recovery. The deadline for completing the surveys on these projects has passed, however the workgroup is still accepting input. Two of the main questions are:

*For the meditation book – Do you want it to be based on spiritual principles or on

the book Living Clean or a combination of both?

*For the IP – Do you want the title to be Mental Health in Recovery or Mental Illness in Recovery?

Any other opinions you have on the projects are important and welcomed so Let Your Voice Be Heard!

To submit input email the workgroup at worldboard@na.org or you can give your input to Literature Review to submit for you.

If your Group or Area would like a workshop to gather input or for general information on Literature Review please let me know. Also if your Area is interested in forming a Literature Review subcommittee I'm willing to assist in any way I can.

Literature Review expects to get pretty busy when the next phase of these projects begin. More will be revealed.

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

In Loving Service,
Lynn S
210-379-1377

Discussion

Paul says that Lynn's workshops are very interactive and fun. Suggests that Areas have workshops.

Lynn presents the Subcommittee Policy

Literature Review Subcommittee Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Literature Review Subcommittee is to carry

the message of recovery from addiction in NA through **NA literature**.

2. The Facilitator shall be elected by the RSC.

3. The Facilitator or a representative shall attend all RSC meetings.

4. A report shall be given at all RSC meetings.

5. Any subcommittee position, office, or branch (excluding the Facilitator) that needs to be

appointed or elected, should be done within the subcommittee.

6. Function of the Committee
 - a. Facilitate the gathering of input for potential literature projects.
 - b. Coordinate the distribution of Review and Input literature and Approval Form literature.
 - c. Formulate criteria and procedures for the evaluation of Review and Input literature and Approval Form literature.
 - d. Conduct and support Literature Review workshops at the Area and Regional levels within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region in order to review and gather input for all phases of Review and Input literature and Approval Form literature.
 - e. Formulate recommendations on Review and Input and Approval Form literature from Areas within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region and forward that input to the project workgroup.
 - f. Seek input from members, Groups and Areas, compile the material and forward it to the World Service level.

7. Membership

Membership of the Regional Literature Review Subcommittee shall be composed of the Regional Literature Review Facilitator, Vice Facilitator, Secretary and Chairpersons from all Area Literature Review Subcommittees within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region. Also any Member of the fellowship who wishes to carry the message of recovery from addiction that is found in NA through **NA literature**.

8. Spiritual Guidance

This committee shall not make any motion or take any action that conflicts with the Spiritual Principles of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions **and 12 Concepts**.

Additional

See **red text** for Conference additions

Discussion

Kristine asks if she is funded to present workshops.
Cyndi says that if an Area wants a workshop the Region would have no problem funding the Facilitator's travel and materials.

H&I and PR are \$300/quarter. Christine ask if we could add the same for Literature.

Cyndi and Layna state that Regional Policy changes have to go back to the Areas. Tom asks if that is in the Policy. Yes. Yes.

Proposal to accept Literature Policy with changes and it will go back to the Areas for final approval

Consensus

Regional Service Pool Ad-hoc

Tom says there is nothing new but here are the links again <http://tbrdevel.com/>

IT Tech

Chris asks about bi-lingual PDF meeting creator.

Tom says that we are working on a bi-lingual BMLT interface in Italy and we could have one on tbrna.org. Does the Region want a multi-lingual BMLT? Every one shook their heads “yes”.

Chris meant the PDF creator. We will look into that.

Paul would like to have access to the website for content creation.

Everyone agrees that he should.

<https://tbrna.org/events>

And access should be given to the RD Team also.

Would a learning day request form be on the website? Yes. And this could be an event notification form also. Yes

Public Relations

Paul’s report is attached as Appendix B and he added his excitement about Social Media communication about activities.

Adopt an Inmate

Ed with embellishments

Good afternoon everyone!!! It is an absolute honor and privilege to be of service to our region and to NA as a whole. My goal as AAI Facilitator is to work within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls through generating funds and also using the allotted budget.

I have to start this report, by expressing my gratitude towards all the people who helped fix the mail situation for this last quarter. I am happy to report that I have been receiving the mail on a regular basis and in a very timely manner. I even

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received a batch of mail via email. Thanks to Cynthia for taking the time to scan and send several letter via email. I'm still getting letter via email from several people who serve in H&I throughout our region.

