

# Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Conference

August 10, 2019

Opened with Serenity Prayer at 9:05am  
Twelve Traditions were read  
Twelve Concepts were read  
Service Prayer read

New participants:

Scott

Todd – PR for NASCONA

Collin – PR for Houston Area

Sam – HASCONA facilitator for H&I

## **ROLL CALL**

RCMs:

- Brazos Valley Area – Michael C.
- Central Texas Area – Ed F.
- Coastal Bend Area – Troy
- Esperanza Area – Larry
- Freedom Area – Chris C.
- Hill Country Area – Patrick S. filling in for absent RCMs
- Houston Area – (absent)
- Northside Area – Brenda
- Rio Grande Valley – (no RCM)
- Southeast Texas Area – (absent)
- Tri County Area – (absent)

Admin:

- Facilitator – Tom K.
- Co-Facilitator – Michael C.
- Recorder – Heidi M.
- Treasurer – Kari H.
- Policy – Christina R.
- Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) – (Absent. James co-facilitating the meeting in absence of chairs)
- Adopt An Inmate (AAI) – Ed C.
- Public Relations (PR) – Paul S.
- Internet Technology – (absent)

- Literature Review – Lynn S.
- Convention Advisory Committee (CAC) – Michael S.
- TBRCNA 20 – Gilbert L. (no co-fac here)
- Regional Delegate – Keith P.
- Regional Delegate Alternate – Steve P.
- Ad Hoc Service Pool – Heidi/Tom

## ELECTIONS

TBRCNA 2021 Facilitator nomination by CTANA: Susen G. Not present today but provided resume and is willing to qualify herself via virtual platform. Policy doesn't specify that nominee must be physically present. Discussion regarding whether or not participation should be allowed via Zoom, Facetime, or another app.

Tom reviewed guidelines for consensus based decision making. Question: Is this a policy change or a one-time deal? Discussion about setting a precedent and whether or not we should be heading in the direction of using technology.

**Proposal** to change policy to require all nominees to be present for nomination to Regional positions. **CONSENSUS.**

Tom announced that at the November RSC all admin positions are up for election.

Ed F. nominated Mike for Facilitator. Mike stated that he wants to serve a full term as Co-Facilitator before becoming Facilitator, so he was nominated for Co-Facilitator. Tom is willing to serve a full term as Facilitator and was nominated. Kari is willing to serve another full term IF Debi can't do it.

### RD Team Report – Keith P.

Since our last region I have participated in 1 WSC participant Zoom call on June 15th. The breakout session spent most of the call discussing our mission as a fellowship. Some discussion about updating our conference mission statement, vision statement and we went over the reasons we gather table they provided- all shown below.

There are 3 more WSC Conference Participant meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2019: Today- August 10 (today's topic is FIPT- anyone is welcome to join @ 1PM with Steve and I while we participate), October 5, and December 7. All CP webinar meetings are at 1pm. More information about NAWS Webinar topics, such as Rural Service, Local Service Toolbox, Inmate Step Writing, and many other topics may be found on the NAWS website here:

<https://www.na.org/?ID=webinar-main>

### SZF:

I attended the SZF in Lexington, KY on July 27th and 28th. I presented the workshop on Who is Missing From our Meetings along with the Louisiana AD Lee P. Building Strong Homegroups was a very good workshop, and I will be presenting that with the AD Steve tomorrow. It is a

good tool and anyone who cannot make the workshop tomorrow is welcome to get with me and I'll help go over the materials you need to do this workshop yourself. It is very easy to do.

We ran long on Saturday so we didn't get to do the DRT/MAT workshop again. We did discuss the evolution of that workshop over the year and I will be doing that workshop at HACNA in September.

Staci was nominated and elected to continue to serve as SZF Facilitator. Henry was nominated and will continue to serve as Zonal Rep. The zone elected Sharon from Dallas as the treasurer. She has been acting as interim treasurer since the previous treasurer resigned. There was a lot of discussion about the way the whole former treasurer resignation went down, and a 10th Concept petition for redress of a grievance was submitted by the former treasurer and addressed by the zone. At the end of the grievance process the former treasurer felt his concerns had been addressed and he was satisfied with the process.

