



**TBRNA Regional Service Committee Meeting**  
**August 13, 2011**  
**Host : TTCNA**

\*\*\*The next RSC will be November 12, 2011  
 Host : Northside Area

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

**Service Prayer: Read**  
**12 Traditions: Read**  
**12 Concepts: Read**

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| <b>Facilitator: Present</b>           | <b>H&amp;I: Present</b> |
| <b>Co-Facilitator: Present</b>        | <b>AAI : absent</b>     |
| <b>Treasurer: Present</b>             | <b>CAC : Present</b>    |
| <b>Co-treasurer: Open</b>             |                         |
| <b>RD: Present</b>                    | <b>BVANA: absent</b>    |
| <b>RDA: Open</b>                      | <b>CBANA: Present</b>   |
| <b>Recorder: Present</b>              | <b>CTANA: Present</b>   |
| <b>Policy Facilitator: Present</b>    | <b>EANA: Present</b>    |
| <b>Literature Review : Present</b>    | <b>HCANA: Present</b>   |
| <b>PI: Present</b>                    | <b>HASCONA: Present</b> |
| <b>Convention Chair</b>               | <b>NASCONA: Present</b> |
| <b>Convention Chair 2012: present</b> | <b>SETANA: absent</b>   |
| <b>Web Dude: absent</b>               | <b>TTCANA: Present</b>  |
|                                       | <b>SWTCA: Present</b>   |

RSC facilitated by facilitator Bob T.

**Administrative Reports**

**Treasurer Report:**

We brought in some great donations at February's RSC. Thank you to those that donated. Unfortunately, I've already spent the money!! The bank statement for the Service Committee has been reconciled through July 2011. So here is our current financial status.

## TBRSC

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Starting Bank Balance on 05/12/11    | \$ 6,524.26        |
| Income                               | \$ 3,712.23        |
| Sales Tax Collected in Service Acct. | \$ 25.61           |
| Expenses                             | \$ (5,176.50)      |
| Amount in Bank as of 08/09/11        | \$ 5,085.60        |
| AAI Funds to date                    | \$ (24.00)         |
| RSC Banking Funds to Date            | \$ 5,061.60        |
| WS Prudent Reserve                   | \$ (1,500.00)      |
| RSC Prudent Reserve                  | \$ (1,500.00)      |
| Available Funds                      | \$ 2,061.60        |
| Sales Tax Due to Date (3rd Qtr)      | \$ -               |
| <b>Total Working Capital</b>         | <b>\$ 2,061.60</b> |
| Funds to replenish AAI account       | \$ (376.00)        |
|                                      | \$ 1,685.60        |

I've attached the spreadsheets for the Income and Expenses. Two figures are written in on the Expense report, the \$959.37 to the Convention Account to replenish the seed money (this is because it is posted as a Transfer of Funds), and the payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax (this is posted as a Tax Payable and isn't an expense to us).

Discussion: Member asks what TBR funds are available, Treasurer states Funds available are \$2061.00

**AAI** – I talked to Greg on Monday and gave him an update on the AAI funds available, which is currently \$24.00. He's asked me to report the following, since he's not able to make the RSC this month. I paid two batches of Invoices for book distributions, \$304.00 for 19 books sent in March, and \$416.00 for 26 books sent in July. Because of the delay of the invoices going to the PO Box, I've given Pam at WSO my work e-mail address. This way, when Greg puts in an order for books, she can e-mail me the amount due, and I can send her a check right away. We are trying this in order to speed up the process of getting the WSO paid for the books they distribute on our behalf.

## AAI

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Starting Funds from last ASC | \$ 614.04       |
| May 2011 RSC - Replenishment | \$ 89.96        |
| May 2011 Donations           | \$ 40.00        |
| Total Received to date       | \$ 744.00       |
| Invoice pd (19) 05/14/11     | \$ 304.00       |
| Invoice pd (26) 07/14/11     | \$ 416.00       |
| Funds Available              | <b>\$ 24.00</b> |

The AAI mailbox was closed as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The key refund would have been \$15.00, but that was the exact amount that the UPS Store was going to charge me to forward any mail from that box to the Regional PO Box for two months, so that's what I agreed to do. Greg had been sending out notices regarding the change of address for several months, and I have been receiving AAI mail at the Regional Box for the last couple of months. So I think two months of forwarding should be sufficient.

**Convention Account** - I've confirmed with BOA that the signature cards for the Convention Account have been changed. I made the \$959.37 deposit on 08/09/11, which brings their starting seed money back to \$10,000, minus the \$1,000 deposit for the hotel, plus \$170 Registrations that I deposited after last ASC. There has not been any activity in the account since then. The ending bank balance is currently \$9,170.00. I also had the address changed so that Ray will now get a duplicate copy of the bank statement

On Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, I had a conference call with Ray & Joann S., the TBRC12 Treasurer & Registration Chair, since they would not be able to attend the Regional meeting. We had a great conversation. I sent them a copy of the spreadsheet to use, a copy of the TRRC 11 audited spreadsheet (to use as an example), exempt certificates, and my audit report from TBRC 11. They stated that they had a good feel for the spreadsheet, and that it looks similar to one that they had used for a previous convention. Since they would not be at Region, I am going to continue to hold onto the Convention laptop. I think they are going to use the spreadsheet on their personal computer, and insured me that they would make backups of it for safety. I told them to let me know if they needed any files off of the laptop, and that I would let them know when to send me copies of the spreadsheet for my use.

We went over the Sales Tax certificates and TBRNA's sales tax obligations. It was at this time that they mentioned the committee had decided to sell merchandise as a fundraiser prior to the convention. I was not aware we were going to do this, and so I let them know that this made the merchandise taxable, and that it needed to be reported on the quarterly Sales Tax reports. As of this report, I have left a message for Melvin in order to discuss keeping track of the merchandise sold.