With these successes I am very happy with the direction things are going. I am continually looking into ways we can improve. I am in contact with other states who have similar programs and hope to bring back some other ideas to improve AAI

This last quarter I was able to send out 38 copies of the Basic Text to 12 different facilities, 1

BT were sent to Garza West, 3 BT was sent to Hobby Unit, 5 BT were sent to Marlin Unit, 8 BT

were sent to Dominguez Unit, 6 BT were sent to Wayne Scott Unit, 1 BT was sent to Lockhart

Unit, 3 BT North Dorm SATF, 6 BT Halbert Unit, 1 BT Gatesville Unit, 1 BT

Woodsman Unit.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the region and the still suffering addict in this capacity.

IN LOVING SERVICE,
Ed C.

Additional

Thanks to everyone that made the mail system work this quarter

Part of our purpose is to let members know that AAI exists. Convention presentations and attendance at events.

Discussion

What happened to the name change? It was decided in May that we will keep the name.

Hospitals & Institutions

Michelle with embellishments

First I'd like to apologize for missing the last couple Regions. There were freak circumstances out of my control that prevented me from attending.

COASTAL BEND-MAT R. 361-687-6147

7 Facilities served in their area and looking to go into 2 more.

No co-chair, No secretary

Accomplishments- Got a foot into the county jail, one person building a relationship with them. All facilities have coordinator. Updated orientation packet

Specific Problems-none

Forthcoming Plans- Plan on going into Gloss Brenner Unit and treatment center in Victoria. HARVEST OF HOPE (area activity and H&I learning day October 28th).

They had incentive t-shirts, people had to come regularly for a month, come to subcommittee meeting and become a coordinator and get a cool shirt. It worked, went from 3 people attending and now there's 20 or so and all positions are filled.

HILL COUNTRY AREA- PATRICK S. 512-745-1412

2 Facilities are being served right now. No co-chair or secretary.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS- Going into 2 county jails, the area is spread out over several counties. Going to Guadalupe County and Hayes County. Had 1 learning day with PI.

SPECIFIC PROBLEMS- Have trouble getting into other County Jails, nobody else CAN get in.

FORTHCOMING PLANS- Have treatment center in Wimberly and Canyon Lake they're trying to get into. Area is developing again so not a whole lot of things going on at this time.

I'm going to contact Hayes County Sheriff to see if there's anything we can do to make it easier for people to serve the meeting there. They do get support from Austin and San Antonio and people interesting in going into panel meetings.

NORTHSIDE goes to Huntsville and Montgomery County jail.

As the Regional Chair, I'd like to establish a relationship with TBRCNA 18 to make sure the the Subcommittees are well represented.

TRI-COUNTY- Absent. Go to Clemens Unit, only 3 active volunteers going in there. Rotate between main unit and trustee camp. Wayne Scott Unit and do the same thing there. Meetings average about 7-40 addicts attending in the various units. Has a good relationship with the new chaplain. Want an inmate to speak at their Area Convention. He thinks there's 5 total treatment centers they're going into. Selling t-shirts for H&I \$20 to raise money for literature.

ESPERANZA AREA- MELANIE F. 210-665-8934

*absent but submitted a report.

Do have co-chair and secretary. Had a learning day last month and orientated 12 new members.

No specific problems.

They have H&I t-shirts for sale for \$15 to raise money for the area.

RCM's!!!! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR AREA TRUSTED SERVANTS KNOW THAT THE PI AND H&I CHAIRS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE RSC. CHECK YOUR AREA POLICIES TO MAKE SURE THIS IS LISTED IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE POSITIONS!!!

Open Discussion

Convention Advisory Committee as part of Texas State Convention Advisory Board >> morphed into Subcommittee Attendance at the RSC and then back.

Debbie was wondering if it was considered.

Patsy – It is a totally different convention and the CAC has a hard time making it to the TBR Service Conference. Kristine is here but she is new to the CAC.

Kristine – We had a meeting before the last RSC but not in the last quarter. Didn't know there was a problem and is concerned that the Convention Committee is being advised by an advisory committee that is not being responsible to the Region.