2 things need brought back to Regions from this SZF.

Item #1: Take below guidelines with budget back to your regions for approval, discussion, input, and bring back to October meeting.

#### SZF Fellowship Development Guidelines

Purpose: To help support the growth and unity of the member regions of the Southern Zonal Forum. It should also help mentor and provide additional support to members providing services on behalf of NA as a whole within their communities. (Urban, Rural and Isolated)

Fellowship Development Team: The SZF Fellowship Development (FD) team works in collaboration with Regional Delegate Teams and their local NA communities to support, provide, or facilitate presentations on their Regions behalf. Members will consist of a Fellowship Development Facilitator, Public Relations Coordinator, Regional Delegate Team (ie, hosting Regions) and any member of the Fellowship within the Southern Zone.

Requirements: FD Facilitator must have served as a Delegate, Southern Zonal Admin., or Regional Public Relations Chairperson.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Will work in collaboration with the PR Coordinator, RD Teams and Local NA communities in facilitation of local events.
- Assist when needed with PR presentations at professional events.
- Work closely with Delegate Teams who have asked for support to their local Fellowship.
- Can suggest follow up activities to keep in touch with the local fellowship.
- Coordinate regular Web meeting.
- Upload resource material to the website to be available to local NA communities.
- Arrive a day before the event (if possible) to get in touch with local fellowship/liaison person to prepare the presentation and other needs
- Requirements:
- Public Relations Coordinator must have served as a Regional or Area PR Chair.

- Duties and Responsibilities:
- Work closely with FD Facilitator.
- Work closely with Delegate Teams who have asked for a presentation.
- Coordinate and assist with presentation in hosting Regions.
- Arrive a day before the event (if possible) to get in touch with local fellowship/liaison person to prepare the presentation and other needs.

Projected Budget:

- Travel (Both FD Facilitator and PR Coordinator) \$600.00
- Room (Both FD Facilitator and PR Coordinator) 1 1/2 room nights \$300.00
- PR Meeting space (Friday, only if needed) \$150.00
- PR/FD (copies and PR Literature) \$150.00 (We will ask to use the hosting regions PR booth or display/table/racks)
- Projected Budget-per SZF meeting \$1200.00
- Total Projected Budget \$3600.00

Item #2. Regular dates for summer 2020 SZF are July 24-25. The 502 Area Convention dates are July 17-19. The 502 Area is hosting both and has asked us if we could move the SZF to coincide with the convention, making it cheaper, and where they could also utilize the zone PR skills in doing the public presentation the zone usually does in the host area on Friday of the zonal weekend. Are we ok with pulling in the summer zone next year by 1 week?

Item #3: Are we in favor of starting up a SZF Facebook group?

At the zone there was a lot of discussion back and forth, pro and con. We should discuss this and Steve and I will take the regions voice back in October. Workshop Requests from around the region: HACNA has requested a DRT/MAT workshop tentatively scheduled for Sept 14th.

Apologies for all the churn surrounding the workshop communications tomorrow. We didn't have clear communications nor did we have all the information before the flyer reducing the event to 1 day went out. The use of a social media message platform as the primary point of communication lead to the confusion. This shouldn't happen again.

Total RD Expenses & Request for reimbursement:

Gas: Travel to Regional Meeting in McAllen \$67.67  
 Hotel: Region in McAllen (1 night) \$99.00  
 Hotel: SZF Lexington, KY (2 nights) \$229.82  
 Rental Car: 3 days SZF \$116.40  
 Gas: SZF for rental car \$16.42  
 Total \$529.31

The next Southern Zonal Forum will be October in Ft Smith, Arkansas. There will be 2 workshops conducted on Saturday after regional reports:

1. Mentoring in Service

2. Strategic Planning Basics
3. Project Based Service vs Subcommittees

The January Multizonal Service Symposium will be January 24-27 2020 in Dallas. See attached flyer for details. This service symposium will have the CAR Workshop and if NAWS has it available in time, also a CAT workshop. The Fall 2020 Multizonal Service Symposium will be in San Antonio on Sept 11 to 13, 2020 at the Omni 9821 Colonnade Blvd. 2 Positions for the MZSS are open- Arts & Graphics and an Assistant Treasurer. MZSS is a combination of Midwest, Plains States, and Southern Zonal Forums. Flyers MZSS are on the table- couldn't find the electronic copy to attach to this report.

