

**Meeting opened at 9:15 AM with Serenity Prayer in
Conroe, Texas**

Service Prayer: Jerry M
12 Traditions: Bryan S
12 Concepts: Heimy

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

Corrections to Previous Minutes: none

Administrative Reports

RD Report:

**Please ask members to put an extra dollar in the basket as
NAWS needs money.**

RDA Report:

Hello to all...hope this RSC finds you happy and well!

I attended SZF in Louisville, Kentucky Halloween weekend. In allowing you to understand some of the value of this experience for this Region, I want to share fellowship concerns shared in the morning session. So here we go.

Louisiana Region- has two areas combining.

Lone Star Region- has decided to meet for RSC's at one centralized location to reduce expenses for region and offers to help fund Areas that struggle with money. Also has reduce to 3 RSC's per year starting Saturday morning ending Sunday. For the fourth quarter they hold a yearly Regional Assembly

for IDT and other RCM/GSR training. Also they have chosen to throw out their policy that was created during Robert's rules of order and recreate policy/guidelines based on what is used under CBDM process.

Arkansas Area-problems with people stepping up for service. Also has one centrally located meeting place with "blurred message" due to "other fellowship" influence which some members feel is causing disunity with other groups in that Area.

Show Me Region-is hosting second annual Regional Assembly March 6th to discuss the CAT. They have asked to be removed from rotation of hosting SZF as the regional body has requested the RD team go investigate what other forums have to offer. Their region is also asking the Areas do they want a "service rendering" or "information offering" region. One area within this region has recently completed an Area Inventory that happened over at least a year time span. Dealing with attitudes of fear that nothing can change and getting more members involved.

Red River Region- plans to participate in World Service Workgroup. Feels they are being requested by World to rejoin Lone Star so that they can have a "voice" at WSC. So struggling with participating in WSC/CAR/CAT as what is their region's influence.

Volunteer Region- Fear of sending money to World. Also not donating to SZF. More money in region seems to be causing more issues. Not enough people to serve and fill all positions at Area. Disbanded literature sells at home Area. Nashville is having "Days of Reckoning". Ramped rate of relapse with members including those members holding Area positions. If members do not step up to the plate, this Area will "shutdown" as of January 1st. Apathy in service. They also report they had a "Great Convention". Proposal on table from months ago of joining Middle Tennessee Area and Nashville Area may be revisited.

Louisville- apathy in service except for convention positions.

Mississippi Region- had an Area split due to mileage which seemed like a good idea. However, now another Area is under the works since some members are not liking how others are acting "with the hope that this will teach others to act right...". Also, in their policy is that seed money for the next convention is a direct correlation to money made at last convention each year. So this year they had an unusually well attended convention which brought in more than double what it normally brings in so seed money doubled. Concerns about how this can create problems in future conventions especially if money is not made back.

That is an overview of concerns shared by other regions. Many of which we can relate with.

We had World Board and WSO participation at this SZF to help us cover the topic of Racial Division, the future of SZF and fellowship updates. I will be reviewing update.

We will be presenting the Racial Division workshop tomorrow in a slightly different view. I look forward to seeing how this plays out and hearing your input.

Our World Board presenter was Craig R. He is currently working on a committee reviewing the service structure or what may come to be known as service system of NA. Many years ago Subcommittee Chairs were removed at World level. At that time the Human Resource Panel was created. This has caused a disconnect with world to regional and area subcommittees having all the resources they need to perform services. In this work group, members are reviewing everything and every level of service to hopefully lead to more effective tools &/or manuals. Also they are working on a revision to NAWS vision statement to make it applicable to all NA services. Craig and the workgroup plan to bring their findings to the WSC for more discussion and input with the hopes of coming to decisions together. This project started 2008 and runs through 2012.

Please remind members to complete the membership survey online!