Selling merchandise outside of the convention is not a problem now that we have a sales tax permit. But we need to come up with a system to make sure we are keeping accurate records, and that I am getting what I need in a timely fashion to do the Sales Tax report. It is important that we come up with a record keeping system, in case we ever get audited, but also that I know the difference between merchandise sold that is taxable, and Preregistration money collected. The two items are posted differently in my books, and I report them differently for sales tax and income tax purposes. I also want to make sure that the vendor is given a Resale Certificate so that we are not charged for sales tax at the time of purchase. Otherwise, this creates a whole new problem of keeping track of the margin difference, or paying tax on merchandise that is then sold at the convention, which would then not be taxable at all!

**Sales Tax** – I've paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax Report to the State in the amount of \$67.41. During the process, I discovered that I made an error on the first quarter return by counting the amount of taxable sales that was deposited in the Convention Account twice. I was doing this first report by hand, since I hadn't yet come up with a system in QuickBooks. Since then, I've come up with a way to enter the taxable sales in QuickBooks so that the reporting is accurate and easy to pull up in order to do the report, which is how I found the mistake! I've submitted an Amended 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sales Tax Return, and we should be getting \$32.26 back from the State. At this time, I'm not showing that we've made any taxable sales for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but I need to confirm this with the Convention Committee, and see if they have sold any of the outstanding merchandise. Just as an FYI – even if we don't have any sales in a quarter, we still have to submit a quarterly report.

**IRS Tax Return** – This year brought some changes for Exempt Organizations. One of which is that the requirement to submit a 990-N (e-postcard) went from Gross Sales of \$25,000 to \$50,000. This means that we now qualify to do the Electronic Postcard instead of a full 990 Tax Return. I submitted the 990-N

for 2010 on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and it was accepted by the IRS! Yay!!! Of course, I still have to input all the numbers into QuickBooks in order to verify that we didn't go over \$50,000 in Gross Sales/Donations. This was a little hairy, since it was the TBRCNA X Convention numbers I had to input, and an audit was never done on their books. I tried to reconcile their spreadsheets as best I could, but I did have to make a few adjustments so I could move on. This is one of the reasons it's so important for the Convention Books to be audited, and that I'm able to follow along with what the Convention Treasurer is doing. I worked an entire weekend getting all the info for 2010 together, and going through the Convention books. It took 5 Venti Mocha Frapps, and a big bag of Puffy Cheeto's, but I got'r done! I feel confident that between the work that the TBRCNA XI Treasurer did, and the fact that we were able to do a complete audit on the books, this year's tax return should be much easier to reconcile!

**PO Box** – Last month, Allen picked up the mail from the PO Box and sent it to me by LoneStar Overnight. The cost was about \$13.00. I estimate that with current gas prices, my cost would have been about \$20 - \$25 in gas (he probably saved me more, since I avoided the outlet stores!) This really worked out well. Thanks Allen!!

**Audit** – I spoke to George A. from the Esperanza ASC about doing an audit on the Service Committee books, and he has agreed to do it. I haven't had a chance to schedule a time with him yet, mainly because I needed to finish the 2010 entries and tax return, as well as having personal/work commitments this summer. I hope to have this completed by next RSC.

I think that's it for this round!

In Loving Service,

LeAnn K.

(210) 862-7301

**RD Report:**

Regional Service Conference      August 13, 2011      TTCNA

Goodmorning!

Lots to report so I am including highlights in following bullets.

- \*Service System Proposal Workshops in CBANA and Central Texas
- \*Upcoming scheduled SSP Workshops in TTCNA & EANA
- \*Proposal for consideration in regards to literature approval processes
- \*Inactive Area in our Region- Brazos Valley Area
- \*Getting meeting schedules as accurate as possible on [na.org/tbrana.org](http://na.org/tbrana.org)
- \*Idea to create new responsibility for the purpose of meeting updates
- \*Social Media draft IP from World Board
- \*Request from Southern Florida Delegate for meeting time at WSC
- \*Restarting visiting each Areas ASC a couple times per year
- \*Southern Zonal Forum interaction with other Regions
- \*Discussion over beginning communication with LSRNA & BLRNA on SSP

These are the highlights of information and topics covered in my report that follows. Here we go....

Very busy quarter to report on. Started with Regional Learning Day May 15<sup>th</sup> over the Consensus Based Decision Making and Service System Proposals. Input was collected and submitted to the workgroup. Two other SSP Workshops were held, first in CBANA and then in Central Texas Area. Both workshops went well and members reported to gain information and understanding of topics presented. This month we have a SSP Workshop scheduled in Esperanza Area on August 27<sup>th</sup> and scheduled SSP Workshop in Texas Tri County Area on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The workshop that was scheduled in Northside Area was canceled by that Area.

James Mc and I interacted with both a World Board member and a staff member at the office in regards to the proposal he presented at the last RSC. Unfortunately due to their already packed agenda they did not spend time talking about the proposal during the meeting. We were given input from the Board member that I am including with this report along with factual information on the history of similar motions presented in the CAR and on the floor of the WSC by the staff member. Due to the varied responses from the Areas that did respond and the fact that by the deadline date I had not heard from 4 of the Areas, the admin and myself agreed not to move forward and to place the proposal back on the agenda for further discussion. I am including in this report a copy of the current language in the Guide to World Services that deals with this proposal for all of us to have a clear picture of what changes we would be asking to make.

Brazos Valley Area has become a priority for me as their participation has dropped off and their meetings are listed on our regional web site. I had planned to attend their ASC in July; however, it was cancelled at last minute. Then I was notified late the night before the August ASC that it would in fact be held the next morning at 10am in Coleman, TX north of Austin. Unfortunately, I was unable to make that ASC. I will continue to make attempts to attend. For now I have been working with Bob T. on getting the latest meeting schedule information and updating our regional web site, as well as, information available at na.org.

