

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Conference November 10, 2018

Tom began by routing a contacts sheet.

Twelve Traditions were read.

Twelve Concepts of Service were read.

Service Prayer was read.

Welcomed new participants:

- George w/Hill Country
- Dave from Beaumont
- _____ w/CABANA
- _____ w/Esperanza Area

ROLL CALL Servants:

- Facilitator – Absent with notice
- Co-Facilitator – Present
- Treasurer – Present
- Co-Treasurer - _____
- Regional Delegate – Present
- Regional Delegate Alt. – Present
- Recorder – Vacant
- Policy – Present
- H&I – Present
- Adopt and Inmate – Present
- Public Relations – Present
- Literature Review – Present
- Internet Tech. – Absent with notice
- Convention Adv. Com. – _____
- TBRCNA 2019 – Present
- Representatives (Regional Committee Members aka RCMs)
 - o Brazos Valley – Present
 - o Central Texas – Present
 - o Coastal Bend – Present
 - o Esperanza – Present
 - o Freedom -
 - o Hill Country - Present
 - o Houston - Present
 - o Northside - Present
 - o Rio Grande Valley -

- Southeast Texas - Present
- Texas Tri-County - Present

• ELECTIONS

Open Positions Recorder and TBRCNA Facilitator for 2020. No one present volunteered for Recorder. Tom mentioned that he still owes the RSC the May record and Patsy is working on an August record. Christina read policy regarding voting. Esperanza Area nominated Gilbert L. for 2020 TBRCNA Facilitator. Elected. Michael requested that a head count of voting members be done prior to each vote. TBRCNA Co-Facilitator for 2019 – Bill has been acting. Today is his last RSC as RCM.

TBRCNA Co-Facilitator for 2020 – vacant. Announce at ASCs, please.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- RD – Please announce the Regional Assembly to be held on March 9th at 906 George Bush Dr., College Station to elect new RD/RDA team. Please have those interested in running submit service resume to all@tbrna.org. There will also be 3 workshops that day. See flyer for details. Any area may request a workshop from the RD team via the TBRNA website. The RDA, Keith P., will attend the next Southern Zonal Forum. Attended the multi-zonal service symposium (MZSS) and attended as many workshops as he could. Several hundred attendees from all over the US. Welcomes RCMs to attend these events with him. All workshops were recorded and will be available from their website (<https://mzssna.org/archives/>). Rio Grande Area has requested workshops. Will send out flyer and asking for regional support of those workshops. We will be having annual worldwide Sponsorship Day, similar to the existing Unity Day celebrations. Flyer available at na.org. Each area or region can celebrate it in their own way. There will also be an annual PR week (in May?) and it's also on the flyer. Sent out email with membership survey by December 31st. If you attended WCNA, please fill out survey. Conference participants met online and discussed the functions of the WSC.
- RDA – Will attend SZF in New Orleans in January. Can take a couple of people if interested. Answered questions about his service experience and confirmed that he will run for RD at the Regional Assembly.
- Facilitator – (Absent. See e-mailed report.)
- Co-Facilitator – Missed prior RSC and prior CAC meeting. Working on May record.
- Recorder - vacant
- Treasurer – New address: 2307 Willow Dr., Portland, TX 78374. If you have expenses, fill out form. If you have a donation, she'll write you a receipt right away. (See written report for balances) Paid quarterly taxes late again and donated money to cover the late fee that we were charged. Provided options for how to pay insurance policy. There is no discount for paying the insurance in a lump sum vs. quarterly. Provided copies of bank statement pages. Ed F. asked what else we are doing to ensure accountability and prevent theft of funds. Steve asked if we're getting copies of the checks to go with the bank statements. Christina pointed out that the policy requires that the Treasurer report

include list of checks written and to whom, copies of checks and statements with sensitive info redacted, and audits twice per year. Merry stated that she was uncomfortable with the Treasurer paying the late fee for the late tax payment. Larry reminded the body that policy states that the RD is to be on the bank account, which has not been done yet. This needs to be done. After much discussion, proposal was made and approved for RD to be added to the bank on the lunch break. Also proposal made and passed for Treasurer to reimburse herself for the late fee.