Things that our region's conscience is needed to take back to next SZF:

- 1 **Proposal** to accept the SZF development guidelines (Includes: PI Coordinator for the SZF Budget \$3,600/yr. That's \$1,200 per SZF.) **CONSENSUS**
- 2 **Proposal** Summer 2020 that would be July 24-25 to be changed to the prior weekend (July 17-19) so they can share resources with the convention. **CONSENSUS**
- 3 **Proposal** to start an SZF Facebook group. Keith explained that all info is already distributed via the website and email. The intent is that it will be an informational portal (to post flyers, for example). Discussion about pros and cons. Tom explained who can vote. 4 STAND ASIDES with 19 voting members. **NO Consensus.**

Keith got hotel receipt last night and it was \$100.57 for one night (wrong on report). Add in copies for workshop \$45.25. Total check needed for hotel and rental car: \$576.13. Next SZF will cost much less because it's closer and cheaper hotel. Need check for SZF for last quarter and this one TODAY (\$100 each for a total of \$200).

\*\* Subcommittee breakout \*\*

Tom passed around TBRNA member list for updates.

#### Facilitator Report – Tom K.

Was going to get mailbox in Austin. Since mailbox in Austin wasn't getting picked up and there are more regional servants around Corpus, he chose mailbox there. Address is on the website. Kari will let NAWS know. Trusted servants who need to receive mail can be set up to check it virtually. We get up to 30 items/month included in the price. AAI will keep their PO box for a while, but will start using the new address so that it will be in full use by the time the AAI PO box is shut down. **Proposal** to designate contacts as Facilitator, Co-Fac, Treasurer, and AAI. **CONSENSUS** There will be a notary fee.

Was supposed to get policy audit done, but we now have it scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at Christina's house. Will be Tom, Christina, and Heidi.

Debi (Co-Treasurer) will get notarized and Keith will take to bank to add to the account.

Tom and Keith met with detective. Tom submitted sworn statement and supporting documents (checks, emails, receipts from NAWS, etc.) to APD and provided redacted copy to members of RSC. Original report from audit showed about \$28k missing. They had to go to the branch to get more information to determine the exact amount that was missing and found the total to be \$12,886.24. All info has been turned over, and Tom will follow up in 30 days.

#### Co-Facilitator Report - Michael C.:

May 25, 2019 Bid meeting at TSCNA, no bids. Attended the convention closing meeting after TSCNA.

July 6, 2019 TSCNA Board meeting, Austin:

- 1) TSCNA 2019 cleared \$3084.00
- 2) Distribution to WSO, 5 Texas Regions and the hosting Area was \$440.50 each. I am turning in check #1541 made out to TBRNA.
- 3) Corpus Christi Area was awarded the bid for TSCNA 2021
- 4) Continued review of TSCNA convention policy
- 5) Much discussion on administrative and Board elections; Jessie C. was removed/resigned due to absences, Kim W. elected to Policy, Jenna as secretary, rest of elections tabled.
- 6) Next Board meeting November 16, 2019, Austin, TX

Submitted gas receipts totaling \$98.03 for attending these events as TBRNA liaison.

Recorder Report – Heidi M. emailed out record the day of May RSC, made 2 corrections pointed out and re-mailed on August 8<sup>th</sup>. It's been updated on website.

Treasurer Report – Kari working capital is \$11,334.44.

Thanked Debbie T. for report formatting suggestions. Note to the TBRCNA committees: It is important to provide the regional treasurer any and all sales information during the year. It is the responsibility of the regional treasurer to pay taxes quarterly on all sales of T-shirts and any other convention related items, excluding registration materials. T-shirts and other merchandise sold during the convention are tax free. Just need the total dollar amounts emailed to the treasurer, before the due date. Tax filing dates are: Jan. 22, April 22, July 22, and Oct. 22.

Still receiving AAI mail at home address, which causes delays. PLEASE spread the word about the correct address for AAI.

