



## TBRNA Regional Service Committee Meeting

**8/8/2009**

**Here & Now Group of TTC**

**\*\*\*The next RSC will be at Northside Area on November 14, 2009\*\*\***

### Meeting opened at 9:15 AM with Serenity Prayer

**Service Prayer: Jerry M**

**12 Traditions: Bob R**

**12 Concepts: George M**

<b>Facilitator: present</b>	<b>H&amp;I: present</b>
<b>Co-Facilitator: present</b>	<b>BVANA: present</b>
<b>Treasurer: present</b>	<b>CBANA: present</b>
<b>Co-treasurer:</b>	<b>CTANA: present</b>
<b>RD: present</b>	<b>EANA: present</b>
<b>RDA: present</b>	<b>HCANA: present</b>
<b>Recorder: present</b>	<b>HASCONA: present</b>
<b>Policy Facilitator: present</b>	<b>NASCONA: present</b>
	<b>SETANA: present</b>
<b>PI: present</b>	<b>TTCANA: present</b>
<b>Convention Chair 2010: present</b>	<b>RGVANA: absent</b>
<b>Web Dude: present</b>	
	<b>AD Hoc: present</b>

**Corrections to Previous Minutes: none**

### Administrative Reports

**RD Report:**

From the perspective of NA, it's been pretty quiet this quarter, thank God. Because of this, I don't have much to report.

The material from the May workshop has been transcribed and is attached. It has been sent to NAWS, as well. Sorry it took so long.

Please remember that Regional nominations for NAWS Board Members, Human Resources Panel and Co Facilitator are due to NAWS by Oct. 31. If you brought any nominations, we will have to vote on them at this RSC. Copies of the requirements can be found on the NAWS website under World Service Conference, Human Resources Panel. I have a copy with me if we need to reference it today.

If you have 5 years clean, please put your name into the World Pool. You can do this online at the NAWS website: <http://www.na.org/?!D=conference-index> Click on World Service Conference, Human Resources Panel, where you will find a link to the World Pool Information Form. If you are not nominated by a Region, this is the only way you can be considered for a nomination to a NAWS position. Screening for these positions begins soon.

NAWS asks our help in the following way:

We welcome you to the 2009 Membership Survey! For those who receive the NA Way you will find the survey in that magazine; for those who will be attending WCNA33, there will be an opportunity to complete the survey onsite; and for those who have access to a computer, please join us and complete online. With the 2007 survey, we had over 13,000 members respond; with more than five months to complete the survey in 2009, we hope 25,000 members will participate. This is an anonymous survey. We are asking that you help us actively encourage members in areas and regions to participate. You can do this by emailing this link, <http://questionnaire.disc.na.org/> to the online version or by distributing paper copies of the survey yourselves, [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/Fellowship\\_Survey\\_2009.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/Fellowship_Survey_2009.pdf), collecting the responses, and either mailing them to us, faxing them to us or ideally by inputting the information. If you choose to input yourself, please contact [stephan@na.org](mailto:stephan@na.org) for instructions. The deadline for survey completion is 31 December 2009

If you want to give input into the developing book, Living Clean, here is the link:

Living Clean Outline, Chapters One and Two Review & Input:  
[http://www.na.org/?!D=Living\\_Clean\\_Project](http://www.na.org/?!D=Living_Clean_Project)

One other issue we have to decide on is whether the November RSC will be another one and a half day RSC with a workshop.

I do not need to be reimbursed for travel to this RSC.

In loving service,

Jerry M.

### **RDA Report:**

Hello everybody. It is good to see you all here today. This has been a busy quarter for me, some service and a lot personal...including celebrating 20 glorious years in this program. YEAH!

So let's get to it...

\* Starting with the learning day experience the day following our last RSC in Beaumont . . . I sent out an email shortly after that event to get your input and get a conversation started on how we as a region felt about that process. I got back a lot of positive responses. Hopefully we can have a discussion over what we want to do next as I need to get busy scheduling our next Learning Day.

\* The RD team has been contacted to participate in the Unity Day event in Pasadena on August 22nd. So Jerry and I will be putting on a Building Stronger Home Group workshop.

\* Next, as RDA, I attended the July SZF in Bentonville, Arkansas. I am thrilled to report that our own facilitator attended this event. The topics we discussed included: Living Clean Project in small group setting, Our Groups Our Responsibility, and The Flow of Communication. I would like to encourage all to go to [naws.org](http://naws.org) and get involved in the Living Clean Project...and if you would like to host a small group experience in your Area, I would love to be involved in that or help direct you in how to set up and put on your own small group experience. To me, this is an exciting process and I have enjoyed what I have read so far of this material.

\* At the SZF we have been having discussions over how to reach more local addicts when we meet in hosting Regions. One idea we have floating is holding a SZF at a convention. More will be revealed...if this Region has any

needs or thoughts or would like to ask SZF focus on something, please let me know so that I can carry that information back to the next forum for discussion.