The other topic of discussion at SZF, Purpose and Direction of SZF, in which we ask ourselves where we see the forums going in the future. We identified some things that are working which include a training ground for RD's, opportunity to practice CBDM, learning respect for others doing service and what experience they bring to the table. What we identified that needs to improve-web site, making sure fellowship concerns are followed up on, proactively bring topics out of fellowship concerns, getting the local fellowship Area and Region more involved to benefit directly from this information. We also accepted input from, Craig, considering his experience on the current workgroup and his experience with World Services. He was able to share with us his thoughts about utilizing the forum as a place for sub-committee chairs to come together and share experiences and resources and wells looking at having yearly multi-regional learning days. And ask how we can better serve the regions and areas included within the SZF. This discussion will continue and wants each regions input.

Also I need to bring to this body that we had a region have themselves taken out of rotation. Show Me Region was scheduled for January 2011 right before we were scheduled in July...so we have been asked to step up a rotation. It has also been discussed at SZF the need for us to reach out and

get more members in the regions involved. Having said that...I was thinking...what if we tried to host SZF at TBRCNA...??? The forum has verbalized a willingness to move dates to help this happen knowing that our convention isn't until February. Also the forum is willing to pay for their meeting space and assure a certain number of rooms to help with room blocks. So I would like for us talk about it...

The January 2010 SZF is being held in Lone Star Region. I have had interest from several in attending this forum and am also hoping that Jerry will be supported in going as it is the CAR/CAT review forum.

My expenses include a difference in the airline ticket from the time I priced it and actually bought it of \$108.89, one room night \$80.50, tapes and registration at SZF \$35, and food \$73.89. This gives us a total of \$290.28. For Jan SZF we will be driving to Mesquite and hoping to get the support of this body for two rooms for two nights(\$85 + tax per room per night) to encourage as many as possible to attend.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Dawn E. RDA
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Co-Facilitator Report:

First thing I want to do is to thank this body for allowing me to serve as the TBR Co Facilitator. It is always an honor to serve the region.

I have a concern that we will need to address at some time soon concerning our Conventions. When we were talking about becoming a 501C3 organization in 2001 or 2002 I called NAWS and got their input for what we needed to do or have to do for this transition. The two things that NAWS suggested were that we have a CPA and an Attorney available. Now there are a lot of questions about what we can and can't do, what is taxable and what isn't. This is information that we must have so that we don't break any laws and have the IRS breathing down our neck. It was suggested to me, by a member of the TSCAB who owns a 501c3, that we check this web site <http://www.texasbar.org/> they are a group of Texas attorneys who will answer all of our questions free of charge. My thought is that we should form an ad hoc subcommittee to put together a list of questions and

concerns. We need answers for so we don't get in trouble with the state or the IRS.

I attended the Texas state Convention Advisory Board meeting in Grande Prairie, Texas on October 24, 2009. As usual I sent all of you an email asking if anyone had any questions or concerns that they wanted me to address at the Board Meeting. I also invited all nominees for the next Co Facilitator to go with me to this meeting as according to our regional policy this will be a part of their duties as our Co Facilitator. The only response that I received was from Allen and he had to work.

The Texas State Convention Advisory Board is doing well and they are in the on going process changing their policy. They have a lot of members serving from around the state. They still need a recorder as Becky's term has ended.

The meeting was in Grand Prairie and began at 12:30 PM. Their web site is up and running good and is geared more toward the convention instead of the advisory board. You can register on line and they have the speaker down loads for speakers to send CD's.

They will have event insurance for the convention in Austin. They have been checking into this for a few months now. They have to show their tax statements for the pass 3 years to the insurance company. The cost will be about \$300.00 for the event insurance.

The Texas State Convention Committee meetings, for the Convention to be held in Austin, meets every third Sunday at the Double Tree Inn in the restaurant. The meeting for November will be at 1:00 PM and for December will be at 10:30 AM.

The advisory board treasurer has stepped down due to health problems at home and a new Treasurer was elected from Gainesville (Red River Region). A treasurer's report was available. The TSCAB is in the process of discussing changing their fiscal year from August to July. This can be done through the IRS. They are also in the process of having all of their taxes put in order by a CPA in Dallas at a cost of \$1,000.00. As I understand it the Form 990 has changed and gotten a lot more detailed this year.

The Texarkana Convention will not be held this year due to not having a good location. They will be back on line next year as Texarkana is in the process of building a new convention center.