- Policy – Provided updated policy change log. Requested proposals for policy changes to be submitted in writing. Completed her RCM term for her area so she can focus on TBRNA policy. George suggested the order of the change log be reversed so most recent changes are at the top, and Christina agreed. Larry asked if policy on website can be updated. Christina assured all that it would be. Keith asked about the SZF workshop mentioned in the policy. Tom clarified that we had voted to change that previously and it just needs to be cleaned up. Dan asked about subcommittee budgets. Lots of discussion, and no one seemed to know for sure.

- SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK OUT – 10:45 am

- AREA REPORTS

- o Brazos Valley (Michael) – 5 groups with 14 meetings/week. One monthly H&I meeting. PI stocks 9 lit racks. Masks Must Go anniversary celebration. Area donation \$125. Flyer for event on the back of his report.

- o Central Texas (Steve) – Elections to be held in December. Final “backpay” donation to TBRNA made. Annual Holiday Function on December 8th 2-8pm; bring food and money to purchase Basic Text to donate to H&I. Main speaker Tommy O.

- o Coastal Bend (Bill) – 25 groups with 49 meetings/week. Directory is current. H&I in 12 facilities with 31 mtgs/month. \$2,091.50 donation. Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving feast and speaker. Brought a nomination and a proposal that he’ll make later in the meeting.

- o Esperanza (Larry) – 48 groups and about 100 meetings/week. Elections were in September. Usually last week of September or 1st week of October is Frolic In The Woods. Jan 18-20 will be EACNA. See www.eanasa.org for convention info. Area website: www.eana.org. Somos Milagros group Nov. 14 speaker meeting. JFT group Thanksgiving dinner and speaker meeting. December 24-25 will have round the clock meetings. 15 H&I facilities. \$152.07 donation.

- o Freedom – (absent)

- o Hill Country (Dickey) – 11 groups with 13 meetings. Elections in December. Donation will be mailed for \$297 next week. Have 5 H&I panels. H&I book drive Nov 17, 5-10pm, with turkey dinner; bring sides.

- o Houston (Dawn) – Growing area. 27 groups with 109 meetings/week. Elections in December. H&I learning day Dec. 6th. Thanksgiving celebration Nov 22 with speakers 6-8pm. See www.hacna.com for convention info. See www.hascona.org website for more info. Planning workshops with neighboring areas within a couple of months. Donation made to RSC this quarter. HASCONA New Year’s Eve party 7pm Dec. 31 to 1am Jan 1st.

- o Northside (Debbie) – Donation of \$500 for 2 RSCs. Area has many open positions. Elections in December. Fellowship by the Lake in April at Huntsville State Park. H&I is finally up and running. Hadn't had an H&I Chair for a while. No PR facilitator.
- o Rio Grande Valley (absent)
- o Southeast Texas (Dave) – 9 groups, 48 mtgs/week. H&I in 3 facilities. Area has many open positions. November 17 annual Gratitude Dinner. No donation this quarter.
- o Texas Tri-County (David) - 14 groups, 93 mtgs. Convention in October 2019. Looking for convention chair. PI is participating in monthly rallies. H&I in 2 prisons and 9 treatment facilities. H&I and PI chairs are not present, and will encourage them to attend.

• OPEN DISCUSSION – Tom suggested that we check with the area (Alabama/Florida) to see if they need a donation before we decide to just send them money. Bill suggested that we vote on offering a certain dollar amount, and the RD can offer them the money. Larry prefers that we ask them first, before making a proposal; and we should make sure we have extra funds. Bill suggested that we approve up to \$1,000 to offer to the groups in need it. Amount reduced to \$500. Tom decided to wait to vote until after the lunch break.

• SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

o Convention Advisory Committee - John C. – Met Sept. 23 at 3pm. Next online meeting is December 9th. Attendance at all meetings is important to be effective. Have only received September minutes from TBRCNA 2019. Have made numerous requests for each month's minutes. Need to be kept in the loop on contracts, artwork, or merchandise. Have final bid for the 2022 convention with the MCM Elegante in Beaumont to be signed by the TBRNA Facilitator and need check for \$1,000 rental fee. Tom signed it. Need approval of the updated Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Committee Guidelines which were presented at the previous RSC with changes noted in bold. Need to elect facilitator, co-facilitator, and treasurer for TBRCNA 20, which will be held in San Antonio.

o TBRCNA 19 – Bill – Read report on behalf of Bea W (see e-mailed report). Pointed out that registration forms are available on the back table and you can register online. Anyone wanting to sell alternative merchandise must submit a letter to the committee in advance. Deadline to meet room block is in December. Unlimited banquet tickets available for purchase. The hotel has a noise level requirement. If we disturb any hotel customer after 10pm near the hospitality suite, we have to pay that guest's room. So, the hospitality suite will close for the main speaker in the evening and not open until the next morning. May get food trucks to park outside after the speaker meeting.

o Literature Review – Lynn S. – Input is being gathered for the new Spiritual Principle A Day Daily Meditation Book. See www.na.org/spad for surveys to complete and submit or contact Lit Review for copies of the surveys. Four spiritual principles per each phase of input. Flyers are on back table. The Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project should begin in February 2019. Email worldboard@na.org with questions or thoughts. See also www.na.org/mhmi. The Local

Service Toolbox Project now has 2 tools written: CBDM Basics and a Tool Outline for Rural and Isolated Service. The next proposed pieces are a GSR orientation tool and Fellowship Development Basics. Sign up for updates at toolbox@na.org. The Convention and Events Toolbox Project has released its latest tool, Money Management, for a 90 day Regional Delegate review. Dennis included it in his report. Materials that have been completed include The Program Committee and Development of the Program and Program Committee Support Material. Sign up for updates at conventions@na.org and submit ideas and input at na.org. Upcoming workshops for the meditation book: 11/27/18 @7pm at Journey To Recovery, 211 N Park Blvd and 12/5/18 @11:30am at Simplify, 8102 Midcrown. Contact Lit Review with questions or to schedule a workshop. No plans currently for DRT IP, but maybe a future cycle.

o Information Technologies – Tom chose to skip until California Steve is available

o H&I – Dan H. - Reached out and spoke with 5 of our 11 areas. Represented at CTANA H&I subcommittee and attended an annual book drive in San Antonio. Hill Country will hold a book drive November 17th. We will again be donating \$100 toward their efforts. CTANA has their book drive/ holiday party December 8 and will have a speaker who spoke at the WCNA 2018: Tommy O. from New York. Leftovers from the dinner are bagged up and taken to the homeless. speaker” for the upcoming TBRCNA convention Saturday 8-noon. Wants to get an inmate with a clear NA message. Suggestions? Requesting reimbursement for the \$100 donation to the San Antonio book drive. I am also asking for 2 checks to donate \$100 each to CTANA and Hill Country book drives. Had 9 participants in H&I breakout session today. Best yet. Talked about safety, do’s and don’ts, supporting each other’s areas, people doing rogue meetings. Asking for \$123 to buy 12 H&I Handbooks from CTANA. There’s an H&I orientation put together by world that all areas should be encouraged to use. Agreed to put together H&I regional committee guidelines/policy to present at next RSC. There was a suggestion that Intro Guides be used instead of Basic Texts for prisons and treatment facilities. Responded that we generally don’t take Basic Texts to inmates because they have to be shipped by the shipper, which is why we have Adopt An Inmate (AAI). Flooding facilities with literature isn’t best. Better to lead by example. Rio Grande Valley area has a service board that covers all service, rather than separate subcommittees. They need to do an orientation down there so they can get the message into the jails there. However, they’re a very small area with no meetings in Harlingen. Ruben suggested contacting the probation offices and county courts first. Then they’ll send addicts to NA. Maybe get NAWS involved. Paul is from McAllen where NA is strong. When Kristina and Brandon moved away, they left a big hole. Dawn has regional H&I guidelines that she helped develop in Colorado that she could share. (Discussion about do’s and don’ts of sponsoring inmates. Discussion about what budget covers.)

Treasurer Update: Have \$14,528 with donations. Still need to pay insurance and write a couple of checks.