\* Next SZF is to be held in Louisville, Kentucky in the Kentuckian Region. We are scheduled to have World participation and topics to be discussed include Racial Divide/division; and Purpose and Direction of the SZF...another reason I am requesting any input this Region would like to give to the SZF. This SZF is October 30- November 1. Flight for this SZF will cost about \$315, one night room stay and food.

\* There is also a World Wide Learning Day in Boston, November 20- 22. I have researched some flights and its looking like I can fly there for about \$450, 2 nights hotel \$109 each night plus tax and food. I have a flyer on this event if anyone is interested.

\* I have also been contacted by Kevin from Brazos Valley for help with a Learning Day which we may learn more about today....

\*FYI, if you have not already heard, Lone Star Region will be holding RSC in Austin in October...I have flyers for that regional if anyone is interested. This is happening because the Spanish speaking Area that choose to join Lone Star was next on rotation and picked Austin as their hosting location.

\* In closing, I will review financial impact. Today I am turning in receipts for July SZF in the amount of \$371.42.(This includes flight- \$209.20; hotel \$78; registration & CDs \$35; and food \$49.22) I am also requesting monies for flight to both October SZF in the amount of \$315 and flight to Boston for World Wide Learning Day in the amount of \$450. Total requesting today is \$1136.42.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Dawn E. RDA

**Discussion:**

- Esperanza and Central Texas areas have both expressed interest in hosting the SZF in 2011. This will be resolved at the November RSC.
- Discussion about using the term “fund-raising” since we are fully self-supporting
  - Suggestion to use the term “events in support of....”

**Co-Facilitator Report:**

Good morning everyone. I attended the TSC AB meeting in San Antonio on June 27. We hosted this meeting in Universal City. I must admit it was nice to have the TSCAB meeting close to home.

The Advisory Board meeting began at 12:40 PM. There was a discussion about The Best Little Region not having a PO Box and not having a way to receive last years split and this years split of the TSC proceeds. They will have this handled real soon.

It was decided to get a CPA to do their 501c3 (TSCAB) tax return as they are late and must have the return filed by August 15, 2009.

The TSC in El Paso was a success as the Convention Chair turned in a little over \$13,000.00 to the Advisory Board. I have heard some really good things about the El Paso Convention. The Next TSC Convention took in \$692.50 in registration in El Paso for their next Convention to be held in Austin. The TSC Convention for 2011 will be in Tyler, Texas at the Holliday Inn. This is where the Lone Star convention was held just before WCNA 32.

In new business there was a discussion about whether the TSC or the AB pays for travel for the Convention Chair to attend the TSCAB meetings. It was decided that the convention pays for travel. It is a long way from El Paso to this part of the state. A proposal was made and passed to get insurance for the TSC conventions. Maybe we should check into this as well.

Steve K. was elected as the new Advisory Board Chair. Nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary will be accepted at the next TSCAB meeting. These positions will be filled at this time. So if anyone is interested show up to the next AB meeting. The next TSCAB meeting will be October 24, 2009 in Grand Prairie at 12:00 PM. The address is 2125 SW 3rd, Ste. 410 . This is where the Point of Freedom Group meets in Grand Prairie.

I have attended the TBRCNA X meetings as well as the TBRCNA Program Subcommittee meetings. I attended the TBR Ad Hoc Convention Policy meetings. I will not report on these meetings as the chairs will give you their reports.

Attached to this report is my proposal for the Regional Activities to be added to our Regional Policy and to remove the Co facilitator as a voting member of the Regional Service Structure. As per the Co Facilitator voting, this doesn't feel right to me. I am told I don't have an opinion, but this body gives the Co Facilitator an opinion by allowing Co Facilitator to vote. I was sponsored a long time ago that if it doesn't feel right it probably isn't. However, I will follow the direction of this service body. If you direct me to keep voting I will.

**Texas State Convention El Paso Final Report 2009** The Texas State Convention has just celebrated its seventh convention. First we would like to thank everyone who continuously supports our efforts to be unified. Secondly, we would like to express gratitude to the El Paso area for putting on a magnificent convention by adding their own spice. That is one thing that makes this convention in its own right, by the way each hosting city has put their own little essence into this convention. Most importantly this convention has saved many addicts lives way beyond what we will ever comprehend. Finally, the report you see below is the distributions of how the money is allocated this year. Remembering that as a convention we are growing, and understanding that we have to take care of item's that normally in NA we don't have to worry about, but as a 501 c 3 things like filing taxes, and getting insurance is another way that we have to protect the fellowship as a whole as well as the Texas State Convention. We look forward to seeing you all in Austin for the eighth convention.