Due to multiple contacts made to me in regards to meetings listed on our regional web site that were not correct, I contacted NAWS to request a list of all our Regions meetings. Lots of mistakes have been discovered already including Courage To Change still listed as an active Area and all their meetings still assigned to that Area that are now active either with Esperanza or Hill Country Areas. Since Home Groups and meeting schedules are one of our primary ways of reaching the still suffering addict this is on top of the Delegate priority list to get this updated. Also to get Areas and groups educated to the importance of keeping this information up to date. It is my recommendation that we add the duty of checking on updates of changes both on our web site and NAWs at least quarterly. This member could also help with information about getting Areas and new groups registered as well as officially closing meetings that are no longer happening. They might also act as a liaison with inactive Areas or Areas that miss a RSC in keeping meeting information up to date. Just a suggestion as this is an important responsibility to keep this information as correct as possible.

I forwarded an email from the World Board requesting input on the Social Media draft IP. Please continue to return any input you have to me so that I can keep up with how much input we turn in and make sure our Region is identified as submitting input.

July 29, 30, & 31<sup>st</sup>, I attended the Southern Zonal Forum in Nashville, TN. Topics covered included Apathy in service and Service System Proposals. I want to brag on our Region and our participation in workshops and input. There are a few Regions that are not having workshops due to apathy and it does not appear any other Region is any more active than we are in reviewing this information. I don't mean this in any way of competition, but more in the way of we are active, concerned and not going to be blindsided by decisions made by "those people". We are "those people". In fact, we may be in a place to begin discussing a sit down with LSRNA and BLRNA about seating at the WSC. Lone Star is open for this

discussion whenever we are and I continue to try to open communications with Best Little Region. Again this would only be discussing what could happen, what others see as challenges and benefits. Not in actually making the change until we decide we want to decide.

Sunday morning at the SZF I brought up the email sent to all Regional Delegates from the Delegate of Southern Florida Region requesting time at the World Service Conference for the US Delegates only to meet and discuss how the SSP affect the "US Fellowship". I have included a copy of this delegates request along with a copy of the other Region's delegate's response. At this point and time we are a Worldwide Fellowship. We are not a single country fellowship. We are a fellowship of identification and unity, not separation or disunity. We are divided by Home groups, Areas, Regions and Forums in attempts to share experience, strength and hope to help carry the message of recovery to the addict that still suffers. In reviewing this request and talking to others, I feel a meeting set aside at WSC is a waste of precious time that we are already in short supply of at the Conference. At this time I will share a personal opinion that I do not do often so I will put it in black and white. After much discussion with members from all over with varied ideas and views, I believe that the discussion that has been happening with a few addicts around the country about a US Fellowship is creating disunity and resentments not to mention wasting precious resources. There are members caught up in this "movement" that are not active in other services that need to be filled. There are at least 3 separate groups that are working on creating a "US Fellowship" with such great differences that they can NOT work together, which is another example of disunity. I am not asking you to agree with my opinion just to consider it as an educated opinion.

Ok off of that and onto another priority of the Delegate Team. It has been brought to my attention that the delegates used to visit ASCs around the Region. So when we have a new RDA elected today we will sit down and start scheduling with Areas when their ASCs are held and when we can visit. The goal at this moment is to visit each Area at least 2 times a year. There is money allocated in our Policy for this to happen, however, it may need to be revisited with the cost of gas.

I need to know if any Areas have any requests for Workshops either SSP or otherwise. We also may want to discuss the regular November Regional Learning Day and change that to a more centralized location following the release of the CAR so that we can review that in the Learning Day. Or not. The CAR is released the last week of November, so early December or January might be a consideration. Or not.

My expenses this quarter included, attending SSP Workshop in Austin, making meeting in Rio Grande Valley Area to update meeting info, and attending SZF. I was given \$600 last RSC for travel. I am turning in receipts for an additional \$173.84 plus expenses to attend RSC this weekend that I do not have at the time I am writing this report.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
Dawn Edwards,  
Regional Delegate  
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(361)463-6838

Discussion:

I spoke to Ron H. from the World Board. We have an extended due date on our submission to the CAR, more on this later in Old Business.

\*mention of keeping NA.org updated by groups

\*RD needs back from RCM's current info from the area's PI chairs. RD states she is going thru RCM's, she does not have current Areas info for PI Chairs. Member suggests we also utilize our Region PI facilitator.

\*Member questions what is going on with the Brazos Valley area? RD states she plans on attending their ASC but the Brazos Valley Area is not being held on a regular or consistent basis, so that makes it difficult. RD states that she is currently in the process of making sure their meeting information is accurate on their website and our website. Brazos Valley does not currently have an RCM, groups are not participating at area level service. Bob T. states he does their website and has not received an update since before TBRCNA X. Don L. states he will be going and making contact with Brazos Valley to help find out what's going on and to help them.

I need corrected meeting schedules back from all areas that I had sent out in June I think.

I am requesting area minutes from each area.

Gary and I have made a schedule and plan to attend each area a couple times a year.

Still working to solidify the proposal for the CAR with Ron, should be done tonight

SSP workshop in Texas Tri County Area Sept 24th.

oh yeah and the CAR workshop in December or January...working on getting that scheduled so we will NOT be having 2 day event in Northside Area in November.

Please forward Area Minutes and/or Recordings

#### **Co-Facilitator Report:**

Hello everyone, I have a very simple report..... Due

To personal struggles, nothing going on for me.....

I intend to accept the automatic nomination for Facilitator, and I will be at the November RSC unless my mom's health takes a dramatic turn for the worse.

