

# TBRNA RSC Meeting 2/9/2013

Allen opened the meeting opened at 9:15am with Serenity prayer

Jerry M. – recited the service prayer

Leslie R. – read the Service Concepts

Roll call completed by Recorder

Facilitator	Present
Co-Facilitator	Present
Treasurer	Present
Co-Treasurer	Vacant
Recorder	Present
Policy	Absent w/notice
H & I	Present
Adopt an Inmate	Present
Public Information	Absent w/notice
Literature	Absent w/notice
CAC	Dickie B.
RD	Present
RDA	Present
TBRCNA 12	Absent
TBRCNA 13	Present
TBRCNA 14	Vacant until elections today – Dawn E. elected
Brazos Valley	Absent
CTANA - RCM 1	Present
CBANA - RCM 1 & 2	Present
EANA - RCM 1 & 2	Present
HCANA - RCM 1 & 2	Present
Houston - RCM 1 & 2	Present
Northside - RCM 1	Present
SETANA - RCM 1	Absent
SW Cactus County – RCM1 & 2	Present
TTCNA - RCM 1 & 2	Present

Allen announced that we will not repeat items that have been discussed in order to save time. As trusted servants we are entrusted

## **Elections**

TBRCNA14 – Chair – Dawn E. nominated – no other nominations from the floor. She qualified herself.

Vote taken – Dawn was unanimously voted in as TBRCNA14 Facilitator.

TBRNA – Co-Treasurer – Facilitator asked for nominations from the floor. None from the floor.

Allen implored group to find a replacement. LeAnn suggests they should know excel, Quickbooks and some accounting background. She is very willing to help, but can't travel. Clean time requirements – 5 years.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

TSC – group conscience from RCM's. Original proposal was about putting TSC on our website. Allen made the point that it is time to resolve this issue once and for all. This is proposed to avoid negativity and disharmony among this body and the fellowship.

Allen takes responsibility for previous disharmony because he allowed it to come to this body as a part of an RCM's report, versus following the appropriate process. He brought it to a vote:

1. We do support them and put them back on our website, our co-facilitator becomes the liaison to TSC
2. We don't support them, don't accept \$\$, remove them from our website.

Dickie B. asked if a TSC representative came to this group. The answer was no...TSC never sent a representative to this body.

Aaron – clarified what we are voting on – said he received approval from his Area to vote on whether or not we would approve TSC to be on our website.

Allen asked the RCM's if they feel they can vote on TSC as a whole, can this body support Original issue – should TBRNA accept \$\$ from TSC – as they are not represented w/a group. It was voted down at that time.

TSC representative said he would be here – he is not in attendance.

John – EANA – said TSC link is now on EANA website and EANA has arranged for auditing TSC.

Bob W. – tried to clarify – the issue is – can we support TSC as NA?

Fred – said he was here – TBRNA didn't accept their first check yet, we as a region voted to provide their support.

Actual proposal from last RSC was to approve TSC11 link on the TBRNA website – this is what was asked to be sent back to the Areas.

Leslie – clarified the issue by asking the following question:

“Are you as RCM's comfortable to vote on the larger issue of the TSC?” Only HCANA is not comfortable voting their area's conscience.

Allen asked the body to take the vote. Either TBRNA will support TSC or not. Shelby asked to define what “support” means - support is defined as sending a liaison, accepting \$\$ and putting a link on TBRNA website.

Bob W. mentioned will be moving to Austin in the next 5 months and is happy to be the liaison to TSC.

Allen counted total number of votes = 20, 80% = 16 votes required to vote.

The vote failed...TBRNA will not provide support as defined to TSC

Allen now brought the proposal to a vote regarding putting the link to TSC on the TBRNA. Administrative members don't vote. Total available votes are 16. 80% of 16 is 12.8 or 13 votes required to pass. Vote taken – it did not pass.

If there is any remaining support for TSC, Allen suggested RCM's get with TSC to work on a solution and bring back to TBRNA.

At 10:10am moved to Area Reports and subcommittee break-outs

Dawn E. asked for approval of minutes.

Gary requested to add Gary as in attendance and Dawn was not.

Change year of TSC from 2014 to 2013.

Minutes accepted with changes.

## Area Reports

CTANA – Aaron – verbal report provided and written report submitted.

CBANA – Val – verbal report provided and written report submitted.