<b>Net Proceeds</b>	<b>Distributing Money (%)</b>	<b>Estimated expense</b>	<b>Expense</b>
<b>13587.78</b>	13% El Paso Area \$785.52	Filing Taxes \$ 500	2010 Seed Money \$1725
<b>(-7553.08)</b>	13% Hosting Area \$785.52	Event Insurance \$ 300	2010 Pre Registration \$692.50
<b>(-2600.00)</b>	13% Texarkana Area \$785.52	Advisory Insurance \$1800	2010 Post Office Box \$75
<b>(-3434.70)</b>	13% Best Little Region \$785.52	2008 Taxes \$500	
13% Lone Star Region \$785.52		2011 Start up \$300	
13% Red River Region \$785.52		2009-12 Web-Server \$142.20	
<b>Total 0</b>	13% Tejas Bluebonnet Region \$785.52 9% World Service Office \$543.82 15% Prudent Reserve \$1132.96 5% Operating Expense \$377.66 120% Total \$7553.08	<b>Total \$2600</b>	<b>Total \$3434.70</b>

**Policy Facilitator:**

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Policy Proposal / Change Log--Jerry L. Policy Facilitator 2-7-09

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DATE OF PROPOSED BY  
PROPOSAL

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2-7-09 Jerry L.  
Proposes to change "RD and RDA" to "RD or RDA". Concept 11.  
Passes by Consensus

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2-7-09 Jerry L.  
Subcommittees will develop their own internal guidelines to be approved by the RSC (within the next 6 months),  
Concept 11.  
Proposal Accepted: 2 stand asides. RSC has already designated what the subcommittees can and can not spend their  
money on.

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2-7-09 Coastal Bend

Proposes to extend the two regularly scheduled RSC meetings that fall after the SZF to two day events, to save areas added expense of travel and lost time.

Non accepted--5 stand asides. Goes back to the groups.

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2-7-09 Susan R.

To change the current language of the "Policy" to read "a set of guidelines".

Tabled till the next RSC.

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## **2010 Convention:**

First, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve. I am truly grateful for this opportunity to grow spiritually, mentally, and of course to give back what was freely given to me.

The convention is going to be held on February 19-21 2010 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos, TX, Registration on our web site is available, so please register soon. The total package price to register is \$70.

All the sub-committees are going well and meeting on a regular basis.

Our treasurer reported a total balance of \$2445.43, he also reported the pay-pal account has been set up by Tom, our web dude.

Entertainment is planning an event in October at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. This will be a comedy show and they will be using local comedians. They have also decided on the comedian for the convention and that will be Mark Lundholm.

Hospitality is meeting regularly and has asked me to please remind all RCMs to please ask your areas if they would please help.

Merchandise has t-shirts for sale and has done an inventory on everything left over from last year's convention.

Programming has all the trusted servants positions filled on this committee and is asking to please submit workshop topics as well as CDs. They can be mailed to our PO Box or uploaded on our TBRCNA web site.

We have had a small problem filling our Arts & Graphics position due to Halbert's resignation. However, we have a very willing and capable qualified member willing to step up and fulfill this position- but he does not meet the clean time requirements of the convention guidelines. As I mentioned, he is very qualified and very willing to serve. I am leaving this one up to the region and asking if anyone would like to help with this commitment.

Serenity Keepers have been meeting regularly as well and are asking for volunteers,

Convention information has been meeting and has been out to the Chamber of Commerce in San Marcos obtaining great information and discounts for nearby restaurants and shops.

This is all I have to report for now. Please visit our wonderful website and don't forget to register.

ILS, Lorraine R.

### **Discussion:**

- Insurance at the convention- should the convention get a policy?
  - A lot of hotels don't require them but they are starting to increasingly want it
  - There is discussion of not just liability insurance but also loss insurance in case the convention isn't able to pay for its costs.
  - The facilitator will look into this issue and provide more information by the next RSC
- Clean time waiver- is up to the convention committee and not the RSC, especially since the position will not be handling money

## Treasurer Report:

Good morning, I am glad to report our bank statement and register balance.

Our beginning balance for May, 2009 = \$ 16,810.15

Ending balance = \$ 12,772.53

Our beginning balance for June, 2009 = \$ 12,772.53

Ending balance = \$ 12,522.53

Our beginning balance for July, 2009 = \$ 12,522.53

Ending balance = \$ 12,734.23

All checks have cleared the bank, including our donation to NAWS of \$ 5,400.90, except the check I returned by mail in May, 2009 to the Plains Area Service Committee (PASC) in the amount of \$ 1,000.00, as directed by this body.

Our prudent reserves total of \$ 2,500.00 deducted from the ending July bank balance will leave \$ 10, 234.23 available today.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND I HOPE TO HAVE A CO-TREASURER SOON. (hint, hint).

Unconditional Love,

“Satchel” Steve S.

### Discussion:

- Question about the region having more money than the prudent reserve
- Suggestion to look at the budget over the last two years in order to get projection of expenses needed and set a feasible prudent reserve

## Open Discussion:

- **T-shirt exchange**
  - EANA brought left over t-shirts from “Frolic in the Woods” and would like to engage other areas in a t-shirt exchange. Please contact Leann at 201 862 7301.
- **Literature Project**
  - Tom would like to encourage areas to get involved in the “Living Clean” project. Links are available on the regional website.
- **Outreach Project**

My name is David B. I am from Pasadena, TX. My home group is Together We Can. My clean date is 2/19/90.

I would like to present to you an outreach program that is working well in many other area and regions. I have brought some handouts with some of the information on “Capture the Banner.” Many groups in TX and surrounding states participate in this outreach program. I have proposed this to HACNA, at the last three area meetings, at the last tri-county area meetings, and northside area. Some groups are already participating. All groups in the DFW area participate. I hear through the grapevine that east Texas is banner rich.