#### **CAC Facilitator Report :**

Where to start? I am feeling overwhelming gratitude for being allowed to serve this region's convention efforts over the last 5 years...thank you. After some real questions that surfaced after TBRCNA11 about whether the co-sponsoring of the convention by two areas would work, 12 and 13 seem to be proving that it is not only possible, it is unifying to get two areas to work together on a project. I truly hope that two nominees are here today to be voted into the CAC so this effort can continue. Even though I am rotating out of this position I plan on always keeping my ES&H accessible. I'm no expert, but you did send me for the training.

I am very pleased with the support 12 is getting and leave most of the details up to John to report. Just wanted to throw in one thing and that is that I attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the program subcommittee in Clute Texas last week and there were 8 members present and have already filled all their committee positions...WoW! I met the TBRCNA11 program facilitator last weekend and got all the readings and formats and cd's from her to turn over today.

The CAC has used gotomeeting.com 5 times and find that it meets our needs well. There is no video, just audio and type chat box with the presenter controlling the document. We were able to go over two proposals from bidding hotels and get input from the past facilitator (11) and the future facilitator (13) who are both CAC members and the 4 elected CAC members on the same call...very efficient and productive. Monika did a great job sending out the RFP and getting back some very good responses...together we narrowed the field and I would love to say it is a done deal, but there is no rush...we still need a couple of tweaks and then we will be ready to sign. I will leak one detail to get you

excited...just remember it isn't signed yet, it is at the Hilton North that was the Wyndham where LSRCNA was held in 1992 (The Promise is True in 92) and the room rate is \$79. No coffee mentioned anywhere in the contract. Room block and F&B, even trade for meeting space. Back to gotomeeting.com, we recommend to go forward on the proposal to subscribe to this service as a prudent way to conduct meetings without travel and further remind the RSC that it is for the use of the whole RSC, 15 member limit to each meeting and announcing that such and such committee is meeting by announcing the time and date over [all@tbrna.org](mailto:all@tbrna.org) would reserve that time to your committee, simple open communication.

Gratitude in Action,  
JamesMc 713-203-4469

Discussion : Member asks what is the room block for TBRCNA 13, CAC facilitator states 245.

### **Policy Facilitator:**

Greetings. Policy has had some help, though it has been halting getting started with our online meetings. I have tried to have 5 online meetings and succeeded in having 2. Only one produced any proposals for changing the policy. The next policy facilitator will enjoy the online meetings. They can be helpful if participants cooperate. The last RSC produced only small changes to the policy. A new region joined us--the "Southwest Cactus Country Area." Also, Leann K. our treasurer proposed cutting the budgets of both H&I and PI in 1/2, and the proposal passed. A proposal to change the wording of the policy in regard to our contribution to WSO was given to the Policy ad hoc committee to solve. Leanne K. has since contacted the policy chair and will be submitting her proposal to change the wording of the Dist. of Funds section on page 11 in regard to our WSO contribution to the Policy ad hoc committee to work out. This concludes my report for this RSC. In loving service, Jerry L.

Discussion : Facilitator informs the RSC = 10 proposals, two failed, six new proposals left that got passed. Proposals are not being submitted in proper format, i.e. missing intent.

***Break 10:45-11:08am***

### **Convention:**

**TBRCNA 12 :**

#### **TBRCNA XII Report August 13, 2011**

The convention committee is excited and ready to serve this region's annual event. We have all facilitator positions filled and a great group of addicts that have stepped up to willingly serve this convention. The SETA area and the Tri-County areas are well represented in this effort of unity to make this convention a success. Our theme for TBRCNA XII is One Promise Many Gifts. Our goal is to bring the attraction of unity to as many addicts as possible to join us in Beaumont, Texas next year. We realize that this convention is hosted at the most eastern part of this region, but we hope that many will plan ahead to make this weekend of recovery.

The regional website registration form for the convention is complete with shopping cart and everything you need to register. The code for the hotel is TBNA. You can also print out the form and distribute to your groups in the area. Please help us by carrying the message to your areas and groups.



The signature card for the convention has been completed with the help of Leann. All the information is in place and ready to go.

The last meeting we had on 7-30 was primarily to set the budget for each committee. We have a total budget set for \$27,700. If you need to see the breakdown for each committee see James Mc (CAC). The logo for the convention was voted and approved. Pre-convention T-shirts are available for \$15 each in all sizes. Please see Bobby M. or Melvin H. at the RSC. Get them now or order some for your area or group.

There are 2 fundraisers set for the convention (flyers available). The first is being done by SETA on Sept. 25. It is a bus trip from and to Beaumont, Texas to attend an Astros baseball game with a seat in the all you can eat section of the park for a cost of \$60. This includes the bus ride, ticket, and all you can eat and drink at the game. The second is being done by the Unity Group, Freedom Group, and Clean & Serene Group in Lake Jackson at Dunbar Park on Nov. 5. This will be a day of fellowship, food, and fun. Activities planned are 2 speakers, silent auction, raffle auction, horseshoe, volleyball, and disc golf tournaments. Please plan on making these events to help the convention. Our next meeting will be held at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beauont, Texas on Sept. 17, 2011, at 11:00am for walk-thru of the hotel and committee meeting will follow.

In loving service,  
Melvin H (child of GOD)  
Co-Facilitator

## **Open Discussion:**

- ***Annual Regional Assemblies :***

Short discussion. Member suggests to add Regional Assembly to our Regions's Convention to get more participation of GSR's, another member speaks to the con of that stating the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) takes Hours to disseminate and it might take up to 4 – 6 hours and might not fit right into a convention, possibility of working in a short workshop instead of doing a full assembly. There was mention of a past RSC held in CBANA years ago that during so a proposal was passed that Region would no longer include the Assembly at an RSC. (It lasted from 9am – 7pm in 1998, to do both.) Member states An assembly allows your Homegroup to directly connect with the RSC.

- ***Task of updating meetings with NAWS :***

Who will have the task for updating meetings with NAWS, suggestion: Ad-Hoc committee to start it because of the volume of work it will take, then handed off to one person (single point of accountability).