The convention chair for the 2010 convention in Austin was overwhelmed with all of the merchandise and convention supplies from the El Paso Convention. She had no idea of what was involved. As a result the TSC Convention and AB policies were changed to reflect this. There will be a storage building rented if needed to store all of the convention supplies and money available for transportation of these supplies.

The next TSCAB meeting will be in Tyler, Texas on January 30th at 216 South Bonner. This is where the New Beginnings group meets.

Policy Facilitator:

Email is down. Passed out updated Regional Policy as per TBR Policy.

2010 Convention:

Everyone please register as there are only 39 registrants at present.

BREAK - RETURN TO BUSINESS AT 10:25 PM

Co Treasurer Report:

TBR Treasury Audit
Performed on 10/07/09

Due to the sudden resignation by Steve S., a Treasury Audit was performed on 10/07/2009. Present at the audit were, Bob T. (Co-facilitator), Steve S. (outgoing Treasurer), LeAnn K. (Co-Treasurer), Kim S. (past Treasurer), and Steve E. (Treasurer for EANA). It was agreed that LeAnn K. would take possession of all the Treasury files and the laptop, and would perform what treasury duties she could until the November ASC. It should be noted that Steve S. and LeAnn K. had not yet gone over the Treasury books prior to the audit. Kim S. had volunteered to assist LeAnn in getting familiar with the books, and help in the changing of the bank accounts.

As we did not have the current bank statement, Kim S. confirmed that the bank account balance in the checkbook matched the bank account balance in QuickBooks. Kim also gave LeAnn the information for online access to the BOA Treasury Account so she could download the most recent statements.

At this time there were no outstanding deposits, but Steve S. had just received a check from the 1960 Group for \$43.50, which was mailed to his home address (?). This check was given to LeAnn.

There were two checks #1185 & 1186 that were written out to Mary B. Steve said that Mary was supposed to cash these checks and give the cash to Carol W. for Public Information expenses. (?)

The bill for the PO Box should be arriving soon and is usually due in November.

The laptop was in good shape, however, **we cannot locate any software**. Kim believes it may still be with one of the past treasurers who initially loaded the software. The current version is 2004. (it should be noted that Intuit no longer supports software 2005 and prior).

LeAnn received the keys to the lockbox and will go up to Austin in the next couple of weeks to see if there are any deposits that need to be made.

Other items that LeAnn was given was the Archive files, which included the 501C(3) Registration, and Articles of Incorporation; the deposit stamp, checks and deposit slips, the checkbook, receipt book, and previous bank statements.

Note: After the Audit, Kim got in touch with her contact at Bank of America regarding the change in the signature cards. Although Kim acknowledges that she dropped off the prior signature cards, Bank of America shows that the signature cards have not been updated since 2006. The only signature on the account is Mary Senior. None of the current officers, including Steve S. are listed as current signers on this account. This means that we need to get a hold of Mary ASAP! Only she can initiate the change in signers on our account.

I was able to confirm that the signers were changed on the Convention Account in March 09. I didn't have the account info for the Adopt an Inmate Account to check on it.

In loving service,

LeAnn K.
Co-Treasurer

TBRSC – Treasurers Report
November 14th, 2009
By LeAnn K. (Co-Treasurer)

Hello everybody,

Well, it's been quite an interesting month. Here is what I have done since I took over the books from Steve S.

Bank of America

First order of business is the signature cards for the bank. As I mentioned in the Audit Report, Mary S. is listed as the only signer on the Operating Account. I spoke to Mary S. and she confirmed this with the Bank of America (BOA) in Conroe. Mary, Kim, and I have each spoken to a BOA Rep regarding getting the signature accounts changed. It appears that this may be a difficult task since the officers are in different locations. Bank of America is requiring that all the signers come into a BOA location together, or that the

signature cards have to be internally sent to a local branch and all the signers in that area have to be together to sign the cards. This needs to get fixed as soon as possible, and the Conroe BOA closes at noon on Saturday. I've suggested, since I have been elected Co-Treasurer, that at least Bob T. and I go to the bank with Mary on Saturday when the bank opens and get that change made. If we need to change it again, we can. What baffles me is that, with all the security BOA is professing, they have let checks go through our account for the last 3 years with the wrong signatures on them.