Created new quarterly checklist for Treasurer so that future payments don't get missed.

Tom mentioned that we didn't make the 20% NAWS donation last quarter, so we'll need to do that this quarter.

### Policy Report – Christina R.

The Policy and Policy Log has been updated to reflect the current changes since I have been in Office as Policy Facilitator. Tom, Heidi and Myself will be meeting at my home on August 24, 2019 to go over all of the previous TBRNA Records to make sure they reflect our current policy. Also, if anyone would like a copy of the Policy and/or Policy Change Log, please let me know.

### Brazos Valley Area Report – Michael C.

Meetings: We currently have 7 voting groups, consisting of 15 meetings per week. Even though we are a small Area struggling to maintain trusted servants at the Group and Area levels; the meetings open on time consistently. Attendance is steady in most and growing in a few. We serve a program of progress in God's time through our individual foot work. Open positions: co-treasurer, and RCM2

H&I is conducting bi-monthly meetings in 2 facilities and seeking support to carry the message inside.

PI is maintaining the Area schedule, updated monthly, and distributed to Groups and facilities. Currently PI is also maintaining 9 pamphlet racks at 4 facilities and working on the Area Hot line content.

Policy Ad-hoc has been reviewing the discrepancies in the old policy and the way Area admin actually functions. At the September Area they will have a revised policy that matches the way we conduct business, for the groups approval.

Upcoming Events and concerns: none at this time. Regional Donation: \$125.00

### Central Texas Area Report – Ed F.

The Central Texas Area has 76 meetings a week. Our ASC meets the first Sunday of the month @ the Galano club at 2pm. Our H&I subcommittee is going strong with 13 meetings a month. Our PR subcommittee is doing well also. They are working on a radio PSA which we got to listen to last area. We will have our annual Holiday dinner/book drive/speaker meeting December 14 at the Pflugerville Community Church. Will have flyers with more info next Region.

### Coastal Bend Area Report – Troy

Serves 10 counties in South Texas with 55 meetings on a weekly basis at this time. We have 28 groups and 17 of them are presently voting groups. We currently serve 7 facilities in an H&I capacity. Have 1 position open: Co-facilitator

RBS XXXV – Our area's annual convention on the beach went off without any problems, it was a huge success and we enjoyed hosting all the addicts from our area, our region, our state and all over the U.S. and we want to especially thank the ones who traveled many miles to enjoy some time with our little area this year on Padre Island. We had over 600 people in the clean time countdown on Saturday evening and it was an amazing 3 days of food, fellowship and powerful messages of recovery that were shared. Our area will be meeting next week to find out

the final numbers and I will be reporting back to this body next time with some more of the particulars.

Upcoming events:

- The Back to Basics group is hosting its 3rd annual speaker jam entitled "Fully Whole and Wholly Free" this year on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 5:30pm – 10:00pm. There will be 3 speakers and a special meal of Carmen Pasta will be served. It's going to be held at 3812 S. Alameda CC, TX 78411 in the Lamar Park Shopping Center.
- Have changed our annual Youth in Recovery speaker jam from a Summer event to a Fall one and we will be announcing the new date and location very soon. We are currently looking for Youth (25 and under) who can come and share their ESH with us. Please get with Ed. C. or myself if you have any suggestions for speakers and I will keep coming back with more info on the date and location of this event.

Have 2 checks, one from June 2019 for \$812.95 and another from July for \$26.12 for a grand total of \$839.07 to donate to this body today.

Our area's website is [cbana.org](http://cbana.org) and all upcoming events and information can be found on there as well as on our CBANA Facebook information page. Our help line phone number is (361)-992-2113 and the toll free number is (855) 377-3112.

Esperanza Area – Larry M.

Esperanza area has 48 groups and appropriately 100 meetings per week with 30 eligible voting group and we currently attend 16 H&I facilities.

