



**TBRNA Regional Committee Meeting
Record for May 10, 2008
in San Antonio, Texas**

Meeting opened at (unknown time) with the serenity prayer, Jerry read the Service Prayer, April read the 12 traditions, and Allen read the 12 concepts.

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

**Move some of the agenda, due to RD and RDA having a lengthy report

Corrections to Record-

- There were no corrections to the record for February 2008

Co-facilitator report-

- Attended Adhoc sub committee for TBRCNA meeting
- Went to the regional assembly, thank you Zean for hard work
- Texas State Advisory- restructuring the committee -113.00 reimbursement
- Requested information from the region to see what everyone wanted
- Updated regional contact list (need)
- May 23-35 Texas State Convention
- May have to attend the STA in El Paso due to this being the place for the next convention- he would prefer to e-mail a report to them.

Treasurer Report-

- Beginning balance 6,936.84
- Bank error in our favor for 150.00, we get a 10.00 credit
- Income tax return form 990N will be what we need to file, and it has been done

- Tax exempt status, we are a indeed a public charity
- Articles of Corporation has been filed
- We do not pay taxes, so remember this
- Bank accounts have been placed with the new facilitator
- TBRCNA 8 signers have been changed to reflect TBRCNA 9

Web-guy-

- Still needs to change domain name
- Stay tuned
- Tom did place a forwarder for Dawn so that she can get e-mails

Policy Report-

- No report
- Please give names with policy changes

Archives-

- Concept 6
- Only has January 2003 to January 2004 and they are scanned only has one copy, who does she give this to
- Missing 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 (Convention Records)
- Scratch 2008, James stated that he gave copy of this digitized
- The scanned convention cd was given to??

Open discussion-

- Fred stated that there will be a proposal that will be coming up, to stop funding to the Adopt an Inmate program, they feel the policy is not being followed- Financial Policy was read
- There is no accountability of the money that is being donated to them for the books
- April stated that there is a report at this date that gives the information given that is being requested-James is going to be giving that report later
- James stated that the information will be given, and now that they know what the Region wants as far a report, and it will be given as a financial report,
- Bob stated that just stating in the report of what TBR donated and what it went to would be sufficient
- April stated that she feels that this is H & I's budget and she feels that they need to be present while we discuss this
- Kim stated that this has never sat right with her, due to them not cashing our checks for months later after we send it, and they have a lot of money in the bank at this time, and if there was a need then why is the money not being sent
- Travel reimbursement will be a proposal today for a Policy change. They would like to increasing, or have a virtual meeting, (every other meeting)

to keep travel down and better spend the monies carrying the message in a better cost effect way. 65.00 to 100.00,

- Clarification of the virtual meeting
- Margaret stated that she sees a couple of problems with a virtual meeting due to some people not being computer literate, and the value of face to face contact,
- Fred stated that he did not see the big deal about the money, share the expenses,
- Tom stated that serving the fellowship should not be about financial ability to do so, he does not like the hard dollar numbers, lets make it a little easier
- Some discussion on how we can come up with an amount
- Should be budgeted
- Some discussion about the virtual meeting, pros and cons
- Would centralizing the RSC be an answer to the financial stressors
- James stated that there is really only one proposal that it coming down the pike today, and that is changing the dollar amount on reimbursement
- Zean stated there is a big discussion on video conferencing for those that can not be present due to their size and financial ability, so this is something that is being discussed at the World level

RD-

- They are missing a report
- One copy of the report per area
- Lots of information that needs to be distributed
- There is information except two due to pictures of other addicts, and he is asking that this information not be distributed outside the fellowship
- All information is on disk
- This is his last meeting
- What are the benefits of going to WSC or even SZF
- Who do you think started the meeting before you got here, who do you think made that literature that you are reading, many of these things are the reasons why we have these things, and why we attend the things that we do
- Course for the next two years
- Our freedom Our responsibility
- We still need to get the word out on NA
- We need to build on our strengths
- Jerry, Dawn, and Zean will discuss what WSO has done for the past 2 years
- (very difficult to hear what was being said) I think that this was Jimmy K's vision of NA
- Zean went through the summary of decisions for the WSO (this information is available on the na.org website)
- WSO is starting to keep the lines of communication open