Patsy - If you are an elected Subcommittee Facilitator you are expected to stay the duration of the conference. There is discussion and proposals in the business

portion that pertain to the subcommittees. Tell your Area members that if you are interested in Regional service you are expected to remain to the sweet end.

Debbie – So does each Region in Texas send their Co-Facilitator to the TSCAB?

Patsy – No, just ours. But other Regions have liaisons that participate and it they encourage full participate of Regions and Areas.

They are transparent, but they are not in a sense, directly accountable to any particular service body.

Jessi – The proceeds of the Convention is divided up among the Regions in Texas, The El Paso Area, the hosting Area and NA World Services.

[This discussion was revisited after New Business]

Kristine – I heard earlier that CAC has not been attending. They were here in February when I was elected. Does that mean that nobody from CAC was here in May, or was Shelby here?

Patsy – Shelby was here but he left early.

Kristine – Does Region have policy on attendance? There was an email sent out about H&I missing 3 RSCs in a row.

Christina – Our Area asked about that, also. Are they automatically impeached? And supposedly someone is interested in this position. If she missed 2, and then today, left early.

Several folks – We have business late in the meeting that affects Subcommittees. Facilitators should stay for the duration of business.

Layna clarifies Policy – No, there is nothing on attendance throughout the RSC. Automatic removal if they relapse, miss 2 consecutive meetings without notifying the Facilitator, unwilling or incapable, and misappropriation of NA funds. Giving notice is acceptable, which the H&I Facilitator did.

Laura – How long is the RSC? I do not want to be here at midnight.

Layna – 9am to 5 pm

Jessi – At the May Conference she notified Bryan during the meeting and in February she gave notice prior to the meeting.

Chris and Jessi – We did not have Subcommittee Facilitator elections this last May

Layna – They are elected on even number years. So the next one will be May 2018.

October Southern Zonal Forum not listed on their website.

Paul visited <https://szfna.org/> and noticed that the October Forum is not posted. Dennis contacted the web servant to get the updates made.

[https://szfna.org/my-calendar/?mc_id=10]

David from Tri-County hands out some TDCJ training schedules

Final balance

Cyndi – The balance is the same as the early report. Nothing changed.

Proposals (Old Business)

Proposal to amend the TBR Policy to require the RD & RDA to facilitate at least one Regional Learning Day per quarter. With workshops based on topics discussed at the Southern Zonal Forum meetings. The RD/RDA will be responsible for coordinating with interested Areas scheduling and hosting. The hosting Area will be responsible for providing the venue.

Debbie – Our Area does not want it tacked on to the RSC.

Chris – Understood that the Southeast Texas Area had theirs last time was because they already planned it.

Vyki – It was because we (setana) wanted it.

Cyndi reads the financial policy about RD Team funding. There are no ceilings on the funding.

Patsy – The proposal is not for funding, only for the requirement. Sorry about asking for the financial policy review.

Kristina – Will this put the responsibility on the RD/RDA to secure the venue?

Patsy - No. The proposal reads that “The hosting Area will be responsible for providing the venue”.

Kristina – What if no Area wants one in a given quarter?

Patsy - The RD Team will come back to the Region stating that no Area was interested that quarter.

Christina – So this is what they are already doing.

Patsy - Yes. But it is not part of our Policy.

Kristine – Is this something that people would like to see at the convention?

Tom – RDs have presented workshops at the convention numerous times in the past. [Zean, Steve, Dawn, Jerry ...]

Others provide name of RDs that did this.

John – My understanding is so that the information gained at the Southern Zonal Forum is passed up to the groups. More bang for our buck.

Tom – This is the same reason we added the two learning days to the RSCs, but that didn't work out.

Consensus

Nominations for Regional Servants (admin)

Patsy – We are taking nominations today. Take them back to your Areas and at the November RSC, we will take additional nominations and vote. The interested nominees are expected to be at the November 11th conference.

Layna – Actually, the policy reads that the Facilitator is elected at the August RSC, today.

Patsy – Facilitator is elected today and the remainder in November.

Facilitator Election

Patsy P. is nominated

Answers questions

Consensus

[This will be revisited]

Co-Facilitator Nominations

Tom K. is nominated and gives resume. Misappropriated funds and made amends. Making more meetings than has in the last few years. Looking for a new home group. Thinking about working another round of steps.