The Esperanza Area has the following positions filled/open:

- Chair Cameron M.
- Vice Chair Armando S.
- Secretary Esteban R.
- Alternate Secretary ~ Open ~
- Treasurer C.J. A.
- Alternate Treasurer- Jennifer M.
- Regional Committee Member I Larry M.
- Regional Committee Member II Gary L.
- Activities ~ Johnny C.
- Esperanza Area Convention V chair: K.rys R.
- Esperanza Area Convention Vice-Chair Raymond L.
- Frolic in the Woods 2019 Victoria C.
- Hospitals & Institutions James B.
- Internet Technology -Open . Currently attended by members of our Administrative body
- Literature Bank Delmar R.
- Literature Review ~ Open ~
- Newsletter Open.
- Outreach ~ Jose W.



- Phone Line ~ Lenora G.
- Policy Herb M.
- Public Information Roger S. Sr

H&I: We attend 16 facilities in the Esperanza Area.

Our Annual Esperanza Area Convention (EACNA VI) will be Jan 17-19. Please note that our new Convention hotel is The Omni at the Colonnade at I-10 and Wurzbach Rd. Registration and hotel reservation can be made at our convention website listed here in my report. We are asking everyone to reserve your rooms now to help us fill our room blocks. We look forward to this celebration of unity and recovery with our region and beyond. Registration: Lenora G. Ph: (210) 772-2326 [www.eacnasa.org](http://www.eacnasa.org)

Esperanza Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC) next meeting date will be on August 18, 2019. (3rd Sunday of every month) at 11AM @ 10929 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, Texas.

Our area would also like to express that the region should never give cash donations again to anyone despite our good intentions.

Upcoming area events:

- Our Next Event Support Function for EACNA VI is Saturday August 24th at 1018 E. Grayson St. in San Antonio with speakers sharing the message of recovery. food, fun, and Fellowship.
- New Possibilities Speaker Jam is September 28 th from 4:30-9 at 5909 Walzem Rd. 5 Speakers sharing the message of recovery FREE FOOD with fun and fellowship.
- Frolic in the Woods is October 4-6 at Garner State Park.(eanaoline to register )
- Esperanza Area's annual October Monster Mash and Dance. More will be revealed. Again, please go to EACNASA.org to register for EACNA VI and order your banquet tickets and please call the hotel to reserve your room (no money is due now and you can cancel up to 24 hours before the convention) I also have \$3 Raffle tickets with a chance to win \$270 in prizes.This concludes our report

#### Freedom Area Report – Chris C.

All of our groups are doing well and keeping with the trend of lower member count in meetings because of the summer. Some groups are experiencing issues with 7th tradition donations. We did some exploring with current bulletins and past experiences to come up with some ideas.

In June, we helped organize and participated a very successful learning day with other addicts from the Houston and Texas Tri-County Areas. We are in the very early stages of planning another for the Fall.

The Freedom Area was asked to join the 1960 group from the Houston area to do a shift at HASCONA Hospitality Room in September.

As an Area, we voted to donate directly to the Rio Grande Valley - \$201.69 for this quarter.

Hill Country Area – Written by Dickie B. & George B-H. and read by Patrick S.

Currently have 13 groups and 16 meetings and we are open for more.

New meetings are “Candlelight Recovery” Monday 8:00pm at 510 Guadalupe St. UCM Wesley Church San Marcos and “NA 101” Thursday 7:30pm at 3460 Roy Richard Drive Schertz Methodist Church, Schertz. If you are in the area stop in and share your experience.

Have 2 area positions open. New outreach committee is doing a great job and reaching out to smaller groups.

Have 6 H&I Panels which are running strong, carrying the NA message and are always open to more. Added one new panel with the help from CTANA. Putting new H&I book drives and guideline changes.

Our Vice Chair of H&I Jesus has put together a list of every area in the state to ask for schedules to further provide assistance to departing clients or inmates with schedules. He also has been coordinating TDCJ volunteers and orientation. We had been working on a central location for our area meeting and have have been meeting at the Kyle location of our Sunday “Surrender to Win” Meeting location. This has been working well for us and we will continue.

R.O.A.R “Recovery On A River” on JUNE 22nd at Cypress Bend Park was a great success. We made a little bit of money and put on a great event. We had 4 great guest speakers and everyone had fun on river tubes and swimming. We are already looking forward to next year with new surprises.