Purpose: to reach out to groups and encourage an exchange of ideas and experiences within an area and a region

## Area Reports

### BVANA:

Here at BVANA we now have 12 groups with meeting every day and night of the week available. Traditions are being followed and new groups are being established.

We are working on improving our phone line services and we are still in the process of building our new web site. Our new activities chair, Kevin, is now actively working on two functions: a speaker jam (9/12/09) and a learning day (10/3/09) with dates and fliers coming soon. The Learning Day and speaker jam will both be in Bryan.

We have a \$50 donation for the region today. We did have an emergency policy change meeting where we also set new clean time requirements for positions to prepare us for upcoming elections.

ILS, Billy S.

#### **CBANA:**

The Coastal Bend Area currently has 14 groups and is holding 45 meetings a week. Debbie and I held a "Building Strong Home Groups" workshop on 7/19/09 in Kingsville. We have another one scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi and a future workshop planned in Rockport- H&I will be teaming up with them.

The workshop was very enlightening and turned out to be very informative and productive. Thanks to Dawn and Jerry for their positive and productive instructions in putting on the workshops in Victoria and Beaumont.

RBS was again a wonderful and exciting event. It continues to grow and become a more organized (???) event. We had 416 members at the Saturday night 8pm speaker meeting and count down. WOW!!!! Thanks everyone that was there for your support and enjoying our event. Our area does have a "capture the banner" outreach project.

#### **CTANA:**

Hello family,

There are 45 groups meeting 70 times weekly in the central Texas area .

- First of all we have a new rcm2! Patsy D.
- Two of our local groups have joined the new Spanish speaking area. They are Desencadenados and El Nuevo Despertar.
- The central Texas area would like to nominate Allen E. for TBR co facilitator.
- The Miracles and Solutions 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel 6505 IH 35 Austin Texas 78752.1-800-347-0330.Rooms are \$99 just mention Miracles and solutions!
- Our holiday function will be the first Saturday in December. This is to raise money for our H&I and PI subcommittees as well as create unity and celebrate our recovery. We will send out flyers before next RSC.

Our last scheduled ASC did not happen so CTA will have to mail our donation to TBR at a later date. Thanks to Texas Tri County area for hosting this RSC.

I.L.S. Bryan S. & Patsy D.

#### **EANA:**

Good morning all, I hope everyone was able to make it to RBS- And thank you CBANA for another successful event. The beach was really beautiful this year. We currently have 44 groups hosting 95 meetings a week. On Saturday June 27, we held another "Building Strong Home Groups" workshop. We keep hosting them and people keep showing up. Other than that, everything is business as usual.

We did have a couple of concerns though, and they're both of the same nature. One has to do with Tom holding down two positions- Regional Facilitator and web-dude. Since he holds both positions, we can't take it back to our areas that we need a nomination for web dude. The other concern is the same, but with Susan holding two positions- that of H&I facilitator and that of the newly created AAI facilitator. We feel that they should give up one of the positions so we can take it back to our areas for nominations- or maybe let Esteban take over as H&I facilitator. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS, Jose C.

#### **HCANA:**

My name is Carlos and I am an addict. HCANA currently has 11 groups holding 32 meetings weekly. The area inventory is slowly coming along; a few groups have completed the area planning tool. We have added a new meeting to the area, the "Together We Can" group in Boerne meets on Tuesdays at 8:15pm.

Halbert G has stepped down as RCM 2, Gary R is the new RCM 2. Scott H has stepped down as H&I chair, the service position is open. RoAR (Recovery on a River) was a complete success with two awesome speakers Debbie D from

Austin and Chip G from Corpus. RoaR took in over \$700 for the area. Our next activity is set for Sept 12, from 4:00 to 11:00pm where the Phoenix groups meets. There will be food, speakers and a dance with DJ.

HCANA is in the process of reviewing and rewriting the area guidelines and financial policy, the RCM 2 is spearheading this project.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donation is \$113.95.

ILS, Carlos

## **HASCONA:**

The Houston area is growing in number and in unity. We now have 39 active groups hosting 141 meetings per week.

The Houston Area HACNA convention committee is meeting on a regular basis now. The convention is planned for July of 2010. Tune in for more details at a later date.

Upcoming Area Events:

- Alive and Kicking...Black and White Dinner- August 15, 2009 from 5:30-12A.M. Auction-Speaker-Dance
- Unity in Texas-Unity in the World- Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Chance For Freedom Group at 3613 Red Bluff in Pasadena- fun begins at 10a.m. And end at 4. Main Speaker Feed Live From Barcelona
- Alive and Kicking 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party- October 17 Begins at 8 a.m.

The Houston area web address is [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com). Houston area phone line is: 713 661 4200

HASCONA is financially sound and is carrying the message to the addict that still suffers.

ILS

Bob R RCM-1

Bart P RCM-2

## **NASCONA:**

Northside area has eight groups with six involved we have been reaching out to the two inactive groups which are freedom train and hope without dope.