This will allow me to set up the online access for BOA under my own ID. Right now, I'm having to use Kim S.'s ID, and if I get locked out, then only she can change it. It will then allow me to at least talk to a BOA officer about our accounts.

Quite honestly, working with Bank of America is a pain. They are making this process real difficult. And since we change officers on a regular basis, I would like to suggest we consider changing banks to Frost. I have talked with my bank officer with Frost and she mentioned that their process would be a lot less painful. I've received all the information regarding what it would take to make the change. I believe the only cost we would incur would be new checks/deposit slips. The only downside to Frost is that they may not be in some of the smaller townships, such as College Station. However, our PMB is in Austin and Frost is located there. So someone could plan on going to the PMB and make a deposit in Austin.

Laptop

I found the file in the file box that has the original purchase of the laptop, but there was no software in it. There is also a receipt for a scanner, and I wasn't given a scanner. I'm still going through all the files, but haven't ran across any software as of yet. It should be noted that this is a problem if the laptop ever crashes. Also, Intuit, the makers of QuickBooks, has stopped supporting any versions 2005 and later. The only word processing software on the laptop is Word Perfect, and not MS Office. This means that any documents that are written in MS Word or MS Excel can't be opened on this laptop. All of Kim's and my documents are in MS Office formats. In order to open them, I have to do it on my personal computer. I would like to suggest that we get a version of Office. I was given a website that apparently offers discounted software to non-profits, so I'm going to check it out in case we need to purchase an upgraded version of QuickBooks or MS Office.

The other issue that came up was being able to have access to the internet in order to get updates, which apparently is in the Policy. I understand the concern in regards to using the laptop for personal use, but it makes it difficult to get any upgrades, including updates to the Anti-Virus! Since people have uploaded files to the computer using disk drives, there is a threat that those files could contain a virus. With our Anti-virus being out of date, it would make the laptop susceptible. What would be the possibility of having a computer company do occasional updates? This would insure that the updates are properly installed.

Also, Juanita mentioned that she had uploaded the Convention file onto the laptop, but I don't see it.

Files

I've been going through all the file boxes I was given by Steve S. One of the file boxes had no lid, and the other one was cracked. Both were in Steve's garage, and had bugs in them. These files had your Corporate Papers in them! So I'm donating some new file containers, cause bugs and paper don't mix. Although they were in decent shape I did find some things I would like to change. Your corporate papers were in several different files. I would like to merge them all into one file, putting any changes in that file, and not just throwing them into the current months RSC file. It is important that these files stay together, along with the Treasurer's report and copies of the monthly receipts. If we ever get audited, all your corporate documents would be in one file.

Old Bank Statements – I am missing some bank statements from the old account. I also found that some of the bank statements were not kept together or labeled clearly.

- a. 2005 January, May – October
- b. 2004 November
- c. 1999 January – October

There were blank checks from the old account left in a checkbook. I voided the stubs and put them in a file. I then shredded the old checks. Leaving old blank checks can be dangerous because someone can use the account and routing number to create fraudulent checks. They should always be voided or shredded.

Books

Here is where I have my greatest concern. When Kim and I went over the books, one of the things that came up was the E-file to the IRS. Apparently Kim did not realize that the entire gross receipts from the Service Committee and the Convention Committee needed to be combined on the report. She used the deposit amount given by the Convention Committee to the Operating fund as their income portion. This means we may not have qualified for the E-file card.

I spoke to Bob T. this week and he had asked me some questions regarding the Sales Tax regulations and when to file the Sales Tax Report. I mentioned that the State Comptrollers Office should have sent a letter telling him when to file. When he contacted them, he was told we were supposed to be filing quarterly, whether we had any sales or not. Apparently this has not been happening. This is not a good thing!!

When I went through the QuickBooks file, I noticed that your Chart of Accounts does not seem to be set up in a proper sequence, as determined by GAAP (Generally Acceptable Accounting Procedures). Kim did a good job in setting them up considering that she didn't know exactly how to do that, but they need to be corrected. I don't want to do that until I have access to the Convention QuickBooks file as well.