Kristine – In spirit of rotation, how recently had you served as Facilitator?

Tom – About ten years ago [2008 – 2010]

Policy Nominations

Christina R. is nominated and gives resume. On Step 12

What Area are you from?

Esperanza

Misappropriated funds?

No

Recorder Nominations

Layna D. is nominated and gives resume. On Step 2 and Tradition 2.

What Area are you in now?

Esperanza

Are you okay with getting the Recorder out in a timely fashion? {ouch}

Absolutely

Treasurer Nominations

Kari H. is nominated

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Co-Treasurer Nominations

None

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Kari nominates Celine H.

Request that Celine email her resume out to the all@tbrna.org

Proposals (New Business)

Proposal to have the Regional Record be distributed within one month from the Conference.

It is currently 2 weeks.

This is a Policy change so it goes back to the Areas for discussion.

Proposal to establish a budget of \$300 per quarter for the Literature Review Subcommittee.

Same as Public Relations

Laura asks for current Policy clarification.

Layna points out that Literature doesn't have a budget and the subcommittee policy is not in the Regional Policy. Public Relations has a budget but not subcommittee policy. H&I has no budget and no policy. Adopt An Inmate has both a budget and a policy. Yay! Ed

Kari - What is this money for?

Lynn - To present workshops within the Region.

Chris - Isn't this already covered?

Cyndi - The subcommittee budget is different from the travel budget.

This is a Policy change so it goes back to the Areas for discussion.

Proposal to fund both RD & RDA to the Southern Zonal Forum directly before the World Service Conference

Intent to allow both members a chance to attend the Forum with the World Board in attendance. To have both Delegates better able to carry information about the CAR to the Areas.

Cyndi - They are already funded for this

Brandon withdraws the proposal

Proposal to remove the automatic “Back to the Areas” requirement for policy changes.

This is for expediency of discussion making. Typically, when one RCM asks to take back an issue to the Areas, that request is granted. Many of our policy changes are simple and can be decided by trusted representatives.

Dennis – Taking decisions out of the groups hands is just not a good idea. Because of our 2nd Tradition and we need to keep the groups in our decision making process.

Mary – A budget needs to go back but maybe not the proposal about the one month requirement for the Record publication.

Kristina – At former Region, if there is not a consensus, it goes to the Areas.

Chris – This allows my Area to tell me if we agree or disagree without making a Stand Aside. We have to stand up even if it is unpopular.

Patsy – Long experienced resumes in this room. We are here to conduct business efficiently.

Jessi – I take information back to my Area so they can be part of the decision.

John – It is not a perfect proposal across the board. I take back a thorough report to my Area and probably ½ don’t pay attention and probably don’t vote on 10% of the proposals taken back.

Dennis – Reemphasis that we cannot remove the Groups from the process. At the Regional level we do not “have to” make a decision immediately.

Lorraine – The Traditions are not negotiable and 2nd Concept “The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.”

Cyndi – I cannot assume what my 51 Groups want and how each would want me to vote.

Laura – I take it back even if my Area isn’t interested

Lynn – The operative word here is “automatically” taken back. Don’t think our Areas need to vote on whether the Record gets sent out in 2 weeks or a month.

Brandon – We can still make proposals to conduct business. We just take back policy changes.

Christina – We have been operating like that ... proposal go back if an Area requests. There is a problem with the language of the proposal. The wording will throw up red flags at my Area.

Discussion to change the wording of the proposal.

Kristina and Tom will rework it and publish via email.

[Post Conference rewording.]

Note that there is no automatic “back to Areas” requirement for policy changes in the current Policy. [ref [May Policy](#)]

So, from the discussion at the Conference, I (Tom) feel that even though it is not in the Policy, most of the RCMs would like to see it there. With the discussion, the rewording below may address both sides of the table.

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Proposal to add the following statement directly under the VOTING AND PROPOSALS title on page 5 of the TBRNA Policy.

"Any policy change proposals of a financial and/or budgetary nature will be taken back to the Areas for discussion."

Announcements

Open positions

- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member

Regional Service Conference Autumn 2017

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 9am - 5pm

Rio Grande Valley

Regional Service Conference Winter 2018

Saturday, February 17th 2018, 9am - 5pm [Third Saturday?]

Freedom Area