The fellowship by the lake event was successful and we are donating 50% of our income to the TBRNA. Total donation is \$455.

IN PI we are cooperating with Houston area on schedules and have our literature racks stocked in parole and probation.

We continue to build a Metro Service Committee in cooperation with Houston are and Texas Tri-County by promoting unity and problem solving with each other and by not overlapping events and service efforts.

We have seven H&I meetings at the time.

The groups expressed regret that we didn't participate in the "Living Clean" literature review process.

We are very excited about The WCNA Unity Day event planned at Chance for Freedom Group in Pasadena.

In loving service, Ben C. & Marty C.

## **SETANA:**

The South East Texas area currently holds 57 weekly meetings between our 5 Groups.

SETANA hosted the last RSC we had a lot of support from the groups in our area, newcomers have gotten involved in service and we look forward to our turn again. The Learning day went well and had a good attendance August 9TH we will have a PI mini learning day and we expect a good turn out as well. Oasis decided in June 2009 to leave the Southeast Texas Area and Re-join the Lake Area of Southwest Louisiana. Oasis returned to the Southeast Texas Area in July 2009.



The Southeast Texas area and the Lake Area of Southwest Louisiana formalized the "Kidnap The Banner" rules and both areas have accepted them. SETANA will hold elections at the next RSC in August. SETANA has no events planned at this time. SETANA has no donation at this time as we forgot to ask for one at the last ASC SETANA has no concerns at this time to bring to Region.

In loving service, Albert W S.E.T.A.N.A. RCM1 [www.setana.org](http://www.setana.org)

**Official Rules for Kidnap the Banner**

To "KIDNAP" a banner

*Bring 5 members from one Group to another group and "kidnap" that groups banner as long as:*

#1 It is a "Regular Meeting"

(Special events such as anniversaries speaker meetings and etc do not qualify)

#2 The group that is being visited has their banner there.

(The visitors may NOT take another banner)

**TO GET THE BANNER BACK A RANSOM MUST BE PAID**

Ransom is paid by 5 members attending the "kidnappers" meeting.

#3 The visitors must stay for the meeting

(No come in, get banner, leave.)

#4 "It takes 5 members to capture one banner. To get yours back and

"kidnap" theirs it takes 10 group members.

#5 Only groups within the Lake Area NA and South-East Texas NA

may participate

**Please Display these rules close to the banners.**

**PERSONAL RECOVERY DEPENDS ON UNITY**

**The purpose is TO PROMOTE UNITY and get better acquainted**

**with members and ideas from other groups**

**TTCANA:**

Hi, I'm Heimy H. an addict from Texas Tri-County Area. The trusted servant for our area as follows:

Chair	Bobby
Vice Chair	Open
Secretary	Nickolai T
Treasurer	Brian D
Vice Treasurer	Open
RCM 1	Heimy
RCM 2	George M.
Activities	Open
Newsletter	Allan L
H & I	Kerry B.
Literature	Charlie H
Outreach	Open
Policy	Suni H.
PI	Jenn
Web Servant	Eddie D.
Convention	Chris S.

Tri-County has 17 groups with 93 meetings a week this includes 2 new groups one women's group and the other a men's group both in Galveston. Most of the groups are doing well averaging between 7 – 30 members in attendance. PI had a poster day in Dickinson and we are planning on doing a poster day in Galveston in September. Texas Tri-County Area has a regional donation of \$1,357.27.

In Loving Service, Heimy H.

**RGVANA:** not present

**Break from 11:43 PM to 12:50 PM**

## Sub Committee Reports

### Hospitals & Institutions:

- (waiting on email from H&I)

### AAI:

- (waiting on email from AAI)
- Sent out 24 books this quarter

### Public Information:

- (waiting on email from PI)
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#### Discussion:

- Can the PI Facilitator designate a regional PI representative for a PI function/learning days/presentations and have them reimbursed for their travel expenses?
- Tabled until Old Business

### Web-Guy:

We now have our own Basic Meeting List Toolbox server. Translation – all of the regional meetings are in a database located on our server. The regional site and three area sites, Brazos Valley, Coastal Bend and Southeast Texas, are currently using the satellite server to access the regional server. Way cool. Hopefully the other areas will choose to connect to this server and use all the benefits available. I have sent instructions to each of the areas on how to update their meeting information on the server. This is so easy and hopefully they will use this function to assure consistent, accurate, up to date listings.

Is there a problem with allowing the Red River Region to add their meetings to our database server?

The Tejas Bluebonnet Region Community Forum is in its last stage of beta testing before release to the public. Allen has been working hard to get this project finalized by this RSC. I will let him tell you a little about it. (See included Community Forum report)

We, Allen and I, have been talking a bit about the many ways we can use the forum beside topic discussion. One of these is the ability for Areas to announce their activities. There is Area forums created under an “Around the TBR” forum. These will be monitored by the subcommittee and, if suitable, the events will be posted on the TBRNA website. Each of the subcommittees has forums in which to discuss their individual efforts, problems and solutions. I have not formed my subcommittee yet but will utilize the forum to do this. We will allow members to join and contribute to the subcomm by making discussing related topics, making suggestions, policies development and such. Real new to this so we will see how it goes. Once the forum is active, I will send out a request to all the areas to solicit members for this committee.