Suggestion: At the ASC's the PI chair passes around a clip board for updates. Member mention this task has in the past been left up to the Areas and the information has not been updated, we have an obligation to the still suffering addict to help facilitate that they have the correct meeting information. member mention that the PI Region facilitator be contacted for this type of information. Member suggests that co-facilitator be tasked with this, Co-facilitator states he is willing. A member states this assignment has already been tasked to the PI Region facilitator.

- How many Areas have PI chairs and how many have current lists of their Areas meetings.

- **Online service meetings:**

[www.gotomeeting.com](http://www.gotomeeting.com) -Cost of \$39.00 per month with a one year contract, \$50.00 on a month by month basis. Intent is for the CAC to save money by not having to travel. PI said they would also benefit from this service to allow more Area PI chairs to participate.

Member of the tbrdna 12 would also benefit from this seeing we are now doing two Area hosted conventions, saving money and travel time. Propossal tabled until the November RSC. Member questions are funds available, Treasurer states they are tight at this time.

Member asks who will be the single point of accountability?

**Lunch Break : 12:00 – 1:13pm**

## **Elections:**

### **RDA:**

RCM count = 13 present. GSR's or alt. GSR's = 33. Total eligible to vote = 46. Half plus one = new trusted servant. Candidates qualified themselves and answered any questions put to them, both candidates emailed their "NA service resumes" well in advance of the election to as many members as possible. Gary M. of HASCONA is our new RDA.

## **Area Reports**

### **CBANA:**

My name is Val V. and I am a grateful addict in recovery and I am honored to be a part of this Regional Committee. The **Coastal Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous** is growing strong and new groups are popping up all over our area. We have 27 active groups in **CBANA** and there are 53 meetings of Narcotics Anonymous held per week. We currently have a web site: [www.cbana.org](http://www.cbana.org) which is very helpful and user friendly so please visit us when you can.

**CBANA** has most of its chair positions filled at this time and we recently added Bob W. into our **RCM-2** position. Our subcommittees meetings are held one hour before **ASC** at the same location that the **ASC** is being held.

**H & I** is moving ahead and helping a lot of struggling offenders to become new members of Narcotics Anonymous. The list of facilities is as follows.

**SATF:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 8PM, **Charlie's Detox:** Saturday at 6:30PM, **Reality Ranch:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 8PM, **Right Program:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, **Northwest Behavioral:** Tuesday at 8PM, **TA/Victoria:** Thursday at 8PM

### **CBANA Activities:**

**Unity Day Event Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** Begins at 11AM to synchronize with [WCNA 34](#) **Unity Day** celebration in San Diego, Ca. at

10AM till 3PM

**(Primary**

**Location)** [Charlie's Place, 5501 IH 37, Corpus Christi](#) Texas.

**(Secondary Location)**

Victoria Group of NA, 4011 Halsey St., Victoria, Texas.

**CBANA Phone-line Subcommittee Learning Day/Cookout, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011** 2PM to 6PM, 2930 Santa Fe St., Corpus Christi, Texas. Dale L 361-558-5873

**Gem City Group of NA: Barbecue and Speaker Meeting,** August 14<sup>th</sup> 7PM Barbeque, 8PM Speaker Meeting, 105 N. Broadway, Portland, Texas.

All is going well and we encourage everyone to come down to the Coastal Bend Area and visit.

ILS Val V. RCM-1 CBANA-----Read by Bob W.

ASC 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, RBS was a Great Success.

**CTANA:**

We have 48 groups meeting 87 times a week. As some meetings disband for one reason or another, new meetings are begun; the result is that we remain at about the same size and the atmosphere of recovery is vibrant.

Our area continues to hold concept mini-workshops at each ASC. We are fortunate to have an old timer who served at the World level and assisted with the writing of the concepts to share his experience, strength, and hope with us. Our intent is to acquaint the newer GSR's with our service structure as it matured along with the fellowship as a whole.

The Regional Workshop hosted by our area and facilitated by Dawn was very well attended by both our own members and those from surrounding areas. We were grateful for the input of all attendees. This workshop was touted locally as an opportunity for members unfamiliar with the discussion to both learn and have the chance to have their voices heard. It was apparent that the average age of participants was above 40; even though many younger groups and GSR's indicated that they would attend, they failed to show up for the event. This fact prompted a discussion of what we can do as a fellowship to draw the younger crowd into the mainstream of service beyond the group level. If your area is more successful in that endeavor, please help us by sharing the process that works. One comment by our newest area represented indicated that we need to demonstrate that we truly value their opinions. It was felt by some that the new Group Service Unit that focuses more on the newer member's interest would be the first step in encouraging them to get involved.

CTANA has adopted a form of the Public Relations Model. We elected a Public Relations Coordinator who will work with the PI, Phone Line, Outreach, and Web Servant chairs. We elected to hold H&I separate as that sub committee has always been well supported and actually has a functioning committee. After the new arrangement is better organized and becomes functional that might change.

Our area held an H&I Learning Day along with a Traditions and Concepts Workshop that ran concurrently. The H&I portion was better attended initially, but after it concluded, there were several members who joined the Traditions and Concepts discussion. It was apparent that we will need to schedule such events separately to prevent members from having to make a choice if they want to take advantage of more than one subject.

Our Activities Chair has put forth a cost saving suggestion. Several of our functions which follow events planned during the day have been poorly supported. She has suggested that we limit events that cost more money than they generate and replace them with celebrations more widely spaced.

Don L.  
CTANA RCM1

ASC is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, would like some information on getting youth involved.

**EANA:**

The Esperanza Area covers the counties of Bexar (excluding Universal City), Wilson, Karnes, La Salle, Webb, Dimmit, Zavala, Real, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, and Val Verde. We have 49 groups with 106 meetings per week. RD Dawn has graciously accepted our invitation to do a Service System Proposal workshop which will be held at ARP 10929 Nacogdoches Rd. in San Antonio from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Aug., 27<sup>th</sup>.