We have a donation being sent to the Region by mail, additionally, we will send a donation to NAWS.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- We are currently working on November's RSCs location. TBD
- Next ASC August 18th at 2 pm at the Surrender to Win meeting place in Kyle VFW 103 Front St.

Northside Area Report – Brenda H.

Have 10 groups and 36 meetings

- Two (2) \$250.00 donations, May 2019 and August 2019
- Open Positions
  - Co-Facilitator
  - Co-Treasurer
  - RCM 2
- Activities

No new events scheduled at this time.

Houston Area Report – (read by Tom K.)

Greetings from the Houston Area of Narcotics Anonymous We are excited that HACNA is coming up in roughly 32 days. The committee has been working hard to put on the best convention possible. If you would like to register and or find out more information please go to the HACNA web site.

At our Area service meeting 7/28, 2019 we had 17 GSR's present and 14 GSR's with voting privileges. There were 10 inactive groups and 3 new and or returning GSR's. We have 39 groups in the Houston Area and 101 meetings per week.

Activities Committee is planning a NA World Unity Day, September 1, 2019, 10:00 to 1:00, Field Day Games. All games will require a partner. Park and time to be determined. Unity Day call will be at noon.

Outreach Committee held a workshop on how to make your home group grow, and is putting out a 2 month Outreach calendar beginning August 7 through September 23. During the week of the convention, they are planning of skipping due to the convention.

PR is setting up a booth on 8/24 at Discovery Green, Hope for the Homeless, 11:00-3:00. It is estimated that at least 500 homeless people will show up and possibly up to a 1,000.

The Literature ad-hoc committee brought back information on forming a Literature Subcommittee. Presented pros and cons and responded to questions that had been asked. A proposal was made to form a Literature Subcommittee for the Houston Area, seconded, and will be taken back to the groups. Another proposal was made to name the Literature

Subcommittee, if passes, HASCONA Literature Service Board. (HLSB)

Policy has been proposing changes and additions in our Policy to reflect a better understanding on certain issues. Two proposals were presented by the Policy committee. One passed and the other one is to be taken back to the groups. Our ending balance for June, 2019 was \$3,337.68 and July expenses were \$1,491.66, bringing an ending balance for July of \$2,322.51, which includes prudent reserve, July revenue and July expenses.

H&I Report: James – Shared about differences between treatment facilities and prisons. Keith P. suggested that if they're going to work with inmates on sponsorship behind the walls, they need to participate in the webinar on that topic.

Written report emailed by Dan H. and read by Tom K.

"Hello everyone. First I'm saddened that I cannot attend this weekend's events. I will be there in though. Here is my report for H&I...

Everything is running smoothly. Last region we voted in a vice chair and secretary. This is allowing us to compile the necessary adenomas needed to present to this body regarding H&I policy. Look for this draft next region.

Luis R. reached out to assist in having a TDCJ orientation at the 2020 convention, and this is now in the plan. We do however need at least 20 members to attend. We have decided to

move the start time to 9am. This should make it more appealing than the 8am starts. Will have the normal break out, and will report any additional information needed.”

#### Public Relations Report – Paul S.

Displayed the Regions Around the World map and explained the copy we have is outdated. Wants to donate the old one and order a new one. If your area wants PR display at your function, contact him. He’s willing to set up the table at conventions. Is running out of IPs and needs to restock. Put together an order but needs to get the code for the map/banner to add it to the order for a total of \$650.80. Plans to attend events in San Antonio this month and give out newcomer survival kits. Ruben asked if PR is working with RGV to see how our region can continue to support the area’s development. Paul will help with posters. Keith pointed out address for Sunday workshops is on website and explained that the workshops were what the RSC felt would help give the area the skills they need to begin development. Lorraine said Hill Country Area was small and dying, and Paul came out and gave a presentation and helped the area reach out to parole/probation offices and others to help their area grow. Dennis shared that he attended Zonal Forum events where they invited professionals to workshops put on specifically for them so that those professionals know who we are and what we offer. Keith shared that Sept 11-13, 2020 at the Omni Colonnade is the MZSSNA on Friday they’ll put on one of these presentations for professionals.