I do recommend that we use a more general name for this subcommittee like “Internet Technologies” because our scope is not limited to the World Wide Web.

*ILS, Tom*

### TBRNA Community Forum:

Greetings!

After struggling through a learning curve, The forum is up and ready for everyone to use! The purpose of this forum is for all of us to be able to discuss recovery and life issues, announce events, share information, pool our knowledge and resources, and just plain communicate and expand our support base! There are sections (called forums) for just about every area of recovery and service work we will need, a forum for each subcommittee, each area, and for world news and events. There are open discussion areas such as the “ask it basket”, for the newcomer, and one for sharing humor, anecdotes, and (mis)adventures in recovery! There is also a feedback forum, where I’m encouraging users to let us know how we are doing, what works and what doesn’t, if and how we can improve. You can get started by going to our website- [tbrna.org](http://www.tbrna.org) and clicking on the forums link, or directly typing in <http://www.tbrna.org/forum>

Please stop by and check it out, the forum only works as well as the people who participate!!

For any questions please feel free to contact me via the forum in the feedback or help section, or you can email me at [forum@tbrna.org](mailto:forum@tbrna.org).

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Allen E, Forum Administrator

### Discussion:

- Do you have to be a registered member of the forum to use it?
  - People can browse the forum but in order to post and participate in the forum you have to be registered
- How will inappropriate posts be taken care of?
  - There will be moderators who review and edit the forum to avoid any inappropriate messages

### **Convention Advisory Ad hoc Committee:**

Hello Family,

Our committee is proud to present to this RSC a final draft version of the Convention Advisory Committee (CAC) Guidelines. I will walk you through our understanding of how this committee will operate with both the RSC and Tejas Bluebonnet Convention Committee.

I have attached both the final draft version and the version that has comments to explain what I will be going over here today.

I.L.S. Convention Adhoc Committee

#### **Guidelines:**

The purpose of this committee is to make an efficient transition from one convention to the next, to support and advise the hosting zone, and to lend their experience, strength, and hope of the committee to the hosting zone.

This document shall never be in conflict or competition with the Traditions, Concepts of Service, or Spiritual Principles.

This committee is directly accountable to the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee and the members of that region.

1. Qualifications:
  - a. Any member living in the geographical boundaries of the Tejas Bluebonnet Region, that possess knowledge of the specific tasks outlined in the advisory committee guidelines. Members will advise, support, and aid in any and all functions of the committee.
  - b. You must have seven (7) years clean.
  - c. The ideal candidate should demonstrate and exhibit the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, Concepts of Service, and Spiritual Principles in their life. (4<sup>th</sup> Concept)
  - d. Experience in any of the following:
    - I. Hotel industry experience. (Management, Event Planning, Reservations, etc.)
    - II. Regional or area convention executive committee experience. (Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Treasurer and Recorder.)
    - III. Entertainment industry experience. (Booking Agent, Producer, Talent Buyer, etc.)
    - IV. Hospitality industry experience. (Hotel, Catering, Travel Agent, Convention Center, etc.)
    - V. Legal experience. (Attorney, Paralegal, Contract Negotiator, etc.)
  - e. You must have the time and resources to be able to fulfill the commitment. Five (5) years.
2. Committee Structure:
  - a. The committee consists of five (5) elected members chosen by the region plus the future and past TBRSCNA facilitators.
  - b. Each elected member serves a five (5) year term.
  - c. The elected member in their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year will rotate out the end of their term.
  - d. One (1) new elected member will be chosen at the August RSC.
  - e. The member in their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year of their commitment will be the facilitator of the advisory committee.
  - f. The facilitator of the CAC will be a member of the administrative committee of the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional service committee. (TBRSC)
  - g. A previous member will not be eligible to be re-elected to the CAC for a five (5) year period following the end of their term.
3. Facilitator Responsibilities:
  - a. To facilitate the CAC committee.