The just for today group is having their 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Jose and I will be doing a building stronger home groups workshop at the Hope Group in Crystal City on Sept. 10 at 3:00pm We are also inviting the groups from Carrizo Springs, Laredo, and Eagle Pass and anyone else who wishes to attend.

We will be having our 20<sup>th</sup> Frolic in THE Woods which is the Esperanza Areas 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Sept 30, Oct 1 & 2 at Garner State Park.

Our Activities subcommittee is putting on a pool party today at the Regency Swim club, 2806 Mayfair, in San Antonio from 8pm to midnight

ILS

Ramiro G. 210-286-1774

Jose C. 210-872-7056

*ASC is third Sunday of the month*

#### **HCANA:**

Dickie B. is the newly elected RCM. \*-10 groups very intimate area. We have just activated a new Phoneline service. New # is 855-864-2262

#### **HASCONA:**

Houston Area Narcotics Anonymous

The Houston Area is comprised of 40 groups that hold 148 meetings weekly. We have an average attendance at our ASC of 20-25 groups. Recent area inventory by the groups had identified good marks in the area supporting the region, the world and the general public but not good marks in supporting the groups. As a result we have returned to the agenda that was in our guidelines and have the group reports immediately following the executive body reports and before the sub-committee reports. We have also implemented a mentorship program for new GSR's – basically a table is set aside where one of the RCM's sits with the new members during their first few meetings to walk them through the process. Previously we had been giving new GSR orientation during the break of the ASC but by then half of the meeting was finished and we would only have old and new business to discuss. We are continuing to look for ways to make the groups the focus of the ASC rather than just bystanders.

H&I committee reports good growth in meetings including an adolescent facility called Unlimited Visions of America.

PI committee had a presentation at the regional training center for Harris County Probation to help the 38 probation officers that attended understand better why they should be sending their members to our meetings. After the event 25 of the officers present filled out an evaluation and graded the presentation from good to excellent. We were invited back for another presentation on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Phone Lines are completely staffed and attempting to build more membership to have back ups and possibly reduce the length of existing shifts. Additionally a newsletter facilitator was found and our first newsletter of this committee was uploaded to our website in early July.

Activities committee has been really cooking lately and as the weather has been cooking also they have planned a "Dip and Dance" event coming up on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm. (tentatively planned for Memorial Park – finishing negotiations). Our facilitator has made great progress with local parks and rec to get us access to any of 38 pools in the area for this event. We will have access to the swimming pool for 2 hours and can use the park for the dance.

Policy committee has completed revision of area policy and is moving forward with a policy for outreach to local groups that are having attendance difficulties both within their group and at the ASC.

The proposal concerning world board approved literature has had multiple conversations at our area level. The information coming back from the groups has been mixed (from the World Board does not need to

write any literature to it seems to be working fine the way it currently is so why would we want to change it). We plan to continue the discussion in the area and try to develop a consensus in the next several months.

The latest World Board approved document concerning social networking has been distributed to the groups and I have not received any input yet to make a decision. It will be discussed next month at our area meeting and hopefully we will have a consensus before the 90 day deadline.

ILS

Gary M

*ASC is last Sunday of the month*

#### **NASCONA:**

Pleased to report that Northside Area of NA is Alive and well and doing our part in carrying the NA message of Hope and freedom to still suffering addicts. We currently have a total of 9 active groups in Northside Area with a total of 53 meetings held each week. We are pleased to report that Bob T. has joined our efforts as our new webservant. Efforts are underway to write into our policy the position of Literature chair.

Northside Area H&I currently brings 7 different meetings each week to offenders behind the walls.

The meetings are as follows: TDC Holiday Unit, Mondays at 4:30pm; TDC Estelle Unit SAFFp, Mondays at 6:00pm; TDC Estelle Unit-SVORI Program, Tuesdays at 4:30pm; TDC Holiday Unit, Wednesday at 4:30pm, Montgomery County Jail, Mens meeting, Wednesday at 8:00pm; Montgomery County Jail, Womens meeting Saturdays at 6:00pm; Montgomery county Jail, mens meeting at 7:00pm.

Activities – New Hope Group of NA is celebrating 12 yr anniversary with a fish fry and speaker meeting on Saturday September 17 from 1pm -5:30 pm at their meeting location in Splendora, Texas at the first missionary Baptist Church. The address is 26768 FRM 2090 East, Splendora, TX 77372

The November RSC will be hosted by Northside Area. The exact location: Texas Agrilife Extension Service, 9020 FM 1484, Airport Rd., Conroe, Tx 77303

ILS,

Don K.

*ASC is second Sunday of the month*

#### **TTCANA:**

- Area Groups and Meetings
  - 17 groups
  - 109 meetings per week
- Area Functions
  - August 13<sup>th</sup> – Post-RSC event with speaker, open mic, and DJ
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Social Media workshop at The Welcome Home Group
  - September 24<sup>th</sup> – Service System Workshop at the Clear Lake Group
  - October 22<sup>nd</sup> – High Noon Steppers 10th anniversary
  - November 5<sup>th</sup> – TBRCNA XII fundraiser – details to come

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- Area Business
  - Area supports the motion regarding Board Approved literature
  - Policy Subcommittee work continues – goal is to simplify current Area policy
  - Area continues to discuss United States Fellowship Assembly
    - Sent a vote back to groups about whether or not to have Area attend USFA meeting in Tulsa
    - Area decision was to propose Region send RD and RDA to observe and report back on activities
  
- Presented by: Brian D (RCM 1) and Doyle C (RCM 2)

*ASC is 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month*

**Southwest Texas cactus Area:**

Newly formed Area, small and Rural. Lytle – Spiritual Awakenings, Pearsall -Pearsall Serenity, Uvalde- Big time Recovery. We formed to meet the needs of the rural country and its unique needs. Carrying the message to local prisons. We would like to receive invitations to other area workshops. Is going to be passing a list around for available sponsors. ASC 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month.