My understanding is that both the Service Committee and the Convention Committee is under one Federal Tax Number. Even though they can have their own set of books, they need to be merged at the end of the year.

Kim had also mentioned that she told Steve S. that the Convention books needed to be audited. Did that ever happen????

Between the issue with the IRS reporting and all the questions Bob T. had regarding Sales Tax, and the fact that you all haven't been filing a quarterly report, I think we need to get all of this straightened out. I am one of the biggest advocates of Rotation of Service, but when it comes to this, I think we need to consider having a consistent person overseeing the books and the filing requirements. This does not have to be a CPA or Tax Attorney, just someone in the bookkeeping profession would do. With my background I don't mind doing this, however, during this process, it would help to have a CPA who specializes in Non-profits to help answer some of the questions we have. I do have a CPA, specializing in Non-Profits, and if I take him to lunch, he would probably answer most of the questions we have. However, he is not in a 12-step program, and therefore I would have to give him a little bit of background on our service structure. If anyone knows of a CPA in the fellowship, or any other 12-Step Program, who specializes in Non-profits I would love to talk with them.

Financial Overview

Current balance in the BOA account is:

Bank Balance	\$12,854.46
Minus Travel Reserve	\$ 1,500.00
Minus Operating Prudent Reserve	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Operating Funds Available	\$10,354.46

I made two deposits since I took over. One on October 23rd and one on November 12th, 2009. I have mailed the receipts that came from groups, and I have the receipts from ASC's with me today to hand back. The check sent to the Plain ASC of \$1,000 still has not cleared.

I'm still trying to get a handle on the expense allocation, so if you bring me a receipt, and I look at you like a deer in the headlights, that's why. Kim's given me a cheat sheet, so I'm hoping that will help.

I've also printed out the reports I think you all need. If I'm missing something, let me know and I'll try to print it out for you.

Mail Box

I sent out an e-mail regarding the PO Box address change. Kerman Hammond, the owner of Post Net, was the one who informed me of the change. Apparently they are just moving a few suites down the strip center location. The only thing changing is the Suite number from 105 to 150. So our new address is:

TBRNA
6425 S. IH-35, Suite 150
PMB 105
Austin, TX 78744

I don't mind driving to Austin to pick up the mail, but Susen G. and I have spoken about her picking it up sometimes and bring it to me in San Antonio.

Questions for Region

1. What do I do when I pick up mail and get flyers from other ASC's? By the time I get to Region, some of these events will be over.

Met with Bank of America in Conroe to change signers on account. The bank lost our signature cards. So the last treasurer from about 3 ½ years ago was the only signer. This means that the bank does not check the signatures on the regional checks. The new signers are LeAnn K and Bob T.

Suggests changing banks to Frost Bank.

Discussed Lap Tops as Quick Books 2004 is out of date and no updates are available...tax laws change.

Does not want to be on Convention account or AAI account until we decide on what bank we will use.

Open Discussion

SZF has moved to January 2011 from July 2011 as Show Me Region has dropped out of the SZF rotation.

CTA wants to host SZF in July 2011

RDA wants to have SZF at TBRCNA 11

- **Adds attendance to both Convention and SZF**
- **Helps with Convention room block**
- **Whoever accepts hosting convention if decided by body will need to anticipate space for SZF.**

- **Look at positives/good things**
- **Adds to understanding of what SZF is for fellowship members**
- **How fast do we need to secure a location?**
- **What financial impact would SZF create for convention - SZF pays their way.**
- **Effects on merchandise area with SZF. SZF treasure takes care of SZF merchandise.**
- **Who funds SZF? Regional donations, registrations, & T-shirt sales.**

Smaller areas with financial difficulties need financial support to attend RSC's when they are 2 day events.