- b. The facilitator must attend the RSC.
    - I. If the facilitator is not able to attend, one (1) of the other four (4) members of the CAC will attend in the facilitators' absence.
  - c. The facilitator must provide the RSC with a detailed quarterly report, to include contracts, bids and meetings.
  - d. The facilitator is responsible for the archives of the CAC/TBRCC.
    - I. They must provide a copy of all such archives to the TBRSC recorder.
4. Committee Responsibilities:
- a. To support and advise the hosting zone.
  - b. To lend their experience, strength, and hope of the committee to the hosting zone.
  - c. To hold two (2) meetings per year minimum, one being the TBRCC Budget meeting. When possible electronic, conference calls or web conferences are acceptable to keep open lines of communication between the RSC and TBRCC.
  - d. To advise on all hotel/facility contracts.
    - I. All hotel/facility contracts must be signed by one of the signers on the articles of incorporation.
    - II. Four (4) years prior to the date of the convention, research should begin to find a location, following the TBRSC policy rotation found in that document.
    - III. All hotel/facility locations and contracts must be established two (2) years prior to the date of the convention.
    - IV. All other contracts must be reviewed by the CAC.
  - e. To advise and help develop the TBRCC budget and attend the TBRCC budget meeting.
  - f. To advise on all merchandise, merchandise designs, and all merchandise contracts.
  - g. To advise on all entertainment contracts.
  - h. To advise on all content of arts and graphics.
  - i. To advise on registration procedures.
  - j. To advise on all aspects of hospitality.
  - k. To advise on public relations opportunities.
  - l. If any zones convention committees' administrative body or sub-committee facilitators' positions are not filled, the CAC will be available to support those positions.
  - m. In the event that either the facilitator or co-facilitator steps down or is removed from their position, the past TBRCNA facilitator will automatically step into the co-facilitator position.
  - n. If for any reason the past TBRCNA facilitator is not available to step into the co-facilitator position, the facilitator of the CAC will automatically fill the position.
  - o. No member of the TBRSC will be a member of the CAC; this includes the signers of the Articles of Incorporation.
  - p. This committee will advise on the TBRCNA budget and to attend the budget the TBRC budget meeting.
5. Zones
- a. There are four (4) zones comprised of all the areas.
    - I. Zone 1, Tri-County, Southeast, Houston, and Northside.
    - II. Zone 2, Central Texas and Brazos Valley.
    - III. Zone 3, Esperanza and Hill Country.
    - IV. Zone 4, Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley.
      - a. Each zone must show willingness at the August RSC four (4) years prior to the year of the convention. The zones will have a fixed rotation with a right of refusal. If the hosting zone is not willing or is unable to host the convention, then the convention will fall to the next zone in the rotation.

## Elections

### Co-Treasurer:

- Leann (EANA)
  - Clean since 2/29/89
  - Has NA sponsor

- Willing to step into treasurer position
- Service experience for 18+ years
- Has served at group, area, and regional levels
- Has never misappropriated NA funds
- has been an accountant for over 20 years
- trains people on QuickBooks
- familiar with non-profits
- only conflict is that area might move the area meeting
- has time and resources available
- extremely detail oriented and will stick to the law

● **CONSENSUS REACHED**

#### Activities Facilitator

- No nominations
- Concern that this body wanted the subcommittee but no one is interested in the subcommittee
- Could the co-facilitator work with an area to plan an event?
  - yes
- Proposal to drop the subcommittee

○ **CONSENSUS REACHED**

### Old Business

**Proposal** to change policy so that the administrative committee does not have a vote on old business- only RCMs will vote

● **CONSENSUS REACHED**

#### Guidelines for AAI

**(waiting on email from AAI)**

- **Reservations**
  - Changing picking up mail from once a month to bi-weekly
  - #5: change “within 2 business days” to “immediately”
- **CONSENSUS REACHED** with understanding these two changes will be made

#### H&I guidelines

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#### Guidelines for Web Services

#### TBRNA Internet Technology Subcommittee Guidelines

Definition of the Subcommittee

The Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous Internet Technology Subcommittee is entrusted to create, manage, maintain and police any and all Internet information technologies related to the Region. This will include, but is not limited to, the Regional and Convention websites, email accounts, meeting database servers, file archives and network communications.

The subcommittee is responsible to the groups and areas in the Region in all matters pertaining to the operation of these technologies. The RSC will appoint trusted servants to design and control these efforts, but the groups/areas have the right to supersede any decisions made by these servants.

The subcommittee will consist of a facilitator appointed by the RSC and any and all interested members of the Region. It is highly recommended that area web servants become members of this subcommittee to promote consistency of information throughout the Region. Specific duties will be delegated to subcommittee members by the facilitator but the facilitator is ultimately responsible to the Region.

General Principles

The subcommittee will be guided by all current Narcotics Anonymous service materials in general but the “[Public Relations Handbook](#)” and the “Twelve Concepts for NA Service” specifically.

The subcommittee will police itself by making sure that the “Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous” are adhered to without conflict. All copyrighted materials will be protected by strict adherence to the “[Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust](#)”. All user/member information will remain anonymous and private with every possible effort to assure this utilized.

Because Internet technologies are always developing and improving each update to the Region specific applications will have to be scrutinized to make sure that they promote our spiritual purpose.

## Duties

- ❖ Meeting Lists
  - Keep meeting lists current with data provided by the Areas
- ❖ Web sites
  - Design/update sites to remain fresh and modern
  - Keep content current
  - Develop and follow site and privacy policies
  - Make the visual elements attractive
- ❖ Regional Email
  - Create and delete Regional email accounts as required
  - Maintain email forwarders as directed
  - Train members in use of email accounts
  - Assist members with accounts
- ❖ Forums
  - Management of topics
  - Moderation of posts to assure spiritual concepts followed
- ❖ File Archive
  - Keep online archives up to date
  - Make sure that superfluous files are not posted for clarity and ease of navigation
- Reservations
  - None
- **CONSENSUS REACHED**