- Iran is the fastest growing group in NA
- Make sure that the meetings are updated for our region on the na.org
- Statement of our budgets (available on na.org)
- Discussed NA's budgets and explained what certain categories were
- There will be a dedicated servicer for the website; at the moment time there are many servers to assist the website.
- It will be available in October or some time before the end of the year
- Jerry will update RD and RDA information
- They will be changing the discussion topics posting site due to it becoming something that they did not want..ie, a dating service
- How to do the budget? They look at the revenues and the expenses, it used to be called a balance sheet,
- We look at what we own to what we owe and everything that we own, and if we don't own it we owe it, statement of operations. Revenue and expenses.
- This information is on the website also on the CD provided
- We run a top notch business organization, we will have a 3 million operating cash reserve, this is so that if anything happens to the office in California, Canada can take over and run business as usual with out skipping a beat.
- WCNA 32 lost 560,000 dollars; this was the short fall of what was projected. Iran sold over a million dollars in literature that they were not anticipating, so we did not lose the monies, that was able to offset us
- They knew that this was not a convention that was going to be attended by 25,000 people and started to cut back when they could
- They are thinking of revising "In Times of Illness" because there is a lot of controversy in the rooms about medication
- Living Clean is a piece of literature about how people stay clean, not how they got clean but how they stay clean, especially in times of when there is a loss of a loved one
- We do have the new 6th edition basic text, they passed this unanimously
- Discussed the Public Relations Handbook
- Membership survey not much has changed as far as gender, 44 to 56, age has not changed more, we are getting older members, average age is 40.9
- People are staying longer
- Showed some of the videos
- If you want to show some of these videos get in touch with NAWS
- The next thing was the Fellowship Development this is what has happened during the last conference cycle, all of this information is on the CD
- There is a convention for youth it is the only convention like it, and what we are told they have a blast! It is in Canada.
- There is a service convention, they are required to attend the convention if you are a trusted servant
- New Orleans is still struggling but they are getting back up on their feet, and they will be having their regional convention soon

- An Indian tribe in Alaska that is doing stuff with no literature, they developed a piece of literature, and then they asked for some guidance to make sure that they were following traditions
- We seated all that wanted to be seated, except Eastern Pennsylvania, they will not seat another region from a split until 2012, just to see how the fellowship is growing
- I can imagine the slide shows!! and Kim I miss you too!!
- What the nominations process would be, they decided not to do anything about it at this time, they don't think that it's broke; however they do want more local representatives. Margaret will be working on this with her NEW committee
- Discussed the "blind" nomination process
- We will work on the following issue discussion topics this year," our freedom , our responsibility"

RDA-

- Yeah its only 4 pages
- His impressions and experience of the conference
- Saturday is when the work really started
- This is not an us and them issue it is most definitely of "We"ness, and they took a tour of the office
- They did small workshops
- HRP, blind screening and grading
- They did not feel that they fell short, due to the anonymity
- Fellowship development during this cycle; there was a lot things done activity wise with the fellowship
- They are changing the web page
- Tips for facilitating a better workshop
- The rest of the afternoon was mental health break, which they needed
- Attended the SZF meeting, very informal
- Workshops on service system
- Elections were held, and they were not able to keep any of the information on the different nominations
- We need to talk about the principles in our home group, we need to improve communications
- Expenses 10.32 copies, 79.66 gas. Total 364.65
- 281-797-4918
- Dawn is requesting monies to attend the SZF in Memphis, and she also has a gas receipts.
- Zeen showed one more slide show

(Margaret stated that she is still in shock and that she just wanted to tell us thank you for having confidence in her for nominating her for the position. She then stated that she wanted to encourage everyone to put in their application to the World Pool)

Convention-

- We have some flyers that are being made
- We have a logo
- We have pre convention t shirts
- We have 70 (??) people pre-registered
- We have parking
- February 13, 14, and 15th
- Reserved 150 rooms
- Flyers are on the website
- They gave it to us all, all we have to do is sell 100 banquet tickets
- We can pre-register on the website in a couple of weeks
- We need speaker tapes, so if you have any please send to Tom
- All committees are working hard to get things done
- Total package price for the convention is 90.00
- Bill asked for all of the RCM's mailing address so that they could get flyers to them
- I know the room rate was mentioned but I could not hear what it was

Area Reports

BVANA-

- New RCM
- Report is that they are clean and sober and doing well
- They have a few donations to give to region
- Informed them that they were not present at last region therefore the meeting was in San Antonio
- Willing to host RSC in August
- Making sure that they have the correct address for Brazos Valley due to World needing to confirm address