Bill followed up on question about deadline for room block: Around the beginning of February.

o Internet Technologies – Tom read report e-mailed by Victoria. Larry called the demo number. What is it supposed to do? Steve called it on speaker for all to hear. While on hold, a caller gets to listen to a PSA. Then the call went to Steve’s phone and then he got a text. A company called Twilio sends info to a server that goes to YAP and BMLT server and finds a meeting or someone to talk to. Would still need phonline volunteers. Cost is about \$8/month. Cost per call is \$0.008. (Lots of discussion here.) The caller can even ask for someone to text them, or you can get the meditation for the day (pulls from na.org and does text-to-audio). Explained interface on phone where you enter volunteers in a phonline shift and it even accounts for the time zone they’re in. Several areas in our region are using all or part of this. Developed specially for NA.

o Public Relations – Paul S. – Attended event in SETANA. Gave out literature and newcomer survivor kits to newcomers. Attends events. Gets flyers on Facebook to get the word out. Needs RCMs to ask their PR chairs to attend RSCs so they can share information. Ran into some glitches on na.org, but tries to get flyers posted there. He loves making flyers and loves to help areas with them. Put TBRNA logo on flyers to let people know what our region is. Let him know if you need stickers. Gives away literature at events. Let your activities committees know to reach out to him to help with scheduling (prevent conflicts) and make flyers. December 1st event in Caldwell, TX, and another event in Corpus that day. Will be in Hill Country with the display and will attend the CTANA event with the display. Can only attend regional events on weekends. Can help with presentations. Everyone is part of PR! Christina asked about what PR is doing to get the word out into the community that NA exists. Response is that Regional PR is there to educate/support area PR committees in their efforts. Ed talked about how CTANA is considering splitting their PR committee back out into several subcommittees (phonline, PI, etc.)

o Adopt an Inmate – Ed C. – PO box has been highly effective with fast responses. There are flyers at the back. Changes made: sending out form letter with a little personal note. Printing the Reaching Out from NAWS and sending it to them. See also emailed report. Tries to cooperate with area programs that are already established.

o Regional Service Pool Ad-Hoc - Heidi M.

Described the purpose of the Regional Service Pool and how it might work. Clarified that the draft policy proposal was emailed out by Christina in August, that it’s a work in progress, and that any feedback and suggestions are welcomed. Read the policy proposal. Tom provided the web address to the demo (www.tbrdevel.com) and allowed a minute for members to look it over. Heidi agreed to email the proposal to all again right away so they can reply with feedback. A member asked if Heidi would be willing to serve as the facilitator initially. Heidi said yes, though she had been planning to volunteer for the open Recorder position. When asked if she would be willing to facilitate the service pool while serving as Recorder, she agreed to try that over the coming year and see how it goes. Dennis suggested everyone read up on the World Pool to see how that works.

Tom returned to the topic of elections and Larry nominated Heidi M. as Recorder. She accepted and qualified herself and was elected by consensus.

Tom returned to Open Discussion.

RD Team will contact the area in Alabama/Florida that we could donate \$500 to and see if there's a need.

John said TBRCC guidelines need approval

Larry mentioned updating website is important

George mentioned that the paper copies of policy are well updated but need to be updated on the web.

Tom mentioned something had been changed in policy without being voted on, and the formatting of policy was discussed.

Old Business

Discussion about insurance premium, payment options, and budget.

Proposal: Pay full annual insurance premium now, while we have the funds. Consensus.

Proposal: To amend policy to include ¼ of the payment of the annual insurance premium in the quarterly budget. Consensus.

Proposal: To make a \$500 donation to the Alabama/Northwest Florida region (for hurricane damage). Consensus.

Discussion about current funds available to determine amount of donation to NAWS.

Proposal: To add \$1,300 to the prudent reserve for insurance.

- CTANA – Assent with reservation
- Tri-County – Stand aside

\$2,416 is available after NAWS donation of \$604

Proposal: To add \$2,000 to the NAWS donation for a total of \$2,604

Dennis couldn't be added to the bank account today because Tom didn't go with them. Will get it taken care of as soon as possible.

Proposal for TBRCC guidelines were mailed out last quarter and need to be approved for TBRNA in February. Approved by consensus.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o Next Regional Meeting: February 9, 2018