## New Business

### Proposal to send the RDA to the November Worldwide Workshop in Boston

- It would cost the region approximately \$800 to send the RDA
- **Clarifying Questions**
  - Question if they will actually have the CAR information available at the time
    - Agenda is not available yet
  - Do we have the funds available?
    - Yes
  - Is the RDA our link to world services? If so- then it would be conducive to send the RDA
    - Yes, the RDA is our link to world services
- **Reservations**
  - A better place to get information on CAR is the Mid-Atlantic conference
  - Return on value
  - Confusion on if the RD/RDA represent us at the SZF or at World
  - Concern that there isn't a definite agenda
- **CONSENSUS REACHED**
  - HASCONA and EANA assent with reservation
  - If the agenda is the same as the Oakland conference then the RDA will not go

### Proposal that no regional servant will hold more than one regional position

- **Clarifying questions**
  - If this is started, now then will the members that hold multiple positions step down at today's RSC?
  - Could this happen in May with the next elections?
- **Reservations**
  - When people are serving in two positions it is because there is an immediate need and a willing person
  - A date needs to be set as when this will go into effect- many financial changes will need to occur
  - Things appear to be working fine the way they are
- **CONSENSUS REACHED**
  - Will change in May 2010 but nominations can be brought to the RSC before then
  - HASCONA RCM2 assent with reservation
  - CBANA RCM1 assent with reservation

## Proposed Regional Policy Change regarding The Co Facilitator voting

**Intent:** Neither the Facilitator nor the Co Facilitator should have an opinion. By giving the Co Facilitator a vote we are giving the Co Facilitator an opinion. Therefore this proposal is to remove the Co facilitator as a voting member of the Regional Service Committee.

### **TBR Policy now reads: (page 5)**

**VOTING AND PROPOSALS** Voting and proposals are made by any Regional Trusted Servant (RCM's, Committee Chairs, RD, RDA or Administrative Committee members). Decisions will be made by consensus when possible. Otherwise, voting is done by a show of hands. TBRSC Facilitator votes only in the case of a tie. Positions of service are voted on by paper ballot or by hand if nominated individuals are not present. Majority is 1 plus half of the voting members (Regional Trusted Servants) present. Quorum is however many voting members are present (so business can always continue).

### **Proposed Regional Policy Change:**

**VOTING AND PROPOSALS** Voting and proposals are made by any Regional Trusted Servant (RCM's, Committee Chairs, RD, RDA or Administrative Committee members excluding the Co Facilitator who will not have a vote). Decisions will be made by consensus when possible. Otherwise, voting is done by a show of hands. TBRSC Facilitator votes only in the case of a tie. Positions of service are voted on by paper ballot or by hand if nominated individuals are not present. Majority is 1 plus half of the voting members (Regional Trusted Servants) present. Quorum is however many voting members are present (so business can always continue).

- **CONSENSUS REACHED**

## Proposal to have the co-facilitator coordinate events with the hosting area on an as needed basis

- **CONSENSUS REACHED**

## Request for help to get books to a "behind the walls" meeting

- **Clarifying questions**
  - How many books?
    - 21
  - Where did the list of inmates come from?
    - From the "behind the walls" group
  - Is it possible to have these inmates write letters and send them to AAI?
    - yes
- **Reservations**
  - Setting up a precedence that defeats the purpose of AAI
- Decision to have the meeting representative request that the members send letters in to AAI

## Proposal to accept the convention committee guidelines

- **Clarifying Questions**
  - Suggestion that guidelines say "suggested clean time of 7 years" instead of "must have 7 years clean"
  - Section 2.F appear to be in conflict with O
    - 4.0 should read "excluding the CAC facilitator"
- **Reservations**
- **CONSENSUS REACHED** with understanding that these changes will be made

## Proposal to take \$400 from the H&I budget and give it to AAI

- **Clarifying Questions**
- **Reservations**
  - There still has not been any financial accountability from the AAI subcommittee
- **Unanimous Stand Aside**

## Nominations

### Co-Facilitator

- Allen E (CTANA)
  - Clean since 6/2/03
  - Experience in group, area, and regional service
  - Has consistently been of service
  - Has NA sponsor and works NA steps
  - Willing to go to the Texas State Convention Committee
  - Has misappropriated NA funds
    - 4 years ago spent group money and replaced it two days later
    - Amends is he does not hold treasurer positions
    - Has been signers on NA accounts with no issue

### RDA

- Tom K (CBANA)
  - Clean since 1989
  - Experience in group, area, and regional service
  - Has misappropriated NA funds
    - Spent group money as a newcomer
    - Has made amends
  - Willing to serve
  - Has NA sponsor

### Recorder

- Lezlie W (HASCONA)

### Treasurer

- Steve S (HCANA)

### Co-Treasurer

- Leann (EANA)
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### Proposal for NASCONA to host the next RSC on November 14

- consensus reached

### Proposal to have a learning day following the November RSC

- **CONSENSUS REACHED**
  - There was discussion about possibly helping the areas that are struggling financially and cannot afford to pay for their RCMs travel and lodging for two days
  - RCMS- take back to your areas and see if there is a way for the region to help you

**Meeting closed with Third Step Prayer at 5:30 PM**