**Sub Committee Reports**

**Public Information:**

**Area PI Attendance:**

2011

P – Present

A- Absent

| <b>Area</b>       | Feb | May | Aug | Nov |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Brazos Valley     | A   |     |     |     |
| Central Texas     | A   |     |     |     |
| Coastal Bend      | P   |     |     |     |
| Esperanza         | P   |     |     |     |
| Hill Country      | P   |     |     |     |
| Houston           | P   | P   |     |     |
| North Side        | A   |     |     |     |
| Southeast Texas   | A   |     |     |     |
| Tx Tri-County     | A   |     |     |     |
| Rio Grande Valley | A   |     |     |     |

Public Information attendance is provided to you so that you can have the opportunity to report back to your areas who is attending Regional PR/PI and who is not. Hopefully the areas that are not being represented and trained regarding public relation techniques will **ENCOURAGE** their **AREAS TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE**.

As per PR/PI Policy “Co-Facilitator may be appointed by the PI Facilitator and is accountable to the PI committee”. I have appointed Jodie from Esperanza Area as our PR/PI /Co-Facilitator.

As a subcommittee we are going over the PR Basic’s booklet.

No monies were spent during this quarter by PR/PI.

Diana M, TBRPI Facilitator

[publicinf@tbrna.org](mailto:publicinf@tbrna.org) or (409) 377-2004

### **Hospitals & Institutions:**

Our Areas H&I reports to Region H&I is as follows:

Central Texas: Tim L. chair not present. Arrived late to RSC and didn't know our sub-Committee was already in progress. Emailed in his report. Serve 16 facilities. Successful H&I Learning Day on July 23rd. Several applications were filled out. Volunteer services staff from 2 facilities explained updated guidelines for H&I volunteers. Opened 3 new presentation meetings. New volunteers are now available after orientation. Specific problems: Lack of participation of coordinators at sub-Committee meetings. Lack of TDCJ approved volunteers to coordinate meetings in jails and prisons. Forthcoming plans Booklet being created that provides all information of panel members.

Coastal Bend: Greg P., chair not present, emailed his report. Accomplishments: All commitments being fulfilled at 4 facilities. Specific problems: Summer times blues by panel members lack of attendance at sub-Committee meeting. Forthcoming plans: Coastal Bend area has approved budget for H&I t-shirts and will be ordered soon.

Esperanza: Luis R., chair. Accomplishments: Successful H&I Learning Day in June. Specific problems: Oldest treatment center closed for unknown reasons. Panel member took a sponsee who had been barred from this facility. Proper protocol was not followed. Any member who has been barred from a facility may not enter the premises without prior approval from the facility. “H&I panel members shall be responsible for their conduct in any facility, and they shall take responsibility to become informed in advance regarding the regulations of the facilities being served.” (Hospitals & Institutions Handbook pg. 83, #8).

Hill Country: Julia M., chair. Accomplishments: An increase in members getting involved in service work. New meeting at Salvation Army. Specific problems: One facility reported that a panel member made a comment about running a halfway house – a Tradition violation. Issued was addressed and corrective measures taken. Forthcoming plans: Requesting region H&I assistance for Learning Day in September.

Houston: Kerdonna B. chair. Accomplishments: After a lengthy process, NA has finally been welcomed to Harris County Jails. On August 27 will start orientation-training. Now

providing services to a new facility, UVA, after 2 years of trying to get in. Developing good relationships with facilities and founders after speaking at Houston Council for Alcohol and Drugs. Forthcoming plans: Getting panel members oriented for County Jail. PI/H&I Activities Learning Day planned for October 29th. Facility already reserved. Specific problems: Getting members to provide information they committed to acquire. Working with vice-chair (personality). Kerdonna requests sub-Committee meeting time and place at RSC.

North Side: Marty C., chair. Accomplishments: New meeting at Holliday Unit. Specific problems: None reported. Forthcoming plans: Composing clean time requirements and facilities list to post in groups in our Area to generate more interest in H&I. Was contacted by Estelle Main Unit requesting our services.

Tri-County: No report. RCM requested H&I Learning Day.

I am requesting information anyone may have from RSC in regards to sponsorship by mail to addicts behind the walls in TDCJ. Dawn E. and Diana M. will provide me with addresses.

As proposed in our H&I report to this RSC in February, we are again submitting a proposal to reduce our H&I budget from \$800 to \$400. We believe this cut would not affect Regional H&I's primary purpose to carry the message. I don't know how this proposal process works, so what is our next step? (Proposal presented to RSC, passed by consensus). New budget: \$400.

Financial Expenses:

\$800 budget

-40 Central Texas Learning Day in July

\$760 balance

Treasurer did not reimburse \$40. Regional H&I facilitator will return to Treasurer \$360 to keep our new budget at \$400.

I was introduced to Perry H., Program Director for TBRCNA 12 and we discussed contacting Debbie Van Dyke, Volunteer Services Director for TDCJ to inform her about our convention and starting the process of approval for a speaker from behind the walls. And so, as the sun slowly sets into the West, we bid y'all a fine farewell.

Simply carrying The Message,

Esteban

Discussion: H&I facilitator requesting info on Experience of Sponsoring members behind the walls.

## **Literature Review:**

Literature Review is busy with two projects!

The approval draft of the book 'Living Clean: The Journey Continues' is available on-line and in a hard copy. This is out to the fellowship to read until November 2011 when it will be included as an addendum in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR).

The hard copy can be purchased for \$8.95 - this includes shipping and taxes. You may remember that in my last report to Region the price was \$8.50. The higher price reflects the 5% increase on most literature purchased from World that went into effect July 1, 2011.