Aaron asked about the GSU meeting – but it is still in progress and an update will be provided to TBRNA when there is more information to share.

EANA - RCM 1 & 2 – John C. – verbal report provided and written report submitted

Shelby asked – asked that the RCM's add their area to the subject line of the emails.

TSC convention Memorial Day weekend in San Antonio

HCANA - RCM 1 – Dickie B. - written report submitted. Introduced Laura B. as new RCM 2 for HC. Hill Country will host the next RSC. (Boerne, TX May 11<sup>th</sup>) is RSC and a Regional Assembly. RA is separate from RSC.

Leslie suggest topics: Southern Zonal Forum/Service System Proposal

Other topics suggested - Planning Basics (hasn't been done at a Reg. Assembly )/TSC/

Break

After break – topics for 2<sup>nd</sup> day of RSC decided – TSC and Planning Basics. If TSC doesn't participate – Gary M will come up with the other topic. Bob W. will contact TSC for participation.

HCANA needs H&I support for Area

(Section 3 on tape) Houston - RCM 1 & 2 – Steve P. provided report and submitted written report; Jerry M is new RCM 2 from Houston

Bob asked why so many positions at Area are vacant. Steve P responded – the vast majority is content to go to meetings and are not willing to serve at any higher level.

Northside - RCM 1 & 2 – Don K. – provided verbal report and submitted written report (did not submit electronically).

SETANA - Absent

SW Cactus County – RCM1 & 2 Present – verbal report provided by Enrique M. Submitted written report. Created a

“cluster” concept to carry the Area business and doing education of how to run meetings as they are being added to their schedules. Posting NA information at laundry mats, grocery stores, etc. Add educational topics to Area meetings. Thanked EANA for their support from their Outreach committee.

Bob asked number of people attending their Area meetings – answered – 2, he and Rachel. They are starting a youth NA meeting.

TTCNA - RCM 1 – Shelby introduced Dennis W. as new RCM 2. Brian D is new Area Chair. Shelby provided verbal report and submitted written report. TTCNA – April 19-20-21, 2013.

Roger asked about AAI at the TBRCNA13 convention. Steve responded that Houston has a subcommittee dedicated to AAI for the Houston area – it is handled through HASO(Houston Area Service Office) and Henry G. is the Chairperson of that group. AAI doesn't coordinate/compete with TBRNA.

## Subcommittee Reports

**Facilitator Report, Alan E.** – verbal report provided and written report submitted.

**Co-Facilitator Report – Bob W.** – left report in his briefcase. Last meeting was asked to look into a laptop. LeeAnn has taken care of it. Commended Marty and TBRCNA13 committee for the convention and welcomed everyone to CBANA.

**TBRCNA 13 – Marty C.** – verbal report provided and written report submitted. Reviewed pricing for remaining merchandise items with group. Discussion about when merchandise transfers to TBRCNA14 group? TBRCNA13 will keep the merchandise until the next RSC meeting. Marty as a member of the CAC, is the single point of accountability for the merchandise until TBRCNA14 takes it at the May RSC. Discounted pricing was established and Leslie and Marty will sell items at the lunch break.

**CAC Report – Dickie B.** – provided verbal report and submitted written report. Asked for feedback by email regarding

TBRCNA13 experiences and suggestions. Discussion about eliminating alternative merchandise from the convention in order to increase sales of the current convention merchandise. Discussion about having literature available for sale at a convention. Different viewpoints expressed. Suggestion that conventions are for fun and carrying the message, but not to make a profit. LeeAnn reminded us that we are tax-free only 2 days of the year, thus sales tax has to be paid on any sales – merchandise or literature at any time outside of those two days. LeeAnn suggested some security issues with wi-fi cell phone “cards”/square and that they require a lengthy contract, like a year vs. 2 days.

Roger S. – reminded us that our primary purpose is to carry the message...and to avoid property and prestige.

Lunch break 12:35ish

Returned from break @ 1:25pm

**Treasurer’s Report – LeeAnn K.**- verbal report provided and written report submitted. Expressed her concern for the tax exempt “card” received by a trusted servant might be used for personal use. She asked the body if we want to add a tax exempt account to Office Depot. John from EANA asked if we would receive a report from the retailer for amount of use. Answer – not that we are aware. We can only purchase these things for those to be USED by the region, not for anything the region could generate money or for anything to be sold. Yes – group approved to add Office Depot to our tax exempt list of retailers.