- **When needed then good thing as region serves the areas not the other way around.**
- **Concern about hindering area in funding for themselves instead of helping them gain financial independence.**
- **Concern about 2 day RSC's as we voted NO to 2 day RSC's**
- **Does your area have the money?**
- **Actually 2 RSC's ago we did not come to a consensus.**
- **If we have 1 day RSC we can bring more people to RSC**
- **Remind everyone as to the reason for the 2 day RSC came about was the very out lying areas is not fair for them to have to travel for RSC and then again for again for a learning day**
- **It is not against policy to ask RD & RDA to come to your area to do a workshop**
- **Rd mentions that that the RD Team is willing to travel to do learning days/presentations, but not getting requests from the areas.**
- **Redirect to topic back to "Do we help fund areas to 2 day regions.**
- **We need rules to follow to prevent a land slide.**
- **Is anyone at SZF keeping up with fellowship numbers?**
- **What can area bring to the table in helping to fund themselves & maybe doing a matching of funds?**
- **Of 11 RCM's present 9 said 2 day RSC is working**
- **6 RCM's said yes to helping areas get to the 2 day RSC's.**
- **BVANA requesting help for second night at 2 day RSC.**

Value experience, strength, and hope more than financial impact within reason.

Is this going to happen often enough to need detailed policy changes?

For areas that need support they need to know in advance to make plans for the week end, not the week end of the 2 day RSC.

We can determine RSC before Learning Day.

Maybe part of the prudent reserve should be set aside for this. How to areas not in attendance today get this information? Maybe set up a prudent reserve for areas in need. How much time do we have?

Convention Committee – We are paying \$8.00 a month for American Express for account opened in 2008. Get with James Mc F to stop monthly charge.

Duplication of Services

Spanish Speaking Area – CTANA is sharing report with Spanish Speaking Area. It is important that everyone is on the same page. HASCONA states that it is important that we both reach out to each other.

Area Reports

BVANA:

CBANA:

**CTANA:
Oops! Forgot Tom's Coke and they have 2 new meetings**

EANA:

HCANA:

My name is Carlos and I am an addict. HCANA currently has 11 groups holding 36 meetings weekly. The area is slowly growing; a few groups or meetings added every few months.

HCANA has held a number of gatherings where fun, dance, food, recovery, and speakers took place in September and October, with a November workshop planned for Nov 21st in Kerrville at 624 Barnett from 3:00 to 10:00 pm; the topic is Staying Clean and Serene during the Holidays. Marathon meetings are planned during the holidays, check the website for time and place. Please join us.

The area accepted the revised guidelines and financial policy during the Nov ASC.

Our 7th tradition donation is \$700.

Many thanks to the Northside area for hosting the November RSC.

ILS
Carlos
HCANA RCM1

HASCONA:

Contact if traveling through Houston. Spanish Speaking Area help line is on most schedules

NASCONA:

SETANA:

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	Open
PI	Jenn
Web Servant	Eddie D.
Convention	Open

Tri-County has 18 groups with 94 meetings a week this includes 1 new groups one in Sweeney the S.H.A.R.E. group, The Here and Now group has moved into its' own building at 916 8th Ave North, Texas City. Most of the groups are doing well averaging between 7 – 30 members in attendance. PI had a poster day in Galveston in October. The Here and Now group of Texas City is having a fundraiser tonight at their new facility as a Club warming event, with BBQ and a speaker meeting followed by a dance. Texas Tri-County Area has a regional donation of \$1,316.41.

RGVANA: not present

Sub Committee Reports

**Hospitals & Institutions:
Report is done by Estaban
7 H&I Chairs were present from the Areas and gave reports.**

AAI: no report given

Public Information:

Web-Guy:

The Houston Area has implemented a test satellite server connecting to the meeting list database. When they go live it will mean that we have 4 areas and the regional site all linking to the common meeting database. Esperanza is also taking steps to install the same system on their site.

The Red River Region and the Lone Star Region have also requested to add their meetings to our database. This week I talked to the web servant of the OK Region (Oklahoma) and they are also are interested. On a related note: In the last quarter three large eastern regions, Greater New York, Eastern New York and the Free State Regions have implemented their own Basic Meeting List Toolbox systems. The two New York regions are sharing a database similar to what we will do with Red River, Lone Star and possibly OK.

We have been getting a lot more area and group activities submitted to the web site of late. It kind of makes me think we should create an activity submission form to make easier to post these events. You may have noticed the wicked new Area Activities module on the front page.