CBANA-

- All is going well
- 27 meeting a week, and about 26 outside meetings
- Everyone is getting ready for RBS
- They have registration forms
- Merchandise present at this time to sell

CTANA-

- We have 86 meetings
- ASC was canceled due to losing their meeting place
- They found a place
- (Could not hear the rest of report due to cross talking and the recorder being moved around)
- There was something about them thinking that there was money misappropriation of some of the monies, but it was found

- Invite to their annual area function

EANA-

- Alive and kicking 39 group hosting 60 plus meetings
- Del Rio added a meeting
- Latest schedule is attached
- Outlying groups are hosting ASC
- They had workshops about 19 to do the discussion topics
- Sub committees are growing
- Outreach chair is available
- Looking into having their newsletter translated into Spanish
- Looking for some one to chair TBRCNA 10
- Area inventory was a little bit hard, only because they would go off on something else
- They have flyers for Frolic in the Woods
- Donation given

HCANA-

- 27 meetings
- Hoping to have PI in place
- Will be doing an inventory
- They are hosting a campout in June
- They have a proposal stating that they would like this body to direct the treasurer to not fund the AAI

HASCONA-

- They currently have 36 groups at 130 meetings with 6 being new
- They are growing and participation is up at the area level
- They still only have 6 H & I meetings
- They did an area inventory
- Visited all of the business meetings in the groups
- Discussed the GSR handbook

NASCONA-

- Send love
- 8 groups, 38 meetings and 8 H & I Meetings
- New Business they will be requesting a workshop to build healthier home groups
- Donation is in the mail
- Fellowship by the lake in May
- They have been collaborating with the other areas in Houston (this brought tears to my eyes)

SETANA-

- At the moment they only have one RCM and hopefully by the next RSC they will have another
- Still researching “drug of choice”
- All the meetings are turning to non smoking
- One brand new group in Belmont
- Zean discussed “drug of choice” and how he asked around and wanted to encourage them to continue to research and to get with Jerry and Dawn to assist with this

TTCANA-

- 14 to 15 groups not sure because there are new ones
- They have been talking a lot about traditions and they will be having some workshops on this
- Membership has really grown
- 3 open positions at the Area level
- The Area was visited by the Houston Area, and they too adopted the same meeting schedule
- Looking forward to a new beginning
- Bay City does have meetings going on

Rio Grande Valley Area

- They have just started off again
- They are still trying to build their groups and meetings
- They did have an area meeting and are trying to build a treasury so the addicts in the area donated what they could
- They did dedicate a cell phone to answer the help line
- There are some language barriers due to the majority are Spanish speaking
- They got a meeting list together for mail outs
- Learning Day in November and need helps getting organized
- Their H & I are going into the jail and carrying the message
- Serenity in the Sand September 26-28th
- What they need is prayers and support
- They need an updated website, they have one but they need something more modern and/or updated
- They are trying to find the addicts that are missing
- They need a workshop in Service Structure
- Donation to Region
- Zean stated that he encourages this body to put words into action and assist this Area in their service structure
- There was discussion on whether Serenity in the Sand was an area function, the answer was NO, they feel that it is just a function, and that the Area needs to be set in place before they can call this an Area function
- All literature is bought from World
- Where does the money go when I register for Serenity in the Sand?
Towards your room and food etc..

Sub Committee Reports

HI-

- Where is Sean??
- Where is Sean??
- He is having a case of ADD
- Susan ordered literature institutional guides 273.00 and 27.00 for gas
- We did not really do too much too assist her
- The report will be all of the Regional reports and he wanted to know if everyone received it last quarter and he will send it out again this way
- Mari from the Valley is here she is not H & I but she did give a lot of information from her area
- We are doing a Regional H & I learning day July 12th
- Hoping to have all H & I area chairs there at the learning day
- He is really stoked!!
- John P is the H & I chair in the valley
- No report from Central
- Esperanza is doing great, as well as Houston
- Learning Day in Houston on August the 28th
- They will find out the logistics by next month??
- Hill Country is doing great and growing
- NASCONA is going grand as usual
- Nothing has really changed since the last report everything is just trucking along
- Sean is grateful that RGV
- Does Sean have a recommendation for his position for next term he stated that he nominated Mari (jokingly)
- Susan said that she would gladly take over