LeeAnn asked if the group wants to change the reporting of state sales tax because the state now has provided the option to report annually or quarterly. Body provided support for TBRNA to continue with quarterly reporting. Question asked if the sales taxable amount has increased? Answer is – not sure – it really only applies to the amount of the merchandise sold at any time other than the convention.

Storage of our archives discussed. LeeAnn spoke to Tom K. about storing records digitally, possibly in a “cloud”. Will do more discussion in open discussion section.

Laptop only came with Windows 8 and Quickbooks – asked for approval to get Office suite as well from TechSoup (organization that sells software to non-profit organizations for significant discounts). Approval provided to purchase the software to make the laptop compatible.

Total donation to World for 2012 = \$5243.91.

**Policy – Brian S.** – Absent w/notice. Written report submitted.

**Literature Report – Lynn S.** – Absent/ written report submitted and hand outs provided at meeting.

**PI Report – Dianna H.** – Absent/written report submitted.

**TBRCNA14** – James W.– verbal report given.

**H&I Report – Esteban** – verbal report given. Esteban promises to send his final report to the group when completed.

Behind the Walls convention speakers must follow a certain format and often must share about the number and types of different programs they attend behind the walls.

**AAI** – Robert – verbal report provided and written report submitted.

Note: address to send requests for texts:

6425 S I – 35 #105-PMB105

Austin, TX 78744

**RD report – Dawn E.** – verbal report provided and written report submitted. Regional Assembly to be held in Schulenburg KC Hall 405 S. St. Schulenburg, TX on April 13, 2013. Will be selecting new regional delegates (RD and RDA) and holding workshops. The schedule will be from 10am – 4pm. RDA (Gary M.) is automatically nominated for RD and we will take nominations for RDA. She will be preparing flyer for distribution soon.

**RDA report – Gary M.** – no report to give.

## **Open Discussion**

### **WebServant – Tom K., by Allen E.**

Discussion about a cloud – for storage of files. The annual estimated cost would vary by usage...if we had 10GB of storage = \$1.00/mo. If we downloaded a total 1GB/month = \$.18/mo = \$33.66/year. Realistically it will most likely be less than \$20 annually.

Aaron suggested we approve the cloud and to only allow the webservant to access the files. Facilitator said all trusted servants have access to the archives – we all have a TBRNA email address and password.

Passed by consensus.

Tom is a special worker and we pay him \$1.00/month. We pay him for 3 years = \$36 –he asks TBRNA to donate his fee in the form of basic texts to AAI. Allen directed Robert to charge 4 texts to TBRNA administrative fund.

## **New Business**

RD asked if there were any nominations for RDA?

Qualifications – minimum 5 years clean, must have lots of time and financial resources to contribute, good communication skills, good presenter – a lot of weekend work; need ability to process a lot of information simultaneously – especially at WSC every other year (10 dys total). Recommending a person who can interact with a large variety of personalities Val nominated Mike S. Bob nominated Val V.

Marty C – Proposal:

That Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, – get two room nights and each sub-committee chairs receive 1 room night plus full convention registrations for each convention. Plus 9 people = 12 people.

Comments:

Too much money

How much would it have been for TBRCNA13? \$1196 room nights + registration and banquet tickets = \$1900 total

For last 5 conventions – all have made profit

Maybe it's not prudent

Drop registration packet – Marty agreed to drop this from the proposal

Share rooms amongst convention

Miracles can happen

Let each convention decide

Proposal amended - "That 2 room nights for both Facilitator and Co-Facilitator of Regional Convention and 1 room night for subcommittee chairs for total of 13 room nights will be provided." This is to be taken back to the areas for group conscience and tabled until the next RSC

No nominations for Regional Treasurer at this time. LeeAnn's term ends in May, 2013 and she is unable to travel to any other RSC's.

Next RSC in Boerne, TX 5/11 & 5/12 – Saturday – Episcopal Church and Sunday – at the Motel –topics: Planning Basics and the TSC. If TSC won't attend then RDA will provided another topic. Dickie will send out an email with the addresses and more details.

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 4pm Regional Assembly in Schulenburg.

As there was no further business, a proposal was made to close the meeting. Accepted and the body concluded the meeting at 3:55pm.

Submitted in loving service,  
Leslie R.