The Forum has started off slow, but I have talked to another NA forum administrator and he told me that it often takes time to get rolling. Keep letting your areas know that it is up. We have been having a robot or two attempt to register on the forum (hundreds of times.) Allen and I will try to find a way to make it stop. Oh! And there is a language changer on the front page now.

I have not really pushed to get my subcommittee going but there has been some interest within the region so look forward to some announcements as to how to join. It will most likely be managed through the forum.

About a month ago ATT blocked several emails originating from our mail.tbrna.org server. It happened over a several day period. I believe that it may have been caused by an

unsavory user on the server we are sharing. Though BlueHost has some strict rules on spamming activity and other devious Internet practices sometimes things get by. This is a disadvantage of being on a shared hosting plan like we use; we could get shut down because another user screwed up. With this in mind and our increased activities of the dynamic meeting database, community forum and the robust convention site (around 500 unique visitors per month) it may be worth our while to obtain a dedicated server for our sites. This will cost \$2.50/month. Should we do this?

Let ASC's know about the TBR Forum.

What cities/towns are served in your area?

Proposal to secure a dedicated server for RSC at a cost of \$2.50 per month. Approved by consensus.

Convention Advisory Ad hoc Committee:

Proposal to increase convention seed money to \$10,000 from \$5,000. Carlos asks if we are trying to out do each other? No we are a cut below other conventions. Hotels are asking for funds up front so we need more money.

Insurance for region - would cover region, areas, groups & scheduled events up to 1,500 addicts. Bart ask why 1,500 addicts instead OF 1,500 people?

12:10 PM break for lunch

1:00 PM RSC resumed

Elections

Facilitator - Bob T. Unanimous consensus

Co Facilitator - Allen E. Unanimous consensus

Treasurer - LeAnn K. Unanimous consensus

Co Treasurer- No nominations

Recorder - No nominations

Policy Facilitator - Jerry L. Unanimous consensus

Web Dude remains until May

CAC

California Steve S. Unanimous consensus

James Mc F. Unanimous consensus

Ben C. Unanimous consensus

CAC needs 2 more members

Continuation of RDA Report

Power Point Presentation on Literature updates

Updates on home page of na.org

Service System Project is now new Service Guide

Please do online survey

CAR Report will be released November 25, 2009

Communications with RD's assigned contacts for our region

NAWS is looking for ways to reduce publication costs. If you have publications sent to you get them on line to help reduce costs.

Non USA meetings growing and spiking.

Old Business

H&I Guidelines No Guidelines as H & I chair is absent

PI Guidelines presented by Carol W. Part where you have to be a member for 3 months before voting was cut out of the guidelines. PI Guidelines will be put on the regional Website.

New Business

Proposal by TTCNA to increase prudent reserve to \$3,000 and send all money left to NAWS. Much discussion. Heimy asked Treasurer to give us accounting for last 2 years. Proposal tabled until February RSC

Proposal to Change TBRCNA Zones to the following.

1. 2011 CTANA & BVANA

- 2. 2012 TTRNA, HASCONA, NASCONA, & SETACONA**
 - 3. 2013CBANA & RGVANA**
 - 4. 2014 EANA & HCANA**
- Consensus**

Regional Assembly to be 2nd Saturday of March in a central location. Bart and Heimy to find a central location. RD & RDA to take office at the August RSC, but will be elected at the regional assembly. CAT workshop, building stronger home groups, and new GSR workshop for RA.

Consensus

Proposal to increase convention seed money to \$10,000

Consensus

Proposal to have CAC form ad hoc to get insurance quotes for RSC events and separate events.

Consensus

Proposal to allow LeAnn to check out new banks for a practical provider by TTCANA

Consensus

Treasurer may find special workers as needed to fulfill her job. Consensus

Proposal to send \$4,400 to NAWS. Consensus

Proposal to give RD & RDA \$400 for rooms to attend the SZF on January 30, 2010 as it will be a CAR Workshop. SZF will be in Mesquite (Dallas), Texas.

Consensus

Chair to contact areas that are not present at the RSC and see if they need financial help for travel to the RSC.

February 13th RSC will be hosted by Central Texas Area

May 15th & 16th RSC will be hosted by the Hill Country Area

Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 5:40 PM