**Proposal** – To instruct PR to do workshop that was done for Hill Country Area for RGV and invite the courts, judges, probation officers, and universities. **CONSENSUS**

**Proposal** – To provide \$460 more than PR’s quarterly budget to PR for proposed purchase from NAWS and the expenses to put on presentations/workshops. **CONSENSUS**

Lunch Break 11:55-12:55

#### Internet Technology Facilitator Report (written by Vicki and read by Tom)

“Unfortunately i won’t be able to attend the RSC this weekend as i have some family matters to attend to. I notified our facilitator a couple of weeks ago to let him know. I miss everyone and hope to see you next time!

Anyway, here’s the TBRNA IT news for this quarter:

The service pool is live on the website. Any site member is able to fill out, view and edit their own resume. Site members with a 'servant' role will be able to view resumes. We will start by promoting all current RSC participants to 'servant' roles and if the Region wants to expand that group we can. Thanks to Tom for all his hard work on this!

As for the BMLT

The server itself has had quite a few updates. Now when you create a meeting it automatically defaults to published. There's a drop down for the States so that you can just pick from it now.

If anyone would like to see about switching to the YAP helpline service (for NA members by NA members) you can contact Steve S at 210.279.9199.

As always, I am available to the region to help with any IT, website, email, file sharing, conference call, etc related matters.”

Tom explained how to use the Service Pool on the website. All members of this service committee will be able to look at the site (names, emails, phone #'s). The site puts users on notice that regional committee members will be able to view what they're entering.

#### Literature Review Report – Lynn S.

The Spiritual Principle A Day Meditation Book Project continues with spiritual principles available for input at [na.org/spad](http://na.org/spad). There are also 48 entries available for review and input also at [na.org/spad](http://na.org/spad). There is an online input form and a printable input form. Your input will shape revisions and provide direction for the 318 more entries. This first batch of entries is available for review and input until September 1, 2019.

The Convention and Events Tools Project has a Contracts and Negotiations draft available for review and input until October 15, 2019. Go to [na.org/conventions](http://na.org/conventions) to access the draft and input form.

Literature Review will be presenting a Spiritual Principle Meditation Book workshop as part of the Learning Day after Region. Please plan to attend!

If your Group or Area would like a workshop on the Meditation Book project please contact Literature Review.

#### Convention Advisory Committee – Michael S.

The C.A.C met on June 3, July 2, and July 31. Thanks to TBRCC 20 we have had the Facilitator and Co participate in our meetings. It is important that all committee members participate by attending online meetings for it to be an effective group. John C. has taken the initiative to add consensus statement regarding RD/RDA workshop to the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Committee Guidelines under Programming. After speaking with several folks from the Omni and being persistent we finally got ahold of the Director and now the TBRCNA 20 hotel room rate is \$115.00 instead of \$125.00.

We received several bids this last quarter. After working with the Doubletree we realized they didn't have space for the Saturday night banquet/speaker. The Omni Westside is turning out to be too expensive. On the other hand is the Hilton Houston North, they have been very accommodating. We are in the process of closing out the negotiations and finalizing the contract for TBRCNA 23 in 2023.

The CAC has made all of the recent Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Committee meetings and met once with Programming and Registration Committees. The brand for the

Convention is that it is the 20th Anniversary thereby setting our Convention apart from other Conventions.

Next meeting is scheduled for the 28th of August, 2019. Expenses for this cycle are \$94.05.

Next year convention is in San Antonio and after that is in Austin.

#### TBRCNA 2020 Report – Gilbert L.

TBRCNA 20 to be held in San Antonio on January 31st through February 2nd in 2020. We are happy to announce that we now have a Hotel room rate reduction. The rooms will now be at \$115.00 per night instead of the original rate of \$ 125.00 per night. Thank you to the CAC Advisory committee for their hard work to make the contract change.

We have all our committees busy with the planning for this convention and we are excited with the ideas and events that we are creating. Our programming is coming up with a great line up, and our entertainment is going to be fun to attend. We did have our Convention Information Facilitator resign and we do have that position open, if anyone is interested please make our next meeting on Sept 7th at 3pm at 10929 Nacogdoches in San Antonio.