PI-

- Central Texas made a slide show and it currently is running all over the state
- This is Joseph's last RSC and he wants to thank RSC for allowing him to serve
- PI Learning Days in Pasadena (3 days learning day), established a goal, PI subcommittees running at the same time and they were pretty close, CT has a learning day, Houston had one (there was another but I did not hear where)
- We can get literature from Region or World if needed? (Could not hear because of cross talk)
- Developed a PSA that World used prior to the World Convention
- Make the PR handbook available to their areas
- One more request 300.00 dollars for the HIV/STD booth

- Thanks for letting us do the best we could at the time that we were doing it
- Mary is who Joseph is requesting to be his successor

Convention Advisory Adhoc Committee-

- Three goals are making an efficient transition, **dynamic** guidelines and create a system for smaller areas to host the convention
- Separate committee to advise the convention committee and the region, it is made up of 5 members that have the experience in the convention and dealing with the hotels and hospitality experience
- They are still working on the ins and outs of this committees
- If you want to be involved let Steve know and send him an e-mail
- Time frame for this committee is one year
- They are going to be meeting tonight in San Antonio
- He explained what dynamic would mean in reference to the guidelines
- They are meeting every 1st Saturday of the month
- The committee will come to the different areas if someone else would like to be involved

Treasurer's Ending Report-

- Donations received 1125.53
- Final balance 4547.75 after 20% sending NAWS 1090.71
- Zean proposes that we send NAWS another 1200.00 to recoup cost of sending him to WSO, will brought up in new business

Elections:

- Hospitals and Institutions-one nomination Susan- Susan qualified herself- she is the new H & I Chair
- PI- one nomination Mary -Mary qualifies herself- Mary is the new PI Chair- Mary is the new PI chair

Old Business-

- Learning Day in Rio Grande? We can implement a learning day with the H & I Learning day that is scheduled for July 12th? It was decided that the Learning Day for the Service Structure during the September Serenity in the Sand

New Business:

- Tom read over the guidelines of the consensus based decision making process
- North Side Workshop building healthier home groups, they would like the RD and RDA to come on the 2nd of August

New Proposals:

- Houston Area proposal to raise the reimbursement rate from 65.00 to 100.00- **consensus**

- Houston withdrew their other proposal, virtual meeting every other quarter
- The next proposal was to change the cycle of the RD/RDA from the May to the August even years, to assist with making sure that the last report is detailed and concise. Nothing changes. Concept 8 is what this was based on. Clarifying questions. Modification that this body would expect an abbreviated report in May and a full report in August. **Consensus**
- To select a RDA2 at the May RSC in the odd years and fund as a participant as the RD team, and that this is a five year term. We would go ahead and elect this at the Regional Assembly. (This was very confusing, so I did the best I could). Clarifying questions; this is a training position, and they can not make decision on the floor, but they can participate in the “peanut gallery” this position would be just getting that person ready and better equipped to the position once they are in the RDA position and then the RD position. This is the getting ready for the getting ready position. Reservation- why not six years? May RSC to elect these positions, the RDA2 would be serving 6 years. They could be involved in everything that the RD does, and there will be financial impact on this. **Does not pass**
- Hill Country proposes to stop the Adopt An Inmate program because financial protocol is not being met. The Financial Policy was read. Clarifying questions. It should be a part of H & I report on how it was allocated. Susan stated that she would make sure that his is done. **So the proposal was dropped.**
- Zean proposed that we send 1200.00 to WSO to help recoup his expenses for the WSC. The cost was 1200.00 dollars?? (What did James say about the 3600.00?) there was a statement that was made that we TBRNA can afford to send our RD to WSC and this also helps with the other countries that can not make. Make sure there is a memo stating what this is for. **Consensus**
- There was a question concerning the 100.00 reimbursement rate, but there is something in there that states 25.00 food allowances. This was not addressed so this stays as is.

Announcements:

- May 17th Austin M & M Speaker Jam
- Frolic in the Woods September 26-28
- Serenity in the Sand September 26-28
- 25th Anniversary there are flyers
- Tri-County Convention in January
- RBS in 77 days
- Lake something or other there was too much noise
- Convention adhoc committee meeting tonight
- Speaker meeting tonight at the SOS group
- The minutes are taking too long-they are supposed to be in within two weeks-make sure that this is being done!

Meeting was adjourned at ??

Next Meeting Brazos Valley, location TBA

**ILS,
Bea**