To access on-line go to [na.org](http://na.org), click on 'order literature online', click on the option of 'new customer or browse', then enter 'Living Clean' in the search box.

The draft is on an FTP site. To access go to: [na.org/?!D=Living\\_Clean\\_Project](http://na.org/?!D=Living_Clean_Project), then use the IP address: 66.6.216.61 The user name is: CP2012 The password is: WSC2012



You will have to use the password to get into the site and then again to open the PDF file. The file is protected against printing and editing so it can't be opened from the site and must be downloaded to your computer.

The second project is the proposed Service Pamphlet on social media which addresses the rise of social media and social networking and how this affects us and our anonymity. This proposed pamphlet is out for review and input until October 31, 2011.

If you would like a copy please let me know and I will e-mail it to you or make a hard copy if you don't have internet access.

Input can be e-mailed to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) using 'social media' in the subject box. It can also be sent by regular mail to: NA World Services PO Box 9999 Van Nuys CA 91409. And, as always, you can give your input, verbal or written, to Literature Review to submit for you.

I can't stress enough how important it is that we have a voice in our literature creation. So please take advantage of this opportunity to let your voice be heard!

I am always available to groups, areas, and subcommittees to present information, answer questions, or anything else you might need. If you have a Literature Review Subcommittee, start one, or need help starting one, please let me know so I can connect with you.

Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you need more information or have questions.

In Loving Service,

Lynn S.

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## **Old Business:**

### ***CAR Proposal as it now stands***

Proposal: To remove the third form of literature approval, Board Approved and move all literature approval back under Fellowship or Conference Approved.

Intent: To rename the approval process to better reflect the actual practice.

Intent: To allow anyone in the Fellowship, through their Delegates, to participate in the review and input process of all NA literature. For the review material to be distributed to all e-subscribers of NAWS communications and for discussion boards to be set up on with review material posted on the site in an easy to find place with a link on the first page.

Rationale: When the WB made the friendly amendment to add a 90 day review and input by conference participants, Board Approved was no longer an actual description of the new process. A 90 day conference participant review and input period is not in line with GTWS description of Conference Approved either so a rewrite of that section in the GTWS would be necessary to add a Fast Track Service Material with 90 day conference participant approval. The current Conference Approved process would stand for pieces not being hurried through.

### ***CAR Proposal presented at May RSC***

Proposal: to remove the third type of approved literature "Board Approved" and return to Fellowship and Conference approved only. Permission can be given per project, for the WB or World WorkGroup to produce or finish a specific piece (such as the PR Handbook) and release it without an approved stamp till the next Conference can approve it, or not.

[na.org](http://na.org)

Discussion:

After a lengthy and informative discussion,

"Consensus of TBR RSC: This type of Literature be clearly marked on front "Service Related Material" .

Proposal:

For Board Approved Literature be clearly marked on front "Service Related Material" and not intended to be read during recovery meetings.

Intent:

To further make it clear to fellowship that this is not fellowship approved Literature and not intended for use in recovery meetings. We feel that the statement on the back in somewhat small print is not noticeable enough for members that may not know or understand the difference. That although this is explained in the GTWS that many members do not read that service handbook.

**Elections:**

**Co –Treasurer:** No nominations

**Convention Advisory Committee:** (CAC) two positions available. Dickie B. nominated, candidate qualifies himself, answers questions. Dickie B. elected as a new CAC member.

**TBRCNA 13 Treasurer: No nominations**

**TBRCNA 13 CO-facilitator:** Bobby D. nominated, candidate qualifies himself and answers questions. Bobby D. is the new co-facilitator of TBRCNA 13

**Nominations for November:**

**TBR Facilitator:** Co-facilitator Allen E. accepts automatic nomination.

**TBR Treasurer:** Leanne K. accepts nomination.

**TBR Policy:** No nominations.

**TBR Recorder:** John C. accepts nomination.

**New Business**

**Proposal: That H&I and PI Quarterly Funding be cut in ½; H&I \$400.00 and PI \$300.00 per quarter.**

Proposal made by LeAnn K. TBR Treasurer

See RSC Policy Page 12

Intent: The available quarterly funding ceilings by these two committees have not been used to their fullest over the last year and ½, and I feel these funds should be returned to the RSC tresur in order to make them available for alternate funding needs. H&I – out of 5 quarters, funds were only used twice, and both were under \$120.00. PI out of five quarters, funds were only used twice, once for \$158.80 and once for \$549.45. I have spoken to both Chairs, and they have given their support in cutting their quarterly funding budgets.

Concept basis: Concept 11 – NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose. And must be managed responsibly. "Service funds aren't easy to come by. To fulfill our primary purpose, we need all of the financial resources at our fellowships disposal.

After a very short discussion Consensus was achieved on this Proposal.  
Proposal Pass's All in favor

**Proposal: Distribution of funds**

Proposal made by Gary M.

Proposal to change policy concerning "Distribution of Funds" Section 11.3.e to "NAWS, 20%. Of funds remaining at the end of each RSC, after expenses are paid, except when that 20% would dip into the current prudent reserve. (in this case NAWS would be a donation of everything up too the current prudent reserve"

Intent: To avoid confusion surrounding fund distribution and purpose of the prudent reserve.  
Motion refered to Policy ad hoc committee by body.

**Policy Ad – Hoc committee:**

Lack of Interest. We have been using gotomeeting.com to get together. 5 pages of work on the policy have been completed, We need more participants.

Next RSC: hosted by Northside Area, at Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
9020 FM 1484 Airport Rd., Conroe, Tx. 77303  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The second day at the above scheduled RSC "learning Day" is rescheduled too Dec – Jan. by consensus.  
Due to facilitate the CAR coming out after the above scheduled RSC.

**Meeting closed with NA approved prayer .**