We have the room count from the Hotel and we are currently at 51 room nights reserved and we need 212 room nights to meet the Hotel Room block, please announce it at your Area meetings to register for the Convention and to please reserve and book a room.

We have Registration flyers for you to please take back and pass out to the groups and remember that this convention will be the 20th anniversary of the TBRCNA Convention.

Service Pool Ad Hoc: Tom asked if we need to dissolve it. Heidi explained vision for the tool and **proposed** that we create a Service Pool Committee. **CONSENSUS** Tom explained that there is already a place holder for position descriptions and that the Technology person can handle the ongoing maintenance of the tool. Kari explained that this really does need to be a full position because someone needs to be able to help verify references, service experience entered and work with areas and RSC to develop position descriptions and keep up with the dates/locations for nominations/elections.

#### AAI Report – Ed C.

Clarified that they never sent any books to Florida. Thanked groups for donations from groups. Ed asked for prayers for Mark A. who is in the hospital. Ed's been looking at what other regions do and trying to coordinate with areas to get sponsors for inmates when there's an immediate need. There are step-writing guides in other states. Will participate in webinars in August and September and will bring back info on that.

Discussion over AAI budget. Process explained by Ed C.: Form letter sent in response to request for book. Then order submitted to NAWS. NAWS mails book to inmate. **Proposal** to budget \$60/quarter for operating expenses. **CONSENSUS**

TBRCNA 2020 displayed their new shirts which are \$20/each.

Tom announced proposal to allow treasurer to make electronic NAWS donations. No interest expressed.

Two CAC positions are open. Nominations:

Lucy V. qualified herself. Willing to serve. Will ask questions and learn. Doesn't meet suggested cleantime of 7 years. Knows it's a 5-year commitment. Most of her current commitments are almost up.

Tom asked if there were any other nominations or volunteers. None.

**Proposal** to elect Lucy to CAC. 3 STAND ASIDES 1 Assent w/Reservation. **ELECTED.**

Michael suggested that clean time is way too high for someone to be on a committee. Committee will look at their guidelines and Policy will consider proposing policy change at next RSC.

Keith explained that NAWS has a portal for online contributions. Anyone can use it and you get an instant receipt confirmation.

**Proposal** that the treasurer be allowed to use electronic banking. **CONSENSUS**

Steve submitted policy proposal to Christina who read it. **Proposal:** To change policy to read "if at least 20% of the Regional Committee Members (RCMs) requests that a proposal go back to the areas for discussion, it does." **CONSENSUS**

Larry pointed out that policy states that position requirements "are given from"... "experienced members." Why? The Ad Hoc Policy Committee will review this at their meeting this month and report back at the next RSC.

Current balance after expenses: \$9127.70 less PR expenses of \$865 = \$8,262.70 less \$300 for additional donation to SZF = \$7,962.70 **20% = 1,592.54** for NAWS donation per policy.

Need to file a periodic report Form 802 with S.O.S. Will do after elections next November so it will stay current for a while.

CBANA proposes we make a \$200 donation to this area. Concerns expressed: Small area with little participation. How much money do they really need? They have over \$1,000 for 2 groups with 7 meetings/week. FIVE STAND ASIDES. NO Consensus.

Christina – **Proposal** to give \$300 additional donation to SZF. **CONSENSUS.**

**Proposal** to change suggested clean time requirement in TBRNA policy for CAC members from 7 to 5 years. **CONSENSUS.**

Autumn RSC will be November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Location TBD.

Treasury audit scheduled for October.

NAWS donation per policy: \$1,592.54

**Proposal** to add half of \$6,370.16 to our NAWS donation = \$4,777.62 total NAWS donation.  
**CONSENSUS.**

Steve P. reminded everyone of workshops tomorrow in Weslaco 9am to 1pm.

Tom reviewed list of positions for which areas should bring nominations in November:

- Facilitator
- Co-Facilitator
- Treasurer
- Co-Treasurer
- Policy
- Recorder
- Service Pool Committee Facilitator (qualifications to be drafted by Ad Hoc Service Pool Committee and proposed at November RSC)
- CAC Member

Business concluded at 4:15pm